

STRESS IN THE FAMILY

a workshop presented to

Womens' Institute, New Dundee
Saturday, March 25, 2000
by Linda Brnjas.

DEFINING STRESS:

When we speak of "stress", we usually refer to "emotional or intellectual strain or tension" (Funk & Wagnall's dictionary). Although "stress" can be positive (ie. Getting married, moving into a new home, having a baby...), in this workshop we will explore our understanding of managing the negative aspects of stress.

"Like fire, stress can be very useful or it can be extremely destructive."

FOCUS:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

THE WEAK LINK THEORY:

Any chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

To manage stress effectively, we must examine our "weakest links" and take steps to relieve the stress from those links and/or make those links stronger.

HOW???

I. BALANCE (managing the "externals")

We all have some basic needs. We tend to "balance" them well when everything is going well, but get out of balance easily when under stress. When this occurs we need to counterbalance the situation by increasing our care in the areas we need them most.



CAMERA DEMO

Wellesley firefighter Dave Neeb demonstrates a thermal imaging camera, on loan for two weeks from Levitt-Safety Supply in Oakville. The fire department is hoping to raise \$26,000 to purchase the camera and accessories needed for its use. Neeb displayed the camera's capabilities — it detects hot spots and sees through smoke — to visitors to the Wellesley Home and Garden Show May 4. So far more than \$8,000 has been committed by the board of trade and First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wellesley towards its purchase.

Doug Coxson photo

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Local sawmill circa 1916. At right in the foreground is Noah Boshart. Other workers are not identified. Anyone with information about location of sawmill or identity of people in the photograph, can call the Independent at 662-1240. (Photo submitted by Verna Wagler)

Councillor, teacher, historian Ross Kelterborn named Wellesley Citizen of the Year



Doug Coxson

The Wellesley and District Board of Trade has named former councillor Ross Kelterborn, shown here with one of the carousel horses he collects and restores, Citizen of the Year for 2000.

by Doug Coxson

WELLESLEY—The Wellesley and District Board of Trade has named former councillor Ross Kelterborn Citizen of the Year for 2000.

The 61-year-old retiree, known more perhaps for the faithfully-restored carnival carousel he sets up next to his home every spring than his 22 years served as councillor, says he was surprised and honoured to be chosen for the distinguished award by his peers.

"There are all kinds of people in this village that have done more than me," says the humble former councillor.

"It's an honour to be chosen by your peers. It's an honour to be

Wellesley Community Centre.

"It's an honour to be chosen by your peers. It's an honour to be representing the people," says Kelterborn. "In an election you go around trying to sell your ideas and your character, but in this case I had nothing do with it and that's what makes this a real honour for me."

A council member for 22 years

"I considered my job as a councillor the same as a volunteer fireman," says Kelterborn, known to criticize township spending habits and the recent council pay hike.

The former councillor's philosophy of strict fiscal responsibility, well known among his former co-councillors, is evident in and around his David Street home where his carpentry hobby and a commitment to

Active in local historical societies

Through his work on council, Kelterborn became active on the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, Community Centre Board and Historical Society.

He purchased the frame for the locally famous Kelterborn carousel in the late 1980s from the owner of Maple City Amusements, one of two carnival companies hired to set up midways at fall fairs in Tavistock, New Hamburg and Wellesley. In the years immediately following the purchase, Kelterborn picked up metal-cast horses in various locations, including a dealer in Pennsylvania who trucked the replicas up from Mexico. The Apple Butter and Cheese Festival Committee had planned on building a permanent structure to

superintendent at the time and Kelterborn remembers his \$3,000 salary in 1960 was "quite the thing."

Back then school boards were starting to set up shop programs in rural areas like Stratford, New Hamburg and Kitchener, making his skills as a teacher a desirable commodity. From Kingwood, the shop teacher moved to Lucknow for one year while awaiting employment in a program in development at Northwestern Secondary in Stratford.

Two of Kelterborn's former students at Northwestern currently teach at the high school and were recently praised by Perth MPP Bert Johnson for their efforts to promote design and tech studies that are in danger of being dropped to funding cuts leveled by local school boards.

"The people who make these recommendations are not on the front lines teaching," says Kelterborn, obviously still concerned about the future of shop programs in local schools.

Retirement has offered Kelterborn a chance to balance his community commitments with his growing hobby. "It really turned the light switch on for me," he says. "It's like I forgot there was another world."

Kelterborn's wife Margaret agrees losing the pressure of work was a good thing for her husband

"Sometimes the Citizen of the Year Award is a lifetime achievement award, recognizing accomplishments made over a long period. And Ross certainly fits in that category."

-Board of Trade past-president Joe Nowak

even though he was able to keep a

By Steve Kannon
OBSERVER STAFF

Longtime township councillor Ross Kelterborn received the Wellesley and District Board of Trade's citizen of the year award February 9.

Kelterborn, 61, is a lifelong resident of Wellesley who was recognized for his years of community service.

"This award is for those who have served the community not just in the past year but in previous years, a history - someone who's been a booster of the community. Ross certainly fit the bill there," said Ted Glauser, president of the Board of Trade.

A councillor for 22 years, Kelterborn served on the community centre board, the historical society and Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC). As well, he was on the board of directors of Pondview retirement village.

The retired secondary school teacher, who taught for 30 years in Stratford, is also well known for his traditional carousel ride which can be seen on the lawn of his home in the village. Offering rides on



STEVE KANNON
AWARD WINNER Wellesley's Ross Kelterborn finds time in his schedule to indulge in his passion for carousels. In addition to the working model shown here, he has a full-size carousel ride on display outdoors in the summer months.

the carousel, he donates all the proceeds to the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival.

A desire to help improve the community he's always called home is at the root of Kelterborn's service to the community. Likening his role as a councillor to that of a volunteer fireman, he said the idea was to do something for the good of the community without making a job of it.

Involvement with council since 1973, Kelterborn oversaw part of the growth spurt in the village as water and sewer services were brought in, enabling new subdivisions.

Wellesley grew from 600 residents to almost 2,000 today. In recent years a new arena and firehall were added to the landscape.

Managing these changes was one of his fundamental goals as councillor, he

said. It was important to minimize for longtime residents the shock of rapid growth.

"It was the responsibility of the people involved to see that the growth in this village took place in an organized, controlled manner.

"For me it was never politics. I was there for the betterment of my community. And I'm very proud of my involvement. I look around at our village

been involved with just about everything that's going to bring this community into the new millennium - water, sewers, all the subdivisions, the growth strategies, the firehall... the whole ball of wax."

With all these changes in place, Wellesley is well-positioned for the future, he said. Looking down the road, there will be more people but not necessarily many changes to how the village looks.

"That was a very important part of being involved in council. It was a very critical time for this village. What you're going to see here in the next hundred years has been done, it's finished," said Kelterborn.

The lifestyle available in Wellesley continues to attract people to the village, people who, like him, will be willing to volunteer to help the community.

"I think people come here because of the rural way of life and many of the people are very willing to take part in the affairs of the community," he said. "These new people are willing to take part, they just need to be en-

Wellesley's jack of all trades, Gord Ludington, is retiring

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Township clerk/treasurer Gord Ludington retires May 25, ending his long and illustrious career as a public servant in Wellesley. In three weeks Ludington hands the reins to former Marmora Township clerk Carol Church.

by Doug Coxson

CROSSHILL— Almost a quarter of a century as Wellesley Township's clerk/treasurer has flown by for Gord Ludington.

The always amiable, constantly busy township employee is ending his career as Wellesley's jack of all trades May 25, hopefully after he's able to rubber stamp the 2001 budget.

"The way things are going, we won't even get to it," he says with a roll of his eyes and typical Ludington sigh of disapproval.

In that time, he's sat in chambers with three different mayors and claims never to have had a problem with any council.

"Some of them took more time getting used to than others," he adds with a laugh.

The trained accountant credits the Harris Tories with the majority of headaches he's endured as treasurer

over his last half decade with the township. He's not alone. Changes to the tax system have left municipalities across the province struggling to keep up.

Last year, delays in implementing tax software related to adjustments to commercial/industrial properties resulted in overdue payments and a \$30,000 interest bill for Wellesley.

This year the Harris government is creating a standard tax bill for the entire province - a potential mess Ludington says he's glad he won't be around to fix.

And that's not all. Queen's Park is following through with a three-year-old promise to implement a new transition ratio, reducing the difference between rates for industrial, commercial and residential properties.

"And you know who's going to end up paying for that," he says.

The lingering regional reform issue is another thing the soon-to-be retiree

is glad he won't have to worry about. Ludington says he doesn't know what's going to happen, but isn't optimistic it will happen soon.

"I think the province found out it doesn't save them one nickel," he says.

But instead of slugging it out for another year to see where all the discussions from the last year will lead, Ludington is hanging up his hat.

"I just thought the time was right to get out," he says.

Ludington grew up on a farm near Monkton and credits a rural upbringing with giving him the patience to deal with some issues the township has faced over the years. One of the biggest in his opinion was the debate that erupted between St. Clements and Wellesley over the construction of an arena in Wellesley. Ludington says the friction between politicians over the seemingly petty issue was intense, creating a division in the township that lasted years.

"The communities get along better than they did," Ludington adds.

An accountant with Raytheon Canada for 12 years before he took the job of Wellesley Township's clerk/treasurer in 1977, Ludington says it's been great working next to his wife Barb, a front-office administrator with the township. And despite what most people might think, he's never had a problem with the set up. "Farmers do it all the time," he says.

Ludington says the couple will stay in Wellesley village where they've lived for more than 30 years. Barb will continue working for the township.

Over the summer neighbours might see Ludington tending to the yard, lounging around with a good book, or taking a leisurely walk.

But asked what's really on his agenda and the reply is, "absolutely nothing."

Ludington's replacement, Carol Church, is spending the next few weeks in the trenches getting used to the daily grind before she takes over full time.

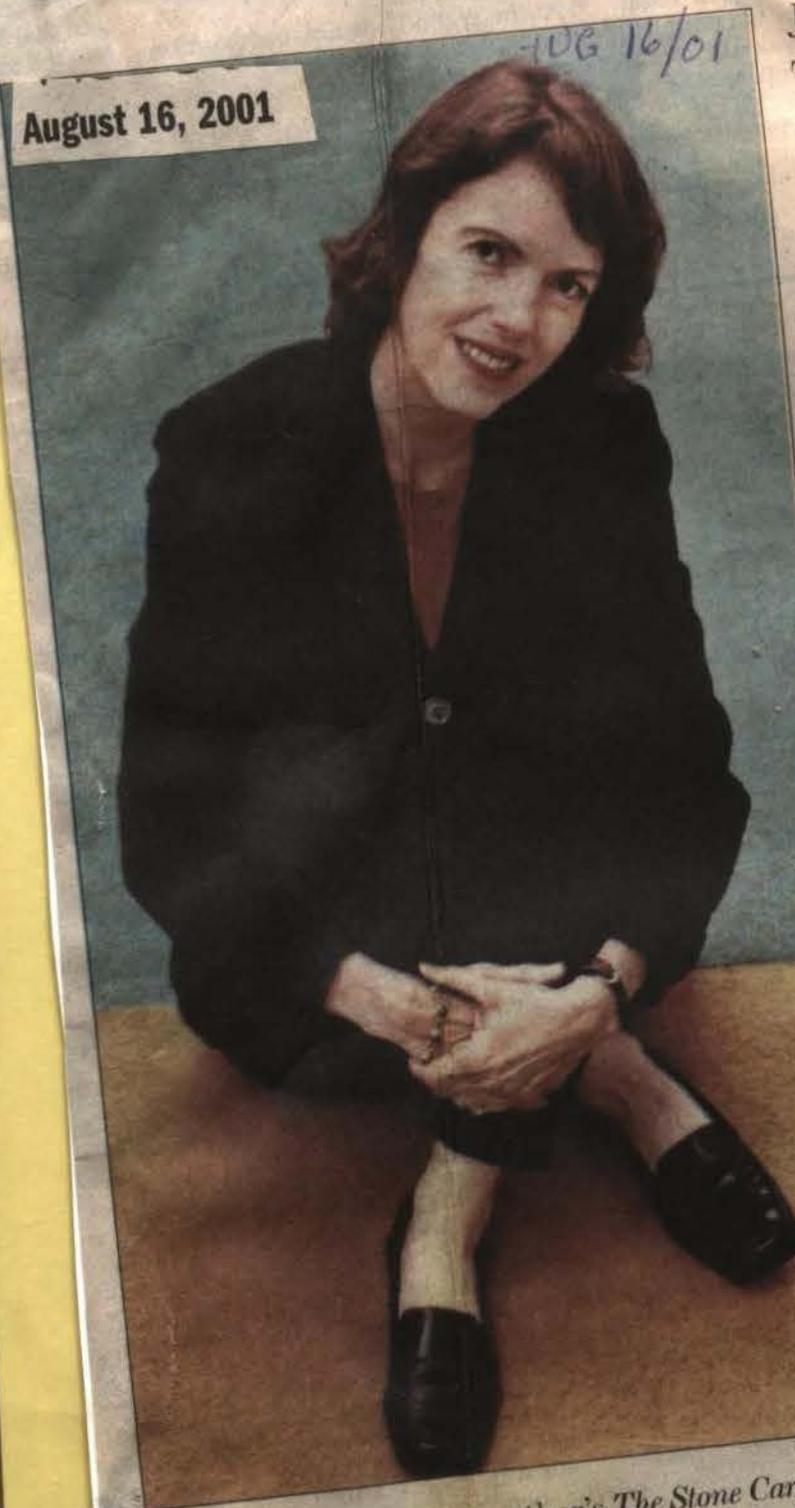
Church hails from Marmora Township in Hastings County, east of Peterborough.

Much smaller than Wellesley Township, with a population under 1,500, Marmora gave Church the varied background she needs to tackle her responsibilities here.

"I was there for 19 years and did all the jobs," she says. "We're right in the middle of a few projects so it's nice to have Gord here while I'm doing that."

Canadian in book race

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JANE URQUHART: Canadian author's *The Stone Carvers* has made a long list of 24 books nominated for the British 2001 Booker Prize.

Jane Urquhart's *The Stone Carvers* up for U.K. Booker

LONDON (CP) — Canadian author Jane Urquhart's book *The Stone Carvers* has made a long list of 24 books nominated for the 2001 Booker Prize, one of the world's most prestigious literary awards.

The release of the long list is a break in tradition for the prize, which normally releases a shorter list of finalists before naming its winner at a gala dinner in London's Guildhall in October.

"This is very good news, indeed," said Ellen Seligman, Urquhart's publisher at McClelland & Stewart in Toronto. "The timing of this is particularly nice as Jane is in the U.K. at the moment promoting the Bloomsbury Press edition of the novel."

The long list will be whittled down this year to a short list of finalists to be announced Sept. 18. Last year's award was won by Canadian author Margaret Atwood for *The Blind Assassin*, only the second time there has been a Canadian winner.

A total of 102 books were submitted by publishers for this year's prize, and another 17 were added to those by the judges, bringing the number of books considered to 119. Only British and Commonwealth authors are eligible.

Among those also nominated are Beryl Bainbridge for *According To Queeney*; Melvyn Bragg, *A Son Of War*; Peter Carey, *True History Of The Kelly Gang*; Nadine Gordimer, *The Pickup*; Nick Hornby, *How To Be Good*; James Kelman, *Translated Accounts*; Ian McEwan, *An Atonement*; and V.S.

Naipaul, *Half A Life*. Bainbridge, who is British, has made the short list for the Booker five times before this year but has never won.

Naipaul, Kelman, Carey, Gordimer and McEwan are all former winners of the Booker. Gordimer, a South African, also won the 1991 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Urquhart, who won the 1997 Governor-General's Award for her novel *The Underpainter*, lives in Stratford, Ont.

A central character in *The Stone Carvers*, Klara Becker, like many Canadian women after World War I, finds herself alone when her young lover fails to return, vanishing after going off to fight in 1914. In the book, the woman leaves her western Ontario farm for France more than a decade after the end of the war. She arrives at Vimy as the famous memorial to Canada's war dead is rising above the battlefield. But Klara disguises herself as a man for the trip to travel with her brother Tilman because the society of the time wouldn't have looked favorably on a woman making the journey. They travel by boat through the Great Lakes and across the Atlantic.

Klara and Tilman, who lost a leg at Vimy Ridge, put their childhood carving skills to use on the war memorial, where they meet sculptor Walter Allward, the Canadian responsible for its design.

Kenneth Baker, chairman of the Booker judging panel, said the decision to announce a long list for the first time is a chance to recognize more books. "We hope the list will highlight the wide-ranging depth and quality of books submitted for this year's Booker," he said in a news release.

WITH FILES FROM STAR STAFF

IT'S JUST ABOUT READY — Tony Urquhart ponders what else could be done to complete his latest "box sculpture". His unique

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art form has gained international recognition. The boxes meant to be viewed from all sides with doors opened in all possible positions — giving change of color, volume and silhouette.

Jane Urquhart

Urquhart explores own past in historic

AWAY, by Jane Urquhart (McClelland and Stewart, 356 pages, \$18.99).

I am full of so much admiration for Jane Urquhart's new novel *Away* that I hardly know where to begin.

First, a general impression. The Wellesley writer's third novel after the award-winning *The Whirlpool* and *Changing Heaven*, *Away* is a shimmering, iridescent work by an artist in full grasp of her powers.

Although a historical romance, with strong pastoral elements, one senses that this is Urquhart's own story — that is to say, the story of both her own family and the race to which her family belongs. Consequently, it is a story written with love as well as with the considerable technical gifts she brings to the task.

The novel encompasses four generations spanning 150 years, beginning in northern Ireland in the potato famine of the 1840s, which saw thousands of Irish people leave their meager homes, poverty, oppression, chronic illness and death to settle the New World.

The relationship between people and environment is a recurring theme in Urquhart's writing. Here the exploitation of Irish Catholics by English Protestants is seen as a parallel for the exploitation of the North American Indians by European settlers.

Urquhart explores the relationship between people and the landscape of language

of loss, embodies her theme of the relationship between society and environment, language and landscape. A society divorced from landscape, produces a language barren of poetry. Similarly, the rhythm of machines replaces dance and the squawking of political turmoil and social upheaval replaces song.

Adapting the Irish myth of "away" — I won't spoil the novel by attempting to explain this haunting poetic metaphor as given shape by Urquhart — the novel opens with Esther O'Malley Robertson looking out on Lake Ontario, east of Toronto, as she approaches death after more than 80 years of living on the family farm. Turning her gaze from the encroaching industry, which is slowly strangling the farm, Esther's gaze turns in on itself to her childhood memories of her grandmother and the stories she told of Esther's great-grandmother.

The first third of the novel, then, shifts to the rugged coastline of northern Ireland, where Mary, a beautiful young woman, loses her soul to a young seaman washed ashore only to die in her arms. Mary later marries a schoolmaster who defies English authority by teaching Gaelic in what were known as "hedge academies." The couple eventually emigrates to Canada with their young son Liam.

In Canada, the family settles in eastern Ontario after surviving the rough Atlantic crossing and the quarantine indignities of Grosse Isle. Settling the inhospitable Canadian Shield proves difficult, however, and Mary is

dowed with both her mother's stunning beauty and intuitive contact with a transcendent reality.

Although the novel concludes after returning to the present, the story ends with the assassination of D'Arcy McGee. How the Canadian politician's death ties into the story is left to readers to discover for themselves.

One of the novel's many strengths is its strong visual quality. Urquhart studied fine art at the University of Guelph and, interestingly, some of the passages in *Away* resemble romantic pictures. For example, a breathtakingly lovely passage depicting Mary gathering sea plants brings to mind pictures Millet painted of peasants working in the fields.

Away is a romantic pastoral in the tradition of the Brontes, Thomas Hardy and D.H. Lawrence. But, unlike her earlier novels, Urquhart is in full control of the genre and she makes it her own. Few contemporary writers chart the intimate relationship between inner and outer landscapes with the passion, elegance and evocative power of Urquhart.

As such, *Away* is the perfect novel to curl up with in front of the fire on a long winter's night or to read into the wee hours while snuggled in the warmth of your bed. But, more importantly, it is a book to pass along to friends with whom you share a love of literature.

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A Big Thank You from Country Style Meats



Pictured Greg Gerber with his wife Lora and two sons Brady & Connor

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Calvin Kuepfer with his wife Martha and daughter, Alyssa

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MORE THAN FRAMING — Garry and Dawn Malo are getting ready to serve their new customers in Wellesley. The Pfeifer Gallery plans to offer a lot more than custom framing. (Photo by Andy Campbell)

Wellesley's Pfeifer Gallery is much more than a framing store

by Andy Campbell

Dawn and Garry Malo are very pleased with the warm welcome they've gotten from Wellesley residents.

