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Three new councillors elected Monday night

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

The three incumbents running for six councilor positions all returned to office in Monday night's election, and will be joined by three new faces.

Newcomer Lindsey Ambrus Mejaski led the polls, capturing 12.8 per cent of the vote, or 3,951 votes. Incumbents Chris Parker, Dave Beres and Chrissy Rosehart were re-elected, taking second, third and fourth. Only 28 votes separated John Gilvesy and Ron Gasparetto for the last two seats. Gilvesy had 9.1 per cent of the votes, or 2,794, and Gasparetto nine per cent of 2,766.

Although they fell short of being elected, newcomer Katherine Englander and former mayor Stephen Molnar were neck and neck, with Molnar just six votes behind Gasparetto at 2,659, and Englander on his tail at 2,642. Other results were Clayton Curtis 2,393, Felix Nonso Nzemeka 1,391, and Deanna Tosto 1,225. Kim Sage, who asked people not to support her in the final days of the campaign due to an unexpected change, finished with 914 votes.

Parker, who whispers say may be chosen as deputy mayor by council, spoke after mayor-elect Deb Gilvesy at a campaign party at the Carriage House said he was overwhelmed by the support received .

"A campaign is often seen as one person's journey, but the truth is that no one gets here alone," he said,

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GILVESY WINS AS MAYOR (JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Mayor-elect Deb Gilvesy, right, addresses supporters and family at a victory party at the Carriage House following Monday night's vote. Gilvesy defeated challenger Kelly Spencer by a large margin in the vote. She will also return as Tillsonburg's member on Oxford County council.

Gilvesy returned to mayor's position

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Tillsonburg Mayor Deb Gilvesy was returned to office by a wide margin in Monday night's vote.

She captured 68.6 per cent of the vote over challenger and former Councillor Kelly Spencer. This translated to 4,475 votes for Gilvesy and 2,052 for Spencer.

Gilvesy's victory margin, percentage-wise, was called the largest in the town in recent history by some on Monday night, and was confirmed as the most in the last four elections. The next closest was the 2018 election, when incumbent Stephen Molnar defeated challenger Mark Renaud by 60.08 per cent.

At a victory party at the Carriage House, the mayor-elect said she was honoured and humbled by the support she received, thanking everyone who supported her throughout the campaign. She made special mention of her husband Scott and her family, who stood beside her and supported her.

"Running for office takes a great deal of time and energy, and I could not do it without their love, patience, and encouragement," she said.

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Gilvesy wins mayor's seat by wide margin

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Gilvesy spoke about the campaign and the strong support, saying she stuck to her game plan throughout, focusing on the work she has done for the community and what she can do moving forward. Gilvesy said she had many volunteers and received many messages of encouragement, including word of mouth.

"My record speaks for itself," she said. "I vote for the taxpayers and keep the taxpayers in mind when voting."

Gilvesy also thanked Spencer for putting her name forward, and congratulated the newly-elected council.

"I look forward to working with you, listening to our residents, and continuing to move Tillsonburg forward together," she said to the audience, which included several new council members.

Gilvesy is excited to start working with the new council.

"I have always believed that this job is not about one person," she said. "It is about working together, making responsible decisions, and doing what is best for our community. I am proud of what we have accomplished over the past eight years, and I know there is still more work to do and more opportunity ahead."

Spencer congratulated Gilvesy and the other council members elected. She was proud of the campaign and the team of volunteers who supported her.

"It's been an honour to serve Tillsonburg the last four years," she said.

Spencer spoke about the campaign, saying, "We did everything we thought we needed to do to beat an incumbent. It's hard to beat an incumbent. We had a really good campaign."

Getting back to work

For Gilvesy, job one is connecting with council about the budget and getting input from council members on what they want in it. Two budget meetings with the mayor-elect are already scheduled for next week, and is looking at a meeting with councillors-elect. Gilvesy said it's important to hear what council members heard on the campaign trail for input into the budget.

"It's not going to be easy," she warned. "It's going to be a very difficult year."

The introduction of provincial Strong Mayor powers, which included Tillsonburg, shifted responsibility for preparing the budget from council as a whole to the mayor. Council members then had the opportunity to alter the budget before it was finalized. This process was set behind by the election, but Gilvesy wants to make up lost time.

During the campaign, Gilvesy spoke about the need to control tax increases at the County of Oxford level, with increases of more than 20 percent over the past two years. As a member of Oxford County council, she voted against three of the four county budgets over the past four years.

Although she hadn't seen election results from across the county shortly after polls closed, Gilvesy was encouraged by what she saw in other municipalities.

"We need to work really hard to bring fiscal responsibility to the upper level of government," she said.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Mayor-elect Deb Gilvesy gave credit to her family for support during the election. Left to right are: granddaughter Ellie Yarmie, mother Margaret Vilez, Deb Gilvesy, husband Scott Gilvesy, granddaughter Dillon Yarmie, daughter Laura Yarmie, son-in-law Collin Yarmie, daughter Paige Gilvesy and father John Vilez.

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Incumbents all returned to office in tight race for councillors

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mentioning his wife Rebecca in particular. "Tonight is about all of you. It's about family, friends, supporters, colleagues, and the residents of Tillsonburg who placed their trust in me."

After congratulating Gilvesy, he spoke about highs and lows during the last session and an integrity commissioner complaint they both faced.

"There were difficult meetings, difficult decisions, and challenges that tested us both personally and professionally. Some of those challenges becaame very public, including the integrity commissioner complaint that many members will remember."

Parker said he learned public service isn't about adversity, it's about how an individual responds to it.

"There were moments when it would have been easier to quit, easier to walk away, and easier to let negativity win," he said. "Instead, we stayed focused on the job we were elected to do."

While Parker acknowledged the past, he said now a new chapter will begin for council, "one focused on collaboration, progress, and serving the residents who have placed their trust in us."

Ambrus Mejaski was excited to be elected to council, and thanked her supporters.

"Wow. I don't know what to say," she said. "I think we have an amazing team and we'll be great for Tillsonburg."

Beres, who was selected by council as deputy mayor last term, said he was honoured to be back on council and to see people have faith in him.

"There are no losers tonight, just those who didn't win," he said.

At the end of this term, Beres will have served nine terms, or 33 years, on council.

Rosehart was humbled to be re-elected and grateful to the people who re-elected her. She enjoys hearing from people about the town and is looking forward to continuing that.

Gilvesy called it an honour to be elected to town council and thanked those who supported his election bid.

"It was humbling to have my fate in the hands of those who choose to vote ... or not vote," he said.

On that note, voter turnout in Tillsonburg rose to 39.9 per cent in the election, up from 37.63 per cent in 2022.

"Much of my campaign was aimed at making sure all residents in Tillsonburg learned about me, and I tried to be creative, educate, and stimulate thought with media posts and public presentations," John Gilvesy said. "I look forward to working together with both the new council team and staff to keep the commitment ... making Tillsonburg the best place to live."

The next day, Molnar commented, ""While my long journey of service to our community may have come to an end, I am excited to support the newest members of council as they begin their contributions to the residents of the Town of Tillsonburg. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve, and the strength and values of our community will only be enhanced with the positivity and trust demonstrated by your incoming council as a whole."

TOWN OF TILLSONBURG 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION (UNOFFICIAL RESULTS)	
MAYORAL VOTE TOTALS	
DEB GILVESY	**4475 (68.6%)**
KELLY SPENCER	2052 (31.4%)
COUNCILLOR VOTE TOTALS	
LINDSEY AMBRUS MEJASKI	**3951 (12.8%)**
CHRIS PARKER	**3761 (12.2%)**
DAVE BERES	**3307 (10.7%)**
CHRISSY ROSEHART	**3001 (9.7%)**
JOHN GILVESY	**2794 (9.1%)**
RON GASPARETTO	**2766 (9.0%)**
STEPHEN MOLNAR	2659 (8.6%)
KATHERINE ENGLANDER	2642 (8.6%)
CLAYTON CURTIS	2393 (7.8%)
FELIX NONSO NZEMEKA	1391 (4.5%)
DEANNA (DEE) TOSTO	1225 (4.0%)
KIM SAGE	914 (3.0%)
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DAVID PARADIS	**Acclaimed**
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JOSEPH-GUY BORBEAU	**Acclaimed**
VOTER TURNOUT	**39.9%**

Englander was appreciative of the support she received when talking to people in town.

" I am proud of the campaign we ran and grateful to have connected with so many residents," she said. "I congratulate those who were elected and wish them well, and I will continue to care about Tillsonburg and look for ways to contribute to our community.

Talking about his campaign, Gasparetto said, "It's been an emotional campaign, a very positive experience getting out there and talking to people. I can't over-exaggerate the importance of the door knock and talking to people.

Nzemeka reflected, "In a campaign, some people like you and some don't. It's part of the exercise."

Curtis, the youngest member in this election, was the only one who spoke about the next election.

"I am so proud of my campaign and the achievements of everyone involved in this election," he said. "I'll be back next election!"

Tosto said all the candidates were professional and cordial.

"We all had an excellent campaign, and lots of good ideas shared," she said.

EDITORIAL

The people have spoken

To sum up Monday night's election results in a few classic words – the people have spoken.

The election saw the return of some familiar faces and some new ones who will be at the council table. These people will be representing the best interests of Tillsonburg for the next four years. They will face many challenges, with the first being the 2027 budget.

For new councillors, there will be an intense learning curve, likely larger than what they expected as they come up to speed on the Municipal Act, how the province and Oxford County mesh together in Tillsonburg, and the many details of how the town operates.

All who put their name forward should be respected. It's not an easy thing to put your name out there and be judged by your peers.

There was much controversy in the last term over divides in the council that saw three members complain about two others to the integrity commissioner. This process, which found there was no wrong-doing, still cost the taxpayers $70,000. It raised many questions about the integrity commissioner process itself, which has been a complaint in other communities as well, and how Tillsonburg council was divided.

That is now in the past, and it's time to move on. Divided councils are nothing new in Tillsonburg, and other municipalities for that matter, but more is accomplished when all of council works together for the betterment of the community. All councillors won't agree all the time, however this is the nature of politics and healthy debate. Each issue and vote should be judged on its own merit.

Another positive of this election is voter turnout did increase, albeit marginally. Of course, the negative is 60 per cent of people still did not vote.

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Pumpkin time. (BETH SANDOR PHOTO)

The deeper meaning of 'I have a little shadow'



WRITER'S CORNER

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Tillsonburg Post Columnist

As a child, my personal library, included a favourite poetry book. The book falls open to one special poem which my parents read to me repeatedly.

The title was "My Shadow" and it was written by Robert Louis Stevenson. It reads "I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me. And what can be the use of him is more than I can see." Part of the second verse states: "The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow- Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow:"

I was reminded of this verse when a Facebook friend commented online that her very astute daughter, while waiting with others for the school bus, asked the following question: "What if the shadows of children are really showing them how tall they will actually be?"

