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County of Brant representatives attend provincial conference in Ottawa



Left to right – David Mellor, General Manager of Operations (County of Brant); Councillor John MacAlpine; Councillor David Miller; Natalie Pierre, Parliamentary Assistant, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services; Mayor David Bailey; and Alison Newton, Chief Administrative Officer (County of Brant), pictured at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa.

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County of Brant representatives joined municipal leaders from across Ontario at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa from Aug. 17 to 20.

Mayor David Bailey, Councillors David Miller and John MacAlpine, Chief Administrative Officer Alison Newton, and General

Manager of Operations David Mellor attended the annual event, which brings together municipalities from across the province to hear from keynote speakers, take part in workshops and meet directly with provincial ministries.

“The AMO conference provides Council and staff with the opportunity to meet with other community leaders from across the province and share our experiences,” Bailey said. “It

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Investing in tomorrow: WIW scholarships awarded

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

Two Brantford students have been awarded scholarships from the Women Inspiring Women (WIW), Women’s Institute, recognizing their academic achievements and community involvement as they pursue post-secondary education.

The Paris-based WIW, a diverse group dedicated to creative learning and community betterment, annually offers scholarships to support local youth. This year, two \$500 scholarships were presented to Colby Young and Ellery Lechowicz.

“WIW is very pleased to extend this year’s scholarship awards to Colby Young and Ellery Lechowicz. All the very best to both in their future endeavours,” said the scholarship committee in a joint statement.

Young, a Brantford Collegiate Institute graduate and Honour Roll student, will begin studies this fall in the Environmental Technician program at the University of Guelph’s Ridgetown Campus.

He is no stranger to hard work, having helped raise his family’s flock of champion purebred sheep while also volunteering in the community. Young has supported the Ontario 55+ Summer Games, Bite of Brant, and offered lawn care assistance to a senior in need.

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Conquering the fear of public speaking with Paris coach Barb Day

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Public speaking is often called North America's number one fear, ranking ahead of death itself. But according to Barb Day, a Paris-based certified speaking coach, it doesn't have to be that way.

Day, founder of Speak Technique, helps clients of all ages build confidence and sharpen their presentation skills, whether they're stepping up to a podium for the first time or polishing their delivery for a major confer-

ence.

"Public speaking is an art that can be learned," Day said. "When key techniques such as vocal variety, eye contact, gestures, facial expressions, and movement flow with your words, public speaking can be a beautiful thing."

A writer turned award-winning speaker, Day knows the fear firsthand. She admits she was once terrified of addressing an audience until she realized the secret wasn't just in the words she wrote, but in how they were delivered. That insight inspired her career shift into coaching, where she now guides others in transforming anxiety into

energy on stage.

Speak Technique offers one-on-one coaching at its Paris studio and online sessions for clients worldwide. Group workshops are also available, with reduced rates for students and seniors. The training blends content development with stage presence, from storytelling and humour to body language and vocal control.

Day said many clients arrive looking to prepare for specific life moments — from workplace presentations to wedding speeches. Others are seasoned professionals who want to leave a stronger impression. "All presenters want to be persuasive speakers that make a lasting and unforgettable impression," she said.

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Women Inspiring Women awards scholarships to local students

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Sports have also played a key role in his life. He has played football with the Brantford Bisons and shared his leadership skills with younger hockey players.

Young said he learned about the scholarship through Facebook, when his mother shared the application with him.

"After reading the description, I figured I would give it a shot and apply," he said. "In the fall, I will be attending the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus to study the Environmental Technician course in hopes of a diploma. This course offers a lot of hands-on learning which is something I wanted when looking for a post-secondary course."

Young also noted the importance of community support.

"Most recently, I was fortunate enough to receive the Grow with Gwillimdale Scholarship and the Brantford Garden Club [award]. The community support to youth members does not go unnoticed."

Lechowicz, a graduate of St. John's College and Fanshawe College's pre-Health Science program, has been accepted into the Bachelor of Science – Nursing (Hon-

ours) program at Conestoga College's Doon Campus.

She has demonstrated strong leadership as a camp counsellor, organizing children's activities and ensuring safety, and as a senior competitive dancer, where she instructed younger children in dance basics.

Lechowicz also gained valuable experience during a co-op placement at Brantford General Hospital's Ambulatory Care Unit, where she was trusted to carry out responsibilities independently. Lechowicz said she found out about the scholarship from a family friend. Accepting the scholarship will help her offset costs with her four-year nursing program.

The WIW scholarships are awarded to local students who show leadership, volunteerism, and a commitment to higher education. Recipients may be invited to share their stories at a Women's Institute meeting in Paris later this year.

By recognizing students such as Young and Lechowicz, WIW continues its commitment to supporting youth while strengthening ties within the Brant community.



(CASANDRA TURNBULL PHOTO)

Pictured are the WIW Scholarship committee members Monique Giroux, Nancy Phelan, scholarship recipient Colby Young, Dianne Edwards and Rita Easton.



Nancy Phelan, scholarship recipient Ellery Lechowicz and Rita Easton.

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Woodland Cultural Centre bolstered by \$7,500 donation for preservation, education

Donation marks the third consecutive year GrandBridge has supported the Centre's efforts

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A \$7,500 contribution will help Woodland Cultural Centre address urgent infrastructure repairs and sustain cultural programming central to the preservation of Indigenous history in the region.

The GrandBridge Energy donation supports critical repairs to the museum roof and ongoing maintenance, ensuring the Centre can continue to serve as a hub for education and cultural exchange. The donation marks the third consecutive year GrandBridge has supported the Centre's efforts to share and safeguard Indigenous cultures, languages and history.

"GrandBridge's generous \$7,500 donation helps us sustain and expand educational and cultural programs that play a vital role in preserving and revitalizing Indigenous languages, art, and history," said Heather George, Executive Director of the Woodland Cultural Centre. "This support is essential to keep the Centre's programs running smoothly and to continue serving our community and visitors."

This donation reaffirms GrandBridge Energy's reaffirmed commitment to truth and reconciliation.

"We're proud to support Woodland Cultural Centre as it continues to enrich the cultural fabric of our local communities and beyond," said Sarah Hughes, President & CEO of GrandBridge Corporation. "The Centre plays a key role in preserving the living history of Indigenous Peoples and is a cornerstone of cultural education in the region."

Grand Bridge Energy is a regulated utility company that delivers safe and reliable electricity to 115,000 customers in the City of Brantford, the City of Cambridge, the Township of North Dumfries and the County of Brant. GrandBridge Group includes Netoptiks, a tele-communications division, and Enersure, a home comfort rental division.

Hughes recently visited Woodland Cultural Centre and received a guided tour from George. The tour included a



Sarah Hughes, President & CEO of GrandBridge Corporation (right), visited the Woodland Cultural Centre to present a \$7,500 donation and enjoy a guided tour led by Heather George, Executive Director of the Centre (left). The donation will support Woodland Cultural Centre's operational needs and marks the third consecutive year GrandBridge has provided funding as part of its ongoing commitment to advancing Truth and Reconciliation.

viewing of the "Indigenous Art 2025: 50th Annual Juried Exhibition", a nationally recognized celebration of Indigenous artistic excellence spanning five decades.

"It was an honour to explore this landmark exhibition and witness the strength of Indigenous voices expressed through art," said Hughes. "The exhibition runs until September 30, 2025 — I highly recommend

the experience."

The Centre is currently showcasing Indigenous Art 2025: 50th Annual Juried Exhibition, a nationally recognized celebration of Indigenous artistic excellence. The exhibition runs until Sept. 30, 2025.

Later this year, the Centre will mark a historic milestone with the official unveiling of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School as an Interpretive Historic Site and Educational Resource. Scheduled for Sept. 30, Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the unveiling represents a significant step toward truth-telling, education, remembrance and reconciliation.

For more information on the art exhibition and the unveiling of the residential school visit woodlandcultural-centre.ca.

Brant officials press provincial leaders on local priorities at AMO conference

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gives us the chance to collaborate on issues we are all facing — both the challenges and the successes."

Delegation meetings allowed the Brant officials to raise local issues with provincial leaders, including:

- Ontario Works with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.
- The John Noble Home Bell Court Project with the Ministry of Long-Term Care.
- The Paris Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion with the Ministry of Infrastructure.
- The Highway 403 and Bishopsgate Road Interchange with the Minister of Transportation.

County staff also joined advocacy sessions with the South-Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR EDC) and the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC).

"Advocating for our residents at AMO is an important opportunity to ensure Brant's priorities are heard by provincial leaders," Bailey said. "We are proud to represent our community and work toward solutions that improve quality of life for everyone in the County of Brant."