The couple recently moved their business, the Pfeifer Gallery, to downtown Wellesley, after outgrowing their space in Baden. Their current location, on Natziger Rd., has plenty of space for what is much more than a single business.

The custom framing business is already up and running, with one of the largest selections of frame samples around, and a computerized mat cutter that does some very precise cutting quickly and

inexpensively.

"Things that would have taken us 20 minutes now take two minutes," said Dawn, who will gladly spend as much time as necessary to assist customers in finding the perfect colour and style of

worldwide distributors of teddy bears, and other items. "We're hoping to make space available for artists and artisans to show their work," said Dawn.

This includes establishing a gallery upstairs, and making space available for artists to hold one-on-one lessons and conduct workshops. This promotion of the arts will extend to the literary and performing arts as well.

A tea room with a view of the pond is also planned. So far, there has been plenty of interest in the Pfeifer gallery.

The Malos had a busy booth at last week's Wellesley Home and Garden Show. Visitors filled out more than 200 ballots for their free draw.

One of the most common questions people are asking is when the gallery will be open. Dawn said that the framing business is already open, and she hopes to have everything else up and running by early summer.

The Pfeifer Gallery can be reached at 656-1074, or toll free at 1-888-965-5111. Inquiries, handmade

crafts. Dawn said that she is aiming for an eclectic mix, with a little of everything.

The Malos are the point to christening gowns to hockey jerseys, and has even been asked if she could frame a wedding gown.

Much of Garry's time is spent dealing with just one picture. The Malos are the

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Photo by Andy Campbell

Wellesley farmer honoured for 4-H work

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By Dave Pink
For Grand River Life

The wall in a quiet kitchen corner of Grace Oesch's century-old farmhouse is festooned with ribbons — ribbons that the family's beef cattle have won at fairs and shows throughout North America.

Breeding, raising and showing cattle is serious business at the Wellesley-area farm Oesch runs with her husband, Ivan, and son Doug. She's also serious about passing along those livestock-rearing skills to a younger generation.

Oesch recently was honoured for her 29 years of volunteer work with the 4-H Club, an organization that trains its young, mostly rural members in the agricultural arts. The Arbor Award was presented to Oesch at the provincial organization's annual meeting in Barrie.

Oesch shrugs off the achievement. "I suppose people get involved when their own kids are involved. I just stayed with it," she said.

"What I really enjoy is seeing the kids succeed, and that doesn't necessarily mean winning a red ribbon, but just completing their project."

Part of 4-H work involves farm management techniques, such as choosing and raising cattle; other components teach life skills.

But the clubs have evolved since Oesch first volunteered her services.

"When I started, the only crafts projects available to girls were cooking and



PHILIP WALKER, GRAND RIVER LIFE

Grace Oesch and her family raise Simmental beef cattle on their Wellesley farm.

sewing, and now there are a lot of crafts projects — just about anything from outdoor projects to computer projects."

These days there's less emphasis on learning from the book and more on learning from experience. "4-H work used to involve a lot of book work. When I was a kid we had to make our own notes," Oesch recalled.

"But kids get enough of that all week long at school, and they don't need to do that at 4-H as well. They should en-

joy 4-H, and they don't need to be sitting listening to a teacher when they can learn by doing."

4-H clubs are open to anyone from 10 to 21. Most members live on farms, not surprising, considering that many of the projects involve raising animals.

But there are a few exceptions. "One boy who lives in Milverton borrows a calf from us," Oesch said. He goes out to the farm every few days to tend to it.

While Canada's farmers number just

slightly more than three per cent of the total population, Oesch said 4-H Clubs are so deeply entrenched in the rural areas that they can only grow stronger. "There's a fairly big percentage of farm kids involved," she says. "I see it getting bigger."

Doug, 28, helps his mother with the Perth County 4-H cattle club. Oesch also has two married daughters.

She's also the immediate past-president of the Waterloo chapter of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association, and gives her time to other organizations such as the Wellesley Fair Board, the Ontario Agriculture Human Resources Council and the Ontario Farm Women's Network, a support and education group for farm women.

The Oesch family raises Simmental beef breeding stock on a 50-hectare (125-acre) farm that's been in Grace's family for five generations.

Simmentals, regarded as an exotic breed when they arrived from Switzerland almost 30 years ago, are now the second most popular beef breed in Canada, largely because of their rapid weight gain.

At any given time, there will be as many as 80 cows and calves at the Oesch farm — animals that regularly earn praise from judges at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, and at shows as far away as Kentucky.

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A day just for women

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KATE SCHWASS
Independent staff

An entire day just for the ladies will teach women how to pamper their feet, project a positive image of themselves to others and dress up their own home for different seasons.

In the past the Waterloo District Women's Institute has hosted workshops on woodworking and crafts, but committee member Ruth Jones said the workshops didn't seem to capture the attention of many women, so changes had to be made.

"I said, why don't we try a women's day where the entire program is open to everyone," Jones said. "I wanted to target all ages, from teenagers to women in their eighties."

The day is sponsored by the Waterloo District Women's Institute and will take place on March 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church in New Dundee. The cost is \$23 and includes refreshments and lunch and it is open to all women, not just members of the Institute.

The first topic of the day starts at the bottom with Carol Roth discussing fancy feet and how to take good care of your feet.

A Positive You is the topic of the second workshop where image consultant Sue Schmitt will teach women how to project a positive image and how what women wear can affect their attitude and the way other people see them.

"Sue spoke last year and so was so popular, everyone wanted her to come back," Jones said. Schmitt will also show how to properly apply make-up, how to dress for their body shape and how a purse can affect the way a woman looks.

Lunch is provided with the registration fee and then the afternoon is filled with how to perk up any room with decor and floral arrangements.

Charmian Patrick, a judge in horticulture and design and a member of the Garden Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, will show off some festive table ideas and how to decorate for all seasons. Floral designer Ann Diebel will follow Patrick's presentation to teach the basics of floral design so the women can go home and create beautiful arrangements.

"The point is, you don't have to go out and spend money," Jones said. "It's what you can do for your-

self."

There will also be a number of health organizations who will have booths set up for women to pick up information.

Through a Federation of Women's Institutes of Ontario initiative, community agencies and provincial organizations have combined their efforts under ROSE (Rural Ontario Sharing Education) to offer information to women. Some of the partners include Ontario Breast Screening program, National Eating Disorder Information Centre, Ontario Cervical Screening Program, Safe Kids Canada, The Alzheimer Society, The Arthritis Society and Osteoporosis Society of Canada.

There are still a few spots left for the all-day event and women who are interested in attending can call Ruth Jones at 662-4603 for more information or to register for the workshop.



NEW DUNDEE, March 25, 2002.

W.I. Educational Workshop

About 50 representatives from the 15 Women's Institutes of Waterloo District attended the annual Educational Workshop held at Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church here last Saturday. Beginning at 9 a.m. with registration, coffee and muffins, the ladies had the opportunity of selecting one of three different workshops offered at the morning and afternoon sessions. Amy Bradley of St. George presented two on the topic of "Herbs" in which she described the making of jams, jellies and vinegar from herbs, also how to care for herbs including planting, picking, drying and preserving.

Michelle from Michael's Craft Store in Cambridge demonstrated how to make Easter bunnies, clowns and Santas fashioned from ivy bowls and also conducted a workshop on "Memory Albums" in which she told ways to give a professional look to photos in order to preserve them properly.

The workshop on "Stencilling" was in charge of Brenda Stockman who illustrated various uses of the art in such things as wall or pillow decorations and greeting cards. Another workshop was also offered on "Alzheimer's Disease" with advice for caregivers.

Greetings were extended by provincial president Dianne Orr of the Wellington North District, by Waterloo District president Eleanor Berry, a member of the New Dundee Institute and by Pauline Weiland, provincial Advisory Council representative. Both Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Weiland are members of the District Education committee which planned the event along with Mrs. Linda Stoltz, committee chair; Ruth Jones, Mary Giles, Ann Snyder and Sylvia Westbrook. Mae Baer was in charge of registrations. A special guest during the day was Marion Bracken of the Wellington North District Education committee. A number of ladies were the winners of lucky prize draws held during the noon hour luncheon catered by June Rieck, which featured lasagna, salad and trifle for dessert. The afternoon concluded with the raffle draw with the winners receiving articles such as an Easter tree, Easter baskets, Environmentally Friendly books, a print and gift certificate.

Wellesley pot operation uncovered

One of the largest pot seizure since stepped up raids began

By Erik Martensson
OBSERVER STAFF

Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) has busted another large indoor marijuana-growing operation in the area, this time in the Town of Wellesley on Mar. 21.

Staff Sgt. Ray Massicotte, leader of the force's drug squad, said the seizure of plants in various stages of growth, equipment and a sophisticated hydro bypass from a bungalow at 114 Lawrence Street was one of the largest of 83 raids the drug squad has undertaken since June of last year.

"There were 667 plants in the basement and about \$20,000 worth of growing equipment. It was a fairly good one. If they're over 500 [plants], they're in the top half."

Massicotte said the

pothouse had been the subject of an ongoing investigation by the drug squad. At this time no arrests have been made and the case is still under investigation.

The Wellesley growing operation was likely connected to organized crime, noted Massicotte.

"It's got the earmarkings of every other one we've dealt with. We're treating it as that. We're treating it as one cog in a great big wheel."

The Wellesley bust follows three earlier marijuana-growing operation busts in the Woolwich and Wellesley area in recent months.

On Feb. 26 a raid on a Water Street home in St. Jacobs netted 541 plants. Less than two weeks earlier, on Feb. 14, an Elmira marijuana-growing operation with



NICE DIGS This marijuana operation was shut down on Mar. 21 at 114 Lawrence St., Wellesley

226 plants was busted at a Falcon Drive residence. Late last year, 611 plants were seized from a house on Blind Line Road, between Floradale and Wallenstein, on Oct. 26. In total four people were arrested as a result of the investigations.

Sgt. Gary McDowell of the

New Hamburg detachment of the WRPS said he expects there could be more marijuana-growing operation takedowns to come in the area.

"I'm not naive to think that there aren't more around here, but it's a matter of trying to find them. And the drug branch

is conducting a thorough and concerted effort to locate them. But they've got the whole region to cover."

It is believed the Region of Waterloo is home to more than 200 similar grow operations, with the majority connected to organized crime. Between Jan. 1 and Mar. 1 this year, WRPS seized 8,060 plants worth almost \$6 million and \$300,000 worth of equipment.

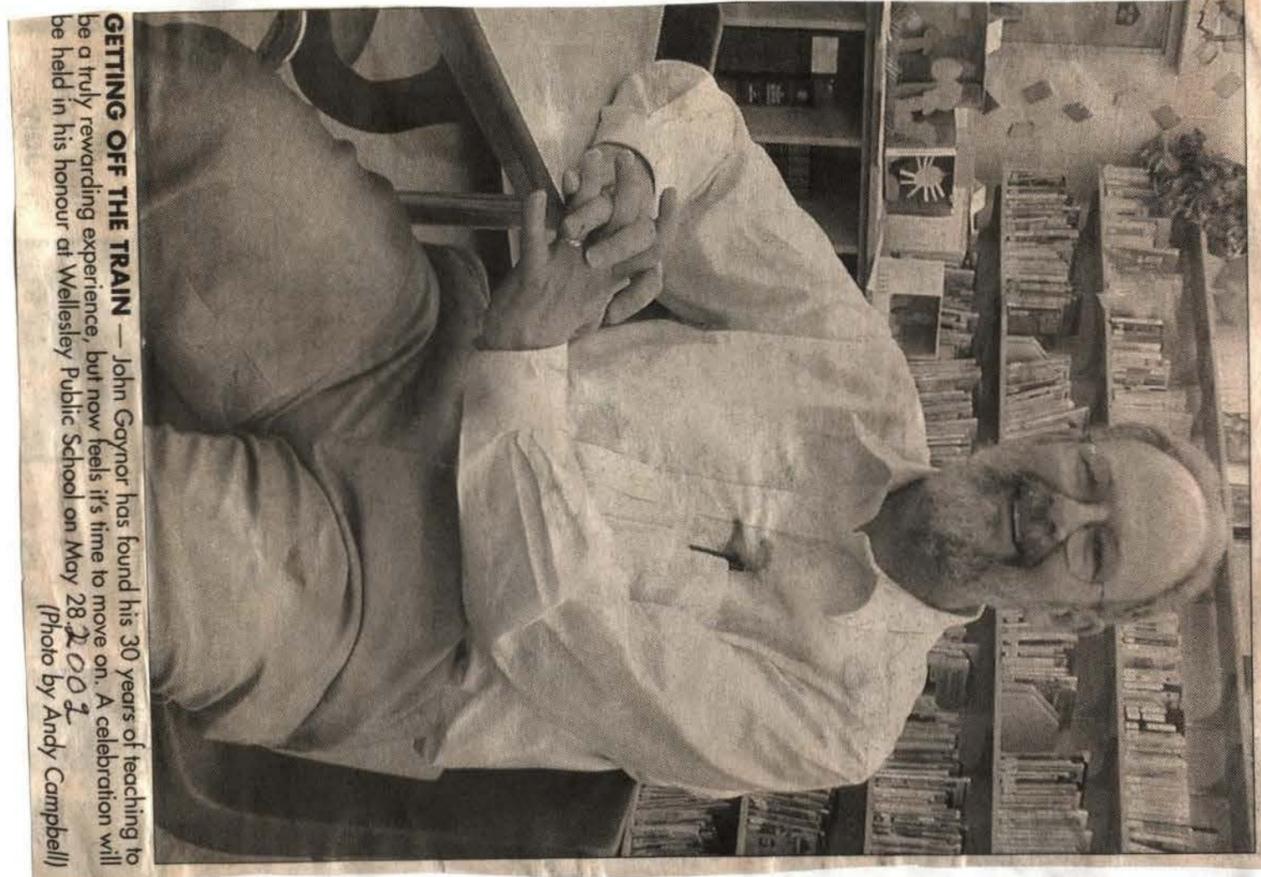
Police estimate illegal marijuana growers in Ontario bring in \$1 billion a year, making it the province's third-largest agricultural industry. Only beef cattle (\$1.2 billion a

year) and dairy farming (\$1.3 billion a year) bring in more revenue.

Massicotte is not surprised by the numbers. "It's the number-one cash crop in British Columbia and it outperforms the softwood lumber industry. To me, that's just mind-boggling."

"But it's a situation where we have to as a community remain vigilant, stick together, and continue to do the things that we've been doing that have made us successful here. We've had great success because of the cooperation from the public."

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GETTING OFF THE TRAIN — John Gaynor has found his 30 years of teaching to be a truly rewarding experience, but now feels it's time to move on. A celebration will be held in his honour at Wellesley Public School on May 28, 2002. (Photo by Andy Campbell)

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Members of the Royal Family applaud participants of the Golden Jubilee Festival Parade at The Mall in London yesterday. The royals include (from left to right) Prince Harry, Prince William, their father Prince Charles, the Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Andrew and his daughters Princess Beatrice and Princess

Eugenie. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in of the long weekend marking the Queen's 50th year on and story.

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Golden memories take flight

All stops pulled out as pageantry show wraps up festival

LONDON

In a golden carriage for a Golden Jubilee, the Queen accepted with small waves and a broad smile the roaring cheers and applause from a million people who lined London's streets yesterday to mark her 50-year reign.

The ceremonial procession brought the four-day festival to its climax in a show of British pageantry that is almost unrivalled during the Queen's time on the throne.

The horse-drawn Gold State Coach — an ornate closed carriage — has only been used twice in the last 50 years, making it one of the stars of a glittering jubilee program since the party began on Thursday with a classical concert at Buckingham Palace.

The Queen first used the four-tonne carriage — built in 1762 for King George III — for her coronation then again during her Silver Jubilee in 1977.

If there were doubts about the impact that the jubilee's success has had on the Royal Family, the Queen dispelled them when, at a luncheon in her honour, she spoke of the



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New life for the old mill?

Hamilton couple urging Wellesley Township officials to make every effort to save the old mill

DOUG COXSON
Independent staff

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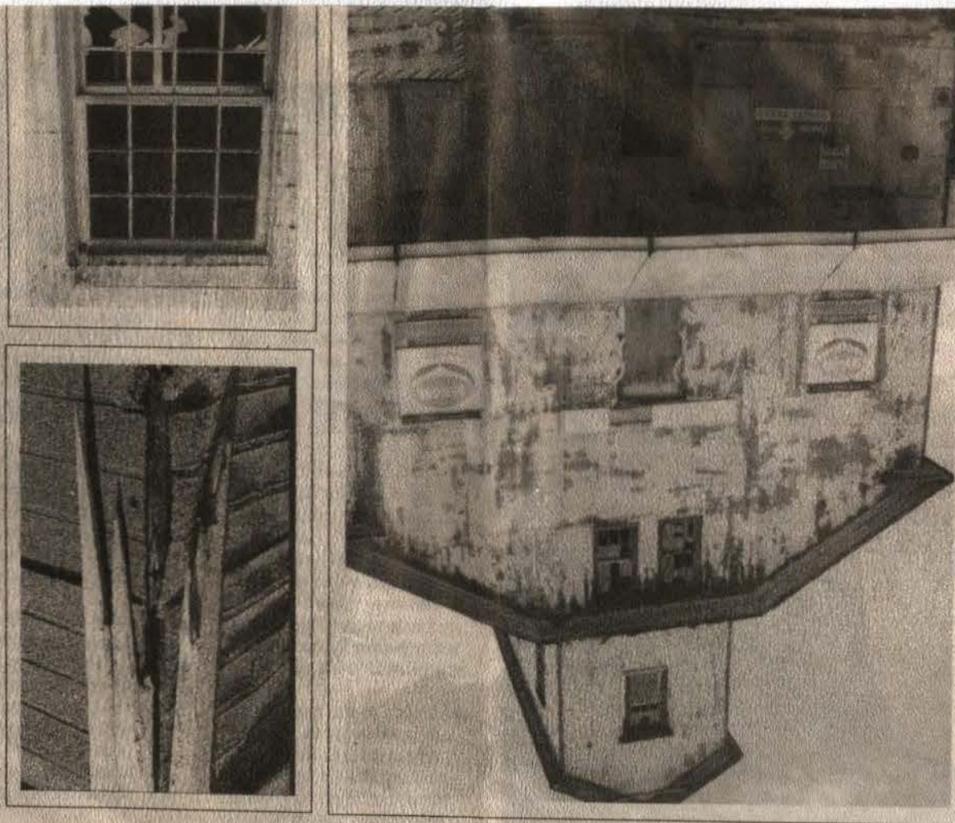
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Women's Institute celebrates 100 years

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Waterloo District Women's Institute members gathered for a rally Aug. 21 at the New Dundee Community Centre to celebrate their 100th anniversary.

More than 100 members and guests enjoyed a potluck supper, followed by opening greetings from District President Elinor Rau, of Elmira, who told the group about the first meeting held

in February 1902 in Winterbourne. Wellesley's branch was the next, beginning in 1903 and Branchton followed in 1904. More followed and eventually there were 33 branches in the district. Today, there are 15 active branches remaining, including three original groups.

Special guests for the evening included Regional Chair Ken Seiling, who told the audience that the Women's Institute has been

the drive of social agendas in our community. "Special thanks for a job well done," he said.

Provincial president Dianne Orr, of Damascus, brought greetings from the provincial board. Other messages from Jane Folkard, of Brampton, board director for the western region and Cindi Rabstein, vice-president for Guelph area were also given. Pauline Weiland, of Bloomingdale, who sits on the provincial advisory

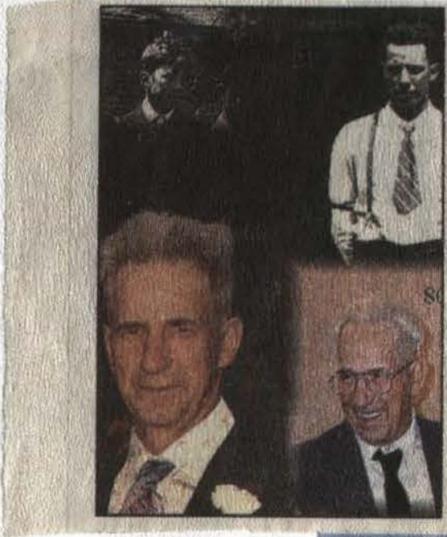
council for the Waterloo district, read the certificates received from the federal, provincial and regional governments.