"What a fantastic question," I thought. "And how wonderful that in this age of AI and instant Google answers for just about everything, kids still stand in awe and comment on the wonders of nature."

Of course, I remembered how indignant I was that the poet in my shadow poem referred to the shadow as a 'he'.

"Girls have shadows too you know," I would firmly announce when I was younger.

My parents would then substitute the word her for him. And I was satisfied with these

editing efforts.

This was long before the days of Gloria Steinem and bra burning. Bras were not even, as

yet, on my very young radar and I certainly wasn't allowed to play with matches so fires were a no-go. This was probably the beginnings of my desire for equal rights, but all I knew back then, was that sometimes…. things just are not fair.

My adult mind now switched to the various uses and meanings of shade and shadows. To throw shade at someone is not a good thing. To move into the shade to avoid an over exposure to the sun is a good thing.

To "stay in the shadows" could indicate that someone is up to no good. In other situations, it might simply mean that the person does not seek recognition for something commendable that they have done.

In the scientific world, we all have the capacity to cast big, long shadows or short, small shadows. It all depends on where we are standing and at what time of day we are doing that standing.

Should we all proudly step forward into the light and cast a big shadow? What do we want that shadow to resemble? What do we want that shadow to accomplish in life?

There are others who may wish to always remain back in the shadows and to only create the smallest and least obvious of shadow effects. We recently had a number of private citizens who bravely stepped forward into the light and made the decision to run for a position on our town council.

Each one of them hoping to make a difference affecting life, as we know it on our town.

Each one hoping to cast a big and very positive "shadow" as they pursue their good

intentions.

The result of our votes now sees our town with six people sitting as council members and one person serving as our mayor. Lurking in the background shadows they are going to find endless red tape, and a very big shadow known as The Municipal Act. These factors often create insurmountable obstacles that can deter even the best and most sensible of political intentions.

For those of us who do not wish to cast a political shadow ourselves, we are best served by acknowledging that it is a very brave act to step forward into the bright lights of the political arena.

Before we try to cast negative shadows on these elected individuals, we need to have an understanding of the actual powers the various tiers of governance have. We need to acknowledge that this is not an easy job these people have taken on and we should try very hard not to dim their light.

There is one line from the story of "Bambi" that I used to say quite often to my students:"If you can't say somethin' nice, don't say nothin' at all."

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

Reading the stories written in stone

MUSEUM MUSINGS

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At first glance, an old cemetery may seem like a little more than a collection of weathered stones. Look closer, however, and each monument begins to tell a story.

Long before photographs, social media, and digital records, gravestones served as lasting records of a person's life, beliefs, and family. The images carved into these stones were not simply decorations. Many had special meanings. Families and stone carvers carefully chose these images to help tell the story of the person being remembered.

Nature's silent eulogy: Flowers and plants

Flowers are some of the most common symbols found in historic cemeteries. Because they bloom, grow, and eventually fade, they became powerful symbols of life, death, love, and remembrance.

Different flowers carried different meanings. Forget-me-not represented lasting love and remembrance. Roses symbolized love, beauty, and hope. A red rose could express deep love, while a white rose could represent purity. A broken rosebud often marked the graves of children, or young people whose lives ended too soon.

The lily was a popular Christian symbol and could represent purity, innocence, and resurrection. Ivy was associated with loyalty and lasting friendship since it stays green throughout the year and continues to grow. The poppy could represent sleep, peace, eternal rest and military service. Daisies, with their simple and delicate appearance, were often associated with innocence and youth.

Guardians, companions, and animals

Animals have appeared in cemetery art for hundreds of years, often symbolizing qualities such as loyalty, courage, strength, and protection in medieval tombs. A dog carved at a woman's feet could represent loyalty and faithfulness, while a lion at a man's feet could represent strength and courage.

The lamb is especially common on children's gravestones from the 19th and early 20th centuries. It represented innocence and gentleness and was connected to the Christian image of Christ as the "Lamb of God."

The dove represented peace, grace, and the journey of the soul to heaven. When shown flying upward, it could symbolize the soul leaving the earth and rising toward heaven.

Today, animals could also have a more personal meaning. A deer might suggest that someone enjoyed hunting, while a fish could represent a love of fishing. A dog might even have been included to remember a beloved family pet.

Pages of remembrance: Books

Books became increasingly popular gravestone symbols during the 18th century, where some were carved as simple, flat shapes on slate or sandstone. By the Victorian era, stone carvers were creating much more detailed, three-dimensional books, sometimes making the entire headstone look like an open book.

An open book could represent the Bible and a person's Christian faith. It could also represent the Book of Life, a biblical idea of a heavenly record of those who receive eternal salvation.

Books could also represent a person's own life story. They were sometimes used on the graves of teachers, writers, ministers, and scholars. A book with a folded or turned-down page could suggest that a person's story had ended before it was complete.

Written in stone: Scrolls and shields

A scroll could represent a person's life story, accomplishments, or family history. A scroll rolled at both ends might suggest that a person's life had reached its natural conclusion. Scrolls were also useful places to record names and important dates.

A shield could represent strength and protection. In Christian symbolism, it related to the idea of the "shield of faith." It could suggest that a person's faith had guided and protected them throughout their life.

Classical elegance: Urns, obelisks, and columns

During the 19th century, large monuments topped with urns became very popular. These monuments were often made from marble or granite and were inspired by the art and architecture of ancient civilizations. Their size also gave families plenty of room for names, dates, family information, and decorative designs.

The urn became a symbol of the immortal soul and eternal life. Sometimes the urn was shown covered with a piece of cloth. This is known as a draped urn, and the cloth could represent a shroud or a veil separating the world of the living from the world of the dead.

Obelisks and columns were also popular during the Victorian era. Their designs were inspired by ancient Egyptian, Greek, and Roman architecture. An obelisk is tall and narrow, with a pointed top. Its shape made an impressive monument while also using relatively little space.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

This is the gravestone of Willian "Bert" and Irene Newman. In 1926, Bert Newman founded Newman's Flowers after struggling to find flowers locally for his girlfriend, Irene, who later became his wife. The family-owned business grew and operated in Tillsonburg until closing in 2010. After retiring due to failing eyesight, Bert began recording his memories of Tillsonburg's early history, which were published as popular newspaper columns and later compiled into four self-published books between 1986 and 1990.

Nature's rustic memorials: Tree-stump tombstones

By the late 19th century, growing interest in nature inspired a new style of cemetery monument. Tree-stump tombstones, carefully carved to resemble real trunks, became especially popular.

The tree stump carried a powerful message: a life cut short. Smaller branches sometimes represented other family members who had also died young. Stone carvers often removed the "bark" from certain areas of the monument so that names and dates could be carved into the surface. Scrolls could also be added to the stump. Ivy, flowers, crosses, Bibles, and anchors were sometimes included to add even more symbolism.

Reading the stories

Cemeteries are more than places of burial. They are places where history, art, beliefs, and personal stories come together.

The symbols found on a gravestone can reveal clues about a person's faith, family, interests, age, and even the way people thought about death during a particular period. What may appear to be a simple flower, animal, or book often carries a deeper story. The next time you walk through a cemetery, take a moment to look beyond the names and dates. Look at the details carved into the stone. You may discover that every monument has a story to tell—and by learning how to read those stories, we can help keep the memories of those who came before us.

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Additional charges laid in sexual assault investigations in Tillsonburg

The Oxford Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has laid additional charges in an ongoing sexual assault investigation in the Town of Tillsonburg.

On Friday, Oct. 23, Muhammad Haris Aziz, a 38-year-old resident of Tillsonburg, was further charged with four counts of sexual assault and one count of sexual exploitation, in relation to three additional victims.

The accused had previously been charged on Wednesday, Oct. 7, with nine counts of sexual assault, in relation to two victims. The accused remains in custody, pending a bail hearing, before the Ontario Court of Justice.

The accused worked as a veterinarian in the Oxford County and North Bay areas. Investigators are urging anyone who may have experienced similar circumstances to contact police.

A publication ban has been issued and as a result, the OPP will not be able to release further information.

Investigators are asking anyone with information in relation to this investigation to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Victims of sexual assault are not alone. Support is available through Victim Assistance Services of Oxford County at 519-537-2824.

Community input will help shape the future of tourism in Oxford County

Oxford Tourism is inviting residents, visitors and local businesses to complete one of its annual tourism surveys to provide feedback about tourism in Oxford County.

Launched in 2025, the surveys examine the economic, social and environmental impacts of tourism, along with the quality of customer service. The findings will help Oxford Tourism better understand local priorities and inform policies that reflect community needs.

Residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to complete the survey that best reflects their experience at https://www.tourismoxford.ca/about-oxford-county/feedback/ The survey is open until Nov. 14.

By taking a few moments to respond, participants can help Oxford Tourism make practical, positive changes that reflect the needs of both local communities and visitors.

Oxford OPP investigates weapons incident in Tillsonburg

The Oxford detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to reports of individuals in a vehicle brandishing weapons on Broadway in the Town of Tillsonburg.

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, at approximately 10:30 p.m., officers located the vehicle and detained five individuals while conducting the investigation.

The weapons were identified as toy guns. Five individuals, ranging in ages from 16 years of age to 20 years of age, were released with warnings.

Oxford OPP would like to remind the community that displaying anything, in a public area, that resembles a weapon, is likely to generate a call to police. This type of incident creates undue stress for responding officers and members of the community.

Public safety is everyone's responsibility. Please put safety first.

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Student nutrition program helps provide food at Glendale High School

JEFF HELSDON
Editor

The executive summary of the Glendale High School nutrition program could be breakfast and lunch for 300-plus, and more.

The program aims to provide students with healthy breakfast and lunch options. The program is part of VON's Ontario Student Nutrition Program. The program's vision is "For every student to have access to nourishing food that fuels success, connects communities, and strengthens local food systems."

""VON's Ontario Student Nutrition Program (OSNP) strives to ensure that every student has access to nutritious food at school," said Jody Winegarden, community development coordinator for the program in Oxford. "With the support of dedicated volunteers, such as Meghan Janzen, the lead teacher at Glendale High School, we can respond to growing demands and help ensure children and youth have the fuel they need to learn, focus, and thrive at school. As the programs are universal and offered to all students, they remove barriers and stigma and promote inclusion and a sense of community, ensuring students are well nourished and ready to learn."

Janzen took over the Glendale program three years ago when another teacher went on maternity leave.

She is quick to point out the program shouldn't be stereotyped as targeting only students from less fortunate families.

"It's a range from hot having food at home to 'I woke up too late' and I'm a teenager and I need something to grab to help me get through to lunch," she said.

Janzen believes many students don't get healthy food at home.