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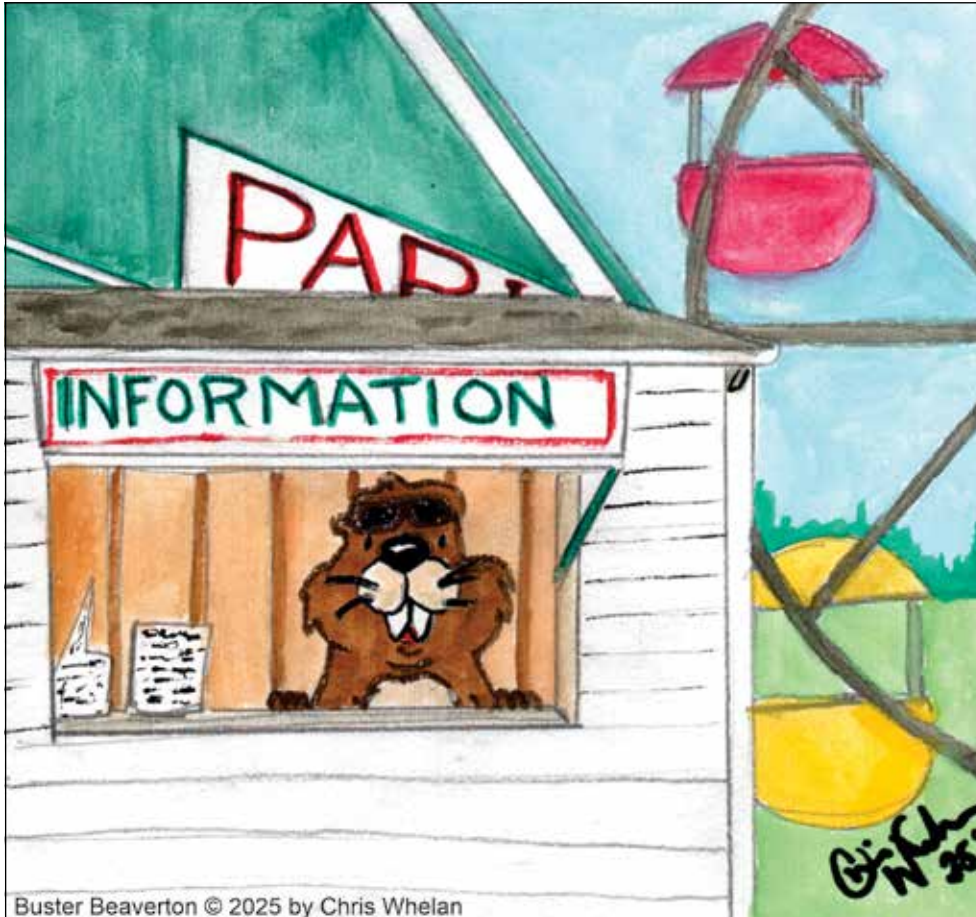
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EDITORIAL

The Paris Fair thrives thanks to volunteers



Buster Beaverton © 2025 by Chris Whelan

Buster Beaverton volunteers to hand out information at the 167th annual Paris Fair

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

Each Labour Day weekend, thousands of people stream through the gates of the Paris Fairgrounds to enjoy one of Ontario's largest and most beloved community events. From the midway rides and concerts to the livestock shows and homecraft displays, the Paris Fair is a true showcase of local pride, tradition and agricultural heritage. But behind the scenes, the real story of the fair's success is written by the more than 500 volunteers who give their time, energy and talents to make it all happen.

Volunteers park cars in sweltering heat, greet visitors at the gates, and guide families to information booths. They drive wagons and golf carts to carry people from the parking lot to the main gates, ensuring accessibility for everyone. In the homecraft division, dedicated community members spend long hours preparing meals for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday night dinners, as well as food for sale in the exhibition hall. Local sports organizations step up to keep the fairgrounds clean, tackling the less glamorous but essential task of garbage pickup.

The Paris Fair is powered by generosity and teamwork. More than 40 committees—some meeting weekly throughout the year—coordinate every detail, from entertainment bookings to agricultural

demonstrations. Many volunteers have been involved for decades, passing down a tradition of service that strengthens the fabric of our town. Their commitment ensures that fairgoers experience a seamless event filled with activities, displays, and memories to last a lifetime.

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 2023, the Paris Fair earned a spot on the list of Ontario's Top 100 Festivals and Events. That same year, Paris Agricultural Society board member Sean Chase was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by Festivals and Events Ontario, a reminder that individual dedication and collective effort go hand in hand.

The Paris Fair is more than just an event—it is a celebration of community, and its heartbeat is the volunteers. They are the quiet force that promotes local agriculture, welcomes visitors, and keeps alive a tradition that has endured for generations. For those looking to get involved, volunteering offers not only the chance to gain valuable experience, but also the opportunity to join a family of like-minded individuals who care deeply about their community.

As we enjoy the fair this year, let's take a moment to thank the people in the orange vests directing cars, the friendly faces serving food, and the countless hands behind the scenes. The Paris Fair wouldn't be what it is without them.

Advocacy group brings homelessness front and centre at AMO Conference

Bill 6 misses the mark, why Ontario needs compassion, not criminalization

LUKAS OAKLEY

Ward 2 Councillor,
County of Brant Council

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual conference was last week, running from August 17th through to August 20th. While I did not attend, other members of the County of Brant council did, as well as thousands of other councillors and municipal staff from across Ontario.

One group of councillors there was the Ontario Coalition for the Rights of Homeless People, a group of which I am a member of their steering committee. Chair of the OCRHP, Deputy Mayor of the City of Burlington Rory Nisan, along with Councillor Nadia Du-

byk of the Municipality of Grey Highlands and Councillor Sam Troscow of the City of London attended the conference to discuss with other municipal peers and representatives at Queen's Park to discuss the issue of Homelessness in Ontario.

The scale of Ontario's homelessness crisis cannot be overstated. AMO's groundbreaking report, released earlier this year, revealed that more than 81,500 Ontarians experienced homelessness in 2024—an increase of 25% since 2022. This figure is double the population of the County of Brant, all individuals like you or I are experiencing homelessness. Without significant intervention, these numbers could triple

to nearly 300,000 people by 2035. After all, studies have shown that roughly 20% of Canadians are concerned that they could be homeless as well if they lost their jobs, a statistic made particularly poignant in the light of the current trade war.

As I've discussed previously through my editorials, I (as well as my colleagues in the OCRHP) strongly oppose the Government of Ontario's Bill 6, and how it plans to ineffectually address the issue of homelessness. The legislation provides enhanced powers for municipalities to remove unhoused Ontarians from public spaces, with fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment of up to six months for

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One year after opening, Brave Waves Swim School continues to make a splash in Paris community

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

Brave Waves Swim School is celebrating its first full year in its new indoor home — and owners Julia and Jess Surette say the move has been a game-changer for local families.

“Moving indoors has truly been a turning point for us and for the families we serve,” they said. “One of the biggest advantages is consistency! Our swimmers now have access to lessons year-round without weather or seasonal interruptions. Parents can count on a steady schedule, and kids can keep building skills without long breaks or cancellations.”

The Surettes said creating a pool designed specifically for swim education has elevated the learning environment. “From the pool layout to the equipment we use, everything supports a comfortable, safe, and engaging learning experience,” they said. “What we’ve enjoyed most, though, is watching the community grow in this new home. Families settle in, kids feel at ease, and there’s a real sense of belonging.”

Expanded programs for every swimmer

With a larger indoor space, Brave Waves has been able to offer more classes and new opportunities for swimmers of all ages.

“Our larger indoor space has given us the chance to grow in ways that truly benefit families,” the owners said. “With more room, we can run multiple classes at once, welcome more local swimmers, and design specialized class settings for every age and skill level.”

Programs now range from infant “parent-and-me” classes to adapted lessons, adult swim programs, lifesaving certifications, and advanced training that prepares swimmers for the Canadian National Lifeguard standard.

“Across every program, our goal is the same: to create swimmers for life,” they said. “That means more than just knowing strokes — it’s about developing reliable skills, essential lifesaving knowledge, and the respect for water needed to swim safely in any setting.”

Parents also appreciate the family-friendly touches — like being able to register siblings in different classes at the same time, comfortable viewing spaces, and even the Niagara Falls-style rinsing shower that kids love before each lesson.

A strong and growing team

Behind the scenes, Brave Waves runs on the dedication of 70 team members, including instructors, lifeguards, deck supervisors, managers and front desk staff.

“What makes our team special is the way we work as a cohesive and authentic unit,” Julia and Jess said. “Ev-



(CASANDRA TURNBULL PHOTO)

The Brave Waves Swim School is a family run business that shares a unified goal of helping families raise children who are resilient in the water. The Surette family – Craig, Jessica, Julia and Nita, are the friendly faces behind the school at its indoor facility off Rest Acres Road in Paris.

ery teammate, no matter their role, shares the same Brave Waves purpose: to put safety first and help swimmers thrive.”

The Surettes said they invest heavily in staff training and leadership development, which builds trust across the team and ensures a consistent, high-quality experience for families.

A different approach to learning

The Surettes credit Brave Waves’ success to its child-centred, holistic teaching philosophy.

“Our instruction is built around respecting the child as a learner and how they personally can achieve safety, skill development, and confidence,” Julia said. “Our programs are participatory, meaning no forcing or surprises. Instead, swimmers are invited to engage at their own pace, with appropriate challenges and support for each individual.”

They say inspiration even comes from Walt Disney’s philosophy of creating memorable family experiences. “We bring that spirit into the pool, where lessons are designed not only to teach but to spark joy, build resilience, and support emotional development,” said Jess.

Easy registration and family-first values

Families can register online through a secure portal, or by phone, email, or text. Once enrolled, children keep

their spot until families choose to pause or stop.

“Our goal is to make the process simple and convenient, allowing families to focus on the learning experience and fun in the water,” they agreed.

As a privately owned school, Brave Waves prides itself on flexibility and community focus. “Our independence allows us to adjust class levels, schedules, and even program design to grow with each unique family over time,” they said.

