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Pictured is the road closed sign on Line 34 near Shakespeare on Oct. 15, where police say a 65-year-old cameraman from CTV Kitchener was struck by a motorist who went through the barricade.

Shakespeare collisions lead to TV cameraman being sent to hospital

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

A 65-year-old man was seriously injured after police say a driver passed a road closed barricade near Shakespeare and struck him last week.

The man injured was Dave Pettitt, a longtime cameraman with CTV in Kitchener. Pettitt was taking footage on the scene of a three-vehicle crash on Perth Line 34 between Perth Roads 102 and 104 last Thursday afternoon.

Pettitt was transported to Stratford General Hospital with serious, life-threatening injuries, but his family told CTV News his condition had stabilized by Friday.

OPP Sgt. Ed Sanchuk said there was another incident on the same road. Along

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Waterloo Regional Police Service has a new home in Wilmot Township

AMANDA NELSON

Gazette Reporter

The Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS), in partnership with the Township of Wilmot, officially announced the opening of a new community office within the Wilmot Recreation Complex.

The new space will provide a home for police in the township, creating opportunities for community engagement and visibility. The space will host regular drop-in opportunities, meetings and outreach initiatives designed to strengthen the relationship between the rural community and police.

Mayor Natasha Salonen said she's happy to have a police space brought back to the township after the rural detachment was removed several years ago.

"Since taking office as mayor, I have consistently heard from residents about the importance of restoring a more visible police presence in Wilmot following the closure of our former local station," said Salonen. "After four years of advocacy and collaboration with Chief Crowell, Waterloo Regional Police and

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Several instances of motorists disobeying closed road signs concerning for police

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with the CTV cameraman being seriously injured, there was another incident on Perth Line 34 in Perth East.

"We actually heard squealing tires at the other end where the road was closed, and a vehicle went through the barricades and hit a parked vehicle that was blocking the road. Very lucky because there were no injuries, but we had people stopping on the road asking for directions and almost causing yet another collision."

Sanchuk said what drivers need to do is pull over on the shoulder, access a GPS device and find an alternate route to get where they are going. He added insurance companies may not cover any damage to a vehicle if it is involved in a collision on a closed road.

"Drivers need to slow down and pay attention so these unnecessary preventable collisions are avoided," Sanchuk said. "Driving's a privilege, not a right. Each and every time you get behind that wheel, always make sure that you put your safety as a priority and always pay attention to your surroundings."

He added drivers need to understand a closed road sign means exactly what it says.

"We're putting a reminder out to people that road closed signs mean just that. The road is closed for a police investigation, or something else is happening, such as a collision, but it's mainly closed to keep everybody safe."



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

The scene of two collisions in Shakespeare where a CTV camera operator from Kitchener who was covering the first collision was struck by a driver who allegedly ignored a road-closed sign.

Sanchuk said this wasn't the first time recently a driver has ignored closed roads due to an emergency.

"At a fatal collision earlier in Norfolk County, we had an individual run into a road closed sign and flee from the area. That individual has since come forward and made a collision report, but I don't know if any charges have been laid."

He added the potential charges could vary from driving on a closed road to careless driving, or, depending on the driving behaviour leading up to a crash, charges could fall under the Criminal Code of Canada for dangerous operation.

"Each incident is unique, so that is where video surveillance comes in, with witnesses talking to police. We had an incident in Essex County, the same day as the Shakespeare incident, where an individual decided to drive around a marked police car with its lights flashing because the road was closed for a large working fire."

Sanchuk said that vehicle then struck another police car parked on the side of the road.

"These collisions are entirely preventable and unnecessary. People need to realize when you come to a road closed sign, stop, turn around and find an alternate route. Certain people take certain ways every day, and we appreciate it could put a bit of a damper on the way you're going, but again, the roads are closed to keep everyone safe."

The Shakespeare investigation is ongoing, but there is no word yet on any charges being laid.



CORRECTION:

In the Andrew MacAlpine election advertisement published in our Oct. 15 edition, the words "your" and "prioritizing" were misspelled. We apologize for these errors.



Wilmot welcomes new WRPS community policing office in Baden

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our township team, I am thrilled to see this partnership come to fruition with the opening of a new WRPS office at the Wilmot Recreation Complex in Baden."

Salonen said she hopes the increased police presence will help prevent crimes of opportunity, which have recently increased throughout the township, including car break-ins and organized crime.

"This will help prevent petty theft and crime of opportunity," she said. "Having a larger police presence and cruisers in the area will deter crime in the township, and the bigger police presence should prevent crime before it gets worse."

As a key part of WRPS' Rural Policing Strategy, the space reinforces the service's commitment to improving police visibility and accessibility in rural communities. The Wilmot office builds on the success of existing WRPS community spaces in North Dumfries and Wellesley townships and reflects the service's ongoing efforts to strengthen its presence in the region's rural townships.

"Community policing is built on strong relationships, trust and collaboration. This new community office represents our commitment to ensuring residents in Wilmot Township have direct access to their police service," said Chief Mark Crowell. "This space will provide residents with opportunities to connect with officers, share concerns and work together to keep our communities safe."

The location will serve as a meeting space for residents, community groups and police personnel while supporting local crime prevention and community safety initiatives.



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Wilmot Mayor Natasha Salonen cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Waterloo Regional Police Service community office at the Wilmot Recreation Complex in Baden.

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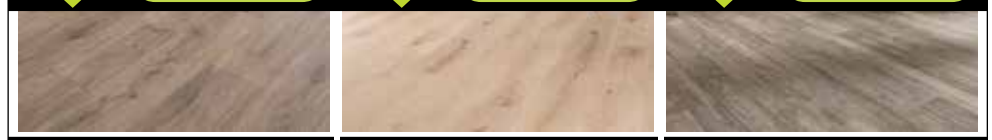
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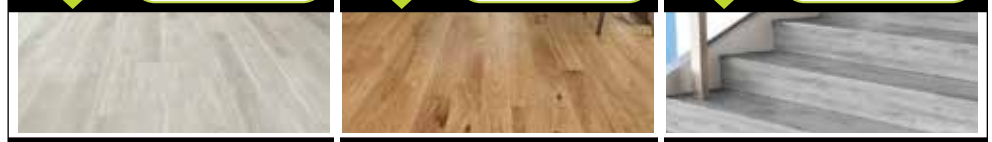
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How to vote in the 2026 municipal elections

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

The 2026 municipal elections are here.

While the candidates continue campaigning for votes, residents can complete their ballots now online and by telephone, while in-person voting in Wilmot will be available on election day, Oct. 26, at four locations.

Wilmot Township

The township's 2026 municipal election is underway, with online voting open now through Oct. 26.

Voter information letters include instructions for voting online. Anyone who did not receive a letter, needs access to a device or requires assistance can visit the voter help centre at the township administration complex in Baden until Oct. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A tablet will be available at the voter help centre for online voting, with election staff onsite to assist.

In-person voting will take place on election day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters must cast their ballot at the designated location for their ward:

- Ward 1: New Dundee Community Centre at 1028 Queen St., New Dundee
- Ward 2: St. Agatha Community Centre at 1791 Erb's Rd., St. Agatha
- Ward 3: Wilmot Recreation Complex at 1291 Nafziger Rd., Baden
- Ward 4: Forest Glen Public School at 437 Waterloo St., New Hamburg

A Voter information letter is not required, but it can make in-person voting faster and easier. Voters who did not receive a letter should bring proof of name and address so staff can confirm their eligibility to vote.

To find your ward and voting location, use the interactive tool available at www.wilmot.ca/votinglocation. For more information about the election, visit www.wilmot.ca/elections.

Wilmot has also released an update on voter turnout. As of Oct. 19, 1,133 ballots have been cast, representing 6.24 per cent of eligible voters.

East Zorra-Tavistock

The Township of East Zorra-Tavistock (EZT) will once again be using internet and telephone voting for the 2026 municipal election. The voting period started on Oct. 13 and runs until Oct. 26 at 8 p.m.

Eligible electors can vote by internet or telephone any time during the voting period, and can vote from wherever they are, as long as they're eligible to vote in East Zorra-Tavistock and are on the voters list.

For those who need in-person help or need to submit an application to amend the voters' list, visit the voter assistance centre (VAC) at the township administration building at 89 Loveys St. in Hickson. Help is available until Friday, Oct. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is also open on Election Day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The VAC will have staff and technology available for anyone who needs help or doesn't have access to the necessary technology.

Voters will need their voter instruction letter to vote. If voters haven't received a voter instruction letter, it may mean their address is incorrect, or they are not on the voters' list. Eligible voters can confirm their voter registration status with the Township's Am I on the Voters' List form at https://form.jotform.com/262304800778256 or by calling 519-462-2697.

For more information, visit www.ezt.ca/township-office/elections/.

As of 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20, a total of 919 people have voted in early voting in EZT. That number represents a voter turnout rate of 13.4 per cent so far.

Perth East

All residents of Perth East are encouraged to confirm they are on the voters' list and that their information is accurate as soon as possible to help ensure a smooth voting experience. To check, update, add, or remove information, visit the municipal office in person with valid identification so the necessary changes can be made.



(VECTEEZY PHOTO)

Voter information letters (VILs) have been mailed. Anyone who hasn't received a VIL by Oct. 9 should visit the municipal office with valid ID, and the clerk's department can help with issuing a VIL.

The voting period is open until Oct. 26 at 8 p.m.

Perth East residents will be able to vote online at https://pertheast.simplyvoting.com or by telephone at 1-866-402-7179.

There are three voter assistance centres available in the township:

Administration building - 25 Mill St. E., Milverton

- Oct. 19-23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Oct. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Shakespeare Fire Station - 2174 Perth Line 34
- Oct. 21 from noon to 8 p.m.
- Sebringville Fire Station - 66 Perth Road 130
- Oct. 21 from noon to 8 p.m.

Access to free internet and a computer is available at the Perth East Public Library at 19 Mill St. E. in Milverton until Oct. 26 during regular business hours.

More information is available at www.pertheast.ca/council-staff/elections/.

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E-scooters not permitted on public property in Wilmot, Wellesley as injury concerns grow

GALEN SIMMONS

Regional Editor

As electric scooters become increasingly common, Waterloo Regional Police are reminding residents that the rules governing where and how they can be used vary by municipality.

In Wilmot and Wellesley townships, e-scooters are currently not permitted on public roads, sidewalks, trails, parks or other municipal property because neither township has opted into Ontario's provincial e-scooter pilot program.

Ontario's pilot, which runs until Nov. 27, 2029, allows municipalities to decide whether to permit electric kick-style scooters in public spaces. Where they are allowed, riders must be at least 16 years old, the scooters must meet provincial requirements and cannot exceed 24 km/hr.

Helmets are mandatory for riders under 18, though Waterloo Regional Police Service public information officer Const. Melissa Quarrie said police recommend them for all riders.

"From a safety perspective, e-scooters can present risks to riders, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists when operated improperly," Quarrie said. "Riders should also be mindful that e-scooters offer limited protection in the event of a collision, increasing the potential for serious injury."



(VECTEEZY PHOTO)

A woman rides an electric scooter. Waterloo Regional Police are reminding residents that e-scooter rules vary by municipality, with use prohibited on municipal property in Wilmot and Wellesley townships.

Those concerns are being echoed by pediatric specialists across Canada.

An Aug. 13 CBC News report cited Canadian pediatricians who say serious e-scooter injuries among children and teens have risen sharply. At SickKids in Toronto, cases increased from 26 in 2023 to 46 in 2024 and 107 in 2025. A Canadian Paediatric Society survey also documented 10 deaths, 12 intensive-care admissions and 26 hospitalizations lasting more than two days over a 12-month period involving powered personal mobility devices, 86 per cent of them e-scooters. Head injuries were reported in about half of the cases.

Wilmot CAO Jeffrey Willmer said council has not yet considered how it wants to regulate e-bikes and e-scooters locally.

"We appreciate that Waterloo Regional Police are taking the lead on public education on this matter," Willmer said.

For now, he said, e-bikes and e-scooters are not permitted on township roads and sidewalks or in township parks, trails or other municipal property. They are permitted on regional roads in Wilmot, where their use is subject to applicable Highway Traffic Act regulations.

Willmer said the township plans to undertake a policy review, including public engagement, likely in the first or second quarter of 2027.

Quarrie also cautioned that some devices marketed as e-scooters may not meet the province's legal definition. If they are powerful enough or otherwise fall outside the pilot-program requirements, they may instead be considered motor vehicles, potentially triggering licensing, insurance, registration and licence-plate requirements.

Police are encouraging riders to remain alert, obey applicable rules and wear a helmet regardless of age.

Unsafe or unlawful e-scooter use can be reported to WRPS through its non-emergency line at 519-570-9777. Immediate threats to public safety should be reported to 911.













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Local MPs express condolences for lives lost in Alberta tragedy

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

The only positive to come out of tragedy is it can bring people together, even politicians.

Regular business in on Parliament Hill in Ottawa was paused on Monday in the shadow of the fire at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright, east of Edmonton, which occurred at 4 p.m. local time on Saturday.

Four soldiers died, 39 were wounded and 19 remain in critical condition. The fire was active for several hours before spreading to a training area. Officials were aware of the fire ahead of a hand-grenade training exercise, but officials say the wind quickly shifted the blaze, moving it a kilometre within 30 to 60 seconds.

A sombre Kitchener-Conestoga MP Tim Louis spoke to the Gazette on Monday morning.