"It's important to get kids healthy, nutritious food that they can access without being stigmatized," she said. "I don't see any kids judging anyone taking from that table. Everyone takes from that table, which is great."

Each morning, 310 servings of snacks are set out for students, including oatmeal, cereal, yogurt, and toast, plus fruits and vegetables. At lunch, the emphasis changes to vegetables and bagels. A toaster is on hand for the bagels and toast.

"They know it's there, and they get excited for the variety sometimes we're able to provide," she said.

A visual arts teacher, Janzen doesn't teach nutrition but volunteered to oversee the program. Students assist her, but she wishes she had more help. Max Adams' developmental education class assists with the program.

"Students help create budgets, compare food prices, shop for program supplies, and develop food preparation skills," Janzen said. "Their involvement strengthens the nutrition program allowing students to develop valuable skills in financial literacy, food literacy, and practical life skills."

In addition shopping at local grocery stores, Janzen also orders from Produce Express.

She talked about a Produce Express program that gives Glendale a percentage when local residents order using the code GLENDALE.

"So far, we receive about $30 to $45 a month on average, and every little bit helps," she said. "We receive five per cent back from the orders that are made through Produce Express. I can use these credits when ordering from Produce Express."

The Glendale program is primarily funded through the Ontario Student Nutrition Program and the President's Choice Children's Charity's Power Full Kids Eat Well Grant. A Farm to Cafeteria Canada grant received this year will allow the school to implement a portable salad bar at lunch once a month while working with the developmental education class on life skills and safe food handling.



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Student Kaleb Gunnell puts out the food for Glendale High School's Ontario Student Nutrition Program. The program provides breakfast, lunch and snacks for more than 300 students of the school's total enrolment of about 800.

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2026 Municipal Election Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2026 Municipal Election. Your vote helps shape the future of our community and strengthens local democracy.

The election results have been officially certified by the Clerk. We are pleased to introduce the Mayor and Council Members elected to serve the residents of Tillsonburg for the 2026-2030 term.

Mayor
- Deb Gilvesy

Members of Council
- Lindsey Ambrus Mejaki
- Dave Beres
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Ontario Energy Board Approves Hydro Merger

The Ontario Energy Board's approval of the merger between Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. and ERTH Corporation marks an important step toward building a stronger and more sustainable local utility. The merger is expected to create operational efficiencies, strengthen long-term service delivery, and support continued investment in reliable electricity infrastructure, while maintaining a strong commitment to customers and the communities served.

Read the full press release at www.tillsonburg.ca/news.

Loose Leaf Collection Begins October 13

The Town's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program begins October 13 and runs through November 27. Leaves will be collected using the Town's leaf vacuum machine, with crews working throughout the community on an ongoing basis. There are no scheduled collection zones, so residents are encouraged to place leaves at the curb and leave them out until they are collected.

Please note that heavy snowfall and prolonged freezing temperatures may delay, suspend or end the program earlier than planned. As a reminder, leaves, brush and other yard waste can also be dropped off at the Transfer Station, 50 Newell Rd. throughout the season.

Culture Corner

Trick-or-Treat at Annandale

Saturday, October 31 | 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Looking for a fun Halloween activity this weekend? Put on your favourite costume and join us at Annandale National Historic Site for a spooktacular evening of trick-or-treating in a truly unique setting.



Guests of all ages are invited to explore the first floor of the museum, collect treats along the way, and enjoy a family-friendly Halloween experience surrounded by local history.

Costumes encouraged. Admission is free.

Don't Trash Your Pumpkin After Halloween!

Once the Halloween fun is over, don't let your pumpkins go to waste! Through The Great Pumpkin Rescue, pumpkins can be repurposed instead of ending up in the landfill. Use them in recipes, add them to your compost, or donate unpainted and untreated pumpkins to help feed local farm animals.

Pumpkin drop-off runs November 1 to 7 at the Tillsonburg Transfer Station during regular operating hours.

Fall Water System Maintenance

Our annual Fall Watermain Flushing program is now underway. Each week, a different area of Town will be flushed as part of this routine maintenance. Flushing will take place between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM daily.

November 2 - 6 - All areas North of North St. (excluding Beckett Blvd).
Visit **www.tillsonburg.ca/news** for the full flushing schedule and map.

Property Tax Due Date Reminder

Property taxes are due October 30, 2026.

The Town of Tillsonburg offers several payment options, including online through e-Connection, pre-authorized payments, through your financial institution, by mail, drop box, or in person at the Customer Service Centre.

For more information about payment options, visit the Town's website or contact the Customer Service Centre.

Hardy Avenue Asphalt Improvements

As part of the Town's 2026 Asphalt Maintenance Program, road improvements are scheduled for Hardy Avenue, from the Community Centre access road to Sanders St. The project will include asphalt milling and resurfacing to help extend the life of the roadway and improve driving conditions.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of November 9 weather permitting and is expected to be completed by November 27, 2026, weather permitting.

Residents and visitors to the area may experience temporary traffic disruptions during construction. We appreciate everyone's patience while this work is completed.

Active Living & Learning Opportunities

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Lions event encourages the inner artist

JEFF HELSDON
Editor

Do you have an inner artist that is waiting to bud? Perhaps a little liquid inhibition will help?

The Tillsonburg Lions Club is hosting an event on Nov. 24 called Pour and Paint that combines the chance to complete a painting and enjoy a special drink.

"It's $45 per person and includes a beverage as part of signing up, and we'll also have some hordeveues through the evening," said Lions President David Pipher.

Pipher has lived in Tillsonburg for only three years. Recently retired, he worked in emergency services and always dabbled in painting, which he picked back up after retiring. He and his wife are both members of the Station Arts Centre. David concentrates on portraits, and his wife, Vera, on scenery.

Saying it's a social event and stressing that no previous experience is needed, Pipher said Paint and Pour is similar to other events where restaurants have an artist come in to complete paintings.

"It's a social event," he said.

The Carriage House will serve a signature drink for the event, in both alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions. The event is open to those 19 and older. Pipher will lead participants through completing a landscape. He advised wearing clothing that it doesn't matter if paint gets on it, or wearing an apron.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Lions president David Pipher, and his wife Vera, show an example of the painting participants in Paint and Pour will complete.

Paint and Pour starts at 6:30 and winds down at 9:30. The goal is to complete the painting within that time.

Having a long history of raising money for community facilities and causes, the event is something new for the Lions Club.

"This is something different for the Lions Club," Pipher said. "We're trying to do different things in the community, get more involved."

All proceeds from the evening will go to the Helping Hand Food Bank, and participants are also asked to bring a canned food donation.



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At the end of each season Tillsonburg Cruiser donates the proceeds from its weekly cruise nights to local charities. (Left photo) Taking part in the $1,000 presentation to the Tillsonburg Multi-Service Centre are, left to right: MSC Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Sarah Drapeau, MSC Executive Director Kathryn Leatherland, Nancy Spohn, Irene Dalby, Cindy Elliott, and and Diana Handsaeme, MSC Director of Home Support Service. Back row - Jim Spohn, Gerald Sandham, Gord Day, Mark Elliott, Ron Dalby, and Diana Handsaeme, MSC Director of Home Support Services. The classic car belongs to Jim and Nancy Spohn. (Right photo) The group donated $1,000 to the Tillsonburg District Hospital Foundation. Taking part were, left to right: TDMH Foundation Executive Director Gerry Dearing, Jim Spohn, Nancy Spohn, Irene Dalby, Cindy Elliott. Back row - Mark Elliott, Gerald Sandham, Ron Dalby, and Gord Day. The classic truck belongs to Mark and Cindy Elliott. Absent from the photo were Larry and Joyce Goldner.

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Local woman collecting socks to help homeless

JEFF HELSDON
Editor

Most people agree that cold, wet feet aren't pleasant. Yet many homeless people find themselves in this situation constantly because they don't have dry socks.

519 Pursuit aims to change that by challenging participants to collect 519 socks to help the homeless.

Tamara Bull has taken up that challenge and upped it a level, aiming to collect more socks to ensure she has several pairs to give to unhoused people in Tillsonburg.

"They're out there in the rain, snow, cold, everything," she said of those who live outside. "That's the one thing that keeps their feet from getting diseased is dry socks."

Bull's father was homeless on the streets of Toronto on his first Christmas in Canada in 1955.

"I will always have a soft spot for homeless people because of my father's situation," she said. "He built a life in this country because someone reached out and helped him."

Bull has collected for 519 Pursuit for seven years. Last year was her biggest year ever, and she collected 1,149 pairs of socks. She kept her commitment to 519 Pursuit, and then handed the rest out in town. She has always held a portion back.

"As our homeless population increased, I wanted to hold back for our homeless here," she said.

She often gives homeless people she encounters a pair of socks and a $10 Tim Hortons gift card for soup and coffee. Bull also goes to areas where she knows homeless people are to hand out socks.

"They're so grateful," she said. "The first word out of 95 per cent of their mouths is 'Bless you, God bless you,'" she recounted.

This year Bull is challenging local businesses to see who can donate the most socks.

She will pick up sock donations locally or they can be dropped off. Contact her by email at tamara.h.bull@gmail.comor on social media. The event runs through Nov. 15.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Tamara Bull displays some of the socks she has collected to date to assist the homeless. Those who want to contribute can contact her at tamara.h.bull@gmail.com or through social media.

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Amanda Underhill brings Am&a back to the stage



MUSIC CORNER

BEN ANDRESS
Tillsonburg Post Columnist

It has been a decade since the release of Amanda Underhill's self-titled EP under the stage name Am&a and her fans, friends and family still request songs by name. It has been a while, but Amanda finally returns to Tillsonburg for her only show of the year next month.

For Frogmore's Underhill, music has always been more than just a hobby. It is not even a question when you see how well she has done with balancing creative pursuits while serving her community as a firefighter.

Am&a's upcoming show is offering an opportunity for longtime fans and friends to reconnect with an artist whose music has remained a constant part of her life even when performing has taken a back seat because of other duties. Underhill's musical journey began early and was shaped by family and community gatherings. You can say that music was woven into her upbringing.

"Music has always been a part of my life since I was very young - from going to old timey jamborees with my grandparents, singing karaoke with my dad, taking every possible music course I could in high school, to being a member of multiple bands, releasing my own CD and continuing to play on through my adulthood," Underhill reminisces. "I have always been intensely creative and that has not changed even throughout my firefighting career. Although I will admit that creativity has taken a bit of a back seat while I focus on learning the skills required to be a firefighter, I have found, however, that being an artist and a firefighter has found an ebb and flow with each one taking its importance in its own time and place. The contrast is complimentary. As much as I love creating, I also love serving my community and answering calls."

That balance between creativity and community service has become an important part of Underhill's life. While firefighting requires dedication and continuous learning, music remains a source of personal expression and an outlet she continues to return to whenever inspiration strikes. Her local rural roots have also helped shape the perspective behind her songwriting.