Looking ahead

In just one year indoors, Brave Waves has grown to a student body comparable in size to St. John’s College in Brantford — and it’s still expanding.

“This year, Brave Waves grew to a student body the size of St. John’s College in Brantford and the largest team we’ve ever had! It was a milestone year that reflects not only our growth but the trust families have placed in us,” said Julia.

Community engagement remains a priority, with events like the Halloween Floating Pumpkin Patch, participation in the Santa Claus Parade, and staff-led initiatives such as the USC Mind ice bucket mental health project.

“We invite anyone interested in the swim journey to stop by for a visit and see what we are all about!” they said.



Brave Waves Swim School’s new indoor facility in Paris offers year-round lessons in a space designed specifically for swim education.



The bright, spacious pool at Brave Waves Swim School provides a safe and welcoming environment where swimmers of all ages build skills and confidence in the water.

Coin collectors converge in Paris for bi-annual show

KIMBERLY DE JONG

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Hundreds of collectors attended the bi-annual Paris Coin Show at the Paris Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

The Paris Coin Show, formerly known as the South-western Ontario Numismatics (SWON) show, is a one-day event that has been running since the 1990's and is always held on the first weekend of February, and again on the second weekend of August.

Organizer Jared Stapleton, who owns Metro Coin and Banknote and also runs the Toronto Coin Expo, acquired the rights to the SWON show from Ted Bailey back in 2017 and continued to keep it going year after year.

Stapleton said he was happy with yet another great turnout.

"We have about 50 dealers from around southern Ontario who have brought their goods here to show them, sell them and buy stuff from collectors as well," he said. "This is, as I say, Canada's best one day coin show and we've had a really great turnout today. Of course, we're grateful to be here in Paris again, we love being here and it's a great little town that's a pretty central location for southern Ontario so we're happy to be back at the fairgrounds."

Throughout the event, both amateur and serious collectors alike, spent their time perusing through the thousands of collectible items on display, or chatting with the on-site auctioneer.

"We have Brian Bell from Geoffrey Bell Auctions and so if you have really valuable items, you'd want to talk to him and put it in the auction, which is in relation to the Toronto Coin Expo, because you'll get a lot more eyes on it that way," said Stapleton.

From silver bars to special edition and commemorative coins, historical banknotes, books, war medals, and more, there was no shortage of items to browse, and guests of all ages came prepared with lists in hand so they could search for items to help fill their collections, often sitting with one particular vendor for an extended period of time.

"Every collector is unique and special. We have people that will collect coins, people who will collect paper money, and people that will collect tokens. We also have people here with gold, silver, and even militaria too," said Stapleton. "That's all part of the numismatics hobby but it's really specialized for the individual. For example, I



Paul Harding of Classic Coins and Banknotes in Cobourg, shows off an 1859 Bank of Brantford two-dollar banknote during the bi-annual Paris Coin Show on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

collect banknotes, and that's all I really like, but my friend over here collects one cent coins only and so everyone is different, but that's stuff you can find here today."

Coin collecting (also known as numismatics) is frequently referred to as one of the oldest hobbies in the world, often drawing people for several different reasons. For some, it's the thrill of the hunt, for others it's the beauty in the design and the history behind the items, and for many, it's all about the memories and the way it connects the generations.

Paul Harding, owner of Classic Coins and Banknotes in Cobourg, recalled how he first began collecting.

"At a bowling league when I was a kid, there were two prizes left at a table and so I picked a coin set over the lawn darts. I took it home, showed it to my dad, and he said he would put it with his coins, and when he took them out, I was just thrilled by all the different styles of coins," he said. "Eventually I decided to make a business out of it

and I've been actively selling coins and such for about 25 years. I'm actually a chef by trade so I was doing it part-time but I went full-time with my coin business about nine or ten years ago."

As far as what he gravitates toward, Harding said he likes to collect Canadian chartered banknotes, but that he also specializes in ancient Greek and Roman coins.

"And everything in between," he said with a laugh.

Harding said this was his third time as a dealer at the Paris Coin Show, and that overall, he's always happy to attend.

"I think the show is great," he said. "There are a lot of really good dealers, it's really well attended and it's fairly central to a lot of major places so it's easy to get to."

Kimberly De Jong's reporting is funded by the Canadian government through its Local Journalism Initiative. The funding allows her to report rural and agricultural stories from Blandford-Blenheim and Brant County.

Councillor Oakley: Ending homelessness takes homes, not jail

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non-compliance. This solution fundamentally misunderstands the problem, with one stick provided with the Bill functionally attempting to get blood from a stone. The fines may as well be a million, or a billion dollars with the likelihood that someone experiencing a crisis of homelessness to be able to pay it. The other exacerbating the issue in the long run is that statistics show that those who have been incarcerated are ten times more likely to experience homelessness than the general public, and over 85% of incarcerated homeless people experience homelessness again upon discharge. There is absolutely zero empirical evidence to support criminalizing homelessness as an effective solution.

We, however, can all agree on the outcome we'd like to see: the elimination of en-

campments and the ending of homelessness in the province, and this is what we met with members of both the sitting government and opposition to discuss.

Our advocacy at AMO centered on promoting housing-first approaches that have been proven effective across Ontario and Canada. The Mental Health Commission of Canada's At Home/Chez Soi study found that Housing First assistance cost \$14,599 per person per year compared to \$23,849 for treatment-as-usual approaches. For the highest emergency service users—those most costly to public systems—Housing First showed annual costs of \$30,216 versus \$56,431 for traditional approaches.

The private construction slowdown that is being experienced right now due to economic uncertainty I believe presents an opportunity for social housing. With available labor in the construction sector, now is the

time to pivot toward public and non-profit housing development using mixed-income models that allows for effective social mobility. AMO's own research suggests that an additional \$11 billion over 10 years could end chronic homelessness in Ontario by focusing on long-term housing solutions rather than temporary emergency measures. The \$11 billion is certainly not a small sum of money, but given estimates for the local hospital have been suggested to be as high as \$2-3 billion for a regional hospital in Brantford-Brant, a provincial investment into housing the homeless across the province is certainly reasonable. After all, one of the largest draws on our healthcare resources in the homelessness crisis itself, the investment in housing would represent a significant indirect investment into our healthcare infrastructure.

The OCRHP's engagement over the con-

ference demonstrated that there is a better path forward than that of criminalization. Our meetings showed a cross-party support for addressing this crisis, and the data available strongly reinforces that housing-first measures are more cost-effective, more impactful, and importantly, more humane. One of the speakers at the conference, Dr Andrew Brucery, addressed it well: during the pandemic, the government of Ontario mobilized significant housing initiatives, showing that it truly just is political will that keeps us from effectively addressing the issue.

The municipal leaders at the AMO conference are at the front lines of this crisis and understand this. The Ford government still has the opportunity to take heed the suggestions out of AMO's report from last year and find the political will to enact real solutions to benefit all residents of Ontario.

Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. The first colour photo in the world was taken in which year?

2. What is Canada's most valuable company based on market capitalization?

3. The car crash that killed Princess Diana occurred in which city?

4. When was the last time the Blue jays won the AL East?

5. Gregor Mendel is considered to be the father of the modern study of what?
6. What is the meaning of the letter "R" on movie rating?

7. What two brothers lead the English Rock Band Oasis?

8. What is the typical pH level of pure water?

9. Is the Equator a line of latitude or of longitude?

10. From the 16th to 18th centuries, India was ruled by which dynasty?

This week's answers are found on pg. 23

The Paris Independent Pick Up Locations

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Brave Waves Swim School
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Cardboard creations make a splash at Paris Pool



(KARI RAYMER-BISHOP PHOTO)

Participants paddle their homemade creations during the Cardboard Boat Race at the Paris Community Pool on August 16. Boats, built only from cardboard and duct tape, were launched in the deep end with teams floating for 30 seconds before paddling toward the shallow end. Each crew crafted their own paddles and, with lifejackets provided by the pool, tested both balance and creativity in a splashing good time.

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Public invited to shape future of Cainsville's Premier Employment Hub

PARIS INDEPENDENT STAFF

Staff Contribution

Residents and stakeholders are invited to help shape the future of the Cainsville Premier Employment Hub at a public workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

The event will take place at the TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre, 15 Ewart Ave., with two sessions scheduled — an afternoon session from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and an evening session from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Participants will learn about the feedback received to date, review three draft land use concepts and discuss key ideas including roads, land use, green space and future

development. Small group discussions will provide an opportunity for community members to share their input directly with project planners.

Registration is required by Monday, Sept. 8, 2025. Interested participants can register online at CainsvilleEmploymentHub.eventbrite.ca.

Those unable to attend can still provide input by completing an online survey, open until Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, or by calling 519-44BRANT (519-442-7268) or 1-855-44BRANT (1-855-442-7268).

More information on the Cainsville Premier Employment Land Use Strategy is available at EngageBrant.ca/Cainsville-LandUseStrategy

Is Paris really growing too fast? Let’s look at the numbers

ROSEMARY RICH

Paris Independent Contributor

As new subdivisions sprout and construction equipment hums daily across Paris, many residents are quick to complain that the town is "growing too fast." Social media platforms amplify these concerns,

with posts and threads painting a picture of an out-of-control expansion. Yet, a closer look at the numbers over the past 184 years reveals a different narrative: Paris has weathered far more dramatic growth spurts in its history. Census records stretching back to the mid-1800s highlight the cyclical growth patterns of Paris.

