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Candidates speak out on budget expectations

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

As part of its coverage leading up to October's municipal election, the Tillsonburg Post talked to the mayoral and councillor candidates about their thoughts on the 2027 budget.

This is the first week of ongoing coverage talking about the issues that are important to people of Tillsonburg when they cast their votes next month. All candidates were e-mailed questions, which they responded to, within word limits.

If there are issues you would like tackled here in coming weeks, please share

your ideas about municipal issues – not provincial or federal - at jeff@granthaven.com

As background, under provincial Strong Mayor's legislation many municipalities across the province were given Strong Mayor's powers. This legislation mandates that the mayor sets the budget, with assistance from staff. Council is then given opportunities to amend the budget after the proposed document is shared with them. In 2026, council approved the budget with no amendment to what was proposed by Mayor Deb Gilvesy.

The questions submitted to the mayor candidates were:

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Wings and Wheels coming this weekend

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Vintage aircraft and cars combined make one of the largest car shows in the area.

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association's annual Wings and Wheels event is scheduled for Sept. 12 at the Tillsonburg Airport. Last year's event attracted between 4,000 and 5,000 people to see 600

vintage cars, plus the Harvard aircraft. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

One change this year is that patrons are being asked to access the airport from Cranberry Line and Airport Road, as the volume of attendees can cause traffic if everyone enters from Highway 19 at Airport Road.

If the event is rescheduled due to weather, organizers will reach out through social media and news outlets to spread the word.

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(CHRIS ABBOTT PHOTO)

The fireworks at the Summer Send-Off Spectacular on Sunday were truly spectacular, and the crowd gathered at Tillsonburg's Memorial Park loved the show. Organized by the Town of Tillsonburg after technical problems during the Canada Day fireworks, the event featured an evening of fun, entertainment, and community spirit. More photos on page 6.

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Wings and Wheels event draws huge crowds

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Asked about the success of the event, John Britton, Harvard association vice-president, said it's a combination of factors. The event has been going on for several years, so car show patrons know it's the second weekend in Tillsonburg. The Harvard rides are another draw – last year there were 35 to 40 – plus there are food vendors and a kid's zone.

"It's orientated towards families," he said. "There's a lot of appeal for different folks."

Tillsonburg Cruisers help organize the car portion of the show.

Wings and Wheels is the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association's largest fundraiser of the year. Britton explained it takes \$5,000 to \$8,000 to keep these vintage trainers flying. In addition, annual fuel costs exceed \$50,000, on top

of building maintenance and restoration costs.

The association likes to keep at least four of its eight Harvards and one Yale flying.

"The air shows usually like four planes flying in a formation," Britton said.

The association is close to getting CFB-BZT in the air for a fifth plane. The Canadian Car and Foundry company in Thunder Bay built this plane. It last flew in 1961-62, and was donated to the association by former president Greg 'Buzz' Tyrell.

"Everything has been checked over, corrosion was addressed, the engine rebuilt and a new propeller installed - it's a beautiful airplane," Britton said.

Admission is by donation. Vintage cars pay \$10 for registration.



(FILE PHOTO)

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association's annual Wings and Wheels event is slotted for this Saturday at the Tillsonburg Airport. Organizers ask that attendees access the airport from Cranberry Line due to the volume of traffic.

Town of Tillsonburg reminds residents that E-Scooters are not permitted on public property

STAFF

Tillsonburg Post

The Town of Tillsonburg is reminding residents that electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) are currently not permitted for use on municipal roads, sidewalks, trails, parks, or other public property within the community.

An e-scooter is defined by the province as a vehicle with two wheels, a platform to stand on, handlebars for steering, and an electric motor of up to 500 watts capable of a maximum speed of 24 km/h on a level surface.

While Ontario established an e-scooter pilot program in 2020, municipal participation is voluntary. Under the pilot program, municipalities must pass a bylaw opting in before e-scooters can legally operate on municipal infrastructure. Lo-

cally, Tillsonburg has not passed a bylaw to participate in the pilot program, and town council has not yet considered or approved participation. As a result, e-scooters have never been authorized for use on public property in Tillsonburg.

"This is just a reminder to citizens about what the current law is the provincial Highway Traffic Act until council has an opportunity to review it," said Mayor Deb Gilvesy.

A report on e-scooters will be on a council agenda in the near future, perhaps as soon as the next meeting.

Ontario's pilot program allows municipalities to determine whether e-scooters are appropriate for their communities and, if approved, where they may be operated and parked. The program also establishes requirements related to vehicle specifications, rider age, speed limits,

lighting, and safety equipment. Municipalities that choose to participate are required to pass local bylaws and provide operational and safety information to the province.

Mayor Deb Gilvesy said the Town wants to ensure residents clearly understand the current rules.

"We want residents to understand that this is not a case of the town changing the rules," Gilvesy explained. "E-scooters have never been permitted in Tillsonburg under the current provincial pilot framework, which requires municipalities to formally opt in and establish local rules by bylaw before they can be used on municipal infrastructure. Until that process is considered and any necessary local rules are in place, e-scooters remain prohibited on municipal roads, sidewalks, trails and public spaces."

Residents should be aware that the use of e-scooters on public property in Tillsonburg remains prohibited and is subject to enforcement by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and municipal bylaw enforcement officers. Individuals who do not comply with applicable provincial regulations, the Highway Traffic Act, or municipal bylaws may be subject to fines or other penalties.

The town has received inquiries regarding e-scooter use and wishes to clarify that owning or purchasing an e-scooter does not make it legal to operate on public roads, sidewalks, trails, parks, or other public property within Tillsonburg.

Residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with provincial regulations and municipal bylaws before using personal mobility devices in public spaces.



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EDITORIAL

The world changed on 9/11

When two hijacked jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center 25 years ago on Sept. 11, 2021, a succession of events followed that changed the world.

It was one of the moments that was etched in people's memories for eternity – everyone remembers where they were, be it at home, at work, downtown running errands, on vacation, or on their honeymoon. Time literally stood still for a day.

Panic ensued moments after the crash – world leaders and air traffic controllers were scrambling unsure of what was next. Planes were grounded, including numerous trans-Atlantic flights into Gander, Newfoundland.

Although people around the world know the story from Gander – as it's now an award-winning musical – those who have flown into Gander have a better concept of how massive an undertaking this truly was. About 7,000 people landed in a town of 11,000 with no warning, at an airport that typically wouldn't see 38 planes in an entire week. The people of Gander welcomed the visitors with open arms.

Other changes unfolded in the days that followed. The United States rightfully retaliated, launching Operation Enduring Freedom, or what became known as the Afghanistan war.

Canada stood beside their American allies – 159 Canadians died before our troops returned home. Travel across the American border, once simple with proof of citizenship, changed and soon required passports.

There was talk amongst the world's religious leaders about more understanding between faiths after the attacks. Unfortunately, that hasn't occurred, with religious wars continuing to this day.

Fast-forward to today. The contributions of the past, with Canadians standing arm in arm with their American brethren, seem to be lost on the current U.S. president. The ongoing trade dispute is one matter, but even joking about Canada becoming part of the U.S. is a slap in the face to the 159 Canadians who died in Afghanistan, and Canadians in general.

However, as Canadians, we need to set that aside tomorrow, be the bigger people, and pay tribute to 9/11 as the tragedy it truly was. Canadians died in the World Trade Centre, as well as people from many countries around the globe.

We also shouldn't take one man's remarks as representative of a nation, since many of us have received unsolicited apologies from Americans about how we are being treated.

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(ANDREW STANCEK PHOTO)

Laughter and love might be the only medicine you really need



**EVERYONE
HAS A
STORY
TO TELL**

ROBIN KRAFFT

Tillsonburg Post Columnist

Thinking back on a lifetime of achievements, John Ludington's sparkling sense of humour took centre stage.

"I was born in Woodstock in 1940 on the coldest night of the year," Ludington said. "The doctor gave me a slap. The nurse gave me a slap. The orderly gave me a slap. My dad gave me a slap, and I finally started to cry. They say I'm slap happy!"

John grew up on an estate on the outskirts of Woodstock, previously owned by the Boyle family. "The Firs" and the surrounding 50 acres, were acquired by Charles Boyle in the 1890s, and there he established his stables and embarked on his noteworthy role in Canadian horseracing. His son, known as Klondike Joe Boyle, is one of Canada's little known heroic figures.

John described a wonderful family life in his early years, before he went off to the University of Toronto, graduating in 1963 as an electrical engineer.

"Anything you want to know about vacuum tubes or old radios, I'm your guy," Ludington said.

It's a humble joke, considering the number of times

he was headhunted by big companies and schools who wanted to hire him for his skills, knowledge and expertise.

He worked for Northern Electric, and then TRW Canada as a plant engineer in Collingwood, before switching gears and teaching high school math and physics in Stayner.

John taught at various high schools for 11 years. Schools were sometimes overcrowded in the '70s, and he spent plenty of time in small rooms with just a blackboard, and over 30 students.

"They used to call him The Duke," Gloria said. "He played the trumpet. The kids had a good time with him."

John and Gloria moved around a lot over the years, flipping properties before it was a popular thing to do.

"My friends used to say that our address should have been in pencil, and our furniture on wheels," Gloria said. "John likes buying and fixing anything that needs some work. He has to keep moving, and it hasn't bothered him. His back is good, his knees are good, and his mind is good."

They bought 10 acres and built three ski chalets on the top of Blue Mountain, living in one, and moving into Collingwood when they sold.

"At that time, you could buy waterfront lots on Georgian Bay for \$5,000," Ludington said. "I passed on that. Five years later they were worth over \$200,000. I still have marks on my rear from Gloria's boots over that."

"There's only been twice in 62 years of marriage that he has gotten into trouble, and that was one of them," Gloria said.

The other was the sale of their beautiful property in Norwich, which overlooked a waterfall and lake. The couple have purchased and refurbished farms and cot-

tages, built trailer parks and the lodge at the Woodstock Ski Club, as well as rebuilding all the lifts.

Although they purchased and brought some farm properties from derelict to decadent, they didn't ever actually farm. John showed me his thumbs, pointing out that they weren't very green.

"We did have the OPP stop by once," Ludington said. "The officer got out of the car and asked what we were growing in the greenhouse. They used to use helicopters to search for things that shouldn't be growing, and spotted it. It was full of ragweed."

After discussing his many accomplishments, I asked about his musical abilities, singing, and acting, and John played up a shocked expression.

"Where'd you hear that?" he asked. "Well, I always acted up. Just get a picture of a ham. Life has been fun, of course the alternative isn't good."

His first time on stage is a story that perhaps shouldn't be shared. It was a stage he created himself by putting all the tables together at the Woodstock Inn in 1983.

"I never had another drink after that for 23 years," Ludington said, (as Gloria went on laughing). "My friends used to lead me astray, they were a bad influence."

After that, he didn't take to the stage again until 2012, when he played the part of Norton in a production of The Honeymooners in Hickory Hills, where the couple now live.

"We used to do Monday night jams," Ludington said. "I played the trumpet and sang a lot of Sinatra-type stuff. But now they do lip syncs, and I do Roger Miller."

It seems they've finally found home, and John is hamming it up with new friends.

"If you can't laugh, you may as well give up," he concluded.

Atom hockey – The start of a long career



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WAYNE HUTCHISON

Tillsonburg Post Columnist

I played hockey for about 30 years, on a bunch of different teams, at different levels, and in different locations. But it all started in fourth grade in atom hockey at the Tillsonburg Arena.