"Growing up around here has definitely instilled an appreciation for the simple things in life like slowing down, cultivating meaningful relationships and spending time with the people in my life," Underhill explains. "It has also helped me focus inward a lot when I have needed to and that ultimately is what manifests in my songwriting."

It has been 10 years since the release of her self-titled Am&a EP. This marks a decade of music that remains part of her artistic journey. These days songwriting and playing music often take place during moments of everyday life like when she is picking up a guitar to play a favourite song or sharing music with her son.

"People can expect my performance to hopefully have a sense of nostalgia coupled with my own quirky never-ending humour," Underhill says. "I think that this show will be special because I know I am going to be seeing some old friends and fans that have not seen me play for many years."

Music continues to be a regular part of Amanda's life behind the scenes and she has no plans to leave music behind.

"I am always picking up my guitar anytime I am feeling inspired or needing a moment to tune out the world. I like to play some of my favourite covers or originals or spend time with my nine-year-old son and jam," Underhill says. "I notoriously write songs about life. I feel like even though I might not be as active publicly, musically it is always here and a part of my every day and I do not think that is ever going to change."

For Am&a fans, the performance next month offers a rare chance to catch Amanda live and celebrate an artist whose connection to music has endured through changing priorities, career demands and time. This concert is an opportunity to look back on her musical journey while looking ahead to what the next chapter might bring.

Am&a performs at The Copper Mug located on Thursday, Nov. 19. The show starts at 8 p.m. and is a free event with no cover charge. You can follow Amanda on her official social media page at www.facebook.com/musicbyamanda

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Gemini junior volleyball boys enjoying flipping their regular season script

JEFF TRIBE
Post Correspondent

Rudy Lofthouse has seen both sides of the coin.

And he greatly prefers the shinier option.

Last year, the Tillsonburg Gemini junior boys' volleyball team sported a 1-5 Thames Valley Regional Athletics Southeast record at this point of the regular season.

Tuesday, Oct. 20 at home to the St. Thomas Parkside Stampeders, an older, more experienced Gemini squad completed flipping that script with a 25-17, 25-11, 23-25, 25-19 victory, giving them a 5-1 mark on the campaign.

"Big turnaround," said Lofthouse. "Nice being on the other side."

The win over Parkside also displayed its own two sides. In the opening pair of sets, the Gemini were firing on all cylinders, controlling play and powering home points en route to clear victories.

"They were on, they were passing, they were hitting, doing all the volleyball things," said coach Melissa Jacko.

The next two sets were not at that level, she admitted.

"But they still managed to get the win."

The third set proved a bit of a grind for both sides, neither team able to establish sustained momentum, with the visitors prevailing down the stretch. Tillsonburg gutted out a victory in the fourth, riding an eight-point boost with Logan Deleye at the service line, expanding Tillsonburg's lead to 15-7.

Middle Simon Platteeuw had a pair of blocks at the net resulting in points ten and 14, helping sustain and extend the run.

"Our games are built on momentum," he said. "We play well if our energy is up."

The Stampeders closed within 20-15 but then helped the Gemini cause, giving away points 21, 22 and 25 on a long serve, kill wide and service into the net, respectively.

Tillsonburg had a strong couple of first sets, said setter Arthur Barr.

"And then it kind of slowed down."

"I think we need to push it through the whole match when we get ahead," added Lofthouse. "Don't think it's won."

There are things the Gemini can continue to work on, Barr suggesting hitting more, a process that starts with the first pass; Lofthouse mentioning better passing and reacting instead of watching the ball.

"But there's a lot of good things we're doing too," said Lofthouse. "I think we have a strong team," he added. "A lot of good kids who can all pass, hit, serve and block."

The Gemini's lone blemish on the regular season is a 25-16, 23-25, 25-20, 25-20 loss to the St. Thomas Central Elgin Titans. Tillsonburg's four wins include a five-set come-from-behind success (25-19, 24-26, 19-25, 25-20, 15-8) against perennial power Ingersoll DCI Blue Bombers.

As of Tuesday, the Gemini were looking ahead to two final regular season matchups, a road trip to St. Thomas St. Joe's Thursday, Oct. 22, and a finale Tuesday, Oct. 27 at home to the Woodstock St. Mary's Warriors, 5-0 as of Oct. 20, but facing the equally 5-0 Woodstock CI Red Devils on the 22nd.

"We've got a hard couple of games coming up," said Barr. "We've got be in top shape for them and the playoffs."

Apart from being a 'lot more fun', this year's record will give the Gemini better seeding to open the post-season says coach Jacko, a position she hopes to sustain and enhance through the final two games.

"Keep the momentum going," she concluded. "Finish the season strong and go into playoffs with some confidence and energy and excitement and see how we do."



(JEFF TRIBE PHOTO)
Gemini setter Arthur Barr (left) is an interested spectator as middle Rudy Lofthouse (right) unloads on a kill attempt.

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GEMINI	25, 15, 20, 25, 14
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20	
GEMINI	25, 25, 23, 25
PARKSIDE	17, 11, 25, 19

Torpedoes excel at first home pool meet

Tillsonburg Aquatic Torpedoes' swimmers came away with several first-place finishes and several impressive finishes at the Fall Kickoff, which is the first meet the team hosted. The meet was held on Oct. 17 and 18.

Results were as follows.

Girls 7-8 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 2 Di Stefano, June.

Girls 9-10 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 2- Robinson, Berkeley; 5 Pelletier, Evayne; 6 van Roekel, Miranda; 7 Brounstein, Finley; 12 Brounstein, River.

Girls 11-12 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 5 Di Stefano, Claire; 7 Northcott, Adelaide; 8 Martin, Violet; 10 Lower, Catherine; 11 Soos-McLaws, Kenzie; 12 Mccutchen, Emma; 13 Norrie, Emily.

Girls 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Stephens, Jenah; 4 Hammond, Maggie; 9 Hardeman, Ceci; 12 Scholten, Genevieve; 13 Juhasz, Jillian.

Girls 15-16 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 2 Woolley, Bridget; 5 Fowler, Stella.

Girls 17 & Over 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Willson, Isabel.

Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 14 Di Stefano, Clarke; 15 Fletcher, Christian; 16 Fowler, Warren.

Boys 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 4 Woolley, Liam; 6 Bruce, Evan; 8 Rocco, Eric.

Event 1 Boys 15-16 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Charlton, Matthew; 2 Leckie, Parker; 3 Edwards, Sawyer.

Event 2 Boys 15-16 50 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Kleinjan, Adam; 2 Charlton, Owen; 4 Cimen, Aydin.

Boys 17 & Over 50 SC Freestyle: 2 Charlton, Owen, second; 4 Cimen Aydin.

Girls 9-10 25 SC Meter Breaststroke: 1 van Roekel, Miranda; 2 Brounstein, Finley;

Girls 13-14 25 SC Meter Breaststroke: 1 Juhasz, Jillian.

Girls 7-8 100 SC Meter Breaststroke: 1 Di Stefano, June.

Girls 9-10 100 SC Meter Breaststroke: 1 Robinson, Berkeley.

Girls 11-12 100 SC Meter Breaststroke: 4 Martin, Violet; 5 Mccutchen, Emma.

Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter Breaststroke: 4 Cromwell-Matthews, Athena; 5 Juhasz, Jillian; 6 Scholten, Genevieve.

Girls 15-16 100 SC Meter Breaststroke: 2 Fowler, Stella.

Boys 11-12 100 SC Meter Breaststroke: 4 Di Stefano, Clarke; 8 Armstrong, Robbie.

Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Breaststroke: 1 Woolley, Liam.

Boys 17 & Over 100 SC Meter Breaststroke: 2 Kleinjan, Adam.

Girls 7-8 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Di Stefano, June.

Girls 9-10 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 2 Pelletier, Evayne; 6 Brounstein, River; 7 Brounstein, Finley.

Girls 11-12 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 2 Di Stefano, Claire; 5 Lower, Catherine; 6 Northcott, Adelaide; 7 Martin, Violet; 8 Mccutchen, Emma; 9 Soos-McLaws, Kenzie; 10 Norrie, Emily.

Girls 13-14 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Stephens, Jenah; 5 Hammond, Maggie; 6 Hardeman, Ceci; 9 Scholten, Genevieve.

Girls 15-16 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 3 Woolley, Bridget.

Girls 17 & Over 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Willson, Isabel.

Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 13 Fletcher, Christian; 14 Fowler, Warren.

Boys 13-14 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 4 Bruce, Evan; 6 Rocco, Eric.

Boys 15-16 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Charlton, Matthew; 2 Leckie, Parker; 4 Edwards, Sawyer.

Boys 17 & Over 50 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Kleinjan, Adam; 2 Charlton, Owen; 3 Cimen, Aydin.

Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter Butterfly: 1 Hammond, Maggie.

Boys 11-12 100 SC Meter Butterfly: 1 Armstrong, Robbie.

Boys 11-12 25 SC Meter Butterfly:1 Di Stefano, Clarke.

Girls 11-12 200 SC Meter Freestyle: 2 Di Stefano, Claire;

5 Northcott, Adelaide.

Event 15 Girls 11-12 100 SC Meter IM: 2 Lower, Catherine; 3 Norrie, Emily.

Event 15 Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter: 1 Stephens, Jenah; 4 Hardeman, Ceci; 5

Cromwell-Matthews, Athena.

Girls 15-16 100 SC Meter IM: 2 Woolley, Bridget.

Girls 17 & Over 100 SC Meter IM: 1 Willson, Isabel

Boys 11-12 100 SC Meter IM: 2 Armstrong, Robbie.

Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter IM: 1 Woolley, Liam; 2 Bruce, Evan.

Event 16 Boys 15-16 100 SC Meter IM: 1 Charlton, Matthew; 2 Edwards, Sawyer.

Boys 17 & Over 100 SC Meter IM: 1 Cimen, Aydin.

Mixed 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay: first - team of Kleinjan, Adam; Charlton, Owen; Edwards, Sawyer; Charlton, Matthew; third – team of Woolley, Bridget; Hammond, Maggie; Stephens, Jenah; Willson, Isabel; fourth – team of Woolley, Liam; Cimen, Aydin; Bruce, Evan; Leckie, Parker; fifth – team of Robinson, Berkeley; Northcott, Adelaide; Fowler, Stella; Cromwell-Matthews, Athena; ninth – team of Di Stefano, Clark; Rocco, Eric; Fowler, Warren; Armstrong, Robbie; tenth – team of Lower, Catherine; Norrie, Emily; Di Stefano, Claire; Soos-McLaws, Kenzie; 11th – team of Scholten, Genevieve; Mccutchen, Emma; Martin, Violet; Juhasz, Jillian; 12th – team of Brounstein, Finley; Di Stefano, June; Brounstein, River; Fletcher, Christian.

