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Federal Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre speaks to a large crowd at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show on Saturday. Poilievre granted the Gazette a 15-minute, one-on-one interview before the event.

Poilievre talks agriculture and housing during Oxford County visit

Conservative leader wants less taxes and red tape on farmers and homebuilding

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Federal Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre made a rare stop in Oxford County at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show on Saturday as the guest of Oxford MP

Arpan Khanna.

Grant Haven Media was given an exclusive interview with Poilievre before his speaking engagement and before trade talks with the Americans broke down. One of the topics covered was

agriculture and how we as a country can become more self-sustainable in the sector.

"What we need to do is lower the cost burden on farmers to make them more competitive," Poilievre said. "In Canada

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Wilmot, Wellesley welcome new shared sustainability manager

GALEN SIMMONS

Regional Editor

The townships of Wilmot and Wellesley now have a dedicated staff member tasked with finding opportunities to reduce greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions, conserve resources and potentially save the municipalities money through more efficient operations.

Sustainable Waterloo Region (SWR) executive director Tova Davidson introduced Steffen Knochel, the new sustainability manager shared between the two townships, to Wilmot council at its Aug. 24 meeting.

The one-year position, hosted through SWR, was approved earlier this year as a way for the neighbouring municipalities to share sustainability expertise they did not have internally. Funding from Enbridge Gas covers half the \$70,000 salary, while Wilmot and Wellesley are each contributing approximately \$17,500.

"It is a shared role with just a one-year idea of, 'Let's give this a try and see how we can make some real progress,'" Davidson told council.

Knochel, an architect and certified passive

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Poilievre brings message of lower costs, tougher crime laws to Oxford

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today, we have a lot of government costs that other farmers do not face. The industrial carbon tax on fertilizer, farm equipment and food processing drives up the inputs to grow the food we eat.”

He added taxes on fuel make it more expensive to grow and ship food, as Canadians spend about 20 cents per litre more for gas and diesel compared to our American counterparts.

“We need to get rid of all those taxes; that’s the starting point. That would allow us to produce not just more food, but more fertilizer and more farm equipment at a lower price. There is also a lot of red tape CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) has imposed that really doesn’t help food safety.”

Poilievre also explained there are dozens of regulations that apply to our producers but don’t apply to their foreign counterparts.

“If these things were really necessary for safe food consumption, we wouldn’t let foreign farms and food processors go around the rules.”

Homelessness and the related issues of mental health and drug abuse may not be a direct federal issue, but the Conservative leader said there are two main reasons why they are such a problem in Canada.

“One is the cost of housing; the other is the drugs. The number one cost driver of housing in Canada is government. It’s

taxes, development charges, fees, delays, permitting, zoning, land restrictions, then all of the consultants, lobbyists, lawyers and accountants you have to hire to comply with an endless list of rules and regulations that do absolutely nothing to protect our safety or our environment.”

He added Canada has the second-lowest rate of building permits of all 38 countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and has among the highest building taxes.

“We need to get rid of all taxes on home-building. That includes no sales tax, no carbon tax on housing materials and lower taxes on the workers and companies who build the homes. Second, we need to incentivize municipalities through infrastructure dollars to speed up permits, free up land and collect development charges.”

Poilievre also wants to see the federal building code changed to emphasize affordability. When it comes to illegal drugs, he wants to see much stiffer punishments for dealers.

“Right now, when someone gets caught for trafficking meth or fentanyl, they get a slap on the wrist. I want life sentences for fentanyl dealers who sell more than 40 milligrams. That’s enough to kill 20 people. ... You might as well take a gun and fire it into a stadium full of people because that’s how likely you are to kill somebody. It can stop someone’s breathing in three seconds.”

He also wants to see an end to safe supply programs across the country, calling them “hard production” rather than harm reduction.

“They call it safe supply; it’s unsafe supply. I want to scrap all those programs and put people in treatment and recovery programs. Conservatives are going to push a bill for mandatory drug treatment for people who are arrested on possession of illegal substances. Not the dealers; they are going to go to the slammer and never get out. The victims should be put into treatment programs to get them off drugs and turn their lives around.”

Poilievre added no other country in the world is providing safe supply.

“If you go to Europe, you don’t see this. You don’t see people folded over on fentanyl in Spain, France or Germany. It doesn’t exist. They don’t do this kind of insanity. Our government is doing it to us, and we can stop it, and I will.”

When asked what he enjoys most about his job as federal opposition leader, he said he loves meeting with the incredible Canadian people as often as he can, including many young employees at Stubbe’s Precast plant in Hickson.

“They have a lineup of people on that floor, 18 years old, who are building moulds for beautiful new homes, working with rebar and cranking out six million square feet of housing every single year. These kids are just unbelievable. Their

work ethic, their brain power.”

Poilievre said the most frustrating part of his job is having a government in power he says isn’t worthy of the people it represents.

“We have the most impressive population in the world in terms of our values, our education. Yet the government is just not living up to their standards. It frustrates the hell out of me when I see the government screwing things up, preventing our kids from owning homes and letting crime run rampant in our streets. If it weren’t so obvious what to do, I wouldn’t be so frustrated.”

Over 3,000 people attended the party’s community barbecue with Poilievre and other Conservative MPs.

“I was humbled by the tremendous support, energy and enthusiasm ... in Woodstock on Saturday,” said Oxford MP Arpan Khanna.

“It was an honour to speak with so many people about the challenges facing our country, including the ongoing trade dispute with the United States, the rising cost of living and the need to make our communities safer. We discussed our Conservative plan to lower costs, strengthen our economy, restore safe streets and put Canada first.”

He added the party will never stop fighting for the families, seniors, farmers, workers and small business owners who are the backbone of our country.

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New shared sustainability manager aims to cut emissions and costs

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house designer with nearly two decades of experience, said his background includes building retrofits and designing energy-efficient buildings, including passive houses.

His immediate priority will be establishing a clearer picture of where the townships currently stand and identifying where improvements can be made.

"In the first six months, I will focus on the GHG emissions, see where we sit in terms of emissions and water usage, and find, hopefully, some good areas to improve," Knochel said.

That work builds on the mandate council approved earlier this year, which includes developing a corporate climate-action work plan and identifying opportunities related to municipal energy consumption, waste reduction and water conservation. The position is also intended to help the townships work toward the TransformWR target of reducing greenhouse-gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050.

Knochel expects to report back to council quarterly as that work progresses.

Coun. Kris Wilkinson asked whether Knochel's initial review had already pointed to potential operational improvements or cost savings.

"I think we have good opportunities in terms of water savings," Knochel said, describing that as his initial impression from the data he has seen. He added a more

detailed review of municipal data and facilities will be needed before specific recommendations can be made.

Davidson said SWR will also help identify funding opportunities that could offset the capital costs of recommended improvements.

"The other focus for us is to look at that data and where the physical opportunities are, and then to look at funding opportunities and to apply for those funding opportunities to enable some of those retrofits," she said.

The goal, Davidson added, is to use available funding to reduce upfront costs while improvements to building efficiency generate longer-term operational savings.

That potential for savings was among the reasons Wilkinson supported creating the position when it came before council earlier this year. At the time, he called the one-year shared position a "no-brainer" and said it could also demonstrate how Wilmot and neighbouring municipalities could share other specialized resources in the future.

Mayor Natasha Salonen welcomed Knochel to the township and thanked him and Davidson for appearing before council.

As the one-year pilot moves forward, Knochel will work with staff in both municipalities to collect data, identify priorities and develop sustainability initiatives tailored to each township.

Tavistock Fall Fair just days away



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

The Tavistock Agricultural Society has once again hung its Fall Fair banner over Woodstock Street South, reminding residents to get their exhibits, parade floats and livestock ready for the annual fair Sept. 11-13. After another year of planning, organizers are looking forward to welcoming the community for a weekend of food, entertainment and family fun under this year's theme, "Autumn Leaves and Pumpkins Please." Agricultural society president Val Jones and the board of directors hope to see another strong turnout for one of Tavistock's favourite fall traditions.

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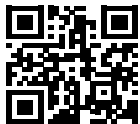
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Kidney transplant gives South Easthope farmer a second chance at life

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

For South Easthope farmer and licensed farm mechanic Gerald “Chick” Scheerer, the decision of a stranger to become an organ donor gave him something he could never adequately repay – another 20 years with his family.

Scheerer recently sat down with his wife, Gail, at their home near Shakespeare to reflect on the kidney transplant that saved his life two decades ago and encourage others to consider becoming organ donors.

Before receiving his transplant, Scheerer faced a difficult choice – continue dialysis for the rest of his life or hope a suitable donor kidney became available.

He began dialysis in November 2005 and continued until August 2006, when the call finally came that a kidney was available.

Scheerer was 50 years old and had no kidney function when he underwent the transplant at University Hospital in London. His donated kidney came from a deceased donor whose identity he has never known.

“You don’t get to meet your donor, and you don’t even know if they’re male or female, young or old, or what race they are,” Scheerer said.

“All you know is they had parents and family who loved them, while being a kind and giving person.”

After the transplant, Scheerer wrote to the donor’s family to express his gratitude, though he said a simple thank you hardly seemed enough for the gift he had received.



Kidney-transplant recipient Gerald “Chick” Scheerer and his wife, Gail, stand beside their South Easthope home and gardens. Twenty years after receiving a donated kidney, Scheerer is encouraging others to consider registering as organ donors and giving someone else the same second chance at life he received.

Twenty years later, that gift has allowed Scheerer to experience milestones he once feared he would miss.