Year	Value	Num Change	% Change
1841	1000	—	—
1871	2640	1640	164.0
1881	3173	533	20.19
1891	3094	-79	-2.49
1901	3229	135	4.36
1911	4098	869	26.91
1921	4368	270	6.59
1931	4137	-231	-5.29
1941	4637	500	12.09
1951	5249	612	13.2
1961	5820	571	10.88
1971	6483	663	11.39
1981	7485	1002	15.46
1991	8600	1115	14.9
2001	9881	1281	14.9
2006	11177	1296	13.12
2011	11763	586	5.24
2016	12389	626	5.32
2021	14956	2567	20.72

- Key examples include:
- 1841-1871: The population surged from 1,000 to 2,640 residents—a staggering 164 percent increase.
 - 1871-1881: Growth continued with a 20 percent jump in just one decade.
 - 1901-1911: One of the largest historical leaps, with a 26.9 percent rise.
 - 1981-2001: Steady expansion persisted for two decades, averaging about 15 percent per decade.
 - 2011-2021: The latest census reports a 20.7 percent increase—noticeable, but not exceptional compared to past booms.

Even in recent decades, growth has remained robust: 2001-2006 saw a 13.1 percent uptick, followed by consistent gains. Despite occasional dips, such as the -2.49 percent drop from 1881 to 1891 or the -5.29 percent decline from 1921 to 1931, the long-term trend has been upward.

Why Growth Feels Different Today
So why do today's residents perceive this

expansion as overwhelming? The answer rests partly in psychology, particularly the human tendency toward negativity bias—the inclination to focus more on potential threats or losses than on positive developments. When empty fields transform into bustling neighborhoods overnight, the change feels jarring, even if the rate aligns with historical norms. This bias amplifies complaints, as people fixate on traffic congestion or lost green spaces rather than the economic benefits or community vitality that growth can bring. Unlike past eras, when population increases were gradual or less visible, modern development is concentrated and highly noticeable. Social media further distorts perception, a single photo of a bulldozer can spark a flood of negative comments, overshadowing the data showing Paris has grown faster before — such as during the late 1800s, when it evolved from a small settlement into a thriving town.

The Psychology of Perception
This negativity bias isn't unique to Paris. Psychologists note that humans are wired to prioritize negative information as a survival mechanism, a trait that dates back to our ancestors who needed to avoid danger. In today's context, this translates to a community fixating on the downsides of growth, crowding and noise, while overlooking the opportunities, like new jobs

or improved infrastructure. Social media exacerbates this, creating echo chambers where complaints gain traction faster than balanced perspectives. Yet, the numbers tell a story of resilience, not collapse.

Context Matters
The data is clear: The current pace of growth in Paris, while significant, is not unprecedented. It fits into a 200-year cycle of expansion that has shaped the town's identity. For those worried about "too much, too fast," history offers reassurance. Paris has navigated similar surges before and emerged stronger each time. Rather than fueling online rants, residents might consider how past generations adapted to even greater changes, turning challenges into opportunities for progress. As construction continues, the real question isn't whether Paris is growing too fast, but whether its people can shift their focus from complaint to collaboration. The numbers suggest they have every reason to be optimistic.

Rosemary Rich, a Paris resident and avid reader of The Paris Independent, believes perspective is essential when discussing the town's growth. "Paris has always been a community that adapts and thrives through change," she said. Readers who wish to share their own views on growth and development are encouraged to submit a letter to the editor for publication.

Brant launches 10-year plan for community services, invites public input

PARIS INDEPENDENT STAFF

Staff Contribution

The County of Brant is inviting residents to help shape the future of recreation, green spaces, and community programs by participating in the development of a new 10-Year Community Services Strategic Plan. The plan is designed to set clear priorities for the next decade, ensuring the county continues to meet the needs of a growing and changing population. From playgrounds and green spaces to arenas, cemeteries, and community programming, the strategy aims to guide long-term investments that improve quality of life for everyone in Brant. The initiative ties directly into the County's broader 2024–2027 Strategic Plan, which focuses on five priorities: Economic and Financial Resilience, Focused Growth and Infrastructure, Healthy, Safe and Engaged Communities, Stable and Responsive Governance, and Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action.

"We want to hear from you," said a County Engage Brant

news notification. "Your input will help us make informed decisions about where to invest time, resources, and funding to best serve residents and visitors."

Why it matters
County officials say the plan will help:

- Guide growth by ensuring recreation facilities, parks, and trails keep pace with demand.
- Support healthy, active living by offering accessible spaces and programs for all ages.
- Protect and enhance natural areas while improving access to outdoor recreation.
- Ensure sustainability through efficient and cost-effective use of resources.
- Strengthen community connections by creating spaces and programming that bring people together.

The planning initiative aligns with Brant's ongoing strategic priorities, which focus on balancing growth with sustainability, protecting farmland and green space, and expanding recreation opportunities for families. In recent years, the county has emphasized the importance of community wellness and resilience, adding amenities such as

new trail connections and updating parks master plans to better serve local needs.

How to participate
Residents are encouraged to share their feedback through several channels:

- Online survey at EngageBrant.ca/CommunityServicesStrategy
- Printed survey available at County of Brant Customer Service locations until Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.
- By phone at 519-44BRANT (519-442-7268) or 1-855-44BRANT (1-855-442-7268).

Engage Brant Ideas Board, where residents can post ideas about facilities, spaces, and programs they value most. Community members can also subscribe for project updates and follow along as the plan develops.

"By participating, you'll help us understand what's most important to you—whether it's more recreational programming, better-maintained trails, or new facilities," the county stated.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE EXEMPTION COUNTY OF BRANT
NOISE BY-LAW 108-22**

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HISTORIC PARIS

PARIS PAST: A rollercoaster of memories journeying through 50 years of Paris Fair magic with Campbell Amusements



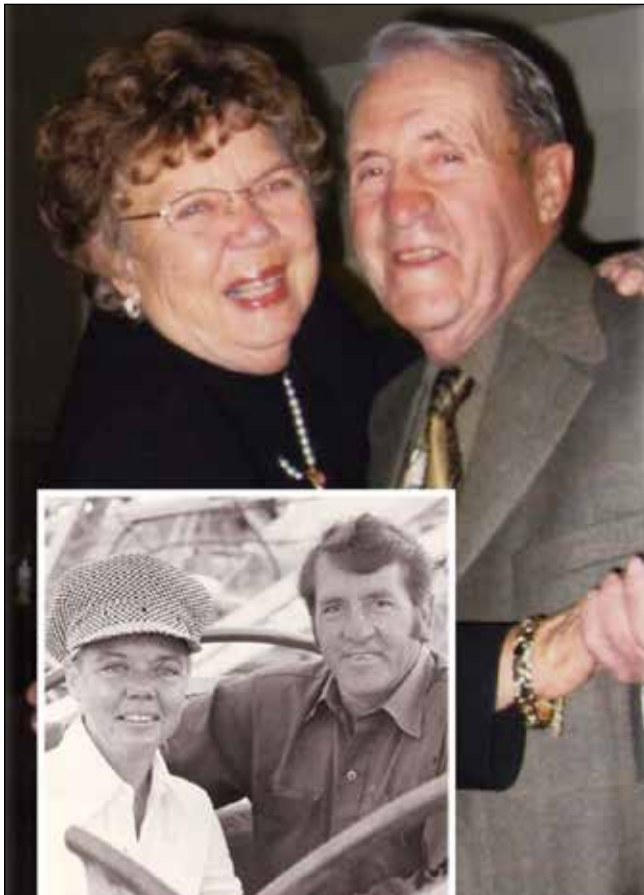
By Chris Whelan

In the early 1980s, when the Paris Fair was the highlight of every summer, my adventures with friends from Burford always began with a mix of excitement and financial calculations. We pooled our resources to secure a ride to the fair negotiating with the owner of the village arcade for a thrilling trip in his Camaro.

Arriving in Paris with pockets considerably lighter, we stumbled upon a kind soul named Linny Nelson and her daughter Tish, who welcomed us with open arms and laughter. Their generosity allowed us a shortcut through their backyard, bypassing the fence that guarded the fairgrounds like a fortress of fun.

The Paris Fair, a treasure trove of memories and merriment, became a yearly pilgrimage for me. Whether it was the dizzying spins of the Himalaya or the adrenaline rush of the Matterhorn, the rides beckoned with promises of excitement and camaraderie. Teenage exuberance filled the air as we eagerly queued up for a chance to be squished together in those tiny cars, racing to the beat of the latest hit music blasting from the carnival's speakers. The amusement operator asking, "Do you want to go faster?" and we all screamed "YEEESSS!" at the top of our lungs as if we were the only teenagers to ever respond to this question!

My journey with the Paris Fair took a new turn when my parents moved us to Paris in the summer of 1984 and thanks to an acquaintance, I took a job at The Paris Fair



(CAMPBELL AMUSEMENTS WEBSITE PHOTO)

Don & Joyce Campbell over the years

working for Campbell Amusements. Many credit the Campbells for cleaning up the carnival scene and creating a new type of midway that was focused on family entertainment including rides for children, skill-testing games, and attractions such as the haunted house.