Girls 9-10 50 SC Meter Butterfly: 2 Robinson.

Event 18 Girls 11-12 50 SC Meter Butterfly: 4 Di Stefano, Claire; 5 Northcott, Adelaide.

Girls 13-14 50 SC Meter Butterfly: 1 Stephens, Jenah; 5 Hammond, Maggie; 8 Cromwell-Matthews, Athena.

Girls 15-16 50 SC Meter Butterfly: 2 Woolley, Bridget.

Girls 17 & Over 50 SC Meter Butterfly: 1 Willson, Isabel.

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Boys 17 & Over 50 SC Meter Butterfly: 1 Kleinjan, Adam; 2 Charlton, Owen; 3 Cimen, Aydin.

Girls 7-8 25 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Di Stefano, June.

Girls 9-10 25 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 van Roekel, Miranda; 3 Pelletier, Evayne.

Girls 11-12 25 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Martin, Violet; 2 Mccutchen, Emma; 3 Soos-McLaws, Kenzie.

Boys 11-12 25 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Fletcher, Christian; 2 Di Stefano, Clarke.

Girls 9-10 100 SC Meter Backstroke: 2 Robinson, Berkeley.

Girls 11-12 100 SC Meter Backstroke: 2 Lower, Catherine; 5 Northcott, Adelaide; 6 Norrie, Emily.

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Boys 11-12 100 SC Meter Backstroke: 3 Armstrong, Robbie.

Event 23 Boys 15-16 100 SC Meter Backstroke: 1 Charlton, Matthew; 2 Leckie, Parker; 3 Edwards, Sawyer.

Girls 7-8 50 SC Meter Breaststroke: 1 Di Stefano, June.

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Event 28 Girls 7-8 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Di Stefano, June.

Girls 9-10 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Pelletier, Evayne; 4 Brounstein, River; 5 van Roekel, Miranda; 6 Brounstein, Finley.

Girls 11-12 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Soos-McLaws, Kenzie.

Boys 11-12 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Fletcher, Christian.

Boys 13-14 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Bruce, Evan.

Boys 17 & Over 25 SC Meter Freestyle: 1 Kleinjan, Adam.

Girls 9-10 200 SC Meter IM: 1 Robinson, Berkeley.

Girls 11-12 200 SC Meter IM: 2 Di Stefano, Claire.

Girls 13-14 200 SC Meter IM: 1 Stephens, Jenah; 3 Hammond, Maggie.

Girls 15-16 200 SC Meter IM: 1 Woolley, Bridget.

Girls 17 & Over 200 SC Meter IM: 1 Willson, Isabel; 2 Armstrong, Robbie.

Boys 13-14 200 SC Meter IM: 2 Woolley, Liam.

Boys 15-16 200 SC Meter IM: 1 Charlton, Matthew; 2 Leckie, Parker; 3 Edwards, Sawyer.

Mixed 200 SC Meter Medley Relay: 1 – team of Charlton, Matthew; Kleinjan, Adam; Edwards, Sawyer; Leckie, Parker; 2 team of Woolley, Bridget; Willson, Isabel; Stephens, Jenah; Charlton, Owen. 3- team of Bruce, Evan; Woolley, Liam; Cimen, Aydin; Cromwell-Matthews, Athena; 4- team of Hardeman, Ceci; Di Stefano, Claire; Hammond, Maggie; Northcott, Adelaide; 7- team of Norrie, Emily; Robinson, Berkeley; Armstrong, Robbie; van Roekel, Miranda.

Mixed 200 SC Meter Medley Relay: 9- team of Mccutchen, Emma; Martin, Violet; Lower, Catherine; Soos-McLaws, Kenzie; 10- team of Brounstein, Finley; Di Stefano, June; Pelletier, Evayne; Brounstein, River.



Club Oxford sees Birds continue strong start

JEFF GWYN

Post Contributor

Club Oxford got back to its regular schedule after taking a Sunday off for Thanksgiving.

October 18

A Division

Birds 5, Fody's 0

Birds continues their strong start. They had a full team, which let them get some breathers during the game. They got scoring from all the lines tonight. Fody's got worn down as the game went on. They are still finding their legs and their lines early on.

Jeff Prouse had 2 assists for Birds. Cam Cluett had the shutout.

ReMax 6, Source 0

ReMax had the speed and pressure all night. They bounced back after a bad previous game. Equal scoring made each shift a danger for the other team. Source had trouble clearing their zone in this one. They did get some rush chances but couldn't get those needed second chances.

Jordan Kobayashi had four points for ReMax. Greg Buchner had the shutout for ReMax.

Royal LePage 3, Health Hut 3



(STUART BLOWER PHOTO)

B Line Trucking shut out Jeff Prouse Mortgages 4-0 in an Oct. 18 game in Club Oxford. B-Line is in first place in the league's B Division with an undefeated record.

Royal LePage saved the point with a late push to tie it up. They worked hard to keep things close and are using their full lineup. Health Hut seemed a bit more dominant in this one but couldn't build on their lead in the second. A very solid effort to secure a tie in a close A Division.

Chris Wilson had two points for Royal LePage. Brandon Velda had two goals for Health Hut.

B Division

Glass 5, Carquest 3

Glass was able to stage a late game comeback to win this one. They had their lines going and were able to bounce back with pressure of their own. Carquest had a strong start to the second, but just couldn't hold on late. They are starting to find their team game though.

Nate DaCosta had three points for Glass. Christian Devlin had two goals for Carquest.

Airmount 3, RND 1

Airmount played a strong defensive game and kept their net front clean all night. They had some good breakouts that led to chances in close. RND just couldn't find their own ice. While they did get some initial chances, they didn't get those rebounds on their sticks.

Ryan VanStemp had three assists for Airmount. Aiden Hopper had the goal for RND

B-Line 4, JP Mortgages 0

B-Line keeps rolling with their strong defense. Not many shots allowed in this one gave them opportunities in the offensive zone. JP Mortgages worked hard but couldn't break through in this one. They had limited chances which led to the goose egg.

Brayden Franklin had two goals for B-Line. Mark Gignac had the shutout.

October 21

JP Mortgages 3, Glass 3

JP Mortgages looked to be on their way to a win as they controlled the first half of the game. They had balanced scoring which helped keep the pressure on all night. Glass broke through in the second, and tilted the ice late. A solid comeback to earn a point on a night that didn't look good to start.

Jake Steenson had a goal and assist for JP Mortgages. Robert Adema had a goal for Glass.

Airmount 2, Carquest 2

A very even match up. Airmount was strong defensively as they did not let the pressure stay long in their zone. Some great rush chances gave them hope of a better result. Carquest looked better in this one. They had some great odd-man rushes that could have changed things. A well-deserved point.

JJ Harden has a goal and assist for Airmount. Keenan Brunklaus had two assists for Carquest.

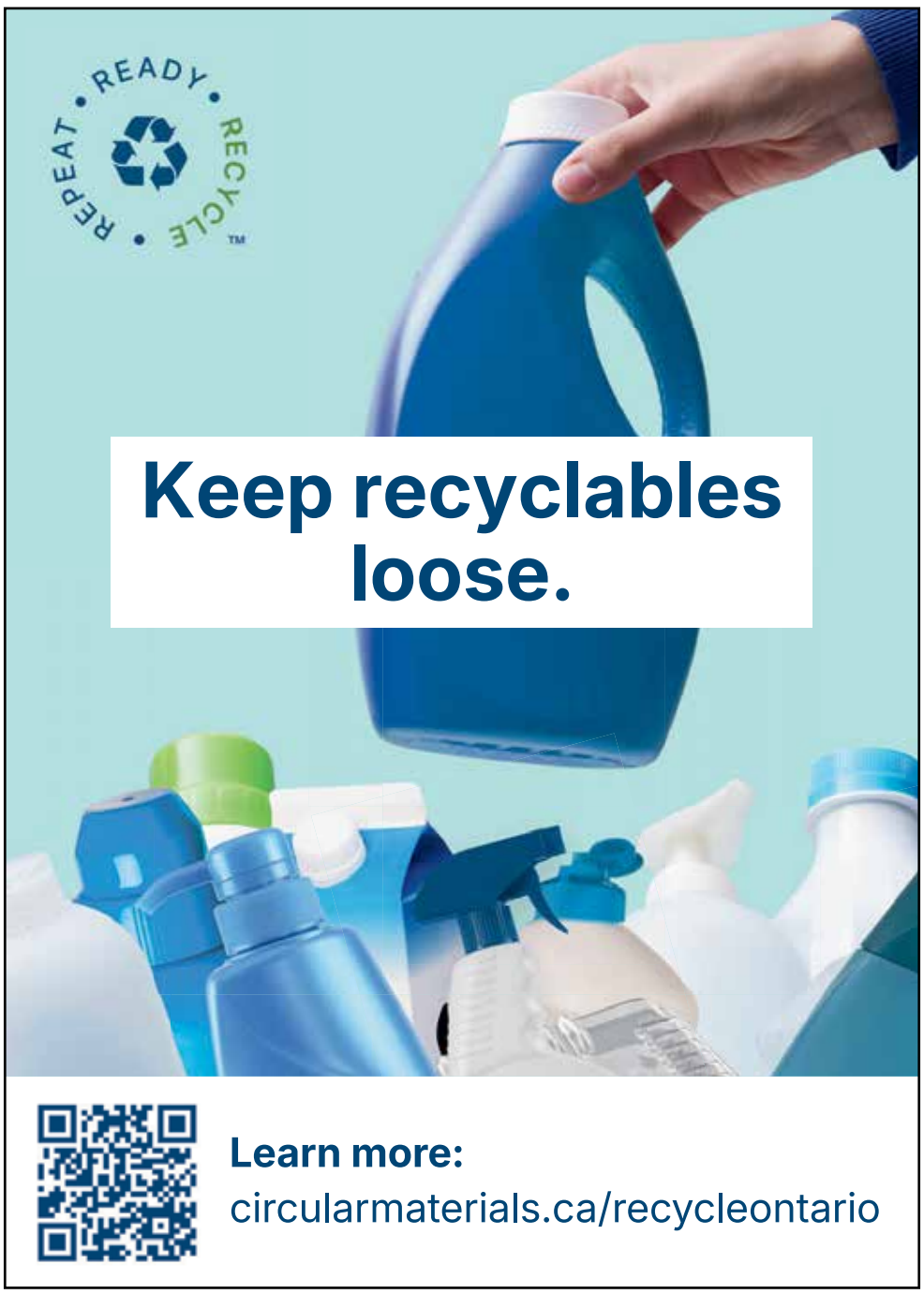
B-Line 4, RND 1

B-Line keeps playing a strong all-around game. They were dangerous every shift but also didn't let much happen in their own zone. Tough to beat that. RND didn't play bad, but they couldn't get things going in the offensive zone. They fought hard in the second to give themselves a chance but just couldn't find the back of the net.