My brother started playing squirt hockey at age five, but I wasn't a very good skater, so I just watched him every Saturday. After a couple of years of that, and devouring the Leafs on TV, I got the itch to play too – but only if I could play goalie. They don't have to skate much, right?

Starting a bit late at nine-years-old, for the 74/75 season, I played for Till Pipe and Supply in atom house league. I wasn't very good; my skating was still weak, and my understanding of the nuances of the game was even weaker. But I persevered – wearing whatever mis-matched pads, gloves, and chest/arm protectors Tillsonburg Minor Hockey had available each Saturday (there was no way we could afford

my own goalie equipment).

By the next fall, I had grown several inches, and my skating was much improved. I thought I'd try out for the Rotary Atom "all-star" team. That was an eye-opener. There were about 35-40 kids there, all trying to make the team. Back then each level (atom, peewee, bantam, etc.) was made up of kids from two birth years – so that year was 65's and 66's for atom.

There were at least four other goalies at tryouts, and I didn't feel very confident at all; especially on the last night when the coaches divided the players into two teams and we played a real game for an hour. The team I was on got blown out, and I remember sitting in the dressing room afterwards thinking my all-star career was over before it started.

One of the other kids said he "heard" that all the kids on the other team were selected and that we were all going back to house league. Turned out that was almost true – just two of us on that losing team were selected, my friend Rick Hart, and me! Our final roster had 15 players – two goalies, nine forwards, and four defense. Most of the kids were '65's, but three or four were a year younger. Thank you to coach John Moylan for showing some faith in me...

All-star teams played home games on Wednesday nights with atoms starting at 6 p.m. We would play two periods, then go to the dressing room for a break while they resurfaced the ice. This was often when we would change goalies too. One of us would play the first two periods and then the other would play the third, followed by the first two in the next game. That way we played half the time but got to play in every game. Back out on fresh ice, the third period was often the fastest hockey of the game.

Our jersey colours that year were gold and blue with the

word "ROTARY" in large letters diagonally across the front. Looking at our team photo, I see some pretty beat up skates too – everyone had either Bauer or CCM with steel blades (it was still way too early for plastic blade holders and replaceable stainless-steel blades).

We were in what was known as the Southern Counties league, and there were teams from Ingersoll, Norwich, Delhi, Langton, Aylmer and some years, Burford and Oshweken. We would typically play one home game and one away game each week, with one practice very early on Sunday morning.

We played all our home games in the "old" arena as, at that time, there was no "new" arena. There were seats all the way around the ice, and glass only on the ends. Pucks, and sometimes players, went over the side boards on a regular basis. The players benches were both on the south side while the penalty box was on the north side of the ice, underneath the scorer's booth. Typically, home team supporters sat on the penalty box side, and visitors behind the benches. The dressing rooms were at the west end of the rink, and you had to walk by the ice resurfacing tractor to get from the rooms to the ice. You also had to walk up and down a lot of stairs to get to the dressing rooms from anywhere else in the building.

One comment on "rep" hockey. Fees for an "all-star" team back then were less than \$100 per player (about \$600 today). That covered your jersey, socks, ice time, and the annual Christmas tournament. Coaches were volunteers. That seemed like a lot of money, but when I compare it to the registration fees, uniform kit fees, tryout fees, and team fees for rep hockey today, it's just a drop in the bucket!

So that was atom hockey. I had some great experiences in those two years, and it kept me coming back for more year after year.

Candidates' night planned for Sept. 29

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Tillsonburg residents will have an opportunity to hear what candidates for mayor and councillor have to say at an event planned for Sept. 29.

Hosted by the Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce and Tillsonburg Post, the evening will start at 6 p.m. in the Lions Auditorium at the Tillsonburg Community Centre.

"This forum uses a conversational, question-and-answer format that goes beyond short campaign statements. It is not traditional political debate," said chamber Executive Director Rosio Salinas.

Candidates will explain their priorities, perspectives, and approach to municipal leadership, giving residents a better understanding of how they plan to address local issues, with each given a set time limit. They will then answer questions submitted by chamber members and the general public, again with a time limit. Candidates will then have two minutes to deliver closing remarks.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event, a no-cost function supporting local civic engagement.

"The Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce exists to champion our community's economic vitality and quality of

life," said President Lindsay Tribble. "Hosting an all-candidates meeting isn't just about politics—it's about economic leadership. By connecting candidates with local businesses and residents, we make sure local employers and taxpayers get direct answers on the issues that matter most. An informed vote builds a resilient economy, and the chamber provides the neutral ground to make that connection."

"Meet the Candidates meetings are an important part of a healthy municipal election," said Tillsonburg Post Publisher Stewart Grant. "They give voters an opportunity to hear directly from the people asking for their support, understand their priorities, and make informed decisions about the future of their community"

Those wishing to submit questions for the debate can visit the website tillsonburgchamber.ca to submit questions they would like to be asked during the forum. All questions will be reviewed, but due to time constraints, not all questions will be asked.

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Operation safe start in Oxford County

The Oxford detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be conducting a traffic initiative during the first two weeks of the school year, called Operation Safe Start. The initiative will run from Sept. 8-11 and 14-18, throughout Oxford County.

Starting in September, Oxford County experiences increased traffic volumes around schools and along school bus routes during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up periods. These conditions increase the risk of collisions, speeding, distracted driving, pedestrian conflicts, and violations involving stopped school buses.

Student safety remains a priority, particularly in school zones and at school bus loading and unloading locations, where children are most vulnerable.

To address these risks, Oxford OPP will conduct targeted enforcement throughout the municipalities of Oxford County. The initiative will focus on monitoring motorist behaviour around school zone regulations and school bus safety laws, which will support safe student boarding and unloading. Officers will educate and enforce, where appropriate.

Oxford OPP wants to remind motorists that you must stop at least 20 metres

away whenever you approach a stopped school bus with its upper alternating red lights flashing, regardless of whether you are approaching it from the front or the rear. You cannot proceed until the bus moves or the lights have stopped flashing.

It is illegal to "fail to stop" for a stopped school bus that has its red lights flashing. If you don't stop, you can be fined \$400 to \$2,000 and receive six demerit points, for a first offence. School bus operators and other witnesses can report vehicles that have illegally passed a school bus. To learn more about the rules pertaining to "stopping for school buses" visit Stopping-for-school-buses law | The Official Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Bus Handbook | ontario.ca

"Student safety remains a high priority in our communities. This initiative aims to promote compliance with school zone regulations and school bus safety laws while enhancing the safety of all students travelling to and from school. Motorists remaining patient and alert, when driving among school buses and school zones, can help everyone have a "safe start" to the school year," said Oxford OPP Detachment Commander Inspector Tony Hymers.

Provincial investment will create 14 new jobs at Legend

The Ontario government is welcoming an investment of \$3,334,241 by Legend Fleet Solutions to boost local manufacturing and create 14 new jobs in Oxford.

The investment was announced by Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford.

"By supporting strategic investments from regional businesses, our government is protecting Ontario's workers and creating the conditions for a strong, stable, and resilient economy that can weather any storm," said MPP Hardeman. "Legend Fleet Solutions' investment will support growth and innovation across the local manufacturing sector and create more good-paying jobs for workers and families in Oxford."

With this investment, Legend Fleet Solutions can introduce advanced technologies and equipment to increase productivity and gain new capabilities to diversify product offerings. It also enables the company to launch first-in-industry flooring for electric vehicles, and allows them to automate labour-intensive manual processes to significantly increase production capacity.

"Employing more than 800,000 workers across the province, Ontario's manufacturing sector is the economic engine of



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

MPP Ernie Hardeman takes a closer look at some of the automotive industry product manufactured at Legend Fleet Solutions in Tillsonburg.

our nation," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Our government is proud to support local companies like Legend Fleet Solutions as they expand their operations, and we thank them for their contributions to Ontario's dynamic and growing manufacturing ecosystem."

In support of this investment, the government is providing Legend Fleet Solutions with \$500,000 in funding through the Regional Development Program's Southwestern Ontario Development Fund.

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SUMMER SEND-OFF SPECTACULAR

(CHRIS ABBOTT PHOTOS)



Sasha Burns, with her sisters Amira and Carla, enjoyed the kids games Sunday evening at the Summer Send-Off Spectacular in Tillsonburg's Memorial Park.



Chase Beres performs Sunday at the Summer Send-Off Spectacular at the Kinsmen Bandshell in Memorial Park.



Briana, on the left, and Nadia Chelaru at the Summer Send-Off Spectacular in Tillsonburg's Memorial Park on Sunday.



Kickin' Kountry followed Chase Beard Sunday at the Kinsmen Bandshell leading up to the Summer Send-Off Spectacular fireworks.



Waryam Multani, left, and Sony Doal tried the Kan Jam (disc toss) game Sunday at the Summer Send-Off Spectacular in Tillsonburg.

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If your name isn't on the Voters' List, don't worry. You may still be eligible to vote. Eligible voters can complete an Application to Amend the Voters' List and submit it through the Voter Help Centre. Staff are available to answer questions, verify voter information, and assist residents throughout the process.

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Let's Talk E-Scooters

Thinking about riding an e-scooter around town?

Under Ontario's current e-scooter rules, municipalities must opt into the Province's e-scooter pilot program before e-scooters can be permitted on public property. Tillsonburg has not yet opted into the program.

As a result, e-scooters ARE NOT permitted on municipal roads, sidewalks, trails, parks, or other public property in Tillsonburg.

This isn't a new restriction. E-scooters have never been authorized for use on public property in Tillsonburg under the current provincial framework. Residents should also be aware that operating an e-scooter on public property may result in fines issued by the OPP.

Read the full media release and take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the current regulations before riding: www.tillsonburg.ca/news

Help Keep Tillsonburg Safe This School Year.

With more students and families on the move this fall, now is a great time to refresh your crosswalk safety habits.

Always cross at designated crosswalks, wait for traffic to stop, make eye contact with drivers, walk your bike across the road, and stay alert.

Reminder: e-scooters are not permitted to be ridden on crosswalks or on any Town property such as sidewalks or roads.

To report crosswalk maintenance issues, malfunctioning crossing signals, or any safety concerns, call 519-688-3009 or visit www.tillsonburg.ca



Culture Corner

From Hardship to Hope: The Story of the British Home Children

Discover an important chapter in Canadian history at Annandale National Historic Site. Join Lori Oschefska, President of Home Children Canada, for an insightful presentation exploring the experiences of the British Home Children, the hardships they faced, and the resilience they demonstrated in building new lives. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Saturday, September 19

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: By donation, with all proceeds supporting Home Children Canada

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Exploring Rhône River wine country



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PAUL KNOWLES

Tillsonburg Post Columnist

Sometimes, it's good to be reminded how little one knows.

Among our circle of friends, I am sometimes seen as something of an expert on wine. That's because I write about wineries, from time to time, and I organize an annual, one-day wine tour in Niagara for a group of about 30 friends. Oh, yes – they know I drink wine on a very regular basis.

Turns out, I am simply a guy who likes wine. But an expert? Not so much.

I quickly realized how little I actually know when we were invited by Viking to take a Rhône River cruise, in the south of France. It was a terrific experience; we visited famous cities like Lyon, Avignon and Arles; we saw impressive examples of Roman civilization; we learned about the area's key role in the French Resistance in World War II.

And to my great delight, our cruise included visits to both the Beaujolais wine region, and to Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Places about which, it turned out, I knew nothing except the names.

There are wonderful wines being produced

all over the world, but you have to admit that the first nation that comes to mind when you talk “wine” is probably France. And wine country along the Rhône is an important contributor to that longstanding reputation. I learned that most of the major vineyards along the Rhône have been there since Roman times. So, they've had a while to get it right.

