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A cluster of colorful balloons in shades of yellow, red, purple, and blue, with confetti scattered around them, set against a dark blue background.

Baden Outlook

Keeping the Community Connected

A large cluster of pink balloons with silver streamers, filling the right side of the cover.

Celebrating 20 YEARS



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Despite the restrictions these days the *Baden Outlook* has fun close to home.



Doreen Brydon and Tom Ferries took a copy of the *Baden Outlook* along with them on their outing to the Cowbell Brewing Co. in Blyth to celebrate his 86th birthday.



Jim and Shirley Shantz included their copy of the *Baden Outlook* in the display at their 65th wedding anniversary. Friends came and honked their cars as they passed by!

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So how did we begin in August 2000?

As Barry had been working for Zehrs Markets for nearly 30 years, he became restless with his routine. He didn't want to leave his job but wanted a home project that he and Pat could work at together. He began to share his thoughts - or, as he called it, "a brilliant idea", with his friends and family. He wanted to have a small business, but what? Barry and Pat's children, Mike and Katie, were nearing that age where they were ready to fly the coop, and Pat was getting anxious about letting go. Yikes, the empty nest! It made sense to open up and try something new.

For over a year, Barry would continue to announce his latest "great idea", which was a Baden newsletter. On a particular family camping trip in June 2000, Katie rolled her eyes and sighed, "Ok Dad, quit talking about it and do it - follow your dreams just like you tell us to." Well, Barry got the shove he needed. His eyes lit up and the wheels were in motion... now what to do to make it all happen?! Although the idea of a newsletter seemed brilliant to Barry, Pat was skeptical for many reasons. Both only had a grade 12 education, had no knowledge of journalism, and had very little computer experience. Pat was terrified to reveal their personal lives in this way to the community and decided she was out. Kate encouraged her dad and offered to be his sidekick. Pat rolled her eyes but gave them the thumbs up.

At that time, the town was on a major growth spurt with developments happening at all edges of town. The Fishers saw the need to have a community connection for the newcomers to feel welcome and also to give the town a voice. The timing of the first edition was to capture the parade in July of 2000 and to acknowledge and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Wilmot Township, so there was lots to do in only one month. Before they knew it, they were at City Hall registering the business - on Aug. 1, 2000, exactly 20 years to the day of their first home and move to Baden. Then the Fishers had to choose a name (Baden Bugle, Baden Banner, Baden Voice, Baden View, Baden Biz, etc.); with the vision of standing on the Baden Hill and looking over our town, the final choice was "The Baden Outlook".



In January 2001, we hosted our first hockey pool with 26 entries (by 2009 we had 521).

In September 2002, we proudly accepted the "Citizen of the Year Award" in the culture category. In 2009, the Heritage Day award.

Our paper was available online for the first time on the Township website as of April 2002.

By January 2004 we printed 1,500 copies with 16 pages. For the first time in 45 issues we took the month of July off – and have continued to enjoy our summer every year since.

What now?? First, how were the Fishers going to fund this project? Help from the community and local advertising would serve us all. Barry and Katie fancied themselves up and hit the streets, going from business to business trying to talk up the newsletter that they knew very



We were featured in the September 2, 2000 issue of the Kitchener-Waterloo Record



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little of. To their surprise, some folks agreed to advertise and before the end of the day they had the support they needed to begin. The paper was well received despite its very juvenile initial look. It wasn't long before the paper gained popularity and soon it sold itself. To date, the advertising has been a solid source of funding our publication.

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Until Barry got comfortable with his new title of Editor, he hid behind this handsome guy and other Barry-like caricatures that you may have seen over time.

I know I'm not the only guy with a brilliant idea!



Editor's desk

Talking with Ed

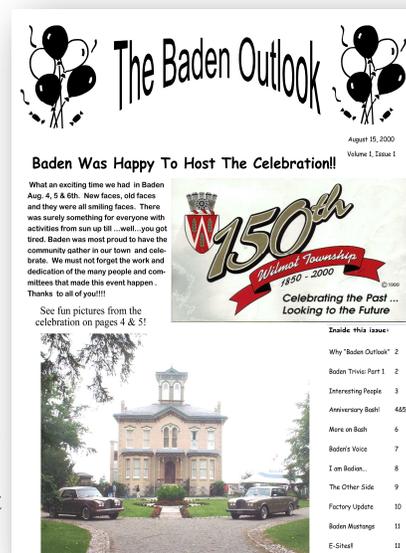
Where did the Time Go?



It is hard to believe that the Baden Outlook is starting its twentieth year! I still clearly remember walking with our daughter Katie into Tiger Lease (which is now K-Dac) on Sandhills Road for a meeting with the owner, Larry Leis. We were there to invite him to advertise in our new publication but had no product to show him, just a vision and hopes for what our paper might be. We asked if he would consider supporting us for this new venture. His response was, "Yes, I will. Sign me up for a half page for a year." After walking out, I took one look at Katie and said, "We are doing this" — we had a commitment for a year, so now we had to get on our horse and go with it! We visited a couple other businesses - Countryside Auto, Herner Wood, Egli's Meats, Pfenning's Organic and Baden Service Centre - who all said they would advertise for the next three months. Wow, they had that much faith in us already.

Our first issue!

The first couple of issues were pretty rough, but we stumbled along and found our way through with a lot of help from some special people and the community who did not challenge us, but embraced us. We have seen many businesses come and go, and we were eager to share the stories of the past. To me, one of the most important things about the paper was documenting history and I began to research and visit anyone I could to help me learn more about Baden. I recall interviewing Norm Haufshield, who was the first road foreman in Wilmot Township. Six months later, he passed away. His information is now documented through that interview. There are many other locals that I have had the same experience with, including Harley Herner. One person that I didn't get a chance to interview was Harold Schmidt. We had the pleasure of friendship with Mike and Norma Weiler, who had an attic full of treasures they were eager to share with us. Mike even had his own column, "Ask Armand" for several years, answering history questions from our readers.



About six months into printing the paper, I read an article about Ted Leonosis, who is owner of AOL, the Washington Capitals and Wizards, and a multi-millionaire. The article said that he responds to every single email he receives. I thought, "Let's give it a try," so I emailed him asking for an interview. That day he responded, sending me a phone number. I talked to him for about five minutes, which was quite shocking to me. Other notables included Carl Zehr (Baden-born Mayor of Kitchener), Greg Frewin (Niagara Falls magician), and many other local dignitaries. We had the privilege of having John Honderich (son of Beland Honderich and chairman of the board at TORSTAR) visit and relax on the couch and hold our dog. He proudly wore the Baden Outlook cardigan we gave him. We once drove to Walter Gretzky's house to interview him, where he showed off many of Wayne's trophies and gave us a tour of the house. While filming a movie (*Small Town Murder Songs*) in town we interviewed both Peter Stormare and Aaron Poole and featured them in the December 2009 issue.



Pat was on set with the actors Peter Stormare, Aaron Poole and Kat Germain.