Grace Scott, of Elmira, was the host of the program. Skits depicting five 20-year periods in the 100-year history of the organization were presented by members Agnes Reist, Emilie Klages, Jeanette Laing, Sandra Mitchell, Kay Knox, Sylvia Westbrook, Klazina Wasylcyia, Tammy

McCutchen and Tessa Moore.

A collection of \$300 was realized and will be equally distributed to the Erland Lee Home in Stoney Creek and the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless homestead in St. George.

Mrs. Marie Tilt, of Kitchener, who is 90 and one of the oldest W.I. members cut the birthday cake. Members are invited to a tea Sept. 8 at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless homestead.



GORDON HAMMER
Happy 90th Birthday.
September 8, 2002.

Best Wishes from wife, Zerine; children Mary and Ken, Verna and Jim, Doreen and Bill, Ross and Linda, Reid, Leonard and Marlyne, Brenda and Jeff; 23 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Gordon and Zerine live at 195 Natchez Rd. Apt. 807, Kitchener, N2N 1E2.

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In addition to his idea of developing the property as a means to boost tourism in the small town, Jantzi suggests the mill could be restored as a commercial feed mill or made into luxury condominiums by an imaginative developer, citing St. Andrew's Mill in Fergus for example.

The couple wants to hear from people in Wellesley willing to form a "friends of the mill" initiative. "We want to be a part of whatever happens and would like to get something going," says Robert.

The Jantzis can be reached at their Hamilton home by calling (905) 523-1666.

Their mailing address is 192 Hughson St. N., Hamilton, ON, L8L 7Z9.

The rundown Wellesley mill could be the subject of a campaign to breathe new life into the core of the community if the push to restore it is successful. DOUG COXSON, INDEPENDENT STAFF

into tax arrears. The township had sought a bid on the mill to cover taxes in the amount of \$60,892 including associated costs.

But in June the township received only one offer for the building and had to turn it down because it was well below the asking price.

The second tender failed for the same reason after the mill property was advertised for sale in local newspapers last August.

Township CAO Susan Duke says ideally the owner would come forward and pay off the tax debt. But according to treasurer Diane Lorbetski, he's washed his hands of the situation.

After discussing the property in a caucus meeting last week, councillors asked staff to explore other "options." Just what those options could be remains to be seen.

"I don't know what the answer might be because it comes down

to dollars and cents," admits Robert Jantzi who used Castle Kilbride in Wilmot as an example of what can be achieved with volunteer support and a township-backed fundraising drive.

The Jantzis want to see the mill restored, partly because Robert's father and grandfather used to own the property. The Jantzis, members of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills, claim the mill is historically significant

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Hats on for the Queen!

Whether fashionable, or fashion mistakes, royal hats draw second looks



in May that should have been rethought. And sometimes the Queen will wear a dramatic angled style that doesn't suit her. But usually she gets it right.

"Her hats are pretty cutting edge — conservatively cutting edge, if you know what I mean."

The Queen's hats have occasionally raised eyebrows — and laughter. In 1991, during a trip to the United States, she made a speech from a lectern that was way too tall for her. All anyone could see was her hat. "I imagine it was her advance man's last day of employment," said one observer.

Milliner Phillip Somerville sometimes designs up to 40 hats a year for the Queen. "Every hat has two hatpins, covered in the same material. I did say to Her Majesty once, 'Well, they're so barbaric.' And she said, 'Yes, Mr. Somerville, but I've never lost a hat.'"

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"A job that I love"

Variety is the best part of broadcasting, says Wellesley resident

by Andy Campbell

It might come as a surprise to some that broadcasting was the second career choice of Susan Cook-Scheerer.

"I wanted to be a veterinarian since I was a kid," said the Wellesley resident.

Growing up on a farm in the Gads Hill area, Cook-Scheerer loved animals. Unfortunately, by the time she reached her teens, she decided that her grades were not quite sufficient to pursue her chosen career.

She did, however, have skills in public speaking, and as a hockey fan, thought Dave Hodge had a pretty cool job.

Cook-Scheerer enrolled in a three-year Radio and Television Arts program at Ryerson, in Toronto, and graduated in 1986.

From there, she went to CJCS radio in Stratford, where she did news, and later DJ work, as well as promotions.

"One of the best things about working at a small station is you get to do a lot of different things," she said.

Cook-Scheerer moved to CFCA, which later became KOOL-FM, and worked there until being downsized. After spending some time freelancing, she accepted a maternity leave contract as a traffic reporter at CHYM, then worked at 570 during its transition from country to its current news talk format.

"It was a very busy time," she said.



FAMILIAR FACE — Susan Cook-Scheerer, of Wellesley, can be heard every morning on News Talk 570, and seen on the Rogers talk show, Daytime. (Photo by Andy Campbell)

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Dawn said that she is aiming for an eclectic mix, with a little of everything. This includes handmade crafts. The Power Family can be reached at 656-1074, or toll-free at 1-888-250-3164.

Cook-Scheerer returned to CJCS, but was soon contacted by News Talk 570, who wanted her as traffic reporter and "sidekick" for Dave Sturgeon's new show, *Sturgeon in the Morning*. That was in 1998, and she has been a part of the show ever since.

When she is not on the air, Cook-Scheerer works as a researcher for the show, lining up guests, finding background information and coming up with ideas. She enjoys this very much.

"I'm nosy by nature," she said. "I like knowing things."

The best part of the job is that it is never the same. Even when everything is planned out, it could all change in an instant, as events are constantly unfolding.

Starting in January of this year, Cook-Scheerer has also been the co-host of Daytime, a daily talk show on Rogers Television, along with KOOL-FM's Mark Paine. This hour-long live show is broadcast Monday to Friday at 11am. It focuses on local events and also includes interviews of wider appeal.

Guests on the show have included Phil Edmunston, author of the Lemon Aid books, Silken Laumann and the Amazing Kreskin. Local guests have included such people as Peter Etril

Snyder who, in addition to being a talented artist, also has a great sense of humour.

The show also includes theme days — cooking, fashion, lifestyle, entertainment and decorating.

The transition to television was a change for Cook-Scheerer, who was accustomed to being heard, but not seen. Makeup, clothes and posture are now important.

Cook-Scheerer is often asked about her Daytime co-host, Mark Paine.

"The Mark that you see on TV is the Mark that I work with," she said. "He's just like that."

She said that in addition to his quick wit, Paine is also a very compassionate person, with a knack for putting people at ease.

Both Cook-Scheerer and Paine do morning radio, so Daytime is near the end of their work day. However, Paine always comes to the show full of energy and enthusiasm.

While it is difficult getting up at 3:45 every morning, Cook-Scheerer is glad that her job allows her to be home when her three children, Justin, Kelsey and Carley, return home from school.

"When I come home at 1:30, that's when my real job begins," she said.

Cook-Scheerer and her hus-

band, Roger, have lived in Wellesley for about 12 years. As she is from the Stratford area, and he from Baden, by way of Milverton, it is a familiar area for both of them.

"It's just a comfortable place to be," she said.

In her spare time, Cook-Scheerer is a sports fan, and can often be found at the arena. She curls in the winter, and can often be found reading something, whether it is a book, a newspaper or a magazine.

She also asked to participate in community events, such as judging the upcoming Miss Oktoberfest pageant and serving as master of ceremonies for the Women of the Year awards.

Being in broadcasting also means having fans. One of the most puzzling experiences is meeting a radio listener who says "you don't look at all like I pictured you," then walks away without saying any more.

It is all part of being a public figure, something that seems strange to Cook-Scheerer, although she enjoys hearing positive comments from people who enjoy her work.

"To me, it's a job that I love," she said. "You don't think of it as being out there so much."

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Members share history of Women's Institute

by Grace Scott

Members and guests attending the March meeting of the Everfaithful Women's Institute at the home of Charlotte Vines were delighted to welcome a reporter from the new weekly newspaper, The Floradale Free Press, to their meeting.

Eager to revive interest in the local community, Jemima Frey, having heard of the meeting, and, because she had never heard of WI, decided to attend and learn about the organization. Several of the members were just as eager to help her.

Gwen Stewart told Frey about the origin of the movement. She told of the young mother from Hamilton, Adelaide Hoodless, whose little son died from drinking impure milk. She realized that she was not alone; few women knew about domestic hygiene, so she began a lifetime of educating women in this area.

This led to the creation of the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek in 1897. The movement grew from 149 branches in 1904 to 25,000 members in 843 branches in 1914.

standing. It has groups in more than 80 countries and also meets every three years when women of every colour and creed work together to improve the lot of women and children worldwide.

When Frey asked what had been accomplished by WI, she received many answers. The WI has often been instigators of later government and social measures: the wrapping of bread, the white lines on the highways, the mandatory stopping for school buses with flashing lights and living wills, to name a few. Many others were also mentioned.

In thanking the ladies, Frey, also known as Sandra Mitchell, promised a great write-up in the next issue of The Floradale Free Press.

The roll call and motto for the meeting also focussed on the WI organization. The roll call, "what has WI done for one?" evoked some excellent answers, ranging from participation in 4-H to making new friends. The motto "what have I done for WI?" asked some thought-provoking questions of members.

Diane Bloch then took over and told of the formation of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario (FWIO) in 1919. This enabled the WI branches to work together on social reform issues: in education, where WI members ran for positions on school boards as well as introducing hot lunches and music in schools, to name a few changes; in health concerns; in improvement in agricultural production, in immigration and in community activities.

Jean Ziegler then chimed in to tell of the formation of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC), also in 1919. This brought branches from all across Canada under one umbrella. FWIC coordinates the work of these branches and acts as a clearing house for their activities. A convention is held in one of the provinces every three years, and Ziegler urged women — and their husbands — to attend and meet their peers from other provinces and learn of their problems and successes.

Darlene Aberle told of the world-wide organization, the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), which was the brain-child of Madge Watts, a WI member from Grey County. On moving to England, she introduced WI to England and Wales, and then, along with a couple of prominent English members, organized this great organization and became its first president. Its work with women in the emerging countries is out-

In the absence of the president, Elinor Rau presided over the business. Members were reminded of the Waterloo District WI annual meeting, to be held in New Hamburg on May 28. They were also reminded of our own annual meeting, to be held April 15 at Marion's Country Cupboard in Hawkesville. Their volunteer hours are to be tallied up and handed in, as well as reports from various committees at that meeting.

Catering committees were set up for a couple of upcoming events. Sandra Mitchell, Margaret Hatherton and Noreen McDougall will be in charge of the Trinity Euchre Club's annual dinner on May 3. Pat Seibel, Sandra Mitchell and Grace Scott will look after the Trinity Mary Martha UCW group on May 22.

The FWIO ROSE needs assessment was discussed briefly. Elinor Rau made an announcement concerning a district bus trip to the Hoodless Home at St. George and the Erland Lee Home at Stoney Creek in August.

Three awards for high school graduates are available: the Waterloo Region Award, the Helena Feashy Award, and the 100th Anniversary MacDonal Hall Award. Applications are available at secondary schools in Waterloo Region. Applicants must have WI connections.

A generous donation to the Woolwich Interfaith Counselling Centre was approved.

A social half-hour brought the evening to a close.

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I (Councillor, Joe Nowak) had the opportunity to attend the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute in Wellesley on May 14, 2003.

It was an inspiration to be party to a celebration of one hundred years of service and camaraderie for this women's group.

Historically this group has participated in many community minded functions and this tradition continues today.

The Women's Institute in recent history has participated in such notable projects as the funding for improvements to Fire Equipment for the Wellesley Detachment, improvements to the Library accommodations in Wellesley, and development of the Wellesley Preschool.

We wish the Wellesley Women's Institute another one hundred years of continued operation and service to the community and we thank you whole heartedly for the past one hundred years of patriotic service to home and country.

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A century's worth

Local women celebrate 100th anniversary of Women's Institute in Wellesley

JOANNE PEACH
OBSERVER STAFF

Ladies of the Wellesley Women's Institute (WI), area branch members and local dignitaries gathered on May 14 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the organization and its good works in the community.

The celebration was an occasion to honour the WI's current members and to recall some of the organization's history, as well as an opportunity for old friends to meet and share in a traditional sing-song.

Each Wellesley WI member - Olive Roth, president; Mae Baer, secretary; former president June Sellers; Sophie Roeder, Ivy Mohr, Joanna Milner, Hilda Koch, Agnes Kaufman, Ina Faulhafer, Zerine Hammer and Nellie Cutler - was presented with a commemorative pin by a representative of the organization's provincial office.

Kathy Sellers, daughter of former WI president June Sellers, presented a brief but entertaining history of the women's work in the past 100 years. From its inception in 1903, the WI has performed a variety of services for Wellesley Village ranging from the



STANDING PROUD Members of the Wellesley Women's Institute: Mae Baer, secretary; Agnes Kaufman, Olive Roth, president; Nellie Cutler (top row left to right) Ina Faulhafer, Laurene Sherk; Hilda Koch; former president June Sellers; Sophie Roeder Zerine Hammer; Joanna Milner and Ivy Mohr collect their WI pins in commemoration of the institute's 100th anniversary.

upkeep of the old library and community hall to collecting food and clothes for soldiers overseas to purchasing a thermal imaging camera for the Wellesley Fire Department. Sellers told the crowd of 50 or

so visitors.

During those years, the women of the WI have been a formidable force in the community when something needed to be done.

"With the library in shape the

women of the institute turned their energies to the community hall in 1927 with a motion to put a light in front of the hall as well as flower bed. Over the years they lovingly continued to improve this focal point for

the town," read Sellers from her historiography of the Wellesley WI.

With the community hall in order, the women began in 1930 to address the problem of the garbage dump alongside the Wellesley Pond. "Thus started an eight-year crusade," read Sellers. In 1930, the WI placed a motion on the floor vowing to rid the community of the dump "That area in question was the very same tennis court and park facility that we enjoy today."

With the onset of Second World War in 1939, the WI proceeded to collect goods for their husbands and sons overseas. "Gathering wastepaper, buying war stamps, cutting and sewing, cooking and farming ... that was the Ontario institute woman's path for victory," said Sellers. Over the next four years, the WI donations went to the Red Cross, the Navy and the Central War Fund. Yarn was bought to make socks and care packages made their way overseas thanks to the WI. Since then, the WI has continued to play an instrumental role in the community.

"I'm sure that the activities of the Wellesley WI have enriched the town, their families and the many women from this small village who have sustained this organization," Sellers con-

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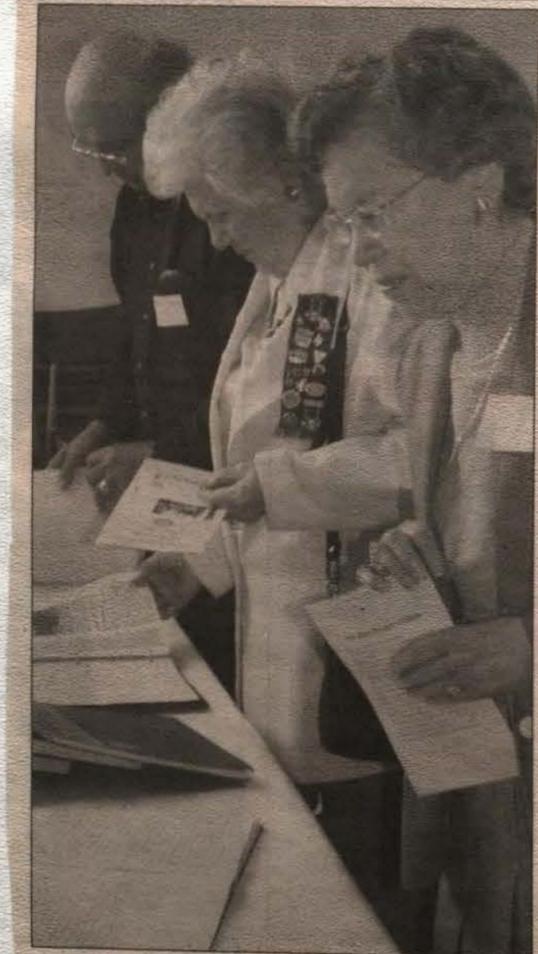
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CONGRATULATIONS From left to right members of the Wellesley Women's Institute Laurene Sherk; Mae Baer, secretary; Ivy Mohr; Hilda Koch; Sophia and Agnes Kaufman received a memento from Wellesley Council on July 7 commemorating the group's 100th celebration held in May. The photograph donated by the Woolwich Observer was mounted on a plaque and presented to the ladies by Coun. Joe Nowak (left) and Mayor Doug Berman.

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Century milestone

The Wellesley Women's Institute celebrated its 100th anniversary last week with an afternoon open house at the village's community centre. Here, Jean Morlock, of the St. Jacobs WI, Carol Cressman, of the Bloomingdale WI and Wellesley Coun. Joe Nowak look over the historic minute books and Tweedsmuir histories on display.

JANA MILLER, INDEPENDENT STAFF

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"What is the significance of the Women's Institute to the community?"

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"Support of rural women... a way of getting out and getting to know other people."



Annemarie Haltemann

"During the war they made things that were sent overseas to the soldiers."



Melissa Junker

"Getting things done... my husband always used to say if you want anything done give it to a group of women."



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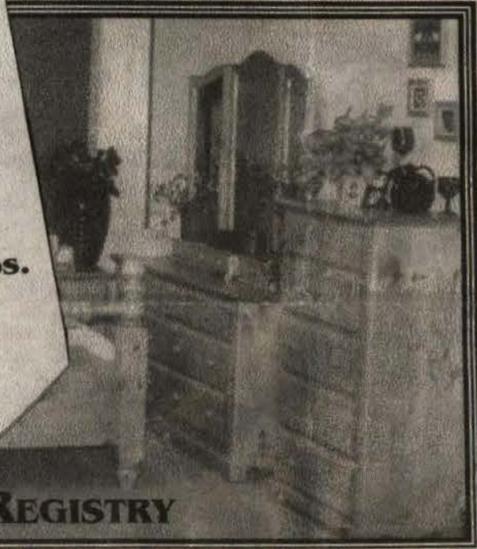
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Four seek Wellesley's Ambassador title

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A diverse group of four young women will vie for the crown at this year's Wellesley Ambassador of the Fair competition. The 36th annual competition in Wellesley will be judged Sept. 9 in front of a crowd of spectators at the Wellesley arena following a public speaking presentation and interview with a panel of judges.

The 2003 group includes: **Denise Brenneman**, of RRI Wellesley, has entered exhibits at the fair for several years. The daughter of Don and Marlene Brenneman, is a Sunday School teacher at Trinity Evangelical Missionary Church in Waterloo and works in the children and youth program. She enjoys reading, making crafts and volunteering. Brenneman has



Denise Brenneman

been a member of the Wellesley Figure Skating Club for years and has helped coach during her time with the club. Over the summer, Brenneman works as a housekeeper and kitchen help at a summer camp near Ottawa.

The 18 year old, who is



Jennifer Eidt

attending Wilfrid Laurier University for business administration this fall, is sponsored by the Wellesley Optimist Club.

Jennifer Eidt, of Baden, is the 16-year-old daughter of Alvin and Donna Eidt. She plays rugby for Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary



Lindsay Givlin

School and is the editor of the school newspaper, The Say So.

She has also helped with Sunday school classes and Christmas pageants at Lingelbach United Church. Entering her final year at W-O this week, Eidt wants to attend university next fall



Danielle Schmidt

with plans to follow through with a career as a high school English teacher.

Eidt says she wanted to be a part of this year's fair ambassador competition to meet new people, have fun and get more involved in the community.

Lindsay Givlin, of Wellesley, is the daughter of Francis and Rosie Givlin. The 17-year-old is entering Grade 12 at W-O this fall and says she knows the fair ambassador competition is going to be a fun time. "I like getting involved in the community and meeting new people."

She recently returned from a 10-day mission trip to New Orleans through the Kitchener-based group Youth With A Mission. While there she worked with

under privileged children living in government housing projects. Next July Givlin plans on travelling to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to work with homeless children.

Givlin is sponsored by Pym's Village Market.

Danielle Schmidt, 18, of Stratford spent her fifth summer at Cadet Camp at CFP Borden. Going on her sixth year as a cadet at the Stratford Armouries, Schmidt spent her first summer as a staff member at the leadership camp and currently holds the top cadet rank of chief warrant officer. The active teen plays soccer and enjoys drawing and painting. After she graduates high school, Schmidt wants to participate in a working exchange to France to improve her language skills. Her ultimate goal is to attend Ryerson University for a degree in architecture which she plans to use in a military career.