A cornerstone of family entertainment for over five decades. Based out of Brantford, Campbell Amusements has been a provider of family fun for over 55 years and this year marks 50 years at The Paris Fair. From their humble beginnings with a concession stand in 1967. The death of showman King Reid Lefebvre and his touring carnival a year later opened a business opportunity.

According to the company's website: when Don and Joyce Campbell started it all, they didn't imagine things would get to where they are. With over 45 carnival rides and midway games, Campbell Amusements has become one of Canada's pre-eminent midway providers, bringing fun and excitement to communities throughout Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and PEI.

Don and Joyce built the company while raising their family on the road with the show every summer. Their son, Danny, took the helm in 2003 and now he, with his own family, is leading the team. Danny's commitment to the family tradition of safe and fun family entertainment has earned him a place among his peers as a person who knows the business and cares about quality.

As I stepped up to be the voice of the "Speed Ball" game, inviting contestants to showcase their pitching prowess, I felt a sense of pride in contributing to the legacy of fun that the Campbells had built over the years. The laughter, the cheers, and the shared moments of thrill on the midway encapsulated the spirit of community and celebration that defined the Paris Fair and Campbell Amusements.

My family's move to Paris brought another surprising twist of fate. Already acquainted with the esteemed Linny Nelson, I found myself embraced by the warmth of her friendship. Little did I know that this connection would lead me to love and family ties, as I eventually met and married her cousin, becoming enfolded in the rich history of a well known Paris dynasty.

Today, as the Paris Fair celebrates 50 years with Campbell Amusements at its side, I look back on those days with fondness, grateful for the friendships forged, the rides conquered, and the joy that permeated every corner of the fairgrounds. Cheers to the past, present, and future of this enduring tradition of merriment and magic in the heart of Paris, Ontario.



(STOCK PHOTOS)

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Sharkey's Billiards & Bar: A story of growth and community



Sharkey's at 603 Colborne St remains open for business, welcoming familiar faces and new friends alike as they work diligently to prepare the new space at 50 Craig St, just off Morton Ave, for its grand opening this fall.

Nestled in the heart of Brantford, Sharkey's Billiards & Bar has been a beloved local gem for the past six years. Known for its laid-back atmosphere, great drinks, and fantastic games of pool and snooker, Sharkey's has been a go-to spot for friends and families looking to unwind and have a good time.

Located at 603 Colborne Street, Sharkey's has become a hub of social activity, drawing in a diverse crowd of patrons who share a love for friendly competition and camaraderie. With its inviting ambiance and a reputation for cold drinks and good times, it's no wonder that Sharkey's has cemented its place as a favorite spot in the community.

Recently, there has been a buzz of excitement surrounding Sharkey's as news of a new chapter in its story

emerges. Contrary to rumors circulating downtown, Sharkey's is not closing its doors. Instead, it is embarking on a thrilling new adventure with a move to a bigger location.

The new address at 50 Craig St, just off Morton Ave, promises to bring even more excitement to the Sharkey's experience. With additional tables, a kitchen to tantalize taste buds, and a convenient location near the 403 at Gretzky, the new space is set to elevate the Sharkey's experience to new heights.

As the team at Sharkey's prepares for this exciting transition, they express their gratitude to the community for their unwavering support over the years. The loyal patrons who have made Sharkey's their second home are eagerly anticipated at the new location this fall, where they

can expect the same warmth, fun, and good times that have defined Sharkey's from the beginning.

In the meantime, Sharkey's at 603 Colborne St remains open for business, welcoming familiar faces and new friends alike as they work diligently to prepare the new space for its grand opening. The journey from a beloved local haunt to an even bigger and better destination is a testament to the spirit of Sharkey's and its commitment to providing a welcoming space for the community to come together.

Join Sharkey's Billiards & Bar on this exciting new chapter as they gear up to welcome you to their new home. Cheers to Sharkey's, where the games are lively, the drinks are cold, and the memories are unforgettable.



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Paris Soccer Club wraps up season with exciting U8 year-end tournament

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The Paris Soccer Club capped off its summer season with a lively U8 year-end tournament, held August 8 and 9, that brought plenty of surprises and excitement for players, coaches and families alike.

The boys' and girls' U8 teams hit the field in a round-robin format, battling hard in friendly matchups that showcased their skill development over the season. Underdog teams turned heads by upsetting some of the league's top performers, keeping the competition unpredictable and fans on the edge of their seats.

When the final whistles blew, both the

U8 Boys Sky Blue and U8 Girls Light Blue squads claimed first-place honours in their respective divisions. The U8 Boys Maroon and U8 Girls Orange teams finished as proud finalists.

The tournament marked more than just a competition—it was a celebration of effort, teamwork and growth for the club's youngest athletes. Organizers extended thanks to the volunteer coaches, supportive families and generous sponsors who made the season possible.

With outdoor play wrapped up, registration is now open for Paris Soccer Club's indoor season. For more information, visit www.ParisSoccer.ca or register directly at ParisSoccer.PowerUpSports.com



Pictured, Kal Arnold, Ronin Blair, Everett Krajcar, Emin Lamallari, Charlie McKinnon Teeple, Logan McSavage, Elliott Myskiw, Donovan O'Brien, Austin Perry, Henry Stuart and Eugene Vicujnik. Coaches: Jenn Stuart and Jason Arnold.



Pictured, Addie Aitchison-Wood, Aubree Costabile, Isobel Humfrey, Anna-Lynn Johnson, Kali Joseph, Ryann Lehmann, Meadow Lywood, Keslee Summerfield and Olivia Wilkinson. Coaches: Lindsay McCarthy and Rob Lambert.



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CANADIAN TIRE PARIS



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Paris' own Jace Santos proudly displays his growing collection of Muay Thai championship belts. The 13-year-old fighter is undefeated at 6-0, with victories at provincial, national and showcase events.

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

At just 13 years old, Paris resident Jace Santos is quickly making a name for himself in the world of martial arts.

Santos began his journey in combat sports at the age of six, starting with three years of Tae Kwon Do before seeking a new challenge. At 11, he joined MAS Academy in Cambridge to train under Kru Chris Kew, where he was introduced to the demanding discipline of Muay Thai.

After training recreationally for several months, Santos entered his first competition at Muay Thai Ontario in Brampton in March 2024 — and won. That victory sparked a passion for competing that has since led to an undefeated record.

In August 2024, he captured the Canadian Muay Thai Open title, a national tournament that draws fighters from across Canada and around the world. He went on to win again at the WAKO Nationals that December.

This year, Santos' momentum has continued. In April, he stepped into the spotlight at a Toronto showcase hosted by ISH Promotions, where he walked out to his own music, fought under the lights with commentators, and won in front of a livestream audience. By June, he was back in preparation mode, training six days a week for two to three hours at a time — with added 5-to-10 kilometre runs, hill sprints, and detailed journaling of his nutrition, weight, and mental state — as he aimed to defend his Canadian Muay Thai Open title.

That hard work paid off. Facing two bouts in a single day against a field of nearly 180 fighters, Santos claimed victory in both matches by TKO to retain his title.

"The amount of dedication he has for a 13-year-old is unbelievable," said his mother, Shannon Santos. "He trained under four amazing coaches and a great group of comp teammates that all support each other."

Now 6-0, Jace's future in the sport is wide open. His mother believes one day he may reach the international stage. "Maybe one day he can represent Canada in IFMA which is the world championships," she said.

Outside the ring, Jace is also an accomplished track and field athlete. His favourite event is the 1500 metres, and he hopes to compete again this year and qualify for his school, North Ward Public, at Cage.

With a perfect record and a growing reputation, Santos is one of Paris' rising stars to watch — both on the mats and on the track.

Paris Factory Basketball Academy builds skills — and love of the game

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

What began as a volunteer role coaching his younger brother's school team has grown into a full-fledged basketball program serving the Paris community.

Matt Lue-Hue, owner of the Paris Factory Basketball Academy, has been involved in basketball development for more than two decades. When he moved to Paris in 2016, he was surprised by the lack of opportunities for young players.

"When I arrived I noticed the Brant Sports Complex and went to check it out. I was disappointed that the facility did not have a basketball court. I noticed that basketball wasn't offered in Paris like it had been where I came from. I decided that Paris would be the perfect space in which to build the club," said Lue-Hue.

By the spring of 2022, the Paris Factory Basketball Academy was launched. What started with one house league for eight- to 10-year-olds and a single intro class has since grown to include two introductory programs for children ages four to eight, three house leagues for ages seven to 14, and three competitive rep teams.

Building skills, confidence and community

The academy's approach focuses on both athletic and personal development.

"Our approach to development is to create an environment that supports fun and growth. We emphasize coaching, playing games and having fun," said Lue-Hue. "Once trust has been built, we've noticed how much harder the kids play and how much fun it is."

Players are taught core basketball skills such as dribbling, shooting and passing, while also learning respect, communication and teamwork. The academy currently has

three leading coaches, supported by volunteers who help with coaching, scorekeeping and refereeing.

The sessions are hosted in gymnasiums across Paris.

From first dribbles to competitive play

Introductory programs offer children a playful and interactive introduction to basketball, while house leagues give players weekly coaching and games in a 3-on-3 format that emphasizes skill development. Each season concludes with medal opportunities, giving players a goal to work toward.

For athletes looking for greater challenges, the rep program runs from October to May, with tryouts each year. Teams travel across the province and beyond, testing their skills against top-level competition. The academy also offers specialized training for athletes seeking to pursue basketball at the post-secondary level.