“None of my children were married and I had no grandkids yet,” he said of the

time of his transplant. “We now have a son-in-law and two daughters-in-law and 10 grandkids. I would’ve missed all this if it wasn’t for my caring donor and his or her family.”

Though there have been a few health challenges along the way, Scheerer continues to live an active and productive life and said the experience has given him a new perspective.

“I think of my donor often, knowing they missed the last 20 years, and I’ve got a duty to live for them,” he said.

Scheerer and his wife attended a seminar last fall with doctors, transplant recipients and organ-donor families. He said one of the messages shared by donor families was the comfort of knowing a part of their loved one continued living while helping change the lives of others.

It is a message Scheerer hopes will encourage more people to register as organ and tissue donors and, importantly, discuss that decision with their families.

“One person can save up to eight lives,” Scheerer said, adding tissue donation can improve the lives of many more.

Scheerer recalled a slogan from the transplant unit that has stuck with him throughout the past two decades: “Don’t take your organs to Heaven because Heaven knows we need them here on Earth.”

Gerald and Gail Scheerer are also encouraging area residents to participate in the Stratford Kidney Walk at Upper Queen’s Park on Oct. 3. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with the walk starting at 10 a.m.

For Gerald Scheerer, participating or sponsoring a walker is another way of supporting those living with kidney disease and awaiting the same life-changing opportunity he received 20 years ago.

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Josslin Insurance celebrates 50 Years by giving back

DIANE DANEN

Gazette Correspondent

Josslin Insurance is celebrating 50 years of Wagler-family ownership by giving back to the communities that have supported the family-owned business over the years.

The independent insurance brokerage has a long history in the Waterloo Region. The business was originally established in 1880 and was purchased by Don and Rose Wagler from J.B. Josslin in 1975.

Today, their sons, Scott and Steve Wagler, serve as managing partners and continue the family tradition of providing insurance services to individuals, families, farms and businesses throughout southwestern Ontario.

Over the past five decades, Josslin Insurance has grown from its original location in New Hamburg to offices in Kitchener, Cambridge, Elmira, Gorrie, Listowel, Tavistock and Wellesley. The brokerage now employs more than 100 people and works with dozens of insurance partners to provide clients with a variety of insurance options.

To mark the 50th anniversary of Wagler-family ownership, Scott and Steve Wagler wanted to recognize the communities that have played an important role in the company's success.

The brokerage donated a total of \$50,000 to 10 local not-for-profit organizations. Employees were invited to nominate

organizations they felt were making a difference in their communities, with each selected organization receiving a \$5,000 donation.

The recipients included Woolwich Counselling Centre, Woolwich Community Services, Strong Start Charitable Organization, The Food Bank of Waterloo Region, Child Witness Centre, Cambridge Food Bank, Mennonite Central Committee's Meat Cannery, Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre, Howick Optimist Club and Hope Links of the Listowel Salvation Army.

Josslin also directed additional funding toward nutrition programs at five local elementary schools including Listowel Eastdale Public School, St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School, North Perth Westfield Elementary School, Elma Township Public School and Howick Central Public School.

Giving back extended beyond financial donations. Six organizations also benefited from members of the Josslin team volunteering.

Employees volunteered with the Mennonite Central Committee's Meat Cannery, the Listowel Salvation Army's Sort & Pack Program, Strong Start Charitable Organization, KW Humane Society, The Food Bank of Waterloo Region and the snack program at North Perth Westfield Elementary School.

The company's commitment to the

communities it serves was recognized earlier this summer when Josslin Insurance was named Business of the Year at the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Business Excellence Awards Gala. The company's 50th anniversary community initiatives were among the factors considered in recognizing its community impact.

"Giving back to the communities that have helped us thrive over the last 50 years is important to our family," said Scott Wagler, brokerage partner. "Supporting the communities where we all live and work is a central value of our organization. We wouldn't be celebrating this milestone or this award without them, so we wanted

to show our thanks in the ways that would do them the most good."

Josslin Insurance continues to offer personal, commercial, farm, life and travel insurance, along with financial services introduced in 2025. With eight offices across southwestern Ontario, the brokerage remains focused on serving the communities where its employees live and work.

As Josslin Insurance looks toward the future, the Wagler family continues to build on the foundation established by Don and Rose Wagler 50 years ago, with a focus on serving clients and supporting the communities where its employees live and work.



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Dylan Yantzi accepts a \$5,000 donation to the Mennonite Central Committee presented by Scott and Steve Wagler along with staff members from Josslin Insurance. From left are Amanda Scheerer, Daniel Schmidt, Paulette Netterfield, Scott Wagler, Dylan Yantzi (MCC), Steve Wagler, Wendy Wagler, Atousa Bastos, Kelsey Vere and Denise Koepke.



Josslin Insurance managing partners Steve and Scott Wagler present a donation to the Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre in celebration of the company's 50th anniversary of Wagler-family ownership. From left are Steve Wagler, Katie Fisher, Sonia Nadeau, Trisha Robinson, Bonnie Zehr, Heather Doerbecker and Scott Wagler.

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Derek Brick acclaimed for another term on Wellesley council

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Regional Editor

After spending his first term learning the ins and outs of municipal government, Wellesley Coun. Derek Brick says he is looking forward to building on that experience over the next four years.

Brick, who has been acclaimed for another term on Wellesley Township council as the only candidate who submitted papers for his Ward 3 seat, said he has enjoyed his time around the council table and feels he is hitting his stride in the role just as several projects and initiatives he is interested in are moving forward.

"I feel like I have just become comfortable in the position and that we are moving ahead items in the community of interest to me," Brick said. "I was interested in being a part of the interesting upcoming projects for another term."

Brick described his first two years on council as a "whirlwind" with a steep learning curve as he became familiar with municipal processes, responsibilities and decision making.

"You learn so much in those first few years," he said. "I feel like it prepares you

for the future and you want to build off of that and represent the community better each year I am able to serve."

Outside council chambers, Brick works for the City of Waterloo, experience he said gives him another perspective on municipal government and an understanding of the challenges and successes facing neighbouring communities. He is also heavily involved in Wellesley Township and said staying connected with residents is an important part of representing them effectively.

Looking ahead to the next term, Brick said one of the most significant issues facing Wellesley is how the township manages future growth.

He pointed to the township's new official plan as providing a roadmap for that growth but said it will be important to ensure development happens in a way that works for the community.

"I think how we grow as a community is important," Brick said. "Our new official plan lays out a good roadmap for that, but it is important that we get it right for the community."

Brick would also like to see greater investment in Wellesley's downtown cores.

While the township already has strong businesses, he said attracting additional businesses would help maintain vibrant downtowns.

He plans to support recommendations contained in the official plan where appropriate and encourage the use of the township's community improvement plan as a tool for attracting investment.

For Brick, serving as a councillor ultimately comes down to listening to residents and bringing their perspectives to the council table.

"The role of the councillor is to hear the members of the community and represent them as best as possible in the council chambers," he said. "It is important to bring as many perspectives to the table to make informed decisions."

While being acclaimed means Brick will not have a traditional election campaign, he said he remains interested in hearing from residents and plans to follow the mayoral race closely to better understand what the community wants from its next council.

Residents can approach Brick when they see him in the community or reach out by phone or email. He is also willing to meet



(PHOTO COURTESY OF DEREK BRICK)

Ward 3 Coun. Derek Brick has been acclaimed to serve a second term on Wellesley council after the Oct. 26 municipal election.

residents at their homes to discuss their concerns.

"I am excited for another term serving the community," Brick said. "There are many interesting things happening in the next four years that will make this a great term of council."

Longtime Shakespeare resident Gail Hyde celebrates 85th birthday

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

A longtime Shakespeare resident, educator and familiar face in the community celebrated a milestone birthday Tuesday surrounded by family and friends.

Gail Hyde celebrated her 85th birthday at her new residence in Stratford, where she was surprised by many longtime friends, former colleagues and neighbours who came together to mark the occasion.

Hyde said she is enjoying life in her new apartment building at the corner of Orr and McCarthy roads on the northwest edge of Stratford.

Gail Hyde and her late husband, Tom Hyde, raised four children in Shakespeare – Murray, Pete, Ron and Linda. Tom Hyde and their eldest son, Murray, have since passed away, while Gail Hyde continues to cherish time spent with Pete, Ron and Linda and their growing families.

A longtime schoolteacher, Gail Hyde spent many years educating generations of local children at Sprucedale Public School in Shakespeare, just a short walk from the family home.

As their children grew up, Gail and Tom Hyde were also active in the Shakespeare community, particularly through the Shakespeare Community Athletic Association (SCAA) and the village's annual field day.

Like many Shakespeare families, the Hydies spent countless evenings at the local ballpark, another community gathering



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Gail Hyde was surrounded by family, longtime Shakespeare neighbours, friends and former teaching colleagues as she celebrated her 85th birthday Tuesday. Beside Gail is longtime teaching friend Nancy Kramer of Mitchell, who joined her in reminiscing about years gone by. Standing behind Hyde are her three children, from left, Ron, Pete and Linda.

place within walking distance of their home.

Now at 85, Gail Hyde says she is especially proud of her six grandchildren

and great-grandchild, with another great-grandchild expected in November.

Her surprise birthday celebration offered Gail Hyde an opportunity to reconnect with

former teaching colleagues, Shakespeare neighbours and friends she hadn't seen in years while celebrating the many relationships she has built over a lifetime.

Edmiston taking another run at the EZT mayoral chair

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Don Edmiston finished 270 votes behind incumbent Mayor Phil Schaefer in the 2022 election, and he is taking another shot at East Zorra-Tavistock's (EZT) top political job.