"It's a tragic loss of life; four young Canadian Armed Forces members serving their country during live-fire exercises. The fire spread quickly, and 39 others were injured. Our nation stands behind them."

Each party leader spoke in the House of Commons on Monday morning as all political stripes stood together to mourn the loss of life.

"Everybody rose and acknowledged each leader's speech. This was not about partisanship, and it was mentioned multiple times that in a few weeks we will be commemorating Remembrance Day to remember lives lost in defending the country," Louis said.

The House leaders from each party met early Monday morning and agreed it would be inappropriate to continue with the business of the day, including Question Period. The House was suspended for the rest of the day aside from some committee meetings.

Oxford MP Arpan Khanna said the news was devastating and heartbreaking.

"As the days go by, hearing about the lives we have lost; four young, brave men who put it all on the line to serve our country lost their lives, and 39 others were injured. It breaks your heart thinking of them and what they are going through."

Canadian military reports said many of the injured sustained burns to 75 per cent of their bodies.

"That pain, those scars will last more than just a few days. They will last a lifetime, and I think it's a reminder to all of us to stand with our veterans. On the positive side, this is a story of communities, firefighters, paramedics, hospitals, nurses and doctors showing that Team Canada spirit."

The tragedy took place in Pierre Poilievre's riding in Alberta and the Conservative Party leader met one of the victims at a local Canada Day celebration.

"He took the first flight out of Ottawa to go back to his community. He mentioned during a remote speech in Parliament how these young soldiers had such positive energy, a selfless demeanour and the drive to do something for their country," Khanna said.



(FACEBOOK PHOTO)

Kitchener-Conestoga MP Tim Louis reflects on the tragic loss of four Canadian Armed Forces members in a training-area fire at CFB Wainwright.



(FACEBOOK PHOTO)

Oxford MP Arpan Khanna speaks about the loss of four soldiers and the importance of Canadians coming together to support those affected by the CFB Wainwright fire.

Khanna added while Poilievre is shaken, he's meeting with as many people as he can to help the community come together.

"That's the beautiful thing about that community. When there is trouble, they rally together and are there for one another. All Canadians from coast to coast stand with those affected during those tough times."

He explained this is one of those situations where party lines mean nothing and every member of parliament stands together.

"I shook the prime minister's hand and met with Liberal colleagues who are obviously affected by what happened. We are all united when it comes to supporting those involved. Partisanship aside, at the end of the day we are all Canadians, this is our home and we must all come together when something like this happens."



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Perth County doubles roadside tree replacement requirement, approves policies to protect and enhance tree canopy

GALEN SIMMONS

Regional Editor

For every tree Perth County removes from its roadsides, it will now aim to plant at least two in its place, following council's approval of two policies Oct. 15 aimed at protecting, maintaining and enhancing the county's tree canopy.

Council approved an updated Roadside Tree Replacement Policy and a new Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy, making amendments to both following discussions about the need to lead by example in tree preservation while recognizing the challenges of planting trees along busy county roads.

The roadside policy, presented by executive director of legal and corporate services Stefan Zhelev, establishes guidelines for tree removal, replacement and maintenance within county-owned road allowances, facilities and municipal properties.

Under the policy, tree removal will only be considered when no reasonable alternative exists, with trimming and maintenance taking priority. Removal may be warranted where trees interfere with infrastructure, obstruct sightlines, pose structural or health risks, or have been damaged by storms, collisions or flooding.

While staff initially recommended replacing removed trees at a minimum one-to-one ratio, several councillors pushed for a more ambitious target.

"I would prefer to see a three-to-one, not a one-to-one," Coun. Bob Wilhelm said, also suggesting the county establish minimum size requirements for replacement trees.

Deputy Warden Sue Orr agreed the county should be planting more trees than it removes, particularly given its efforts to encourage private landowners and farmers to increase tree planting.

"We just went through a whole series in trying to get the farmers to plant more trees, and yet we're not leading by example," Orr said. "I'd like to see us go two for one at minimum, if not three for one."

Coun. Walter McKenzie supported the two-to-one ratio, noting replacement trees do not necessarily need to be planted in the same locations where others were removed, provided the overall result is an increase in trees across the county.

Coun. Todd Kasenberg also supported increasing the ratio and establishing guidelines to ensure newly planted trees are appropriately sized and have the best chance of surviving.

However, executive director of public works John McClelland cautioned that county roadsides are not always ideal locations for trees, particularly given road-salt exposure, underground utilities, drainage infrastructure, increasing traffic volumes and safety concerns.

"We're not in the business of tree removal. We're into the maintenance of trees," McClelland said, explaining staff prioritize trimming to improve visibility and tree health wherever possible.

Coun. Rhonda Ehgoetz raised concerns about trees near intersections obstructing the view of drivers operating larger trucks and agricultural equipment.

McClelland suggested working with lower-tier municipalities to identify alternative planting locations, including municipal parks, where roadside replacement is not feasible.

Council ultimately approved three amendments to the roadside policy: increasing the minimum replacement ratio to two trees for every tree removed, requiring replacement trees to be of an appropriate size and tolerant of roadside conditions, and directing staff to work with lower-tier municipalities to replant trees where replacement within county road allowances is not possible.

The policy also requires the county to notify affected property owners and establishes approval requirements for community organizations and other external groups wishing to plant trees within county road allowances.

Orr pointed to a recent tree-planting partnership between Perth South and the Stratford Rotary Club as an example of how community organizations could help the county meet its planting goals.

Council also approved a Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy, establishing an overarching framework for protecting and enhancing the county's tree canopy, currently estimated at 9.4 per cent.

Zhelev explained the policy fulfils requirements under the Municipal Act and brings the county's existing tree-related initiatives, including its tree-injury bylaw, stewardship programs and official plan, under a coordinated framework.

The policy establishes objectives for protecting existing trees, encouraging responsible planting, monitoring tree loss and replacement, and developing a comprehensive inventory of trees on county-owned and managed lands using geographic information systems data.

It also calls for reassessing tree canopy coverage at least every five years, where practical.

Council approved an amendment proposed by Kasenberg to remove references to tree-planting and incentive programs operated by lower-tier municipalities, Stratford and St. Marys from the policy's existing-programs section, leaving only the Perth County Stewardship Program.

Kasenberg argued the county's policy should focus on programs and responsibilities within its own jurisdiction rather than outlining initiatives operated by other municipalities.

The amended policy was subsequently approved by council.

Both policies are intended to balance environmental protection and increased tree cover with agricultural operations, public safety, infrastructure requirements and the county's available resources.



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Village Fair pop-up shops aim to bring fair trade marketplace back to Waterloo Region

GALEN SIMMONS

Regional Editor

A new Waterloo Region non-profit is hoping three weekends of pop-up shopping in New Hamburg will demonstrate there is still an appetite locally for fair trade products and the stories behind them.

The Village Fair will host a seasonal fair-trade pop-up at 112 Peel St. in New Hamburg Nov. 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28, offering handcrafted gifts and artisan products from around the world. For board treasurer Sharon Thiessen, who lives in Baden, the pop-up is also a test of whether the region could once again support a permanent fair-trade store.

"It's a new local not-for-profit exploring whether there is still interest in the community to establish an ongoing fair-trade store," Thiessen said. "Since Ten Thousand Villages closed, we've been hearing from people that there's kind of a loss in the region for a familiar place for people to find and purchase fairly traded artisan products."

The four-person organization includes people from Baden, New Hamburg and Waterloo, most of whom had some previous connection to Ten Thousand Villages. While the first pop-up is happening in New Hamburg, Thiessen said any future permanent store could ultimately be located elsewhere in Waterloo Region.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF THE VILLAGE FAIR)

A photo from a previous Ten Thousand Villages seasonal market in Waterloo Region.

The Village Fair is partnering with the independently operated Ten Thousand Villages store in Cobourg, which will supply products for the sale and provide guidance as organizers recruit volunteers and gauge local interest.

For Thiessen, buying fair trade is about being intentional with where shopping dollars go.

"By promoting their trade, your purchases create a demand for these smaller artisans," she said. "Fair trade treats these artisans as business partners. So, we're supporting fair, dependable work for individuals globally."

The pop-up will feature products from artisans in a number of countries, while hand-knotted rugs, primarily from Pakistan, will be available during the final two weekends. Thiessen said the rugs offer customers not only handmade products featuring traditional patterns, but an opportunity to learn more about the artisanship behind them.

The longer-term vision is for a marketplace supported in part by local volunteers, following the model used by many former Ten Thousand Villages stores. Volunteers could help with sales, packing products and sharing the stories behind the goods and the people who make them.

"We want to build something locally that really creates some global opportunities and global connections," Thiessen said.

The Village Fair pop-up will be open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Yantzi Home Building Centre marks 75 years with support for Tavistock medical facility

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

There was plenty to celebrate recently at Yantzi Home Building Centre, one mile east of Tavistock in the area long known locally as Yantziville.

The business is marking 75 years since brothers Andrew and Omar Yantzi began building sheds, barns and homes throughout the Tavistock area and across Oxford, Perth and Waterloo counties.

Over the years, the company has grown into much more than a lumber and building centre, adding kitchen, bath and flooring services along with home décor and decorating advice from its longtime staff.

Today, the business is owned and managed by Darlene Yantzi, her late brother's son, Steffan, and her sister, Joyce Ropp.

The family also expanded its Home Hardware presence in 2018 with a store in downtown Tavistock. Darlene Yantzi has said the store has been well supported by area farmers and homeowners who appreciate having a local hardware store close to home.

To help celebrate the milestone anniversary, the family hosted a two-day barbecue with help from directors of Tavistock Community Health Inc. (TCHI).

Funds raised during the event will support TCHI's ongoing Neighbours Helping Neighbours fundraising campaign, which is helping fund improvements to Tavistock's medical facility on Maria Street.

The celebration also included a major donation from the Yantzi family to TCHI in recognition of the board's efforts to improve local medical services.

During the barbecue, many area residents shared memories of the early days of the business and spoke about the role Yantzi's has played in supplying building materials and other products throughout the community.

Now in its third generation, the family business continues its tradition of serving customers throughout the Tavistock area.

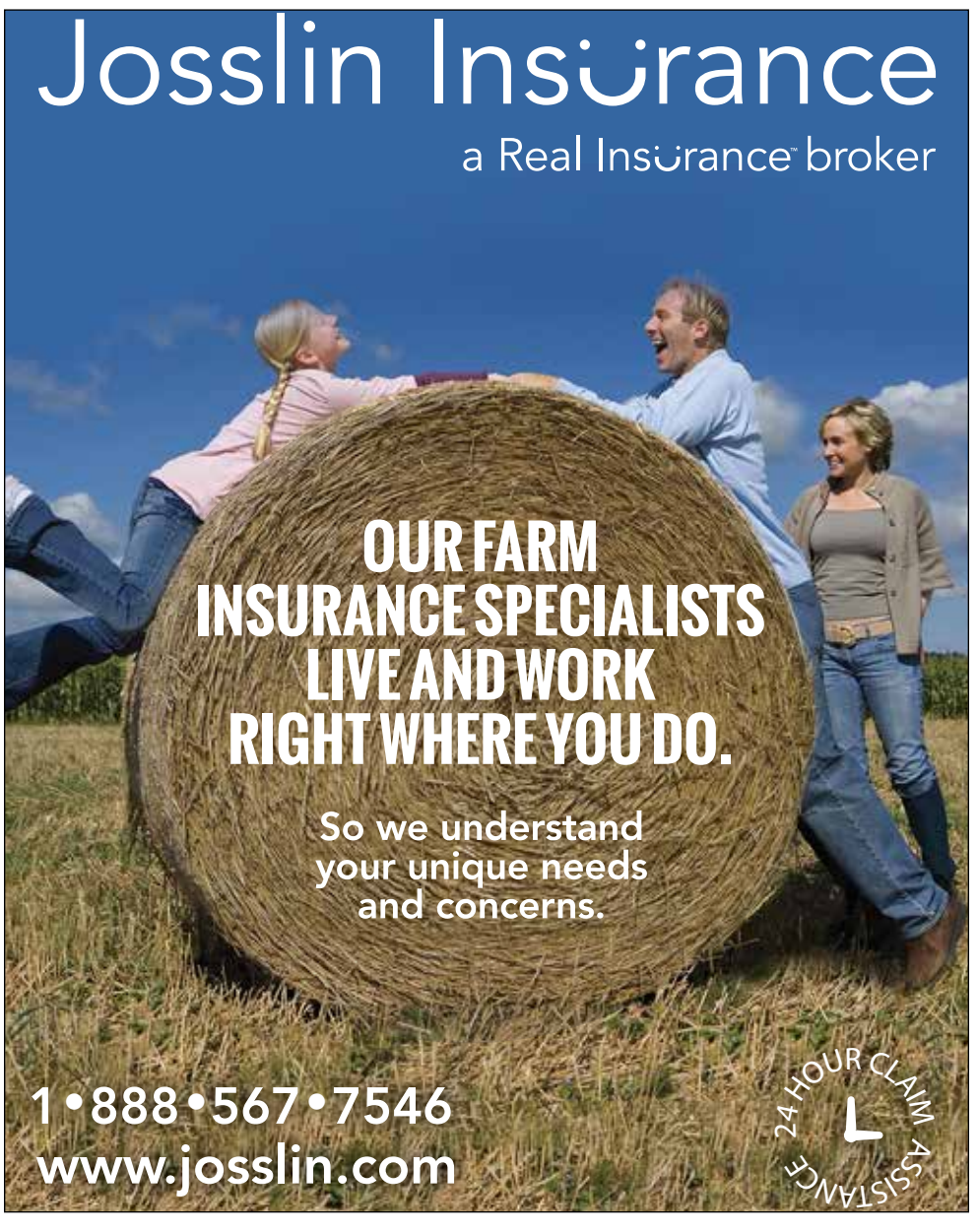
Current TCHI board members are chair Greta Riedel, Frank Meconi, Russ Huber, Dennis Kuepfer, Beverly Neeb, Carolyn Kropf, Paul Diamond, Deb Wagler, Scott Strickland and Amanda Pavey.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Staff at Yantzi Home Building Centre pause for a photo during the business's two-day celebration marking 75 years since Andrew and Omar Yantzi founded the company east of Tavistock. Four Tavistock Community Health Inc. directors are pictured at left after helping with the barbecue fundraiser. The celebration also included a major donation to TCHI in support of upgrades to Tavistock's medical facility on Maria Street.