"I always wanted to do some public speaking," says Schmidt about wanting to participate in this year's ambassador competition. "I have a lot of family history in Wellesley and I wanted to be a part of the community."

She is the daughter of Dale Schmidt and is sponsored by the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford.

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Apple Butter & Cheese Festival is wrong place for starting diet

BY BRENT DAVIS
RECORD STAFF

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There are a few things you shouldn't forget to bring if you're heading to next Saturday's Apple Butter & Cheese Festival in Wellesley.

The kids, for one. It'll be hard to pull them away from the farm toys on display, the pony and stagecoach rides and the puppet shows.

Bring Gramma and Grampa too. They'll probably make a beeline for the quilt auction or the antique cars and tractors parading down the main drag at noon.

But whatever you do, please don't bring a belt. Just wear a pair of really comfortable pants, preferably with a forgiving elastic waistband. Because, as its name suggests, food is definitely a highlight at the annual event.

There's apple butter and cheese, of course. Apple butter, for those who aren't familiar with it, is a tasty spread typically made with cider-steamed apples, sugar, spices and baking soda.

But there's lots of other goodies that could make even the most conscientious dieter abandon their plans for the day. There's a pancake and sausage breakfast at 7 a.m., a smorgasbord dinner of roast pork, pigtales and roast beef from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and food booths selling everything from schnitzel on a bun to home-made apple dumplings and fritters.

Get there early. Although no one takes an exact count, the annual festival — this is its 28th installment — can bring tens of thousands of visitors into the small village.

"It's a very diverse festival," said volunteer Julie Robson. "There's lots of things for any age to do."

Among the draws are tours of local farms including a goat operation, horse and dairy farm, and a sheep farm where shearing demonstration will be featured. Other activities include a model boat regatta and a horse shoe tournament.

The festival was started more than a quarter-century ago in an effort to promote the village and its two major businesses, Wellesley Brand Apple Products (A.W. Jantzi & Sons Ltd.) and the J.M. Schneider Cheese Factory.

Although the cheese plant is no longer there, the cider mill, which opened in 1922, still operates and will be offering tours next Saturday.

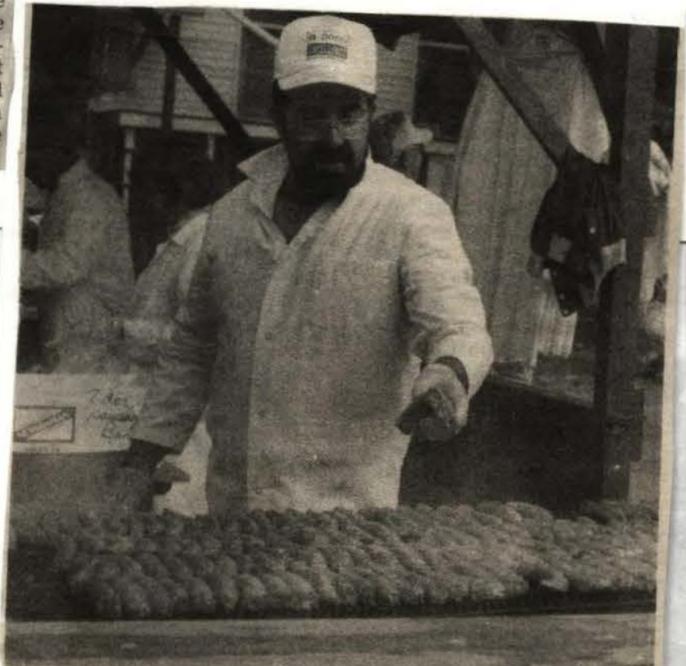
Proceeds from food sales and vendors' rental fees will be earmarked for the refurbishing of the village library, housed in the old schoolhouse.

The festival committee has pledged \$30,000 over five years to that project. In a typical year, the festival can raise between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the community.

Festival admission, parking, farm

tours and many events are free. For more information, visit the festival's Web site at www.i-bahn.com/apples or call 656-2400 (Wellesley Brand Apple Products).

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SAUSAGE-ON-A-BUN — The Wellesley Sons ball club operated the sausage-on-a-bun booth on Queen street. Robert Seyler said the club expected to serve 700 pounds of sausage.

'95 ABC has record profits

by Kelly Daynard

Wellesley - The 1995 Apple Butter and Cheese Festival made profits of \$26,907.70 - the most ever raised at the annual event. This year's total was up almost \$7,000 from the previous year's total and even exceeded the festival's peak year in 1989 when profits of \$26,000 were realized.

Much of the success may have been due to ideal weather conditions of September's festival which brought record crowds to the community. The 1995 totals are also up from those in 1993 of \$21,821.82.

Once again, the biggest money maker for the festival were the Farmer's Market booths which brought a profit of \$15,849.20. In second place was the pancake breakfast with a profit of \$4,388.46.

Other successful money makers included the sale of apple fritters for \$3,951.87, the smorgasbord meal with a profit of \$3,238.90, the sale of apple pie with profits of \$2,924.27, the sausage on a bun booth with profits of \$2,857.47 and the sale of apple butter for \$2,339.07.

The chicken barbecue raised \$1,791.60. The wet booth raised \$1,620.84 and the quilt auction

raised \$1,995.25. Rides on the carousel brought in another \$671.95 while the horseshoe tournament raised \$121.

From the 1994 festival, the ABC was able to donate \$12,302.76 back to the community. A total of \$5,846.09 was put into the downtown beautification project which saw the ABC and Board of Trade cooperate on a number of improvements in the core area.

The ABC committee also donated \$1,319 to improvements in the community centre; \$2,500 to the Wellesley fire fund; \$200 to the Wellesley fire department's first aid program; \$2,169.47 for the Specialized transit service and \$228.20 to purchase flowers that were planted in the downtown area.

Another \$40 was donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

In previous years, the ABC has given out thousands of dollars in donations to such projects as helping with the building of the arena, paving the arena parking lot, purchasing and building ball diamonds, a children's playground and a soccer field beside the arena, modifying the community centre and re-tiling the arena's dressing rooms.

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Wellesley and District Board of Trade volunteer Cheryll McCabe flips pancakes as the lineup forms for the big ABC breakfast Saturday morning.

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Stratford couple Gerry and Ruth Chadwick came to this year's ABC Festival to get their hands on a box of their favourite apples and they weren't disappointed, picking up a box of Toman Sweet from a popular festival vendor.



Vera Becker stirred the homemade-soap cauldron for her last time at this year's ABC Festival, deciding after 14 years to pass the tradition on to New Hamburg's Sue Frost, right.



Learning the ABCs

Judging by the turnout, a little rain couldn't dampen the excitement at this year's Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival.

Photos by Doug Coxson



Winner of the Men's A Division championship at the festival's horseshoe tournament Stan Leis, of Kitchener, tosses a few practice shoes, before the big match with rival Jeff Albrecht.



Strolling through the festival crowd with her three white parrots, Renate Paulini, of Listowel, was a hit with festival goers of all ages.

Santa coming to Wellesley

The residents of Wellesley have come to appreciate the community spirit generated by the annual treelighting ceremony during the Christmas season and this year, that spirit will, no doubt, over-

Village hasn't had a Santa parade in decades

flow into the village's first Santa Claus parade in decades.

The Wellesley and District Lions Club and several local businesses are behind the newest venture which will see Wellesley residents treated to a fun-filled evening of Christmas—and community—spirit.

According to Mary Basse, a parade committee member, the idea for the parade has been "on the backburner for about a year," but with growing enthusiasm for the plan in the community, the group felt the time was right.

The parade will take place on Dec. 12—the same evening of the annual tree lighting event on the island in the park. The parade will assemble at Wellesley Public School and is expected to begin at 6:45 p.m.

Following the parade there will be a live nativity scene in the park at approximately 7:30 p.m., just prior to the 7:45 p.m. tree lighting ceremony. At 8:30 p.m., there will be a special guest at The Pfeifer Gallery.

Anyone interested in registering a float or walking group for this year's parade can contact Jean Horne at 656-2688. Non-perishable food items will be collected along the parade route to be donated to the region's food bank.

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Site selected for new satellite community health centre

TIM MURPHY
Independent staff

Wellesley will be the site of a new health centre according to the Woolwich Community Health Centre executive director. Denise Squire said the new satellite health centre will be located in the village of Wellesley at 1180 Queen's Bush Rd.

"We're very excited to be at this point in the development of the satellite health centre," she said. The official approval for the site was announced by the Ministry of Health last November and, within weeks, Squire said, a site was being sought. She said there was a significant capital planning and

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taken on. "That would be our initial target," Squire said.

The centre is slated to open in mid-August, but more details will come through community newsletters to Wellesley residents.

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Elsie Stephenson
FWIO President



Health centre funded for 1.5 doctors

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approvals process required by the Ministry of Health. It was in the past few weeks that all the necessary approvals were finalized.

"Now that we have the site confirmed and an estimated time frame for the occupancy, we can start working on recruitment of staff, planning the program and preparing for client intake."

Squire said there was definitely a need to locate in the Wellesley area, as a population of nearly 10,000 is being served by one physician.

The facility is being funded for 1.5 physicians, which could also equate to three part-time doctors. A nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse and other part-time staff are also accounted for in the funding model. The part-time staff could include a dietitian, counsellor and other health workers.

The new health care centre means many people without a family doctor will now be able to have one she said.

"There's no such thing as a standard formula," she said, but estimates as many as 2,400 people could be taken on.

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Local libraries enter reciprocal agreement

The Waterloo Regional Libraries, the Cambridge Public Library and the Waterloo Public Library have entered into a reciprocal arrangement that gives members from each of the three communities access to each other's library's collections and services.

The libraries teamed together following the success of a similar arrangement between the Cambridge Library and the Hamilton Public Library over the last two years.

The arrangement came into affect Jan. 5 allowing borrowers to use their existing cards at all three

libraries. In Waterloo, Waterloo Regional Library cardholders will be issued a Waterloo Public Library card until some outstanding issues are resolved relating to the WPL's shared computer system with the Kitchener Public Library.

Residents have full borrowing privileges at the three participating library systems and can borrow, renew and place holds

according to the rules of the library. Library materials must be borrowed from and returned to the owning library.

Manager of public services with Waterloo Regional Libraries Katherine Seredynska said the collaboration has been underway since last fall.

"It's pretty exciting stuff," she said, noting that many borrowers in the regional

system work in Cambridge or Waterloo and will find the reciprocal agreement a real convenience.

Seredynska confirmed that other libraries across southern Ontario could be joining the borrowing network in the coming months as the region works toward the ideal of a one-card system for all libraries in the area.



ALWAYS EAGER TO HELP Wellesley Village's Steve Jantzi is set to take home the Wellesley Board of Trade 2004 Citizen of the Year award Feb. 11. RICHARD VIVIAN

A true community man

Steve Jantzi to receive Wellesley BOT 2004 Citizen of the Year award

RICHARD VIVIAN
OBSERVER STAFF

As he headed out to the monthly Wellesley Board of Trade (BOT) meeting earlier this month, Steve Jantzi knew they'd be discussing the 2004 Citizen of the Year award. He didn't, however, expect to find his name on the ballot. And he certainly didn't think he'd be chosen as this year's recipient.

"I was happy to see it, I guess - it's an honour," he told the *Observer* of his initial reaction to the Jan. 12 ballot. "I always keep thinking there are other people more worthy of it - the people who have been around longer and done more over their lifetime. I'm very honoured to win."
"He's always pitching in to help, no matter what. He doesn't think he's worthy of it, but we're certainly proud of him," added

his wife, Faye.
The award will be presented during the BOT's Feb. 11 Valentine Ball and Citizen of the Year Banquet at Wellesley Community Centre. Along with having his name engraved on a plaque, Jantzi will also get to choose a framed artistic print to take home.
Support for Jantzi's nomination was "overwhelming," BOT president Doug Allen ex-

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Jantzi named Citizen of the Year

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plained. Five other community members were also nominated for the annual award, which has been presented in recognition of community spirit and service since 1974.
Jantzi is a regular volunteer for community initiatives, serves on the Wellesley Mennonite Church auditing committee and, as president of Wellesley Apple Products, donates cider and the use of company equipment to help out whenever he's called upon.
"He's very generous in providing stuff from his company for various events ... and he's certainly active in the community - very low-key at the same time," Allen said.
"Somehow he seems to find time for these extra little things," BOT treasurer Terry Dennerley added,

noting Jantzi's busy work schedule. As last year's recipient, Dennerley will present Jantzi with the award during the Feb. 11 ceremony. "He certainly is one of the most generous benefactors we have [in the village]."
"He's always such a cheerful giver and a cheerful helper in any way he can."
When it comes to Wellesley Apple Products' donations, Jantzi suggested, it's all part of being a good corporate citizen.
"We try to be involved as much as you can in the community. You have to do your part and belong and fit in. I think that's a part that I enjoy about it: it gets you away from the regular day-to-day grind of business," he said with a smile. "There are a lot of other businesses that

do a lot, too, but if everybody does there part, then it certainly does go a long way."
Twice a year, Jantzi can also be found atop a forklift on Queen's Bush Road putting up and taking down the holiday decorations from light stands.
"It's enjoyable work. We always have a good crew of volunteers to help. And the satisfaction of seeing it when it's all done and the town lit up, it goes a long way," he said.
Since word began to spread about his upcoming award "it's been a media frenzy," the modest man chuckled. Jokingly, his wife offered to make him a sash to wear around to pronounce the achievement.
"At work, I take a little bit of ribbing over it," he said.

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Futhers sell furniture store after 70 years

by Andy Campbell

A long-standing member of Wellesley's business community will soon be closing its doors.

Futher Bros. Furniture store was recently sold. The new owner will take possession Apr. 1, and begin converting the building to offices.

The property and the business have been in the Futher family for 70 years.

"My dad bought the business in 1934," said Bill Futher, who owns the company along with his brother, Ron.

The furniture store and funeral home, the latter of which has not been sold, were formerly owned by Ed Ratz, who later became a partner in Kitchener's Ratz-Bechtel funeral home. He sold the business to John Ratz, and Milton "Pat" Futher bought it after Ratz died.

When Pat Futher died, toward the end of 1962, sons Bill and Ron took over.

"It was a booming concern then," said Bill.

A major addition was constructed in 1968, to accommodate the growing furniture store. The Futher brothers remained equal partners in both the furniture and funeral business, although Bill generally managed the furniture store, while Ron was in charge of the funeral home.

any business. The thing he has enjoyed the most, however, is dealing with the public.

"You're always meeting new people," he said.

Despite its out-of-the-way location, Futher Bros. Furniture has always brought in customers from a wide area, with Kitchener and Waterloo accounting for at least 70 per cent.

In recent years, there has been increasing competition from larger furniture stores in the city, but Bill feels that his prices have remained competitive, and that customers appreciate the superior quality of the merchandise he carries.

The prices have recently gotten even better, since the liquidation sale began, with discounts of up to 70 per cent.

"We're selling everything to the bare walls," said Bill. "This past week has been really busy."

Bill will not be retiring in April, however. He will be working at the funeral home, although he expects to be working fewer hours.

"You have to keep busy doing something," he said.

Retirement for the Futher brothers will wait until after the funeral home has been sold. Bill does not know when that will be, but said that there is interest.



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COMFY CHAIR — Bill Futher is offering substantial discounts, in order to clear out inventory before Futher Bros. Furniture closes its doors. The business was purchased by Milton Futher in 1934, and has been owned by Bill and his brother Ron since 1963. (Photo by Andy Campbell)

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Thieves target Wellesley business in overnight raid

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used tools to damage door locks to the point where the locks gave way, explained investigating officer Const. Kulraj Sehra of New Hamburg's 1A division.

strong port. Kids might not be into port like they would be into a bottle of wine ... so we'll stick to port," he chuckled.

the hinges.
Police are unsure if there's any relation to a similar crime spree in Linwood earlier this month. That incident saw six facilities broken into overnight Mar. 1.

It's unknown how many people were involved. "It's usually in pairs," the constable said. "One person isn't going to do this alone, so I'd say anywhere from two to three people, four maybe."

The back-up wine supply, which is kept in a separate cupboard was also opened.

"At this time ... I can't really say. We don't know," Sehra added.

Cash was the only thing targeted by the thieves.

"They had gone around in all the cupboards in the kitchenette that it's part of," the pastor continued, referring to a cabinet housing the back-up wine, which had been opened using a key normally kept in a nearby cupboard.

Two Hawkesville businesses were similarly targeted by thieves overnight Mar. 23. As with the Wellesley incidents, the businesses were entered after exterior doors were forced open and petty cash stored in office areas was taken. Neighbouring Broadway Street businesses County Lane Builders and Edge Wood Lumber were hit.

"I have reason to believe that was all they were looking for because there was a lot of other stuff there that wasn't taken," noted Sehra.

"Thank God they didn't destroy the cupboard, because it was hand-made by a church member."

The following night, the compound at Elmira Farm Service on Church Street was entered and two John Deere lawn tractors were taken.

In the case of the church, nothing may have been taken, but several office areas were rummaged through, with papers and other desk drawer contents scattered on the floor. The communion wine box was opened, but none was missing, explained Thomas.

It's unknown what order the thieves broke into the facilities.

Anyone with information about the break-ins is asked to contact police at 570-3000 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-222-TIPS.

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Wellesley bandits on the loose

Thieves rummage office areas, take petty cash

RICHARD VIVIAN WOOLWICH OBSERVER
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Wellesley car salesman's licence is revoked

KATE SCHWASS
Independent staff

A local used car salesman who had his licensed to sell cars revoked again says his fight isn't over.

to try all avenues." Jacobs, 50, owned Jacobs' Sales and Service in Wellesley and in 1998, was charged with six counts of odometer fraud from cars sold in 1997.

viction and his revoked registration, but the court rejected his appeal in 2000.

"I've been fighting it for over six years now, so I'm going to try to keep fighting the battle," John Jacobs said. "I'm definitely going

In June, 1999, Jacobs was convicted on two of the counts of fraud and was given a 12-month suspended sentence for each count. Jacobs appealed the con-

Jacobs applied for registration as a salesman in 2001, but his application was rejected. Jacobs then appealed that decision and a tribunal reinstated Jacobs as a salesman with restrictions.

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Wellesley on the hunt

Wellesley Township will send a letter to Premier Dalton McGuinty to ask him to consider reinstating the spring bear hunt.

recommendations from government experts and the Minister of Natural Resources.

Harold Hisey, a local hunter and member of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, addressed councillors, urging their support.

It also said the spring bear hunt "represented sound resource management and conservation."

"The bear is a predator," Hisey said, likening the bear problem in Northern Ontario to the deer problem farmers face in the Wellesley and Wilmot townships.

Councillor Joe Nowak supported a letter being sent to the premier.

Council also reviewed a letter from OFAH executive director Michael Reader. The letter stated both Premier McGuinty and former Premier Mike Harris ignored

"I believe the decision to cancel the spring bear hunt was politically motivated," Nowak said.

Although he voted in favour of sending a letter, councillor Dusan Cizman said the experts should be the ones putting pressure on the premier.

"Wildlife management isn't for people like me," Cizman said.

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The long road back to health

Adolph Hafemann starts a long road in recovery after suffering from a rare disorder earlier this year

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After suffering a crippling blood clot in his spinal column, Adolph Hafemann is on the road to recovery.

"We have a ray of hope and it's great," Emily Hafemann said from her Wellesley home last week.

Adolph is recovering at Freeport Health Centre, a rehabilitation unit of Grand River Hospital after a blood clot in his spinal column left him paralyzed from the waist down.

Adolph and Emily used to run Hafemann's grocery store in Wellesley and currently run Firella Creek Farm, a bed and breakfast just outside of town. They are also well known in Wellesley for being heavily involved with the Apple Butter and Cheese festival and the Valentine's Day dance.

Arriving at this year's Valentine's Day dance, Emily said Adolph reached for his seat belt and thought he had pulled a muscle when he felt a sharp pain. He didn't question it further and the two went inside.

"We were on duty there, as usual," Emily recalled.

Just after dinner, Adolph's pain hadn't subsided and he asked Emily to take him home. She did, helped him into bed

and then returned to the dance. Not long after returning to the dance, her son called to tell her Adolph was getting worse.

"Only two hours after he started feeling pain he couldn't lift his legs," Emily said. They called the ambulance, which took Adolph and Emily to Grand River Hospital. The doctor there told Emily he wasn't able to do anything for Adolph and they would have to send Adolph to a neurosurgeon in London. Adolph was put in an ambulance at 3:30 a.m. and sent to London.