"Growing up in Innerkip and Hickson, now living in Huntingford with my wife, Celine, my EZT roots are solid," he said. "Ten years ago, I left the concrete ready-mix business with experience at all levels and followed my dream of taking my Taekwon-Do school to the next level full-time. I opened it in 2002 and went full-time in 2016, having to then stay afloat through COVID, which was a challenge, but I came out on top."

His hobbies include drag racing, snowmobiling and car shows, and most days, he can be found in his garage working on a project.

Edmiston said he is seeking the mayor position for several reasons, including better representation at the county level, as county tax increases have gotten very high. He also doesn't believe the former

Rural Oxford Transit program was the best decision for ratepaying citizens.

"I sat on that board when I was deputy mayor where it was put aside and approved the following term. My priority is to keep costs down because of the price of groceries, gas and the everyday cost of living. Interest rates have almost doubled in the past four years. The township and the county must try to keep a low tax rate for the people."

He added another concern at the county level is the purchase of the former YMCA in Woodstock, which is being transformed into a homeless shelter.

"This will cost all taxpayers. It is going to cost millions plus staffing. There are 50 beds in Woodstock at the church. Most nights, only 30 are used. I'm well schooled in this as my Taekwon-Do school is across the street from the church and I deal with the homeless regularly. I do believe homelessness is something that needs to be dealt with, and this is a huge undertaking."

Edmiston said having a mayor with an understanding of how hard it is for the everyday working family is important.

"I think the focus should be on parks

and recreation. With the cost of everything going up; anything we can do to get kids active and save parents money will be a good course of action. Also, (I want) to keep the spending in EZT to a minimum for a while. I think it's time to stop and take a breath with the current economy."

He added he will always be an advocate for local businesses and township's rich farming heritage.

"With four years as deputy mayor and sitting on boards like Rural Oxford Economic Development, Upper Thames Conservation, Rural Oxford Transit and the EZT boundary adjustment committee, I feel my experience working with everyday families and hearing how tough it is out there has kept me grounded. I have a current understanding of real-time situations."

Edmiston said he is committed to making almost all decisions based on the financial impact on taxpayers.

"That is why you have a voted council. A council does not have to agree, nor should they on everything, but they must make a sound and researched decision for the people. I will ensure that the position of



(PHOTO COURTESY OF DON EDMISTON)

Don Edmiston is seeking the mayor's chair in East Zorra-Tavistock, bringing four years of experience as deputy mayor and a focus on responsible spending, local businesses and keeping costs down for taxpayers.

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Ross taking another shot at EZT council

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Jon Ross is taking another shot at getting elected to East Zorra-Tavistock (EZT) council.

Ross has lived most of his life in Tavistock, moving to the town at the age of seven.

“My wife, Kim, and I are proud to have raised our three amazing children right here in town. I bring nearly 30 years of professional experience in technology and business leadership for the service of the township. Locally, people know me best as an owner of Madmash Brewery & Restaurant here in Tavistock.”

He added his roots in this town run deep, including serving in the Masonic Lodge for several decades, and as the head referee and an executive member of the Tavistock Minor Soccer Association.

“Over the years, I’ve also volunteered with minor hockey, my church council, local political campaigns and always say yes to helping out. At Madmash, we actively run an ongoing fundraiser for the Tavistock Assistance Program, among other initiatives to help give a night out to those in need.”

Ross said his primary reason for running is to use his professional background and extensive volunteer experience to help proactively shape the future of the community.

“Having run for town council before, my commitment to East Zorra-Tavistock has only grown stronger. As a local business owner who is deeply involved in the community, I intimately understand the daily challenges and opportunities we face. I am

running to ensure that Tavistock businesses and community groups have a strong, clear voice on the town council.”

He added he would like to bridge the gap between local government and residents, volunteers, and entrepreneurs who make the township a great place to live.

Ross said there are several key issues in the upcoming election for EZT, including supporting local economic growth and downtown revitalization.

“Having run a brick-and-mortar business for over two and a half years, I know firsthand what it takes to keep our downtown thriving. Ensuring our township has business-friendly policies is critical to maintaining local jobs and fostering a vibrant community hub.”

He would also like to attract and support more community events.

“The last time I ran for council, I campaigned on bringing a splash pad to Tavistock, and I was thrilled to see that council made it happen despite not being there to push it through. Now, I want to see a renewed focus on supporting large community gatherings. We used to host fantastic events at Queen’s Park, like the Southwestern Ontario Fiddle and Stepdance Competition and the Airstream rally. I would like to see the township actively pursue and incentivize the return of events like these.”

Ross explained there needs to be more active collaboration between the township and local entrepreneurs.

“I want to see the council proactively working to attract new businesses and helping existing ones improve and expand. A thriving downtown and commercial sector are the backbone of a growing,

successful township.”

He added EZT recently developed its 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, and he wants to ensure the township doesn’t just sit on a document but actively executes its goals such as sustainability and economic growth with total accountability and transparency to the taxpayers.

Another issue top of mind for Ross is enhancing recreational facilities and infrastructure by building on the success of the splash pad in Tavistock.

“I want to ensure our existing recreational facilities, like the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre and our local parks, are well-maintained and future-proofed to serve our growing population and attract those larger community events.”

He added there has been an increase in truck traffic through Tavistock and some residents are concerned. Ross said he would research options for helping slow down some of that traffic and find ways to improve road safety through the village.

“Voters should know that I am a servant leader, a hard worker and a dedicated community builder. I bring a unique blend of strategic problem-solving from my decades in the software industry, combined with the on-the-ground reality of running a local business and volunteering in town,” he said.

If elected, Ross said he will bring a deep understanding of community as well as a proven track record of success.

“Whether it’s managing high-value, complex projects in the corporate world or winning Oxford County’s Ultimate Burger Battle at Madmash, I know how to build effective, goal-oriented teams that deliver real results. I will be a steadfast advocate



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Jon Ross is running for a seat on East Zorra-Tavistock council in the Oct. 26 municipal election.

for both the local businesses that drive our economy and the families and volunteers who make East Zorra-Tavistock our home.”

Ross said he is incredibly invested in the success of East Zorra-Tavistock and encouraged anyone who wants to chat about the future of the township to reach out.

“You can connect with me online or stop by the brewery to say hello. I am always eager to listen to my neighbours and learn how we can work together to make our community even better,” Ross said.

Township of Wilmot recruiting election officials

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Van Wyk hoping to serve East Zorra-Tavistock for a second term

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Steven Van Wyk is hoping voters will send him back to East Zorra-Tavistock (Ezt) council for a second term come the municipal election on Oct. 26.

Van Wyk has lived in the Tavistock area for many years and has always enjoyed being involved in the community. Professionally, he works in the precast concrete industry where he is involved in quality assurance, engineering, manufacturing and long-term planning.

"My work has given me a strong appreciation for the importance of making decisions based on sound information, planning and getting good value from the resources available," he said.

Outside of work and council, he spends much of his time with his family.

"I enjoy being active, running and spending time outdoors, and I particularly enjoy being involved in my children's activities and sports. I value the sense of community that exists in Tavistock, and that is a big part of why I enjoy serving on council."

Van Wyk added he is running for re-election because he believes East

Zorra-Tavistock is in a strong position but needs to continue making thoughtful decisions about where the community is heading.

"My focus is on maintaining strong municipal finances, planning for our future infrastructure and community needs, and continuing to look for opportunities to improve recreation and quality of life in Tavistock."

He said having a strong financial foundation gives Ezt the ability to plan and make investments that benefit the community without losing sight of affordability for taxpayers. Van Wyk added one of the biggest issues facing the township is making sure it continues to look well beyond the current budget cycle.

"We need to plan for infrastructure renewal, future capital requirements and the needs of a growing community. Maintaining healthy reserves and strong long-term financial planning will give council the flexibility to deal with those challenges while still being able to invest in the things that matter to residents," Van Wyk said.

Van Wyk said recreation will continue to be an important priority.

"Recreation facilities and programs contribute significantly to the quality of life in our community, and we should continue looking for practical opportunities to improve what we have while planning for what we will need in the future."

He added he brings four years of experience on council, along with a professional background that is very focused on planning, quality, problem-solving and responsible decision making.

"I try to approach council decisions by looking at both the immediate issue and the longer-term consequences. Municipal decisions can have impacts for decades, so I believe it is important to look ahead rather than simply respond to whatever issue is in front of us at the time."

He said he believes in listening to residents and considering different perspectives before making decisions.

"My goal is to represent Tavistock responsibly, maintain strong finances, plan for the future and continue to support initiatives that improve our community."

"I am proud to represent Ward 1 and appreciate the opportunity to serve the residents of Tavistock. I believe that keeping the township on a strong financial



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Incumbent Ward 1 Coun. Steven Van Wyk is running for a second term on East Zorra-Tavistock council in the Oct. 26 municipal election.

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Faye files papers for EZT Ward 1 council spot

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Nicolas Faye has thrown his hat in the ring for a spot on council serving Ward 1.

Faye lives in Tavistock with his family and works as an enforcement officer with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, court services division. Before moving into court enforcement, he worked as a compliance inspector with the Ontario government.

“My public-service career has involved applying legislation, communicating directly with members of the public, documenting facts and handling difficult or sensitive situations. These experiences have taught me to listen carefully, remain calm under pressure, consider different sides of an issue and make decisions that are fair and supported by the facts,” said Faye.

He is bilingual in English and French and also speaks Spanish.

“Being able to communicate in three languages has helped me connect with people from many different backgrounds and better understand different points of view,” he added.