One thing that always bothered me was making a mistake in the publication. I remember sitting up until 1:00 a.m. with a white-out container trying to fix an



error. Pat set me straight on that exercise and reminded me that we indeed will make mistakes and better get used to it. For the first couple of years, we printed our paper at Staples. There were many errors due to conversion troubles and font changes from our computer. We then realized that we could have more control over our project if we printed it ourselves. We started out with one massive eight-foot Canon printer that folded and stapled it making the paper a booklet instead of two staples on one side. Later we moved to two printers, as there were continuous breakdowns. We printed at our home until 2019. Since then we've been

happy with the service Ritz Printing provides, which also gave us the opportunity to start incorporating a colour cover in the publication. Pat loves that part, giving her more creativity, and she is excited to share the travel photos in colour.

Our goal has always been to keep the community connected. We have done that in many ways, including stories featuring locals, history features, interactive sports pools (which we had to discontinue, but were very popular), travel photos, and giving many writers an opportunity to share their stories and thoughts. It was always our goal to be a positive uplifting publication — something that we all need these days. It has been quite a ride and we are most thankful for the support from local advertisers, the monthly featured writers who contribute valuable information, our supportive proofreaders, and to our loyal readers, of course. Recently, our daughter Katie has been taking more of an active role in the paper, which will give it some freshening up.

Until next month...Ed



Greetings from Headquarters ~



Hello August, and hello dear readers! I hope you are all healthy and enjoying this hot summer despite the restrictions that COVID has put upon us. During this time there has been plenty to be distressed about, but I've been able to see plenty of silver linings as well – I hope you have too. Personally, my past few months have been challenging. I had been suffering with serious bouts of diverticulitis that created many complications with stays at the hospital, ultimately ending with an open surgery to remove the sick colon. It's been a struggle with a 6-8 week recovery, but with so much love and care around me I am on the mend. Barry, of course, has been my hero but so has our daughter Katie, who jumped in to take care of her dad while he was alone, providing meals to him and to me on my return home. Not only did she keep my chin up every day through the duration of my hospital stay, but when home she went into action too. As this situation was developing through May and also into June, she could see me fretting about the Outlook. (Barry plays his own important role with the paper but formatting and staging the paper is not his gift). We got Katie a new version of the publishing program for her home computer (we'd not been together since COVID) and she dove in to learn the program and is now familiar and ready to tag-team with me on the August issue to learn the role I play. We all realized that in this stage of life it is unreasonable for me to carry the sole role of putting the paper together. Oddly, the timing of this hits our 20th anniversary of publishing the paper and Katie was there on the first issue too, as I was unsure of the whole project and she wanted to support her dad. So here we are 20 years later and she is up to bat and ready to be on the front line with us... and we are so excited!



As you know by now, this is our 20th anniversary and we couldn't help ourselves but to dig around in some archive issues seeing how far we have come. Along the way we found some treasures we had to share, as many may not have seen them from nearly 20 years ago. I hope you enjoy going down memory lane with us and continue to journey onward with us.



...Now let me introduce my new right hand... Katie Fisher (although she is now married with 2 sons and has left town — you can't take the Baden out of this girl).

Greetings from Katie Fisher!

Daughter of Pat and Barry Fisher, and one of the originals in creating the Baden Outlook itself.

I remember when my dad was obsessing over creating his own business. "Oh maybe I should hire airplane pilots to fly over Wilmot and I can take aerial photos for people who would find it fascinating," except Barry Fisher has always been afraid of heights. So many other crazy ideas came out of the man's head. Then he mentioned writing a small local paper. Yes Dad, this idea is logical. Barry Fisher is a community man; he has a way with people and he loves his town. I thought, "This is the most exciting idea yet!" We all didn't feel this excitement at first though. I remember mom saying... "another crazy idea, I'm out". So dad and I plunked away with ideas. We scoured the town for advertisers who might be interested. We bought the appropriate computer programs. We had a dream. Of course mom got pulled into the whole project not too long after and now she LOVES dreaming ideas for the paper and you will find her up in the wee hours of the morning sitting at the computer. It has now been 20 years. Incredible how

much we have grown; how much the town has grown! Thank you readers for picking up the paper with excitement each month.

The paper began with 12 pages at 625 copies, only had 7 advertisers, and was hand-delivered, door to door to all residents in Baden. We drove around delivering the rural route until March 2002. Come winter that became quite a challenge, so the papers were then mailed to every home in Baden until a postal strike put a cramp in our plan. It was then that it was decided to have papers available to everyone; they're currently available at 80 places within Wilmot Township.

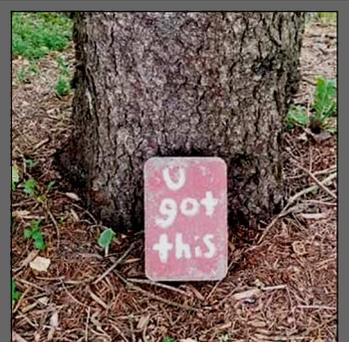
We have certainly come a long way. Thank you to all our advertisers for the wonderful support over the last two decades. Thank you to all our writers who continually write beautiful content for our readers. Thank you to the proofreaders constantly saving us from bloopers. Thank you to the readers for feedback, recipes, jokes, pictures, and your interest in the paper over the years. And lastly, thank you to my mom and dad for facilitating a space for communication in Baden and the GBA.

Baden ~ Our Town

History in the making! Wilmot Council members have unanimously voted on flying the internationally recognized Pride flag every June, starting June 2021. There was a flag raising ceremony on July 17 at the Administration Complex, Castle Kilbride. The flag was flown for the rest of July to show community inclusivity. In addition, rainbow stickers will be displayed on all Wilmot Township facility doors indicating that they are safe spaces for all. This is the first time the Pride flag has been flown at Wilmot Township municipal buildings. Love is love.



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We're thrilled that the province's Stage three reopening plan is here. As families continue to access RWL for their reading, watching, and listening needs, we invite patrons to visit us online at rwlibrary.ca for the latest ways to access these services. We're working hard with the community to safely and conscientiously open our doors. Follow us online @rwlibrary.ca for opening updates!

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- August 18 at 7 p.m.

Gather your bosom buddies and get ready for Anne of Green Gables online trivia. This event takes place on Kahoot.com. Reserve your spot at bit.ly/3jVDQgv.

Teens Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) Event

- August 20 and 27

Join our latest D&D role playing game as star-crossed lovers look to tie the knot against the wishes of feuding noble families. Your role: to keep the peace and help bring the bitter rivalry to an end! Register at bit.ly/2ZSmlWB. RWL staff will be in touch on how to play in this online event!

Online Book Club: Moon of the Crusted Snow

- August 20 at 7 p.m.

Join our One Book, One Community book club to discuss Moon of the Crusted Snow by Waubgeshig Rice with fellow book lovers! Sign up at bit.ly/2ZzSSEA and download the ebook at downloadlibrary.overdrive.com

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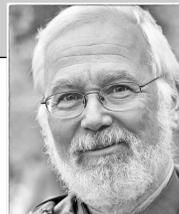


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We do not all like the same things! My favourite ice cream is chocolate; yours may be Tiger Tail. Wayne Buck does not like House Wrens, but I think they are great. We all have our reasons for our preferences, based on our earlier experiences as well as those with whom we associate. As a matter of fact, our preferences are based on many other factors that seem to us to be logical and meaningful. Others may not see the same “truths” that we see, and vice versa.