"By 7 a.m. they were operating on him," Emily said. "It took three doctors six hours to operate on his spine."

Emily said the doctors needed to cut along the spine and chip through some bone to get to the blood clot.

"They said they get one or two cases a year. It is rare," she said of Adolph's condition.

Adolph remained in London for just over a week and then was transferred to Freeport Health Centre in Kitchener.

Now, Emily said, Adolph is doing well and starting to recover.

"The wonderful part is that his left leg is moving and the right leg is beginning to move," Emily said. "There is hope he will get a good percentage of his mobility back."

Although doctors wouldn't say how long Adolph would be in the hospital, Emily said she always has hope he will be able to come home soon.

Throughout this, Emily said the outpouring of support from the community has been overwhelming.

"We are bowled-over by the generosity of people," Emily said. "It's heart warming."

Emily became choked up as she spoke about the many cards, letters and flowers she and Adolph have received, wishing him a speedy recovery. Emily also said they appreciate the visitors who go to Freeport to see Adolph.

"We didn't expect people would respond like this," Emily said, grateful to residents who have expressed their best wishes.

Active Wellesley citizen Adolph Hafemann, shown here on his Firella Creek farm, is recovering from a rare and crippling blood clot disorder.



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Stopping traffic

Region proposes all-way stop in village's core

RICHARD VIVIAN
OBSERVER STAFF

With the help of an all-way stop, Waterloo Region is hoping to divert some of the much-criticized truck traffic from cutting through Wellesley Village. The new road rules are proposed for the intersection of Nafzinger and Queen's Bush roads, a frequent turning point for truckers looking to connect to Hwy. 7/8.

As both a village resident and mayor, Ross Kelterbon told the *Observer* he was pleased to see the region taking steps in that direction, though he doubts an all-way stop alone would be enough. Truck-traffic calming has long been an

issue for area residents.

"I think that trucks could be encouraged to use truck routes," he said, echoing suggestions he's made to regional staff about erecting signs directing truck traffic along routes outside the village.

"I think that the two of them, if they go hand-in-hand, will make a difference."

According to the region's figures, an average of 3,793 vehicles go through the intersection daily. In the past five years, there have been four collisions at the corner.

On several occasions, Wellesley council has asked the region to build a truck bypass around the village, but those requests were turned down because

traffic volumes don't meet the required criteria.

While the all-way stop may discourage some truckers from cutting through the village, it will generate additional noise as the hefty vehicles gear up and down for the proposed stop on Queen's Bush Road, commented Dave Banks, the region's manager of transportation engineering. Stop signs are already in place on Nafzinger road.

"It will mean that trucks will be stopping and starting in the downtown, so there could be more noise caused. Those are the types of issues that we want to get comments for," he said of the purpose for a public information centre slated for May 12.

Regional staff will be on hand to present the plan and answer questions from residents between 6 and 8:30 p.m.

While there will be residents on both sides of the issue, ward Coun. Joe Nowak doesn't think the noise will be much of a factor.

"I don't know whether you're going to have a lot more because they can't negotiate that corner without gearing up and gearing down anyway. They come to almost a dead stop," he said, repeating previous calls for a complete truck bypass.

"I think the only reasonable thing to do about the truck problem is to put a truck bypass because the trucks are going to come

anyway.
"Hopefully I'm wrong ... and it will discourage them from coming down there, but I would be a little bit skeptical," he said of the impact of an all-way stop. Depending on the public's comments, a report on the

matter could be presented to the region's planning and works committee in June or July, Banks explained.
If approved at that time, he said, stop signs could be installed later this summer.

Foundation honours the memory of well-known local philanthropist

Throughout his lifetime, Lyle S. Hallman was a notorious local businessman and philanthropist.

His long tradition of community giving will continue through the Lyle Shantz Hallman Charitable Foundation, based on an initial endowment earmarked by Lyle before his passing. Lyle's son, Jim Hallman, made the announcement today at Preston Public School. Lyle's family, along with Hallman Foundation Trustees, local dignitaries and Strong Start program volunteers, students and parents, attended the event to show their support for the Foundation.

The Lyle Shantz Hallman Charitable Foundation (The Hallman Foundation) is a private foundation, with a mission to enrich our community by continuing a family tradition of giving in Waterloo Region. The Foundation aims to fulfill the wishes of the late Lyle Hallman by providing financial support for programs and charities that inspire and grow individual and community potential.

The late Lyle S. Hallman was one of Waterloo Region's most successful businessmen and leading philanthropists. His selfless philanthropic activities have provided millions of dollars

to various worthy organizations including the K-W Hospital, the University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University, the Waterloo Region Children's Museum and Strong Start, a program to assist primary grade children in early reading.

"The Strong Start program has been a wonderful program to help kids with difficulties learn to read at a young age," explained Lynda Silvester, Strong Start. "And, this program would never have existed without dedicated volunteers and Lyle's outstanding vision and commitment. I know that many people in this community will appreciate the Hallmans' generosity in this community for years to come."

The Hallman Foundation is committed to funding charitable and community efforts that reflect the vision and values of Lyle Hallman including initiatives for children/youth, education and health care/hospitals.

New distributions and sponsorships from the foundation will begin in 2006 once annual interest from the initial endowment is realized. The Foundation has immediate commitments to important, existing programs like "Strong Start."

To contribute to the Foundation by volunteering or donating to a specific program or organization, please call the administrative office in Cambridge at 519-622-6282.

Baden to host story concerts

Do you know why dogs and cats are no longer the best of friends? Have you heard the whole story of Puss in Boots? You will have the chance to hear stories like these, and more, when Sunday afternoon family story concerts return to Baden on September 26.

The one hour mini-concerts will be held once a month from 2 - 3 p.m. in The Story Barn at 89 Snyders Road West. Aimed at children 5 to 10 years and their parents, the concerts will feature members of the Storytellers' Guild of Baden. A similar series offered several years ago brought families from around the Region and beyond.

The stories will vary from month to month including folktales, fairy tales, tall tales as well as songs, chants and other participatory fun. Admission is \$3 per person. Families should call or e-mail ahead to reserve seats since space is limited. For more information contact Mary Eileen McClear at 634-8973 or maryeileen@thestorybarn.ca

Get your taste buds ready

ed red pepper aioli with local beef.

Nauman said he hopes the event shows people there are great local products available to them.

"Farmers are able to tell people about their products; you don't always get that at grocery stores," he said. "When you buy from a farmer, you can likely meet the chicken that makes your eggs."

He also hopes the event encourages restaurants to start buying their food from farmers, rather than dealing with wholesalers.

Parent said he's all for that way of thinking.

"I'd love to buy all of my products fresh," he said. "It's hard to buy bananas and oranges locally, but I defi-

nitely want to change my habits."

Bailey-Dick agreed the purpose of the taste-testing is to make a marketing connection between the local producers and chefs, as well as raise the profile of local food.

But that's been a difficult task in the past, said Nauman, because consumers seem to think they're getting a better deal buying produce from a grocery store.

"People need to be educated and realize that saving money should not be their top priority," he said. "You can't get any fresher than buying food right off the farm. The flavour is there and people should be willing to pay for it."

"It's funny, people don't think it's fair that farmers

charge \$3.75 for strawberries, but they don't think twice about spending that on a bottle of beer at a restaurant."

Bailey-Dick added, "Farmers aren't trying to overprice at all. In fact, they likely should be charging more."

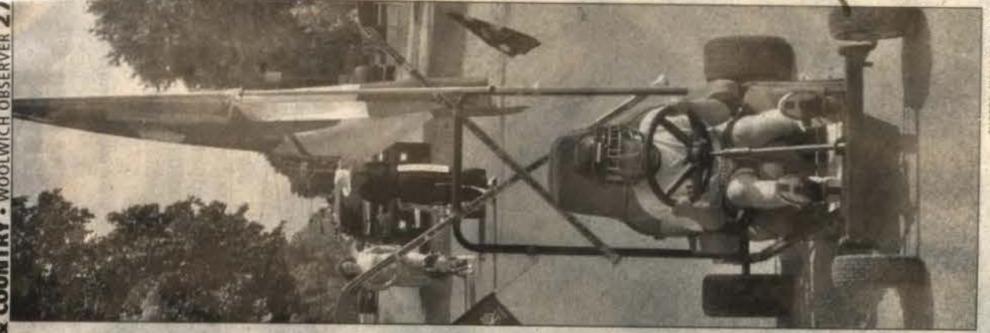
The event will take place Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the Waterlot Restaurant in New Hamburg. Tickets are \$60 each.

"People may look at the price and think twice, but really it works out to be around \$2 for each appetizer, which is less than what you'd pay in a restaurant," Bailey-Dick said. "And there will be lots of food. It will definitely be worth it."

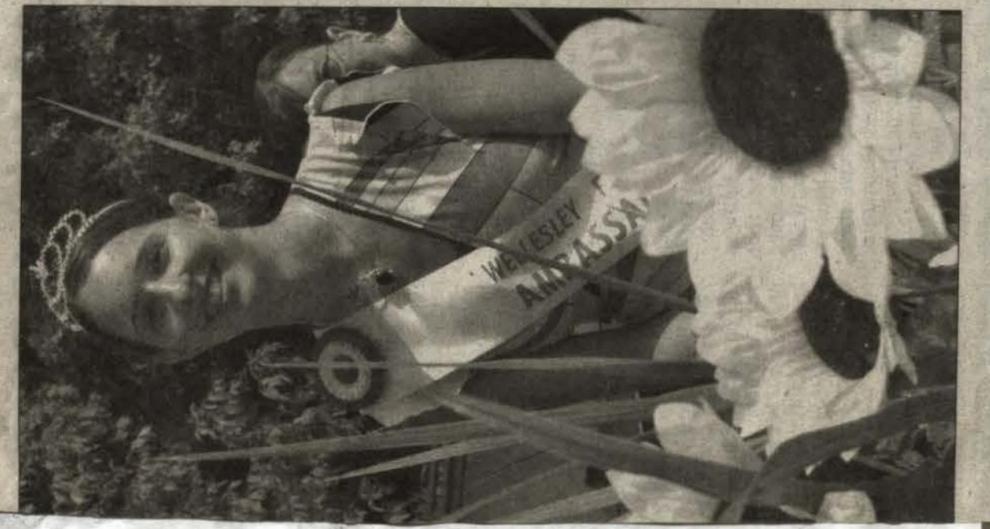
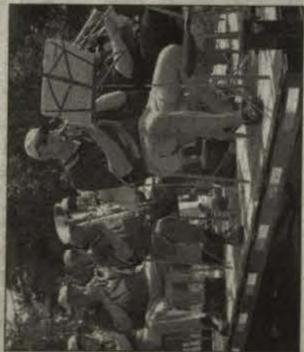
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Sunny days at the Wellesley-North Easthorne Fall Fair

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CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE Onlookers lined Queen's Bush Road in Wellesley Wednesday afternoon (Sept. 15) for the 151st Wellesley - North Easthorne Agricultural Fall Fair parade. Area residents and visitors then made their way down to the community centre and fairgrounds for rides, games and goodies.



PHOTOS: RICHARD IRYAN

Fair and fireworks draw 1,000 to Wellesley

"There were lots of happy, dancing kids and the weather was great," say organizers

RICHARD VIVIAN
OBSERVER STAFF

With their heads tilted toward the sky, visitors at the 151st Wellesley-North Easthope Agricultural Fall Fair packed tightly for the fireworks finale Wednesday evening (Sept. 15). Not only were the fairgrounds full, but onlookers spilled over into the surrounding areas.

"Both parking lots were full and there were people lined out along the street. Some of the older

[visitors] even stayed in their cars. I'm sure there were probably people out in their backyards watching them too," said event secretary/treasurer Mary Lichty, estimating the crowd at about 1,000 people.

"There were lots of happy, dancing kids, and the weather was great."

As part of Tuesday's opening ceremony, Baden's Amy Snyder, 17, was named Fair Ambassador. Along with her fellow competitors, Snyder got a tour of the village as she rode in the parade

Wednesday afternoon.

The parade, which included more than 30 entries, kicked the second day of the fair into high gear, leading students from Wellesley PS to the fairgrounds. There, several rides, games and challenges awaited their arrival.

"It's always good to see the parade. There's so much participation from the community," said Jeff Shantz, who attended the fair with his wife, Karen, and daughters Nicole, 9, and Katie, 7. The Wellesley Village

family is a regular at the annual agriculturally oriented festivities.

"They just love it," his wife added, pointing to their girls atop the ferris wheel.

Taking home the prize for the best themed float - this year's theme was sunflowers - was an entry from St. Paul's Church of Wellesley Village, which features several individuals dressed as angels

and surrounded by the yellow blossoms.

"The kids are having a ball. It's fun to have a half day off school," commented Dan Bender of Hawkesville. This was Bender's first time at the fair, but his sons Garret, 10, and Sheldon, 7, have been in years past.

"It's small, but it does the trick."

Pleased with the overall event, the crowd

was somewhat less than expected for the fair's opening Tuesday evening (Sept. 14), Lichty said.

"The World Hockey thing should have checked with us. They should have called me to find out what night would have been suitable for us," she laughed, referring to Team Canada's 3-2 win over Finland in the finals that night.

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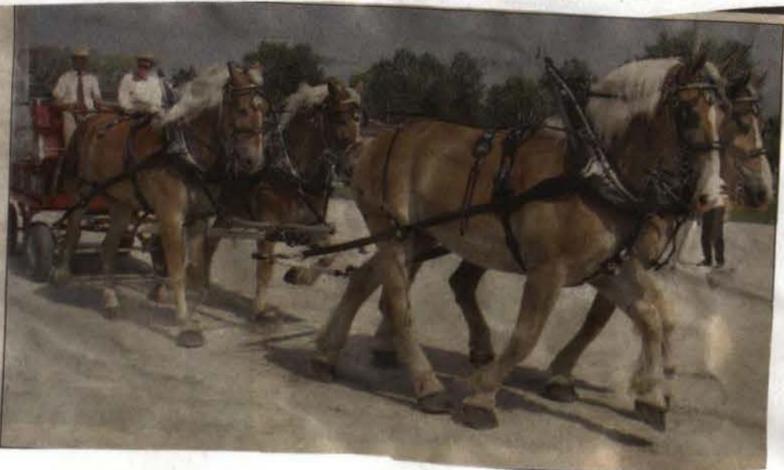
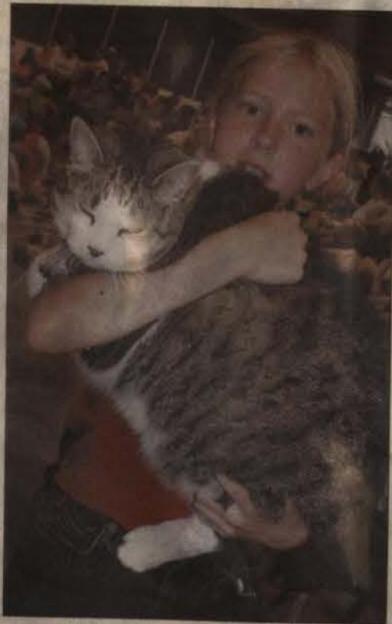
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Four-year-old Cole Bender (left) and brother Jesse Bender, 7, of Wellesley dig in to their breakfast at the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival on Saturday. PETER LEE, RECORD STAFF

Wellesley pays homage to the delights of apples

BY COLIN HUNTER
RECORD STAFF

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It's sweet, but it's not a dessert. It's not a condiment per se, but it's hardly a main course either. It goes nicely on toast, but you can also glaze a ham with it.

Its name implies it could fall into two food groups: fruit and dairy.

It's called apple butter (though there's not a dollop of butter in it), and it's rather hard to define.

It's brownish, gloopy and the source of a lot of hometown pride for the townsfolk of Wellesley, who welcomed thousands of visitors for the 29th annual Apple Butter and Cheese Festival on Saturday.

Wellesley's resident expert on apple butter, Verna Metcalfe, smears a bit of the stuff on a Digestive cookie every day during her lunch break at Wellesley Apple Products. She sold jars of it at the company's booth Saturday, and says even the pickiest eaters are usually hooked after one taste.

"I haven't come across anyone who doesn't like it," she said, apple-shaped earrings swinging from her earlobes. "I never get sick of it."

ple slices and pancakes swimming in sweet apple syrup.

And for people whose tastebuds craved more than what apple products can deliver, barbecue chefs served up sausages, fries, freshly grilled elk burgers and gargantuan turkey drumsticks.

Almost impossible to find, however, was the other flagship food of the festival, cheese.

When the festival began three decades ago, there was a J.M. Schneider cheese factory in town, so for years the festival featured enormous blocks of cheese. The factory closed more than a decade ago, but for the sake of tradition, festival organizers decided not to change the name of the event.

Bob Reid, president of the 35-member committee that plans the festival year-round, expected this year's festival to generate \$20,000 for the community. Proceeds from previous festivals helped build the town's arena, maintain roads and buy playground equipment.

The festival has grown since its humble beginnings and now features live bands, craft sales and tours through local orchards and dairy farms.

On the town's main drag, the Swift Kickin' Cloggers tap danced and Uncle Bill's Line Dancing squad moseyed to twangy country ditties.

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sweet, gloopy nappesake remains its top draw. "I love it," said Waterloo's Jeanette Baker, who hasn't missed the festival in nine years. "It's kind of similar to jam, only well, apple-y tasting. Not buttery at all. And thicker than jam. But good." And what drink goes nicely with a generous helping of apple butter? Red or white wine? A frothy brew? "It's good with apple cider," Baker said. chunter@therecord.com

The recipe is pretty simple: boil some apple cider with the proper doses of apple sauce, baking soda and cinnamon and — voila — you've got apple butter. Though the sweet concoction is the calling card of the festival, Saturday's event showcased everything that can be made with a truckload of apples and a little creativity. For a few bucks each, visitors could try apple fritters, apple dumplings, caramel-drenched ap-

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Acting bug caught by Wellesley native at an early age

Amber Steinman ready to launch one-woman show on Toronto stage

KATE SCHWASS
Independent staff

Former Wellesley resident is getting ready to star in her own one-woman show in Toronto in October.

"It is about an over-achieving sales girl who kills her boss," Steinman says of the play, *Retail*, she is performing. "It's a comedy."

And not only is the 26-year-old starring in the production, she also wrote the play. She says *Retail* took

about five years to finish and is inspired by several jobs she's worked at since high school.

She also says it is one of the highlights of her career so far.

"*Retail* has been a huge thing for me because it's been a big part of my life," she says. "It's my baby."

And to top it all off, it truly is a one-woman show as Steinman is also producing the play.

The daughter of Orval and Judy Steinman, who live in Wellesley, Steinman has been working full-time as an actress for six years, predominately working with the theatre group called Stage Centre Productions in Toronto.

She started studying acting when she was 14 and has continued to learn from

various teachers across Toronto.

And being on the stage is something she's always wanted to do.

"My parents took me to a lot of theatre when I was young, so that inspired me, but it's something I have always loved," Steinman says, remembering a story her parents tell people about her young ambitions. "When I was four or five, I knocked on the neighbours' doors and said there was going to be a parade. Then I walked down the street in a costume and waved."

And from that little girl walking down the street waving, Steinman has grown up to own her own production company, Lucky Pennies Productions, and is looking forward to starring as Joan of Arc in *The Lark*,

which runs through Stage Centre Productions from May 19 to June 4, 2005. And while she admits there have been the tough times, Steinman says "things usually come around" and she's always been able to land on her feet.

She even said her experiences in the Waterloo-Oxford and District Secondary School band helped her land a few roles in commercials.

"I got a few jobs because I played the saxophone at WO," Steinman says with a laugh.

She has done a number of European and American commercials, but has only had one commercial in Canada. It was for last year's short film festival and the ads appeared on the television stations Showcase and Bravo!

And although she's seeing the world from the stage, Steinman says she would like to someday come back to Wellesley to do some work.

"I would like to go back and film there. It's such a great town," she says.

Her plans also include expanding her experiences from the stage to the screen and building her production company.

"I want to have my own production company. I like television and movies, but I love theatre," she says. "I have so many ideas in my head. I need to work through them."

The writer/actress/producer's one-woman show *Retail* runs on Oct. 8 and 9 at the Buddies in Bad Times theatre in Toronto. For ticket info, call 416-268-9836.



Former Wellesley resident Amber Steinman is starring in a one-woman show in Toronto called *Retail*. Steinman is not only the star, she also wrote and produced the play.