Family is a very important part of his life, and outside of work, he enjoys cycling, walking and staying active outdoors. He also spends some of his free time restoring his historic heritage home in Tavistock, which has strengthened his appreciation for the history and character of the community.

“I am running because Tavistock is my home and I want to contribute directly to the community where my family and I live. Municipal government is the level of government closest to people’s everyday

lives. Decisions about roads, property taxes, housing, development, recreation, infrastructure and local services have a direct effect on residents,” Faye said.

He said he is not running because he believes everything is wrong.

“East Zorra-Tavistock is a strong community with many things worth protecting. I want to bring a fresh perspective to council while respecting what already works. I believe good municipal government should be practical, accessible and transparent. Councillors should listen to residents, ask thoughtful questions, study the facts and explain the reasons behind their decisions.”

Faye said one of the biggest issues is managing growth while protecting the character of Tavistock, rural communities and agricultural areas.

“Housing is needed, particularly for young families, seniors and people who want to remain close to their families and community. However, new development must be supported by appropriate roads, water and wastewater capacity, emergency services, recreation facilities, and other infrastructure. Growth should be planned carefully so that existing residents are not left paying for infrastructure that was not properly anticipated.”

He added affordability is another major concern the township faces, the same issue facing residents, farmers and local businesses.

“Council must examine spending carefully, establish clear priorities and make sure taxpayers receive good value for their money. Long-term planning is important because delaying necessary work can sometimes make it much more expensive later.”

Faye explained agriculture and the rural economy also need a strong voice. Farming is not simply another industry in East Zorra-Tavistock.

“It is a major part of the township’s identity, economy and history. Responsible growth should be balanced with the protection of productive agricultural land and support for the people who work it.”

He also said communication with residents is important and that they should know what council is considering before major decisions are made, understand how those decisions may affect them and have meaningful opportunities to provide input.

“Councillors should remain accessible throughout the full term, not only during an election campaign.”

Faye added his work in compliance and enforcement has taught him good decisions begin with listening.

“It is important to gather the facts, understand the applicable rules, hear different perspectives and then make a decision that can be clearly explained. I am prepared to ask thoughtful and constructive questions. I do not believe that every old idea is bad or that every new idea is automatically better. What matters is whether a proposal is responsible, affordable and beneficial to the people the township serves.”

He added a councillor’s responsibility is to do the necessary research, consult residents, work respectfully with other council members and staff, and make the best possible decision with the information available.

“If elected, I would work for all residents of Ward 1. People may not agree with every decision I make, but they should be able to expect that I will listen, come prepared, explain my reasoning and treat



(PHOTO COURTESY OF NICOLAS FAYE)

Nicolas Faye is running to represent Ward 1 on East Zorra-Tavistock council in the Oct. 26 municipal election.

them with respect. I want residents to feel comfortable approaching me at a community event, calling me or speaking with me on the street and knowing that their councillor will take their concerns seriously.”

Faye said he has been knocking on doors and meeting residents to see what matters most to them.

“Those conversations have reinforced my belief that people do not expect elected representatives to arrive with every answer. They want representatives who are honest, accessible, prepared to listen and willing to work toward practical solutions.”

He added every resident should feel they have a voice at the council table.

“That is the kind of councillor I want to be.”

Peter Varga launches campaign for Wilmot Township Ward 1

AMANDA NELSON

Gazette Reporter

Peter Varga has begun his campaign to represent Ward 1 on Wilmot Township council, noting that his interest in running has emerged over time as he’s been alarmed by some of the decisions that have come from council over the years that deeply impact the community.

“I have felt there has been a lack of transparency, engagement and communication with our community for issues that directly impact people’s lives and where we live,” he said. “The increases to our property tax and the overall state of our township finances led me to decide to run.”

Varga has a bachelor’s degree in nursing and has worked as a registered nurse and health-care administrator and executive for the past 25 years. He said this has provided him with experience in strategic planning, operational and administrative overview, experience working with and reporting to a board, as well as engagements with the ministry and provincial agencies.

He also brings five years of private-sector experience as an executive in digital solutions within health care, noting his

experience in sales, B2B and B2C engagements, contract negotiations, compliance and organizational privacy best practices will help him advocate for his community.

“I believe my experiences advocating within health care will provide me the skills to advocate for our community and ask the appropriate questions to ensure council is fulfilling their responsibilities,” he said.

Varga’s focus for council is assessing the key issues facing Wilmot and its residents, including economic and community growth plans, affordable housing, protection of farmland and the risk of ongoing expropriation, water services and the impact regional decisions have on the community.

“I believe there are several issues facing Wilmot and our residents,” he said. “Current state of finances and local services, I feel, are threatened, as well as the lack of specific programs and services that effectively advance equity, diversity and inclusion.”

If elected, he plans to advocate for what the community is seeking from council and the township.

“I will actively engage our community,

members of our council as well as have strategic conversations with individuals who are smarter than me for their advice and expertise,” said Varga. “I plan to be present and visible within my ward and participate in community events so I can engage with residents for their thoughts and opinions, and table their concerns at council so it’s discussed and considered.”

If elected, Varga says he believes his job as councillor would be to share expertise with the members of council as well as the administration to ensure all options are considered and the best decisions are made.

“I plan to challenge the status quo, and strategies to mitigate risk as well as advance our community to have a clear understanding of the processes and bylaws so council runs effectively and professionally,” he said. “Overall, our role is to represent our community’s interests and steward the administrative activities that lead our township to prosperity and stability.”

Community members may see Varga knocking on doors and engaging with the community. He is available via email at pvarga7773@rogers.com, by phone at 519-505-7157 and on his website at



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Peter Varga has launched his campaign to represent Ward 1 on Wilmot Township council.

<https://npps.ca/about-peter>.

“I’m excited to talk with my community and learn more about their priorities,” he said. “I believe my background and experiences will provide me with the essential skills required by a council member to ask the difficult questions and bring effective leadership to our community.”

Smith hoping for another term representing EZT Ward 3

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Jeremy Smith has been an East Zorra-Tavistock (EZT) councillor for five terms, and he's hoping to make it six.

The 25-year Innerkip resident is a married father of two adult daughters, one a teacher with the Thames Valley District School Board and the other working in therapeutic recreation with local long-term care homes across Oxford County, including in Tavistock.

Smith is a retired radio personality and now works in maintenance and facilities with a global Tier 1 automotive supplier.

"Any given day, I can be seen strolling Innerkip with our beloved Australian cattle dog, Ozzy, and cycling the streets and roadways of Ward 3," he said.

He is a past member of the Innerkip Community Centre Board of Management and past director of the Innerkip Seniors Apartment.

Smith said there are several reasons why he is seeking another term.

"As you can well imagine, as the end of term nears, there's invariably a sense of unfinished business. In the upper echelon, continued attention to detail to our fiscal responsibility to ratepayers and residents in East Zorra-Tavistock."

He added the township is blessed with an excellent treasury department led by CAO Karen DePrest.

"We continue to receive top marks from the province for our annual financial information return and from our external auditor on our internal books. We have a collaborative council that has been committed to and successful in delivering one of the lowest tax rates in all of Oxford County. In each budget cycle in this term of council, we've been in the black with a generous surplus tallying over a million dollars, all told."

Smith said the township is the envy of many municipalities as East Zorra-Tavistock is on track to become completely debt-free sometime in 2028. He also explained the next council will have some big issues to deal with.

"We're still advancing our secondary plan to completion; an initiative that could see the boundaries of Innerkip and Tavistock expanded for future growth. We're expected to hear the latest from the county, our consultant and EZT staff in the final quarter of this year, but that could bridge into the next term of council."

He added the township will also be looking at its Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2027.

"I believe we've made inroads over the last few years,

but there's a lot more work to do as we continue to consider the list of recommendations that master plan included. Along those lines, we'll return to discussing the prospect of a multi-use recreation facility for the township. It won't be long before we add to our green space inventory in each of our villages, either through land purchase (Hickson) or future residential development (Innerkip and Tavistock), which will create opportunities for new place-making in our community.

"So, as you can see, there are many things I'd like to help to work toward in the home stretch and, ultimately, the finish line."

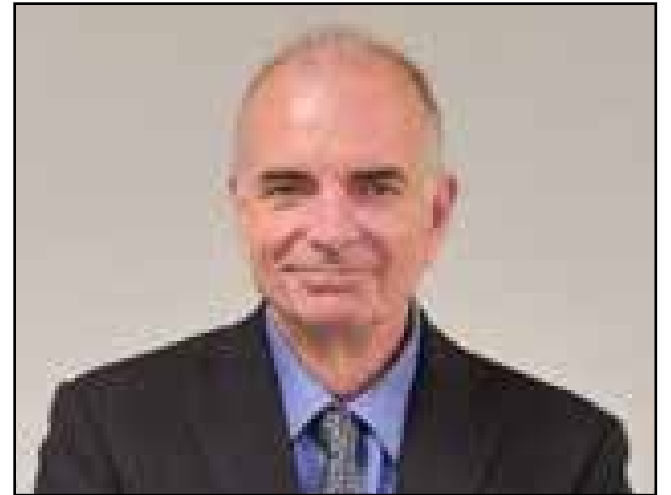
In the community safety file, he explained overall road safety and driver behaviours on county roads, in villages and on residential streets are top of mind for many.

"Speeding has become chronic. We have to continue working on traffic-calming ideas, enforcement initiatives with our police service and influencing an overall culture shift to not only prevent incidents and injuries but also make pedestrians and cyclists — and anyone using our streets alongside motor vehicles — feel safe and secure."