Wayne does not “like” House Wrens in the way that I do because they are big bullies for their size. They will choose nesting spots that appeal to them, then chase away other birds which would like to use them. They may even attack another species’ nest and destroy the already laid eggs. After using a nest, the House Wren often fills the site with debris to discourage further use by other species, even if it does not plan to use it itself. Often the male Wren will prepare several nests which it will show to prospective mates so the “best” real estate can be chosen. Then he may also court another female so he can have two families at once. This is one of the reasons Wayne dislikes Wrens, as they use the same nesting boxes as the Bluebirds use.

If you watch the placement of Bluebird boxes, you will notice that two boxes are placed close together. The reason for this is simple and practical. The main



competitor for Bluebird nest boxes is the American Tree Swallow. Both the Bluebird and the American Tree Swallow desire space between families of their own species, but do not mind having the other species as a neighbour. However, the House Wren does not follow these rules and is willing to try to evict the Swallow or the Bluebird.

Perhaps the House Wren is not a nice neighbour, but I like the way they entertain me with their bubbly song every evening. I sit and listen to them as we eat our supper under the trees. I am fascinated by the rate they feed their young on various forms of insects and spiders which they glean from the surrounding yard. Several times, I have timed the arrival of parents carrying food to the nestlings which grow rapidly; I’ve been amazed at the short time intervals between delivery. Most of the time, I could count on each adult to deliver a meal every 30 to 60 seconds! No wonder the hatchlings grow so fast.

The House Wren is not a flashy bird and is often described as a little brown bird with a sharp, raised tail. But when it opens its beak to sing, I hear an opera or at least a symphony. That is enough for me to put this species on my “favourite list” where it joins Bluebirds, American Tree Sparrows, . . .

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Baden Street Names Word Search

* archived from August 2001 issue *

This puzzle holds the names of Baden Streets. Many of these names have interesting history behind them, which could be an interesting story one day. Try to find the listed names in the grid below, hidden horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

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Brenneman	Hunsberger
Brubacher	Kropf
Charles	Livingston
Charlotta	Louisa
Christian	Miller
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Can you unscramble them? Answers on page 13

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- ARDC _ _ _ _ _
- CLOK _ _ _ _ _
- EONS _ _ _ _ _
- TRUIF _ _ _ _ _
- STEMA _ _ _ _ _
- ARITUG _ _ _ _ _
- DREELA _ _ _ _ _
- RISEREB _ _ _ _ _
- SLOWFER _ _ _ _ _

It Covers You

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- KINS _ _ _ _ _
- TRAP _ _ _ _ _
- THESE _ _ _ _ _
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The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep.

Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards the sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What's it tell you, Tonto?"

"You're dumber than a buffalo patty. It means someone stole the tent."



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The award will be given out to an Aquatic Staff member each year at summer staff training. This staff member will be nominated by their peers. A staff member that who could be nominated for this award would pose these attributes:

*** Inclusive * Team focused * Leader * Friendly * Kind ***

This year's award goes to Michaela Baker (seen in photo with Ben's mom Joan Grosso). On multiple occasions Michaela has demonstrated inclusivity, kindness, and a team focus. She consistently strives to lift the spirits of other staff and to assist staff members that may be going through a tough time. She always comes to work with a positive attitude and tries very hard to spread her positivity to the rest of the staff regardless of who is working. Michaela demonstrates strong leadership in helping younger staff get acquainted and oriented with the rules, programs, and procedures of the WAC. During emergency situations Michaela stays calm, level-headed, and encourages her fellow employees to do the same. Michaela leads by example. *Congratulations Michaela!*

Answers to Baden Names
Word Search Puzzle—from page 9

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T	S	J	E	Q	M	R	E	Y	O	E	A	T	E	A
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R	P	H	U	H	P	S	A	L	H	D	S	O	J	C
H	V	K	Q	S	K	R	E	L	R	O	F	E	L	H
G	M	D	G	E	O	R	G	E	F	P	O	R	K	S

Answers from All
Scrambled - Page 11

You Got This	It Covers You
Job	Coat
Card	Roof
Lock	Skin
Nose	Tarp
Fruit	Sheet
Teams	Shirt
Guitar	Jacket
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- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day.
- Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write.
- Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores.

In August 1920, these were Canadian prices of basic essentials:

- Eggs (1 dozen) 64 cents
- Butter (1lb) 61 cents
- Sugar Granulated (1lb) 25 cents
- Bacon (1lb) 58 cents
- Cheese (1lb) 39 cents
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'Pearls of Wisdom'



Lee from Phillipsburg sent us a wise quote and sparked an idea for a new column for the paper. We would love for our readers to send their favourite uplifting quotes for possible submission. We may not be able to print all thoughts sent, but printing positivity is our goal.

"Be kind for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle" - Plato *submitted by Lee Fitzpatrick*

"You don't always have to like your children, but you always have to love them" *Submitted by Cathy Cook*

"Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart" - Roy Bennett *Submitted by Barry Fisher*

"If you're going to rise you might as well shine!"
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Heroic Eyecare in Baden *By A. S. Compton*

In July, a family took their son to Baden Eyecare, where the staff saved his life.

The eight-year-old had been experiencing what the family thought was a seasonal eye irritation, and came to the eye centre for prescription drops. Moments after entering, the attending staff realised he was having a severe allergic reaction. The child's mother had never administered epinephrine before, so Dr. Sonya Frank called on her most experienced staff member to administer it. Dr. Frank said their patient was very brave while they gave him his very first dose of epinephrine. Symptoms worsened, and a second dose was given while they waited for the ambulance.

Once at the hospital, the attending ER physician stated, "If they had administered the epinephrine moments later, his throat would have closed up."

Dr. Frank, Janice Bechamp, and Chantelle Thibeault worked as a unified team to identify the reaction, administer epinephrine, call for an ambulance, and saved the child's life.

The patient was released from hospital the following day, and has remained in good health. The family is profoundly grateful for the excellence of the staff at Baden Eyecare.

Dr. Frank stated, "We were happy to help! That's why we are in the health care field."



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Check out the "SAVE THE FOOD" website for more ideas on how to end food waste:
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Are you interested in climate change and other global environmental issues? Help us make a difference in our community by getting involved and taking action on one or more local environmental concerns. Our next monthly meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, August 26th. Please contact us via e-mail (nvecoboosters@gmail.com) or call 519-662-9372 if you would like to participate in this "Zoom" meeting and we will provide you with more details. Want to know more about the Nith Valley EcoBoosters? Check out our website at: nvecoboosters.com

You Must Be Joking!!



So we're into our 5th month of defeating COVID-19. These words made me laugh but there's a lot of truth mixed in to consider. . .

1. Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.
2. Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized the trash goes out more than me.
3. Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.
4. Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever? Well, wish granted.
5. It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to home school one.
6. I did a big load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

The Whole World's Gone Kooky

- I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
- I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- Don't take life too seriously; no one gets out alive.
- You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
- Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
- I'm not a complete idiot - some parts are missing.
- Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
- The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.
- Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
- Wrinkled was not what I wanted to be when I grew up.
- Procrastinate Now!
- Ham and eggs. A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
- Smile! Someone will wonder what you're up to.

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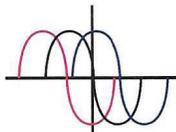
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Important Information on Suicide Prevention



September 10th, World Suicide Prevention Day, provides the opportunity for people, across the globe, to raise awareness of suicide and suicide prevention. "It provides an opportunity for the community to gather, to remember, and to heal. While the event is centred around acknowledging those whose lives have been impacted by suicide, it is also about providing mental wellbeing education and resources to everyone in our community, and providing a gathering space where individuals can feel connection and belonging." (Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council)

To mark this day, SAWW (Suicide Awareness Wilmot Wellesley) has been organizing a candlelight walk and a free public skate. This year that event will be on hold until next year, as many other things have been because of COVID19. We will be back as soon as it is possible to do so. We encourage you to light your own candle at home and put it in the window for others to see, as a time of reflection and healing.

Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council will be holding a virtual event on their Facebook page. Please visit their website at wrspsc.ca for more information. They also have some at-home activities you may be interested in.

For the last few years we have hosted a Mental Health Breakfast in November. Again, we have made the difficult decision to cancel for this year. Our plans are to offer you some words of encouragement via video. Stay tuned for more information.

SAWW has been working in the community since 2007, offering information, suicide alertness training, and building resiliency in our community. We are comprised of staff from Wilmot Family Resource Centre, Interfaith Community Counselling Centre, Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington, and community members.

These are unique times and we know people are struggling. This makes it especially difficult to postpone these events. Remember, if you are in crisis or supporting someone who needs help, call HERE 24/7 or 1-844-437-3247.

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SUICIDE AWARENESS

By Matthew Isert Bender, Interim Executive Director



Suicide is a major health risk in our community and this risk has increased during these past months. The pandemic has been difficult for us all as we have experienced isolation, grief, and financial impacts, etc. In these unsettling moments, it is so easy to have the shame voice triggered within us. Then we slip into negative self-critical thinking; for example, when facing job loss and resulting financial setbacks, we can beat ourselves up and begin to believe that we are worthless, and not worthy of love and belonging. 'I am a failure,' 'There is nothing I can do,' 'I have no purpose.' The world can very quickly become a dark, hopeless, and lonely place.

These days of the pandemic have been hard. Finding support and connection is a challenge, but a visit on lawn chairs with a long time friend, a phone call, or connecting with a past counsellor over video are still possible. Social connection is so important. Every person has meaning and worth, and these difficult times sometimes require creativity in finding our purpose and encouraging others in finding their purpose.

I believe that most people do put out invitations for help if thinking of suicide. Some of these may be:

- Change in mood: from happy to sadness/indifference, or a sudden calm after a period of distress
- Change in outlook on life (feeling hopeless or helpless)
- Lack of interest or enjoyment in usual leisure or social activities
- Destructive risky behaviour such as an increase in alcohol or drug use
- Feeling trapped, desperate, or needing to escape
- Talking about killing oneself or having a plan to do so

It is not always clear and can feel uncomfortable to notice invitations and carefully but directly ask, "How are you doing? Can I help? Are you thinking of suicide?" LivingWorks, who I am a safeTALK trainer for, has many resources and training opportunities to help us increase our suicide alertness and become a suicide safer community. I have a dream that one day no one suicides in Waterloo Region. Oh, what a wonderful day that would be.

If you, or someone you know, are in an immediate crisis, 9-1-1 should be contacted.

If you think someone in your life is thinking about suicide, reach out and talk to them. Talking to a person about suicide will not lead someone to suicide. Talking about suicide removes the secrecy and helps the individual feel noticed and cared for; if anything, this reduces the risk of suicide.

If you, or someone you know, are thinking about suicide and not in imminent danger, crisis support should be contacted:

Waterloo Region: 1-844-437-3247

Canada-Wide: 1-833-456-4566

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868

Or a local counselling agency such as ICC: 519-662-3092

May we all commit to be a suicide alert community, where we notice and are comfortable with talking about suicide. We are not alone, and each and every person has value and worth. We are all resilient and beautiful. We are Wilmot Strong. We are Stronger Together.

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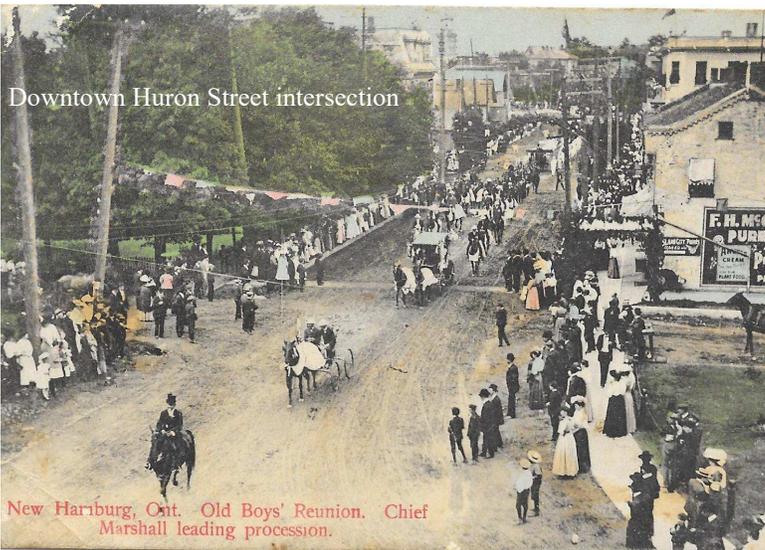
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The New Hamburg Old Boys' Reunion 1907

In the early 1900s, communities across Waterloo County staged events often referred to as Old Boys' Reunions. Today, a more appropriate term would be a homecoming. Former residents were invited to return for a variety of events which often included parades, band concerts, band tattoos, picnics, sporting competitions, agricultural displays, and speeches. They were often held over a long weekend. In some instances, such as Berlin's event on August 6-8, 1906, the gathering was referred to as the Berlin Old Boys and Girls Reunion while in the same year, Hespeler's event was known as the Old Boys' Reunion. In 1907, Old Boys' Reunions were held in Galt, New Dundee and New Hamburg. The New Dundee Reunion was a three-day gathering held over the Dominion Day holiday. One of the events was a picnic held "In The Park" on July 1st. In this case, the park was a piece of land located beside Alder Creek near the former grist mill site and close to the corner of Mill and South Streets.



Downtown Huron Street intersection

New Hamburg, Ont. Old Boys' Reunion. Chief Marshall leading procession.