Kevin Hmiel had a goal and assist for B-Line. Dimitri Carvalho had a goal for RND.

CLUB OXFORD A DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PTS
BIRDS GOLF	3	3	0	0	**6**
REMAX REALTY	3	2	1	0	**4**
HEALTH HUT	3	1	1	1	**3**
ROYAL LEPAGE REALTY	3	1	1	1	**3**
SOURCE FOR SPORTS	3	1	2	0	2
FODY'S AUTOMOTIVE	3	0	3	0	0

CLUB OXFORD B DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PTS
B-LINE TRUCKING	4	4	0	0	**8**
TILLSONBURG GLASS	4	2	1	1	**5**
RND CONSTRUCTION	4	2	2	0	**4**
AIRMOUNT FARMS	4	1	1	2	**4**
JEFF PROUSE MORTGAGES	4	0	2	2	**2**
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	4	0	3	1	**1**



Norwich Curling Club receives 70th-anniverary makeover

JEFF TRIBE

Echo Correspondent

Norwich's beloved curling 'barn' has received a functional makeover without interfering with its classic, historical beauty.

The Norwich District Curling Club was formed in 1956, beginning a 70-year run at the hockey and figure skating arena. In 1968, the current dedicated curling facility opened at 17 Phoebe Street, a classic wooden design constructed of Douglas Fir sourced from British Colombia.

This year's annual open house Saturday, Oct. 17 was jointly special, celebrating both seven decades as an institution of friendly competition within the community, and secondly, a brand-new cement sub-surface enhancing operational flexibility, ease and cost of maintenance, and ice quality.

The latter comes as the product of a $198,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, combined with a significant commitment from the club. Its contribution is based, says president Kate Hamilton, on fundraising activities including auctions and 'a whole lot of pot pies.' There were also over 900 volunteer hours contributed to the project Hamilton continued, testament to a dynamic board and membership.

"It's an example of community and volunteerism and the family of Norwich District Curling Club."

Hamilton has been a member since moving to Norwich 20 years ago. An avid athlete and sports fan, she was attracted by curling's inclusive nature. The club continues to welcome curlers from 90-plus on down to a vibrant 'little rocks' youth program offering both an entry point and competitive avenue for young curlers.

"Whatever your gender, skill level or age, we have a spot for you," said Hamilton.

The Carroll, Learn and Topham families are among those who have found a generationally-connected 'spot' at the club, and were recognized at the celebration.

The late Doug and Isabell Topham bowled in a Burgessville league in Norwich said their son Dave, pivoting to curling with its cessation around 1968. He began in Grade 9, sliding into his own 40-year tradition which has extended to wife Lois and their daughters Ellen and Gayle.



(JEFF TRIBE PHOTO)

The Norwich District Curling Club (NDCC) celebrated both 70 years of operation and significant upgrades to its ice-making process Saturday, October 17 in Norwich. The Carroll, Learn and Topham families were among those recognized for multi-generational participation and contribution. In the photo, are: (back row, left to right) Dick, Marlene and Graham Learn; NDCC President Kate Hamilton, and Ellen Burke, Gayle Topham and Dave Topham. In the front row are 'little rockers' Alex and Trevor Learn, and Charlie and Eli Burke.

"It just kind of came second nature," said Ellen. "Walking, and then curling right after that."

The attraction is a combination of community, curling and the people they agreed. There is definitely a competitive element to the sport, balanced though it is by its culture and the tradition of shared post-game beverages.

"And you're all friends again," Ellen smiled. "That's the best part of this sport."

"We don't play to lose," Dave added. "But don't care if I win."

The rules may be slightly different should Ellen and her husband Zack Burke, a curling convert - or perhaps more accurately, willing conscript - end up playing head-to-head. The ride home is accompanied by either her victory song, "Burn It To The Ground" by Nickelback, or Van Halen's "Panama" celebrating his win.

"It's better for everyone if I win," Ellen laughed.

But even with elevated bragging rights - and risks - on the line, it's still better the couple plays separately, she added.

"We don't exactly see eye-to-eye on strategy."

What the family does see eye-to-eye on is the value of a sport extending into a fourth generation, with Ellen's children Charlie and Eli enjoying the little rocks program. Gayle's two-and-a-half-month-old son, is expected to follow.

"I just wish mom and dad could see this," said Dave, celebrating a unique 'barn style' structure housing a fourth generation of fun, friendly competition and with the upgrades, a promising future.

"Not just Norwich," he concluded. "It draws in the whole area."



FALL BAZAAR (JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Mt. Elgin United Church held its annual fall bazaar on Oct. 17 in the church. The event featured woodworking, crafts, baking and much more. The show is an annual event.

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Thunder fall to Dunnville Aeros 9-3

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

The Tillsonburg Thunder were off the mark last Friday night in a road trip to Dunnville, falling 9-3 to the Aeros.

The Aeros were flying high in the first, starting with a goal with less than a minute off the clock, and then adding two more before the seven-minute mark. Tillsonburg's Aiden Cloet put the Thunder on the scoreboard, with a goal from Robert MacLean and Sebastian Guastadigsegni at 3:36 of the first.

It was a repeat pattern in the start of second, with Dunnville hitting the mesh three times before Tillsonburg struck back. This time it was Guastadigsegni's turn, after MacLean and Jusin Abraham provided the feed. Dunnville then added two more goals before the Thunder line that was hot for the night scored, with MacLean notching another and assistance from Cluet and Guastadigsegni.

The team decided to go another direction with its coaching, replacing head coach Terry Corbin with Brayden Walker, the team's former assistant coach.

The Thunder are on the road this weekend, playing in Elora on Friday and Milverton on Sunday.

Recycle your used pumpkin

The Great Pumpkin Rescue is returning this fall to the Tillsonburg Transfer Station, 50 Newell Road.

From Sunday, Nov. 1 to Saturday, Nov. 7, residents can drop off unneeded pumpkins, decorative squash, and gourds in the collection bin located in the yard waste area. Collected pumpkins, squash, and gourds can be repurposed into community meals and feed for local livestock, helping to reduce landfill waste.

Residents, businesses, restaurants, and farmers are also welcome to take the collected pumpkins, squash, and gourds for use in recipes, animal feed, and other purposes.

Donated pumpkins, squash, and gourds must be: free of paint, free of rot or rust, free of plastic, free of metal and free of wax.

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Welcome to "Just Ask Grannie Bobbie", Grannie wisdom for today's generation. Sponsored by ***The Numbers Game, running Nov 12th–Nov 22 at Theatre Tillsonburg****, this hilarious Canadian comedy is about second chances and asks the question: Do opposites really attract, or do they just drive each other crazy?*

Grannie Bobbie is a character in Theatre Tillsonburg's upcoming production of The Numbers Game. We never meet her, but she's full of wisdom and wit, and her advice guides the other characters. In partnership with the Post, Theatre Tillsonburg will share a sample of her advice through opening night. Feel free to enjoy her advice and even seek it out directly by emailing your questions to granniebobbie1@gmail.com

Opinions stated here are strictly those of Grannie Bobbie and not reflective of the paper or its editorial staff and are for Entertainment Purposes Only.

Dear Grannie Bobbie.

A few months ago, I saw some concerning texts on my husband's phone. It seems that this new young singer was eager to show my husband what she had. There were a few double-meaning statements and some flirting from her. Later in the conversation, she went on to say their first night in the studio was magical, and she can't wait for another session.

We have been married seven years, and we uprooted our lives and moved here so that he could take this job at the recording studio.

He doesn't admit it was an affair, but says it was correspondence in which he probably went overboard and admitted to being flattered by the attentions of a gregarious 20-something.

Since then, every Saturday he gets up early to beat the traffic and invites me to Port Stanley. Every week, I'd rather sleep in, stay home in my bath robe, and start the day slowly and gradually. Weekends are made for a cup of coffee and chilling, and that's what I want to do. I mean, at my age, over 50, who wants to go to the beach and see pretty 20-somethings remind you that your best body days are behind you? Not me!

He says he understands and stays home, but part of me worries about those crazy texts.

Do I check for more texts? Do I trust him? Do I have anything to worry about? What do I do Grannie Bobbie? Please help.

– Bathrobes are Better.

Dear Bathrobes are Better

Oh, Sweetie, and I can say sweetie because I'm much older than you, and I was around before pronouns were a thing, oh sweetie, get your head on straight! If he is cheating, then the Rooster has already left the henhouse, and what you do next is literally a whole other article!

If he isn't cheating, then this new attraction, and I'll wager the farm that she isn't wearing a bathrobe, will have his full attention in no time if you're not careful. So, smarten up. If your husband is eager to get out in the world - find a way and join him. Find a compromise. Clearly, he's been open to compromises since he didn't follow through on Port Stanley. My advice: get off the couch every other Saturday and join him. If the beach has your knickers in a knot, then suggest somewhere else as carefree and fun as a day on the water.

As for trust, fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me. So, until you are sure you've wrangled his attention back where it belongs, a discreet peek or two at his phone costs nothing and can confirm his true intentions.

I always say, push through life's challenges with grace. There is always a way to turn mistakes into lessons and strength.

Thinking of you and yours.

Your Grannie Bobbie.

Curling club planning for Community Service Bonspiel



ON THE BROOM

NORA PETER

Tillsonburg Post Columnist

Several people from the community took advantage of the free Try Curling nights during our intro week. We're hoping that many will choose to join our membership.

If someone is still interested in learning the game, there is an Adult Learn to Curl Program that begins in the first week of November and runs for six weeks. The times available for this course are Tuesday 7:45 – 9 p.m. or Sunday 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. The cost for six weeks is $150, which includes two grippers and brooms and other equipment, which will be supplied by the club. If you choose to join the club, the $150 will be applied to your membership fee. This is a good option to try the full weekly experience of curling which might not come from a single night of curling.

All regular curling leagues got in to action this week, with members getting back out on the ice all week. The only group not curling this week were the youth curlers, who will start next week. There is still room in the league for more young curlers – check the club website for more information.

As the season shifts into full gear, we have some popular events coming up. Our first fundraising event is the very popular progressive euchre night to be held on Saturday, Nov. 7. This fun night is open to non-members, friends, family, members, and starts at 7 p.m. sharp with an entry fee of $20 per player and includes fun, snacks and prizes. Please register at the club or on-line at CurlTillsonburg.com so that organizers have enough tables for play.

Jayden King is bringing "elite" curling teams to our club again from Nov. 19-22 for our first club bonspiel, the Broken Broom Tobacco Belt Cashspiel, featuring 18 men's and 18 women's teams from as far away as Asia and as close as Tillsonburg. The teams are looking to win some cash and earn some points to boost their CTRS or WTRS scores. The play begins Thursday, Nov. 19 at noon and concludes with finals at 5 p.m. on Sunday. You are welcome and encouraged to come and view some of the upcoming young teams from Ontario as well as Northern Ontario, PEI, Switzerland, Germany, Japan and Korea!!