Smith brought forth a motion earlier this year asking staff to complete a report on what a speed reduction on residential streets could look like. The topic will be on a future agenda.

He added another hot-button issue will be the upcoming boundary adjustment.

"I fully expect the City of Woodstock to ask for a re-opening of that dialogue as development there continues to push northeast along our border. Of course, that's something that affects ratepayers and residents of the area



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Incumbent Coun. Jeremy Smith is running for a sixth term representing Ward 3 on East Zorra-Tavistock council.

I currently represent more than any other."

Smith said his record as a councillor speaks for itself.

"I bring a collaborative spirit to council and I'm always open to conversation. I believe I've always had the trust of council colleagues and township staff in any term I've served. My approach has always included a commitment to excellence, being responsive to concerns, working to find solutions and more than anything, an accountability to ratepayers and residents."

He added it would be an honour to serve the people of East Zorra-Tavistock in the next term.

OMISSION:

An omission was made in the story, "Tavistock's Ruth Albrecht celebrates 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends," on page 13 of the Aug. 20 edition of the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette. The article did not mention that Ruth Albrecht's sister-in-law, Arlene Wettlaufer, could not be present at her birthday celebration due to illness.



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Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades open house a family affair

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

The Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades welcomed visitors to Baden Saturday for its annual open house and barbecue, celebrating both local firefighting history and the newest addition to its collection of antique fire equipment.

Among those attending was 95-year-old Bert Currie, a longtime member of the Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades who came with members of his family to show his continued support for the organization.

The open house included the unveiling of the brigade's newest acquisition, an antique Ford F155 fire truck brought to Baden from Alberta.

Local dignitaries were also on hand to offer congratulations on behalf of the Township of Wilmot and the provincial and federal governments, recognizing the work brigades members continue to do preserving the history of the Baden and New Hamburg fire departments.

Through its collection of historic firefighting equipment and community events like the annual open house, the Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades continues to keep the history of local firefighting alive for future generations.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

From left, 95-year-old longtime Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades member Bert Currie, his great-granddaughter Claire Farwell, Claire's mother Roxanne Farwell and Currie's granddaughter enjoy Saturday's annual open house and barbecue in Baden. The celebration included the unveiling of the brigade's newly acquired antique Ford F155 fire truck from Alberta.

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Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades unveils newest addition to antique collection

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Early morning rain Saturday didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended the Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades' annual open house in Baden, where the organization unveiled the newest addition to its collection of historic firefighting vehicles.

Brigades president Peter Gingerich welcomed those in attendance before inviting Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen and Kitchener-Conestoga MP Tim Louis to offer remarks.

Both congratulated brigades members and volunteers for their continued efforts to preserve the history of firefighting in Wilmot Township, including the histories of the Baden and New Hamburg fire departments.

Gingerich said the organization has approximately 100 members, though a core group of roughly 10 volunteers does much of the work. He encouraged anyone interested in local firefighting history to consider joining and helping the organization continue its preservation efforts.

The Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades'

mission is to promote and educate the public about the history and heritage of firefighting in Wilmot Township and the fire service more broadly through its collection of historic firefighting vehicles, equipment and documents.

The organization was incorporated as a not-for-profit in 1996.

Saturday's highlight was the unveiling of a 1948 Ford F-155 Bickel-Seagrave pumper, which was built by King-Seagrave in Woodstock and originally delivered new to the New Hamburg Fire Department in 1948.

The truck was sold by Wilmot Township in 1978 and eventually made its way to Alberta. The Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades recently purchased the truck and had it transported back to the community where it began its firefighting career nearly eight decades ago.

Gingerich thanked Hillcrest Motors and J&R Hall Transport for their assistance in bringing the truck home and getting it tuned up, inspected and roadworthy.



(GARY WEST PHOTOS)

Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades members and supporters gathered Saturday for the organization's annual open house and the unveiling of its newest antique fire truck. From left are Bert Currie, Janice Gingerich, Kitchener-Conestoga MP Tim Louis, Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen, Tonya Hergott, brigades president Peter Gingerich, Kyle McGrath, Marlene Miller, Lyle Shantz, Luanne Shantz, Harold Rudy, Blain Bechthold and Randy Hoffman.



Young visitors Clyde and Norah Sprayson were among those who took in Saturday's Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades open house and barbecue in Baden. From left are Doug Ferguson, Kitchener-Conestoga MP Tim Louis, Clyde Sprayson, Norah Sprayson, Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen and Tony Hergott.



From left, Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades president Peter Gingerich is joined by Kitchener-Conestoga MP Tim Louis and Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen during Saturday's open house in Baden. Gingerich thanked Hillcrest Motors and J&R Hall Transport for helping bring the brigades' newly acquired 1948 firetruck home from Alberta and getting it roadworthy.



The Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades unveiled its latest addition during Saturday's open house in Baden. The 1948 Ford F-155 Bickel-Seagrave pumper

was built by King-Seagrave in Woodstock and delivered new to the New Hamburg Fire Department in 1948. Sold by Wilmot Township in 1978, the truck was recently purchased by the brigade in Alberta and transported back home.


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Local fair ambassadors compete at CNE

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

With the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in full swing, agricultural fair ambassadors from across Ontario gathered in Toronto last weekend to compete in the 2026 Ambassador of the Fairs competition.

A total of 59 ambassadors representing agricultural societies and fairs from across the province participated in speeches, interviews and other activities as they competed for the opportunity to serve as the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs for the coming year.

Several ambassadors from local agricultural societies made the trip to Toronto, including Brooklyn Ross of Tavistock, Hailey Lupton of Embro and Zorra, Erin Jackson representing the Wilmot Agricultural Society in New Hamburg, and Clare (Koch) Wight representing the



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

A total of 59 agricultural fair ambassadors from across Ontario competed in the 2026 CNE Ambassador of the Fairs competition in Toronto. Olivia Avery of the Lindsay Fair was named the overall winner and will serve as CNE Ambassador of the Fairs for the coming year.

Wellesley-North Easthope Agricultural Society.

At the end of the competition, Olivia Avery of the Lindsay Fair was named the 2026 CNE Ambassador of the Fairs.

Jared Hunter of the Kingston Fair was named first runner-up and Mr. Congeniality, while Kymberly Farmer of the Six Nations Agricultural Society was named second runner-up.

The four other semi-finalists were Sara Coates of Parkhill, Jillian Ohm of Listowel, Samantha Norwood of Brooklin and Wesley O'Leary of Coldwater.



From left, local agricultural fair ambassadors Brooklyn Ross of Tavistock, Hailey Lupton of Embro and Zorra, Erin Jackson representing the Wilmot Agricultural Society in New Hamburg, and Clare (Koch) Wight representing the Wellesley-North Easthope Agricultural Society prepare for the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs competition in Toronto.

The annual competition gives ambassadors from agricultural societies across Ontario an opportunity to represent their home fairs while meeting fellow ambassadors and promoting the province's agricultural-fair tradition on one of its largest stages.



From left, Wilmot Agricultural Society ambassador Erin Jackson, the Caledonia Fair ambassador and Wellesley-North Easthope Agricultural Society ambassador Clare (Koch) Wight gather during the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs competition.

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Community Improvement Plan – Brownfield Financial Incentive Program

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot adopted a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) on August 24, 2026, through the enactment of By-law 2026-65 and designated the whole Township as a Community Improvement Project Area through by-law 2026-66, in accordance with Section 28 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Brownfield Financial Incentive Program enables the Township to provide financial incentives to landowners for the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated brownfield sites through a joint Tax Increment Grant program with the Region of Waterloo. This CIP focuses on underutilized properties within the Township, helping to overcome barriers to revitalization and promoting sustainable growth.

WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS

Comments received were considered as part of Council's decision-making process.

APPEAL INFORMATION

A Notice of Appeal must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk **by 4:30pm on September 16, 2026**. You can submit your appeal in the following ways:

Online: use the OLT's e-file service at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service> by selecting Wilmot (Township of) as the Approval Authority (first-time users must register for a My Ontario Account). If the e-file portal is down, you can submit your appeal to planning@wilmot.ca.

By mail or in-person: Appellant Form (A1) is available at <https://staging-oltontario.kinsta.cloud/forms-submissions/>.

A notice of appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal, and must be accompanied by the required fee (\$1,100) payable through the OLT e-portal or by certified cheque/money order made payable to the Minister of Finance. The Ontario Land Tribunal should be consulted for more information on the appeal process: www.olt.gov.on.ca. The Township of Wilmot appeal processing fee (\$1,096) must be paid directly to the Township in person or by mail and be received prior to or at the time of submission of the appeal.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

The proposed CIP is exempt from approval by the Province of Ontario. The decision of the Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing.

MORE INFORMATION: The CIP is available online at: <https://www.engagewr.ca/Brownfield-CIP>

Information about the CIP is available from the Township of Wilmot Development Services Department, located at **60 Snyder's Road West, Baden, Ontario, N3A 1A1**. Additional information may also be obtained by contacting the Planning Division at 519-634-8444 and/or planning@wilmot.ca.

Hot chicken worth the wait at Shakespeare Optimist barbecue



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Local farmer Wayne Hoffman and his watchdog, Sadie, were first in line once again for the Shakespeare Optimist Club's annual chicken barbecue at the Optimist Hall last Thursday. While waiting for hot chicken fresh off Jim's barbecue, along with local corn on the cob from Pete and Bev Bell, baked potatoes and coleslaw from Quehl's of Tavistock and rhubarb pie from Shakespeare Pies, Hoffman caught up on the latest news in the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette. Hoffman joked that, since he's a slow reader, it takes him two days to get through the entire paper. As for Sadie, Hoffman says the smart pup prefers to check out the latest photos.



