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Students who placed in the Paris Legion's annual Poster and Literary Contest pose with their awards following the Branch 29 ceremony January 11. The contest invites local youth to reflect on remembrance through art and writing, with winning entries advancing to district-level judging.

Paris students carry remembrance forward through art and writing

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

For about 25 years, students from across Paris and the surrounding area have been honouring veterans and reflecting on the meaning of re-

membrance through the Paris Legion's annual Poster and Literary Contest.

The contest, hosted by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29, is a friendly competition among local elementary and secondary schools and has become a fixture of the community's Remem-

brance Day season.

"The contests occur in November at the same time as the Remembrance Day service and the poppy drive," said Ginny Moor, who has overseen youth education at the Legion for 21 of those years. The initiative gives students an op-

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Legion youth contest connects remembrance across generations

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portunity to express themselves through colour and black-and-white posters, as well as poetry and essays, all centred on the themes of veterans, war and remembrance.

As the number of Second World War veterans continues to decline, Moor said the contest places growing emphasis on remembering the freedoms secured by those who served, while also recognizing the role of those currently involved in peacekeeping efforts around the world. Some students, she noted, choose to reflect on the experiences of grandparents or great-grandparents who were affected by war.

In an average year, between 200 and 250 entries are submitted by students from Paris Central, North Ward, Holy Family, Cobblestone and Sacred Heart elementary schools, as well as Paris District High School. The poster contest is open to students at all grade levels, while the literary categories are open to junior, intermediate and senior students.

Judging takes place in late November and is carried out by local Legion members. Entries are evaluated for originality, relevance to the theme, and, in the case of written work, spelling and grammar.

Each January, Branch 29 hosts an awards ceremony where the top three finishers in each category receive framed certificates and monetary prizes, funded through the Legion's Poppy Fund. First-place entries advance to district-level judging. The ceremony is typically well attended by family and friends, with refreshments provided, and often features repeat participants as students progress

through the grades.

2025 Poster and Literary Contest Winners

Primary Colour

- 1st: Jackson Jessop (Grade 3, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Baylynn Pizzey (Grade 3, Sacred Heart)
- 3rd: Ruby Deakin (Grade 3, Cobblestone)
- HM: Nosa Ehioghiren (Grade 3, Sacred Heart)

Junior Colour

- 1st: Emilia Nicolae (Grade 6, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Demilade Adebisi (Grade 6, Holy Family)
- 3rd: Carter Walsweer (Grade 5, Sacred Heart)

Intermediate Colour

- 1st: Roxane Osedianosen (Grade 7, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Sophie Carter (Grade 8, Sacred Heart)
- 3rd: Aubrey Akimov (Grade 8, Holy Family)

Primary Black and White

- 1st: Adelina Delaronde (Grade 3, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Asha Levy (Grade 3, Cobblestone)
- 3rd: Beckett Willson (Grade 3, Cobblestone)
- HM: Lucas Medeiros (Grade 3, Sacred Heart)

Junior Black and White

- 1st: Andrew Fenn (Grade 4, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Matthew Fenn (Grade 6, Sacred Heart)
- 3rd: Brooklynn Butt (Grade 5, North Ward)
- HM: Paisley Akimov (Grade 6, Holy Family)

Intermediate Black and White

- 1st: Isla Farrish (Grade 8, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Milenija Cucuz (Grade 8, Cobblestone)
- 3rd: Sreesarani Mullapudi (Grade 8, Cobblestone)
- HM: Chloe Walsweer (Grade 7, Sacred Heart)

Junior Poem

- 1st: Stephanie Omordia (Grade 6, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Allison Whelan (Grade 6, Holy Family)
- 3rd: Olivia Denaeyer (Grade 6, Sacred Heart)
- HM: Lily Zammit (Grade 6, Holy Family)

Intermediate Poem

- 1st: Tiziene Romano (Grade 8, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Isabella Osunfisan (Grade 8, Sacred Heart)
- 3rd: Avery Van Stowski (Grade 8, Sacred Heart)
- HM: Sierra Weaver (Grade 8, Sacred Heart)

Senior Poem

- 1st: Chloe Sharp (Grade 10, PDHS)
- 2nd: Axel Cormier (Grade 10, PDHS)

Junior Essay

- 1st: Myla Janisse (Grade 4, Holy Family)
- 2nd: Tarami Olugbenjo (Grade 5, Sacred Heart)
- 3rd: Lily Zammit (Grade 6, Holy Family)
- HM: Nicole Ugonwachukwa (Grade 4, Holy Family)

Intermediate Essay

- 1st: Ebere Obiugwu (Grade 7, Sacred Heart)
- 2nd: Ethan Iyoha (Grade 7, Sacred Heart)
- 3rd: Mackenzie Landry (Grade 8, Sacred Heart)
- HM: Lucas Noseworthy (Grade 8, Holy Family)

Senior Essay

- 1st: Claire Silver (Grade 10, PDHS)
- 2nd: Rachel Tugman (Grade 10, PDHS)
- 3rd: Ashir Bajwa (Grade 10, PDHS)

Paris councillors weigh in on growth, budgets and big plans for 2026

EDWARD LANDER

Paris Independent Contributor

What do Paris' councillors have on the agenda for 2026?

The Paris Independent asked the County of Brant councillors representing Paris' two wards about their work in 2025 and what's in store for 2026. Here's what they had to say.



Councillor Lukas Oakley, Ward 2
In your view, what was council's biggest accomplishment in 2025?

The successful Paris downtown revitalization project! I could not be happier with how it ultimately turned out and I've been going downtown to walk the dogs almost every day since it reopened—just because I love it so much.

What were some of the biggest challenges that council faced in 2025?

Budgets continue to be a challenge as we have more and more responsibilities passed onto us from upper levels of government, and still no new tools to fund those responsibilities beyond the property tax base and grants. Furthermore, the county was given strong mayor powers in 2025, which could have significant long term impacts, but I've overall been very impressed with how both our Mayor and staff have worked to minimize its impact as much as possible.

What project are you looking to see proposed, approved or moved forward in the new year?

I am very much looking forward to moving forward on the main branch library project. The current studies are still with the library board at the moment but I hope we can meaningfully move forward with the project this year.

What are some of the biggest hurdles you see council facing this year?

It's an election year—and like it or not—that has a real impact on how council operates. A colleague of mine from another municipality referred to it as "silly season," and frankly it's already begun. I just hope it does not result in subpar decision making or manufactured conflict that would divert us from serving the public.

Finally, do you have a favourite event you attended in 2025? Why this event?

I very much enjoyed my visit to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference! It was a great learning experience and as I covered in the article I wrote about it for the Independent last year, there's lots that can be applied to improve our own community!



Councillor Steve Howes, Ward 2
In your view, what was council's biggest accomplishment in 2025?

There were a lot of challenges this year and I believe one of our biggest accomplishments was in the area of communication—we tried to keep everyone informed of the rapidly changing status of many projects.

What were some of the biggest challenges council faced in 2025?

The Downtown Dig was one of the biggest challenges faced by our community and by our Council in a long time—thanks to a very dedicated and talented group of staff, contractors and partners, we pushed through that project in a timely fashion and tried to support our Downtown businesses. I'm very pleased with the progress of this project, and look forward to seeing the next stage completed soon.

What project are you looking to see proposed, approved or moved forward in the new year?

We still need a new Main Branch Library site and we still need to find a future purpose for the Bawcutt Centre-Old Town Hall—I was disappointed when these two

needs could not be resolved in one solution but I look forward to finding new ideas for both in 2026.

What hurdles do you see council facing this year?

For me, managing the pressures for residential growth. People who have lived here for generations and fairly new residents all share a frustration for the continued residential development applications. The County spends a lot of time and money dealing with situations where developers take us to "court" at the Ontario Land Tribunal and there is no "off switch" when it comes to development. We have to do our best to continue to manage the phasing of growth, in parallel with expansion of our infrastructure.

Finally, do you have a favourite event you attended in 2025? Why this event?

Touring the new affordable housing building on Trillium Way. This is a project that we have been endorsing for several years and touring the completed building and seeing the actual spaces where people will live was an absolute joy.



Councillor John Bell, Ward 3
In your view, what was council's biggest accomplishment in 2025?

The development and utilization of a long-term financial plan for the County. It has been some time in the making—staff have worked very hard this last year to bring it to fruition. It provides an essential tool to manage the County's finances and allows us to make better financial decisions both in the short and longer term.

What were some of the biggest challenges council faced in 2025?

I would single out the challenge of working collaboratively with Brantford's City Council. The city commissioned a study of the potential benefits of amalgamation of Brantford and the County of Brant. As I expected, it

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Mayor reflects on year of heavy lifting, eyes engagement and growth in 2026

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

As the County of Brant closes the book on a demanding 2025 and looks ahead to an election year in 2026, Mayor David Bailey says the past 12 months were defined by long-term planning, major infrastructure investment and a community navigating rapid growth.

At the top of Bailey's list of accomplishments is the completion of the County's Long-Term Financial Plan, a document years in the making.

"The plan is intended to provide clarity for decision-making, provide a framework for prioritization of needs and to assist council in balancing current service demands while preparing for future growth and challenges," Bailey said.

He described the plan as a critical tool that will allow staff to provide council with more thorough analysis, helping elected officials weigh competing priorities while ensuring decisions are fiscally responsible and aligned with the County's broader goals.

While much of 2025 was marked by construction and capital-heavy investment, Bailey said the County is now beginning to see tangible returns.

After several years of infrastructure spending, Brant has experienced a nearly 400 per cent increase in industrial, commercial and institutional development, he said. That growth is already helping to balance the tax base and is expected to create thousands of jobs.

Areas around Rest Acres Road and Highway 403 remain a focus for investment, while work on a land-use strategy for the Cainsville Employment Lands is aimed at maintaining that momentum.