Wine production became even more important in the 1300's, after the Pope had moved from Rome to Avignon (that's a long and complicated story). What's crucial here is that the Popes liked wine, and encouraged the development of more vineyards.

Today, two of the important wine regions are the two we were able to visit – Beaujolais and Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

And here's where I confess my absolute ignorance. I had no idea that there are actually 12 appellations (sub-districts) in the Beaujolais district, which sits north of Lyon. More embarrassingly, I had always assumed that Châteauneuf-du-Pape was a single, prestigious winery. Nope. This appellation includes 320 vineyards, supplying about 180 independent wineries. It covers 3,200 hectares.

Our cruise sailed from north to south, so the first wine tour we did was in the Beaujolais district, which lies north of Lyon. Here, there are about 200 wineries. We were welcomed at the Château des Ravatys, located in the Côte de Brouilly appellation (roughly in the centre of the Beaujolais district).

We learned that Beaujolais wines are almost exclusively made from Gamay grapes; and that 94% of Beaujolais is red wine (yes, you can make either red or white from red grapes; it



A vineyard in Beaujolais country.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

depends on your method).

Probably most importantly, we learned that the Beaujolais we tasted was really, really good.

A side note: sometimes large-group wine tours result in wineries serving their bottom-line wines, for economic reasons. This was certainly not the case during our wine country visits with Viking; the wines were excellent, unfortunately so good at times they were well out of my price range!

The Beaujolais visit was an included feature of our cruise. A few days later, we opted for an optional excursion, which comes at an add-on price. The tour to Châteauneuf-du-Pape was worth it.

This district, south of Lyon, is a direct result of Papal love for wine; in fact the name translates as “The Pope's new castle”, and that castle (although hardly new) still stands. Here, we had tours and tastings at two wineries – Château des Fines Roches, part of Domaines Mousett, and Maison Bouachon.

Unlike the Beaujolais wines, which are made from one grape variety, in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape district, 18 varieties of grapes are used in making the wine – not all at once, of course. Most Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines are red, although whites also bear the same appellation.

There are strict rules imposed on the vineyards, including when owners can harvest, minimum alcohol content in the wines (typically rather high, between 13% and 15%), and

vineyard management.

There is some good reason behind the strict rules. In the 1870s, an insect pest known as Grape phylloxera came to Châteauneuf-du-Pape (it ravaged vineyards all over Europe), and destroyed the vineyards. One result was wine fraud – inferior wines were sold, falsely labelled. But root stock was imported from North America, French vines were grafted onto it, and eventually, the vineyards rebounded. By the 1920's, the strict regulations had been imposed, to ensure that wine from Châteauneuf-du-Pape was indeed of the quality the brand name represented.

I was intrigued that one of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape rules is that vineyards must not use irrigation. However, this appellation is part of the much larger Côtes du Rhône region. The good news for wineries using that label, as opposed to the admittedly more prestigious Châteauneuf-du-Pape brand, is that irrigation is allowed. The good news for wine drinkers (me, for instance), is that Côtes du Rhône wines are both excellent and far less expensive than those bearing that iconic, Pope-inspired label.

I went to the Rhône region knowing less than I thought about wine. I return, probably still in the same boat... but having had a heck of a good time. Wine time, in fact.

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The chateau at Château des Ravatys in the Beaujolais district.

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Pastels the focus of latest Station Arts exhibit

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Mention a pastel, and many think of light, vibrant shades of colour. But in art, pastels are a medium, akin to watercolours and oils.

The Pastel Quartet are presenting a variety of works in an exhibit in the Station Arts Centre's Patenaude Family Gallery from Aug. 30 until Sept. 25.

Pastels are powdered pigments that are ground into a paste. Typically, a small amount of binder is added to form sticks, but pastels also come in pans, which Pastel Quartet members say can be applied with fingers, a brush, or a sponge.

Often, pastel paper, suede paper, or sanded paper is used to apply pastels, as the texture helps hold the pigments. Pastels can be used in combination with watercolour and acrylic paints, but not oils.

The Pastel Quartet is a group of four artists who favour the medium in their work. All are from London and became aware of the Station Arts Center when member Kit Cutting owned a gallery frequented by some Tillsonburg artists. She then visited the Station Arts Centre, and later remembered it when the Pastel Quartet was looking for a place for its first show.

"We were delighted to come in here because they do a beautiful job of hanging art and putting out PR about the shows," added member Susan Moore.

She is a self-taught artist, but then attended several art schools in Ontario and Austria to further her knowledge. Originally, Moore worked in oils and watercolours.

"Then, I tried it out one day, and I just love working with them," she said of pastels.

Landscapes and still lifes are often Moore's subjects. She has won many awards for her art, and has previously exhibited and sold many pieces.

Cutting was formerly a hair-dressing salon owner, then decided to try art, as the creative gene runs in the family.

"I thought I would try painting my dog, and see if I have talent," she recalled. "It looked like her."

She then took art courses, and eventually ended up with pastels. Cutting prefers dogs, cats, and people as



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Kit Cutting, left, and Susan Moore are two members of the Pastel Quartet, which has a display in the Station Arts Centre.

her subjects. She has also shown her art in several area galleries.

Ilona Burghardt likes both oils and pastels as mediums. And the natural world as subjects.

"The chaos and wildness of nature is where I search for much of my reference material," she said.

Lois Covington-Fuchs has the most formal education of the Pastel Quartet, holding a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting and printmaking from the University of North Carolina. She has worked in many mediums, but prefers pastels, which she has used for more than 40 years.



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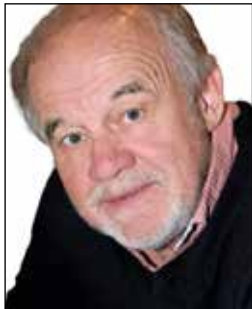
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GARY CHALK

Non-Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist

Sometimes I amaze myself with my ability to dream up useless products that need to be invented for people who don't need them. This is what I mean...

I didn't invent the pet rock.

I didn't invent the thigh master.

And, I didn't invent those dorky knee pads you see

Living Retired guys wear overtop their pants when they're traipsing through the house trying to fix stuff.

BUT I did come up with the idea that guys should pull those dorky knee pads overtop their pyjamas when they go to bed — so when we get up to pee during the night and trip over the decorator pillows all over the floor the damage to our knees will be less! Go ahead call me Gary Einstein.

Here's what led to my latest go-to gadget...

If you are Living Retired like me you probably lose your iPhone every day, sometimes twice; okay three times. And if you are like me you often cannot find the key fob for your car, your wife's car, often both! I also misplace my glasses, I put them down, but where? How about your wallet? Ever find yourself feeling your back pocket to be sure your wallet is there? I figure I misplace my iPhone, key fob, glasses, and wallet three of four times a day, before lunch!

"Jan, please call my iPhone. I can't find it."

"Jan, have you seen the key fob? I can't leave until

we find it."

"Jan, I had my glasses five minutes ago. Have you seen them?"

"Jan, you didn't take my wallet did you? It has to be somewhere."

All this is testing Jan's patience. "GARY! WE GO THROUGH THIS EVERY SINGLE DAY! SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE!" So this is what I did...

To address my forgetfulness, I took my inspiration in something that is everywhere — speed bumps. Just kidding. I turned to technology. I know what you're saying, "Gary, you grab your hammer to replace a light bulb, so good luck using technology to help you find your iPhone. Your key fob. Your glasses. And your wallet."

The reason technology is all around us is because there's a sucker born every minute, why else would we install programmable thermostats? Today, technology uses apps that we download on our devices. So, I am developing an app for Living Retired people like me who have a bad memory. With my app you will

be able to find where you left your iPhone, key fob, and glasses. Oh, and your wallet. I forgot.

The name of my app is, 'FindmyiPhoneKeyfobGlassesWallet.' It's a got a ring to it doesn't it?

Then, as Living Retired people do, which is accumulate more unnecessary stuff to confuse our lives, my app will evolve. Version 2.0 will add even more stuff Living Retired people lose. I call it, 'FindmyiPhoneKeyfobGlassesWalletiPadPassportHearingAidsHeatingpadAirfryerStoolsoftenerDepends.'

Just as I was about apply for a patent for my two apps: 'FindmyiPhoneKeyfobGlassesWallet' and 'FindmyiPhoneKeyfobGlassesWalletiPadPassportHearingAidsHeatingpadAirfryerStoolsoftenerDepends', Jan confronted me. "Gary, has anyone ever told you to get your head out of your apps?"

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Candidates speak out on budget expectations

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1) One of the tasks of the successful mayoral candidate shortly after being elected will be to work on the budget. What will your goal be for the 2027 budget, including the tax rate increase?

Candidate responses, listed alphabetically, were:

Deb Gilvesy: Having led Tillsonburg through its first Strong Mayor budget process in 2026, my goal is to once again deliver a responsible budget that keeps the tax increase below inflation. Last year demonstrated that this can be achieved while maintaining essential services and providing value for taxpayers.

In 2027, pressures include OPP costs, higher fuel prices, rising paving and construction costs, making strong fiscal and experienced leadership even more important.

Adhering to the provincially mandated Asset Management Plan is essential. This plan details future spending repair and replacement requirements. It requires discipline to prioritize infrastructure based on condition, risk and need, rather than political pressure. Deferring necessary maintenance or replacement may reduce costs today, but ultimately leads to more expensive repairs and greater financial pressure on future taxpayers.

My goal is to identify efficiencies, prioritize essential services, manage costs carefully, and deliver the best possible value for every tax dollar.

Kelly Spencer: My goal will be a responsible, sustainable budget that protects taxpayers while investing in Tillsonburg's future. Keeping the Tillsonburg portion of taxation at the cost-of-living increase, or less, will be my priority. I will not support an arbitrary tax increase; we need to examine spending, find efficiencies and ensure taxpayers receive value for every dollar.

Where investment is needed, I will look for creative ways to make it happen without unnecessary pressure on taxpayers. For example, I will create a pilot project for a downtown security officer, funded through reserves, while working with staff on possible grant funding. It's time we invest in our town and businesses, while addressing homelessness, mental health and addiction.

I would also prioritize physician recruitment, strategic commercial and industrial land purchases, infrastructure, exploring opportunities to restore intercity transit, and additional green space and parkland while protecting what we have.

2) If elected mayor, would you involve all of council in the budget, and if so, how?

Deb Gilvesy: During the 2026 budget process, before meeting with staff, I reached out to every member of council to seek their priorities and desired tax rate. Unfortunately, only three responded.

Under Strong Mayor legislation, the mayor cannot delegate the budget back to council. However, council remains an important part of a transparent and accountable process. Following extensive discus-

sions and direction to staff, I reviewed the budget with the CAO and finance team and identified a further \$1.4 million in reductions. These changes were presented to council, which had the authority to propose amendments, but chose not to amend the 2026 budget.

Kelly Spencer: Absolutely. The community elects six council members and a mayor. I honour that democratic process and value the input of those elected by the electors. Council input is democratic and essential. Positive leadership is my experience, and bringing the voice of council together is what is required. A mayor should lead, facilitate and build consensus, not make decisions in isolation.

I would involve every member of council early in the budget process, before decisions are essentially made. Council should have meaningful opportunities to question assumptions, understand financial implications and suggest alternatives, with staff providing the facts and professional recommendations needed for informed decisions.

Council candidates were asked: What would you like to see in the 2026 budget, including the target rate for a tax increase?

Candidate responses, listed alphabetically, were:

Dave Beres: When the 2027 budget is presented, I'll support expanding physician recruitment, adding more recreation and acquiring additional industrial lands.