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Wellesley native authors and stars in one-woman show

by Andy Campbell

Amber Steinman never stops writing.

The 26-year-old actress, originally from Wellesley, said that she often finds herself mentally creating scenes from the events around her.

That is how she got the idea for *Retail*, a one-woman play she will be performing this weekend at the Buddies in Bad Times theatre in Toronto.

"It's a comedy about a sales girl who kills her boss," said Steinman.

The idea came to Steinman while she was working at the Farm Pantry, in St. Jacobs, in 1998.

"It kind of got my imagination going," she said.

Steinman has been acting professionally for six years, but she has also worked in a number of retail jobs. There are no

actual events portrayed in the play, but it was born of real experience. That, and trying to entertain herself when things got dull at work.

"I just started imagining myself in scenes," she said.

She completed the play five years later.

Steinman had not so much set out to write a one-woman show, but rather to create the sort of character she wanted

to play.

"In acting, you're not always getting the stuff that you want," she said.

Retail became a one-woman show because Steinman felt she could do a better job writing for one.

"It's easier to write for one person than for two or three," she said.

As the play opens, Valerie, the main character, is being questioned by the police.

She has just killed her boss, and tells of the events leading up to his



AMBER STEINMAN

lead to the death of her boss.

"A big misunderstanding is really what it is," said Steinman.

For Steinman, acting has been a lifelong ambition.

She has been writing

death.

Valerie had been after an assistant manager's position, and was trying everything she could to get it.

When nothing seems to go right, she employs more drastic measures, which

lead to the death of her boss.

"A big misunderstanding is really what it is," said Steinman.

For Steinman, acting has been a lifelong ambition.

She has been writing

and putting on shows since childhood, and performing in every school play she could.

Her formal training began at the Beckett School at the age of 14, and she has not stopped learning, even after moving to Toronto to pursue her career.

She has appeared not only on stage, but in independent films and commercials.

She is currently a member of the repertory group Stage Centre Productions, and will be appearing in an upcoming production of *The Flea in Her Ear*.

She will also play Joan of Arc, her first big leading role, in the Stage Centre production of *The Lark*, opening in May.

"I'm really excited," she said.

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Hackett makes a grand donation



RON HACKETT

by Andy Campbell

The roof on the Hawkesville community centre has come much closer to meeting its budget, following a donation from councillor Ron Hackett.

On Oct. 4, council received a report indicating that the project had exceeded its budget by \$1,250.

Staff recommended that the amount come from the five per cent fund.

Hackett then offered

to donate \$1,000 of his own money. He referred to a motion he had made early in this term, to reduce remuneration for councillors. It had been suggested, at that time, that if Hackett felt strongly about the pay cut, he could still donate the money back.

"I feel this is a worthy cause," he said, suggesting that only \$250 be taken from the fund.

Mayor Ross Kelterborn suggested that the recommendation should be passed first, and Hackett's donation

could be used to offset the expense.

CAO Susan Duke pointed out that paying the amount, then replenishing the fund with Hackett's money would not be as meaningful. She advised changing the motion to reflect Hackett's donation to the project.

Councillor Jeff Wilker moved the recommendation, seconded by Dusan Cizman.

The motion carried unanimously, and Hackett handed over a cheque.

Councillors confused over request

ATV operators seeking permission to use township roads

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HONOURING HER WORK Wellesley Village resident Ruth Leis – accompanied by husband, Harold – was the recipient of the township's Senior of the Year award, presented Tuesday (Oct. 19).

RICHARD VIVIAN

2004 top senior

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RICHARD VIVIAN
OBSERVER STAFF

She may tell you otherwise, but Ruth Leis of Wellesley Village deserves accolades recently bestowed upon her, say those who know her. Tuesday evening (Oct. 19) she was officially recognized as the Wellesley Township Senior of the Year.

"I just feel there are so many other people here in town that should have that kind of recognition. All through the years, what I've been doing I've enjoyed. To me, it's a gift because I love people," she told the *Observer*. "I feel very humble. I do not feel worthy of it. I'm not an awards person."

Leis has lived in Wellesley Village for 57 years - she moved there from Baden after marrying Harold Leis - and has been volunteering in the community ever since. She's been an active member of various programs at Wellesley Mennonite Church, makes costumes for school productions and offers up baked goods for a range of community events.

She's also a founding member of a community meals initiative that ultimately came under the umbrella of the Meals On Wheels

program. "She's given some good leadership to care we've tried to do as a congregation. Even outside that role, she's been a mother and grandmother to many people. She's a very caring person and she communicates that," said Pastor Ray Martin of Wellesley Mennonite Church.

"She is the type of person that hunts down new people or those that are struggling through tough times and, on behalf of the congregation communicates 'you're important, you matter here.' She's left a fairly significant impact on the lives of people."

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HONOURING HER WORK Wellesley Village resident Ruth Leis - accompanied by husband, Harold - was the recipient of the township's Senior of the Year award, presented Tuesday (Oct. 19). RICHARD VIVIAN

2004 top senior

Wellesley's Ruth Leis r

She may tell you otherwise, but Ruth Leis of Wellesley Village deserves accolades recently bestowed upon her, say those who know her. Tuesday evening (Oct. 19) she was officially recognized as the Wellesley Township Senior of the Year.

"I just feel there are so many other people here in town that should have that kind of recognition. All through the years, what I've been doing I've enjoyed. To me, it's a gift because I love people," she told the *Observer*.

"I feel very humble. I do not feel worthy of it. I'm not an awards person."

Leis has lived in Wellesley Village for 57 years - she moved there from Baden after marrying Harold Leis - and has been volunteering in the community ever since. She's been an active member of various programs at Wellesley Mennonite Church, makes costumes for school productions and offers up baked goods for a range of community events.

She's also a founding member of a community meals initiative that ultimately came under the umbrella of the Meals On Wheels

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WELLESLEY

Public invited to support restoration of old school

by Andy Campbell

Efforts are now underway to raise the remaining funds needed to restore Wellesley's historic old school.

The fundraising committee has recently begun its drive to raise \$75,200. Approximately \$108,800 of the estimated \$184,000 cost has already been raised, including a \$72,900 provincial grant that will require matching funds.

Rosalind Kays, co-chairman of the fundraising committee, hopes that the money won't take long to raise.

"We would like to see the work done this spring and summer," she said.

The work includes restoration of the brickwork, windows and doors, drainage, foundation repairs and handicapped access. In spite of all this, the building is still quite sound, and needed by the library.

"The township has to provide space for the library, and it would be a lot more expensive to build a new one," said Kays.

What's more, the old school is a significant piece of history, and a valuable resource to the community. Once it is repaired, Kays hopes that more communi-

ty groups will become aware of the building, and make use of the available space.

Fundraising has gotten off to a very encouraging start, with \$25,000 pledged by the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival, along with another \$2,800 from individuals. Committee members are in the process of approaching other groups, including service clubs and the board of trade.

Even more progress is expected when the campaign is taken to businesses and developers in the area. After that, the committee will go to the public. A mass mailing will be conducted in the coming weeks.

It is hoped that the full amount can be raised through pledges, but fundraising events will be held if necessary. None are currently planned.

Right now, the fundraising committee is confident that the community values the old school enough to ensure that it continues to be a part of Wellesley for many years to come.

"That building means a lot to a lot of people," said Kays. "It's a symbol to the community."

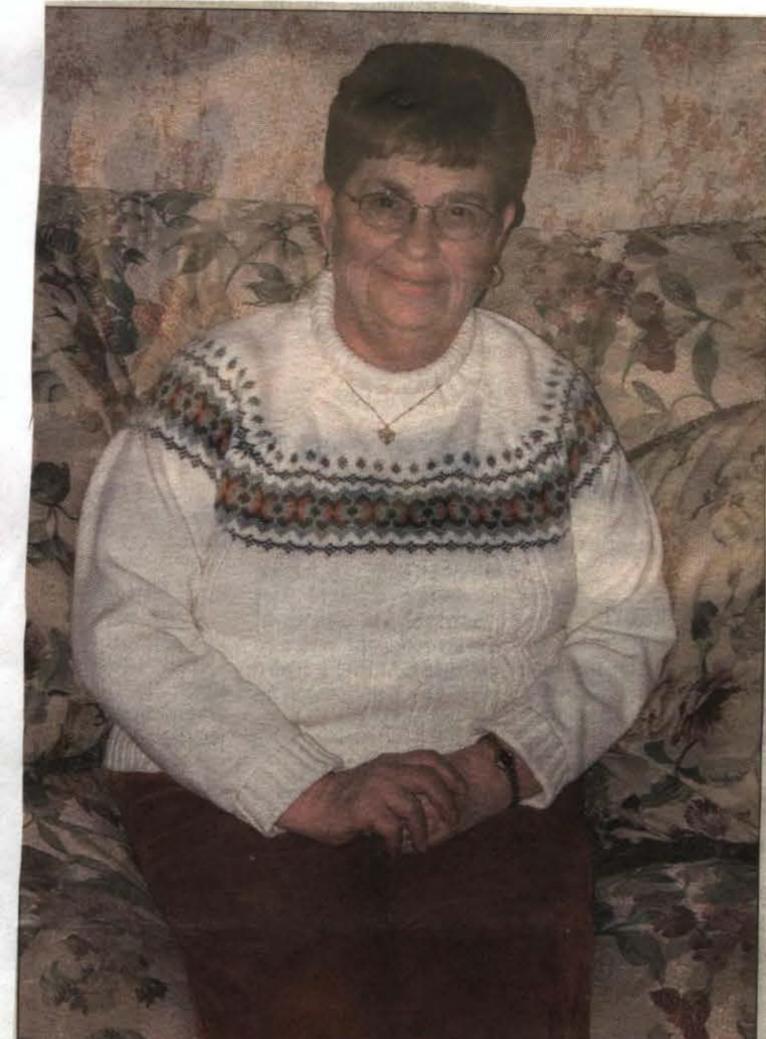
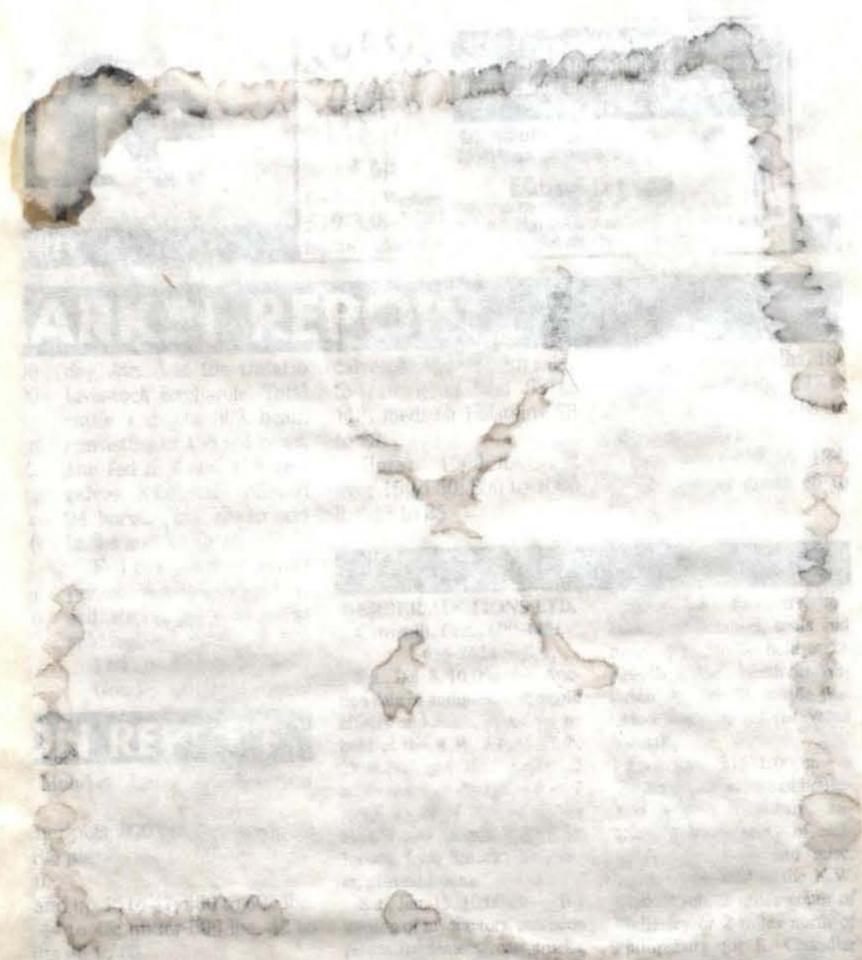
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GETTING NOTICED — 2005 Wellesley Citizen of the Year Marg Runstedler at her home in Wellesley. She will be officially recognized during the Valentine's Ball on Feb. 10 at the Wellesley Community Centre. (Photo by Dan McNee)

Wellesley Board of Trade names citizen of the year for 2005

by Dan McNee

The Wellesley Board of Trade has named its Citizen of the Year for 2005 — and it might not come as a surprise to anyone that this year's winner is Marg Runstedler.

Runstedler will be officially recognized on Feb. 10, during the board's annual Valentine's Ball at the Wellesley community centre. The award is given to those in the community who have significantly contributed to the overall integrity of the town, and have gone beyond what is expected of them while participating in village committees and groups.

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Runstedler actively takes part in many of these in Wellesley. She has been involved with the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival for nearly 20 years, and takes on tasks associated with the horticultural society and minor sports. She has also initiated both the Wellesley Santa Claus Parade and the Wellesley Idol competition — which enjoyed much success during its first run in 2005. "She has taken initiatives that go beyond the responsibilities of her groups," said Board of Trade president and Wellesley township councillor Joe Nowak.

Runstedler said that she was surprised to learn that she had been named Citizen of the Year. She also said that part of being a good citizen is welcoming newcomers to Wellesley and urging them to take an active role within the community.

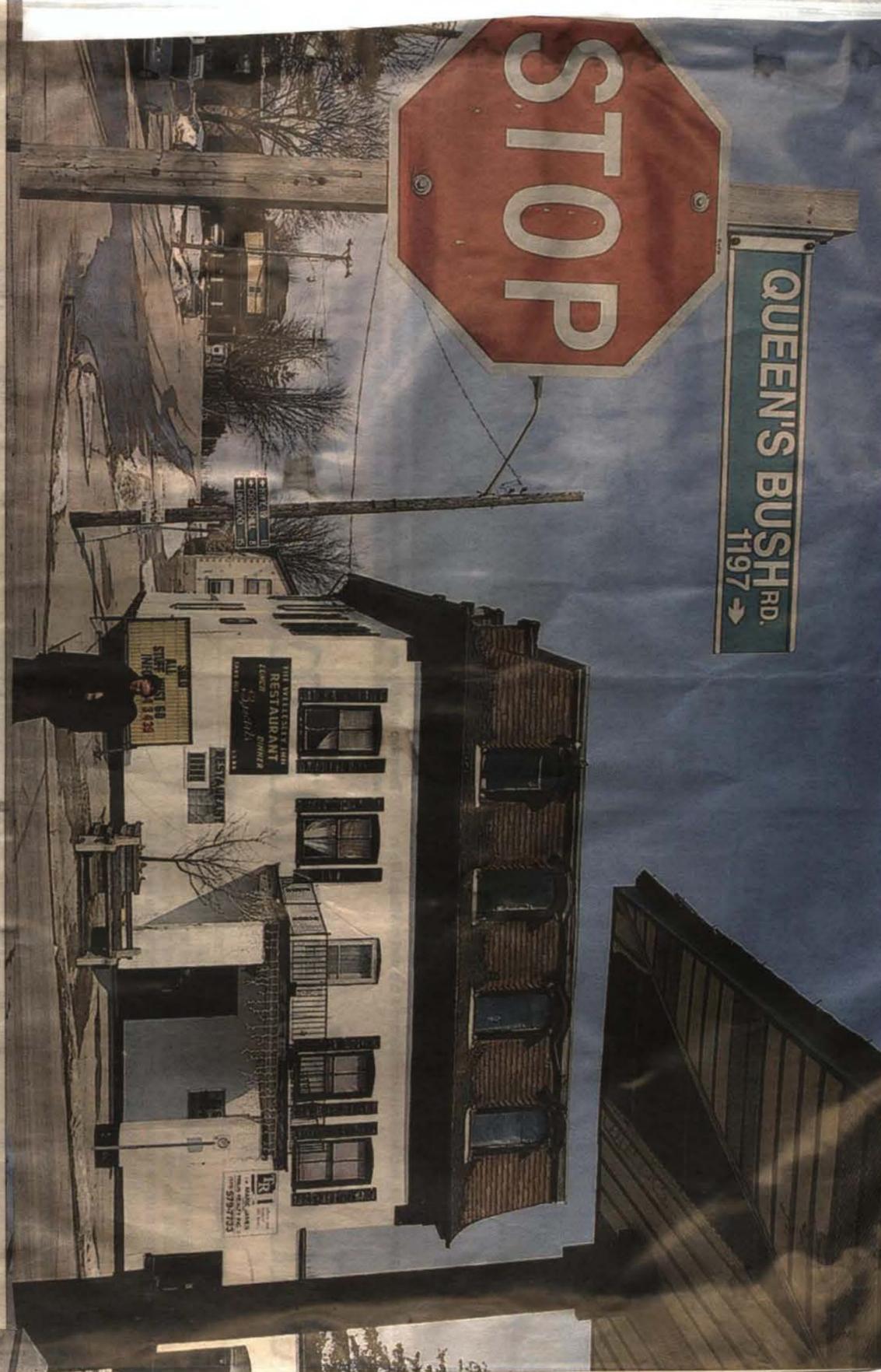
"With all the new subdivisions, it's important to have the new people be a part of the town, and keep the village vibrant," she said.

Runstedler has more ideas in the works for this year. She is currently trying to organize an "Art in the Park" day that would see local artists showcasing their talent right in Wellesley.

Nowak added that Runstedler is very worthy of this upcoming award, and that recognition of her community involvement is long overdue.

"She is certainly a very deserving person of this," he said. "She is dedicated to the village and the community."

A landmark at Nafziger and Queen's Bush roads in the village centre, the Wellesley Inn is expected to reopen soon under new ownership.



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Owner looks to community for ideas

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graffiti, the mill has attracted the attention of vandals over.

"It has an unbelievable presence in this town," he said.

Joe Nowak, president of the Wellesley Board of Trade and councillor for Ward 3 in Wellesley, said plans for the mill will be good for the town.

"Just to have somebody actually in that building is going to be great for the town," he said, adding developing the mill will work as a big draw for Wellesley.

"Things are getting pretty exciting out here from a board of trade perspective."

Developing the mill, new subdivisions, new stores and a new owner opening a restaurant at the Wellesley

Inn are all going to be good for the town he said.

Nowak added there are still more studies to be completed by the region regarding the mill to determine whether any residential component could exist in the mill.

Susan Duke, CAO of Wellesley Township, said the zoning on the mill would allow for commercial and light industrial use, but currently allows for no residential component.

She said no official plans have been put forward to the township for use of the site.

Shantz's open house is going to involve many children in the township through colouring and design contests, as well as asking them for their input since they will be the ones

looking at it for decades to come he said.

"If something is kept nice, kids will end up looking after it."

He said whatever happens to the building, cleaning it up will be doing the public a service.

"Right now when people are walking by here, they're lurking, wondering if a rat is going to come out at them or something."

Shantz said anything could happen with the building, ranging from an upscale commercial space, to residences, even a restaurant, bank or other business.

"Even if it could just pay the taxes, that would be wonderful."

He said the building is large enough to house practically any number of uses.

During his renovations,



New owner of the Wellesley Feed Mill, Dennis Shantz, is planning an open house in June to let Wellesley residents tour the interior of the long-neglected old mill. TIM MURPHY, INDEPENDENT STAFF

which Shantz is funding from his own pocket, he is trying to remove any new additions of wood or other materials to bring the building back to its original state. The mill was built in 1856, by settlers Christopher and Henry Doerling.

A resident of Crosshill, Shantz grew up on a dairy farm on Erbs Road and can recall his childhood trips to the area feed mills.

"Feed mills were a living, like a day out," he said.

Shantz said he considers the renovation fun, a sort of hobby, which also acts as a community service.

"This is downtown," Shantz said. "If this can just be the place that isn't the garbage dump, or where the graffiti is... everything after that is just a bonus."

Shantz said if he was looking to make an guaranteed investment on the mill, he wouldn't have bought the property.

So why did he purchase the property?