A coach with experience

Lue-Hue holds a Level 3 certification through the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP), qualifying him to coach basketball at the university level. Over the years, he has trained and recruited athletes who have gone on to play college, university and professional basketball internationally.

Now, his focus is firmly on growing the game in Paris.

"My hope is that each player's passion and love for basketball grows while playing with us," said Lue-Hue. "I hope that players have fun and have fond memories with the game when they grow up."

How to get involved

The Paris Factory Basketball Academy continues to expand with programs for all ages and skill levels. For more information or to register, visit <https://factorybasketballacademy.com>



(MICHELLE MALVASO PHOTO)

Players battle for possession during the Paris Factory Basketball Academy house league championship game in April, where young athletes showcased their skills and teamwork.

Paris Duffers at Burford Golf Links



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Possible suspect in Friday Paris men's league milkgate...Stay clear he is short armed and a danger to himself

SCOOP STEWART

Paris Independent Sports Reporter

Friday August 15th Paris men's golf results...

It never rains in Burford....

MVP

Gerry HoogStratton, Gerry was in fine form on Friday, a steady as a golfer as you'll ever meet. He shot a 41 on the front line which could easily have been on par with a couple of lucky breaks. Gerry always keeps it where it's mowed.

Winners of the milk

Congratulations are in order for the victorious pairs of Al Oldroyd and Steve Kopp, Willie Dafoe and Greig Graham, Moe Howard and Larry Fine. Johnny Fever and Doug HaG won by default as their competition did not allow a press, in Friday Golf you must always accept a press, which is a payout of double or nothing for the team that is trailing. It has to be an outright win for the team that is pressing. Hope that clears everything up for the remainder of the season. the two players in question owe HaG and Fever a big glass of milk each out of sportsmanship and fellowship.

Shot of the day

Using a seven iron on the seventh hole from 158 yards Johnny Fever missed an ace by 2 inches. Sorry, Johnny close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades.

Quote of the day

"hey bro, has anybody noticed Golf is a four-letter word" by the illustrious HaG.

Good guy award

The humanitarian and all-around good fella that actually wouldn't kill a fly who loves animals of all shapes and sizes Al "Dr. Dolittle" Oldroyd. Al stopped on 16 and filled his golf bag and cart with crab apples to feed the montage of wild animals that inhabit his backyard. I really think he can talk to the animals.

That's all the Golf news for this week. Scoop Stewart signing off. always a pleasure...



Paris Titans off to strong start in preseason action

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

The Paris Titans Junior hockey club has hit the ice with confidence, opening their preseason schedule with a pair of convincing wins sandwiched around a narrow defeat.

Paris kicked things off on August 20 with a 3-1 victory over the Port Dover Sailors. After a scoreless first period, forward Blake Kersey broke through midway in the second, tallying at 11:10 to give

the Titans the edge. Kersey struck again just over two minutes into the third, before Kohen Kirby sealed the win with a goal at 18:11.

The Titans stumbled in their second outing, dropping a 5-4 decision to the Dundas Blues on August 22. Ethan Arrejado opened the scoring at 12:37 of the first, followed by Jay Metler's goal in the dying seconds of the period. Cole Kelsey added one in the second, and Ryan O'Keefe lit the lamp early in the third. Despite their offensive push, Dundas capitalized late to

edge Paris by one.

The Titans bounced back quickly on Saturday, August 23, overpowering Glanbrook in a 5-1 victory. Jack Kersey found the net twice, once at 6:35 of the second and again in the third at 16:47. K. Clarke and Keegan Blaqcierre also scored in the second, while Ethan Arinado added insurance at 15:10 of the third.

With two wins in their first three preseason contests, the Titans are showing early signs of offensive depth and resilience as they gear up for the regular season.



(GEORGE LE GRESLEY PHOTO)

Brothers Cole, Jack and Blake Kersey made their presence known early in the Paris Titans' preseason, each recording goals or assists in the team's opening games.

Predators power to back-to-back wins at year-end tournament

CASANDRA TURNBULL

Managing Editor

The U13 Paris Predators closed out their season with grit and determination at their year-end tournament in Innerkip, August 22-24. Despite a tough start, the team showed heart, pulling together for a pair of big wins before bowing out in the semifinal round.

Paris opened the tournament Friday night against St. George but struggled to get the bats going. Colton Lopez recorded the lone hit in a 10-2 loss.

With their season on the line Saturday morning, the Predators faced Embro — a team they hadn't beaten all year. This time, Paris rose to the occasion. Colby Oliver took the mound, striking out three, walking three and allowing just one run. Behind him, the Predators' defence was steady, and the offence came alive with a 15-run explosion to seal a 15-1 victory.

Momentum carried into Game 3 against the host Innerkip. Reid Cadwell pitched, striking out three while giving up five runs. Offensively, Gavin Johnson delivered a standout performance, going 3-for-3 at the plate, including a two-run home run, a triple, and five RBIs. The Predators powered their way to a 12-5 win.

By Game 4, fatigue set in as Paris faced Burford. Despite their best efforts, the Predators fell 14-4, ending their playoff run.

"I'm a very proud coach seeing the players devel-

op over the season," said head coach Sass Sonntag. "They went beyond my expectations during the playoffs. Without the help from my coaching staff — Adam Head, Jim Buitenwerf, John Perriman — and our scorekeeper and stats keeper Stacie Hodge, we would not have gotten the players to the level of ball they reached by the end of the season."

The Predators' two playoff wins showcased how far the young squad has come, leaving the team eager to build on their progress heading into next year.



U13 Paris Predators wrapped up their season with a strong showing at the year-end tournament in Innerkip, highlighted by back-to-back wins over Embro and the host Innerkip.

OPP Seek Public's Help After Theft at Paris Canadian Tire



Two women are being sought in connection with a theft investigation at Canadian Tire in Paris on August 2, 2025. Police say one woman distracted staff while the second woman left the store carrying items in a reusable shopping bag without paying. Last week OPP asked the public for assistance, asking anyone with information to contact Brant County OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Stevenson duo helps Dusters skate through playoff adversity

SID LUCKMAN

Paris Independent Contributor

Game One of the Playoffs always sets a tone. And for Dusters, the tone may have been a tad on the low volume setting.

Even though some bureaucratic anomaly caused a time change to puck drop, the Dusters still prevailed. No one can answer why a 4:30 pm game got bumped to 4 pm with no notice, but the Dusters play with flexibility and overcame the alleged adversity!

And on a 2-2 tie there can be many stars! This week's 40-30 player of the game is Ben Stevenson. We may also add.... Ben Stevenson's SON too. It was Ben who rounded up his sire to enable a full roster for the start of playoffs! Well done Ben and Son!

Honourable Mention to Josh Malig for playing a full game in half the time. Kirk also is recognized for being early to a game that it seems the County made us late too. Anyhow, we ride on for another day!

Game two of the best of three tie games takes place Thursday (August 28th) at 4pm (don't hold us to that time)!

Unsung heroines: the Paris women who answered the call in the Second World War



NEIL EDWARDS

Paris Independent Contributor

When we think about war, we tend to think about men in combat. But not so many people know about the role of the women who helped to win the Second World War. And some of those women came from Paris. We have heard about the “Rosie the Riveter” stereotype, of women taking the place of men to work in shops and factories to keep the wartime economy going. But in addition, many women, including women from Paris, played a significant role by serving in the Canadian military.

Some 4,480 Canadian Nursing Sisters (as Canadian military nurses were known) served in the war, with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, with the Royal Canadian Air Force Medical Branch, and with the Royal Canadian Naval Medical Service. Many of these women found themselves within range of enemy guns and some lost their lives. But many other Canadian women also

wanted to play an active role in the war as well and lobbied the government to form military organizations for women. And they were successful. Women in WW2 were still prevented from serving in combat, but in 1941-42, the Canadian military was forever changed as it created its own women's forces. There were women's military organizations formed in each of the three branches of the Canadian military:

- The Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWACs) had 21,600 members.
- The Women's Division, Royal Canadian Air Force (WDs) had 17,400 members.

The Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (Wrens) had 7,100 members.

Although the change began by placing women in traditionally female roles of the time, such as administrative assistants, cooks and telephone operators, it later expanded to include 65 different trades, encompassing areas like photography, meteorology, airframe maintenance, vehicle mechanics, parachute packing, and even air gunners. And women from Paris performed these jobs.

Shirley Riddell, who lived on St. Andrew Street, and Minnie Pond from Walnut Street, were Leading Aircraftwomen, working in the Women's Division of the RCAF. They were responsible for the air worthiness of the airplanes they worked on. Cecilia Girard, from Capron Street, was a Lance-Corporal in

the Army Corps. Gladys Stephens, from Ball Street, also served in the Army Corps. She attained the rank of Sergeant-Major and won the British Empire Medal for her service.