This year my property tax increased 2.4 per cent while the Canadian Consumer Price Index from September to August increased 2.9%.

My focus is keeping the residential tax increase within inflation and depend on future growth to pay for itself. This will keep services untouched while maintaining infrastructure. If we don't support the inflation levels, sacrifices have to be. Keep in mind, 56 per cent of your tax bill is controlled by the town. The balance goes to Oxford County and Education.

Clayton Curtis: No response.

Katherine Englander: For the 2027 budget, I would like to see a disciplined, transparent approach that protects essential services while respecting every taxpayer dollar. My priorities would be infrastructure, roads, water and wastewater, parks and recreation, community well-being, and economic development. I would expect the town to identify efficiencies and pursue additional revenue opportunities before increasing taxes.

My target would be a tax increase of no more than 3 per cent, wherever reasonably achievable. I recognize some costs are outside council's control, but anything above 3 per cent should be clearly justified. Three per cent should be a target, not a starting point.

Ron Gasparetto: I'd like to see a 2027 budget that respects taxpayers while investing in the services and infrastructure

our community needs. Ideally, I'd keep the tax increase at or below 3 per cent, wherever possible. However, we shouldn't choose an arbitrary number if it means cutting essential services or delaying necessary infrastructure. Priorities should include maintaining roads, infrastructure, and other critical assets. Growth should pay for growth, rather than placing added pressure on existing taxpayers. We should also seek efficiencies, protect core services, support our downtown and local economy, and be transparent about spending. Careful planning today can help avoid higher costs tomorrow.

John Gilvesy: The quick answer might be a target around the rate of inflation. Before deciding, I would seek recommendations from heads of departments and committees. I would ask that attention be put to finding efficiencies, including reduction of duplication and bureaucracy. My preference is that the mayor would work with council to take advantage of the diversity of experiences. Perhaps reallocation of budgets will be necessary to balance affordability against emerging service requirements, risks, economic development, and infrastructure investments. In addition, I would favour additional support for the county and service organizations to train and find employment for our homeless residents.

Lindsey Mejaski: I would like to see a 0 per cent tax increase in the 2027 budget. Property taxes have increased substantially in recent years, and I believe we need to put a stop to that trend. With the rising cost of groceries, housing, utilities and everyday expenses, residents need a break. A 0 per cent increase means we need to take a serious look at spending, find efficiencies, and identify areas where costs can be reduced without compromising essential services. I would prioritize policing and emergency services, as keeping our community safe should be a top priority. We need to be responsible with taxpayers' money.

Stephen Molnar: The focus should be concentrated on our Community Strategic Initiatives. This plan was created with input from all stakeholders of Tillsonburg and includes the priorities that council is charged to implement.

Council, as a whole, with input from an engaged community, should utilize the multitude of financial tools to ensure a responsible and sustainable future.

Initiatives;

- Responsible infrastructure investments
- Additional health care partnerships
- Community safety initiatives

We need to ensure balanced taxation is reflected in overall value. (Average taxation increase 2019-2023 – 1.8 per cent / 2023-2026 – 4.04 per cent). With an inclusive focus, we can achieve a responsible requirement from taxation.

Felix Nzemeka: I would like to see a responsible 2027 budget with a target of a 0 per cent municipal tax increase, while protecting essential services and investing wisely in our community.

1: A healthy community by supporting healthcare access, seniors, and recreation. Plan the kind of growth Tillsonburg can support and protect our green spaces for our ecosystem.

2: A safe and caring community through public safety, emergency services, and family-friendly neighbourhoods. Responsible residential development and enforcement bylaws. Targeted housing solutions for single-parent families.

3: A strong economy by supporting local businesses, attracting investment, growing agriculture, and creating jobs. Ask questions about land and municipal assets.

Chris Parker: I would like to see the 2027 budget continue to prioritize municipal services, infrastructure renewal, roads, parks, recreation, and public safety while maintaining responsible fiscal management. I support a tax increase target of 2.0 per cent to 2.5 per cent, recognizing the financial pressures facing residents and businesses. Priorities would include funding a feasibility study for a third ice pad to address growing recreational demand, and adding a police officer to help increase community safety. We must continue to find efficiencies and grants to deliver value while investing in Tillsonburg.

Chris Rosehart: There are lots of items that should be in the budget.

Maintaining present infrastructure such as roads, recreation facilities, trails and working with our partners to maintain water and sewers and hydro.

Preserving our green space and ensuring that there is adequate green space added to new development.

I would like to see the tax percentage stay around 3 per cent. This will be a challenge to do; everyone wants more services so we as council need to work better with what we get from taxpayers.

Kim Sage: I don't feel it would be responsible to set a specific target without first reviewing the town's financials, current allocations, service levels, and any service cost increases. Ideally, I would like to see a zero increase, or even a decrease, while maintaining services. I'm not going to blow smoke or promise voters that I will simply "fix the budget" and lower taxes without knowing the facts. I believe that is an unreasonable promise to make. Sound decisions require all the information, identifying efficiencies, and ensuring taxpayers receive the best value for their money.

Dee Tosto: I'll bring experience along with a realistic perspective to Tillsonburg's 2027 budget discussions. I don't see a town in financial crisis, but I do see long-term challenges we need to address now, particularly our infrastructure funding gap. There are many demands on our tax dollars, so we need thoughtful conversations about where money is needed, why it's needed and what we can afford. I would target a 2-3 per cent tax increase linked to necessary services and clearly explained to residents. Transparent, accountable, and fact-based decisions are required to develop a strong budget in 2027.

Donors assist hospital foundation with equipment

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Four substantial donations from community members helped the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation fulfill its bed equipment wish list.

Every year, the foundation has a wish list of new or replacement equipment for Tillsonburg Hospital, a site of Rural Roads Health Services. Replacing all the room beds is a multi-year project, as is replacing the six intensive care unit beds.

An ICCU bed costs \$55,000. Rural Roads Health Services president and CEO Nadia Facca explained the beds have all the ‘bells and whistles’, including technology to reduce pressure points on the skin, a bed exit alarm, and

mobility features to assist patients with standing.

The bed-replacement program began in 2025 and aims to replace all beds over seven years. Donors of an ICCU bed have a naming plaque outside the room.

“In 2025, Verne’s Carpet One surprised everyone at the Chamber of Commerce’s annual Business Achievement Awards while winning the Community Service Award by donating \$100,000 to the foundation to support capital equipment and the bed program,” said Gerry Dearing, foundation executive director.

That donation funded one ICCU bed, and the more than \$70,000 raised through the Tim Horton’s Smile Coolie campaign accounted for another.

David and Brenda Townsend provided funding for another bed.

“Last Christmas, we read about the Angels of Giving campaign, which offers the opportunity to donate funds or equipment to our hospital in memory of a loved one,” Brenda said. “We decided to support this campaign by donating an ICCU bed in memory of our nephew, Rick Teigrob.”

Rick was from Port Rowan and went to Montreal to work with Canada Post. While riding his bike to work last year, he was struck by a motor vehicle and succumbed to his injuries after several weeks in an ICCU trauma unit in Montreal.

“Tragic incidents such as this demonstrate the importance of having state-

of-the-art urgent care facilities in our communities,” Brenda added. “Providing local intensive care services also allows families to be with their loved ones without having to travel to large centres such as London or Hamilton.”

Then, Ben DeCloet came forward with funding for another bed.

“I’ve had several opportunities to make use of the hospital,” he said. “It’s just a common sense idea to return what’s been given to us.”

DeCloet added he appreciated the availability of the local hospital and its equipment.

“Generous donors like these help support larger special projects we otherwise would not be able to fund,” Dearing said, adding that all donors help the

foundation with its goal.

The foundation wish list includes two more ICCU beds, a bariatric bed and patient room beds.

The Angels of Giving “Light Hospital” year-end

campaign starts on the day of the Santa Claus parade on Nov. 21.



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The 2025 Smile cookie campaign proceeds of \$70,646 were donated by the owners of the local Tim Hortons to the TDMH Foundation, of which \$55,000 was used to purchase an ICCU bed. Left to right are: Drew Van Der Jagt, owner of Broadway Tim Hortons; Kaila Van Der Jagt, owner of Broadway Tim Hortons; Christina Gazley, owner of Simcoe Street, Oxford Street and Tillsonburg Town Centre Tim Hortons; Austin Gazley, district manager; and Mike Gazley, owner of Simcoe Street, Oxford Street and Tillsonburg Town Centre Tim Hortons.



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Ben DeCloet made a \$55,000 donation to fund the replacement of another ICCU bed. Left to right are Ricardo Albert, clinical manager; Nadia Facca, hospital CEO and president; DeCloet; and Gerry Dearing, executive director of the TDMH Foundation.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Brenda and Dave Townsend donated the funding to cover the cost of the replacement of one ICCU bed in memory of their nephew Richard Teigrob.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Dave Martin, left, and Shawn Winters, co-owners of Verne’s Carpet One, donated \$100,000 to TDMH Foundation last fall. A portion of that was used to purchase an ICCU bed, which a sign now commemorates.

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Youth basketball starts later this month

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Registration is now open for Tillsonburg Youth Basketball.

The program is open to participants in Grades 1 to 8. Sunday sessions, starting at 1 p.m., are for Grades 1 and 2 at Anandale School. Grades 3 and 4 take to the court at 2:30. Grades 5 and 6 students play at Glendale High School on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m., followed by Grades 7 and 8, starting at 7:45 p.m.

Play will start the week of Sept. 22.

Although the league doesn't have competitive teams, some Tillsonburg players are playing for the Oxford Attack from Woodstock.

The first session runs from September until the second week of December. After a break, basketball starts again in March and runs until June.

"We're hoping to get a summer camp going next year," said Victoria Sergeant, league secretary/treasurer.

Tentative plans are to have Tillsonburg native Chris O'Rourke, who coaches for the University of Guelph, to run the summer camp.

Sergeant said the league is focused on skills development, along with fun and

competition.

"We usually start with a warm-up, then we do skill-based games for the little ones," she described of the sessions. "We split them into four stations that will work on a skill like dribbling, shooting, and defence, and then finish with a scrimmage. With the older kids, they tend to have more fundamental skills coming in, we can jump into drills and finish with a scrimmage where they can apply what they've been learning."

The cost is \$120 for the season and includes playing, a basketball, and a T-shirt. Participants will receive a pizza party and medals at the end of the season.

The league is also looking for more coaches and volunteers to assist with all age groups.

Registration is done through the website at basketballtillsonburg.com

In addition to youth play, Basketball Tillsonburg also runs a women's league at Anandale School from 8-9 p.m. on Mondays, and a men's league on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Glendale High School. The fee is \$20, and interested players just need to show up. This league starts the week of Sept. 21, and runs until the end of the school year.



(FILE PHOTO)

Gemini golf tournament planned for Sept. 26

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Golfers are being sought for the annual fundraising tournament to support programs at Glendale High School.

Planned for The Bridges at Tillsonburg on Sept. 26 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start, the tournament is presented by Friends of Glendale and is going through a venue change this year.

Committee member Miranda Davis, explained, "With the rising costs at our previous location, we felt it made sense to look at other options so that more of the money raised could go directly back to supporting Glendale High School."

She also said organizers liked the idea of holding the tournament in town.

"It gives us a chance to support a local

business, while also hosting an event that benefits our local high school and its students," she said. "Bridges is also a 12-hole course, so we're hoping that may appeal to people who enjoy golf but would prefer a shorter tournament experience. It just felt like a really good fit all around."