"Growth of any kind will always be challenging," Bailey said. "But I believe that we have plans in place and staff to support what needs to be done in terms of keeping our growth responsible."

One of the most visible projects of the year was the first season of the Downtown Dig in Paris, a project Bailey acknowledged was both an achievement and a challenge.

"We knew this year would be a challenge for both the community and businesses," he said. "But through dedicated support from staff, the construction team and collaboration with the BIA, we are pleased with how the season turned out."

Bailey pointed to the opening of several new downtown businesses during construction and strong community support for special events as signs of resilience. He thanked residents, business owners and visitors for their patience, noting that the work, while disruptive, is necessary to improve accessibility and the long-term vitality of the downtown.

Lessons learned during the first year, he said, will carry forward as the project enters its second phase in 2026.

With growth continuing across the County, Bailey said infrastructure investment remains a top priority and one



(COUNTY OF BRANT PHOTO)

County of Brant Mayor David Bailey reflects on a year marked by major infrastructure investment, long-term financial planning and rapid growth, while looking ahead to increased community engagement and continued development in 2026.

that often requires better explanation.

"Residents see construction taking place, but they may not fully understand why," he said.

To address that gap, the County launched an extensive public education campaign explaining why so much infrastructure work is happening at once, including aging systems, growth pressures and the need to build climate resiliency to withstand more extreme weather.

Bailey said the Long-Term Financial Plan will play a key role in helping council balance those infrastructure needs with affordability concerns in the year ahead.

With a municipal election approaching, Bailey said council's focus remains squarely on governance.

"The needs of our community do not stop during an election, so it must be business as usual," he said.

While acknowledging that it is impossible to please everyone, Bailey said his approach at the council table has remained consistent: prioritizing residents, balancing needs and wants, and making fiscally responsible decisions.

Looking back on the term as a whole, Bailey hopes voters will recognize that while the County has changed significantly due to growth, its core vision has not.

"Change is inevitable," he said. "But change can also be

good. With change comes growth, and although difficult at times, it makes us more resilient and creates new opportunities."

As Brant heads into 2026, Bailey said resident engagement will be a defining priority.

He encouraged residents to stay informed through the County's website, subscribe to updates, participate on the Engage Brant platform, attend council meetings and open houses, and share feedback.

"Through conversations we hope to connect with our residents and explain why we make the decisions we make," he said.

A year from now, Bailey hopes residents will say the County was moving in the right direction, one rooted in transparency, participation and collaboration.

"We want to challenge the negative perceptions around public service by inviting the community to take part in the decision-making process," he said. "An engaged community is informed, connected and empowered to help shape the future of Brant - not just for today, but for future generations."

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showed disbenefits for city residents and a lack of understanding of how the county functions. I believe there are areas where working collaboratively can benefit both communities without taking unnecessary and harmful steps toward amalgamation.

Paris Downtown Dig. The end product is great—and in 2026 will be even better. I compliment the staff and our contractors for doing a great job—throughout the construction period they did their very best to minimize the impact we all felt.

What project are you looking to see proposed, approved or moved forward in the new year?

A number of projects! Completion of the new 40-bed extension at John Noble Home, approval of a new Central Branch library in Paris, start of work on a new wastewater

treatment plant in St George, start of work on a new Fire Station in north Paris, new rental apartments in south Paris and start of work on four new roundabouts and road improvements on Grand River Street North.

What hurdles do you see council facing this year?

Having sufficient financial capacity without putting undue pressures on our taxpayers. There's a continuing download of financial responsibilities from the province to municipalities that cannot continue without impact to our property taxpayers or a reduction of services delivered by the municipality. Apart from that, there will be some further traffic disruption as we move on to the next phase of Grand River Street North road improvements. 2026 is a municipal election year, so it will inevitably cause some stresses and potential delays in decision making.

Finally, do you have a favourite event you attended in

2025? Why this event?

The opening and closing ceremonies for the 2025 Special Olympics Ontario Summer Games. It involved more than 1,000 competitors and helpers, one of whom was my great-nephew, Spencer. It was a great event overall but the opening and closing ceremonies really showed the enjoyment and dedication of the competitors and supporters.



Councillor John Peirce, Ward 3
Councillor Peirce's responses were not provided by our deadline.

Responses have been edited for length and clarity

KickBack Mental Health Marathon returns with local voices, real conversations and a message of hope

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

A locally rooted mental health series that has helped normalize honest conversations is returning to television this winter, with a renewed focus on community, lived experience and the power of speaking up.

KickBack will premiere its 2026 mental health marathon on Rogers TV on Jan. 19, bringing more than 30 conversations filmed across Brantford and Brant County into living rooms across the region.

Now in its ninth year, the locally produced series was created by Ben Strasser as a way to create space for real people to talk openly about mental health. The conversations do not take place in a studio setting, but in the everyday places where life actually happens.

"Mental health happens in real places such as kitchens, workplaces, community spaces, hockey arenas and therapy offices," Strasser said. "Filming across Brantford and Brant County grounds these conversations in the same spaces people live their lives. It quietly sends the message that this could be you, this could be someone you know, and this conversation belongs here."

This year's broadcast is presented by the Canadian Mental Health Association Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk, a partnership that reflects the growing collaboration behind the project and its focus on community-based support.

Since its launch, KickBack has aired more than 70 hours of programming, featured over 200 guests and reached hundreds of thousands of viewers. The 2026 series explores five broad themes that touch nearly every family in some way: men's mental health, women's mental health, children and family mental health, grief and bereavement, and substance use and addiction.

Rather than centring on diagnoses, the conversations focus on lived experience such as parents navigating their children's mental health, leaders reflecting on responsibility and burnout, artists and caregivers



(ROGERS TV PHOTO)

County of Brant Coun. Lukas Oakley takes part in a conversation on mental health during filming for KickBack 2026, a locally produced Rogers TV series that features real stories and lived experiences from across Brantford and Brant County. The mental health marathon premieres Jan. 19.

speaking about grief, and individuals sharing their journeys through trauma, addiction and recovery.

"What stood out most was how willing people were to speak honestly once they felt safe to do so," Strasser said. "Many of these guests are used to being the strong one or the helper, yet they showed up willing to share uncertainty and moments where they didn't have answers. That level of vulnerability speaks volumes about our community."

Several panelists come from Brant County and the surrounding area - Lukas Oakley, Shawn Watson, Todd Gould, Tammy Adams and Jordon Iorio. Their conversations reflect the realities of parenting, leadership, grief, trauma, addiction and work-

place stress, experiences shared quietly by many across the community.

"These are people who shop at the same stores, attend the same schools and cheer in the same arenas," he said. "When someone recognizes a name or a face and hears 'I've been there too,' it reduces isolation and builds trust."

At its core, KickBack aims to normalize conversations about mental health and remind viewers that struggle is not a personal failure.

"If someone watches even one episode and walks away feeling a little less alone, then the series has done its job," Strasser said. "Struggling does not mean you are broken or weak. Mental health isn't linear, and healing can take many forms from therapy, community, rest, medication, creativity, or simply learning to name what

you're feeling."

For those who may be hesitant to tune in, Strasser stresses that the series is not only for people in crisis.

"You don't need a label or a diagnosis to belong in these conversations," he said. "If you've ever felt overwhelmed or like you're carrying more than you let on, these stories are for you. Start with one episode. Listen quietly. Take what resonates and leave the rest."

KickBack 2026 premieres Jan. 19 on Rogers TV. Community members interested in sharing a story or offering a message of hope are invited to contact the production team at kickbacktogether@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know is struggling, local mental health supports are available through CMHA Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk and other community agencies.

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Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

- When was the last time Canada won the IIHF World Juniors?
- Which Canadian province is known as 'The Land of 10,000 Lakes'?
- What country has the most oil reserves?
- What does TNT stand for?
- What is the national bird of New Zealand?
- What Disney princess has the longest hair?
- In what year did Adolf Hitler become Chancellor of Germany?
- What kind of animal is a platypus?
- What is the square root of 64?
- What is larger, A US gallon or a UK gallon?

This week's answers are found on pg. 19

EDITORIAL

A centennial call to remember — and to participate

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

Ottawa's announcement marking the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion is more than a milestone. It is an invitation - to remember, to learn, and to take part in preserving the stories that shaped this country.

By offering free membership to all new members in 2026, the Legion is opening its doors at a moment when remembrance matters more than ever. As the number of Second World War veterans continues to dwindle, Canada is approaching a critical point in time. If we do not actively preserve and pass along the memories of war, the sacrifices, the consequences, the hard-earned freedoms - those stories risk fading from public consciousness altogether.

History, after all, is not just about ceremonies and dates. It is about people. It is about understanding the good, the bad, and the ugly of what came before us, so that we are not doomed to repeat it. Without venturing into politics, it is fair to say that recent years have shown how easily lessons of the past can be forgotten when they are no longer lived or taught.

That is why national announcements like this one matter most at the local level.

Here in Paris, the Legion is preparing for its own centennial celebrations in 2026, anchored by Royal Canadian Legion Paris Branch 29. The plans, outlined by the branch's anniversary committee, reflect ex-

actly what remembrance should look like in a modern community: inclusive, creative, educational, and hands-on. From a community-wide poppy project involving thousands of handmade poppies, to exhibitions, fundraisers, and a gala celebration weekend, these initiatives are about more than marking time, they are about building connections across generations

Importantly, they are also an invitation. You do not have to be a Legion member to volunteer. You do not need a military background to participate. You simply need a willingness to learn, to ask questions, and to take pride in the freedoms we often take for granted.

The Legion has spent a century advocating for veterans and their families, guarding the legacy of Remembrance, and quietly serving communities through wars, peacekeeping missions, and crises at home. That work continues but it depends on people showing up.

Ottawa has done its part by shining a national spotlight on this centennial year. Now it is up to communities like ours to respond.