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Brocksden School, Stratford Normal School featured in new historical documentary

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

There were some exciting times recently at the historic Brocksden School Museum on Perth Line 37, also known as Vivian Line.

The 173-year-old one-room schoolhouse is being featured in a new documentary alongside Stratford's former Normal School, which operated from 1908 to 1973 and later became the Teachers College.

The Stratford and District Historical Society has partnered with filmmaker Andrew Brown to produce the documentary, which will explore the history of teacher training in Stratford as well as early education in rural Ontario.

Part of the film will focus on women's roles in teaching and the impact teachers had on community and social life, particularly in rural areas.

Brocksden was selected as a fitting location to help recreate that period in education, when one teacher was often responsible for students across eight grades in a single classroom.

Filming took place inside the schoolhouse with a small group of age-appropriate children dressed in period clothing, along with interviews offering historical context.

Leading the research and development of the project is producer Nancy Musselman (Trachsel), who was raised on a farm on the western edge of Shakespeare and has long been involved in preserving and sharing local history from Shakespeare, Stratford and across Perth County.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Longtime teacher Gloria Hutchison, who has taught visiting classes at Brocksden School, portrays a one-room school teacher alongside children dressed in turn-of-the-century clothing during filming for a documentary exploring the history of education at Brocksden School and Stratford's former Normal School.

Longtime teacher Gloria Hutchison, who has taught visiting classes at Brocksden School, was featured in the documentary as the teacher during the classroom scenes.

The project is another opportunity to showcase two important pieces of local educational history and preserve their stories for future generations.

Residents interested in supporting the future of Brocksden School can also attend one of three candlelight dinners being hosted by Lynn River Farm.

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Petersburg quilters turn a longstanding tradition into comfort and care

SCOTT DUNSTALL

Gazette Contributor

A conversation at a doorstep led to a look at a longstanding Petersburg quilting group whose handiwork supports people in need, both locally and farther afield.

The quilters are members of Women of Emmanuel (WOE) at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Petersburg. Their work combines a love of quilting with fellowship and fundraising for worthwhile causes.

Many of their mothers helped establish the quilting society. Members explained that quilting began in the church basement in the 1950s, continuing a tradition that had previously taken place in members' homes.

During a visit with the group, members shared the care behind their quilts and comforters, the charitable purpose of their work and the skills passed down through generations.

For a newcomer, the first lesson was understanding what a quilt actually is.

"A quilt is a sandwich," one member explained.

There is the decorative top, a middle layer of batting and a backing. Quilting joins those three layers together, creating something that is both useful and carefully crafted.

The finished surface can disguise the complexity underneath. Individual pieces of fabric are cut and sewn into a larger design. Flowers may be cut from fabric and stitched onto the top, while borders provide the finishing touch.

One member, Barbara Ann, described buying a pattern and the fabric it required well before it was used years earlier.

"The materials remained in a box until I put them to use. The completed top became an example of the detailed preparation that happens before the group begins quilting."

Members bring different skills to the process. Some piece the tops at home. Others help assemble the layers or complete the stitching. Together, their efforts turn separate materials into finished bedding.

The group also explained the distinction between its hand-quilted work and tied comforters. Rather than using fine stitching throughout, comforters can be secured with wool ties that hold the layers together.

That method allows the group to complete comforters more quickly, though preparing the pieced tops still takes many hours. Each finished item represents contributions from the people who collect materials, plan designs, sew and assemble it.

Members reported making 55 comforters in the last year, along with baby comforters.

These comforters are donated to organizations serving people in need. Recipients include Anselma House, the Wilmot Wellesley Resource Centre, House of Friendship, Living Hope, Starling Community Services, formerly Lutherwood, and Retail Therapy.

Donated fabric helps support this work. Members also spoke about obtaining some materials through the MCC thrift store in New Hamburg, where some of them volunteer.

The group has another way of contributing: providing quilting services for people who bring in their own prepared quilt tops.

Customers supply the tops they have already pieced together and the group completes the quilting for a fee. The proceeds fund WOE's monthly donations to charities in the area and around the world.

"All the money that we raise, we give to charity," a member said.

Members explained they generally support the same charities each year, while also considering requests and additional causes. Their giving includes Christian charities and work beyond the local community.

One newer initiative supports women in Africa by helping provide sewing machines and instruction. The aim is to give women a practical skill they can use to earn money for their families.

It is a fitting connection for a group that understands how much can be accomplished with fabric, thread and patient hands.

The conversation also revealed how people find their way into the group. Church connections, family relationships and invitations from friends have brought members together. Some travel from outside Petersburg, while others have longstanding ties to the community.

One member recalled encouraging a friend to join after her husband died. That invitation brought another person into the circle, and other women followed through word of mouth.

Alongside the charitable work, the group offers fellowship – a place to participate, contribute and spend time with others while supporting worthwhile causes.

Joyce Haus is one of the team leads and she has put out the request.

"New members are welcome, whether they are experienced quilters or would like to learn. Anyone interested in joining or learning more can contact me at 519-745-7246."



(SCOTT DUNSTALL PHOTO)

Nine very special women and one hardworking man share moments of fellowship and hard work assembling quilts and comforters in the basement of the Petersburg Lutheran church, all to support people and organizations in need.

Optimist Club of Petersburg hosts October bottle drive



(DIANE DANEN PHOTO)

Members of the Optimist Club of Petersburg at the community bottle drive in Petersburg. From left are club president Warren Bechthold, Al MacIsaac, Zone 10 Lieutenant Governor Paul Mathieson, Steve Malleck, John Gutscher and Glen Bryans. The bottle drive is held three times each year, in October, January and May. The club uses all proceeds from the event for youth programs and other community initiatives.

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The Bells share their harvest with the community

DIANE DANEN

Gazette Correspondent

With only a few weeks left in the season, the Bell family has been busy harvesting pumpkins and gourds on their farm just west of Shakespeare on Highway 7/8.

The family began growing sweet corn and pumpkins around 1995. At the time, they lived in Tavistock. They brought the produce home from the farm and sold it in front of their house on Jacob Street. Their three children, Reid, Raven and Linken, were young entrepreneurs who enjoyed helping out at the roadside stand.

Eventually, the family built a house on the farm. The roadside stand continued to grow in popularity, attracting more customers over the years. What began as a small family venture has grown into a busy market business.

This year, the Bells planted about three acres of sweet corn and around four acres of pumpkins. They grow 36 different varieties of pumpkins in a range of shapes, sizes and colours. The farm also offers gourds and other fall decorating items, including mums and miniature straw bales.

Pete and Bev Bell work alongside their son, Linken Bell, and his wife, Linh. Their grandchildren also enjoy helping out when they visit the farm, and two students from the area lend a hand with harvesting the sweet corn and pumpkins.

"We enjoy working together outdoors, especially with the beautiful weather we have had this fall. Having the grandchildren around just makes the work even more enjoyable," said Bev Bell.

Giving back to their community is important to the Bells. Over the years, the family has shared their harvest with several local organizations, including Sprucedale Public School, which their grandchildren attend, as well as the daycare in Shakespeare, Tavistock Public Library and Avon Public School in Stratford.

The Bells are also providing pumpkins for Pumpkin Palooza, a family event at Shakespeare Presbyterian Church, taking place this Saturday, Oct. 24, beginning at 3 p.m. Thanks to the family's generosity, pumpkin decorating will be one of the activities offered at the event.

For the Bells, sharing their harvest with local schools and community organizations is one way to give back to the community that has supported their family business for nearly three decades.

Although things are winding down for the season, visitors can still find a wide selection of pumpkins, gourds and other fall decorations at the Bell family farm.



(DIANE DANEN PHOTO)

Pete and Bev Bell join their son, Linken Bell, and his wife, Linh, among the pumpkins grown on their farm just west of Shakespeare.

Music fills the air at the Maples in Tavistock



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Tavistock musician Hayward Vokey, known as the "Melody Man," performs for residents at the Maples Home for Seniors last week, playing and singing familiar tunes from years gone by.

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Music was in the air at the Maples Home for Seniors in Tavistock last week as residents tapped their toes and hummed along to familiar songs from years gone by.

Local musician Hayward Vokey, who lives nearby on Quartz Street, entertained residents with a selection of well-known tunes on his keyboard.

Vokey performs as a one-man show under the name "Melody Man" and enjoys taking seniors on a trip down memory lane with music many remember dancing to at local halls in and around Tavistock.

The familiar songs brought plenty of smiles and helped create an enjoyable afternoon for residents.

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Perth East candidates draw large crowd at all-candidates meeting in Milverton

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

The Milverton Recreation Complex was filled with local voters last week as candidates running in the Oct. 26 municipal election gathered for an all-candidates meeting.

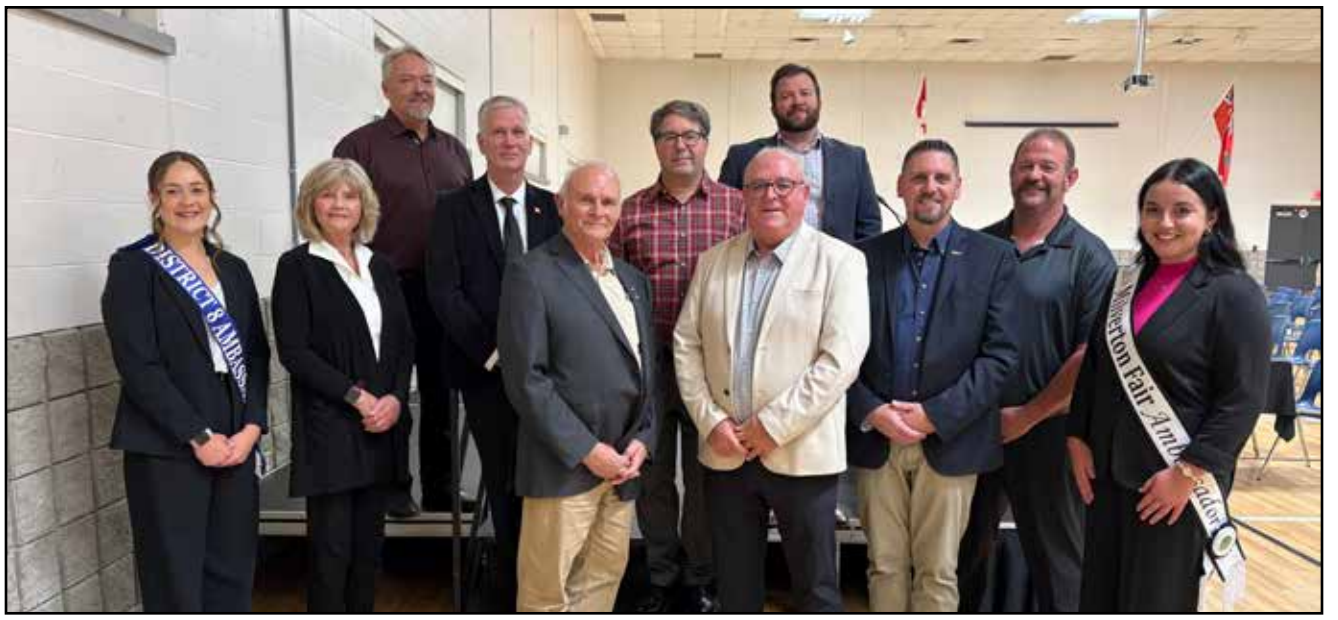
The event was one of several held throughout Perth County in recent weeks, giving residents an opportunity to hear directly from candidates seeking to represent their communities for the next four years.

In Milverton, candidates running for Perth East council, mayor and deputy mayor took to the stage to share their platforms and discuss their priorities for the municipality.

The well-attended meeting also gave residents an opportunity to ask questions about issues important to them and hear how candidates would address those concerns if elected.

With election day approaching, candidates across Perth County have been encouraging residents to exercise their democratic right and cast their ballots.

Those who have not already voted are reminded that municipal election day in Ontario is Monday, Oct. 26.