Going into its fourth year, the tournament is the main fundraiser for Friends of Glendale. The group was started four years ago by Scott Gooding, Emily Sage, Davis, Rebecca Hailey and Sidney Lauszus to help cover the cost of student activities.

"With cuts and budget pressures within the Thames Valley District School Board, along with rising costs for transportation, equipment, materials, and extracurricular programming, fundraising has become increasingly

important," Davis said. "The money raised through the golf tournament goes directly toward supporting sports, clubs, and activities at Glendale. It also helps keep participation fees as low as possible so that more students have the opportunity to take part, regardless of their family's financial situation."

Last year's tournament raised just over \$4,000. The funds supported the robotics team's competition, funded busing for a student leadership retreat, and purchased helmets for the football team and equipment for the baseball team.

"We try to respond to needs as they arise, and use the funds where they can make the greatest impact for students," Davis said.

Preliminary plans are to use this year's proceeds to purchase new team

jerseys and equipment for the football team. Funding the robotics team will hopefully continue, and group members are looking into the possibility of establishing a bursary.

The cost is \$400 per foursome and includes lunch, a 50/50 draw, and prizes. To register, or if you want to attend with only two or three golfers instead of four, contact organizers at friendsof-glendale@gmail.com.

The golf tournament is the only fundraiser for Friends of Glendale, but committee members are looking into holding a Friday Night Lights football game next year.

"We're a small town with one high school, and we believe there is a lot we can accomplish when the community comes together to support Glendale and its students," Davis said.

Tillsonburg Pickleball Club hosts summer wind-down bash tournament

FUNKE EDU

Communications Director, Tillsonburg Pickleball Club

The Tillsonburg Pickleball Club (TPC) wrapped up its summer season in style on Saturday, Aug.29 with its Summer Wind-Down Bash — a fun-filled morning tournament that brought members together for friendly competition, great food, plenty of laughs, and a fantastic sense of community spirit.

The event was a wonderful celebration of everything that makes the Tillsonburg Pickleball Club so special —

a welcoming, enthusiastic group of players who love the sport and love being together. Players of all skill levels took to the courts for a morning of exciting competitive play before coming together to celebrate the season.

Congratulations to tournament winners:First Place — Annette Stuyt; Second Place — Dale Prouse; and Third Place — Kent Wheeler

For more information about the Tillsonburg Pickleball Club, including membership and upcoming programs, please contact us at mailto:tillsonburgpickleballclub@gmail.com



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The winners in the Tillsonburg Pickleball Club's Summer Wind-Down Bash display their ribbons, from left to right: Kent Wheeler, third; Annette Stuyt, first; and Dale Prouse, second.

Red Sox collapse at OBA tournament

GRAHAM NICKERSON

Post Contributor

If baseball is a game of failure, then the 2026 Tillsonburg Red Sox were a masterclass in the sport. The ball club posted a record of 5-24, or a 0.172 winning percentage, which places them in the woeful company of the 1962 Mets and 2024 White Sox in terms of futility.

Wrapping up their season at the OBA "C" tournament in Port Hope, the Sox experienced a historic collapse, and stretched their losing skid to an even dozen games. They've been losing for so long, they can't remember what winning even means.

Tillsonburg recruited the Lamb brothers, Travis and Trent, from the Simcoe Juniors to help bolster their lineup as a number of Red Sox regulars got cold feet and failed to appear for one last hurrah. Travis got the start in game one against the Clarington Cubs, and pitched shut-out ball through the first four innings, surrendering just three hits and was helped a good deal by his defence.

Leading off the first, Iron Ring Rachar hustled out an infield single, then swiped second. Jim Davis walked, then with two outs, Travis Lamb singled to load the bases. Rachar scampered home on a wild pitch to draw first blood. The sacks were full again when Kent Collings drew a base-on-balls. Next up, Parker Morris, in an emphatic stroke of Byzantine whimsey, drove his 0-2 pitch high over the left field wall for a grand slam. The Red Sox poured out of the dugout to congratulate their first baseman's heroic act that put the red shirts up 5-0.

After a quiet second, Tillsonburg strung together two hits and three walks to bring around two more runs, and place the game seemingly out of reach for Clarington.

Jittery excitement turned to dread in the Clarington fifth. Lamb's third time through the order proved disastrous. A free pass, hit bater and a double was good for two Cubs runs. After inducing a pop-up for the first out, Lamb served up a cookie to Clarington's top slugger, who hit a laser over the fence in left. Just like that, the lead was narrowed to three.

A mound visit wasn't enough to refocus the young right

TILLSONBURG	AB	R	H
RACHAR, SS	2	1	1
TRE. LAMB, 2B	4	0	0
DAVIS, 3B	2	1	0
VITIAS, C	4	1	1
TRA. LAMB, P, RF	3	2	1
COLLINGS, LF	2	2	0
MORRIS, 1B	4	1	3
PROUSE, CF	3	0	1
THOMPSON, RF	2	0	0
*APPLEFORD, RF	0	0	0
*MINERS, P	1	0	0
TOTALS	27	7	7

*Pinch-Hitter

hander, and five successive batters reached base following the conference. Lamb was hung out to dry like a pair of wet socks while the lead dwindled, and the Cubs poured on nine earned runs in the inning. Ky Miners tried to stop the bleeding but was touched for three consecutive base hits, putting Clarington up 9-7.

Stunned by the collapse, Tillsonburg's bats went silent until the seventh when Morris reached on his third hit of the game. Pinch running for Morris was Owen West, who was promptly picked off by the left hander on the mound. The Red Sox watched strike three go by them to put the final nail in the humiliating defeat.

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Clarington.....000 090 X – 9 13 1

Offense dries up in close contest

With their backs against the wall, Tillsonburg needed to win their Saturday morning game against the Essex Yel-

TILLSONBURG	AB	R	H
RACHAR, SS	1	0	0
COLLINGS, 2B	3	0	0
DAVIS, 3B	2	0	0
VERHOEVE, LF	3	0	1
MORRIS, 1B	3	0	0
VITIAS, C	3	0	0
MINERS, RF	1	0	0
*WEST, PH	1	0	0
PROUSE, P	3	0	0
THOMPSON, CF	3	1	1
TOTALS	23	1	2

*Pinch-Hitter

low Jackets to keep their season alive. They turned to veteran right hander Jeff Prouse in hopes to lead the team to victory.

Through two innings, the game was airtight with neither team able to string together a rally. In the Tillsonburg third, Digger Thompson led off with a single to center, then Rachar drew a walk. Two outs later, Rob Verhoeve hit a swinging bunt back to the pitcher that could not be fielded, and Thompson hurried home for the game's first run.

Essex got two back in the fourth after a hit-by-pitch and a throwing error on a miraculous effort by third baseman Davis. A double by the Yellow Jacket catcher brought in two runs, but a relay from the outfield cut down a third run at the plate in a dazzling tag by Jordan Vitias.

The 'Burg bats were non-existent down the stretch, held hitless in the last four innings when they were needed most. It's the first time since the team re-formed in 2021 that they failed to win a game at OBAs.

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Weather hampers slo-pitch playoffs last week



DAVE WEAVER

Post Columnist

EYE ON SLO-PITCH

Mother Nature didn't do us any favours last week as three out of five nights of action were postponed due to rain and storms.

The Ladies' Division finals series couldn't get started at all, and several men's series are being prolonged due to the cancellations giving President Chris Parker a big headache trying to rework the schedules.

Men's Division 1

Last year's playoffs Champs Cobra Chickens are one win away from upsetting regular season champion 1,2 Seal Insulation Hawks, beating them by two in the lid-lifter of their series, and then by four in the second game. The Mill easily beat second place Hit N Run by 10 in their opener.

Game#1-Semi Final

Cobra Chickens-19, 1,2 Seal Insulation Hawks-17

Cobra-Marcus Peters 4-4, HR; Brian Dyck 4-5; Wyatt Blatz HR; Matthew Reimer HR.

Hawks-Johnny Epp 4-4, GrSlam HR; John Klassen 3-4; Evan Bueckert HR; Cam Bueckert HR; Martin Klassen HR.

Game Synopsis-The game turned on a defensive play by Cobra 's Nathan Froese in the Hawks fourth, Ben Bueckert smashed a line drive, and Froese elevated himself at short to snag the hard hit, and then flipped to Brian Dyck to complete a sparkling double play that killed a Hawks rally. Marcus Peters was a double shy of hitting for the cycle for the winners. Wyatt Blatz, Caleb Reimer and Dawson Dyck scored three runs.

Game #2-Semi Final

Cobra Chickens-19, 1,2 Seal Insulation Hawks-15

Cobra-Nathan Froese 5-5; Nathan Peters 3-3, 2HR; Marcus Peters HR; Caleb Reimer HR; Wyatt Blatz HR.

Hawks-Martin Klassen 3-4; Jesse Hiebert 3-4, HR; Johnny Epp 2HR; Evan Bueckert HR; Cam Bueckert HR.

Game Synopsis-A big six-run sixth vaulted Cobra Chickens into a big lead. Hawks made it close, but Wyatt Blatz 's sixth-inning two-run homer added some insurance. Nathan Froese hit a pair of doubles and scored four runs for the winners.

Game#1-Semi Final

The Mill-28, Hit N Run-16

The Mill-Tim Morgan 5-5, HR; Ryan Black 4-5; Greg Roth 2HR; Bob Evans HR; Steve Derks 2HR; Josh Stubbs HR.

Hit N Run-Diedrich Klassen 4-5, HR; Johnny Unger 3-4, HR; John Wiebe HR; Daniel Unger HR; Jacob Klassen 3HR.

Game Synopsis-The Mill plated seven in three of their seven at-bats. The teams belted out seven homers each. Steve Derks homered in consecutive at bats for the winner's

Men's Division 2

There are still lots of teams still alive in post season play as only one team has advanced to the semi-finals. At My Playground/IQT Logistics earned a sweep of Strike Force on Tuesday night beating them by four. Mavericks finally got their series going, and beat Quackheads both times last week. Pelicans went one game up on Papa's Auto Spa with a come from behind win on Tuesday with a chance to punch their ticket to the next round. All Seasons Estate Care Bandits and Sticky Bandits are still waiting to play their fifth and deciding game.

Game#3

At My Playground/IQT Logistics-16, Strike Force-11

AMP-Landon Partlo 3-3; Logan Savoy 3-3.

Strike-Herman Enns 4-4; Johnny Klassen 3-4

Game Synopsis-A seven run third gave AMP a bigger early lead, Tyler Lamb and Logan Savoy hit doubles in the rally.

Game #3

Pelicans-17, Papa's Auto Spa-7

Pelicans-Adam Jensen 3-3, GrSlam; Ryan Marques 3-3; Kevin Buchner HR; Papa's-Adam Smith 1-1.

Game Synopsis-Pelicans gave up seven third-inning runs to Papa's but allowed nothing after that. Adam Jensen's grand slam highlighted Pelicans five-run fifth, Ryan Marques scored three runs on the night.

Game#1

Dave'sVarietyMavericks-13, Quackheads-6

Mavericks-KevinMacDonald 3-4; Dom Cunningham 3-3.

Quackheads-Owen Korten 2-3; Dylan Graydon 2-3.

Game Synopsis-Kevin MacDonald, Jason and Ryan Landry each scored two runs for the winners.

Game #2

Dave's Variety Mavericks-21, Quackheads-2

Mavericks-Nick Dovsek 5-5; Brett Sindlen 5-5.

Quackheads-Phil Beauvais 2-3; Owen Korten 2-3.

Game Synopsis-Mavericks scored 17 runs over two at-bats in the win, Brett Sindlen and Jason Carlisle each scored three runs.