The 1907 New Hamburg Old Boys' Reunion was held from August 31st to September 3rd over the Labour Day weekend. According to Ernie Ritz in his book *New Hamburg as it really was...* the event was organized by the New Hamburg Musical Society Band. Plans were made over the course of the summer. The weekend started on Saturday evening with opening ceremonies followed on Sunday with a performance in the rink by the 29th Regiment Band of Berlin. The big event on Labour Day was a large parade held in the morning. The parade proceeded along Waterloo St. onto East and West St. (now Huron St.) and then onto Peel Street. Huge arches of evergreen boughs were constructed

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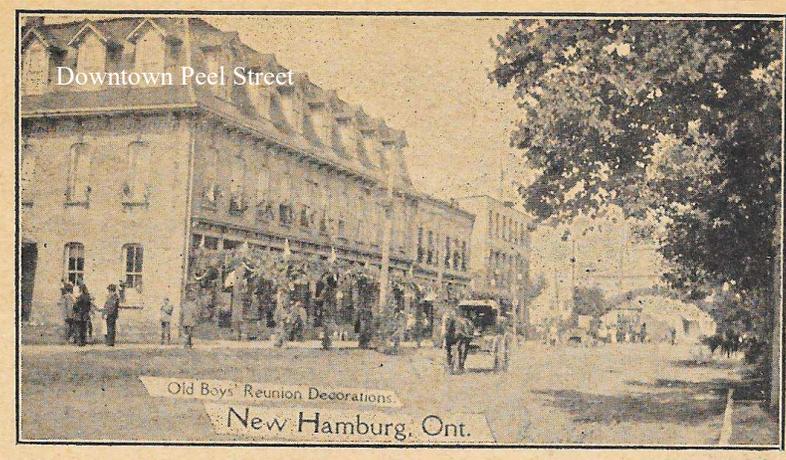
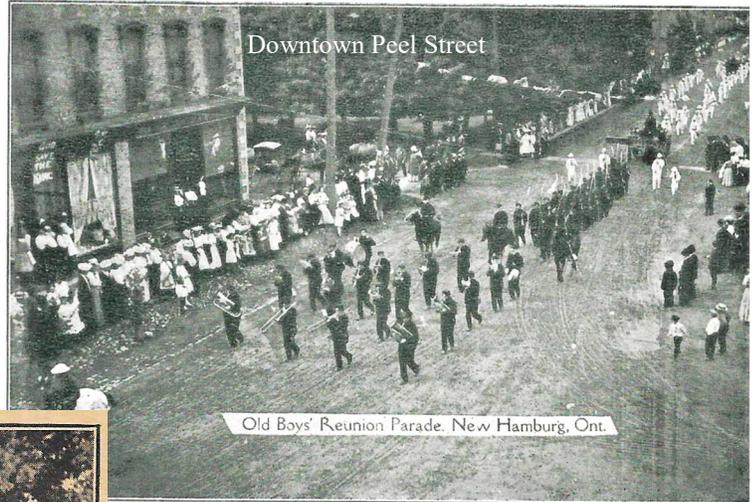
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over the street in several locations along the parade route and local industries placed floats in the parade. In the afternoon, sporting events were held including baseball and football games. In the evening, there was a band concert and also moving pictures were shown. On Tuesday following a march from the train station, a band concert was held at the downtown square. In the afternoon a baseball game was played. The Reunion closed with a band tattoo featuring the Berlin



Regimental Band and the New Hamburg Band followed by a large fireworks display. It was estimated the event was attended by 5000 people from across Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and several U.S. states. The Old Boys' Reunion of 1907 could well have been the largest event in New Hamburg up to that time!

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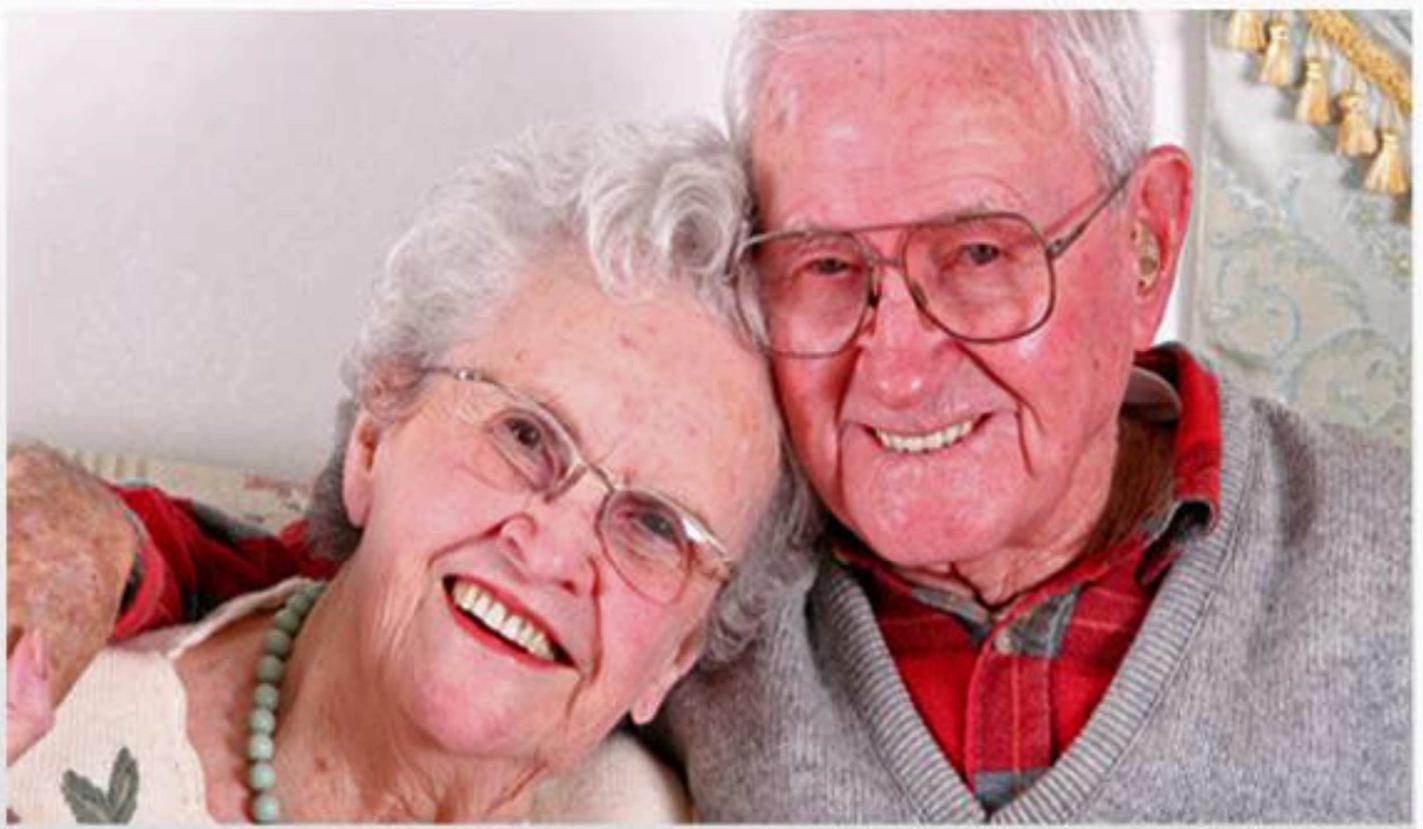
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Submitted by Nellie Kinnaird / November 2005

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Optimist Club of Wilmot Youth Appreciation



Megan Stewart
Baden Public School

Back in January, the Optimist Club of Wilmot sent out a request to all the area schools and any organization that might have youth who volunteered in some capacity for the betterment of other youth and their community.