(HELEN DOWD PHOTO)

Candidates and guests gathered at the Milverton Recreation Complex last week for an all-candidates meeting ahead of the Oct. 26 municipal election. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Jill Ohm, representing District 8 as a 2026 Fall Fair Ambassador; Johanne Groenstage, Ellice Ward candidate; Hugh McDermid, Perth East mayoral candidate; Jerry Smith, Perth East mayoral candidate; Matthew Livingston, Ellice Ward candidate; Adam Wilhelm, acclaimed in North Easthope Ward; and Kelsey Shiell, 2026 Milverton Fall Fair Ambassador. In the back row, from left, are Tim Dowd, acclaimed in Mornington Ward; Andrew MacAlpine, deputy mayoral candidate; Bob McMillan, deputy mayoral candidate; and Jeremy Matheson, acclaimed in Milverton Ward.

A buggy ride to remember in Lancaster County



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

The view from the seat of a horse-drawn buggy during a ride through the countryside near Lancaster, Pa.

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Sometimes, the best travel experiences are the ones that happen unexpectedly.

During a recent visit to Lancaster, Pa, this writer stopped at a fruit and vegetable farm stand when a young Mennonite man arrived with his horse and open buggy.

I asked him how much he would charge to take me for a ride around the block.

"Ten dollars," he said with a smile.

I asked if he meant U.S. funds, and he confirmed he did.

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A community comes together to bring a new playground to Baden Public School

BADEN PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Submitted to the Gazette

The laughter of children enjoying their new playground at Baden Public School is a welcome reminder of what a community can accomplish when people come together for a common goal.

After several years of fundraising, planning and hard work, Baden Public School's dream of a new playground has finally become a reality. The school community recently celebrated the completion of the playground with a grand opening ceremony, marking the culmination of an incredible collective effort.

The new playground represents much more than a place to play. It provides students with a space to be active, build friendships, develop confidence and create lasting memories. Most importantly, it is a reflection of the generosity, dedication and community spirit that make Baden such a special place to live and raise a family.

Reaching this milestone would not have been possible without the tremendous support of the local community. Individuals, families, businesses and community organizations all played an important role in helping turn this vision into reality. Through their generosity and commitment, the fundraising goal was reached, allowing the project to move forward and deliver something that will benefit generations of students.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF BADEN PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL)

Baden Public School staff, parent council members, students, local business representatives and Optimist Club of St. Petersburg members pose for a photo in front of the school's new playground.

A special thank you goes to the Optimist Club of St. Petersburg for its support and contribution to the project. The parent council also extends its sincere appreciation to the local companies that supported fundraising efforts and helped bring the playground within reach. Their willingness to invest in the children and the future of our community made a meaningful difference.

Behind the scenes, the project also required the dedication of Baden Public School's staff and school parent council. From supporting fundraising initiatives to helping move the project forward, their time, energy and enthusiasm were instrumental in reaching this goal. Their commitment to creating a positive school environment for students is truly appreciated.

And, of course, a heartfelt thank you goes to every community member who donated, participated in fundraising activities, supported an event, or helped spread the word. Every contribution, large or small, helped bring the school one step closer to its goal.

The grand opening was an opportunity to celebrate not only the new playground, but also the people who made it possible. Seeing the finished space and knowing how many people contributed to its success made the occasion especially meaningful.

Now, with the fundraising behind us and the playground open, the best reward is seeing the students enjoy their new space. The playground will be a place for fun, friendship, imagination and adventure for years to come.

On behalf of Baden Public School's parent council, thank you to everyone who helped make this dream a reality. Your generosity has left a lasting mark on our school and our community, and we could not have done it without you.

Together, we built more than a playground – we built something our entire community can be proud of.

Petersburg Optimists host annual Pumpkin Giveaway



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The Optimist Club of Petersburg will host its annual Pumpkin Giveaway on Saturday, Oct. 24. Children are invited to stop by 1239 Notre Dame Dr. in Petersburg between 9 a.m. and noon to choose a pumpkin to carve at home.

DIANE DANEN

Gazette Correspondent

The Optimist Club of Petersburg is inviting local children to take part in its annual Pumpkin Giveaway on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Thanks to a generous donation from Herrle's Country Farm Market, children can pick out their own pumpkin at Bechthold Home Improvements, located at 1239 Notre Dame Dr. in Petersburg, between 9 a.m. and noon.

After choosing a pumpkin and carving it at home, participants are encouraged to take a picture of their creation and email it to petersburgoptimists@outlook.com by Oct. 30. Please include the child's first name and age. All entries will receive a prize.

Club president Warren Bechthold said the event is a simple way to provide a fun activity for children in the community.

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Tavistock Men's Club preparing for annual Sauerkraut Supper Nov. 11

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

Members of the Tavistock Men's Club are preparing for their annual Sauerkraut Supper, set for Wednesday, Nov. 11, and are encouraging residents to purchase their tickets early.

The popular annual event has become a tradition in Tavistock, with tickets typically selling out quickly as residents look forward to enjoying a hearty meal of homemade sauerkraut, pork chops and all the fixings.

This year's supper falls on Remembrance Day, when residents will gather at local cenotaphs and Legion branches in the morning to honour the men and women who have served and sacrificed for their country.

Following the morning's ceremonies, those who have purchased tickets for the supper can look forward to enjoying a traditional Tavistock Men's Club meal at home that evening.

Tickets are available from any Men's Club member, as well as at the clubhouse on Wednesdays and Saturdays. A sign outside the clubhouse on Woodstock Street North provides additional information about ticket sales.

With the second Wednesday in November approaching quickly, club members are reminding residents not to leave their ticket purchases until the last minute to avoid disappointment.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

A banner promoting the Tavistock Men's Club's annual Sauerkraut Supper reminds residents to mark their calendars for Nov. 11. The popular community tradition features homemade sauerkraut, pork chops and all the fixings, with tickets typically selling out quickly.

Perth East candidates meet voters at all-candidates meeting in Shakespeare



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Candidates participating in the all-candidates meeting at the Shakespeare Optimist Hall included, from left, Jeremy Matheson, acclaimed in Milverton Ward; Bruce Holst, South Easthope Ward candidate; Bob McMillan, deputy mayoral candidate; Albert Arnott, South Easthope Ward candidate; Jerry Smith, mayoral candidate; Hugh McDermid, mayoral candidate; Andrew MacAlpine, deputy mayoral candidate; Daryl Herlick, South Easthope Ward candidate; and Adam Wilhelm, acclaimed in North Easthope Ward.

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The Shakespeare Optimist Hall was filled with voters last Tuesday evening as candidates running in the Oct. 26 municipal election gathered for an all-candidates meeting.

Hosted by the Optimist Club of Shakespeare, the event gave residents of Perth East, particularly those living in the North Easthope and South Easthope wards, an opportunity to hear from candidates running for council, mayor and deputy mayor.

Optimist Richard Smelski served as moderator for the evening.

Audience members were provided with cards on which they could write questions for the candidates. The questions were then presented to those on stage, giving candidates an opportunity to share their views on issues important to local voters.

All candidates encouraged residents to exercise their democratic right and cast their ballots on or before election day, Monday, Oct. 26.

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Autumn colours bring natural beauty to Shakespeare Pond

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Gazette Correspondent

The beauty of autumn is on full display at Shakespeare Pond, where colourful trees and shrubs provide a picturesque backdrop for residents enjoying the fall weather.

Located north of Shakespeare on Perth Road 107, formerly known to longtime residents as the 20th Line, the pond is a popular destination for nature lovers, including longtime Shakespeare resident Andrew Weidner.

Weidner, who has lived in the community for more than 30 years, enjoys walking the trail around the pond almost every day with his black Labrador retriever, Reggie.

The pair were out enjoying the sunshine and colourful autumn scenery last week, taking advantage of the pleasant fall weather.

Reggie also enjoys taking a dip in the spring-fed pond, particularly during the warmer summer months.

For years, members of the Shakespeare Optimist Club have worked to maintain the walking trail around the pond, clearing brush and shrubs and building small bridges across wet and swampy areas to make the natural setting more accessible to visitors.

The club, along with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, has also worked to preserve the area's natural environment, protecting trees and providing habitat for birds and other wildlife.

For Weidner, the pond is one of the many things that make living in Shakespeare special, offering opportunities to enjoy the outdoors throughout the year, from walks and swimming in the warmer months to skating in the winter.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

Longtime Shakespeare resident Andrew Weidner and his black Labrador retriever, Reggie, enjoy the beautiful autumn colours during a walk around Shakespeare Pond last week. Weidner, who has lived in the community for more than 30 years, says visitors never tire of the natural beauty surrounding the small North Easthope pond.

Tavistock entrepreneur turns passion for tree cutting into full-time business

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

The cleanup continues following a late-summer storm that brought down trees and branches throughout Tavistock, and local entrepreneur Jay Schurink has been keeping busy helping residents remove damaged trees and debris.

Schurink, a lifelong Tavistock resident, operates Schurink's Tree Cutting and More, a business specializing in tree removal, branch trimming and storm cleanup.

With a woodchipper and a bucket truck capable of reaching branches up to 80 feet above the ground, Schurink has the equipment needed to tackle large trees and difficult jobs. He also uses ropes to safely lower branches to the ground during removal.

Schurink says he has enjoyed operating chainsaws, cutting trees and splitting firewood since he was young, and eventually decided to turn that interest into a business.

He purchased a woodchipper in early 2025, followed by a bucket truck that fall, allowing him to expand his services and take on larger jobs.

What began as a side business quickly grew, particularly following recent storms that left property owners dealing with fallen branches and damaged trees.

Schurink says he has been especially busy removing storm-damaged trees that could pose a safety risk during future high winds.

Before launching his business full time, Schurink gained experience working in agriculture and construction.

His first job as a young teenager was on the dairy farm of Jack and Jane Danen, east of Tavistock. He later worked at Carldot Holsteins for Larry Krantz, west of the village.

From there, Schurink went to work for Greg and Tara Ramseyer at Ramseyer Earthworks. When the business was sold to the owners of MT Earthworx, he continued working there for another four years.

Eventually, demand for his tree-cutting services grew to the point where keeping up with jobs during evenings and weekends became too difficult, prompting him to pursue the business full time.

Schurink has strong family roots in the Tavistock community. His parents are Ted and Lisa Schurink, and his three brothers, Jesse, Mitchell and Bo, occasionally lend a helping hand with the business.

His paternal grandparents are Benny and Gina Schurink, known locally for their farm on Perth Line 33, also called Pork Street, and Benny's Auto Parts.

On his mother's side, his grandparents are Bud and Diane Dietrich. Bud operates BJ Dietrich Aluminum Siding.

Schurink's business is fully insured, and residents looking for tree removal, branch trimming or storm cleanup services can contact him by phone or text at 519-496-8386 or through Instagram at @schurinkstreecutting.



(GARY WEST PHOTO)

From left, Mason Wagner of New Hamburg lends a hand to Tavistock tree-cutting specialist Jay Schurink as they remove a large storm-damaged tree on William Street South last week. Schurink has been busy helping local residents clean up fallen branches and damaged trees following recent storms.

OBITUARY

Carolyn Jean Holst (Schroeder)



Passed away peacefully on October 15, 2026, at Waterloo Regional Health Network – Queen's Boulevard, Kitchener, at the age of 67.

Born on December 2, 1958, in Stratford, Ontario, Carolyn was the beloved daughter of the late William and Nora (McEachern) Schroeder. She was the cherished and loving wife of Lorne Holst, whom she married on January 25, 1975. Together, they built a life filled with love, family, adventure, and countless treasured memories.

Carolyn was a devoted and loving mother to Jason Holst and Crystal Holst, and a proud grandmother to Liam Holst, Lauren Holst-Burnard, and Lily Holst-Burnard. Her family was the centre of her world, and she took immense pride in supporting and celebrating their lives. Whether travelling near or far to attend her grandchildren's skating competitions and running events, Carolyn was always there, cheering them on with love and encouragement. Her unwavering support and dedication to her family were among the greatest expressions of her love.

Carolyn and Lorne shared a love of travelling and adventure, exploring far and wide together over the years. Their travels took them across Canada, from the Calgary Stampede to Williams Lake and the Gang Ranch in British Columbia, through every province, and even as far north as Alaska. They travelled extensively through the United States, and enjoyed a cruise to the bahamas. Their many adventures created a lifetime of stories and memories to treasure.

For many, many years, camping in Algonquin Park was an annual family tradition. These camping trips held a special place in their lives, creating lasting memories and a love of the outdoors. Even during her final weeks, Carolyn had hoped to join Lorne for another camping trip at the end of September, but unfortunately, her breathing prevented her from going.

Carolyn had a creative and gentle spirit. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, losing herself in a good book, and settling in to enjoy a favourite movie. She treasured visits with friends and neighbours and valued the connections she shared with those around her.

Carolyn dedicated 38 years of her working life to Hybrid Turkeys, now part of Hendrix Genetics, where she built lasting connections with colleagues over nearly four decades.

Her passion for skating and commitment to her community were also an important part of her life. As Director of the New Hamburg Skating Club, Carolyn devoted her time and energy to supporting the skating community and helping young skaters along their journeys. When her granddaughters moved on to Champions Training Centre approximately 10 years ago, Carolyn continued to be a familiar and much-loved presence at the arena. She was affectionately regarded as one of the arena's "grandmas," a special role shared by three beloved women. Carolyn's presence, encouragement, and genuine care made her much loved there, too, and she will be deeply missed by the skating families and community she became part of.

A member of Wilmot Centre Missionary Church, Carolyn held her faith and church community close to her heart. Her church family was a very important part of her life, providing fellowship, friendship, and a deep sense of belonging.