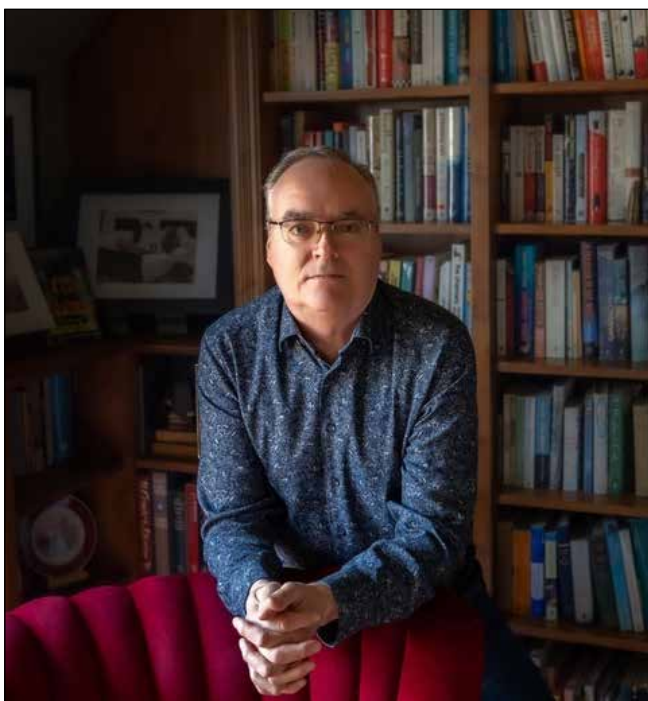
However, the Homes of Heroes committee can find nothing about these women after their service in the war. Why not? Because with peacetime, they probably returned to their prior traditional women's roles, perhaps took up their husbands' names, and disappeared from the record. And on a list of personnel who served in WW2 provided by the staff of the Paris Museum, there are more than 20 other women from Paris who served in the military in the Second World War who we know nothing about.

Does that sound fair? Homes of Heroes believes that the women from Paris who served in the military, not just during wartime but in peacetime as well, deserve the same recognition and honour as the men who have served and are still serving. That is why the Homes of Heroes committee is reaching out to people in Paris who still know and remember the women as well as the men who served and are serving. Please tell us those stories. You can do that by contacting us at info@homesofheroes.ca. If you have any questions about the project, email Neil Edwards at neiledwards51@gmail.com. The courage and sacrifice of these men and women, in war and in peace, need to be remembered.



Canadian women played vital roles during the Second World War, serving as nurses, clerks, mechanics and more. This photo, published in Canadian History magazine, highlights their contributions to the war effort at home and overseas.

Best-Selling author Terry Fallis coming to Brant for special library event



The County of Brant Public Library (CBPL) is rolling out the welcome mat for one of Canada's most beloved storytellers. On Thursday, October 9, celebrated author Terry Fallis will make a special appearance at the TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre to debut his brand-new novel, *The Marionette*.

Library patrons and book lovers alike are in for an entertaining evening as Fallis sits down with CBPL's Emma Johnston to talk about his writing process, career highlights, and the humour that has made him a two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour.

Fallis is perhaps best known for *The Best Laid Plans*, his debut novel that not only captured readers' imaginations but also won the 2011 CBC Canada Reads competition. His newest release, *The Marionette*, promises the same wit and warmth fans have come to love—this time in the form of a comic thriller. The story follows James Norval, a successful action novelist whose life suddenly flips upside down when he's drawn into an undercover mission inside the Malian government.

“As part of our commitment to celebrating Canadian voices, we are thrilled to welcome Terry Fallis to the library,” said Kelly Bernstein, Library CEO. “He is a remarkable author whose wit and insight resonate with readers across the country. We know our patrons will enjoy an entertaining and thought-provoking evening with him.”

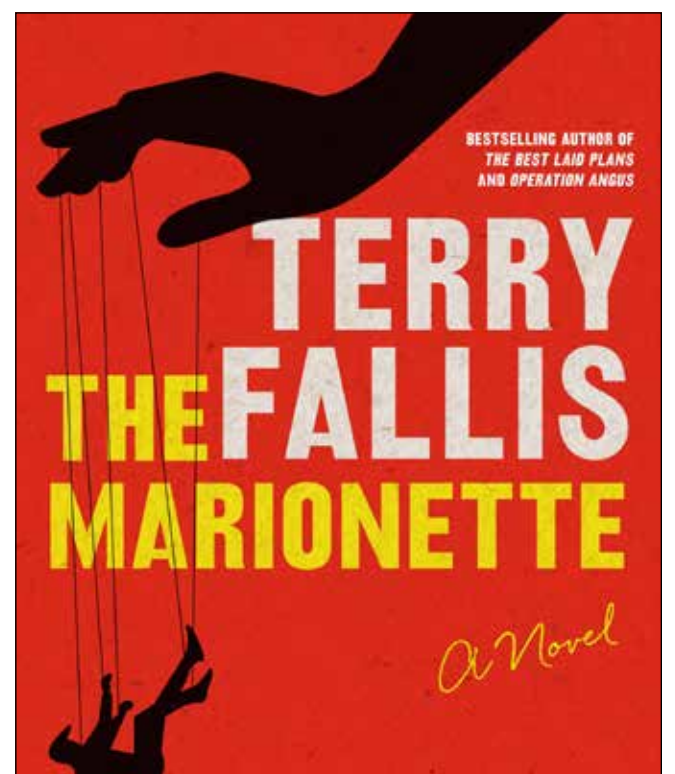
The event is free to attend, but space is limited—so securing a ticket early is recommended – www.brantlibrary.ca/TerryFallis

Event Details

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre, 15 Ewart Ave, Cainsville



Canadian author Terry Fallis will visit the County of Brant on Oct. 9 to launch his newest novel, *The Marionette*, during a free public event hosted by the County of Brant Public Library at the TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre.

New paramedic headquarters opens on Brantford-Brant border



The new Brant-Brantford Paramedic Services headquarters on Savannah Oaks Drive has officially opened, bringing administrative, training and operational services under one roof.

MEDIA RELEASE

Brant-Brantford Paramedic Services has officially opened a new headquarters at 140 Savannah Oaks Dr., near the boundary between the County of Brant and the City of Brantford.

“We are incredibly happy to be moved into our new space,” said Paramedic Services Chief Russell King. “This location will provide the essential infrastructure needed to support our growing communities and we are thankful to everyone who has been involved in bringing this phase of the project to completion.”

The new facility consolidates administrative, training and operational functions under one roof, a move officials say will improve communication and efficiency across the service.

Phase 1 of the project included renovations to 27,448 square feet of office space, designed to accommodate modern paramedic needs. The building now features a crew lounge, quiet and peer support rooms, community paramedicine offices, locker rooms, a gym, meeting and training areas, and storage.

Phase 2 is underway and will see the construction of a 28,524-square-foot garage and active ambulance base. The new build will accommodate up to 35 vehicles to meet current and future de-

mand. Work is expected to wrap up in 2026.

“GrandBridge Energy is proud to collaborate with the County of Brant to construct the new Brant-Brantford Paramedic Services headquarters, located adjacent to our facility on Savannah Oaks Drive,” said Sarah Hughes, president and CEO of GrandBridge Energy. “It has been incredibly rewarding to oversee Phase 1 of the build and now welcome the Paramedic Services team to their new, energy-efficient space. With Phase 2 well underway, this consolidated facility will soon bring critical operations together and enhance emergency response services for the entire region.”

The approximate \$2.1-million annual cost of the headquarters and garage facilities will be shared among the Province of Ontario, the County of Brant and the City of Brantford.

A grand opening ceremony is scheduled for 2026, following the completion of the second phase of construction.

Brant-Brantford Paramedic Services provides medical emergency response to the residents of the County of Brant and the City of Brantford. With a team of 125 primary and advanced care paramedics and support staff, services are provided from three stations in Brantford, one in Cainsville and one in Paris.



WEEKLY Horoscope

August 27 - September 3 2025

ARIES

Mar 21 - Apr 20



This week sparks fresh motivation, Aries. Channel your fire into a project that's been waiting for your attention. Just pace yourself to avoid burnout.

LIBRA

Sept 23 - Oct 23



YFriends and teamwork bring inspiration, Libra. Someone close may share an idea worth pursuing. Just be mindful of balancing group needs with your own.

TAURUS

Apr 21 - May 21



Practical matters take priority, Taurus. You may be sorting through details involving money, work, or home. Slow and steady action brings the best results.

SCORPIO

Oct 24 - Nov 22



Career focus continues, Scorpio. Recognition could come your way, but make sure you're prepared for responsibility. Careful planning ensures long-term rewards.

GEMINI

May 22 - Jun 21



Gemini, your curiosity is sharp right now. New conversations could open doors, so don't be afraid to ask questions. A chance encounter may hold useful insight.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23 - Dec 21



Adventure calls again, Sagittarius. You might feel drawn to learning, travel, or expanding your worldview. Stay flexible — opportunities may appear unexpectedly.

CANCER

Jun 22 - Jul 22



Cancer, your focus shifts to resources and self-worth. It's a good week to review financial goals or recognize your personal growth. Stay grounded in facts.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 20



Energy surrounds you. Something in your life may be shifting, requiring resilience. Facing it directly will lead to greater clarity.

LEO

Jul 23 - Aug 23



The spotlight is shining on you again, Leo. You may feel ready to take a bold step forward. Let confidence lead, but remember humility strengthens respect.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21 - Feb 18



Relationships remain a focus, Aquarius. A new layer of understanding could emerge with someone important. Keep communication open and expectations realistic.

VIRGO

Aug 24 - Sept 22



This week encourages quiet reflection, Virgo. Your intuition is stronger than usual, so pay attention to what surfaces. Restoring balance will recharge your energy.