A total of six youth were nominated to attend a dinner in their honour on Thursday, March 26. They are: William Collins and Megan Stewart, both residents of Baden and nominated by Baden Public School; Kara Cook from Plattsville and William Behnke from Tavistock, both nominated by Waterloo Oxford; and Isabel Litwiller from Phillipsburg and Brayden Keilbar from Baden, both nominated by the Wilmot Youth Action Council.



Isabel Litwiller—Wilmot
Youth Action Council



William Collins
Baden Public School

Then the pandemic imposed restrictions on all of our lives. The event was rescheduled for the end of April. That day came and went. By the end of May, it became apparent that the club would not be able to honour these kids in the usual way. Over the last several weeks, we have been communicating with the sponsors and parents of the honourees. Packages were put together for each youth, including the nomination letter explaining why this person was so special and deserving of such an award, a certificate of achievement, a medallion with Canada maple leaf ribbon and, in lieu of the dinner they missed out on, a gift certificate for their favorite local restaurant. The packages were dropped off at their homes and where possible a picture was taken at that time. All physical distancing protocols were in effect.

This event has always been the highlight of the Optimist year, as it gives us such great pleasure to honour the future leaders of our community. We were pleased that we could still say thank you to some great kids even if we had to do it in a very different way.



Brayden Keilbar - Wilmot
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Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner

South Carolina Looks to Canada for Agribusiness Opportunities

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) has retained the Raleigh, North Carolina company Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting, LLC (SHEDC), to help develop its promising relationship with Canada-based agribusiness companies.

Agribusiness is South Carolina's largest industry, generating \$46.2 billion in economic impact each year and supporting more than 246,000 jobs in a state of 5 million people. The industry had a 25 percent growth rate between 2010 and 2018. The state is a welcoming environment for business, with a dedicated Office of Agribusiness Development at SCDA to help guide projects. And South Carolina is well positioned for national and international trade: The Port of Charleston is the most efficient port on the East Coast, and the state is within one day's driving distance of 75 percent of the U.S. population.

Meanwhile, SHEDC has a strong track record of economic development partnerships and an office in Ontario. As SCDA's lead international consultant, Ross Steckley, from New Hamburg, will represent the agency's interests in Canada.

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You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry-
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In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather-
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Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is excited to announce that they have entered into an agreement with the new owners of the former Ten Thousand Villages (TTV) distribution centre to lease space in the building located in New Hamburg.

In January of this year, with much regret, MCC Canada announced the closure of the corporate operations of Ten Thousand Villages Canada, its fairtrade social enterprise, including the head office and distribution centre in New Hamburg. MCC Ontario is excited to announce that an agreement has been reached with the new owners of the former Ten Thousand Villages distribution centre to lease approximately 37,000 square feet of the building. The new owners are business partners in other ventures and real estate investors with an interest in helping support local businesses and give back to the community.

MCC Ontario's plans for the former TTV distribution centre are three-fold:

☐ The MCC rePurpose Centre in Elmira will be relocating its by-the-pound retail store and processing operations to the former TTV facility. It is anticipated that the move will be completed in stages with the rePurpose store opening in mid-August and the donation processing and warehousing following later in the fall. Karla Richards, MCC's Social Enterprise Operations Manager and the team lead at the MCC rePurpose Centre, is looking forward to continuing to repurpose, recycle, reuse and resell over 3 million pounds of donated products and merchandise at their new location. "This new location and modern warehousing will

provide MCC Social Enterprise with more opportunity for growth. The facility will have additional process handling capability in support of MCC's expanding social enterprise network."

☐ The MCC New Hamburg Thrift Centre (NHTC) will be moving part of its donation processing to the former TTV building allowing for a 5000 square foot expansion of their retail space. The timelines for this expansion have not been established, but Mark Patfield, General Manager of NHTC, is hoping to move forward with the development quickly. The NHTC is MCC's highest sales volume thrift shop in Canada and this expansion provides a great opportunity to broaden our selection of quality used goods to our loyal customers. When complete, the larger and improved NHTC will be able to expand key departments, such as fashion, furniture and housewares, into over 13,000 square feet of selling space and remain a shopping destination in Waterloo region.

☐ The MCC Material Resources warehouse currently located at 50 Kent in Kitchener will be moving much of its processing and storage facilities to the former TTV building to allow for increasing demand from partners around the globe for material support, as well as giving the MCC Thrift on Kent shop additional retail and processing capacity. The sewing room, a smaller supply processing space, and education area will remain at the Kitchener site. "We are very excited to be able to announce that we will now be storing MCC canned meat here in Ontario instead of shipping it to the Manitoba distribution centre," said Jon Lebold, MCC Ontario's Material Resources Coordinator. "This will allow us to much more efficiently distribute and store canned meat," he continued. The supplies that MCC sends around the world offer comfort to families facing disaster or crisis. They are also a tangible way to remind people around the world that their needs are not forgotten.

"Despite the present uncertainties of COVID-19, this opportunity for additional warehouse space in the former TTV building will continue the social enterprise legacy and will increase capacity for relief, development, and peace initiatives around the world," said John Head, Executive Director of MCC Ontario.

One hundred years ago, MCC was formed by people of faith working together to help others in crisis. For the last century, we've continued to work through challenges together by providing life-changing support to our neighbours in Ontario and around the world.

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MCC **NEW HAMBURG THRIFT CENTRE**

Cook's Corner

Here it is! Fresh corn! Who doesn't get excited about our local corn available to enjoy? Some simple facts:



-Fresh corn should be stored at 35°F and should be used within 3 or 4 days.

-Despite popular belief that cooking vegetables lowers their nutritional value, something good happens to corn when cooked. When sweet corn is heated, its antioxidant content is released from the grain, making it a very healthy addition to your diet.

-3-4 ears of corn will yield about 1 cup of cut kernels

-When cooking corn on the cob, never add salt to the water as this toughens the corn. Instead add a teaspoon or two of sugar. When boiling corn, cover completely with water, and only cook 4-5 minutes.

Corn has been around since before Europeans arrived in North America, cultivated by First Nations Peoples.

Corn comes in five varieties:

1. Field Corn (feed for livestock)
2. Popcorn (a favourite snack)
3. Food grade corn (used in many food products such as bread)
4. Sweet corn (a summertime treat)
5. Seed corn (grown for its seeds; planted for next year's crops)

Corn cobs started out as a plant the size of your thumb in ancient times. Through selective breeding, humans have expanded the corn size to what we see today.

Baked/Barbecued Corn

Pull husks carefully from corn so that husk remains attached to the bottom of corn ear. Remove silk from corn. Melt butter in small saucepan adding ½ tsp each chili powder, onion powder, and salt. Brush mixture on ear of corn, then pull up the husks and tie with string. Place in glass baking dish, sprinkle with water, cover with foil, and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Grilled Barbeque Corn

Prepare corn as above but sprinkle a bit more water over the husks, then place corn directly on the grill over medium heat, cooking for 30-40 minutes. Remove husks, which will be brown and dry, before serving.