Carolyn will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Lorne; her children, Jason and Crystal; her grandchildren, Liam, Lauren, and Lily; her mother-in-law, Ellen Holst; her brothers-in-law, Eugene Holst (Gloria), Carl Holst (Maryanne),sister-in-law, Susan (Brad Beck) her nieces, nephews, and extended family members; and the many friends whose lives she touched. She will also be remembered with love by the Burnard and Mercer families, and by Tom and Laurie Diemand.

She was predeceased by her beloved son, Calvin, in July 1995; her brother, Bill, in January 2016; her sisters, Faye Anne, in December 1964, Karen Kerr, in September 2003, and Doreen Waldron, in May 2022; her father-in-law, Albert Holst, in August 2002; her brother-in-law Jim Holst, in April 1998.

Carolyn's life was defined by her love for her family, her generous spirit, her faith, and her dedication to the people and communities she held dear. Whether cheering from the sidelines, sharing stories from her travels, spending time around a campfire, or simply enjoying the company of those she loved, Carolyn made memories that will be treasured for generations. She leaves behind a lifetime of cherished moments and a legacy of love that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the palliative care team, nurse Christine Gosh, and the staff of the sixth floor at Waterloo Regional Health Network for the care and compassion shown to Carolyn and her family during her two-week stay. Special thanks are also extended to Nurse Practitioner Sean Winter for his kindness and support during this difficult time.

Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 2–4 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. at Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, 291 Huron Street, New Hamburg.

The funeral service will be held at Wilmot Centre Missionary Church 2463 Bleams Rd, Wilmot. on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 11 a.m. The family warmly welcomes everyone to attend in whatever attire feels comfortable. Those who wish to wear red, Carolyn's requested colour of remembrance, are encouraged to do so.

For those unable to attend in person, the funeral service will be livestreamed.

Family and friends are also invited to join the family for Carolyn's interment at Wilmot Centre Cemetery on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 1 p.m.

As expressions of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Waterloo Regional Health Network Cancer Centre or Wilmot Centre Missionary Church through the funeral home.

Personal condolences may be posted for the family at www.markjutzifuneralhomes.ca.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

ZACHARY RONALD HAZELEGER



Darren and Kendra Hazeleger (Ferguson) proudly announce the arrival of their son, Zachary Ronald. Zachary was born on September 20 at 4:50 am, weighing 7 lbs 15 oz and 20" long. Big sisters and big brother, Chloe, Tessa and Wesley are over the moon excited to have a baby brother at home to spoil and play with. Thrilled at her arrival are grandparents Ron and Joan Ferguson of Tavistock and Hank and Nancy Hazeleger of Embro. Great grandpa Gerry is happy for Zachary's safe arrival. Smiling from heaven are great grandpyarents: Harry and Lyla Wilhelm; Roy and Marie Ferguson; Earl and Jean Start; Alice Hazeleger; and great aunt, Joan VanSanten-Hazeleger. Baby Zachary is welcomed by aunts, uncles and cousins as well.

QUIZ TIME

BY JAKE GRANT

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

Answers found on classified page

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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.

October 12 - 19, 2016, Edition (10 years ago)

Shelby Pozza's childhood dream was to become a veterinarian, but she never dreamt she would end up being the first female firefighter in East Zorra-Tavistock. Although there are females on other departments in Oxford County, at 25 years of age, Pozza is the first to be accepted into one of the three departments in the township which includes Hickson, Tavistock and Innerkip. Township Fire Chief Scott Alexander said, "It takes a special person to be the first one … and Shelby can do it. She's definitely got the skills."

Students at Hickson Central Public School held their annual Terry Fox School Run last Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6, under sunny skies and summer-like temperatures. All grades participated by running around the school and through the adjoining subdivision several times during the one-hour event. The teacher organizing committee noted that nearly 1,500 has been raised for the Terry Fox Foundation this year with many incentives for the students to give for the sake of cancer research. Teachers agreed to a pie-eating contest, some will shave their heads and even dye a beard pink.

The Tavistock Royals tamed the Shelburne Muskies 10-1 last Saturday night, Oct. 15, in WOAA Sr. AA hockey action played in Shelburne. Zach Lorentz and Paul Thompson each scored twice to lead the Royals to their second win of the season in league action. Brayden Zehr, Greg Virgo, Weston Gaul, Sean Kienapple, Brendan Woods and Miles McLean had singles. The Royals' record sits at two wins and one loss in the first three games of the season.

October 11 - 18, 2006, Edition (20 years ago)

Zehr Home Hardware dealer-owners Bob and Brett Zehr kicked off celebrations of the grand opening of their new location in Tavistock on Friday morning, Oct. 13, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The newly relocated store has moved to 24 Woodstock St. S in Tavistock and is now the main focus of the town centre. "We are very excited to officially open our doors," said Bob Zehr. "We've worked hard to create a shopping environment that will satisfy our customers' hardware needs and we are proud to serve the Tavistock community."

When Chris Graham drove his tractor and wagon in front of Hickson Central School on Friday morning, he had no idea what kind of reception he would get. With the help of student council and the Grade 8A class, he was able to load 1,441 pounds of non-perishable food items onto the wagon, the single largest donation per capita on the eastern leg of the Drive Away Hunger tour to donate.

October 15-22, 1986, Edition (40 years ago)

Librarian Mrs. Isabel Schwartzentruber surveyed a length of microfilm containing pages of the Tavistock Gazette recently acquired by the Tavistock Public Library. The county library purchased copies of Tavistock's weekly newspaper, including the existing editions from 1895-1929. The only difficulty is that the library has no reader on which to view the 35-millimetre rolls. With Tweedsmuir histories having recently been microfilmed, it is expected that many more microfilms will find their way into the library and the demand will become greater for such a service.

Doctors at the Tavistock Veterinary Clinic were kept busy administering rabies vaccine on Saturday, Oct. 18, when a clinic was held at their office and at veterinary offices throughout Perth County. One hundred and ninety-two dogs and cats were vaccinated by the three Tavistock doctors, Bruce Robb, John Chesney and Wayne Shewfelt.



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The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette SPORTS

Applejacks win fifth straight game to move into second in Doherty

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Wellesley is officially the hottest team in the Provincial Junior Hockey League's (PJHL) Doherty Division.

The Applejacks started the weekend with a huge 4-3 shootout road win in New Hamburg on Friday night. Ethan Stover was the final shooter for Wellesley and he found the back of the net behind Firebirds netminder Deklan Jermol. Joshua Soulliere had a chance to extend the shootout but missed the net, giving the visitors the two points.

Wellesley held a 3-2 lead going into the third period, but Lincoln Cormier scored his third goal of the season with just over 12 minutes remaining to force overtime. Rhett Calder and Redden Hart also scored for New Hamburg while Tate McKenna and Kyler Morgan found the back of the net for the Firebirds.

Applejacks captain Issac Lorentz is a St. Clements native who works on the family farm. The 20-year-old is in his first season with the team after two full campaigns with the Greater Ontario Hockey League's (GOHL) Elmira Sugar Kings and said he's pumped to be playing where he grew up on the ice.

"I started playing hockey here in pre-novice and being able to come back here and play with a couple of my old buddies is great. My dad also played when he was younger."

He played with Colton Henderson and Kaeden Burger as a youngster for Twin Centre and is a fourth-generation family farmer. His father, Kory, played centre and was the captain of Canada's amputee hockey team after losing his right hand on the farm over 20 years ago.



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Wellesley captain and St. Clements farmer Issac Lorentz said he's pleased with the direction the team is headed. The Applejacks are riding a five-game win streak

Wellesley has now won five games in a row, something Lorentz attributes to the team gelling.

"We're progressing really well. We had a tough start, but we have a bunch of new faces, so it's going to take some time when you bring in about 10 new faces. This stretch is showing our true colours and we are building off it."

He added taking two points in New Hamburg on Friday night is something the team can build on.

"They had a good crowd and to be able to fight through that and come out with the win was huge."

Tavistock remains in first place in the division with just one loss against 10 victories. Lorentz said he feels the Applejacks match up well against the Braves.

"They have a similar team to last year, but now that we are getting on a good streak, I think the next matchup is going to be a good one."

Lorentz explained he brings a positive, lead-on-the-ice approach to the captaincy.

"I always try to work my hardest and I feel a strong point of my game is bringing it every shift. I try to get guys to do the same thing. I'm a 200-foot player and I take pride in the defensive part of the game. I also bring energy to the game by blocking shots and chipping in offensively when I can."

Fans will have to wait for a few weeks before the next Applejacks/Braves matchup as they will battle in Tavistock on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Wellesley capped off a perfect weekend with a 6-4 home-ice win over Norwich on Saturday. The Merchants outshot the Applejacks but goalie James Gall stopped 41 of the 45 shots he faced. Henderson scored the winning goal with just over two minutes left in the final frame before Hudson Parker added an empty net marker.

Henderson finished with two goals and two helpers while Parker and Kyler Morgan had three points each. Morgan and Parker lead the Doherty Division in scoring with 27 points apiece.

New Hamburg had a chance to get back in the win column on Saturday but dropped a 6-3 decision in Dorchester. The Dolphins jumped out to a 3-1 lead after 20 minutes and the Firebirds couldn't recover. Tate Davison scored twice in a losing effort with Ezra Fischer adding a single marker.

Tavistock took both of its weekend games, beginning with a 4-3 overtime win on home ice over Hespeler as Yann Raskin fired home the game-winning goal just before the six-minute mark of the extra period. The Braves held a 3-2 lead on goals from Keaton Bartlett, Jackson Andrews and Keenan McGrath. The Shamrocks forced overtime with just 71 seconds left in the third period.

Tavistock skated into Paris on Saturday and came away with a 5-2 win over the Mounties. Raskin earned a hat trick and added an assist while Owen Yagar, Evan Palubeski, Carter Otto and Jacob Skuta had two points each.

Royals blow out Flames in OEHL home opener

LEE GRIFFI

Gazette Reporter

Tavistock has two wins in two games to begin the 2026-2027 Ontario Elite Hockey League (OEHL) season after an 11-0 drubbing of Delhi on Saturday night.

Royals assistant captain Deven Kropf had a monster night with one goal and six assists while fellow assistant captain Trevor Sauder had a pair of goals and four helpers. Sam Rhodes chipped in with a hat trick and two assists, and Andrew Masters made 32 saves to earn a shutout.

Kropf is tied for second in the league scoring race with 11 points, two points back of a pair of Seaforth Centenaires players, including Stratford native and former Warrior Camden Daigle and Sean Chisolm. The Caledonia native played three seasons in the American Hockey League, two with the Texas Stars and one with the Abbotsford Canucks.

Tavistock led 6-0 after the first period and 9-0 after 40 minutes, and outshot the Flames 37-32.

The Royals host the Petrolia Squires on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m.



(KYLE WYNETTE PHOTO)

Sam Rhodes (left) gets a high-five from Tavistock captain Tristen Hohl after an 11-0 drubbing of Delhi. Rhodes scored a hat trick and nabbed two assists in his Royals debut.

Tavistock-area travellers take in Amish farm life and biblical theatre in Pennsylvania

GARY WEST

Gazette Correspondent

A recent trip to Lancaster County, Pa, gave a group from the Tavistock area a chance to take in both one of the region's well-known biblical theatre productions and a glimpse of traditional Amish and Mennonite farm life.

For years, members of the group had heard about Sight & Sound Theatres near Lancaster and the large-scale biblical productions staged there. Their September trip included a performance of Joshua.

The visit also had a local connection.

During the late 1950s and early 1960s, several Amish families lived and farmed along Maplewood Sideroad near the 10th and 11th lines of East Zorra-Tavistock. Among those remembered locally were the Smoker, Sweirie and Hertzler families.

Baden resident Bruce Schumm helped share some of that history with the group. Schumm and his brothers and sisters were raised on a farm in the area, near the property now owned by Keith and Marilyn Brenneman.

One of the former Amish family farms was located where the Townsend family now operates its grain elevator and drying business on Maplewood Sideroad.

Over the years, residents from the Tavistock and New Hamburg areas have travelled to Lancaster not only to attend performances, but also to reconnect with former Amish and Mennonite neighbours who once lived in this area.

During their countryside tour, the group saw a number of farms that reminded them of southwestern Ontario agriculture from decades ago, including smaller dairy herds, pigs, tobacco and mixed farming.

They also saw farmers working fields with teams of draft horses and mules, a reminder of an agricultural era when horsepower meant exactly that.

There was certainly no GPS on those units.



Sight & Sound Theatres near Lancaster, Pa, has seating for more than 2,200 people and hosts large-scale biblical stage productions.