Attend an event. Volunteer an afternoon. Learn a local story. Bring a child or grandchild and explain why poppies matter. In doing so, we help ensure that Canada's history is not reduced to a paragraph in a textbook but remains a living memory; one that reminds us why our freedoms matter, and why they must never be taken for granted.

Letters to the Editor

Paris Legion's centennial plans blend remembrance, art and community

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for your continued interest in and support of the Royal Canadian Legion Paris Branch 29.

The Branch 29's 100th Anniversary celebration weekend will take place October 2nd - 4th, 2026. This celebration coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion nationally.

For the October anniversary weekend, we are planning a gala dinner and dance as the highlight, along with a full schedule of activities and events.

A centerpiece of the celebrations will be the display of our community-wide 100th Anniversary Poppy Project. For months, residents and local groups have been enthusiastically knitting and crocheting poppies—nearly 5,000 so far! These handmade poppies will be mounted on netting and draped across buildings, monuments, and structures throughout Paris, creating a stunning visual tribute to remembrance and our Legion's history.

The Poppy Project has already brought together many wonderful community partners, including: Telfer Place, Queensview, Brant Senior Drop-in Centre, Mary Maxim, Senior Resource Centre, Paris Agricultural Society, Paris Library, Paris Museum and Historical Society and Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead.

Additionally, the beautiful 100th Anniversary Fibre Art Quilt created by local artist Donna Campbell will be on display at the Paris Museum and Historical Society (located in the Syl Apps Community Centre on William Street) starting February 1, 2026.

Leading up to the big weekend, the Anniversary Committee has been brainstorming a series of monthly fundraisers and community events to build excitement, honour our history, and raise funds toward the celebrations.

We've already kicked things off successfully with our January New Year's Day Levee, which was a great turnout and a lot of fun. Much moose milk was enjoyed!

We have ambitious ideas for the rest of the year and would love to bring as many of these to life as possible but we need more volunteers for fundraising

and events. It's a great way to get out and get involved. Here's a list of some ideas being considered:

- Valentine's Day Gift Basket raffle
- St. Patrick's Day Pot o' Gold 50/50 Raffle & Irish Trivia Night
- Sip & Paint Night
- Mother's Day Brunch - In partnership with the Paris Museum and Historical Society and the Canadian Military Heritage Museum in Brantford, featuring special programming on "Women in the War and at Home".
- Strawberry Shortcake Social
- Summertime Friday Night Blues Series
- Franklin Smoke 166th Birthday Bash! (August 2026). — Celebrating the legacy of the generous benefactor who bequeathed the Legion building to Branch 29 in 1937. Franklin Smoke was a prominent lawyer and Conservative politician from Paris, Ontario. Born in South Dumfries Township, he studied at Osgoode Hall Law School, became a King's Counsel in 1908, and served as a federal Member of Parliament for the Brant riding from 1925 to 1935 (elected in 1925, 1926, and 1930). Upon his death in 1937, Smoke bequeathed his ancestral home at 70 William Street in Paris to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 (founded in 1926). This generous donation provided the branch with its permanent home, which has served as a key community hub for veterans' support, remembrance, and local events ever since. The building, originally constructed around 1860, remains the Legion's location today.
- Preparations for the 100th Anniversary weekend October 2nd - 4th begin in September 2026.

To make the full calendar a reality—and to ensure our October gala and weekend activities are as memorable as possible—we truly need more community support.

The committee is a small, yet dedi-

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Letters to the Editor

Lots of opportunities to get involved in Legion's Centennial Year Celebrations

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cated group of volunteers, and additional hands and financial contributions would allow us to expand and confirm more of these exciting ideas.

If anyone in the community is inspired to help, we'd be incredibly grateful:

Email rlegion29@gmail.com to get involved. You don't have to be a member to volunteer. Get active and connect with your community. We sure have a lot of fun. All are welcome!

Donations needed toward the 100th Anniversary fund in cash or in-kind (goods / services) to cover the gala, displays, and anniversary

weekend programming. Donations can be made by cheque or in-person at Paris Legion Branch 29, 70 William Street, Paris, ON N3L 1L6. E-transfer to parislegion29@rogers.com, make a note within the transaction to flag it as an anniversary donation.

Every contribution, big or small, will help us honour our veterans, serve our community and celebrate our shared history.

Donate today to make this 100th Anniversary milestone truly special for the entire Paris community!

*Cheryl Humphrey
Royal Canadian Legion Paris
Branch 29 - Anniversary Committee*

PAS says Drinks Fest incompatible with Fairgrounds licensing model

To the Editor (issued via media release):

The Paris Agricultural Society (PAS) is proud to support a vibrant calendar of local events, artists, and organizations that contribute to the cultural and economic life of County of Brant. We recognize and value the work of Noisemaker and the importance of events like Paris Drinks Fest in showcasing local producers, talent, and creativity.

As a charitable, non-profit organization, PAS privately owns and operates the Paris Fairgrounds. Our mandate is focused on agriculture, community engagement, and long-term sustainability. A key part of this mandate is our licensed bar and beer garden operation, which functions as a primary fundraiser. Revenue from these operations is reinvested directly into maintaining our facilities and delivering

community programming. To protect this model, PAS maintains a long-standing and consistently applied policy: renters of the Paris Fairgrounds may not obtain their own Special Occasion Permit (SOP) from the AGCO. All alcohol service on-site must be managed under PAS's liquor licence.

Paris Drinks Fest is, by design, a tasting-based event that requires participating vendors to serve and sample alcoholic products under an external SOP framework. This structure is fundamentally incompatible with PAS policy and licensing.

Accommodating a tasting event of this nature would require an exception that would compromise our licensing model, our fundraising operations, and our responsibilities as a charitable organization.

*Amy Warner-General Manager, Paris
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Newcomer workshop aims to build positive connections as County of Brant continues to grow

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

As the County of Brant continues to see steady population growth, community partners are coming together to help ensure new residents feel welcomed, informed, and connected to local supports.

A Darmont GivesBack (DGB) Connect Newcomers Community Engagement Workshop will be held Jan. 22 at the Brant Sports Complex, bringing together newcomers, service providers, and community organizations for an evening focused on inclusion, safety, and access to services.

Over the past seven to 10 years, the County of Brant has experienced significant residential growth, with many families and individuals relocating to the area. Organizers say programs like this workshop play a critical role in helping newer residents navigate local systems and feel a sense of belonging in a rapidly growing community.

“The DGB Connect Newcomers Com-

munity Engagement Workshop is part of our broader commitment to DGB Connect’s mission: to create inclusive pathways that empower individuals of all backgrounds to connect, participate, and contribute meaningfully within the community,” said Darmont GivesBack CEO Tobi Adedayo.

The initiative is delivered in partnership with the County of Brant and Brant OPP, with funding provided through Ontario’s Community Safety and Policing Grant Program. Adedayo said the workshop is designed as a structured but welcoming space where newcomers and service providers can connect, share lived experiences and identify gaps in services.

“In the County of Brant, many newcomers face barriers such as limited awareness of local services, language challenges, and difficulty navigating systems,” Adedayo said. “This workshop addresses those challenges by creating opportunities for participants to access information, build relation-

ships, and share their lived experiences.”

The workshop is intended for residents who have lived in the County for less than seven years, as well as community groups, service providers, and residents interested in strengthening inclusion and community well-being.

Essay Folami, programs director with Darmont GivesBack, said bringing multiple supports into one space is essential.

“Newcomers’ challenges are rarely ‘one-organization problems,’” Folami said, noting that employment, housing, education, transportation, and social connection often intersect. When services operate in isolation, she said, people can fall through the cracks.

The evening will focus on conversation and engagement rather than formal presentations. Participants can expect guided discussions, informal networking, opportunities to meet service providers, and ways to share feedback through surveys and dialogue.

Folami said the workshop also supports broader community safety and well-being goals by helping newcomers feel informed, welcomed, and supported.

“Safety and belonging start with feeling informed, welcomed, and supported,” he said, adding that insights gathered during the event will help inform coordinated action aligned with the County’s Community Safety and Well-Being goals.

Adedayo said organizers hope attendees leave feeling empowered and connected, with clearer pathways to support and collaboration.

“This event is a starting point for stronger partnerships, better referral pathways, and ongoing engagement opportunities where newcomers are not just recipients of support, but co-builders of community solutions,” she said.

The workshop will take place Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. at the Brant Sports Complex, 944 Powerline Rd.



County of Brant Filming Policy Review

Have your say! The County of Brant is reviewing its current Filming Policy, created in 2024 - and we want to hear from you! The policy guides how filming companies operate in our communities, including requirements for notifications, traffic and parking controls, filming hours, noise limits, road access, and supports for residents and businesses.

Your feedback matters because it reflects real experiences, helps identify what's working and what needs improvement, and supports a balance between resident well-being and economic development.

Who should participate

- Residents who have experienced filming nearby
- Business owners affected by filming activity
- Property owners, tenants, and community members



SCAN ME!

Share your feedback by Friday, January 30, 2026.
Share your thoughts and help guide potential updates to the Filming Policy online at EngageBrant.ca/Filming

The survey is also available in person at County of Brant main customer services offices, or by phone at **519.44BRANT** (442.7268)/ toll-free 1.855.44BRANT

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Newcomers Community Engagement Workshop

Building Belonging Across the County of Brant

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HISTORIC PARIS

Over a century and a half of civic pride a tale of two anniversaries



By Chris Whelan

As we turn the calendar to 2026, our "Prettiest Town in Canada" hits a remarkable double milestone. This year marks the 170th anniversary of Paris having been originally incorporated as a town, alongside the 100th anniversary of a cornerstone of our community, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29. To understand where we are going in 2026, we must look back at the pivotal years of 1856 and 1926.