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Axioms Submitted by John Curtin

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- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?
- I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
- She's always late. Her ancestors arrived on the Juneflower.
- You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted then used against you.
- I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
- Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?
- Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial costs and blamed it on the high cost of living.
- The 50-50-90 rule: anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.
- Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.
- If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
- Flashlight: a case for holding dead batteries.
- Shin: a device for finding furniture.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens.
- I wished the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.
- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.



'Gardening is medicine that does not need a prescription...and with no limit on dosage.' ~ Author unknown



Summer is waning and what a garden season it has been. COVID-19 brought a new twist this year with many more people gardening to grow food and also improving the aesthetics of their yards. Our local greenhouses responded quickly to provide curbside pickup with online sales. The initial slowdown of sales quickly turned into veggie seeds and plants of all kinds flying off the shelves, with shortages happening all over.

This was a year my gardens were going to be set to pause as our family had big travel plans, but like everyone else, those screeched to a halt. The result was the completion of many projects and I was not alone. The garden and yard have been a refuge for my family during the pandemic. I am so grateful to have a yard. When puttering in the yard and walking around the roads and trails, the thoughts of case numbers, distancing, missing friends, and community events all melted away. All seems so normal. When the grandkids are over, they run and explore the gardens, enjoying the blooms, creating bouquets, picking peas, kale, raspberries and more. They watch the birds, butterflies, bumblebees, and the giant wasps going about their business. It is a haven. It also was a haven for cucumber beetles, voles, gypsy moths, and a few other unwelcome residents this year.

Wilmot Horticultural Society speaker series is postponed to next year. About 45 township garden beds are continuing to be maintained by our volunteers. With COVID, we have had the extra challenge of watering all the beds (except Castle Kilbride) with annuals, as typically the township's summer students carry out that task. Parks and gardens were deemed a non-essential service, so township staffing was directed to essential services. We created the Bucket Brigade, since many of the gardens have no taps nearby. Buckets of water are hauled from home, the river in downtown NH, or the nearest tap via car or wagons. I hope by the time this newsletter is published that we have received some significant rainfall!

Rotary Wilmot, Nith Valley Ecoboosters, Township of Wilmot, and WHS are hoping to still kick-off the tree planting project we had planned. The Home Hardware Grant is cancelled for this year which means \$2,500 funding is gone. With the generosity of Wilmot community, we have received over \$700 in donations. Dean Peachey of Morningside Community suggested to its membership that the \$300 that seniors received from the Federal Government could be passed forward to charity if one does not need the money: <https://www.therecord.com/news/waterloo-region/2020/06/03/wilmot-tree-planting-initiative-gaining-traction-despite-covid-19.html> **Let's Tree Wilmot** (formerly *Let's Green Wilmot*) was one of the charities suggested. Donations to plant trees is an excellent way to provide for the future healthy landscape of Wilmot. Since WHS is a charitable organization, donations are tax-deductible. Go to our website listed below for details.



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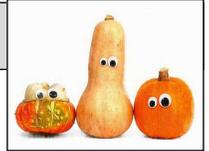
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- By Verda Cook



- * Did you know that — an old name for the familiar English Daisy is “Measure of Love”- a tribute to generations of lovelorn maidens who plucked the petals of the daisy to the rhythmic chant of “he loves me, he loves me not”? Since virtually all daisies have an odd number of petals, the words “he loves me” will almost invariably coincide with tearing off the last petal if recited in the usual order.
- * Did you know that — the Petunia, Jerusalem Cherry and Potato are related?
- * Did you know that — the potato was the first vegetable to be grown in space?
- * Did you know that — the first toy ever advertised on TV was Mr. Potato Head in 1952?
- * Did you know that — in 1842, John Bennet Lawes of England treated bones with sulphuric acid and patented the product under the name of “superphosphate”?
- * Did you know that — in 1620 Van Helmont, a noted Flemish alchemist, conducted an experiment with a willow shoot and concluded that water was the only plant nutrient?
- * Did you know that — no species of wild plant produces a flower or blossom that is absolutely black, and so far, none has been developed artificially?
- * Did you know that — evergreens shed and replace their needles like humans shed and replace their hair?
- * Did you know that— the Ginkgo (or Maidenhair) Tree is the oldest living tree on earth? This species survived the Hiroshima atomic blast of WWII.
- * Did you know that — a 50'x50' (15.24m x 15.24m) patch of lawn releases enough oxygen daily to meet the needs of a family of four?
- * Did you know that — the Douglas Fir (also known as Douglas Spruce) is neither a fir nor a spruce, but a pine tree?
- * Did you know that — in an acre of average garden land, there are approximately 53,000 earthworms? Every year about ten tons of soil pass through their bodies. As a result, they spread fresh soil on the surface at an average rate of one inch in five years.
- * Did you know that — the roots of a tree could extend three times wider than its canopy?
- * Did you know that — in the 1930s walnut husks were ground into a type of “meal” which was then used as an insecticide?
- * Did you know that — the dainty-blossomed plants of the family of Fuschia were named in honour of the German physician Leonhard Fuchs?
- * Did you know that — the eggplant is a member of the thistle family?
- * Did you know that — the ragweed plant can release as many as one billion grains of pollen?

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We are excited to let you know that we recently hosted our first ever **Online Charity Poker Tournament!** It was FREE to play, and for every participant that joined a donation was made to the KW Humane Society.

We donated \$1000 to the KW Humane Society and thank everyone that joined us to play! A big thank you also goes out to our sponsors!

We are in the process of planning our next Online Charity Poker tournament for this winter and hope you will be able to join us.

In the mean time, we are excited to be supporting The Wilmot Family Resource Centre with their backpack program.



Keep on eye on our new website for more details on both the back to school drive and the next tournament:
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You Must Be Joking!!



Two Little Boys in a Puddle

After a hardy rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddles through her kitchen window. The older of the two, a five year old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole.

As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother ran to the yard in a panic.

"Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?!" she asked as she shook the older boy in anger.

"We were just playing 'church' mommy," he said. "I was just baptizing him.....in the name of the Father, the Son and in...the hole-he-goes."

Submitted by Bob Smith

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Bugs, mosquitoes, spiders, ants!!! Here are some safe (for you) hacks to help you combat these pests.

Find a spray bottle (I use the tiny glass cleaner bottles that optometrists give out) and mix the following ingredients: add 15 drops of peppermint essential oil and then fill the rest of the container with water. Spray your windowsills, thresholds of doors and corners. Spiders hate peppermint and this will deter them from moving into your home.

Oh no! Ants and earwigs invading your space! This recipe is not toxic to humans. Once again, find a spray bottle (more substantial than what I specified for spiders.) The ingredients needed are: 1 teaspoon dishwashing soap, one teaspoon of cooking oil, 1 quart of water. Mix the ingredients into your spray bottle and prepare to defend yourself. Spray any pests directly, and add a barricade line where the creatures are entering your home. The only drawback to this is that you need to keep spraying on a regular basis, as when the mixture is dry it isn't as effective.