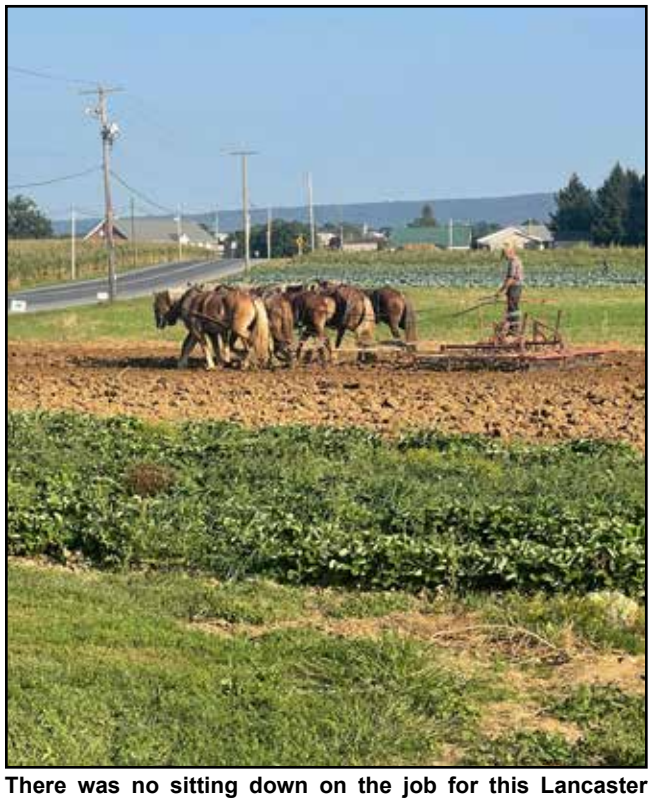


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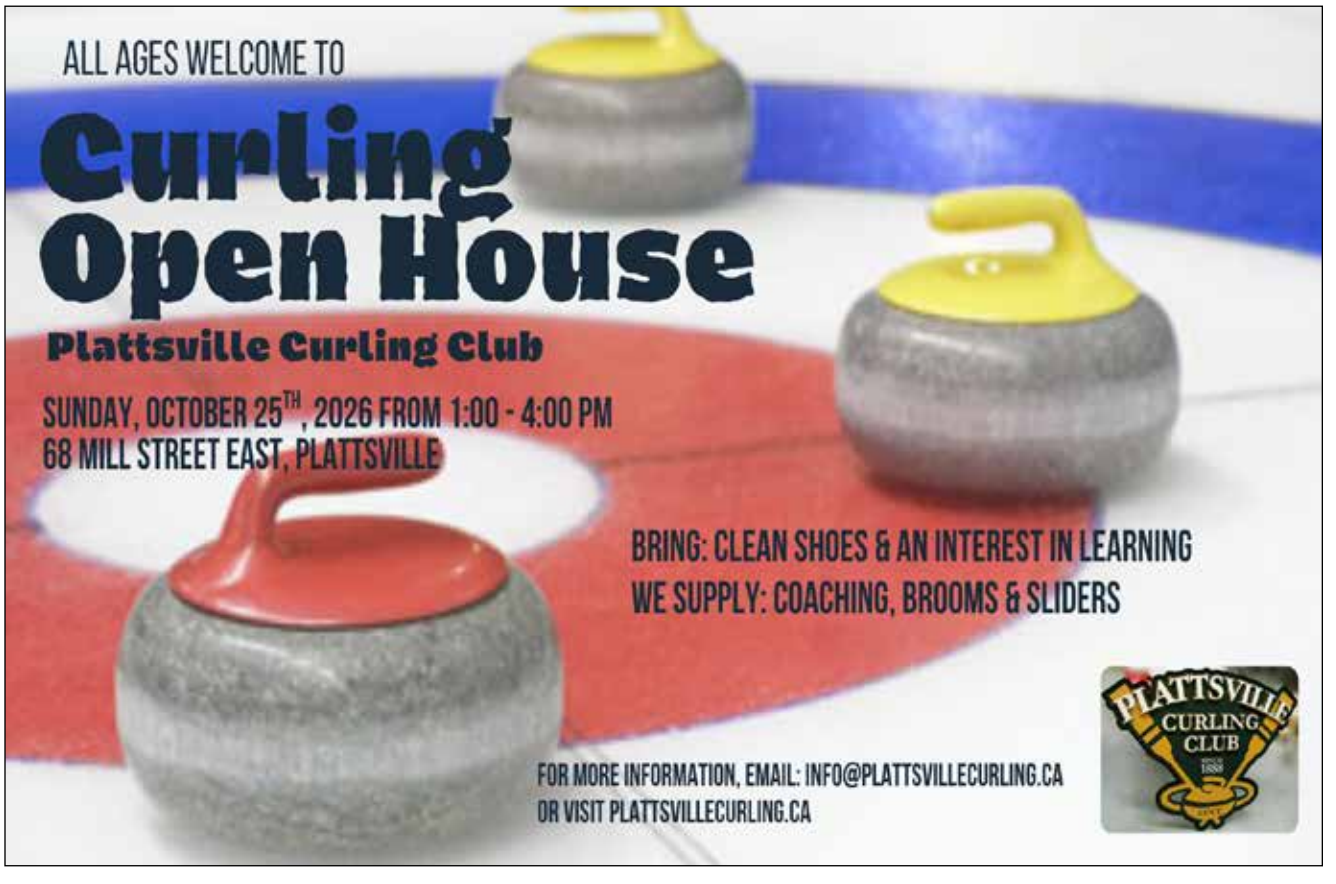
During a countryside tour of Lancaster County, Pa, five couples from New Hamburg, Tavistock and Stratford saw Old Order Amish and Mennonite farmers working fields with draft horses and mules. This farmer cultivates with a six-horse hitch of Belgian draft horses while standing on the implement being pulled.



A Tavistock-area group gathers outside Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster, Pa, before attending a live performance of Joshua. From left in front are Gary West, Barb Schumm, Carol Roth, Cathy Roth, Danny Roth, Brenda West and Mary Lou Leis. At back are Bruce Schumm, Ron Roth and Larry Leis, partially hidden.



There was no sitting down on the job for this Lancaster County farmer, who spent the afternoon working the field while giving his team of draft horses regular breaks.



Gentlemen, give them a hint

DRESS SHARP. SPEND SMART.



By Scott Dunstall

Once Remembrance Day has passed, Christmas shopping moves quickly from something we should think about to something we should have finished. And somewhere between making lists and finding wrapping paper comes the familiar question, "What would you like for Christmas?"

Gentlemen, "I don't need anything" is not particularly helpful. Neither is leaving someone to guess your size, favourite colour or whether you would actually wear that sweater.

This year, give your loved ones a little direction. Men's fashion for winter 2026 is offering plenty of wearable ideas: interesting textures, richer colours and familiar pieces with a fresh approach. My four gift picks translate those trends into clothes that can earn their place in your wardrobe.

1. A sweater with some character

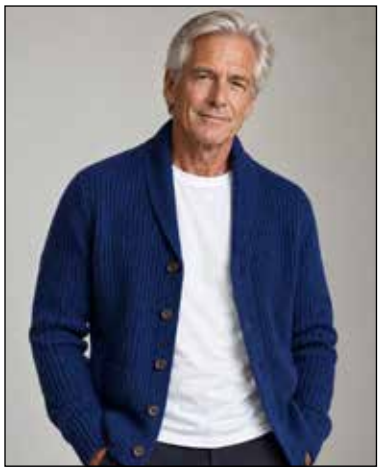
Start with knitwear. A textured crewneck, a smart cardigan or a knitted quarter zip can make everyday dressing feel more considered without becoming complicated.

Cardigans are getting renewed attention this season, including versions with a full zipper. If buttons bring back memories of your grandfather, take another look. Worn over a plain shirt or a good T shirt, the right cardigan can look relaxed and current.

Chocolate brown, charcoal, navy and cream are useful starting points. Choose a colour that works with trousers you already own.

Before adding a sweater to your list, consider how you live. Will you handwash it? Does wool bother your skin? Would a washable cotton blend get more use? Read the care label before falling in love with the look.

Spend smart: ask for one sweater you will reach for regularly rather than several that require a lifestyle you do not have.



Designer – James Pringle

2. Corduroy trousers worth rediscovering

Corduroy is enjoying fresh attention for autumn and winter 2026, and it deserves a place on the Christmas list.

Its ribbed texture adds interest to an outfit while remaining easy to wear. Brown, olive, navy or charcoal cords can take you from a casual lunch to a family dinner with a change of shirt.

My recommendation is a comfortable straight leg. Fashion offers competing silhouettes, but your trousers should let you sit, walk and enjoy dinner comfortably. Neither squeezing into them nor disappearing inside them is necessary.

Pair them with a simple sweater, a collared shirt or the cardigan mentioned above. Keep the rest straightforward and let the fabric do some work.

Spend smart: provide your actual waist measurement and preferred inseam. Better still, identify a pair you have tried on. A gift receipt is useful; avoiding an unnecessary return is even better.



Designer – Barbour

3. An overshirt that pulls things together

An overshirt is exactly what it sounds like: a substantial shirt designed to wear over another layer. Think of it as an easy addition when an ordinary shirt feels insufficient and a jacket feels too formal.

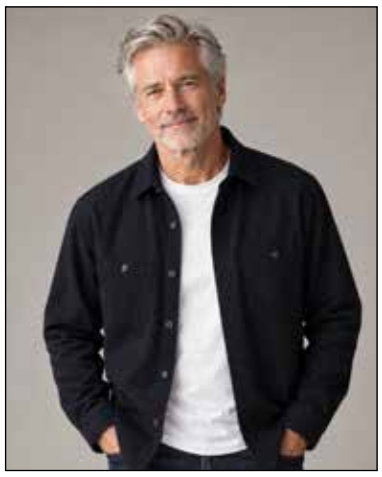
The season's interest in heritage fabrics and practical dressing makes this a useful gift choice. Look for brushed cotton, substantial twill or a wool blend, depending on comfort and care preferences.

A restrained check can work beautifully, although a solid navy, olive or brown version may coordinate with more of your wardrobe.

Wear it open over a plain top with jeans or cords. Try it on over the layer you expect to wear underneath, and check that the shoulders sit comfortably.

This is a layering piece, not a substitute for a proper Ontario winter coat.

Spend smart: choose a fabric and weight that suit your daily routine. The most fashionable option is wasted if it stays on the hanger.



Designer – Neem London

4. A scarf that feels as good as it looks

A soft scarf is an approachable way to add warmth, texture and a little personality.

Cashmere scarves appear in current menswear guides, but you do not need a luxury label to give a thoughtful gift. Consider soft wool, a blend or another fabric the wearer finds comfortable.

Camel, navy and grey are versatile. Burgundy or a tasteful check can brighten a familiar coat without requiring a wardrobe overhaul.

Test the fabric against your neck. Something that feels acceptable in your hand may feel quite different after an hour of wear.

Spend smart: softness, useful length and manageable care matter more than impressive packaging.

A little guidance preserves the surprise while improving the chances of a gift you will wear. And leave room for their personal choice.



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Municipal elections matter and deserve farmers' attention

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October is a busy month on Ontario farms. For many of us, harvest is underway, days are long and municipal politics probably aren't at the top of the priority list. But they should be, especially this year with municipal elections coming up on Oct. 26.

It's worth making some time to find out who is asking for your vote. That's because municipal government has an incredible amount of influence over what happens at the farm level.

Roads and bridges, drainage, land-use planning, development and local infrastructure are just some of the areas where decisions made locally can affect our businesses. Those decisions can influence what we can do on our land, whether we can expand our businesses, how easily we can move equipment and products, and if we have the infrastructure we need for both daily operations and future growth.

It pays to pay attention to who is running for local government. It's also important for farmers to help candidates understand agriculture and what our sector needs from municipal government.

The reality is that agriculture represents a relatively small part of Ontario's population. Even in rural communities, we can't assume that everyone running for office has a background in farming or understands how decisions made at the municipal level can affect a farm business. And that's where farmers, rural residents and those passionate about preserving our local food production come in.

Local federations of agriculture have organized approximately 20 all-candidates meetings across Ontario this fall to give voters opportunities to meet candidates, raise local agricultural concerns and help those seeking office better understand the importance of farming to their communities.

If a candidate comes to your door, talk to them. If there's an all-candidates meeting in your community, consider attending and asking a question. Find out what candidates know about agriculture and where they stand on issues that matter locally – and take the opportunity to tell them something about your farm and your business.

Rural infrastructure is a good example. Farm businesses rely on local roads and bridges to move large equipment and get crops, livestock and supplies where they need to go. Someone who doesn't work in agriculture may not immediately think about equipment size, weight restrictions, seasonal traffic or how a road closure or bridge project could affect farm operations.

The same is true of land-use planning. Decisions about development, infrastructure and how communities grow can have implications for agricultural land and nearby farm businesses that extend well beyond the boundaries of an individual property.

These are things farmers understand because we deal with them every day. Sharing that

knowledge helps candidates better understand the impact municipal decisions can have before they find themselves making those decisions around the council table.

You don't need to be an expert in municipal policy to have those conversations. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture, where I serve as executive member, has developed a municipal election toolkit (ofa.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/OFA-2026-Municipal-Elections-Kit.pdf) that is there to help. It includes information farmers can use to identify issues, think about questions to ask and start conversations with candidates about agriculture and its importance to local communities.

Pick the issues that matter to you and engage candidates on what they think. Just as importantly, listen to their answers and use that information to help make your voting decisions.

Of course, not everyone has time to attend an all-candidates meeting or have a lengthy conversation during harvest, but there are still ways to be informed. Look up who is running in your municipality, read their platforms and other information they've made available and pay attention to what they are saying about issues that affect your farm and your community. And then make the time to vote.

Municipal elections don't always attract the same attention as provincial or federal campaigns, but the decisions made by local councils can and do reach right to the farm gate.

We need the people who represent us to have an understanding of food and farming in Ontario, the contribution the agri-food sector makes to their communities and what farm businesses need to succeed. As farmers, we can help build that understanding.

And on Oct. 26, we can make sure our voices are heard by making sure we get out and vote.