"It's the adventure to find out what it's place is going to

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Mill: Structure has huge centre posts

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Where others might see pigeon droppings or broken floorboards, Shantz sees potential.

During a walk through the feed mill's dusty interior, it's hard not to get caught up in his vision. There are holes in the floor, but also huge grain bins, metal pulleys dangling from the ceiling like instruments of medieval torture and an array of wooden chutes resembling wonky spider legs growing at odd angles from a metal hopper.

And there are the huge centre posts supporting upper beams hewn from trees of a size and breadth not seen in Ontario for 75 years.

"They are all turned posts," Shantz points out, referring to elaborate carvings that make the posts seem more suited to an elegant Victorian porch.

The posts suggest the original owners had

money to spare.

"It's an unbelievable piece of architecture," he concluded.

What's inside the mill is the talk of the town, says Phyllis Gropp, co-ordinator of the open house. "It's endless what you can do here."

Shantz expects some people will bring stories to the open house, leaving him an anecdotal history that will make the place come alive again.

"You have to do this properly, take your time."

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Mill open house scheduled for June

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to be here in town," he said.

Shantz said his ideas for the mill are inspired by the architectural design of Samuel Mockabee, who has designed various buildings using any materials available. Mockabee's projects have varied from creating a home in a school bus, to creating a home made from corrugated cardboard.

Shantz joked he would like to bring that style of Wellesley, but in seriousness, he would like to make the mill presentable again.

In the past weeks, he has donned his work jacket and spent his free time sweeping

floors, removing trash and cleaning shopping carts and garbage out of the creek running behind the mill.

Before the open house, he hopes to have all the graffiti removed from the walls, and have them lined with children's artwork and old feed bags.

Tours of the mill will be provided by Wellesley firefighters, and food and refreshments are being provided by the Crosshill Menonite Youth as a fundraiser for their new church building project.

Admission is \$5 per person, or \$20 for a family. All proceeds raised from admission go directly to the Wellesley Fire Department.

Raffles for a Peter Etril Snyder print will also be

sold at the event. ²⁰⁰⁵

Shantz said he is encouraging everybody to give him their ideas for the building, no matter what they are.

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day," Shantz said. He is trying to contact other feed mills in Southern Ontario to bring in old feed bags and other paraphernalia to bring history into the building.

During the open house, the mill will be in its current state, minus the cobwebs and dust he said. The inside of the mill still contains some of its original machinery and containers, under a fine layer of dust from it's years of inactivity.

The last owner of the mill let the property fall into arrears after it's abandonment in the 1990's, and it was taken over by the township in June 2002 after it lapsed into tax arrears.

Currently strewn with garbage, inhabited by pigeons and laced with

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planned. There is a contest for the oldest, best preserved, most colourful feed bags and best flower arrangement. (Drop off entries today from 1 to 8 p.m.) Call 656-2996.

• **Activities:** Firefighters will lead tours. Local artisans, Wellesley Fire Department family. Proceeds go to the • **Admission:** \$5, or \$20 a served, most colourful feed bags and best flower arrangement. (Drop off entries today from 1 to 8 p.m.) Call 656-2996.

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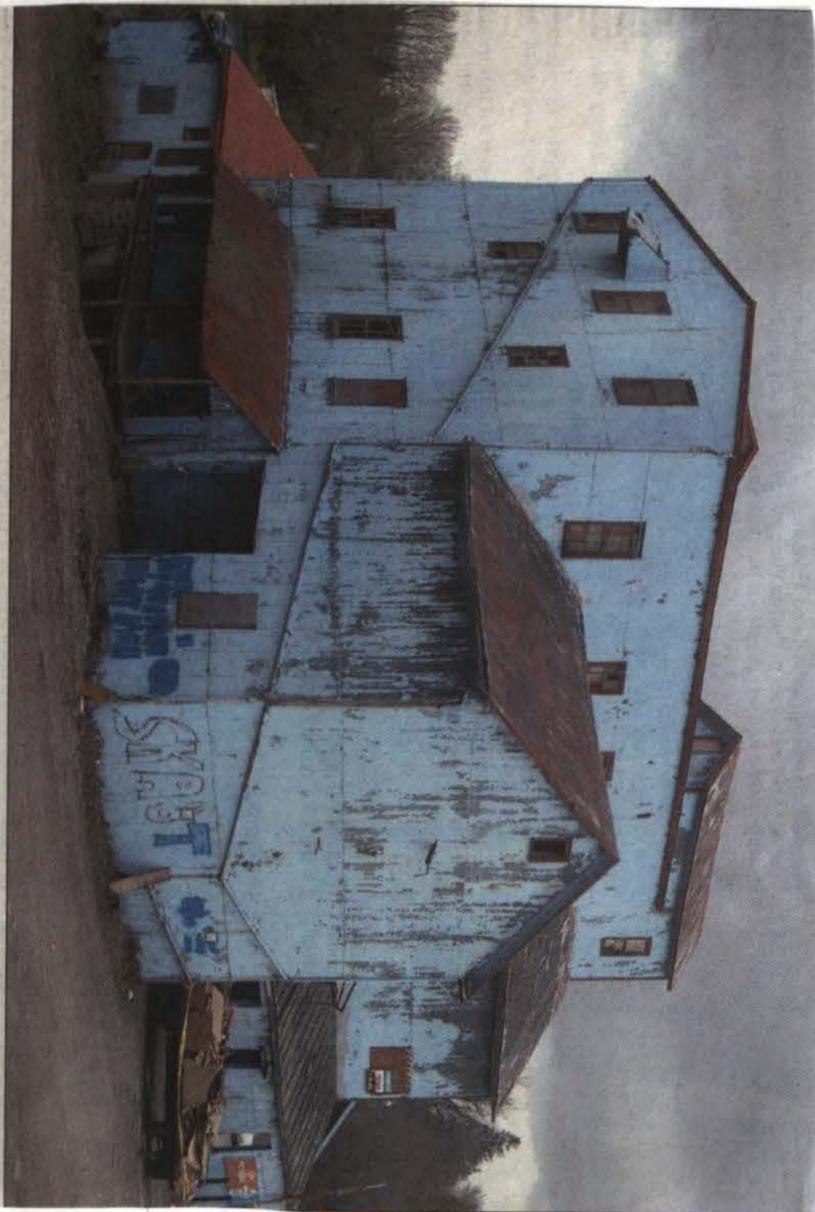
is Shantz's hobby. A few years ago, he renovated an abandoned country inn in Crosshill, a building he describes as having been used for everything from a slaughterhouse to a chicken coop.

"I've got some ideas, but you need the public behind you," he says. "The kids (in town) can decide what colour it will be painted... they're going to have to look at it another 80 years."

"The suggestions must be financially viable for him to take

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The Wellesley mill, built in 1856, will be open to the public this weekend so the owner can gather some ideas for redeveloping it.

PHILIP WALKER, RECORD STAFF

A day for run of the mill

Open house gives public chance to dream up plan for old building

By VALERIE HILL, RECORD STAFF

WELLESLEY

From the outside, the 150-year-old feed mill on Wellesley's main drag looks worn, its sad blue paint chipping in fragments to a rusting metal hull.

Inside is a different story. "Look at this, it never looked so good," says Dennis Shantz, an entrepreneur with big hopes for the 1856 building, which his company, Shantz Holdings, purchased and cleaned up this spring.

What makes the site redevelopment different is that Shantz is now looking to the community for ideas. Should it be a cafe, artists' studios, medical offices? At an open house this weekend, he'll invite residents to tour the building and share their

them seriously.

"There's going to be some that say it should be a museum, but who's going to support it?"

Broken windows and graffiti scratched on the mill are a sure sign that local youth have not "embraced this building" as an important part of their heritage, Shantz says.

He's a local boy himself and as a child he wondered "what was up there."

From its windows overlooking the main street, "you could have seen the horses and oxen coming into town."

Wellesley's off-the-beaten-track location on Nattinger Road, 35 kilometres west of Waterloo, gives the village a subtle charm but also makes it tough for new businesses. Shantz is candid about the prospects in a challenging business climate.



PHILIP WALKER, RECORD STAFF
Dennis Shantz says local children will decide what colour to paint the redeveloped mill since they'll "have to look at it another 80 years."

WELLESLEY MILL OPEN HOUSE

When: Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. games, door prizes are also

Wellesley Inn gets facelift from new owner

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Restaurant set to open later this summer, after months of renovating

RICHARD VIVIAN, OBSERVER STAFF

For the past month, a renovation crew has been hard at work breathing life into the Wellesley Inn. While there's still much work to be done, new owner John Dobias hopes to start serving hot meals and drinks later this summer.

"I learned a long time ago in the restaurant business, if you're going to do it, you got to do it right from the start. You don't open and say 'I'll fix this later' because it never comes," he told the *Observer*, noting the three-storey structure was essentially gutted and is in the process of an extensive facelift inside. He's already trucked away two large containers of waste, with more expected before all the work is done.

"It seems like I've been here a month and there's no progress, but there is progress."

If all goes well in the next few weeks, Dobias plans to be open by the end of the month or early July. "But that depends on many things. I'm waiting for a liquor licence ... and also there's a lot of things that need to be done in the way of fire codes."

Unfamiliar with Wellesley



RICHARD VIVIAN

RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY Cambridge's John Dobias is working toward a summer opening for a revamped Wellesley Inn. He hopes to be ready for customers late this month or early in July.

Village, the Cambridge man first heard of the inn from a friend who had considered purchasing it at one point. After learning where the village was located, he decided to make an afternoon trip up to take a look at both the village and inn for himself.

"I saw a lot of work, but I also saw a lot of potential," he said of the building. "Really, what made me decide to buy this is that I loved the town instantly. It just has a good feel to it for me. It's nice and quiet."

Getting the restaurant portion of the building up and

running is his first priority. After that, work will continue on the inn suites. It will likely be at least a year before they're ready to be occupied, Dobias said. One day, he hopes to move into a large loft above the restaurant with his wife. "That's the master plan. We'll see what

happens.

"Eventually, what I would like to do is fix the rooms up as a bed and breakfast. It depends on what business brings here and how busy I'm going to be."

"I don't really know what to expect; whether I'm going to have five dinners or I'm going to have 50 dinners. You can plan all you want, but unless you actually do it you'll never know."

No stranger to the hospitality industry, Dobias has been involved with restaurants on and off for the past 35 years. Once it's open, he plans to manage the inn himself.

"I would like to make this a fun place where people can come in and just relax, have a glass of wine or for munchies or for a full dinner. There's going to be something for everybody," he said, noting the menu hasn't been set yet.

"People seem to be excited. It's going to be casual country dining, where you're going to get a lot of food for a reasonable price. Nobody will walk out of here hungry."

Once things are up to speed, the inn may also bring in the occasional band for theme nights, such as a Caribbean or jazz-oriented evening. "Just something a little different."

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Future uncertain for Wellesley Mill

TIM MURPHY
Independent staff

The big blue monstrosity in the heart of Wellesley may be slated for demolition if somebody doesn't come to its rescue soon.

The Wellesley Mill, an iconic structure loved and loathed by village residents, will soon be redeveloped, or torn down, by its owner, Shantzcolm Holdings.

Joyce Barker, the Peak realtor handling the sale and speaking for mill owner Dennis Shantz, said the mill has been the centre of town since 1856.

"Everything revolved around the mill," she said.

The mill, located on a 1.5 acre lot next to a creek, was purchased three years ago by Shantz, who had plans to redevelop the mill and breathe new life into the building. The mill has parking for 44 cars, and the building itself is about 20,000 square feet.

The mill was purchased with the hope of finding a new use.

Shantz cleaned up the inside and held an open house, in which he invited the community to give its ideas.

Although there was lots of interest and a large turn-out, nothing happened, and the mill has since sat idle.

The property's zoning has been changed to allow additional uses, which, Barker said, has opened up its possibilities for development.



With a bit of vision, this space inside the mill could become a business, INDEPENDENT STAFF

Recently Barker appeared before Wellesley council to ask them to consider moving their township offices into the mill rather than building an addition to their current building. Council was receptive to the idea,

but the logistics of separating the offices made the idea unfeasible.

She said it could be a professional building, such as a vet clinic. Or, it could be a building for a liquidator to move into.

Barker said somebody with a vision needs to purchase the building, so that the structure isn't dismissed as an ugly blue building.

Barker cited a number of other recent renovations, such as the Queen's Hotel, the Wellesley Inn, and the new medical clinic.

"The transformation was unbelievable," she said. "If you can't be proud of the transformation of Wellesley in the last five years, you shouldn't be living here."

Barker said Wellesley is developing a strong downtown with a gas station, grocery store, medical clinic, drug store and other assets.

"With these three new subdivisions that are slated to be developed...this area will be over 3,200 people."

Barker said there is also lots of traffic passing the mill each day.

But, if a developer isn't found the mill will likely be demolished.

"He (Shantz) already knows he can put up a 3,500 sq. ft. structure with a second story," she said.

The new structure could be a strip mall or a restaurant.

Barker said this is one of the last original buildings of Wellesley and if anybody wants it saved, "it's important that it happen soon."

Firefighter training stirs service level debate in Wellesley

"It's a matter of putting the cart before the horse," Hackett says of request

JUNE 11, 2005

RICHARD VIVIAN
OBSERVER STAFF

Heavy equipment rescues are in, but trench rescues are out, at least for now. This week Wellesley council took a step toward identifying which services the fire department should provide to area residents - approving some firefighter training while denying others - with more formal discussions set to follow.

Meeting Monday evening (June 6), councillors endorsed calls to send a pair of firefighters to the Agricultural Machinery and Heavy Equipment Rescue course at next month's Fire Fighters Association of Ontario annual conference, held this year in St. Jacobs.

Councillors also agreed they didn't want to get into the business of conducting trench rescues; they approved a motion to deny such training for Coun. Jeff Wilker, a member of the Linwood fire station. Wilker declared a conflict of interest, and wasn't involved in the decision.

Trench rescues include incidents such as someone trapped in sand or when earthen walls collapse on an individual.

"I don't like the idea of putting our firefighters at risk. If Mr. Wilker went to the trench rescue

course ... it wouldn't be of much use if we didn't have the proper equipment," commented Coun. Ron Hackett. "I think it's a matter of putting the cart before the horse. We should find out what our level of service is before we do any of this."

While township fire chief Dave Geil hasn't yet investigated the minimum cost of trench rescue equipment, he pointed out that Kitchener recently spent \$150,000 on such items as a hydraulic cylinder and other required items. Currently, if a trench rescue were required in Wellesley, Kitchener firefighters would be called in - a situation that has never arisen.

"As soon as you go in and try to move the sand, you're putting your firefighters at risk of a collapse," he said.

"It's been a longtime coming, but we have to decide on a level of service; what do we provide to the citizens? Though I'd like to concur with this course, I think it should wait," Coun. Dusan Cizman stated.

Along with the Fire Department Advisory Committee, Geil is currently in the process of developing a formal list of services the department does, must and/or should provide. The committee is set to begin discussing a list next week, with coun-

cil consideration to follow. Public consultations are also expected.

Prior to starting to develop the service level, the department first had to conduct a risk assessment, which will soon be reviewed by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

Council also asked Geil to return to council June 21 with a recommendation on emergency traffic control training. Currently, firefighters use their trucks to block vehicular access to scenes, as they are untrained in traffic control techniques. Waterloo Regional Police provide that service at this time.

"Directing traffic ... can be a liability issue for the township. If while directing traffic they (drivers) get into an accident, the person directing traffic is responsible," the fire chief explained.

If council ultimately decides firefighters should be involved with traffic control, Geil said he'd like bring someone in to teach a group of firefighter rather than send just one or two to the training course.

Two months ago, Wellesley Township was awarded one-time funding of \$50,000 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for firefighter training. In all, \$30 million was distributed to communities across the province.

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Kids feel the need for speed

Racing fans flock to first Wellesley soapbox derby

by Dan McNee

Nafziger Road was the site of speed, cheering fans and just excitement in general on Labour Day, as the first-ever Wellesley Soapbox Derby carried out as a big success.

Over 70 young drivers in 23 cars, sponsored by various businesses throughout the community, took part in the event. Organizer Terry Dennerley was pleased with how smoothly the derby ran, and looks forward to holding the event again.

"Everybody seemed to be happy with everything during the day," he said. "It was successful enough to warrant another competition next year."

Everyone who participated in the event went home with a participation ribbon, but those who finished in the top three in each of the age groups received a prize donated by a local business. The winner of each class also



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THE RECORD

DIETZ, William G - Passed away peacefully to be with his Lord, surrounded by his loving family and Pastor Andy Schroth, at the K-W Health Centre of Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, on Tuesday, August 14, 2007.

Bill was born in Wellesley, 68 years ago, son of the late William J. Dietz and the late Dorothy M. Schmidt. Bill was a life-long member of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wellesley, where he was the chairman of the church council. He was also a member of the Wellesley & District Board of Trade. Throughout his life, he was active with softball, ringette and the Wellesley Apple Jacks Jr. Hockey Team. He also served on the Community Centre Board, and was one of the founding members of the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival. Bill enjoyed dancing to the music of the Royal Aires. Mr. Dietz was the owner of William G. Dietz Insurance for the past 35 years.

Cherished husband of Dianne (Seyler) Dietz of Wellesley. Loving father of Jeffrey and his wife Stephanie Dietz of Waterloo, Christopher Dietz of Wellesley and Catherine Dietz of Wellesley. Dear brother of Elizabeth (Betty) and her husband Harry Berlet of Kitchener, Mary Cook and her late husband William G. of Wellesley and Robert Dietz and his wife Maralyn of Wellesley. Brother-in-law of Geraldine and Bert Hurren, Robert and Sandy Seyler, Raymond and Susan Seyler, Gerald and Connie Seyler, Donald Seyler and Murray Leitch. Survived by many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by a sister, Ruth Leitch; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edgar and Catherine Seyler, and by nephews, Charles Berlet and Peter Cook.

Visitation at the Futher Bros. Funeral Home, 1172 Henry St. in Wellesley, where family and friends will be received today (Thursday) from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service will be conducted from First St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at 11 a.m. Pastor Andy Schroth will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials to First St. Paul's Roof Fund, Foundation Christian School or to Lutherwood, would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

The family would like to thank the Grand River Hospital I.C.U. staff, especially Dr. Needham Nettercott, for the care and compassion shown to Bill during his stay in I.C.U. Also thanks to Dr. Panjwani, Dr. MacEachern and Dr. J. Prodencio.

took home a trophy. Here are the results from the four age groups and their sponsored cars:

AGES 8-10 -
 Winner: Mitchel Card, homemade racer.
 2nd place: Taylor Blackwell, Schneider Law Office.
 3rd place: Matthew Poole, Leis Distributing Inc.
AGES 11-13 -
 Winner: Curtis Kroeusch, Schneider Law Office.
 2nd place: Deena Brander, Deena Pharmacy.
 3rd place: Shannon Lorentz, Shannon Excavating Service.

AGES 14-17 -
 Winner: Kyle Kroeusch, Schneider Law Office.
 2nd place: Brendan Engler, Leis Distributing Inc.
 3rd place: Denise Heipel, Heipel Excavating Service.
AGES 18 AND OVER -
 Winner: Anne Brennan, Schneider Law Office.

BURNING RUBBER - Two young racers go neck and neck towards the finish line during Wellesley's first ever soapbox derby on Sept. 5

2nd place: Jonathon Sauder, Leis Distributing Inc.
 3rd place: Ryan Kneisel, Bio Ag.

of the Wellesley District Board of Trade. Both the police and fire departments each submitted a soapbox racer, sparking a rivalry between the two. Although the fire department car fared the best out of the races, the rivalry remained friendly and

no shots were fired. Police will be bringing their car around to area schools for their new program "Racing Against Drugs," which educates youth on the dangers of drug use. Dennyler heard nothing but positive comments from racers and

spectators about the derby, and was also especially thankful to the local businesses that sponsored it. "The generosity of the community is fantastic," he said. "It looks like we will be repeating this, and hopefully it becomes an annual event."

(Photo by Dan McNew)



Quilts Quills & Bears

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20th September 2004

Dear Members

A great opportunity awaits us from 16th - 18th September 2005. Quilts, Quills and Bears will be held in the International Centre, Mississauga.

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I have been given the challenge of acquiring up to 600 Quilts and Wall Hangings and to this end I have a team of volunteer members, one per Area who will be working with you to facilitate the collection and transportation of the quilts and wall hangings to Mississauga and home again if so required. The name of your Area Coordinator is listed at the end of this letter.