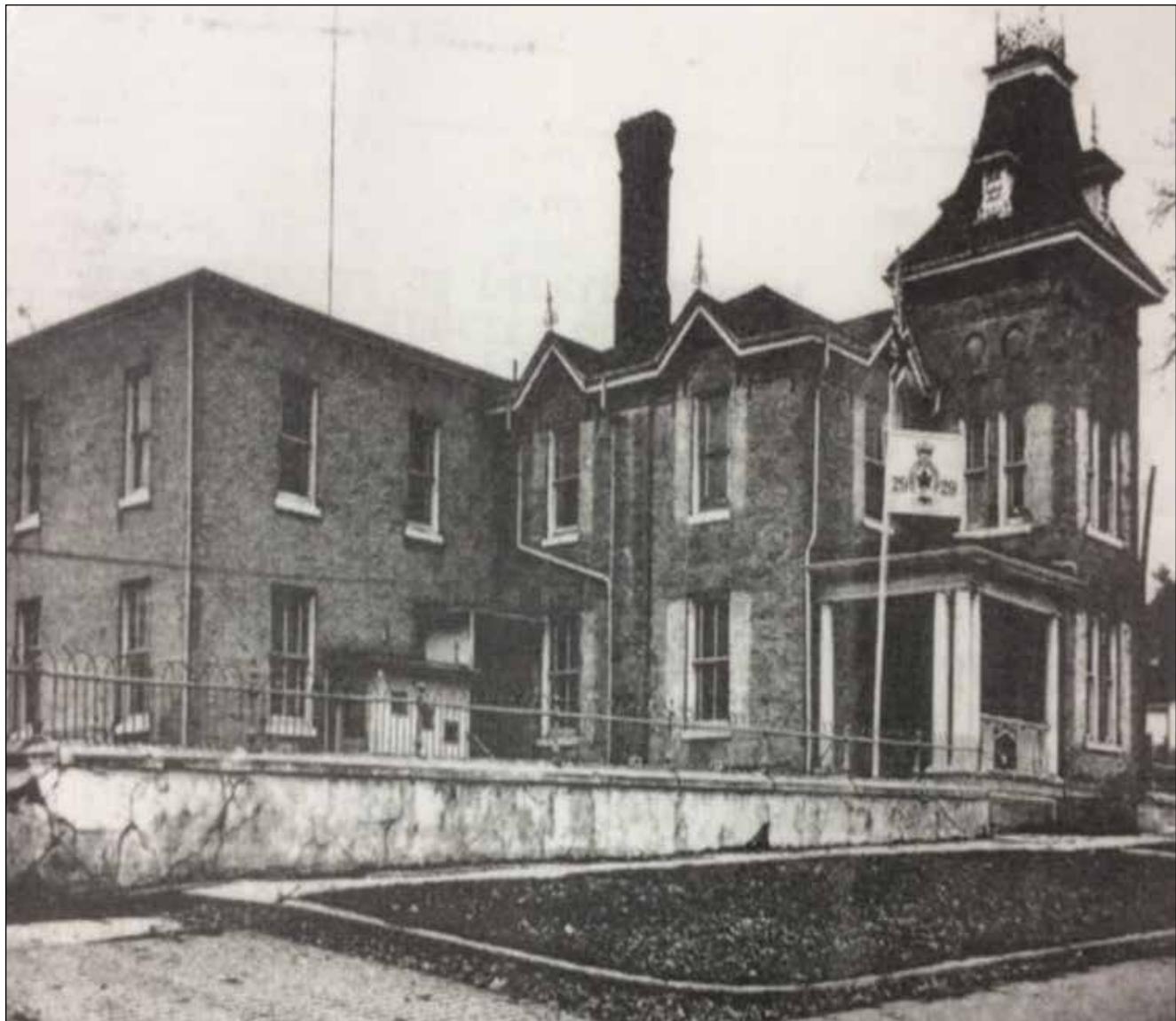
By the mid-1850s, Paris was no longer just a collection of gypsum mines and mills huddled at the forks of the Grand and Nith Rivers. It was a booming industrial hub. While Hiram Capron—the "Founder of Paris"—had arrived in 1829 to divide the land into town lots, it took nearly three decades for the settlement to reach the maturity required for self-governance.

In 1856, Paris officially shed its status as a village since 1850 and was incorporated as a Town. This was a transformative era; the Great Western Railway had arrived just three years prior, linking Paris to the rest of the province and sparking a manufacturing explosion.

Incorporation gave Paris the power to pave its own way—literally. The man chosen to lead this new era was our first Mayor, Hugh Finlayson. A skilled tanner and savvy businessman, Finlayson represented the industrious spirit of the "Flats." Under his leadership, the first town council took over the reins of local infrastructure, education, and fire protection.

Those early council meetings were held in the then-brand-new Town Hall which had been completed in 1854 (today's Bawcutt Centre National Historic Site). According to local history, those sessions were often raucous and stretched into the small hours of the morning as pioneers debated the merits of wooden sidewalks and river crossings. When you look at the Gothic architecture of the Bawcutt Centre today, you are looking at the literal foundations of our 170-year-old day of incorporation.

In 1856, the cobblestone architecture that defines our town today was in its prime, utilizing the very stones hauled from the riverbeds. When you walk past the cobblestone homes and churches, you are looking at the literal foundations of that 170-year-old corporation.



Seventy years after the town was incorporated, another vital institution was born. In 1926, the Great War was a fresh and painful memory for many Paris families. Veterans returning from the trenches of Europe needed more than just a place to gather; they needed a support system and a voice.

In November 1925, the various veterans' organizations across Canada began to amalgamate, and by 1926, the British Empire Service League (now the Royal Canadian Legion) was formally established. Paris was quick to act. Branch 29 was chartered in 1926, providing a sanctuary for those who had served in the 125th (Brant) Battalion and beyond.

For a century, Branch 29 has been the heartbeat of North Dumfries and Paris social life. From the early days of supporting widows and orphans of the First World War to becoming the modern community hub where we host Mayors' Levees and chili competitions, the Legion has remained steadfast. It is a testament to the town's character that while our industries have changed—from textiles and needles to tourism and tech—our commitment to honouring those who served has never wavered.

Interestingly, the iconic home of the Legion at 70 William Street was originally the ancestral home of Franklin Smoke, a prominent Paris barrister and Member of Parliament. Smoke was a staunch supporter of the town's development during the very era the Legion was founded. Upon his death in 1937, his home was eventually bequeathed to the Legion, ensuring that a place of private residence became a permanent sanctuary for public service.

As we navigate this year, let's hold onto that word: Accountability. In 1856, it meant the first council being accountable to the pioneers for every penny spent. In 1926, it

meant a community being accountable to its soldiers.

In 2026, we celebrate 170 years of being a town that refuses to lose its identity. Whether it is the preservation of our historic landmarks or the continued vibrancy of the Legion, we are a community built on the confluence of two rivers and the strength of a thousand stories.

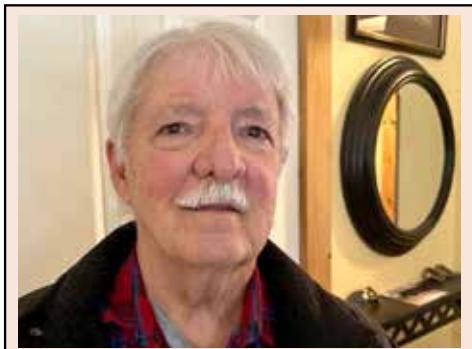
Happy 170th, Paris. And to Branch 29—thank you for a century of service.



PARIS ORIGINAL TOWN HALL ON CHURCH STREET



THEN AND NOW: Sam Appleby's second block PART 6



By Wayne Wilkinson
Paris Historian / Artist

Followers of this column will recall that the original Appleby Block was tragically destroyed in the Great Fire of September 1900. Showing the resilient spirit of our town, the second Appleby Block was constructed and ready for occupation by the spring of 1901. Over the past few weeks, we have traced the lineage of the businesses that have called this block home. This week, we conclude our tour with a historic look at the southernmost unit: 87 Grand River Street.

The first tenant of the new 1901 building was Fisher's Stationery and Bookstore. Its proprietor, John Henry Fisher,

was already a fixture of the local business community, having operated out of the original Appleby Block since 1887. As evidenced by his advertisements from December 1901, the shop was far more than a simple bookstore; it served as a bustling hub for various goods and gifts.

Fisher was a formidable figure in both local and national politics. He served as Reeve and then completed two terms as the Mayor of Paris. His political trajectory continued upward into the Ontario government from 1905 until 1911, followed by a distinguished appointment to the Senate, where he served until 1917. For the remainder of his life, he was known affectionately throughout town as "Senator Fisher."

Following the Senator's passing in 1933, the store briefly closed before being reopened by Frank Newton Inksater. This marked a unique chapter in Paris history: for the second time, three members of the Inksater family were in business simultaneously on Grand River Street. J.R. Inksater was located at #89, George Inksater's shoe store was at #83, and Frank Inksater sat right between them at #87.

Gift shops have historically flourished during royal milestones, and Inksater's was no exception. A 1937 advertisement proudly declared the shop as the "Paris Headquarters" for British memorabilia, celebrating the coronation of King George VI (following the abdication of Edward VIII). Eventually, the business passed to Frank's son, Frank G. Inksater, who moved the shop across the street

to #86 in 1971.

The 1980s brought a shift in tone to #87. In 1980, Marlyne Thomas and her daughters, Suzanne and Leah, opened the Country Classe Floral Shoppe. Five years later, they moved to #80 Grand River Street, transitioning from florals to exclusive women's fashion and rebranding as the well-known Suzannes of Paris.

The address then pivoted to hospitality when Stavro and Kassiani Gatsinos opened Steve's Place, a popular Greek-Canadian eatery. After 21 successful years, the Gatsinos retired, passing the torch to Peter and Julia Katsios. Most recently, 2024 saw the arrival of Pizza Pizza, adding yet another modern page to the long and storied history of Number 87.