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Local federations of agriculture have hosted 20 all-candidates meetings across the province to help farmers and their wider communities make informed choices when voting in their municipal elections Oct. 26.

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Pet of the Week

PEPPER

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Surprising selenium

HEAPS OF HEALTHY TIPS

By Mercedes Kay Gold



Eating a plethora of whole foods is the best way to nourish the body. Due to a laundry list of reasons, everything from depleted soil and the Standard American Diet (SAD) to food allergies and sensitivities to genes, deficiencies in our diets occur.

This week, the spotlight is on the magic mineral, selenium, made famous thanks to wellness experts advocating that we eat a couple of Brazil nuts daily.

Selenium is essential. The body doesn't make it; therefore, you must obtain it from the diet – impossible in the SAD. Just a small amount of selenium is required but it plays a crucial role in the body.

Let's start with thyroid health, the organ tied to metabolism. Many people diet and exercise but, in the end, a sluggish thyroid is often the culprit for weight that just won't budge. The thyroid runs on specific vitamins and minerals, essential to turn the hormone T-3 into T-4.

Selenium is gaining attention with reducing certain types of cancer thanks to its ability to reduce DNA damage and oxidative stress, boost the immune system and even destroy cancer cells. One review that included 350,000 people found high levels of selenium in the blood was associated with lower risks for several kinds of cancer. Even better news, the source of selenium was obtained through diet.

Selenium helps lower inflammation throughout the body, and after experts analyzed 25 observational studies, a 50 per cent increase in blood selenium was associated with a 24 per cent reduction in the risk of heart disease.

Dandruff a problem? Low levels of selenium may be to blame.

There are also findings linking stupendous selenium to improved lung function in those suffering from asthma.

The body-boosting benefits of selenium are easy to obtain in the diet. The top spot goes to Brazil nuts. Let's talk about this superfood. There's lots of hype about the nut and toxicity, and it's just that. As much as I love the buttery flavour of the Brazil nut, not even I could eat enough for it to be a health hazard. Also bear in mind, the amount of selenium varies depending on the region. Some nuts have been found containing almost three times the daily recommended intake while another just a trace. Look for Brazil nut butter – scrumptious!

Next up is oysters followed by halibut. Closing out the top-contender list are all superfoods for heaps of holistic help in hordes of other ways. Four eggs, four ounces of raw sunflower seeds or a can of sardines and you have reached the optimal daily intake.

Eating a wide range of foods is the best way to fuel cells with everything needed to thrive alive, but food issues and the ick factor come into play and taking a supplement is the only option. When supplementing with selenium, it's important to stay within the recommended daily amount and consult your health practitioner before starting anything new.

As a holistic nutritionist, food will always remain the go-to. Eating a nutrient-dense diet is optimal. Karen Salmansohn said it best. "Eating healthy food fills your body with energy and nutrients. Imagine your cells smiling back at you and saying, 'Thank you!' "

Start at the bottom

By Louis Silcox

Let's Tree Wilmot

Fall is an excellent time to plant a tree. The warm fall soil lets the tree establish its roots before winter, and again in the spring before the heat of summer.

Get the roots right when you plant. Roots anchor the tree, absorb water and trace nutrients from the soil. Dig a hole two to three times wider than the pot your tree has been growing in. This loosens the soil so the roots can spread out. If the roots appear at the outer edge, going around the pot (root bound), break many of them free so they're heading away from the trunk. You may need to cut some free with a shovel or utility knife.

Place the tree in the hole so that the flare where the trunk meets the roots is just visible above ground level. Return the soil onto the spread-out roots, tamping it down gently as you go. Do not add compost or fertilizer. Some benefit can be had by mixing in some soil from around existing trees of the same type. This introduces soil fungi that are important in bringing nutrients to the roots.

Create a ring of mulch about 10 centimetres thick around the edge of the dug soil, not touching the tree. The mulch helps keep soil moist and cool and keeps trimmers and mowers away. Mulching was covered in our column last month.

Water twice a week for the first year; once a week the second. Larger transplanted trees need watering for several years.

If you do plant a tree, we'd love to hear about it. Contact us at letstreewilmot.ca/wilmot-rooted-together. See more on tree care in the Resources section.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:
Soliciting donations versus door knocking?

I've noticed that polling for the American mid-terms indicates strong voter discontent with the incumbent president's budget spending and his relations with citizens. Prognostications indicate that the Democrats are set to upset both the House and Senate. The Republicans are now shovelling a ton of private money into advertising, trying to sway last minute voters' choices.

I've had two of the four Wilmot mayoral candidates (both male by coincidence) knock on my door and stand chatting, face-to-face, about issues critical to me. I haven't seen hide nor hair of the other two.

What I have seen is a lot of very expensive advertising, full-page ads in papers, four-page folded brochures in the mail. Lots of photo ops. At least one aspirant will have an audit on their campaign as their spending is way over $10,000 to get elected to a job with a base Wilmot salary of $50,076. Of course, there's the $49,282 from sitting at the region one day a week, and a stipend for being automatically on the Enova and GRCA boards.

There's a lot of braggadocio about the miracle of "zero-based budgeting" in Wilmot by using strong mayor powers. No, that does not mean you start at zero spending and then determine the cost of the absolute essentials to get a total of planned expenses. That would require accountability for every line item in a wish list and eliminate "waste" from the list, starting bottom up. You'd be left with a totalled list that you have pre-determined you can afford. That makes too much sense.

Theoretically, "zero-based budgeting" means income minus expenses equals zero. In Wilmot, they did it backwards. First, they totalled the expenses, and then determined, afterward, what the income was needed to be equal.

How did that happen? First, they hired a consultant (hundreds of thousands). They calculated what Wilmot had actually spent over a few years and used that as their base starting point. That is not zero.

They then added in stuff from the wish list like new trucks and more consultants. The product was a Jan. 9 strong mayor budget proposal that was $7.7 million in deficit, when one includes the capital budget proposal that was $2.176 million in deficit. Final expenses were greater than previous income, so they raised taxes 9.1 per cent for those of us who actually pay property taxes. Can you do that? Tell someone to give you more money so that you can spend more?

Maybe they believe it's better value for their time, soliciting advertising donors rather than wasting time knocking on doors and actually hearing taxpayers' anger face-to-face?

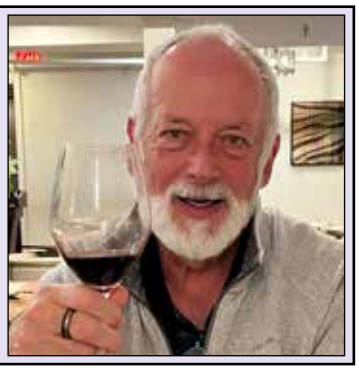
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Barry Wolfe, Baden

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Controversial attraction reopened in Baden

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO



By Paul Knowles

One of the most controversial visitor destinations in Canada is located about 10 minutes from my front door. It's the Prime Ministers Path, an installation of statues of Canadian Prime Ministers in Baden. It has generated a tonne of debate, which at one point resulted in the dismantling of the whole thing – the prime ministers were relegated to an unidentified storage unit. Then, this September, came the reestablishment of the installation.

The Prime Ministers Path was conceived in 2013, a plan that would eventually see sculptures of all Canadian Prime Ministers (currently numbering 24) exhibited in an outdoor setting.

The launch of the project took place in 2016. It's understandable that the first statue put in place was of Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. But it's also understandable that this installation proved to be the most controversial, because of Macdonald's undeniably horrendous policies concerning Indigenous Canadians.

Three more statues were added in 2017 – Robert Borden, William Lyon MacKenzie King and Lester B. Pearson – and Canada's first and only female prime minister, Kim Campbell, was added the next year.

But controversy was brewing, and as the nation became more aware of the horrors of residential schools and other national policies that had caused incredible harm to Indigenous peoples, protests erupted across the country, including in Baden. The statue of Macdonald attracted the most push-back, as protesters coated the sculpture in red paint.

By 2020, the local municipal council voted to remove all five statues and place them in storage in a secret location. But that action, too, prompted push-back from the community.

The most recent development has involved turning the project over to the original sponsor, Createscape Waterloo Region, which led to the reinstallation of the statues, plus a new work featuring four more prime ministers. The path was relaunched in September of this year. As before, it sits beside Castle Kilbride, the national historic site which adjoins the Wilmot Township municipal office. But where once, Macdonald's statue stood at the front of the property, facing Snyder's Road, now, the orientation has been shifted 180 degrees, with the Prime Ministers Path sign and Macdonald's sculpture facing north, onto Wagler Avenue.

So, is this all a good idea? Opinions about this will always be strong and varied.

The Prime Ministers Path website openly admits that history is challenging. It contends that "history is complex," and adds, "Understanding our history also means understanding how it has affected Canadians and how those Canadians perceive Canada's history."

I was never comfortable with the decision to dismantle the path. In doing so, the very positive stories of Lester Pearson (who won the Nobel Peace Prize) and Kim Campbell (who broke the gender barrier) were shoved into dusty storage. But I am also not comfortable with glorifying Canadian politicians who have made horrible decisions, chief among them Macdonald and King.

Createscape says they have worked with Indigenous groups in reintroducing the path, and that the full, complex stories of these leaders will be told. That is crucial.

I think it highly appropriate that the statues of Macdonald and King were designed by their artists (local sculptor Ruth Abernethy for Macdonald and Morgan MacKenzie for King) to include seats for visitors. I know these will be treated as selfie spots for many, but I also hope that folks will sit and ask themselves (and the spirits of the late PMs) the tough questions. "Why did Macdonald decide to strip Indigenous people of their heritage?" "Why did King think it okay to send a shipload of Jewish refugees back to Germany, where most died in concentration camps?"

These are the reality of the history of these Canadian leaders, but as historians will tell you, the story is more complex and we need to grapple with all of this. We recently did a walking tour in Kingston where our guide acknowledged the evils of Macdonald's tenure, but also insisted, "Without John A. Macdonald, there would be no Canada." And that is also, I suspect, the truth.

So, properly considered, the Prime Ministers Path presents a unique opportunity for visitors to consider – in fact, to confront – the complicated history of this country, perhaps even to realize that the evils of the past created problems and challenges still calling for solutions today. I hope visitors will leave the path with their heads fully out of the sand, and full of thoughts about the realities of Canadian history,

and that this is an issue largely overlooked in the controversy. They will also have the opportunity to appreciate some very fine works of art. Ruth Abernethy, a Wellesley resident, has been made a Member of the Order of Canada for her work. Other artists represented here include Nathan Scott (Borden) and Darren Byers and Fred Harrison (Campbell). As well, when the path was reopened, a terrific new piece was added – Nathan Scott's "The Unfortunate Four," four PMs who had short terms and lesser impacts on our history.

The plan is for the path to continue to grow over the next four decades. I hope there will be thousands of meaningful conversations and personal reflections sparked by this controversial but important installation.

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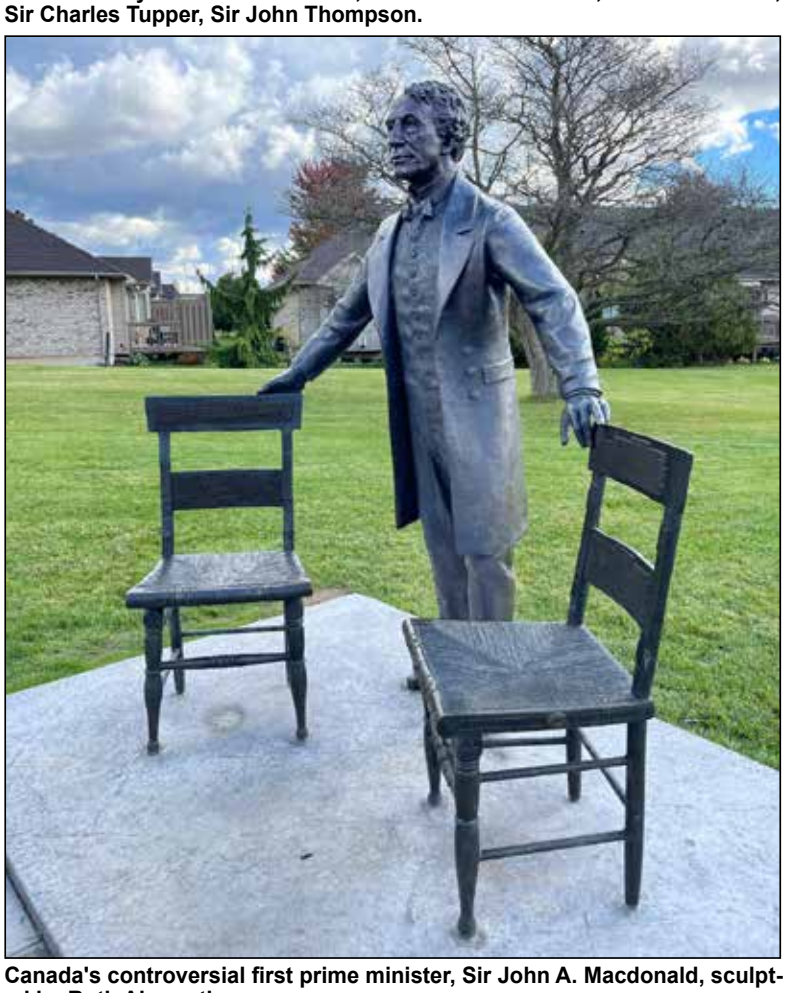


The statue of Kim Campbell by Darren Byers and Fred Harrison carries the whimsical title, "Could I Have A Moment?"