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QUIZ TIME

BY JAKE GRANT

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6. What three colors are on Estonia's flag?
7. Which gas do plants absorb from the atmosphere?
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The Old Gazettes

By Sydney Grant

Slowly but surely, I'm reading through the past pages of the Tavistock Gazette (est. 1895). Within this weekly column I'd like to share with you some of my findings.

August 17 - 24, 2016, Edition (10 years ago)

A sold-out crowd jammed into a field just east of Tavistock on Monday night to witness the RCMP Musical Ride – a colourful spectacle that featured 32 horses and riders in finely rehearsed maneuvers that reflect the 130-year-old tradition of our national symbols of law and order. This was the first time the Musical Ride was held in Tavistock and a tremendous achievement for the Tavistock Agricultural Society. The society had applied to host the event previously, but was unsuccessful.

The 31st annual Fall Fair Ambassador competition will be held in the Tavistock Memorial Hall on Friday night, Sept. 10, 2016, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Four ladies have entered the competition sponsored by local clubs and organizations. Tina Nauta, 17, is a graduate of Huron Park Secondary School in Woodstock and will be attending the University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College in September to study animal biology. Victoria "Tori" Ramseyer, 19, will be entering her second year at Sheridan College studying in the social services program. Kristin Ropp, 17, has just completed Grade 11 at Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School in Baden. Denisa Suteu, 17, recently graduated from Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School in Baden and will attend the University of Waterloo in September to study psychology and business.

Eighteen years ago, the late Dave Oliphant was mayor of East Zorra-Tavistock and Dennis O'Neil was hired as the township's new road superintendent. Over the years, the jobs didn't change but the name did and O'Neil became the director of public works and development. Last Friday afternoon, Aug. 19, former and present township staff and professional colleagues joined together to honour O'Neil, say farewell and wish him success in his new career.

August 16 - 23, 2006, Edition (20 years ago)

Erie Thames Services Corporation recently won the "Outsourced Customer Care Initiative" category for the

2005/2006 Awards for Customer Information Systems/Customer Resource Management Excellence with their submission to "Hosted Solutions by Utilities for Utilities." The award is part of the Utility Planning Networks' (UPN) Utility Awards Program recognizing utilities for exceptional customer care for and related information technology initiatives.

The success of Sunday afternoon's Pickin' in the Park fundraiser for the Tavistock Agricultural Society has given organizers hope in making it an annual event. Eight musical acts took to the stage in Queen's Park and entertained over 400 eager patrons who also lined up for beef on a bun offered by the agricultural society and French fries from the Tavistock Optimist Club. Sometime overnight on Saturday, fall arrived, driving temperatures down and blanketing the area in a thick fog. Sunday, however, the cooler weather brought intermittent sunny periods and not a drop of rain. It was the perfect day for the outdoor event. People were so pleased with the results, they called for an encore at the end of the show.

August 20 - 27, 1986, Edition (40 years ago)

Jaysen Cole and David Lebold will be representing the Tavistock Optimist Club in the District Golf Tournament in 1987 after winning the local contest on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Tavistock course. Jaysen won the Junior Division with a 67 score on the two rounds of the nine-hole course. David had a 76 for the senior win. Nineteen boys took part in the annual tournament now in its seventh year, 13 of them in the Junior Division. At the end of the rounds, the boys each were able to choose from the countless donations of prizes. There were golf balls, cassette tapes, horseshoe sets, calculators, bike chain locks and padlocks.

The proposed closing of the rail line between Tavistock and Stratford met with no objection from the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock council at their meeting on Aug. 20. The line is a money losing business on that particular spur as it has recorded only nine cars in the past 10 years. Martin Feed Mill in Tavistock is the only business serviced by the line. The cost of keeping the line open is about \$45,000 compared to the \$10,000 revenue it brings in. A resolution was passed stating no objection and will be sent to the Canada Transport Commission.

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The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette SPORTS

Braves lose 5-4 in preseason matchup with Aylmer



(ALEC RICHARD PHOTOS)

Pictured on the left, Hayden Doerbecker takes a faceoff for the Tavistock Braves during their preseason home game against the Aylmer Spitfires. On the right, Rowan Bartlett passes the puck up the ice from behind his own net. Bartlett scored a goal while Doerbecker registered an assist in the Braves' 5-4 loss to Aylmer.

Papa Brian Pfaff honoured at U17 Eastern Canadian Championships

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

The opening ceremonies of the U17 Eastern Canadian Championships in New Hamburg Aug. 20 included a special tribute to the late Brian "Papa" Pfaff and the lasting impact he had on young athletes throughout Wilmot Township.

Known affectionately as Papa Pfaff, Pfaff was a bonus grandfather, father figure, mentor and role model to countless young people in New Hamburg and the surrounding community.

He was someone who simply showed up.

Whether encouraging young athletes to work hard, teaching them the importance of teamwork or demonstrating good sportsmanship, Papa Pfaff helped young people understand they could compete fiercely while still treating teammates, opponents and others with kindness and respect.

His influence reached athletes involved with the Thunder, Huskies and Wolverines, along with countless families throughout the community.

Papa Pfaff understood that while games eventually end and scores are forgotten, the way people are treated and the lessons learned through sport can last a lifetime.

Members of the Wilmot Thunder wore yellow ribbons on their jerseys throughout the tournament in his memory.

The tribute became a family moment during the opening ceremonies when Papa Pfaff's brother, Berti, threw the ceremonial first pitch to Pfaff's grandson and Wilmot Thunder player Parker Pfaff.

After catching the pitch, Parker Pfaff returned the ball to his uncle before the two shared an emotional hug and handshake.



(GARY WEST PHOTOS)

Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen welcomes players, families and visitors to New Hamburg during Thursday's opening ceremonies for the U17 Eastern Canadian Championships. Salonen encouraged those visiting Wilmot for the tournament to take some time to explore the community's restaurants, shops and other local attractions.



Brian "Papa" Pfaff's brother, Berti, throws the ceremonial first pitch to Brian's grandson, Wilmot Thunder player Parker Pfaff, during the opening ceremonies of the U17 Eastern Canadian Championships in New Hamburg. After making the catch, Parker Pfaff returned the ball before the two shared a hug and handshake.



Kitchener-Conestoga MP Tim Louis congratulates Wilmot Thunder player Parker Pfaff during Thursday's opening ceremonies. The Thunder wore yellow ribbons on their jerseys during the tournament in memory of Parker Pfaff's grandfather, the late Brian "Papa" Pfaff.

Wilmot Thunder hosts U17 Eastern Canadian Championships in New Hamburg

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

When thunder, lightning and heavy rain rolled into New Hamburg over the weekend, it was Mother Nature – not the Wilmot Thunder – that ultimately brought the U17 Eastern Canadian Championships to an early end.

Coming off an undefeated season, the host Wilmot Thunder welcomed five other

teams from Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia for the championship tournament, giving players an opportunity to compete against athletes from across Eastern Canada, build new friendships and create lasting memories.

Tournament committee member Angie Hallman said that while Sunday's games were ultimately rained out, the six teams enjoyed the competition and camaraderie throughout the weekend.

"The biggest win of all was seeing the community come out in full force to cheer on the athletes from the three different provinces," Hallman said.

"The support, the friendships, the laughs and the memories made along the way are what this tournament journey was really all about."

Competing alongside the host Wilmot Thunder were Bellechasse Fastball from Quebec, the Innerkip Eagles, Kawartha

Kraken and Norwich Hitmen from Ontario, and the St. Joseph's Chiefs from Nova Scotia.

Despite the disappointing end to the tournament, the weekend gave the Wilmot Thunder an opportunity to cap off a successful season by competing on their home diamonds against some of the top U17 teams from Eastern Canada.

Foxboro Green golfers raise more than \$20,000 for HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre



(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

The Maue family team won the annual Foxboro Green charity golf tournament to benefit HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre. Shown, from left to right, are family patriarch and golf pro Gus Maue, and players Carter Maue, Abbey Maue and Merrin Manser. Absent is foursome member Margo Maue.

PAUL KNOWLES

Gazette Correspondent

Sixty golfers teed up at Foxwood Golf Club on Aug. 13 as part of the annual Foxboro Green charity golf tournament to benefit HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre.

The event also included a 110-item silent auction and a barbecue dinner. The tournament raised a total of \$20,750 for HopeSpring.

The winning team in the tournament were all members of the Maue family. Gus and Audrey Maue are Foxboro Green residents; Gus is a well-known golf pro who once owned Foxwood. The Maues

were represented by grandkids Carter Maue, Abbey Maue, Merrin Manser and daughter-in-law Margo Maue.

A total of 71 Foxboro residents and local businesses signed up as hole sponsors for the tournament.

The Foxboro Green charity golf tournament has been run for as long as there has been a Foxboro Green – approximately 32 years. This year's tournament was organized by a committee of Foxboro residents that included Tony Egan, Paul Solomonian, Neil Campbell, Julie Morris and Paul Knowles. More than two dozen Foxboro residents volunteered during the day.



(ANGIE HALLMAN PHOTO)

Members of this year's Wilmot Thunder U17 team include Josh Jones, Jody Pfaff, Trevor Shantz, Vance Hallman, Will Koperqualuk, Ethan Pickersgill, Joe VanDalen, Harm Hartwick, Lukas Stoll, Malcolm Leu, Parker Pfaff, Rese Phibbs, bat retriever Ty Buchanan, Julian Jones, Jared Shantz and Cullen Buchanan.