Note: Some information may have been obtained from the archives at the Paris Museum & Historical Society. Visit the Museum in the Syl Apps Community Centre to discover more history of Paris.



Brant County man charged in fatal Glen Morris hit-and-run involving cyclist

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Ontario Provincial Police have charged a 65-year-old Brant County man with fail to stop at accident resulting in death following a hit and run involving a cyclist in Glen Morris on Sunday, Jan. 11.

Brant County OPP, along with Brant-Brantford Paramedic Services and the Brant County Fire Department, were called to East River Road at about 8:30 a.m. after a report of an unresponsive cyclist found in a ditch.

Police say preliminary information indicates a motorist travelling along East River Road discovered the cyclist and debris from a vehicle at the scene. The cyclist suffered life-threat-

ening injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver involved did not remain at the location.

The identity of the cyclist, a 68-year-old Cambridge resident, was not released as of press deadline, pending notification of next of kin.

East River Road, between Glen Morris Road West and Highway 24, remained closed for several hours on Sunday as the West Region OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement and OPP investigated.

Later in the day, officers later located a vehicle believed to be involved in the incident on East River Road. The driver was identified and taken into custody without incident.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice

in Brantford on Friday, February 27, 2026.

Investigators are asking anyone who was travelling along East River Road on the morning of Jan. 11 and may have witnessed the collision to come forward. Residents in the immediate and surrounding area are also asked to check home or business surveillance systems for any relevant footage.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at helpsolvecrime.com, where information may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.




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Filming policy review aims to protect communities while attracting production companies and economic benefits

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

Residents and business owners across the County of Brant are being invited to weigh in on a municipal filming policy developed in the wake of a large-scale television production that brought both economic opportunity and disruption to downtown Paris.

The County's Film Policy was adopted in September 2024 following the filming of *Motorheads*, an Amazon Prime television series that shot extensively in Paris. While the production generated international exposure and economic activity, it also sparked concerns locally about noise, parking, road closures and communication. These are the issues the County now wants public feedback on as it reviews the policy one year later.

Zach Gable, the County's director of economic development and tourism, said the policy has given staff clear tools to manage filming requests while ensuring expectations are communicated to production companies.

"The policy has been effective in giving staff a tool to provide clear expectations to production companies," Gable said, noting that several productions have taken place across the county since its adoption.

According to Gable, *Motorheads* marked the largest and most frequent filming activity the County had experienced, particularly in Paris, and highlighted the need for formal guidelines. The Amazon Prime series focused most of its filming at Penman's Dam Park, Bean Park and Grand River Street North over the course of 21 days. It brought in an estimated \$750,000, according to the county's 2024 year end economic development and tourism report.

"Prior to *Motorheads* there was no policy," he said. "This was the largest frequency and largest scale production to take place in the community, which led to the creation of the initial policy."

The Film Policy recognizes the film and television sector as an emerging economic driver and encourages productions to use local accommodations, caterers, suppliers and labour, while also promoting Brant

County as a filming-friendly destination. Provincially, Ontario's screen-based industries generate billions of dollars annually in direct and indirect economic activity, with rural and small-town locations increasingly sought after for their historic streetscapes and natural settings.

At the same time, the policy places specific limits on filming in downtown Paris, including seasonal restrictions, time-of-day limits and discouraging repeated or prolonged productions in the core. Exterior filming in downtown Paris is prohibited during peak summer months and the holiday season, and productions are required to notify affected businesses and consult with business associations in advance.

Gable said balancing those competing interests, economic development and community impact, is central to the review.

"During the *Motorheads* production, concerns were raised about the impact filming had on downtown Paris, despite the economic contribution made by the production company," he said. "The County is committed to balancing the positive economic benefits of filming with the logistical challenges and temporary disruptions it can create for the community."

Communication has been a recurring

theme in public feedback, particularly in smaller communities like Paris, where even short-term filming can have outsized effects. The policy requires advance notification to residents and businesses, but the County is seeking input on whether those measures are sufficient.

"The nature of the film industry is quite challenging at times," Gable said, citing weather and changing schedules. "Communication with the public is very important and staff will review feedback from the community on desired notification."

Ultimately, Gable said success would mean finding the right scale of filming that aligns with Brant County's character while ensuring residents and businesses feel heard.

"The policy is intended to 'right size' filming in the community," he said. "Appropriate-scale activity that utilizes the County's natural and built heritage can still create economic opportunities and be a source of community pride." Public feedback will be used to inform any potential amendments to the Film Policy as the County continues positioning itself as both film-friendly and community-focused. The full policy, along with a survey is posted on EngageBrant website until January 30.



(CASANDRA TURNBULL PHOTO)

Paris was transformed into fictional Ironwood, Pennsylvania while cast and crew from the Amazon TV show, *Motorheads*, filmed its first scenes downtown, at the Paris Dam and Bean Park in April 2024. The former Paris Home Hardware building, now the Losani office, was transformed into a diner and hardware store for the series.

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PARIS MINOR HOCKEY SCOREBOARD - WEEK OF JANUARY 4TH

Sunday, January 4

- Paris Wolfpack U9LL lose 6-2 against Ingersoll Express
- Paris Wolfpack U9MD tie 2-2 against New Hamburg Huskies
- Paris Wolfpack U15LL lose 6-5 against Simcoe Warriors
- Paris Wolfpack U18LL#2 tie 2-2 against Ingersoll Express

Monday, January 5

- Paris Wolfpack U9LL tie 0-0 against Waterford Wildcats

Tuesday, January 6

- Paris Wolfpack U9MD win 2-1 against Delhi-Norwich 59ers
- Paris Wolfpack U11LL#3 tie 1-1 against Waterford Wildcats
- Paris Wolfpack U13LL#2 tie 3-3 against Ayr Flames

Wednesday, January 7

- Paris Wolfpack U11LL#2 lose 5-1 against Tillsonburg Tornados
- Paris Wolfpack U18LL#1 lose 5-2 against Simcoe Warriors
- Paris Wolfpack U18LL#2 win 3-1 against Tillsonburg Tornados

Thursday, January 8

- Paris Wolfpack U11LL#3 win 4-3 against Delhi-Norwich 59ers
- Paris Wolfpack U11LL#3 lose 4-3 against Simcoe Warriors

Saturday, January 10

- Paris Wolfpack U13LL#1 loses 3-1 against Ingersoll Express
- Paris Wolfpack U18LL#1 lose 1-0 against Ingersoll Express
- Paris Wolfpack U9LL win 10-1 against Waterford Wildcats
- Paris Wolfpack U9MD loses 4-2 against Burford Coyotes
- Paris Wolfpack U11LL3 ties 2-2 against Delhi Norwich 59ers
- Paris Wolfpack U11LL2 loses 4-1 against Simcoe Warriors

Panthers flash potential as season momentum builds

GEORGE LE GRESLEY

Sports Correspondent

Boys Junior Basketball

As noted previously, the Junior side is composed mainly of Grade 9 students with little or no experience playing organized basketball. At the beginning of the season, they looked lost on the court, while their coaches screamed reminders about how to handle situations the boys had never encountered. Last Thursday, the Juniors faced the 7-1 Assumption Lions, and I was surprised by how much they have improved on bringing the ball down the court, their passing, and defensive play. The Juniors remain winless in the standings, but their progress reflects the coaching and players working hard to learn the game. The team roster includes Ryan Maher, Al-Hameen Yakub, Blake Cruickshank, Rex Savage (the team's leading scorer), Ali El-Agha, Kevin Walter, Calvin Passos, Jaskaran Mahil, Dominick Souliere, and Eesa Ansary.

Last Monday, the Panthers travelled to BCI and took a 68-35 loss. Blake Cruickshank and Calvin Passos led the scoring for Paris.

Boys Senior Basketball

The Panthers travelled to BCI last Tuesday and defeated the Mustangs 68-56. Canaan Sherbino led the scor-

ing with 26 points, followed by Nathan Brewster with 11 and Dexter Quesnel with 7. With the Tuesday game done, the second-place Panthers had a Thursday matchup against the undefeated Assumption Lions on their home court. The first quarter's scoring for both teams was tight, with Paris at the end of the quarter, leading the Lions 14-11.

The second quarter was similar to the first, with the Panthers holding a slight lead throughout and ending the quarter with a slight 24-23 lead. Elliott Schiedel was outstanding, catching rebounds both on the defensive and offensive boards.

With about six minutes left in the third quarter, Assumption took the lead and ended the quarter with the Panthers 39 and ACS with 48. In the fourth quarter, Paris couldn't sink their shots, lost the ball on rebounds, and couldn't stop Assumption from stretching their lead to end the game, beating the Panthers 67-47.

If all goes well, these two teams may meet in the AABHN North final, and the coaching staff will have to find a way to free up Canaan Sherbino, who scored what may be a season-low 5 points, and to slow down the Lions' offence.

Girls Volleyball

The Junior Panthers only had one game last week, losing to Assumption.

The Senior side had two games last week, the first on Monday at home against BCI. The Panthers started the first game leading the Mustangs until the Mustangs tied the game at 16. After that, it was a seesaw battle until the game was tied at 23, and Paris couldn't earn a point, dropping a close one, 23-25. Nora Kovacs, Sydney Kipp and Rowan Worrall led the team with their serves.

The Panthers started off slow in the second game, allowing BCI to take a 5-0 lead. Finally gaining a side out point off BCI, the team won three straight points on Aliah Kingswood's serves. The Panthers kept battling until the game was tied at 26, when BCI won the final tie-breaking point to take the lead and lead the match 2 games to none.

After losing the first two games, the Senior Panthers put in a great effort, earning points on their serves and with booming spikes by Aliah Kingswood and Nora Kovacs, leading to a 25-21 win.

In Game 4, the Panthers collapsed, losing 25-28 and the match 3-1. On Thursday afternoon, the Seniors travelled to Assumption and seemed to get their game on, defeating their opponents three games to 1. With three games left in the season, these young ladies might be the underdogs that could upset teams during the playoffs!