Here is an easy recipe to get rid of those busy ants. You will need one-half cup of sugar, 1.5 tablespoons of Borax, 1.5 cups of warm water, and cotton balls or a paper towel. Thoroughly mix the Borax and sugar. Add warm water and stir until powders dissolve. Add cotton balls or paper towels to a shallow container. Place the sugar and Borax solution on the cotton balls or paper towels until they are soaked. Ants will be attracted to the sugar, and the Borax will look after the rest.

Ah yes, Canada's National Insect? I would hazard a guess that it would be the mosquito. There are several ways to prevent these bloodthirsty cretins. First, if you have a garden, it is a great idea to plant natural mosquito controls, such as lemongrass, citronella and lavender. You can plant them directly

in the ground or have some hanging baskets and planters to ward mosquitoes off. If you enjoy campfires, mosquitoes don't like the smoke, and they will be angry if you add sage to the fire.

Another remedy was told to me by a fisherman many years ago. He recommended that before going outdoors, have a bath in citronella oil or Avon Skin So Soft. The bugs will not bother you at all. You can also use these in a spray bottle.

Mosquitoes detest garlic! So, if you have a penchant for garlic or take garlic capsules, these fellows will be repelled. Just make sure you don't repel your family and friends too!

Last on the list is fruit flies — heat one-half cup of apple cider vinegar and place in a jar. Then you add a small drop of dish soap; if necessary, you can add a piece of ripe fruit for extra bait. What happens then? Just take a bit of clear plastic wrap and place over the top of the jar with an elastic holding it in place. Take a toothpick and poke several holes into the tightly adhered wrap. The fruit flies will soon come, ready to dine.



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In the last two years, Ontario has provided greater investment in local hospitals and schools, improved infrastructure and public transit, strengthened community services, and created a favourable environment for small businesses and the agri-food sector. While we must remain vigilant of COVID-19, I'll continue to work hard to deliver key local investments for our riding.

Thank you,



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- #### Health & Education
- \$9M boost for local hospital non-COVID operations in 2020-2021
 - \$7.4M to expand cardiac care at St. Mary's Hospital
 - Free preventative dental care for low-income seniors
 - WRDSB and WCDSB Per-student funding boost
 - \$9M for local skilled trades training
- #### Infrastructure & Public Transit
- New Highway 7 funding committed
 - \$11.9M for local rural broadband expansion
 - \$60M for 17 regional public transit projects
 - \$4.7M for bridge rehabilitation in Wilmot and Woolwich
 - Doubling GO train service from Waterloo Region

- #### Municipal & Community Services
- \$8.5M to fight gun and gang violence
 - \$2.2M to modernize and streamline township services
 - Strengthening volunteer fire services
 - Fair and Open tendering for regional projects

- #### Business & Agriculture
- Cutting the small business tax rate by 8.7% and lowering WSIB premiums
 - Protecting farmers and the food supply by enacting stronger measures against illegal trespassing
 - Boosting agri-food projects, access to international trade, and e-business through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Discussing food safety and protections with local farmers



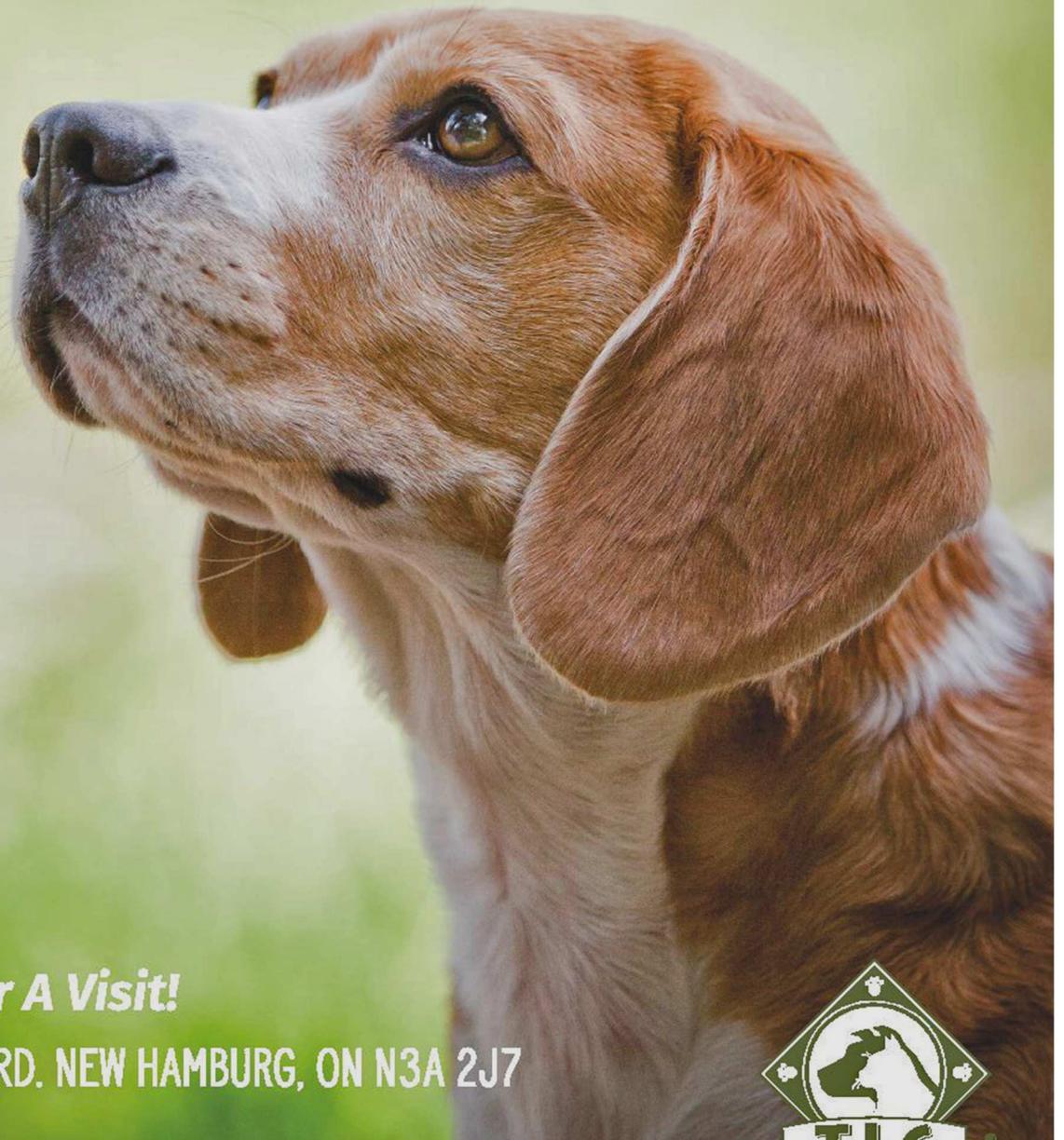
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