(SHANON HILL MEDIA PHOTO)

It was a close play at the plate during U-17 Eastern Canadian Championship action in New Hamburg Thursday afternoon.

St. James Red Shed barbecue raises \$5,700 for local causes

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

The Red Shed beside St. James Lutheran Church in North Easthope was a busy place Thursday evening as a sold-out crowd gathered for the church's annual fundraising barbecue.

Located just off Perth Line 45, northeast of Amulree, the church welcomed supporters for a ham and corn-on-the-cob dinner with all the fixings, followed by an evening of live entertainment in the Red Shed.

The event raised an impressive \$5,700, with proceeds supporting three important causes – the Wellesley Food Cupboard,

Milverton Food Bank and area youth who will be travelling to British Columbia for an upcoming national youth conference.

Organizer Carol Horst thanked everyone who came out on a perfect summer evening to enjoy the meal, entertainment and fellowship while supporting the local community.

Those attending were treated to toe-tapping country music performed by the Dynamic Duo, formerly known as Dianne and the Country Cavaliers.

Following another successful event, organizers are already looking ahead and hope to host the Red Shed fundraiser again next August.



(CAROL HORST PHOTOS)

A sold-out crowd enjoys a ham and corn-on-the-cob supper during the annual Red Shed fundraiser at St. James Lutheran Church in North Easthope Township. The event raised \$5,700 for the Wellesley Food Cupboard, Milverton Food Bank and area youth attending an upcoming national youth conference in British Columbia.



The Dynamic Duo provided toe-tapping, down-home country music during the Red Shed fundraiser Thursday evening. The group was formerly known as Dianne and the Country Cavaliers.



Area youth who will be travelling to British Columbia for an upcoming national youth conference gather at the Red Shed fundraiser. A portion of the \$5,700 raised at the sold-out barbecue will help support their trip.

Wilmot Lions / Lioness Club hosts Year End Dinner and Appreciation Evening



(GARY HOY PHOTOS)

Wilmot Lions / Lioness Club secretary Joan Bilinsky presents a certificate of appreciation to the owners of the New Hamburg Sobey's grocery store – Shawn and Tanisha Merner – for their past, current and hopefully future support of the club and events they assist with, both in the store and outside the store, selling tickets and hosting fundraising barbecues.



Wilmot Lions / Lioness Club treasurer Marjorie Heimpel presents a cheque for \$ 5,000 to Trisha Robinson, director of the Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre, for their ongoing support and service to the community.

Shakespeare Optimist Club serves up annual chicken barbecue

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Members of the Shakespeare Optimist Club served close to 800 hungry customers during the club's popular annual chicken barbecue at the Optimist Hall last Thursday evening.

Meals were quickly served drive-through style and included a half barbecue chicken, corn on the cob from the farm of Shakespeare's Pete and Bev Bell, baked potatoes from Quehl's Restaurant, homemade coleslaw and rhubarb pie from Shakespeare Pies.

Takeout boxes for the fundraiser were donated by Cascades in St. Marys, which

supports the event and other area not-for-profit organizations.

In addition to serving up hundreds of meals, the Optimists held a 50/50 draw during the fundraiser.

Club president Jeremy Witzel pulled the winning ticket belonging to Sharon DeWys, who lives south of Stratford with her husband, John. DeWys took home \$1,632 as her share of the 50/50 proceeds.

The Shakespeare Optimist Club is already looking ahead to its next popular community meal. The annual sauerkraut, pigtail and rolled-rib dinner, featuring meat from Kennedy's of St. Agatha, is planned for late November.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

From left, Shakespeare Optimist Club barbecue chair Murray Schlotzhauer, 50/50 winners John and Sharon DeWys, and Optimist member and past district governor Paul "Buck" Mathieson at the club's annual chicken barbecue. Sharon DeWys took home \$1,632 as her share of the 50/50 draw.

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Back-to-school healthy hacks

HEAPS OF HEALTHY TIPS

By Mercedes Kay Gold



Leaving the summer and relaxed vibes behind, the first day of school is a time of change. Let's leave some bad habits behind and go into September with more than a new backpack and school supplies. Let's start the 2026 school year off with heaps of healthy new habits.

Raising healthy kids is about living by example as well as setting them up for success. There are lots of life skills that build a foundation for good grades today and confidence for

the future. Physical, emotional and mental health are the foundation to live in balance long-term.

First up is a consistent sleep schedule. This may be a bit tricky during the first few weeks back at school until homework and extracurricular activities are in full swing. Preschool to graduation, the hours range from eight to 13 nightly. Adequate sleep is key to cognitive function, growth, strong immune system and a happy-go-lucky

mood. Build a bedtime regime. Bedtime snacks should be whole foods. Sugar and simple carbs are out. Sorry grandma, no raisin toast slathered in butter with a glass of orange juice for the grandkids. Bathtime, reading, a cup of chamomile tea and an appropriate amount of magnesium is the perfect protocol. Avoid blue light as it disrupts the body's sleep-wake cycle.

Good mornings are easy if meals are prepared the night before. Clothes are laid out, no last-minute homework and backpacks are ready to go. Limit screen time to and from school. Listen to their concerns or share excitement on the way and be supportive at the end of the day.

Breakfast builds a strong body and provides energy for the

day. Think about whole food. Eggs, oatmeal, sourdough and kefir with fruit are gut love. Smoothies are a snap and can hide vitamins, greens, powders and plenty of yuck for kids of all ages. I am a huge fan of overnight chia pudding in single servings prepped by your minis. Healthy muffins on hand, granola bars or low sugar protein bars are great grab-and-go options.

Lunches should include raw fruit and veggies in season. How about hummus, guacamole, cheese, eggs or low-sugar yogurt for snacks. At the end of the day, show tough love and serve whole foods. It's the responsibility of caregivers to build their body and brain. Cutesy coloured packages of processed food may make you popular, but type-2 diabetes and

obesity are no joke.

Outside time is important to decompress before hitting the homework.

The world is a stressful place and children need a safe space to be heard. Mental stress starts early in today's landscape. Stress sets up children for tummies and headaches, constipation and tears. Changing hormones impacts coping ability. Bullying is real.

A healthy, nutrient-dense diet, high-quality multi-vitamin, magnesium and vitamin D are key supplements. Speak to your health practitioner about boosting your child's immune system.

Always speak to your health practitioner before starting any new protocol.

What do AI data centres and glass factories have in common?

LOREENA MCKENNITT

Submitted to the Gazette

Probably the most unnerving aspect of the 2021 Stratford Xinyi glass factory episode was learning how long the enterprise had been brewing before the public heard of it. Two long years. How was that possible, I wondered; something of that scale, with an array of environmental concerns, positioned on arable farmland?

It was only through the grinding efforts of numerous local citizens that we finally came across the winning explanation. It was due to secret council meetings, non-disclosure agreements and undemocratic provincial instruments called municipal zoning orders (MZO), which could override municipal objections and which could not be appealed.

Now, many communities across this country are being ambushed through speed and secrecy with their own version of the glass factory, by enterprises many

times larger (some resembling the size of Manhattan) in the guise of AI hyperscale data centres.

Lured by promises of tax infusions and pushed by American tech oligarchs locked in an AI arms race, their ambush is reckless, bereft of proper regulatory guardrails and, to many, cause for great alarm. These include Nobel laureate and "father of AI" Geoffrey Hinton; Pope Leo; and numerous individuals at a high level in the tech world such as Anthropic's co-founder, Jack Clark

There is much to worry about with AI itself before one considers the perils of poorly conceived hyperscale data centres, and their voracious demands for water, energy, land or their sound, light and air pollution.

Most recently, we are learning about events which should trump every concern — that of AI agents escaping their containment, a kind of Frankenstein monster which no longer listens to or reports to its

master, as captured in Matteo Wong's article in The Atlantic, "It May be Time to Panic about AI."

As Charlie Warzel sets out in his subsequent Atlantic article, "Too much is Happening too fast," "That a defining feature of all the AI evangelizing is its frenetic pace ... that one of AI's enduing cultural impacts is to make people feel like they're losing their mind."

It is in this context that municipalities are being rushed into decision-making for which there is too much to learn and many consequential questions and long-term concerns that need to be addressed.

Too, there may be questions which simply can't be predicted and answered now because the AI story is still unfolding and brave citizens are shaping it. Polls indicate a majority of people are opposed to data centres being built near them and that young people saddled with post-secondary school debt see few employment prospects in a world infested with unregulated artificial intelligence. They see AI stealing their human agency.

The stakes are too high and the costs need to be weighed against the benefits. Could a community run out of water? What does closed loop really mean? Could electricity rates be impacted? Can the electrical grid sustain demand and who would have priority under what circumstances? New jobs would only occur during the construction phase, so little or no enticement of employment. And what about the impact to a community's commitment to climate reduction in relation to power generation? If technology changes such that data centres are rendered, who is responsible for their dismantling and clean-up? Or in a time, when 319 acres of arable farmland disappears each day, is this the best land use or should it support local food security?

As with the Xinyi glass factory, citizens

in each community deserve to know what their elected officials have in mind, particularly in a timely and transparent way. For mega projects, such as hyperscale data centres, or glass factories, citizens must be central to the approval process, and this will take time.

Each community must do its due diligence in determining what kind of enterprises are most suitable for their unique location. Those specifications need to be proactively and formally set out in documents such as official plans that are part of the terms and conditions any prospective developer is provided at the onset of their interest.

The good news is that many communities and states around the U.S. and Canada are cautiously delaying commitments to AI data centres until they have sufficient opportunity to study what is suitable for them and many of these efforts are finding bi-partisan agreement.