Paris Panthers junior Kevin Walter puts up a shot during league action last week as the young Panthers continue to gain confidence and experience against tough competition.



(GEORGE LE GRESLEY PHOTOS)

Paris Panthers junior Kevin Walter puts up a shot during league action last week as the young Panthers continue to gain confidence and experience against tough competition.

PARIS SPORTS HEROES: Back to back OMHA Champions



2001/2002 Paris Peewee team

(TED ATTLEBERY PHOTO)

TED ATTLEBERY

Paris Independent Sports Reporter

#1 Paris Optimist Peewee Wolfpack 2001/2002

The Paris Optimist Peewee Wolfpack hockey team of 2001/2002 had an incredible season and greatly impressed anyone involved with minor hockey in the earliest part of the 21st century. This team had an outstanding regular season in Southern Counties League play with an impressive 17-4-1 record. Paris also earned gold medals at both the Glencoe and Huntsville tournaments.

The pinnacle of this team's accomplishments came after an unbeaten 15-0 record

in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) playdowns, with three of those wins coming in double overtime. No Paris team had won an OMHA championship since 1978, and the fan support over the winter months was a throwback to "Old Time Hockey" at the Syl Apps Community Centre.

Coaches Doug Stewart and Paul Dalpe steered this group of 12- and 13-year-olds like a well-built ship. The Paris boys defeated Mount Brydges in the finals to win the Sam Currie Memorial Trophy. They could beat you in many different ways, as they were a collection of good athletes and born competitors. Captain Phil Dalpe was a true "Leader of the Pack." They never

Nobody could "dog a biscuit" like Pat Bailey. There was big hitter Baxter Attlebery, the booming shot of Chad McGivern, and Mike "Okay Coach" Frommer, who would do anything you asked of him. Everyone else did their part with no complaints. These were true teams—the classic "run through a wall for you" types who sponged up all the life and hockey info they could soak in. These boys earned these back-to-back titles and their place in Paris hockey lore!

Keep your stick on the ice. Always a pleasure, Scoop Stewart

SCOOP STEWART

Paris Independent Sports Reporter

Legacy of the Pack

These back-to-back OMHA championship teams certainly had talent. They featured future NHLer Zac Dalpe, his hard-nosed brother Phil, and a couple of future Junior B general managers in JJ Barrett and Wes Consorti. But they also had great role players, starting with everyone's favorite person, Joey Pickering. A skilled goal scorer, Joey would have won any popularity contest hands down; to know him was to love him (RIP).

slowed down, they never stopped wanting more, and they fed off each other... like a Wolfpack.

#2 Sibbick Fuels Bantam Wolfpack 2002/2003

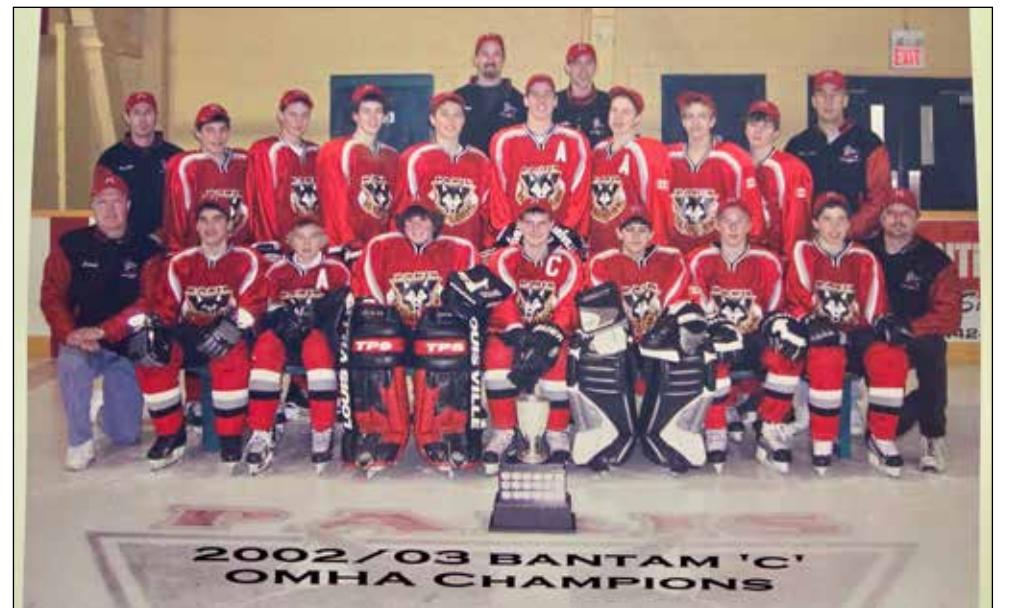
The Sibbick Fuels Bantam Wolfpack hockey team of 2002/2003 had a challenging but rewarding season, which involved an "age change" in minor hockey where players literally "skipped" a year. Bantam players were now to be 13 and 14 years of age, and many of these players missed having their second year of Peewee hockey—a pivotal development year for most kids. This squad was made up of the previous year's OMHA champions with four new players added.

This team went 15-5-2 in a tough Southern Counties League. The Wolfpack took three gold medals at tournaments in Huntsville, Wainfleet, and New Hamburg. The Huntsville win was particularly competitive, with Paris defeating the hometown Huntsville Blues in double overtime. At the Silver Stick Tournament in Forest, the Wolfpack took silver, losing to Mount Brydges—their playoff rivals from the previous season. What a difference a year can make.

In the OMHA playdowns, the Wolfpack swept their opponents in the first three playoff series, eliminating Smithville,

Langton, and Shelburne, but a strong team was waiting in the semifinal round. Lakefield handed Paris their first playoff loss in a wild Saturday afternoon game in Paris. The Wolfpack showed great resilience to defeat Lakefield in five games. Paris was on a roll now, but the Mount Brydges Cougars presented a tough challenge in the finals. These two teams knew each other, and although the fans were civil, this was a Bantam series played at a Midget level. The Syl Apps Community Centre was packed to the rafters, and there seemed to be even more expectation for success than the previous year. The Wolfpack simply outskated the Cougars three successive nights to sweep the series and win the Fred C. Waghorne Memorial Trophy.

Coaches Paul Dalpe and Doug Stewart navigated this team very well through tournaments, injuries, bus rides, and many off-ice team events: Sunday morning practices out in Plattsville, bottle drives, skating parties, and dances with girls. This team had a following and attracted big crowds to both their home and away games. Captain John Barrett Jr. was the "Alpha" both on and off the ice. The maturity and stamina displayed by this squad in the final series was a direct result of the fun these boys had all season long. They never seemed to lose their stride, like a hungry Wolfpack.



2002/03 BANTAM 'C' OMHA CHAMPIONS

(TED ATTLEBERY PHOTO)

Titans chase momentum as PJHL season winds down

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Paris Independent Contribution

With eleven games left in the PJHL season, the Titans need to get into a winning groove for the February playoffs. The Titans started their run on January 4, defeating the Wellesley Applejacks at home 6-2.

Last Saturday, the Hespeler Shamrocks came to the Brant Sports Complex and edged the Titans 4-3. They will travel to Hespeler tonight for a rematch in Hespeler.

On Saturday, January 17 at 7:30 PM, the Dorchester Dolphins visit the Titans at the Brant Sports Complex.



(PARIS TITANS PHOTO)

Paris Titans' Trevor McDowell and Cole Kersey represented the club at the PJHL All-Star Game as the Titans continue their push to build momentum heading into the playoffs.

Paris Legion women's dart league starts 2026 strong with packed house

The Paris Legion Women Dart league began the new year on a high note this past Thursday, welcoming a crowd so large that play was once again expanded across both floors of the facility. The competition was fierce despite the recent holiday break. Debbie P. claimed the High Score of the night with a 119 and led the field in

"doubling out" with three successful finishes. Other top finishers included Nancy B., Lori, and Betty, who each doubled out twice.

The "Bullseye Club" saw a long list of sharpshooters this week, including Bonnie, Patti, Katy, Liz, Lori, Debbie K., and Nancy C., who impressed the league on her very first night. Team

wins were secured by the steady hands of Trish, Michelle, Cynthia, and Debbie K.

League organizers would like to remind all participants to arrive 10 minutes prior to start time to ensure a prompt kickoff. With the player list continuing to grow, 2026 is shaping up to be a banner year for the league.

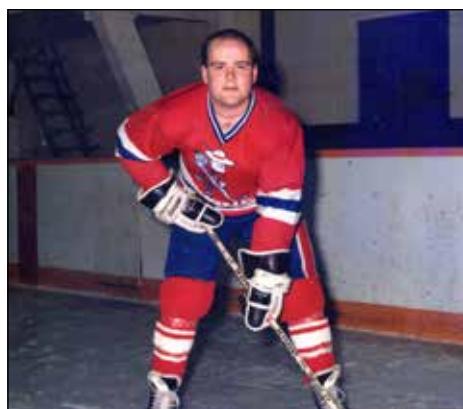
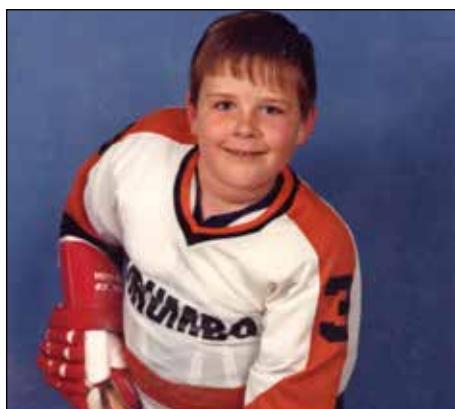
Florida Panthers honour Paris native Zac Dalpe with Stanley Cup ring



(FLORIDA PANTHERS ORGANIZATION PHOTO)

The Florida Panthers recently presented hometown hero Zac Dalpe with a Stanley Cup Championship ring in recognition of his impact and contributions to the growth of the organization, both on and off the ice. Dalpe, a Paris, Ontario native who played parts of 15 professional seasons — including time with the Panthers and their AHL affiliate, the Charlotte Checkers — retired from pro hockey in 2025 after a career defined by leadership and perseverance. In 2024, a special community celebration was held at the Brant Sports Complex hosted where Dalpe's number was retired in honour of his outstanding achievements and lasting influence on hockey fans in the region.