Speaking of Team King and Jayden – the team has already competed in five tour events. The team earned a semi-final berth at the Stu Sells Toronto Tankard. They were defeated by Team Kapp from Germany who went on to win the event. The team currently ranks 7th in Canada and 22nd in the world. This past weekend the team competed in the Henderson Metal Fall Classic in Sault Ste Marie. They were defeated by the USA team Shuster, then Team Dunstone to fall quickly to the win or you're out C Event. They won three games to qualify for the playoff round of eight teams. They lost to Team Epping in the quarter-finals but were happy to qualify in this event with the caliber of teams participating. More good news for Team King - Jayden and Coach Morgan Lavell have been awarded a Petro-Canada Face Grant, for $10,000, which supports young, future athletes and coaches in their continued development and pursuit of excellence. Congratulations for this wonderful recognition of your goals.

There are two upcoming annual club bonspiels – the 9th Mixed Fall Classic on Saturday, Nov. 28 and the 69th Community Service Bonspiel on Wednesday, Dec. 2. I know that invites have been sent out to teams that participated in last year's spiels, but both are 16 team spiels and convenors hope to fill both draws. Don't be disappointed get your entries in early.

Curling rocks!



THE HAUNT CONTINUES (JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

After a busy opening weekend that saw more than 1,300 people through The Haunt on the second floor of the Tillsonburg Town Centre, the event will continue on October. 29 and 30, 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission to the event is $2 or a food bank donation per person. This witch is just one of the haunting experiences that visitors will see, and definitely not the scariest.

WEEKEND QUIZ

by Jake Grant

1. Who played the role of Hannah Montana?
2. Andy Bernard from "The Office", attended what University?
3. How many Prime Ministers has Canada had?
4. What year was Make-A-Wish Foundation founded?
5. What major network bought Warner Brothers?
6. What is the name of Thor's hammer?
7. A 24-clock is known as, _____ time.
8. What was Rasputin's cause of death?
9. Who was the first female commander of NASA's Space Shuttle?
10. Ascorbic acid is commonly referred to as what?

This week's answers are found on pg. 27

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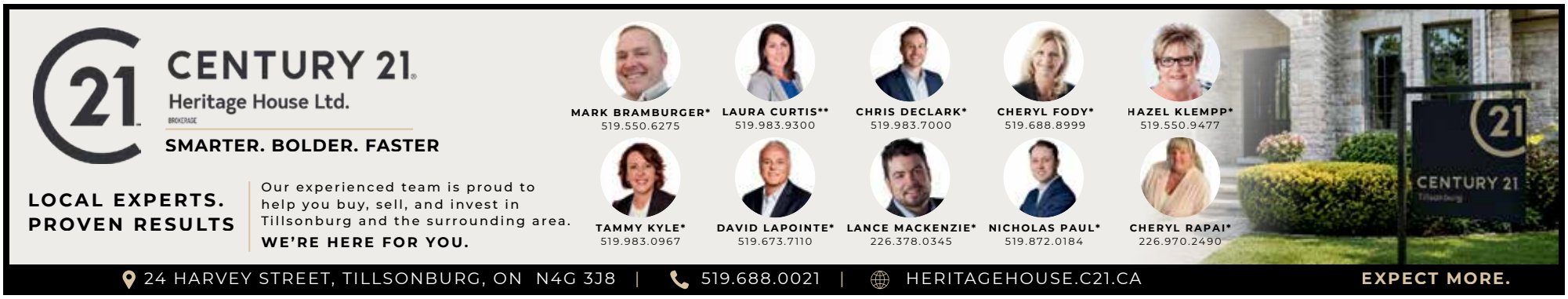

OCTOBER 30 | 7 PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO
Saint Mary's Parish Hall [Church basement], 137 Rolph Street, Tillsonburg.
Cost $2 for 3 card strip per game. Doors open 6:30 for 7 pm game. Prize $30 per "BINGO". Sponsored by Tillsonburg Knights. Food and cash bar available.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 30 | 5 - 6 PM
MEATLOAF SUPPER
Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham St, Tillsonburg, ON
While quantites last! Only $18 cash includes mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dessert, coffee and tea. All Welcome!

OCTOBER 31 | 7 - 11 PM
LEGION HALLOWEEN DANCE
Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham St, Tillsonburg, ON
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OCTOBER 31 | 6 - 8 PM
TRICK OR TREAT AT BALDWIN PLACE
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Fun crafts, a chance to do some early Christmas shopping, snacks, games, music, story and of course... a hot meal. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

NOVEMBER 9 | 6 PM
TILLSONBURG FAIRBOARD ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS
Tillsonburg Fairboard Office

NOVEMBER 9 | 7:30 PM
DELHI & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING
Delhi Friendship Centre, 418 Queen St., Delhi, ON
GUEST SPEAKER - Riem's Family Nursery, Specializing in Canadian Roses - Come out and join us. Enter at the parking lot off William Street.

NOVEMBER 13 | 12:30 PM
KEN LIGHTHEART AND THE NORTHSHORE RAMBLERS
Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham St, Tillsonburg, ON
Only $7 cash at the door. All Welcome!

NOVEMBER 14 | 1 - 4 PM
AUTHENTIC VICTORIAN TEA & MUSICALE
184 Oxford St., Ingersoll
Early Bird tickets: $50 https://sycamore-centre.raiselysite.com/ OR at ThriftCo, 50 Thames St.S. Gents & Ladies come assist Sycamore Centre drop-in space & the new transitional house Sycamore Home. https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=sycamore%20centre. Tasty edibles; refined entertainment; borrow costumes; photo-booth; prizes; purchases; Fun! Ph519 990 1240 Emailpeacetpau@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 14 | 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
'MISTLETOE MAGIC' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
St. Mary's Church, TILLSONBURG
St. Mary's CWL would like to invite you to their annual Christmas bazaar. With two locations you are sure to find something special. **In the Parish centre** you will find the Penny Table, handcrafted items made especially for you, greenery for all your outdoor Christmas decorating needs, homemade baked goods, fresh produce and preserves. **In the church hall** we offer indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations, tables laden with quality jewelry, fine clothing, as well as kitchen and miscellaneous items and the Silent Auction. A delicious lunch will be also be available. Join us for soup, sandwich, dessert and coffee or tea in the Bistro. We are fully accessible, with free admission. Please bring a bag or two to carry home your purchases. Located on Rolph St. in Tillsonburg. We thank you for your continued support.

NOVEMBER 14 | 10 AM - 2 PM
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
60 Young St., Tillsonburg
Baking, Cabbage rolls, Canning, Crafts, Gently used Christmas decor. Luncheon available, Soup, Roll & Dessert, Tea & Coffee.

NOVEMBER 21 | 7 - 10 PM
BRITISH BEAT 66
Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham St, Tillsonburg, ON
Check out the band at http://www.britishbeat66.com. Tickets are $30.00 available at the Tillsonburg Legion. For more information call 519-842-5281.

ONGOING CLASSES, CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
OTTER VALLEY TAI CHI
St. John's Anglican Church, 46 Ridout St. W., Tillsonburg
Spots still available in new Monday morning and Thursday afternoon classes. Mondays 9:00 – 10:30 am Introduction, 10:30 – 11:30 am Foundations. Thursdays 2:00 – 3:30 pm Introduction, 3:30 – 4:30 pm Foundations. Enjoy gentle exercise with others as you work to improve flexibility, balance and stamina. Call 519-688-9779, email ottervalley@canadiantaichiacademy.org, visit canadiantaichiacademy.org

WEDNESDAYS | 6 - 7:30 PM
CANADIAN TAI CHI ACADEMY
TILLSONBURG
Classes take place at St Paul's United Church, Fox Alley South entrance off Ridout Street
Continuing sessions and Lok Hup occur from 7:30 – 8:30 PM. Additional practice sessions are available Fridays from 10:00 – 11:00AM. For more information: Email: tillsonburg@canadiantaichiacademy.org, Website: canadiantaichiacademy.org. Everyone welcome. Improve your health.

3RD TUE. OF MONTH | 6:30 - 8:30 PM
CAREGIVER CONNECTION
Revel Realty Woodstock, 111 Huron Street (Virutal/ hyrbid options available)
Are you worried about your child or youth? Parents and Caregivers for Mental Health (PCMH) is here to listen, support, and walk alongside you on this journey. Our free Caregiver Connection peer support groups offer parents and caregivers a community of support. Can't make it in person? Join one of our virtual or hybrid groups! **Visit family. cmho.org or email oxfordcounty@pcmh.ca for more information.**

OXFORD COUNTY DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM
Appointments are available at Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital and by phone
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MONDAYS | 7 - 9 PM
MODERN SQUARE DANCING IS FOR YOU!
Thames Valley Dance Club
Looking for something to do in the evening or something new to try? Modern square dancing is a great way to learn something new, have fun, meet new friends, relieve stress, and get some exercise! All you need is comfortable shoes and casual clothing. No experience or partner is required and anyone over the age of 12 is welcome (children from 12-15 with an adult, please). **The 2025-2026 season has started at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St. S. Ingersoll.** The first night is free, and after that the cost is $7.50 per person each Monday, paid monthly at the start of the month. For more information, contact Julie at 519-535-3314.

2ND TUES. OF MONTH (SEPT. TO MAY) | 2 - 4 PM
4TH TUES. OF MONTH (SEPT. TO MAY) | 7 - 9 PM
OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Church of the Epiphany, 560 Dundas Street, Woodstock Ontario N4S 1C7
If you have never belonged to a stamp club, now's the time. Meet new friends, grow your knowledge and collection. Contact: Don Eaton dheaton3e3@gmail.com. Website: http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford

3RD WED. OF MONTH | 10 AM - NOON

COMING EVENTS

LYNN RIVER PROBUS CLUB
Army, Navy & Air Force Club, Simcoe, ON. Corner of Water St. and Culver St. Simcoe. Enter via Culver St.
Our retired and semi-retired members enjoy diverse interest groups, friendship and fellowship. We have interesting speakers at our monthly meetings as well as time to socialise.
Current and prospective members are welcome to join us at the Army, Navy & Air Force Club, Simcoe, which is on the corner of Water St. and Culver St. Simcoe. Enter via Culver St. For more information, please visit our website at: lynnriverprobus239.com or email lynnriverprobus239@gmail.com

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TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM
SATURDAYS | 10 AM - 12 PM
LEARN BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU (BJJ)
North Broadway Baptist Church
Thanks to donor support, we've been able to purchase mats and uniforms, and our instructors generously volunteer their time. This isn't a business—any donations go straight back into the program to help buy more uniforms, mats, and equipment. If it's within your means, a $20 monthly donation helps support the program, but if not, classes are completely free. **Classes are open to anyone 14 and older.** If you'd like to try a class, please arrive about 15 minutes early to sign waivers and get fitted for a uniform. Information can be found at: https://www.northbroadwaychurch.ca/nbmfa, https://www.facebook.com/northbroadwaymfa, https://www.instagram.com/northbroadwaymfa/ Inquires can be made at: nbmfa@northbroadwaychurch.ca

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EVERY OTHER FRIDAY | 1 - 4 PM
BE FALL-ISH AND COME TO THE INGERSOLL COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE
Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St. S., Ingersoll
Join us, walk ins welcome. Qualifications - love 50-70's country music. Perform, listen, dance & enjoy! October 16 & 30, November 6 & 20, and December 4.