Men's Division 3

Wolfpack completed the upset, sweeping third-place John Beere on Tuesday night and will go on to face the first-place Sluggers, which began on Friday night. They took the opener winning their fourth straight playoff game. Beer Bombers staved off elimination and have forced a fifth and deciding game after beating NAPA/Coward's Pharmacy Maulers on Friday night.

Beer Bombers-26, NAPA/Coward's Pharmacy Maulers-17

Bombers-Brett Vandendel 5-5; Cayden Mitchell 5-6.

NAPA-Jeff McKay 4-4; Matt Bowers 4-5.

Game Synopsis-The Bombers took advantage of a shorthanded Maulers squad, Cayden Mitchell scored five runs for the winners.

Game#3

Wolfpack-18, John Beere-5

Wolfpack-Kevin Hmeil 5-5, HR; Jarryd Roest 3-3; Ryan Copping HR.

John Beere-Mark Carrel 3-4; Mike Evanitski 2-3.

Game Synopsis-Despite playing with just nine, Wolfpack scored runs in every inning but the fourth. Kevin Hmeil reached all five times, and was a triple shy of hitting for the cycle.

Game #1-Semi Final

Wolfpack-20, Sluggers-16

Wolfpack-Cam Butler 4-4; Matt Pitt 4-5; Kevin Hmeil HR.

Sluggers-Cole Seaton 5-5; Tyler Rowe 4-5.

Game Synopsis-A seven-run fifth helped Wolfpack overtake Sluggers. Ryan Copping hit a two-run double in the rally. Copping hit three doubles in the game in total.

Men's Division 4

N.I.M. finally got going in their series with Smokin Bases mercying the short-handed-squad by 15. R.L.P. Melanie Luksys upset second-place Brickhouse Boys winning by six in their opener. Brickhouse tied the series winning by forfeit on the Friday night.

Game#1-Semi Final

R.L.P. Melanie Luksys-26, Brickhouse Boys-10

R.L.P-Braeden Redling 4-4; Dalton Cassidy 4-4.

Brickhouse-Shawn Knelsen 3-3; Nathan Bridges 3-3.

Game Synopsis-Everyone in the winner's order scored at least one run. Dalton Cassidy, Braeden Redling and Natan Granger all crossed three times.

Game #2-Semi Final

Brickhouse Boys-7, R.L.P Melanie Luksys-0

Forfeit

Game#1-Semi Final

MEN'S DIVISION 1-SEMI FINALS

COBRA CHICKENS
VS 1,2 SEAL INSULATION HAWKS
COBRA - 2 HAWKS - 0
BEST OF FIVE

THE MILL VS HIT N RUN
THE MILL - 1 HIT N RUN - 0

MEN'S DIVISION 2

PAPA'S AUTO SPA VS PELICANS
PELICANS - 2 PAPA'S - 0
BEST OF FIVE

QUACKHEADS
VS DAVE'S VARIETY MAVERICKS
MAVERICKS - 2 QUACKHEADS - 0
BEST OF FIVE

STICKY BANDITS
VS ALL SEASONS ESTATE CARE BANDITS
STICKY - 2 ALL SEASONS - 2
BEST OF FIVE

MEN'S DIVISION 3

NAPA/COWARD'S PHARMACY MAULERS VS BEER BOMBERS
NAPA - 2 BEER BOMBERS - 2
BEST OF FIVE

WOLFPACK VS JOHN BEERE
WOLFPACK - 3 JOHN BEERE - 0
BEST OF FIVE

WOLFPACK
VS SLUGGERS-SEMI FINAL
WOLFPACK - 1 SLUGGERS - 0
BEST OF FIVE

MEN'S DIVISION 4

N.I.M. VS SMOKIN BASES
SEMI-FINAL
N.I.M. - 1 SMOKIN BASES - 0
BEST OF FIVE

R.L.P. MELANIE LUKSYS VS BRICKHOUSE BOYS
SEMI FINAL
R.L.P. - 1 BRICKHOUSE BOYS - 1
BEST OF FIVE

LADIES A-FINAL

SUNSPACE/BILL KLYN CARPENTRY VS CONCRETE JAYS
SUNSPACE - 0 COOKS - 0
BEST OF FIVE

LADIES B-FINAL

WILDCATS
VS RESTING PITCH FACE
WILDCATS - 0 RESTING - 0

N.I.M.-23, Smokin Bases-8
N.I.M.-Wes McDougall 4-4; Brodie Earls 4-4; Jordan Friesen HR; Joe Allin HR.

Smokin-Wade Kirby 3-4; Josh Hollis 2-3, HR.

Game Synopsis-N.I.M. took advantage of a shorthanded opponent.

New youth darts league launched at Legion

JEFF HELSDON
Editor

Youth in Tillsonburg will soon have a new activity to keep them busy with the start of a youth dart league at the Legion.

Kelly Lightheart is the mastermind behind the league, something she participated in herself as a youth.

“I’ve been playing darts recreationally and competitively the last 27 years,” she said.

A former resident of Norfolk, Lightheart started playing at the Waterford Legion. She played at the national level for four years. Now, her own children – ages 13 and 15 – were playing at Delhi Legion.

“They moved the Delhi league; I believe they will be playing out of Simcoe,” she said. “We live in Tillsonburg so didn’t want to be traveling to Simcoe.”

Tillsonburg Legion had adult darts, but nothing for youth.

“It enhances team spirit, helps with math, hand-eye coordination, social skills, problem solving, so much more,” she said of playing darts.

The competitive format for darts starts with a score of 501. Players work to get down to a score of zero by hitting the

scores on the board by throwing darts in numbered sections. A dart board is made of 20 sections, along with a double ring on the outside, a triple ring halfway to the bullseye in the center, and then the bullseye in the center. Players must hit a double to complete the game. For instance, if a player has 40 points left, hitting zero must be done by hitting a double 20.

In a competition, the game starts with round-robin matches, with the top advancing to a knockout round.

Variations include doubles play, 301, and the game of cricket.

Lightheart also plans to offer fun games like Round the World, where players hit every section as the dart moves around.

Those who do well can play in Legion leagues at the provincial and national levels.

“They can build friendships, have fun, something else for them to do,” Lightheart said.

Youth darts will start on Monday, Sept. 14, and continue every Monday until the end of April. Play will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The season costs \$75.

“People can come try it out for a few weeks, try it, and see if it’s for them,” Lightheart said.



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Kelly Lightheart, centre, is organizing a new youth dart league at the Tillsonburg Legion. Play will be on Monday nights, starting on Sept. 14 at the Legion. The cost for the season is \$75. Lightheart’s sons, Isaac, left, and Liam will be playing in the league.



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Squeeze Play (Orange) player #6 is Leo Centeno right advances on the next as It's about To Get Messi goaltender Joel Harrison is ready to stop the ball with assistance from Caleb Girard, left, and Liam O'Neill.



Ice Ice Baby players, #17 Sky Bailey, #10 Alexis Lizotte, kneeling Ricki Tsai, assist goaltender Vincent Lizotte as United FC takes a shot.



Dill With It and Angry Tomatoes players run for the ball during a game on Friday night.



Adult fall soccer players on the Beer Pressure team Adrian, and Rachel battle to take the ball from a Chrome Crusher player.

Langton Fair's family fun returns Sept. 16

CHRIS ABBOTT

Grant Haven Media

Big traditions continue this year at the 136th Langton Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

The Langton Fair has been a mid-September event for generations, but this year it's 'early' due to the late Labour Day and elementary students returning to school Sept. 8.

"The schools don't have a lot of time to prepare this year," said Carol Overbaugh, president of the North Walsingham Agricultural Society. "It's just one of those years."

The traditional parade kicks off the fair at 11 a.m., followed by opening ceremonies at the Langton Lions Community Sports Complex, near the pavilion, which includes bicycle rodeo award presentations.

"The fire trucks are going to lead us in the parade again," said Overbaugh. "We're hoping for good weather and good crowds."

There will be a baby show at 12:30 p.m. inside the arena, an outdoor nail-driving competition – with children and adult divisions – starting at 12:45 p.m. and a tobacco hand tying at 1:15 p.m., both near the stage. The junior

talent contest is 1:30 p.m. inside the arena – another great tradition going back many decades.

"We're going to carry on with the tobacco tying as long as we can," said Overbaugh, hoping to see some new teams join the fun this year.

Kids will enjoy inflatable games, and there will be food trucks to experience fair food. The Langton CWL will host a lunch in the community centre, a great opportunity to buy lunch and catch up with old friends. In the arena, Eva sells homemade pies, chili, and sandwiches at the Langton Fair table.

Norfolk County Library sets up games for kids in the baseball outfield or soccer fields.

The car show is always popular. Plaques are awarded for best tractor and car in the parade. Parade participants, as well as the public, can vote for their favourites.

A special 'Young Farmer' addition will be featured during this year's opening ceremonies.

"Daryl Granger, who did the documentary Young Farmer, his nephew (Roman Boyd) goes to Sacred Heart School. I thought what better chance to promote agriculture, plus Roman being the star of this documentary – both his

brother and sister had a big part in it as well. So I asked Daryl if he would officially open the fair.

"The whole school (Sacred Heart) went to see the movie, except the Kindergarten, I think back in June."

As young as he is, Roman has a long history participating at the Langton Fair.

"Oh my, yes," Overbaugh laughed. "Ever since the children were born. Since they were little they brought in wagons of fruit and vegetables from the farm – they'd make four or five trips to the truck with their wagon to get all the stuff! The Boyds are very, very supportive of the fair and we are always very appreciative of that. It's great they did that."

"All three of them came to the daycare ((Norfolk Little People's Daycare) when they were little, and they entered things in the fair. Even when they were little, they'd be dragging that wagon with lots of fruits and vegetables and stuff."

Fruits, vegetables and related entries were up again last year, said Overbaugh.

"They were very good last year, so we were very pleased with that. The tables were pretty

much full, children's and adult sections. They can enter flowers, baking, preserves – all that stuff – although the preserves are mainly done by adults.

"We're hoping it'll be the same this year," said Overbaugh, who fondly remembers her mother, who while looking after six kids and feeding a crew of 40 during tobacco harvests, entered everything she could in the fair.

"She would say every year, 'Oh it's just too much,' but we would hear the clanging pans and she would bake for every single category in the fair book – tarts, pies, cakes, everything. And she canned for every single entry. You name it, she canned it, all summer. She'd tag them and take them to the old community centre, and she'd just make the deadline before the judges started judging."

"One year she would win most points, then the next year Mrs. Barker from Courtland would win most points. They kind of went back and forth. She enjoyed the competitiveness and she loved to bake and she loved to can, so she would just 'go for it.' I don't know how she did it, looking after all of us and the harvest gang, but she did it."



Township of Norwich – 2026 Municipal Election
Notice of Election
Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 40)

Municipal Election 2026

Elections will be held for the following Offices:

- Mayor – one (1) to be elected
- Councillor, Ward 1 – one (1) to be elected
- Councillor, Ward 2 – one (1) to be elected
- Councillor, Ward 3 – acclaimed
- Councillor, Ward 4 – one (1) to be elected

- Trustee, Thames Valley District School Board – acclaimed
- Trustee, London District Catholic School Board – acclaimed
- Trustee, Conseil scolaire catholique Providence – acclaimed
- Trustee, Conseil scolaire Viamonde – acclaimed

Election Day is Monday October 26, 2026. Voting will be held in-person from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Ward 1 – Springford Community Hall - 429 Main Street West, Springford
- Ward 2 – Norwich Community Centre - 53 ½ Stover Street South, Norwich
- Ward 3 – Heritage Netherlands Reformed Congregation - 685 Main Street South, Burgessville
- Ward 4 – Oxford Centre Hall - 505386 Old Stage Road, Oxford Centre

Advance Voting is Available

Date: Saturday October 17, 2026
Location: Norwich Community Centre, 53 Stover Street, Norwich
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Voter Notification Cards

Information regarding where you vote on Election Day will be available on your Voter Notification Card, to be mailed (approximately) the week of September 28, 2026. If you do not receive your card please contact the Clerks Department.