PISCES

Feb 19 - Mar 20



Pisces, your routines and wellness need fine-tuning again. Small adjustments now will pay off later. Stay consistent and gentle with yourself.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- AUGUST 27**
Aaron Paul, Actor (46)

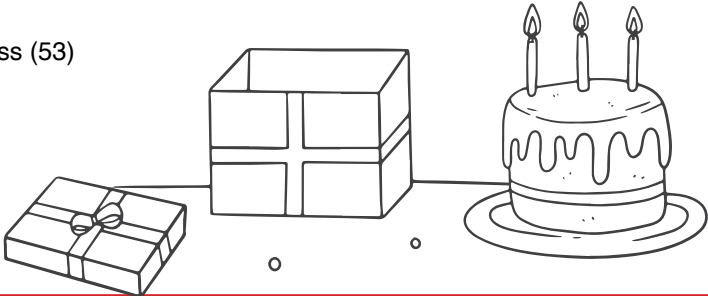
AUGUST 28
Jack Black, Actor (56)

AUGUST 29
Lea Michele, Actress (39)

AUGUST 30
Cameron Diaz, Actress (53)
- AUGUST 31**
Chris Tucker, Comedian (54)

SEPTEMBER 1
Zendaya, Actress (29)

SEPTEMBER 2
Terry Bradshaw, Athlete (77)



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I'm soft and fluffy, in s'mores I hide,
roast me over fire, then take a bite. What am I?
Marshmallow

I'm round and doughy, glazed or
sprinkled on top, breakfast or snack, I
make your taste buds hop. What am I?
Donut

I'm shaped like a ball, sometimes coated
in cocoa, bite-sized indulgence, a
chocolate lover's hero. What am I?
Truffle

I'm French and fancy, colorful and
sweet, a tiny round sandwich, a perfect
treat to eat. What am I?
Macaron

I'm puffed and baked, golden or brown,
sometimes filled with cream, I'll never let
you down. What am I?
Pastry





Sudoku

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PET OF THE WEEK



BRADY

Meet our Pet of the Week:

Brady, a 4 month old golden doodle puppy was loving his bath time before coming to visit us for his puppy examination and immunizations. He is growing so quickly, we can't to see how big he will become.

Stay tuned for more heartwarming stories every week from Paris Veterinary Clinic.



TICKET

FOOD, GAMES AND PRIZES

Word Search

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

50th Anniversary of Blandford-Blenheim Township's Amalgamation - The Plattsville & District Heritage Society at Chesterfield Museum/Archives, 816661 Oxford Road 22, Bright invites you to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Blandford-Blenheim Township's amalgamation. Yummy food at the free outdoor barbeque, cool drinks and groovy music on Saturday the 16th by Bill & Bev Bell happening from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Enjoy the Exhibit in the Museum/Archives "Retro Rewind to the 70's & 80's*" from 10 AM to 4 PM every Saturday until the 13th of September, 2025 or by appointment (519-535-1417). Donations appreciated.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Brant Men of Song will be holding their choir practices - Each Tuesday evening starting on September 2nd at the First Baptist Church 70 West St., Brantford from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. New members are always welcome to attend and enjoy some singing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Crime Stoppers Shredding Fundraising Event - Saturday Sept 6th, 9 am - noon at Brant Sports Complex 944 Powerline Road, Paris. Documents shredded confidentially & securely on site by Norfolk Shredding. All proceeds go to Brant-Brantford Crime Stoppers. \$10/ banker's box or 5 banker's boxes for \$40. Protect your Ride, store your keys in a faraday pouch. Crime Stoppers will be giving away faraday pouches while supplies last.

Afro-CariBrant Festival 2025 - September 6-7 at Lion's Park in Paris. Theme: Our Roots, Our Rhythm, Our Future. Get ready to celebrate culture, community, and creativity like never before! Live music, cultural showcase, Afro-Caribbean cuisine, art, fashion and family fun!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Cainsville Premier Employment Hub Public Workshop - At the TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre, 15 Ewart Ave. Afternoon session from 2pm to 3:30 pm and evening session from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Both sessions will cover the following: Share what we've heard so far, present three draft land use concepts for the Premier Employment Hub, discuss key ideas such as roads, land use, green space, and future development and invite your feedback through small group discussions. Reserve your spot by registering on Eventbrite at [CainsvilleEmploymentHub.eventbrite.ca](https://cainsvilleemploymenthub.eventbrite.ca) before Monday, September 8, 2025.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Special Kiwanis Meeting At Children's Safety Village - SJoin the Kiwanis Club of Paris-Brant for its off site September meeting at the Children's Safety Village, 407 Elgin St in Brantford on September 8th at 6:30 pm. Lieutenant Governor-Designate, Randy MacKenzie, will be installing the 2025/2026 club officers, followed by a tour of the Safety Village. If you're interested in becoming a Kiwanis member, check out any monthly meeting held the second Monday of every month at the Paris Legion at 6:30 pm or visit www.parisbrantkiwanis.org.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Brant County Men's Probus Club Meeting - Is on Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 10 am at the Sherwood Restaurant 799 Colborne Street in Brantford. New members are always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting - Is on Wednesday, September 10th at 7 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall located at 17 Washington Street in Paris.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Women Inspiring Women Women's Institute Monthly Meeting - 7-9 PM at the Paris Fairgrounds Community Room. Welcome Back! Grand Unveiling of our Embroidered Coat Project with Artist Marguerite Larmand.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13-18

48th Annual Fun Fair at Countryside Camp - Join us in celebrating Harvesting Memories during the 48th Annual Fun Fair at Countryside Camp! This fun filled celebration starts with an online auction September 13-18 and culminates at the camp on September 20, from 10am to 3pm. Your entire family will enjoy the traditional Dutch and Canadian foods, as well as the rides, games, garage sale, auctions, and tearoom treats. Most of all, make this year's fair a destination and an opportunity to reunite with friends you have not seen in years. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

For more information <https://ontariochristiancamp.ca/funfair/> or campfunfair.ca.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Cemetery Decoration Day - Mount Pleasant and St. George Cemetery.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Grand Opening of the Brenda Bishop and Family Batting Cage at Paris Lions Park - September 18th at 6 pm. Come check it out, take a few swings, and enjoy a fun evening with the community.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The Grand River Arts Festival - is a celebration and exhibition of visual arts, music, and theatre, held on the historic grounds of Glenhyrst Art Gallery at 20 Ava Rd in Brantford, Ontario. Visit grandriverartsfestival.com for more information!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Cemetery Decoration Day - Northfield Cemetery Decoration Day. To learn more email cemeteries@brant.ca or visit brant.ca/Cemetery

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Sensory Spotlight Open House - Sensity invites the community to an open house at its Resource Centre on Friday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 50 Main Street, Paris. Guided tours will showcase the organization's work, while a local marketplace will feature artwork created by individuals Sensity supports. From 12 to 2 p.m., enjoy a BBQ with burgers and hotdogs available for purchase, with all proceeds benefiting Sensity's programs and services. Come for a tour, shop the market, or grab a bite — everyone is welcome. Event details: culturedays.ca.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting - On Tuesday September 23rd, 2025 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall located at 17 Washington Street starting at 7:30 pm. Use the Queen Street parking lot door to enter.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Brant Pride Joy- From 11 am to 3 pm at Lions Park Paris. An afternoon of activities, festivities and communities coming together to connect, celebrate and enjoy the vibrant 2SLGBTQIA+ community of the County of Brant and beyond! Full list of activities featuring more than 25 vendors and artists.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Truth and Reconciliation Day - The Official Unveiling of the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School as an Interpreted Historic Site. To manage capacity and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, we will be using timed entry for this event. Entry will be on a first-come, first-served basis, as there is no pre-registration for the event. For your convenience, a limited number of bracelets allowing early access can be picked up at our gift shop on September 25th and 26th (while supplies last). More information at www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca



HOMES OF HEROES: If you have a story about a Paris Veteran, please email the committee at info@homesofheroes.ca. Let's work together to give all our veterans, living and fallen, in war and in peace, the recognition and honour they deserve. If you have any questions about the project, please email Neil Edwards at neiledwards51@gmail.com.

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WANTED

I will pay cash for antiques and collectibles. Coca Cola, Pepsi or any pop company. Brewery items - Kuntz, Huether Labatts, etc. Old radios and gramophones, wristwatches, pocket watches, old fruit jars - Beaver Star, Bee Hive etc. Any old oil cans and signs - Red Indian, Supertest etc. Any small furniture. If you are moving or cleaning out stuff please contact me - 519-570-6920.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1861
- Shopify
- Paris, France
- 2015
- Genetics
- Restricted
- Noel & Liam Gallagher
- Seven
- Latitude
- The Mughal Empire

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COMING EVENTS

2025 OUTDOOR MARKET SERIES - at The Paris Winncy Mills 31 Mechanic St. Paris. For more information call 519-774-0600 or email eliesther.rivera@gmail.com

DATES: Sunday, May 18; Sunday, June 22; Sunday, July 20; Sunday, August 24; Sunday, September 28



COMMUNITY SAFETY NIGHT

Members of the Brant County and Norfolk County OPP will be in attendance to discuss:

- Recent Break and Enters
- Thefts
- Project Safeguard
- What to do if you've been a victim of property crime

Featured presenters include members from

- Preventing Auto Theft Team
- Community Street Crime Unit
- Scenes of Crime Officer
- Crime Stoppers
- OPP Auxiliary

This is an open meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to attend

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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