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
TILLSONBURG BRIDGE CLUB
Two games weekly at the Tillsonburg Senior Centre - 45 Hardy Ave.
SOCIAL BRIDGE - Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. A relaxed, friendly game for learners, returners and everyone else.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE - Fridays, 1:00 p.m. Still friendly, but a bit more structured and competitive.
Please arrive 10 minutes early.
Questions? tburgbridge@gmail.com or FB: TburgBridge

SATURDAYS, JUNE 6 - SEPT. 19 | 10 AM - 4 PM
PLATTSVILLE & DISTRICT HERITAGE SOCIETY
2026 EXHIBIT - HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS THAT BRING US TOGETHER
Archive & Museum at Chesterfield, 816661 Oxford Rd 22, Bright (June 20 - visit us at Plattsville 175)
Donations accepted. Refreshments.
For private viewing email plattsvilledistrictheritage@gmail.com or call 519.535.1417.

1ST AND 3RD TUES. OF MONTH
TILLSONBURG LIONS
The Tillsonburg Lions meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. You are invited to their dinner meetings in the Lion's Den at the Community Centre. If you are interested in giving back to your Community contact Jim at 519 409 0876 for more information.....all are welcome.

1ST WED. OF MONTH | 7 PM
WAGNER MEMORIAL TEETERVILLE LEGION BRANCH 526 - MEMBERS GENERAL MEETING
The Wagner Memorial Teeterville Legion Branch 526 - 3890 Teeterville Road, Teeterville, ON
Not a member? Contact us to join. For More Information Call, the Legion 519-443-5588. www.teetervillelegionbranch526.ca

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS? WE WELCOME YOU!
The Wagner Memorial, Teeterville Legion Branch 526 - 3890 Teeterville Road, Teeterville, ON
You do not need to be a member to Volunteer, Just contact the legion and leave your name and number and purpose of your call. Someone will get back to you as to where you might be needed. Students and Adults welcome. **Open hours. Wed.-Fri. 3 pm-10 pm, Sat.1 pm-10 pm, Sun.1 pm-6 pm. For More Information call, the Legion at 519-443-5588 or teetervillelegionbranch526.ca**

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Contact us today to learn more about VON Oxford Supportive Care Programs: Email: oxford.griefsupport@von.ca, Phone: 1-888-866-7518. All Programs are Free-of-charge.



BLAZING FIDDLES (JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

St. Paul's United Church hosted the Blazine Saddles on October. 18. The group have performed for hundreds of thousands of people globally over the last 10 years. The Toronto-based fiddle group regularly performs on Grand River Cruises in Brantford.

MEET THE PEOPLE OF THE MEMORIAL VETERAN BANNERS

JACK AND ELEANOR CAMPBELL

Jack Campbell and Eleanor Davis came from very different backgrounds. Jack was from a working- class area of London, Ontario. Eleanor grew up in small-town Tillsonburg, the daughter of an optometrist/ jewelry store proprietor. Jack enlisted in the RCAF shortly after World War II began. During the war, he was stationed in Hagersville, Summerside PEI and Centralia. When the war began, Eleanor was in training as a lab technician at Beck Sanatorium in London. After graduation she joined the RWAC and was stationed in London at various hospitals throughout the war.

Jack and Eleanor met New Year's Eve in 1943. They married in March of that year. After the war they lived in London and Toronto, eventually moving to Eleanor's hometown in 1955. They remained in Tillsonburg, working in and for the community until their deaths, Eleanor in 2000 and Jack in 2010.

Typical of their cohort, they spoke little to their family about their military service. They were very proud veterans. Jack attended most November 11th Remembrance Day ceremonies up to the year before his death.

While they may not have talked about their service and experiences, they never forgot that time, and more importantly, their comrades. That is what they would ask of us, Lest We Forget.



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RIDDLES

What two things can you never eat for breakfast?

Lunch and dinner.

I make a loud sound when I'm changing. When I do change, I get bigger but weigh less. What am I?

Popcorn.

I'm orange, I wear a green hat and I sound like a parrot. What am I?

A carrot.

What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves?

A fence.

Take off my skin — I won't cry, but you will! What am I?

An onion.

What has a bottom at the top?

Your legs.

What can you catch but never throw?

A cold.

What has many teeth but cannot bite?

A comb.

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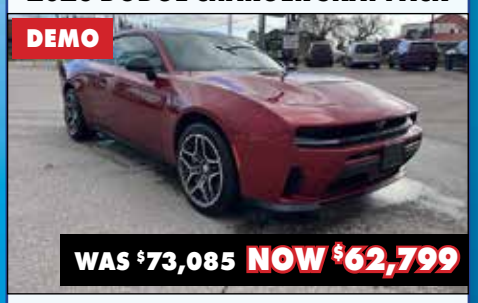

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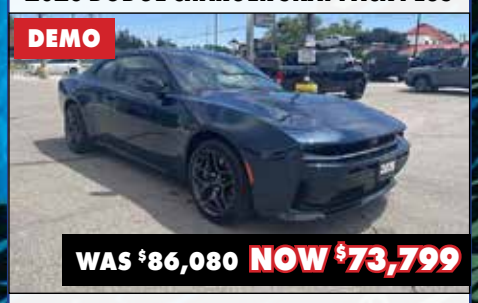

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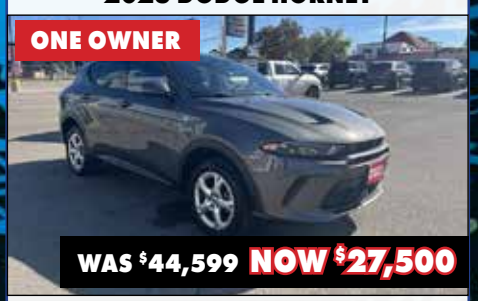

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OBITUARY

"KATIE" CATHERINE MARGARET SANDERS

(SEPT. 23, 1937 – OCT. 20, 2026)



It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our much-loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, "Katie" Catherine Margaret Sanders, on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at the age of 89. Born in Cochrane, daughter of the late Demeter Pal and Elizabeth (nee Bolog) Pal. In her younger years, Katie was employed with General Electric, Oakville. After marrying the love of her life, Bill Sanders (predeceased Sept. 2, 2008), they settled in Otterville and became the proprietors of the former Sanders Mart (variety, gas bar, Sears Agent in Otterville). Later in life they escorted large vehicles together all over the United States. Katie will be remembered for her skill in making homemade purses over the years. She really enjoyed playing board games and card games whenever possible (and she had a reputation as an 'advantage' player). Crochet was a lifelong hobby of Katies- she taught her granddaughter Brooke from a young age.

Always a loving mother and mother-in-law to her late son Bill Sanders Jr. (April 18, 2010), Joe (Valerie) Sanders, of Norwich; Michael (Joni) Sanders, of Tillsonburg; Christine Verduyn, of Bowmanville and to her bonus daughter Sandra Armstrong, of Tillsonburg. Very proud grandmother to Kristopher (Jamie Lee), Levi, Laura, Zachary, Brooke (Camilo) and James. Special great-grandmother to Sawyer Newbery-Sanders. Katie is predeceased by her siblings Frank Pal, Helen Ryde (late Eugene), and Elizabeth Vetek (late Joseph).

Friends, neighbours and relatives were invited to attend public visitation on Monday, October 26th, 2026, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Home Chapel, 262 Broadway, Tillsonburg. Further visitation was held on Tuesday, October 27th, between 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Funeral Service followed on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., led by Rev. James Rowbottom, of Grace Family Bible Fellowship, Courtland. Interment followed in Tillsonburg Cemetery. Everyone who knew Katie is invited to share special memories and photos, express personal condolences or contribute memorial donations to "Lakeridge Health Bowmanville" or to the "Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation" via Katie's online tribute page at www.verhoevefuneralhomes.com or by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes (519) 842-4238, entrusted with all funeral arrangements, with confidence.

"The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the four PSW's that Katie would all call her 'favourite': Kristy, Stephanie, Michelle and Amanda. Your thoughtful care will always be remembered. Also, a heartfelt thank you to the team in the emergency department and the C.C.U at Lakeridge Health Bowmanville for the excellent care provided to Katie over these past months."

OBITUARY

LIONEL GEORGE TREMBLEY

(MAY 12, 1937 – OCTOBER 20, 2026)



Passed away, peacefully, on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, Lionel George Trembley, at the age of 89. Lionel was born in Simcoe, son of the late Wesley and Vera (Gilbert) Trembley. A lifelong resident of Simcoe, for 35 years, Lionel was employed with the former Canada Wire and Cable. Lionel was a caring uncle to: Chris Pratt (Don), of Barrie; Late Wes Trembley (1989) (surviving wife Greta), of Delhi; Wanda Jacobs (Ed), of LaSalette; late Pat Trembley (2023) (surviving wife Deb), of Delhi; Mike Trembley (Diana), of Lambeth; Joan Trembley (Dave Jacobs), of Barrie; Rob Trembley (Joanne), of Delhi; Wyatt Trembley (Linda), of Waterford; Ross Baskerville; Jeff Baskerville; Lee Ann Trembley; and Kevin Trembley. Also survived by many great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his siblings Ronald Trembley, Bob Trembley (late Jean), and Joan Baskerville (late Dave).

In keeping with Lionel's expressed wishes, cremation has taken place. Everyone who knew Lionel is invited to share favourite memories and photos, express personal condolences or contribute memorial donations to the "Salvation Army" (Simcoe) or to the Simcoe Caring Cupboard Food Bank via Lionel's online tribute page at www.verhoevefuneralhomes.com or by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes, 262 Broadway, Tillsonburg (519) 842-4238, entrusted with cremation arrangements.

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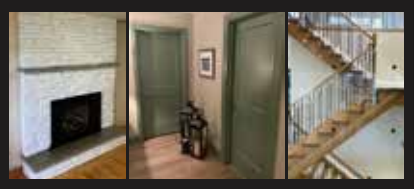
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