Proxy Voting

Electors that are on the Voters' List and unable to vote on Voting Day or at the Advance Voting may apply to obtain a Certificate appointing another eligible elector to vote on their behalf. Prescribed application forms to appoint such voting proxies are available at the Township of Norwich Clerks' Department. All applications must be certified by the Township Clerk (or designate) at the Clerk's Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) September 1, 2026 to October 26, 2026. Certificates will also be issued between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. on the date of Advance Voting. Certificates to vote by Proxy will not be issued after 4:30 p.m. on October 26, 2026.

Identification Required

The Municipal Elections Act requires all voters to present identification before receiving a ballot. When going to vote, electors should bring their Voter Notification Card along with at least one other piece of prescribed identification that shows your name and qualifying address. Acceptable identification includes an Ontario Drivers Licence, Motor Vehicle Permit, Property Tax Assessment or Utility Bill. For a full list of accepted identification please visit the Township of Norwich Election website at: <https://elections.norwich.ca/>

Who can Vote?

- To vote in the municipal election, you must be a qualified elector. That means you must be:
- a resident of the Township of Norwich or a non-resident owner or tenant of lands in the Township of Norwich or the spouse of such non-resident owner or tenant;
 - a Canadian citizen;
 - at least 18 years of age; and
 - not prohibited from voting by law

If you live in the Township of Norwich and own or rent more than one property in the Township, you must vote where you live. You can only vote once in the Township of Norwich.

For election information, please visit <https://elections.norwich.ca/> or call 519-667-2000

Kimberley Armstrong
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Returning Officer
karmstrong@norwich.ca



2026 Municipal Election
Employment Opportunity

The Township of Norwich is now recruiting dedicated and enthusiastic individuals to work as election officials in the up-coming 2026 Municipal Election for the Advance Poll to be held on Saturday October 17, 2026 and Voting Day to be held on Monday October 26, 2026.

To be eligible to work, you must:

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before October 26, 2026;
- Not be a candidate, or the spouse of a candidate, running for office in the Township of Norwich;
- Attend a mandatory training session (date/time to be determined)
- Be prepared to arrive at your designated voting place at a specified time and remain there until after voting closes and all duties have been completed; and
- Complete and submit an application for employment

If you are interested in working in the 2026 Municipal Election, you must complete an Election Official Application form which is available at: <https://elections.norwich.ca/> and submit it by 4:00 p.m. on Friday September 25, 2026. Township Staff will review your completed application for employment upon receipt. Notifications will be sent to successful applicants the week of September 28th.

2026 Voters List

The preliminary list of persons entitled to vote in the 2026 Municipal Election is available for inspection upon request at the Municipal Office, 285767 Airport Road, Norwich. Electors may examine the list to ensure their name has been included and that all related information is correct, either in person at the Township Office during regular office hours, by calling the Office at 519-667-2000, or by email to one of the contacts below. **Electors are encouraged to ensure that their name has been included and that all related information is correct.**

Electors may apply to have their name added to or removed from the Voters List or the information relating to themselves amended. Revisions to the Voters List may be made by filing an application at the Township Office, Clerks Department, during normal office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Election Day, October 26, 2026.

Electors may also apply to revise the Voters List at the Voting Place either at the Advance Voting Day or on Voting Day. However, you are encouraged to apply for revision prior to voting day to avoid delays in voting.

No person shall use information obtained from the Voters' List, except for election purposes. The use or sale of these lists for commercial purposes is prohibited.

Advance Voting Available

Date: Saturday October 17, 2026
Location: Norwich Community Centre, 53 Stover Street, Norwich
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

For Election related information, please contact:

Sean McCoy Deputy Clerk Deputy Returning Officer 519-667-2000 ext. 7604 smccoy@norwich.ca	Kimberley Armstrong Clerk Returning Officer 519-667-2000 ext. 7614 karmstrong@norwich.ca	Lizz Birchall Customer Service Clerk Election Assistant 519-667-2000 ext. 7610 ebirchall@norwich.ca
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SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 11 | 1 - 4 PM

KEN LIGHTHEART AND THE NORTHSHORE RAMBLERS

**Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham St,
Tillsonburg, ON**

Only \$7 cash at the door. All Welcome! Cash bar open!

SEPTEMBER 12 | 1 - 4:30 PM

KICKN KOUNTRY LIVE BAND

**Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham St,
Tillsonburg, ON**

Only \$8 cash at the door. 19+ event. Cash bar open. Call 519-842-5281 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 12 | 9 AM - 4 PM

(Rain Date: Sunday, September 13) OPEN HOUSE AND FAMILY FUN DAY

**Tillsonburg Regional Airport, 244411
Airport Road, Tillsonburg**

Join the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association for its biggest event of the year, their Wings & Wheels Family Fun Day, September 13. (Rain date: Sept 14). World War II Harvard aircraft, along with hundreds of classic cars will be on display in one location. Bring your classic car or peruse those brought by others. Harvard flights will be available all day long. A great day's outing.

Activities:

- Opportunities for Harvard flight experiences (While pre-booking flights is not necessary, it is recommended. Contact crewflights@harvards.com to ensure your seat)
- Hangar tours and aircraft displays
- Fundraising garage sale & book sale
- Food trucks

All types of vehicles are welcome. If you are bringing a vehicle for display, registering your vehicle upon arrival on-site is highly recommended.

In case of inclement weather, check their Facebook page for RAIN DATE updates. Cost: Cash donation, Contact: info@harvards.com / 519-842-9922, For more info: www.harvards.com

SEPTEMBER 13 | 2 PM

DECORATION DAY SERVICE Burgessville Baptist Cemetery

Speaker Pastor Nick Mitchell, soloist Lola Mather-Dyer.

SEPTEMBER 14 | 7:30 PM

DELHI & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

**Delhi Senior Friendship Centre,
418 Queen St., Delhi**

Guest Speak - Dylan Cowan who works closely with Kevin Kavenaugh at South Coast Gardens. TOPIC: Growing Flowers and food together. All welcome to join us. (Enter at rear parking lot off William St.)

SEPTEMBER 16 | STARTS 11 AM

136TH LANGTON FALL FAIR Langton arena

Parade will begin at 11 am with opening ceremonies to follow. CWL luncheon at the Langton Community Centre. Also Baby Show, Talent Show, Tobacco Tying Contest and Car and Tractor Show! Also exhibits for Preserves, Baking, Homecrafts etc For adult and student prize lists call or text Carol 519-875-2973 or Susan 519-427-6314

SEPTEMBER 18 | 6:30 PM

TILLSONBURG KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BINGO Basement of St Mary's Church on Rolph St in Tillsonburg

SEPTEMBER 19

TILLSONBURG LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tillsonview Fairways

Tee Time spots still available. Cost is \$70 per person includes 18 holes of golf, lunch at 3:00 pm, and prizes. For more information call 519-842-5281.

SEPTEMBER 28 | 9 - 10 AM

FREE CLASS/OPEN HOUSE AT OTTER VALLEY TAI CHI St. John's Anglican Church, 46 Ridout St. W., Tillsonburg

Email: ottervalley@canadiantaichiacademy.org, Phone: 519-688-9779

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 24 | 10 AM - 3 PM

OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY CIRCUIT BOOK (STAMP) FAIR Church of the Epiphany, 560 Dundas Street, Woodstock Ontario N4S 1C7

Free Admission & Parking. Stop in and buy some stamps and meet fellow stamp collectors. About 8 participating stamp clubs. Contact: dheaton3e3@gmail.com Website: http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford

ONGOING CLASSES, CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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

CAREGIVER CONNECTION Revel Realty Woodstock, 111 Huron Street (Virutal/hybrid 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

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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

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

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM

SATURDAYS | 10 AM - 12 PM

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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**

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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

COMING EVENTS

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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WEEKEND QUIZ

by Jake Grant

- Which animal has fingerprints that are so similar to humans they can confuse forensic investigators?
- Which country consumes the most chocolate per person each year?
- What is the largest moon in the Solar System?
- What is the only continent with no active volcanoes?
- What is the only metal that is liquid at room temperature?
- Which famous scientist developed the three laws of motion?
- What does UN stand for?
- What was Dolly Parton's middle name?
- Which animal's egg case is often called a "mermaid's purse"?
- A tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports is known as a _____?

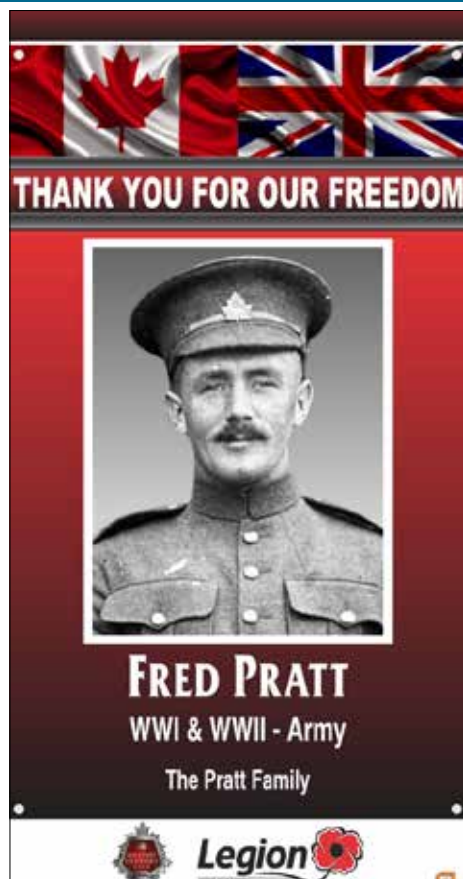
This week's answers are found on pg. 25

MEET THE PEOPLE OF THE MEMORIAL VETERAN BANNERS

Fred Pratt

Fred Pratt was born in 1892 and educated in England prior to coming to Canada in 1910. He took up farming in Courtland. Fred served during World War 1 with the 133rd Battalion (Canadian Expeditionary Force), and reenlisted and served with the Elgin Regiment and the Veteran's Guard of Canada during World War 2.

In the years following WW2 he found employment in administrative roles with Local Municipal Government and also with Local Conservation Authorities until his retirement in 1967. Fred passed in 1978 and is buried in Tillsonburg cemetery.



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Overdose awareness event held in Tillsonburg

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

A coalition of groups worked to raise awareness of problems with drugs in advance of International Overdose Awareness Day with a display in Tillsonburg last week.

The Oxford Mental Health Addictions Action Coalition, Regional HIV AIDS Connection and the Heart Hub Mobile Health Outreach Bus. The stop in Tillsonburg on Aug. 27 was one of three in the county.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of International Overdose Awareness Day. The theme “25 Years On. Still Needed” pays heed to the ongoing impact of overdoses on individuals, families and communities worldwide. It honours those lost to overdose, acknowledges the grief of those left behind, and recognizes the dedication of individuals, families, advocates, service providers, and organizations who have worked tirelessly to prevent overdose deaths and support those affected by substance use. It is also a reminder that overdose is preventable and that continued awareness, compassion, and evidence-informed action are still needed to save lives.

The display in front of the Tillsonburg Town Center aimed to educate people about drug poisoning and overdose awareness. A memorial was also set up for people to pay tribute to those lost through overdoses.