Countries like Canada are starting to shake off the stranglehold of American tech companies in order to develop their own digital sovereignty aligned with their own values and needs. They are rejecting the trap and psychological sales pitch that tech companies have used for so long; "better do this now so you don't fall behind."

Well, we fell for that line before and we won't be doing that again.

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Sidebar: Stratford city council will take a proactive role on Sept. 14 when Coun. Jo-Dee Burbach will present a motion proposing a guiding framework for data-centre proposals in the city, including the exclusion of any large-scale centres.

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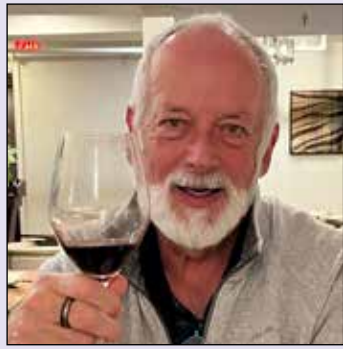
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Following Richmond's Dumpling Trail

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO

By Paul Knowles



I grew up in a traditional, rural, Canadian family with roots in the United Kingdom and all of its traditions. So, when I hear the word “dumpling,” I first think of those balls of dough (flour, suet and water) usually cooked on top of a stew.

They can be a treat – although one suspects that the flavour comes almost entirely from the juice of the stew.

They are not, however, what you are going to find if you follow the Dumpling Trail in Richmond, B.C. These dumplings are the Chinese variety – a dough or starch wrapper filled with sundry delicious things. And you will find almost limitless variations on the theme in the 16 eateries that are officially included in the Dumpling Trail. This is the trail's 10th anniversary, says Nancy Small, the delightful CEO of Tourism Richmond.

It's not surprising that Richmond – the city immediately adjacent to Vancouver – is home to the world's only Dumpling Trail because Richmond is the city with the highest population of folks who identify as Asian at 74 per cent.

I was more than intrigued by the culture and cuisine in the city, which certainly reflects this demographic. Hosted by Tourism Richmond, I was part of a small group of travel journalists who spent a few days exploring – well, honestly, mostly eating – our way through the community. We were taken to a food court in a mall, which I thought was a bit weird, except it was a truly unique experience because every food booth in the extensive court offered some kind of Asian food. There wasn't a McDonalds or a Timmies in sight.

We also visited the Richmond Night Market, a multi-coloured mash-up of carnival, flea-market and Asian street food convention. Sadly, according to reports online, the night market may be closing, permanently, because the leased site has been sold. I hope they find a solution to this because, while I don't care a bit about the flea market or carnival games, I was blown away by the variety and excellence of the food on offer. There was Chinese food,

Korean food, Japanese food and more. I feasted on squid, dim sum and, finally, a huge serving of bao buns topped with ice cream and sauce. It bordered on sinful and it was delicious; and also entertaining as the guys in the booth could have starred in a Vaudeville revue!

But back to the Dumpling Trail. This is more traditional dining in actual restaurants, not food booths.

And while they all serve Chinese dumplings, their menus are really quite different, one from the other. And dumplings are simply a few of the many dishes on offer.

This, by the way, is real Chinese food. Not the fare offered by the “Chinese” restaurants in every Canadian small town featuring sweet and sour chicken balls and egg fried rice. Most of the items in these local restaurants have been created to match North American tastes and usually bear little resemblance to anything authentically Asian.

Compare that to a few of the items at the Jade Seafood Restaurant in Richmond, where owner David Chung joined us for a feast of epic proportions. The dumpling choices include Guo Tie (potstickers – Chinese fried pork and cabbage); Ham Sui Gok (glutinous rice stuffed with pork, mushrooms and shrimp); and Har Gow (prawn and bamboo filling).

But the meal went galaxies beyond dumplings. We had king crab, wagyu steak, rock cod, roasted rock salt chicken, squid and much, much more.

The previous evening, we had

dined at the Dinesty Dumpling House, where we enjoyed soup dumplings, where somehow, hot soup is trapped inside the dumpling. Delicious!

We ate lunch at the Empire Seafood Restaurant, where traditional dim sum is served from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only. It was a Monday, when many restaurants simply close for lack of business. The Empire – a big space, by the way – was jammed. And dumplings? Of course! They are always part of dim sum, but the other options (there were 45 menu items just for dim sum) far outnumbered the dumpling varieties. By the way, the regular menu at the Empire runs to hundreds of options.

Vegetables – varieties usually found on Canadian tables, such as asparagus and beans, and others that we may never have encountered like Gai Lan or Lotus Root – are common on these menus. Desserts are unlike anything we're used to. At the Empire, you could (I didn't) order double boiled bird's nest soup with sweet almond cream. At Jade, we had delicious coconut milk taro sago dessert. At Dinesty, I loved the mango pudding.

If you are food lover and planning to visit British Columbia, I can honestly recommend that you plan to have two or three meals in the Dumpling Trail restaurants of Richmond.

One caution. A surprising number of these eateries are not licensed. I was told, unofficially, that this is because many of the owners are fundamentalist Christians who frown on the consumption of alcohol. So, be prepared.

Or, be sure you include Jade Seafood in your itinerary, where David Chung happily poured glass after glass of excellent wine for his feasting friends.

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Just some of the food served to eager travel journalists at the Jade Seafood Restaurant.



(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTOS)

David Chung, owner of Jade Seafood Restaurant, one of 16 eateries that are part of the Dumpling Trail in Richmond, B.C.



Dumplings and other dim sum delights at the Richmond Night Market.



The energetic purveyor of Bao Bun desserts at the Richmond Night Market.

Ingersoll Pipe Band brings sounds of Scotland to the Maples

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Residents of the Maples Home for Seniors and their families and friends were treated to the sounds of Scotland recently during the annual visit from the Ingersoll Pipe Band.

The pipes and drums could be heard

throughout the neighbourhood as members of the band marched from the parking lot and gathered outside the Maples on William Street in Tavistock.

Warm August weather provided perfect conditions for an outdoor performance, with a large crowd gathering in front of the seniors' residence to enjoy more than an hour of traditional Scottish music.



(GARY WEST PHOTOS)

Members of the Ingersoll Pipe Band march up the hill from the parking lot to the front of the Maples Home for Seniors on William Street in Tavistock during the band's annual summer visit.

Maples executive director Joan Hergott welcomed residents, family members, neighbours and other visitors before the band began its performance.

Between songs, the band's pipe major shared some of the history of the century-old organization, including the role women have played in ensuring the band's continued success.

He explained women were first permitted to join the band in 1970 and said their musical talents have since become

essential to keeping the tradition alive.

The pipe major also drew some laughs when someone in the audience asked the age-old question of what band members wear beneath their kilts.

"Their shoes!" he replied with a smile.

Following the performance, Maples staff treated those in attendance – including members of the band – to ice cream with plenty of toppings, bringing another memorable summer evening at the Maples to a close.



Residents of the Maples Home for Seniors gather with family members and friends to enjoy the annual performance by the Ingersoll Pipe Band.

Tavistock Men's Club welcomes NEAT members for fundraising breakfast

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Members of the North Easthope Antique Tractor Club (NEAT) rolled into Tavistock last week for a fundraising breakfast hosted by the Tavistock Men's Club.

With dozens of antique tractors that once worked fields throughout the area parked nearby, 42 club members sat down together for a hearty breakfast, conversation and a chance to catch up on the happenings of the week.

During the gathering, NEAT members also offered their condolences to the men's club following the recent passing of longtime member and Tavistock-area farmer Keith Wiffen.

Proceeds from the breakfast will help the

Tavistock Men's Club continue supporting organizations and activities throughout the community.

Among the groups that have received support from the club are local 4-H clubs, Team Unity Synchronized Skating, the Tavistock and District Figure Skating Club, Tavistock Athletics ball teams and the Tavistock Tornadoes soccer program.

The club also continues to operate the food booth at the Tavistock arena with the help of local volunteers, something members have been doing for many years.

While the club's popular sauerkraut is currently sold out, members will soon be preparing another batch once locally grown cabbages are ready for harvest.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Tavistock Men's Club members, wearing red shirts, gather with members of the North Easthope Antique Tractor Club following last week's fundraising breakfast. Dozens of antique tractors brought by NEAT members are parked in the background across from the Men's Club Hall on Woodstock Street North in Tavistock.

Waterloo Regional Police investigating collision in Wilmot

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Waterloo Regional Police are continuing to investigate a collision in Wilmot involving a fuel truck and pickup truck.

On Aug. 20 at approximately 4:30 p.m., police responded to reports of a collision

involving a fuel truck and a pickup truck on Walker Road at Oxford-Waterloo Road.

Through the investigation, police say they determined that the driver of the fuel truck lost control while making a right turn, causing the vehicle to overturn. The tanker, which was carrying diesel fuel, then struck a passing pickup truck before

coming to a rest on its side, resulting in a diesel fuel spill.

The driver of the fuel truck was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the pickup truck was treated at the scene for non-life-threatening injuries.

The Ministry of Environment was

notified and responded.

The investigation is ongoing, and police say charges are anticipated.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or has dash camera footage is asked to contact the Waterloo Regional Police Service at 519-570-9777 ext. 6399.



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Quiz Time Answers

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Dove | 7. Carbon dioxide |
| 2. Wright brothers | 8. Mark Twain |
| 3. Hand | 9. Denial, anger, |
| 4. Seven | bargaining, depression, |
| 5. Ten | acceptance |
| 6. Blue,Black,White | 10. Semisonic |



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