Flashback



(SUBMITTED BY SCOOP STEWART)

Jason Holmes - Novice (U10) Captain and winner of the Jake Morrison Best Defensemen trophy from Drumbo. 1988-89 Paris Mountie's Captain. Doug and Julie's oldest boy was a leader from an early age!

GUESS WHO?

Born in Akron, Ohio in 1984, I was once called "The Chosen One" before I ever played a professional game. I rose to become one of basketball's greatest all-around players, known for powerful drives, clutch shots, and leading my teams when it matters most. I've won multiple NBA championships and MVP awards, and I even brought a long-awaited title back to my hometown. Whether I'm running the fast break or making the perfect pass, I always put my team first. Who am I?

Answer: LeBron James

BRANT BATTALION

SCOREBOARD - WEEK OF JANUARY 4TH

Sunday, January 4

- Brant Battalions U10A lose 6-3 against Ausable valley Coyotes
- Brant Battalions U11A lose 4-0 against Ausable valley Coyotes
- Brant Battalions U12A lose 2-1 against South Oxford Storm
- Brant Battalions U13B win 4-2 against Norfolk Knights 1
- Brant Battalions U14A lose 6-2 against Elgin-Thames 73s
- Brant Battalions U21A win 4-3 against Haldimand River Kings

Monday, January 5

- Brant Battalions U11A win 6-1 against Cambridge Hawks
- Brant Battalions U10A lose 2-1 against Stratford Warriors
- Brant Battalions U14A lose 3-2 against Cambridge Hawks
- Brant Battalions U15B tie 2-2 against Tavistock Titans
- Brant Battalions U13A lose 8-3 against South Oxford Storm

Tuesday, January 6

- Brant Battalions U13B lose 3-2 against Twin Centre Stars

Wednesday, January 7

- Brant Battalions U14A lose 5-1 against Norfolk Knights

Thursday, January 8

- Brant Battalions U15A tie 2-2 against Norfolk Knights
- Brant Battalions U18B lose 5-1 against Tavistock Titans

Friday, January 9

- Brant Battalions U11 A win 1-0 against Cambridge Hawks
- Brant Battalions U11B win 6-1 against Delhi-Norwich 59ers
- Brant Battalions U15A tie 3-3 against New Hamburg Huskies

Saturday, January 10

- Brant Battalions U16A lose 2-1 against GLHA Jr. Mustangs
- Brant Battalions U18A lose 3-2 against Norfolk Knights
- Brant Battalions U13A lose 10-1 against Burlington Jr. Raiders
- Brant Battalions U10A win 3-2 against New Hamburg Huskies

Local Olympians to share stories at County of Brant Public Library event

MEDIA RELEASE

County of Brant Library

In the lead-up to the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano-Cortina, the County of Brant Public Library will host a live panel discussion celebrating the journeys of three local athletes. Unstoppable: An Olympic Celebration will take place Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Create Well Creative Studio. The event will feature Olympic athletes Angela Schneider, Claire Scheffel and Garret Riley, who

will reflect on the triumphs, challenges and defining moments that shaped their careers.

The panel is designed to inspire residents to build resilience and develop the mindset needed to pursue their goals, drawing on lessons learned through elite sport and competition at the international level.

“The Olympic Games are an international celebration of determination and skill,” says Kelly Bernstein, library CEO. “The Library is thrilled to welcome these outstanding athletes to inspire and motivate our community.”

The library extended thanks to Sarah Kirby Insurance Agency for donating the Create Well space for the event.

The discussion comes as anticipation builds for the 2026 Winter Olympics, set to be held in Italy in February.

The County of Brant Public Library serves residents through branches in Burford, Glen Morris, Paris, Scotland-Oakland and St. George, as well as a mobile library and a 24/7 book-lending kiosk in Onondaga. More information is available at brantlibrary.ca and through the library's social media channels.



Angela Schneider (ANGELA SCHNEIDER VIA INSTAGRAM PHOTO)



Claire Scheffel (CANADA ARTISTIC SWIMMING PHOTO)



Garrett Riley (BRANTFORD & AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME PHOTO)

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Accountability, nostalgia, and a look ahead to 2026

STONES
Around Town

By Jeff Johnston
(a.k.a. Stones)

Welcome back, everyone! I hope your holidays were restorative. As we step into 2026, the word of the year is ‘accountability’. It’s a theme that seems more relevant than ever as we look at the changing landscape of our town.

To our local council: it is time to wrap your heads around the Bawcutt building. It is the first thing people see when they enter town, and its current state feels like a slight to the Bawcutt name. Much has been spent on taxes and fees already. Let’s get this project moving; after all, we live in Paris, not Oxford County.

On the topic of accountability, if you’ve caught the council sessions on YouTube lately, it’s been a bit of a comedy of errors. Seeing officials unsure of what they’ve just voted on is concerning. At what point does a lack of clarity become a dereliction of duty?

Anyhow, a walk around led me up Grand River Street recently got me thinking about the Wilkins Building. It rarely seems open,

and the entry off Grand River is notably narrow. It makes one wonder how it navigates the fire and building codes?

Don’t feel like walking? If you find yourself needing a lift home after a night out, do the responsible thing and call Grand River Cab. Say hi to Cullen for me while you’re at it.

The recent snowfall has been a welcome sight, taking me back to the days of road hockey. I remember when the Heath Twins and their crew took over the Branch 29 parking lot trying for a world record—I believe they played for 18 hours straight. That must have been 45 years ago now. The snow also serves as a reminder to drive to conditions; it’s a simple premise that keeps us safe and saves the county some salt.

I spent the holidays revisiting the classics: When Harry Met Sally, Dazed & Confused, and Scrooged. Watching Spicoli order a pizza to class in Fast Times at Ridgemont High is still a riot. Speaking of things that might have Spicoli’s approval, I noticed the new dispensary just down the street from PDHS. Brilliant timing.

How about some good accountability news? A huge congratulations to Rob "Motor" Wilson for winning the golf competition at the Mayor’s Levee at Branch 29 Legion, leading to an accountable record! Rob, you’re starting to look more like Art "Ace" every day!

It’s been a pleasure catching up with some familiar faces lately. I ran into Dave

Kerr and had a lovely visit—Sid, be sure to say hi to Norm for us. A shoutout as well to Dave Rickford, a truly salt-of-the-earth gentleman.

I also want to acknowledge John Granton, owner of John M. Hall downtown. He’s a historical fixture in Paris and, as my dad can attest, a legendary goalie. To "Johnny Fever": get well soon, or I’m coming over for a visit!

On a more somber note, our community feels the loss of Maureen Curry. Whether she was in her nursing scrubs or walking through town, she always greeted life with a smile. She will be missed.

Finally, a very Happy Anniversary to my mom and dad. Dad, stay on Facebook as long as you like—don’t let anyone tell you otherwise. I love you both, and I’d ask everyone reading to give them a "thank you" for me.

Bye for now, Stones style.



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Brantford-Brant sees spike in drug poisonings

CELESTE PERCY-BEAUREGARD

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A spike of drug poisonings in Brantford-Brant has Grand Erie Public Health urging caution for those using un-prescribed drugs.

In the first four days of January, there were seven drug-related "incidents" — more than the health unit would expect in that period, an alert from the health unit said.

While the cause of the spike is unknown, an "educated guess" is people were using unregulated drugs that were either more potent than expected, contaminated with unexpected substances, "or both," said Alyssa Stryker, drugs strategy co-ordinator for GEPH.

Of the seven incidents, one person died and five others were taken to hospital, the health unit said.

The health unit added if you see someone who appears to be having an overdose, call 911 and give naloxone if available. The medication temporarily reverses the effects of an overdose caused by opioids like heroin, fentanyl, morphine and methadone, as well as other drugs contaminated with opioids. But the person should still be treated by emergency medical services, as the overdose can return once the naloxone wears off.

Opioid addiction has been an ongoing

struggle in the community, which had Ontario's highest number of opioid fatalities per capita in 2019.

The Brantford-Brant community drugs strategy — a local initiative that includes the health unit, City of Brantford, County of Brant and Brant Community Healthcare Centre — is working on its 2026 action plan, which will be released in February, the health unit said.

If you or someone you know uses drugs, the health unit gives the following tips to stay safe:

If you must use alone, have someone check in on you by phone or in person or call National Overdose Response Service (NORS) at 1-888-688-NORS (6677) to have someone stay on the line with you in case of emergency.

If possible, buy from a trusted provider.

When using a new substance or your usual substance from a new provider, go slow and do a small "test dose" to see how it will affect you.

Get strips that test for fentanyl or xylazine from the Positive Health Network Van or SOAR Community Services.

Have naloxone on hand even if you don't plan on using opioids.

For more information, visit bchu.org/statistics-and-reports/opioid-surveillance.

Celeste Percy-Beauregard's reporting is funded by the Canadian government through its Local Journalism Initiative.



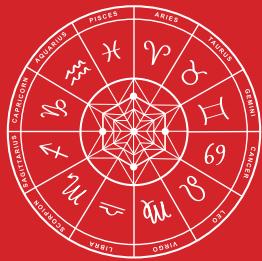
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In the wake of increased drug poisonings, Grand Erie Public Health urges caution when using any type of drug that hasn't been prescribed to you.

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WEEKLY Horoscope

January 14 - January 20 2025

ARIES

Mar 21 - Apr 20



Motivation builds steadily, Aries. A bold choice fuels progress and creates fresh momentum. Trust the move—it boosts your confidence and keeps you advancing ahead.