Pattie Monaghan of Oxford Mental Health Addictions Action Coalition explained there is a growing pattern with more fentanyl being cut with the veterinary tranquilizer xylazine or human sleeping medication benzodiazepine. These additives make it easier to overdose.

While she advised having Naloxone on hand, she said if xylazine is added to the mix, it won't work.

“Sometimes that may not be enough, and you need to call for medical attention,” said Alex McDonald of the Regional HIV AIDS Connection.

While the problem of overdoses is worse in Woodstock than Tillsonburg, there is still a problem. While Monaghan said an overdose happened down the street at the event in Woodstock the day before, there was also a call for Naloxone for an overdose while she was in the midst of the interview in Tillsonburg.

Speaking more about benzodiazepines, McDonald said withdrawal from it causes a user to take more fentanyl, resulting in an overdose. There have been two overdose deaths in Oxford since the beginning of June.

Free Naloxone kits

Naloxone kits were also handed out during Thursday's event.

“You can't use it wrong,” McDonald said. “If you give it to someone who is not overdosing, you can't hurt them. If they are, you may save them.”



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Mark Renaud and Vanessa Fortner of the Downtown Tillsonburg BIA, on the right, stopped by the International Overdose Awareness Day table in front of the Tillsonburg Town Centre last Thursday. From the left, Pattie Monaghan, Alex McDonald and Robin Johnston explained about Naloxone and some of the issues in the county.

If a person is found passed out, the advice was to try to wake them, and if they are unresponsive, administer Naloxone and call 9-1-1.

Robin Johnston, a community partner with the programs, said everyone should have a Naloxone kit to save lives, explaining it's not just for people on the streets.

“It could be someone whose grandfather forgot they had taken meds (and double doses), or someone who touched a surface with drugs on it,” she explained, adding addiction can start as a prescription and when the pain hasn't gone away, the person turns to the streets.

Monaghan believes it's good for downtown business owners to have a kit on hand, even if the owner and staff aren't comfortable administering it. She said someone on the street could run in if they witness an overdose victim looking for a kit. Monaghan also pointed out that a person who administers Naloxone can't be held liable under the Good Samaritan Act.

About 20 to 30 people stopped by the table in Tillsonburg on Thursday.

“It's a place people come and share their stories,” said Johnston said.

They also hear stories of people dealing with problems with alcohol.

The Heart Hub

The Heart Hub's Mobile Health Outreach Bus visits the encampments in town once per week, providing snacks, water, socks, and essentials. A nurse practitioner is also along in case wound care is needed.

Heather Nowlan, an outreach worker with the Heart Hub, said this is the second year in Tillsonburg. Besides the encampment visits, she is also at the library from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays to help replace stolen or lost photo IDs and fill out paperwork such as dental plan applications. She said it's usually a steady day. A nurse practitioner is also available for care at the Livingston Center.

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RIDDLES

What loses its head in the morning but gets it back at night?

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I have a head like a cat and feet like a cat, but I am not a cat. What am I?

A kitten.

Who makes it, has no need of it. Who buys it, has no use for it. Who uses it can neither see nor feel it. What is it?

A coffin.

Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?

Corn on the cob.

What is at the end of a rainbow?

The letter W!

What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

A palm!

You'll find me in Mercury, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus. But never Neptune, or Venus. What am I?

The letter "R."

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Level: Beginner

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OBITUARY

JAMES MACLAREN PROUSE

(DECEMBER 15, 1925 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2026)



With great sadness, we announce the passing of James Maclaren Prouse in his 101st year. Born December 15, 1925, to the late Cecil and Vivian Prouse. Businessman in Tillsonburg for over 60 years and a WWII Veteran. Predeceased by his wife Ruth Prouse (2015) and his daughter Karen Kennedy (2008). Father to son Dennis Prouse (Allison),

daughter Cheryl Seabrook (David), son Duane Prouse (Lynda) and son-in-law David Kennedy. Stepfather to Patti Kondrat (John) and Scott Foster (Chris). Jim was the grandfather to 8: Ryan, Allison, Selina, Grant, Adam, Graham, Meaghan and Charlotte and great-grandfather to 12. Brother to Robert Prouse, the late Rhea Boynton (2023) and the late Hugh Prouse (2026). He will be missed by his great friends, Cheryl, Brad, Mike, Lily and Tom.

Following Jim's wishes, there will be a small graveside memorial service at Tillsonburg Cemetery. Everyone who knew Jim is invited to share favourite memories and photos, express personal condolences or contribute memorial donations to the "Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation" via Jim's online tribute page at www.verhoevefuneralhomes.com or by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes, 262 Broadway, Tillsonburg (519) 842-4238.

"Thank you for the excellent care provided to Jim on 3Kent at Parkwood Hospital."

OBITUARY

REGINALD GRIGGS HAYWARD

(APRIL 29, 1940 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2026)



It is with sadness that we the family of Reginald Griggs Hayward, wish to announce his peaceful passing, on Monday, September 7th, 2026, surrounded by his loving family at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in his 87th year. Reg was born in Port Burwell, son of the late Nathan and Mary (Goldston) Hayward. Reg is dearly missed by his loving and much loved wife Elaine (Vermast) Hayward, of Tillsonburg. Reg

was so proud of his sons Christopher (August 28, 2021) and Tim (March 29, 2022); Reg and Elaine were so devastated losing them at such young ages. Reg is survived by Tim's much loved wife Robin and their son Tyberius. Reg is survived by his brother-in-law Mike Vermast (wife Susan), of Kingsville, his best friend 'Spark' (Howard Wright), and by their families. Also predeceased by his brothers Jack and Mark.

Reg will be fondly remembered by family friends and neighbours for his easy going personality and his deep love for his family. Reg enjoyed golfing and was a starter at The Bridges, Tillsonburg. His proudest golfing moment came in Florida when he shot a hole-in-one. For many years, Reg enjoyed playing Oldtimers Hockey until he was about 66 and he was a talented catcher, when playing Fastball. Reg helped to establish Teen Theater in Tillsonburg and he enjoyed showing off his acting chops with Otter Valley Play House; once playing the beloved role of Mr. Tilson. Reg was a prominent and highly respected community figure who formerly served as the Town Crier for the Town of Tillsonburg. Reg was known for his booming, melodic voice and dedicated community presence, he represented Tillsonburg at various civic events and parades.

In keeping with Reg's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no formal funeral service. Everyone who knew Reg is invited to share favourite memories and photos, express personal condolences or contribute memorial donations to "Von Oxford" (for Sakura House Hospice) via Reg's online tribute page at www.verhoevefuneralhomes.com or by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes - Burial and Cremation Services Inc., 262 Broadway, Tillsonburg (519) 842-4238, which has been entrusted with all funeral arrangements, with confidence.

OBITUARY

HELEN PEACOCK

With her family by her side, Helen Peacock passed away peacefully on August 31, 2026, in her 97th year.

Born in Amherstburg, Ontario, Helen lived most of her life in Tillsonburg. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard (2012); beloved sons, Brent (1978) and Patrick (2018); infant granddaughter, Jennifer (2000); great-granddaughter, Hadley Harwood (2024); sister, Rose Delaney (2008); brother, Louie Spanics (2009); and sister, Anna Spanics (2022).

Helen was the dear mother of Terry (Diane) Peacock, Karen (Peter) Northgraves, David Peacock, and Robert Peacock.

She was a proud and loving grandmother to Jennifer (Nick) Goetz, Nathan (Lisa) Peacock, Lauren (Jake) Burn, Abby (Dusty) Zamecnik, Hannah Northgraves (Malena), Rachel (Derrick) Harwood, Caren Peacock, Mackenzie (Nate Prusky) Peacock, and Cole Peacock.

Helen was a cherished great-grandmother to Brayan and Tessa Goetz, Landon and Hayden Burn, Palmer and Reese Zamecnik, and Jett Peacock.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Fody, along with several nieces and nephews.

Helen loved her family deeply and was the true matriarch of the Peacock clan. Her Hungarian heritage was reflected in her incredible cooking, which was her special way of showing love. Her kitchen and garden were at the heart of family life. She took great pride in her garden and lovingly provided fresh food for her family throughout the year.

Beyond her devotion to her family, Helen was a bright and intelligent woman who remained present, articulate, and engaged right to the very end of her life. She had a wonderful strength of character and a deep love for those around her.

Helen loved animals, and in her memory, donations may be made to the Simcoe & District Humane Society and can be completed payable by cheque to the Humane Society by contacting Ostrander's Funeral Home (519) 842-5221 or directly online with the Simcoe & District Humane Society.

There will be no visitation. A private funeral service will be held by the family.

Helen will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family and all who knew her. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.ostrandersonline.com



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LEWIS STEPHEN BOUGHNER

(AUGUST 20, 1936 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2026)



Lew passed away on September 4th, 2026, with his family at his side, a few days after they celebrated his ninetieth birthday. He is at peace now with his beautiful wife Blanche, who we lost too soon in 2013. He is survived by their children Gary & Liz, Loree & Rick, Kathy & Tom and David & Renee; also, by nine grandchildren and soon

to be nine great-grandchildren. The son of the late Harold and Doy Boughner and son-in-law of the late Eugene and Clara Hobgood. Also predeceased by his brother Jack and sisters Alice, Dorothy, Eilene, Frances and Mary Beth and Blanche's brother Bernie Hobgood. Also survived by sisters-in-law Lesley Hobgood and Doreen Boughner and many nieces and nephews.

Lew started at the Bank of Commerce in Langton when he was fifteen and stayed with CIBC until his retirement. Dad was a ball player, winning numerous Ontario championships with teams from Langton and Walsingham. He was a fisherman, hunter, gardener and worked hard at having the best yard on the block when he was still able. He spent his later years reading and enjoying all things sports on television. There will be no funeral service. Arrangements are entrusted to the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes, Langton. Memorial donations to the Langton Baptist Church would be appreciated by the family and can be made by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes (519)842-4238.



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GEORGE ALEXANDER MCCUNE

(MARCH 21, 1931 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2026)



Surrounded by the love of his family, George McCune passed away on Monday, September 7th, 2026, in his 96th year. George was predeceased by his parents, his sister Mavis (2025) and his brother Bob (2023) in Northern Ireland, and by his first wife Gladys (2004). He is survived by his wife Lillian (D'Ambrose), stepdaughter Lisa (Mark) and stepson Eric Davis (Helene). He also leaves behind many nieces, and nephews in Ireland and Canada.

George was born in Northern Ireland in 1931. After the war, in his youth he emigrated to Australia. He returned to Northern Ireland with intentions to return to Australia, but along the way he and his cousin jumped on a boat to visit Canada and decided not to leave.

George worked for Kodak as a draftsman for many years but was able to retire with more years ahead than he worked. He enjoyed golf, woodcarving and curling until his 94th year. He also enjoyed a good scotch and visiting with friends on his front porch. He was a Right Worshipful Brother of the Freemasons for over 56 years.

We will remember George for his affection, laughter and more than a few stories worth retelling. George will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his family and all who knew him.

At George's request, there will be no visitation. A private family Graveside Service will be held in the Tillsonburg Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations to the "Heart and Stroke Foundation" or to the "Canadian Cancer Society" would be appreciated by the family and can be made by contacting the Maurice J. Verhoeve Funeral Homes- Burial and Cremation Services Inc., 262 Broadway, Tillsonburg (519)842-4238.

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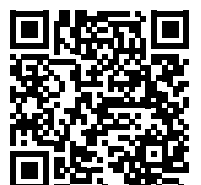
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