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The newest addition to the Prime Ministers Path in Baden – Nathan Scott's "The Unfortunate Four" depicting four Canadian Prime Ministers who served briefly in office – from left, Sir MacKenzie Bowell, Sir John Abbott, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir John Thompson.



Canada's controversial first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, sculpted by Ruth Abernethy.



Morgan MacKenzie created the statue of William Lyon Mackenzie King, the Waterloo Region native who was Canada's longest-serving Prime Minister.

Who's voting for the future of our communities?

AMANDA NELSON

Gazette Reporter

Here's a hot take: I think municipal elections are among our most important elections. And when you look at how few people vote in them, I think we need to ask why.

I recently came across statistics on voter turnout in southwestern Ontario's 2022 municipal elections, and some of the numbers surprised me.

In Waterloo Region, overall turnout was just 25.34 per cent. In Guelph, it was 27.96 per cent. Stratford did considerably better, with 43.9 per cent of eligible voters casting a ballot, while Wilmot Township recorded 40.35 per cent turnout and St. Marys recorded just 24.9 per cent, the lowest of the bunch.

That means roughly one in four eligible voters participated in Waterloo Region and St. Marys. Even in Stratford, which had the highest turnout of the communities mentioned here, more than half of eligible voters stayed home.

In Tillsonburg, voter turnout was about 37.6 per cent in 2022 — higher than Guelph's 27.96 per cent, but still meaning that most eligible voters did not cast a ballot.

It makes you wonder why some communities see more people showing up than others. Personally, I'd like to think it's because we have such amazing local news sources keeping people informed, but I might be a little partial. Wink, wink.

The numbers also raise questions about who is participating. A City of Guelph survey of 500 residents about the 2022 municipal election found 29 per cent of respondents said they had voted. Among respondents aged 18 to 24, that figure was just 12 per cent, compared with 57 per cent among those aged 75 and older.

These figures reflect what survey respondents said, rather than a count of every voter in each age group. Still, they suggest younger residents may be less engaged with municipal elections – and that's worth thinking about.

I recently spoke with Kiera Upward, a 21-year-old who ran for Ward 1 council in Wilmot Township. One reason she ran was to give people of different ages a voice at the council table. She ultimately stepped down for personal reasons, as I reported in last week's Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette.

Her story got me thinking about who gets a seat at the table when decisions are made about our communities. Who decides where new housing gets built, how much we pay in property taxes, which roads get repaired and what recreation facilities our towns need? And are younger residents – the people who will live with many of these decisions for decades – being heard?

Representation is another part of the conversation. East Zorra-Tavistock's current council has seven members, all men. That observation doesn't tell us everything about how effectively the township is represented, and a council doesn't have to mirror every aspect of its population to make good decisions. But it does raise a reasonable question: who puts their name forward, who gets elected and who feels welcome in local politics?

Municipal government can sometimes seem less important than what happens at Queen's Park or in Ottawa. But local decisions affect our daily lives in very direct ways, from property taxes and road repairs to housing, parks, recreation and public services.

We often hear about the importance of voting in provincial and federal elections. Municipal elections deserve that same attention. The people elected locally make decisions that can shape our neighbourhoods and communities for years to come.

So, if turnout is as low as one in four eligible voters in some communities, we should be asking why. Do people know what their municipal government is responsible for? Do they feel their vote won't make a difference? Or, have we simply become accustomed to paying less attention to the politics happening in our own backyards?

I don't think there's one simple answer. But if we want our communities to reflect our needs, priorities and hopes for the future, we have to take part in choosing the people who make those decisions.

And that starts with showing up to vote.

Resources:

AMO Voter turnout: https://www.amo.on.ca/2022-municipal-election-municipal-data

City of Guelph: https://guelph.ca/city-government/mayor-and-council/municipal-elections/previous-election-results/2022-municipal-election-results/

City of Stratford: https://www.stratford.ca/en/inside-city-hall/resources/CORPORATE-SERVICES/CLERKS/Election-2026/EL32---Declaration-of-Election-Candidates---Website.pdf

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Government of Ontario: https://data.ontario.ca/en/dataset/municipal-election-results/resource/43aa0bb3-902b-4f19-8d55-8df940188746

Region of Waterloo: https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/government-and-council/elections/election-results/past-election-results/

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: The real elephant in the room (in response to B. Wolfe)

I agree with Barry Wolfe that there is an elephant in the room, but it is definitely not the "political action group" that he speaks of. Instead, it is the unacceptable behaviour of an agent of the province towards the residents of the 770 acres, and the region's ineffectual, in fact, infuriating attempts to justify the expropriation of the 770 acres, an insult to the Wilmot residents at large.

The political action group was not formed to further special interests but was a response to egregious actions against the citizens of Wilmot by the province that were defended by the region.

Mr. Wolfe has strongly suggested that Wilmot should appease the province by sitting down, shutting up and accepting the regional official plan, hook, line and sinker, in order to secure future grants from the province.

Are there many people left in Wilmot that could stomach the idea of suppressing their democratic right to be heard in order to appease the current (disrespectful) government of Ontario? In the matter of the 770 acres, the disrespect of the provincial government towards Wilmot and protest by the residents have already created acrimony between the two.

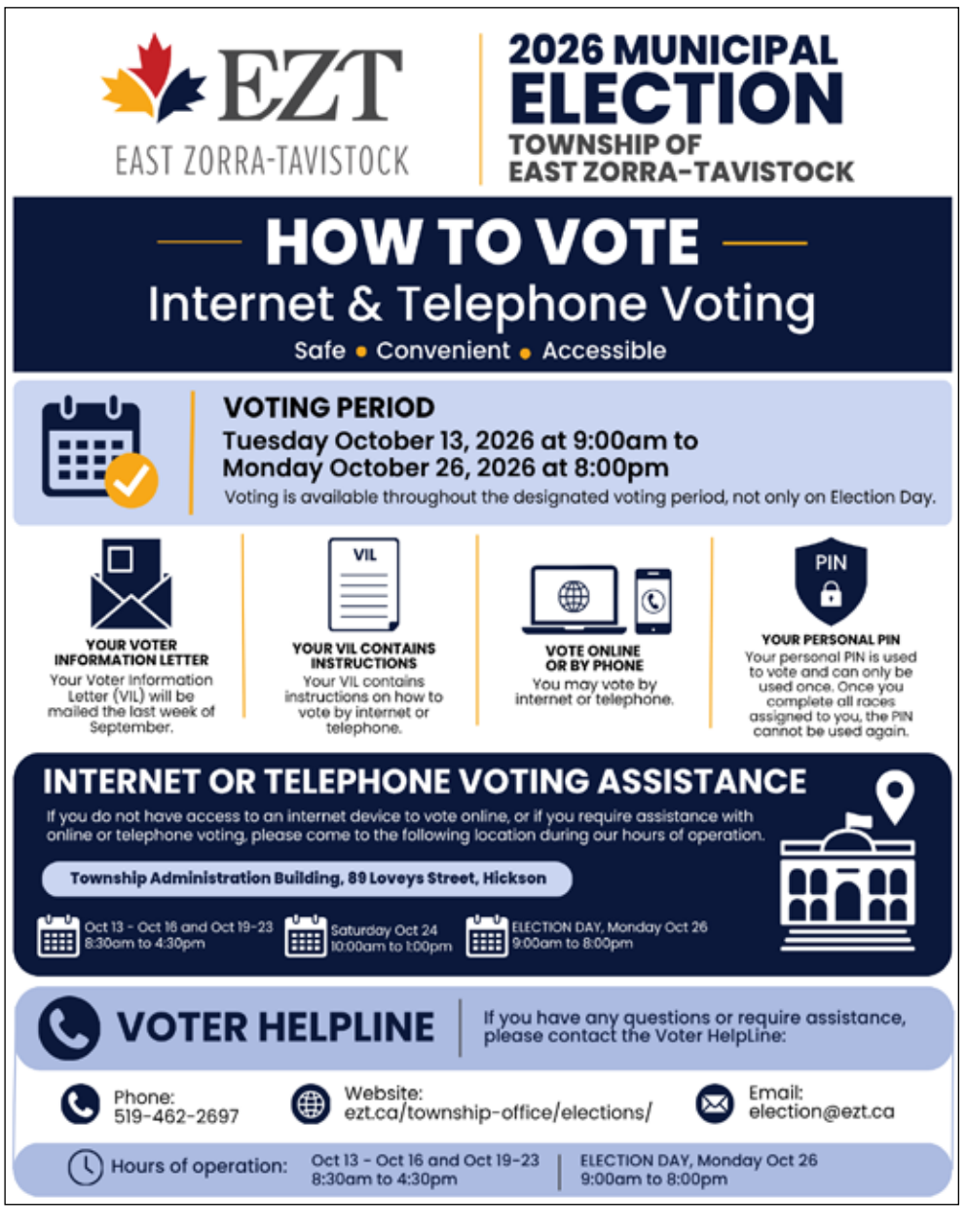
I strongly doubt that any grants will be coming to Wilmot from the current provincial government, should the residents decide not to protest the official plan.

As an aside, his references to logic and philosophy were duly noted, but do nothing to justify the official plan and handling of the 770 acres.

Regards
Paul Sedran,
New Hamburg

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10 a.m.
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Castle Kilbride
60 Snyder's Rd W, Baden

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Let's Tree Wilmot is increasing the tree cover on a rural property
9 a.m. - 12 noon
Join us in planting 100 trees offering some of the best opportunities for increasing the tree canopy in our township. For details and registration: https://letstreewilmot.ca/events/
Perth Street, New Hamburg

New Hamburg Optimists Pumpkin Carving Event
10 a.m. to 12 noon - FREE pumpkin pick up
6 p.m. - Return with your carved pumpkin
Come and pick up a free pumpkin between 10 a.m. - 12 noon and then take it home to carve it. Then dress up in your halloween costumes and bring your carved pumpkin back at 6 p.m. There will be a kids' costume contest, loot bags, face painting, Zombie Walks at 6:15 and 6:45 and fire truck demos.
Wilmot Township Fire Station 3
121 Huron St, New Hamburg

Tavistock Fall Expo: Market & Carnival
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Shop local this fall with our amazing vendors, and join us for our FREE family carnival. We will have games, candy prizes, Bouncy Castle, and more. Lunch is also available to be purchased at the market. For more information, find us online: www.facebook.com/tavistock.church
Tavistock Missionary Church
77 Mogk St, Tavistock

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Church of the Epiphany,
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Rescue Junction: Gospel Bluegrass Concert
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Free Will Offering taken.
Rosebank Church
1434 Huron Road, Petersburg

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Community Care Concepts Lunch and Fellowship
12 p.m.
Please register by October 23 by calling 519-664-1900 or Toll Free: 1-855-664-1900
Linwood Community Centre,
5279 Ament Line, Linwood

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Ostomy Support Group Meeting
7 p.m.
Speaker – Kimberley Toohey RD, Dietician
'Dietary concerns and considerations for ostomates'
Social time and snacks. Everyone welcome.
(519)273-4327
93 Morgan St., Stratford

Perth East council meeting
7 p.m.
Council chambers
25 Mill Street East, Milverton

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

East Zorra-Tavistock Council meeting
9 a.m.
Council Chambers
89 Loveys Street East, Hickson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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1 p.m.
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223 Hope St. W Tavistock

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Wilmot Council meeting
6-7 p.m.
Council chambers
60 Snyder's Road W., Baden

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Free "Explore Your Future" career expo for Gr 7-12 students/parents
5-8 p.m.
bepwr.ca/eyf
Tapestry Hall,
74 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge, ON

Wellesley Council meeting
6:45 p.m.
Council chambers
4805 William Hastings Line, Crosshill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 CON'T

Let's Tree Wilmot Celebration of Accomplishments and Volunteers
7-9 p.m.
Join us for a fun evening celebrating LTW's accomplishments and recognizing our volunteers. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Alison Morrison, from the U. of Guelph's Arboretum 'Dating Service for Lonely Elms: the Arboretum's Elm Recovery Project.
Wilmot Rec Complex, Baden, Meeting Room A
1291 Nafziger Road, Baden

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Community Care Concepts Lunch and Fellowship
12 p.m.
Please register by Nov. 6 by calling 519-664-1900 or Toll Free: 1-855-664-1900
Wellesley Recreation Complex,
1401 Queen's Bush Rd., Wellesley

Tavistock Men's Club Sauerkraut & BBQ Pork Chop Supper
4 - 7 pm (Pick Up Only)
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Tavistock Memorial Hall, 3 Adam St., Tavistock

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

High Noon Community Lunch
12 noon
ATTENTION SENIORS!
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Grace United Church Tavistock
116 Woodstock St. South, Tavistock

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Catholic Women's League of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church Annual Christmas Market\Bazaar
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Free admission. Crafts, baking, Silent Auction, lunch in the Church hall available for purchase. All proceeds allow the women to donate back to the church and community.
Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
96 Huron St., Stratford

Christmas Bazaar
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Holy Family Church 329 Huron St ,
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Village Manner, 98 Woodstock St., Tavistock

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Quiz Time Answers

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

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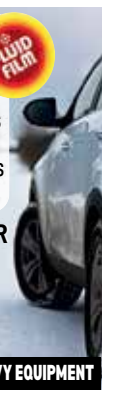
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