TAURUS

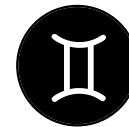
Apr 21 - May 21



Stability surrounds you gently, Taurus. Familiar habits ground and calm your thoughts. Welcome the rhythm—it renews focus and keeps your spirit settled.

GEMINI

May 22 - Jun 21



Ideas energize you, Gemini. A lively exchange sparks insight and unexpected inspiration. Chase what excites you—it encourages growth and new experiences.

CANCER

Jun 22 - Jul 22



Gentle reassurance appears, Cancer. A peaceful pause restores emotional balance. Proceed with kindness and trust.

LEO

Jul 23 - Aug 23



Your energy radiates. Assurance grows as you lead with purpose, warmth, and drive. Claim the moment—it's your chance to shine boldly.

VIRGO

Aug 24 - Sept 22



Organization brings relief, Virgo. Finishing small details restores order and calm. Rely on your structure—it supports you through every challenge.

LIBRA

Sept 23 - Oct 23



Balance settles in quietly, Libra. A thoughtful gesture lifts energy and shifts perspective. Choose cooperation—it eases the road forward.

SCORPIO

Oct 24 - Nov 22



Insight sharpens, Scorpio. Small discoveries influence your outlook in meaningful ways. Follow your instincts—they guide steady advancement.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23 - Dec 21



Opportunity whispers softly, Sagittarius. A moment of curiosity ignites enthusiasm and drive. Embrace the unknown—it reveals fresh paths.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 20



Progress gains traction. Steady effort begins producing visible results. Keep building—the foundation you create is strong and lasting.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21 - Feb 18



Original thinking takes charge, Aquarius. A unique concept sparks interest and forward motion. Trust your ideas—they create lasting impact.

PISCES

Feb 19 - Mar 20



Stillness offers insight, Pisces. Gentle reflection soothes emotions and brings deeper understanding. Trust the quiet guidance—it leads you forward with calm confidence and grace.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 14

Dave Grohl, Musician (57)

JANUARY 18

Dave Bautista, Actor (57)

JANUARY 15

Regina King, Actress (55)

JANUARY 19

Dolly Parton, Musician (80)

JANUARY 16

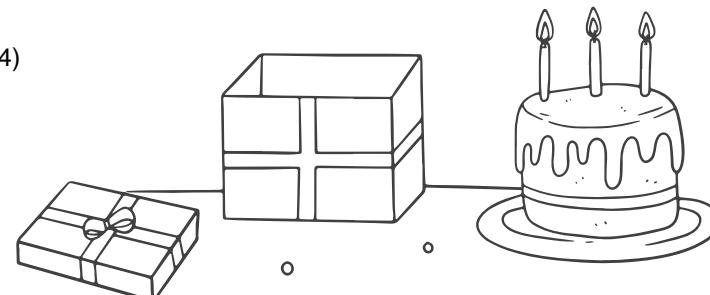
Lin-Manuel Miranda, Stage Actor (46)

JANUARY 20

Skeet Ulrich, Actor (56)

JANUARY 17

Jim Carrey, Actor (64)



Riddles

I can be cracked, made, told, and played—yet never eaten. What am I?

A joke

I shave every day, but my beard stays the same. Who am I?

A barber

I have branches, but no fruit, trunk, or leaves. What am I?

A bank

I'm lighter than air, but a million people can't lift me. What am I?

A bubble

I go through cities and fields, but never move. What am I?

A road

I'm always in front of you, but can't be seen. What am I?

The future

I can fill a room but take up no space. What am I?

Light

Sudoku

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MATILDA

Meet our Pet of the Week:

Meet Miss Matilda. This sweet girl was found in Cuba with a compressed spinal fracture. She was lucky enough to be adopted and brought to Canada where she currently lives the best dog life, receiving the best of care by her new owners. Matilda is pain free and attends regular physiotherapy/ swimming sessions and enjoys "strolling" around her farm

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- Balance
- Mindfulness
- Hydration
- Rest
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- Breathe
- Nourish
- Vitamins
- Sleep
- Warmth
- Relax
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- Healthy
- Comfort
- FreshStart
- Wellness
- InnerPeace
- Routine
- Selfcare

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EMAIL TO INQUIRE INFO@THEPARISINDEPENDENT.COM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Free Skating, Face Painting, Prize Draws - 1 pm to 3 pm. Skating takes place 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at Gaukel Memorial Community Centre, 7 Gaukel Dr, St. George. This event is an opportunity for rural residents to share their input and experiences directly with County staff and service providers as part of the Rural Brant project.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Paris Optimist Club Youth Dance - At the Syl Apps Community Centre. The theme for this dance is Happy Valentine's Day. Open to students in Grades 5 to 8 only. The DJ begins the dance at 7 pm and it ends at 10 pm. Volunteers must arrive at 6:45 pm. The dance is chaperoned. Entry fee is \$5 with a concession booth for pop, chips, candy and pizza. All proceeds support the Paris Optimist Club and its projects for the youth of our community.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Rec Expo - Hosted by the County of Brant at the Brant Sports Complex, 944 Powerline Rd, Paris from 10 am to 12 pm. Information on sports and recreation programs for all ages.

Seniors' Bingo - Hosted by County of Brant at the Oakland Community Centre, 3 King St N, Oakland from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. Free refreshments, prizes and Bingo.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Family Fun Day and Free Skate - Hosted by County of Brant at the Burford Community Centre, 14 Potter Dr Burford. Event runs from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm and includes free skating, face painting and prize draws. Skate runs from 1 pm to 2 pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Oxford Philatelic Society OXPEX & OTEX 2026 Stamp Show - St. Mary's Catholic High School, 431 Juliana Drive, Woodstock, ON, N4V 1E8. 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission and parking. Framed and Judged exhibits, Stamp dealers, youth gift bags, Sales Circuit, draw prizes. Contact: dhfe@silomail.com Web: <http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford>

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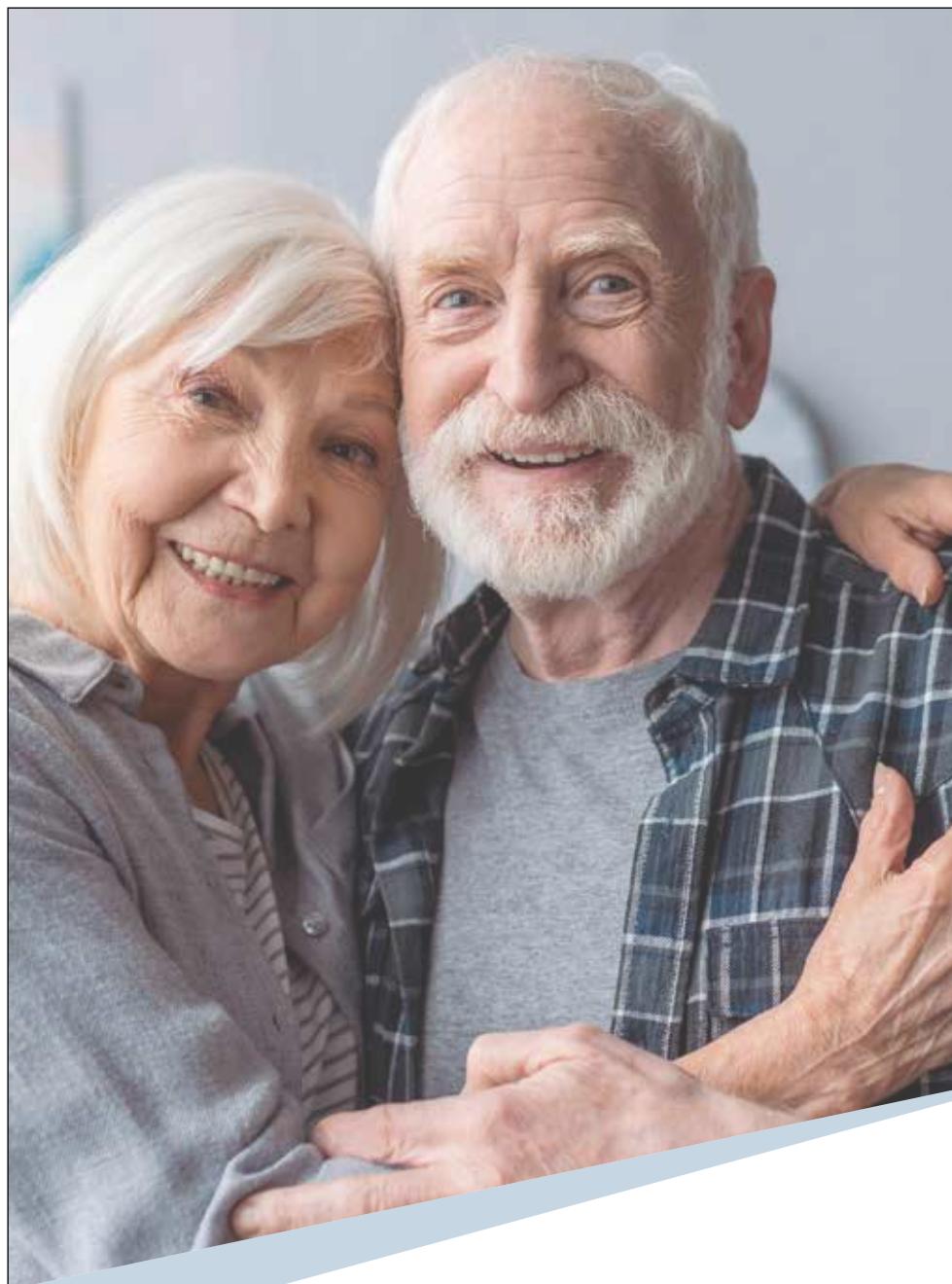

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PARIS Mobile Office Hours

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