An individual member, a Branch, District or Area may enter a quilt or wall hanging and there is **no limit** on the number of quilts or wall hangings any individual, Branch, District or Area may enter (no cheater quilts/wall hangings please). Each entry will require an **Entry Form**. Attached is a copy that may be photocopied.

The Quilts, Quills and Bears Committee is anticipating a large attendance next September and offer you the opportunity to enter a quilt(s) or wall hanging(s) for display and/or sale. There will be a selling fee of 10% on the quilts and wall hangings that sell, but the remainder of the proceeds will be yours to do with as you wish. There will be a Viewer's Choice Award of \$350 (display only).

All quilts and wall hangings will be **identified** with the name(s) of the creator(s), the quilt technique, size, colour, historical background, sale price, colour photo etc., along with a release form indemnifying FWIO for damage, theft or loss. The information to be **sealed** in an envelope to be securely attached to the quilt or wall hanging.

When transporting/delivering quilts and wall hangings to the Area Coordinator please use **clear plastic bags**, well labeled (the committee will supply the label) and well sealed.

Entry - Indemnity forms are to be returned to Christine Reaburn, 720 Lookout Road, RR 1, Westmeath K0J 2L0 before **31st March 2005** so that the Provincial and Area Quilt Coordinators are aware that you will be forwarding a quilt(s) and/or wall hanging(s).

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SENIOR DRESS CODE

Many of us old folks (those over 40, **WAY** over 40 or hovering near 40), are quite confused about how we should present ourselves. We're unsure about the kind of image we are projecting and whether or not we are correct as we try to conform to current fashions.

Despite what you may have seen on the the streets, the following combinations **DO NOT** go together and should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. A pierced tongue and dentures
3. Bikinis and liver spots
4. Miniskirts and support hose
5. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
6. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
7. In-line skates and a walker
8. Spiked hair and bald spots
9. Midriff shirts and midriff bulge
10. Speedo's and cellulite
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
13. Thongs and Depends

New, improved Wellesley Inn back in business

30/2005
by Dan McNee

John Dobias has turned the Wellesley Inn back into an attractive eating establishment in only four months, and he did most of the work himself.

"I was born beautiful, not rich," said Dobias. "I did a lot of the renovations myself. It was very hard work."

Dobias, a Cambridge resident who came to

Canada from the former Czechoslovakia in 1968, began fixing up the old hotel in May. Among the tasks he had to complete before his grand opening on Sept. 22 was to remove the carpeting that had stacked up three layers deep, as well as just trying to keep the nearly 150-year-old building looking good and safe.

"The hardest part is that the building is very

old. A lot of things needed to be upgraded and decorated," he said. "You would take out one screw and have to replace the floor."

Dobias has had his share of restaurant experience in the past. He was at one time the traveling chef for the Holiday Inn in London, Ontario, where he got the opportunity to travel Canada. He has also owned two restaurants in Hamilton.

In his latest venture, Dobias is offering a wide variety of menu items, and plans to add specialty nights for pasta, chicken wings and other items once he has hired a larger staff. He is currently doing all of the cooking himself, and is looking for a full-time chef and additional waitresses to add to his team.

"We're still operating at 75 per cent," he said. "Another couple of weeks and we'll be in business."

The Wellesley Inn is now the only licensed establishment in Wellesley, with Dobias adding his own personal touch to the bar list.

He has his own brand of beer brewed for him, "Wellesley" and "Wellesley Light." Dobias has also begun taking reservations for Christmas parties, he plans to start a catering service for the area, and is currently filling take-out orders as well.

One of the things that surprised Dobias upon setting up shop in Wellesley was the immediate kindness and support of the people in town. He promises to repay that kindness by offering Wellesley and the surrounding area the very best service that he can provide.

"I got tremendous response from everyone, and I would like to thank everyone," he said. "Nobody is going to come out of this place hungry. The food is good, and the prices are more than reasonable."

Wellesley Invaded

OCT 19, 2005

Wellesley Inn offering a free meal

Free meal offered in exchange for donations to purchase free skating time

TIM MURPHY
Independent staff

There is such a thing as a free lunch.

After receiving a warm welcome to Wellesley, the owner of the recently reopened Wellesley Inn wants to give back to his patrons.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, John Dobias is offering a free lunch or dinner at his restaurant, and in return will be accepting donations to purchase free skating time at the Wellesley arena.

"This will benefit people of all ages," Dobias said of the free skating.

He is still working out the

final details of the meal, but a pig roast is one of the options he is considering.

"This will benefit people of all ages."

John Dobias
owner of Wellesley Inn

Since the official opening on Sept. 22, he said business

has been overwhelming. Each day, he gets a few more customers coming through the doors.

"People seem to like the food."

One unexpected hit at the restaurant is Dobias' sauerkraut. He said he has people who come in and buy just sauerkraut for their meals at home.

Each night of the week there is a food special, such as all-you-can-eat fish nights on Monday.

Dobias is also working on creating a karaoke night, with prizes.

He has also been kept busy with catering, as well as birthday party planning.

"It's a little early, but people are booking Christmas parties," he said.

Dobias asks anyone considering coming to the free meal to please phone ahead for a reservation.

"At least I'll know how many people are coming for sure," he said.

The Wellesley Inn can be reached at 656-9057.

Wellesley Invaded

Canadian forces move into region to stabilize country, support government

OCT. 2005

The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada moved their forces into Wellesley and Wilnot townships at 1 a.m. Saturday, setting up base at the Khaki Club on Natziger Road. The Fusiliers were participating in a training exercise which saw Wellesley become the country of Ventora, a small nation surrounded by hostile forces. Using diplomacy and blank ammunition, it was up to the Canadian forces to secure Ventora from weapons and bomb smugglers over the weekend. The 160 soldiers set up command bases at the club and the Wellesley firehall, before conducting foot and vehicle patrols, as well as road checkpoints. Actors approached the soldiers throughout the weekend, pretending to be either normal civilians, or hostile forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Rick Peters, the commanding officer of the Fusiliers, said the weekend was a success, as it tested his troops' skills, and identified their strengths and weaknesses.

Tim Murphy photos



TOP Fusiliers are silhouetted as they man a checkpoint on Hackbart Road. ABOVE A commanding officer points to a map, instructing troops where to set up the next road block. ABOVE LEFT, BELOW LEFT Troops stand guard at the entrance to the Khaki Club on Natziger Road. People entering the area were required to show identification, and have a quick vehicle search before spike belts and barbed wire were lifted.

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Volunteering senior not about to slow down

TIM MURPHY
Independent staff

Hilda Koch turns 80 next week, but good luck finding her to wish her a happy birthday.

Koch, a Wellesley resident who has spent almost her entire life living on the same street, isn't slowing down just because she's turning 80.

Seated at the kitchen table of home, an eclectic mix of antiques and memorabilia from her colourful life, Koch said she has decided to stop competing in future Wellesley fall fairs.

"I thought I put the pressure on for 80 years," she said.

Her first fall fair trophy, silver plate awarded by the Eaton's Company, came to her in 1935, at the age of 10.

Unfortunately, after a few years, she can't recall what she won it for. Perhaps it was public speaking, but after all, she was only 10 years old at the time, and since then 70 years have passed.

"All I remember is how hot I was," she said, commenting on the tent she was in during the event, and how hot the day was.

This year's fall fair was quite as hot for Koch, but it was a successful one. Entering about 90 exhibits, she said she was quite surprised when she saw the pile of red ribbons on her entries.

Taking home the top number of points in a number of categories, perhaps her only disappointment was being runner-up in the pecan pie category. A \$22 bid on her pie is nothing to scoff at though.

Over the decades, the fair has changed significantly, Koch said. The rides have changed, the music has changed, and the exhibits have declined.

Recent additions to the fair, including Wellesley Idol, have increased interest in the event, she said.

She said she thinks less people are attending the fair now, because people are far busier than they used to be.

Her children, Rodney and Iris, used to also get involved, including decorating their bikes. Now they've grown up and moved away.



Hilda Koch is about to turn 80, but she is still as active as ever. Shown in her Wellesley home with a trophy plate she won in 1935 at a school fall fair, Koch decided to after this year's fair to stop entering, and perhaps relax a little.

at a number of other senior's homes.

"There's a lot of things I'm still involved in," she said.

Although, unfortunately, a few of her friends recently passed away, the number of activities Koch participates in each week fill her social schedule.

"I don't think I'll be lonely until I die," she said.

Throughout her life, Koch has worked in a variety of jobs, including a doctors office, a bank, and a number of catering companies. In 1986, while catering an official Wellesley function, her employers asked her to stop washing dishes, and step out to watch the proceedings.

Rather confused, and considering her boss crazy for asking her to stop working while they were so busy, she stepped out.

"All of a sudden, they said I was the Citizen of the Year...I almost died right on the spot," she said.

Accepting the award, still in her catering uniform, Koch was not expecting the honour.

A collector of antiques, coins, spoons and stamps, Koch's home is filled with her treasures.

And she has no intention of leaving it anytime soon.

Many of her friends, who live in senior's homes, have suggested she move from Wellesley and join them, but Koch would rather just visit for now.

"I think I would to stay where I am," she said. "Mind you, I think all of those homes are great."

And for as long as she is able, Koch said, she plans to stay in her home, drive her old Malibu, and help out the community in any way she can.

continued on.
"But at 80, it's time to say goodbye," she said.

In recent years, Koch has been slowly lessening her work load in the community, although has no plans to disappear.

Previously a church organist for 46 years at St. Marks Lutheran, she still takes on the occasional musical challenge for the church. This past year, she has played the organ four times at different events.

Koch tries to keep herself as busy as possible, because a few years ago she almost saw the end of her life.

Open heart surgery, as well as reconstructing her shoulder, put Koch "on deaths door."

Now, her biggest health concern is whether or not she will pass an eye exam to decide if she can keep her drivers license.

She said her son-in-law, David, teases her every time they talk the car she drives: a 1983 Malibu, which David is certain is always running on it's last legs.

If it gets her around though, Koch is happy.

She needs her vehicle to get to her job serving tea at Nith View Terrace, or the sing-a-longs she helps run

Koch's involvement in the fair was also passed down to her from her mother and aunt.

"I was born into it, I think," she smiled.

Long after her family stop contributing to the fair exhibits, Koch said she con-

Fusiliers see action at back road check point

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have to wait long for more action. Within 20 minutes of the bomb makers' arrest, a red sedan sped up to the roadblock.

The Canadian troops spread out into tactical positions, and took cover as two men leapt from the car, wearing head dresses, and screaming war cries, rifles in hand.

One of the men was taken down within seconds, disarmed, pinned to the ground and handcuffed by Corporal McDaid.

Corporal Robinson, manning a heavy, portable machine gun, carefully searched the car.

"It's clear," he said, returning to cover McDaid.

The other militant, who ran off screaming into an open field, met a more gruesome fate.

Deciding to rush the other two Fusiliers who laid down in the thick grass in the ditch, he aimed his rifle, fired, and ran full speed at them.

It appeared one Canadian soldier hesitated to fire, as he ordered the militant to drop

After the smoke from the blank rounds cleared, another potential threat was cleared from the road of Ventura, with no apparent loss of Canadian life.



LEFT below right: Corporal Rich Robinson, Elmira, keeps his finger close to the trigger as he scans the road for hostile activity.



RIGHT: Corporal McDaid holds an enemy insurgent to the ground after the man leapt from his car, screaming and waving a rifle. The insurgent's partner, who ran off into a field screaming, was shot and killed for refusing to surrender.



A Fusilier keeps watch over a checkpoint, barely visible to passersby.

Dumplin rafflo for Dad

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Wellesley Maple Leaf

RE-ESTABLISHED IN 1992 — SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP

Parkland, density important concerns

Proposed Wellesley subdivision hot topic at public meeting

by Dan McNea

A public forum was held during Wellesley Township council's meeting on Oct. 18 to discuss the proposed subdivision that Wm. J. Gies Construction Ltd. would like to develop in the town of Wellesley sometime in the future.

The proposed site, north of Gerber Rd. and west of Greenwood Hill Rd., would see a maximum of 108 units of both single family residences and semi-detached units. The original proposal requested 145 units, but according to Region calculations, the wastewater treatment plant on the Nith River could not support that many new units, as it is already near capacity.

Many Wellesley residents came out to voice their opinions on the proposed subdivision. Most were not pleased at the plans for more building. Larry Park of Parkview Dr. pointed out that a large amount of units on the small lots would result in unattractive housing, and that limitations should be put in place on what can and cannot be built.

"I think we're looking at a subdivision that will have a large number of homes on small lots," said Park. "It would be wise to put restrictions on what can be built, so that we don't wind up with what appears to be tract housing or dormitory-style housing."

CAO Susan Duke responded by saying that it was up to the developer to decide what is built on the lots, and that the land was allocated to the expected town growth two years ago.

"This area has always been under consideration as land that might come into development," said Duke.

The Township of Wellesley growth strategy projected space for 509 housing units in the entire township until 2016. The strategy allocated 312 units to the Wellesley urban area.

The remaining lots that are unable to be developed due to the insufficient wastewater capacity are to be designated as agricultural areas until such time as they can be used accordingly.

Of the entire development, five per cent must be dedicat-

ed to the township for parkland purposes. Rick Grebinski, of Wellesley, suggested that they use the extra space — in this case, block 139 — for park space or even a swimming pool for the local residents.

"Instead of going and building all of these houses, give something back to the community," said Grebinski.

But Wellesley council might decide to accept a five per cent cash-in-lieu payment instead of parkland. This money would go toward recreational uses, primarily to the maintaining of facilities that are already operating in the village.

"(Council) felt that the core area of parks have been meeting the needs of the community, and for that reason, they have opted in the past to accept what is called cash in lieu of the parkland," said Duke. "That's what council has done in the past, and I suspect would be in a position to do in this instance so that there are adequate financial resources to maintain and upgrade existing facilities that we have."

Other residents stated concerns over traffic lights and

the increased noise that would come with the increased traffic, as well as questions about proper sidewalks being constructed around the subdivision during and after its construction.

Larry Park closed out the comments from the public, expressing his appreciation to council for being able to participate in the discussion that night, as well as his hopes that the new development is carried out in a positive way for the residents of Wellesley.

"I'm a five-year resident of Wellesley, attracted here because the village is what it is," said Park. "I hope you understand that some of us here tonight have come from areas in K-W and the Toronto area where we have seen development that wasn't good, and I hope you appreciate our concern."

Councillor Ron Hackett assured the public that while this new subdivision might seem trying at the present time, since there is no more wastewater capacity available, there will be no more developments in the future after this one.

"A lot of what's happening that causes the fears is going to be limited by that capacity (of the wastewater treatment plant)," said Hackett. "I would suggest that the race is over, because when all of the units are divided up, there aren't any more."

This was the first meeting in which council analyzed and discussed the proposed Gies subdivision. Mayor Ross Kelterborn seemed positive toward the proposal, as long as the developer and regional staff addressed the issues raised during the public meeting, and the construction plan was accordingly altered to meet those guidelines.

"I'm satisfied, as long as we have input to the control and to what is going to happen after this plan is revised," said Kelterborn. "I do want the people's and council's input put in front of the regional staff."

Council made the motion to authorize the township staff to prepare the necessary zoning bylaw in support of the new subdivision. All council members were in favour and the motion was passed.

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Wellesley on the Pond

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Wellesley becomes battleground for Canadian forces

Fusiliers engage enemy in mock fight

TIM MURPHY
Independent staff

The peaceful residents of Ventora can sleep soundly at night, thankful Canadian soldiers intervened in their conflict.

Neighbouring Lemgo has been flooding militants, arms and supplies into Ventora in an attempt to destabilize the country's fledgling government.

Of course, Ventora and Lemgo do not exist, but the

Taking the plunge

Eight-year-old Jake Shaw, of Wellesley, takes his try at sinking a plunger into a toilet at the Optimists Halloween fun night in Wellesley.

TIM MURPHY, INDEPENDENT STAFF

conflict scenario is a reality Canadian soldiers overseas face each day.

The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada were in Wellesley this past weekend, protecting Ventora from the insurgents of Lemgo.

Lieutenant-Colonel Rick Peters, commanding officer of the Fusiliers, speaking from the main base of operations at the Khaki Club, said the mission was a success.

A number of "arrests" were made against weapons and explosives smugglers, providing the soldiers with realistic training.

At one checkpoint on Hackbart Road, this reporter witnessed the arrest of two men accused of smuggling explosives into Ventora.

The Lemgoese men declared their innocence, cited Geneva conventions, and begged for the photographer chronicling their fate to intervene.

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Wellesley council to adopt bylaw amendments

Changes will allow township residents to construct greenhouses with few restrictions

by Dan McNee

A public meeting was held during Wellesley Township council on Nov. 7, to discuss the comprehensive zoning bylaw regarding commercial greenhouse use in the area.

There was a modest turnout from the public, with only a few minor questions for township staff. Most were queries into specifics of the proposed bylaw amendments.

Previously, greenhouses could not be used Zone 1 agricultural areas for the purpose of selling the products that are grown in them, according to the Township of Wellesley zoning bylaw 35-83.

The proposed amendments would allow farmers to do so, in accordance with the bylaw stipulations. Updated definitions and new methods of regulation were to be imposed upon the existing bylaw.

Staff recommended that agricultural greenhouses can be used by farmers, but be limited in size to 10 per cent of the total lot area. Greenhouses could also not be located within three metres of any building on that lot, one metre from any interior or rear lot line, and six metres from the front of the lot.

These stipulations applied to commercial greenhouse use as well.

Amendments were also made to the use of greenhouses in residential areas.

The total coverage of all accessory buildings cannot exceed 755 square feet, shall be the minimum distances away from lot lines as mentioned above, and not exceed 4.5 metres in height.

Some area farmers wanted to know if they could still make "farm gate" sales at the end of their lane. The bylaw stated that the majority of produce and plant sales must be made in a market setting, but some of the crops can still be sold from residential properties.

Others inquired about the use of signs at the end of their lanes to indicate they were selling products. This and many of the other questions were answered by township clerk and planning director Susan Duke, who said that the proposed

thanked council for their attention into this matter, but asked of staff how long before the proposed bylaw would be passed. Weber had been turned down in October 2004 when he requested to build a greenhouse on his property.

"Do I have to sacrifice another growing season while you guys make up your mind what you want to do?" Weber asked. "If this thing gets adopted, how long do I have to wait?"

Duke explained the procedure to Weber and the rest of the public in attendance. After the preparation of the bylaw and its return to council if it is approved, there would be an appeal period of 20 days while it is finalized.

That could put the bylaw into effect as early as Dec. 22, a month from the next council meeting on Nov. 22.

Weber was not satisfied with the timeline.

"I've been waiting for this thing for 13 months," said Weber. "I had all summer to build it but I couldn't. Now I'm supposed to build it in January, right?"

Mayor Ross Kelterborn explained that it was the procedure that council had to follow and that there was nothing more they could do. Councillor Ron Hackett also explained the council's position to Weber and those in attendance.

"I would like to inform the public that we have decided to fast-track this as a favour to the community," he said. "We still have to obey the rules under which we operate. I realize that the frost might be in the ground by Dec. 22, but our hands are tied, and we're trying to move things ahead as fast as we possibly can."

After hearing comments from the public, Kelterborn expressed a concern over the potential for agricultural greenhouses to get too large in scale.

He raised the point that if someone owned a 100 acre lot, they could potentially build a 10 acre greenhouse. Hackett responded to the mayor's fear by saying that that scenario would be a costly endeavour on the builder's part.

"I would think that if someone bought a lot and built a house on 100 acres and wanted

agricultural, commercial and residential greenhouses, Hackett recommended that council make an amendment to the motion that allows for all trees, plants, fruits, vegetables and flowers to be grown inside them.

The amendment was eventually made to include all "nursery

and horticultural crops," on the recommendation of an audience member who was a part of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The amendment was carried with councillor Jeff Wilker opposed, who wanted firmer definitions before approving the bylaw.

"I don't want to be a pain but I think we just have to cover ourselves down the road," said Wilker. "I just don't want to be hauled down by interpretation that we don't have."

A vote was then made on the bylaw amendments as a whole with all in favour, and the motion was carried.

Event will go on — without council's financial help

by Dan McNee

With the annual Kids & Cops day coming up on Nov. 27, at the Wellesley arena, participants will have to attend the event by paying out of their own pockets.

This was decided at the Oct. 25 Wellesley committee of the whole meeting, when staff denied the event organizers' request of funding for \$602. They said that it might incite others to request free ice time rather than paying the usual rental fees.

"I think that we have to be fair to everybody, and that includes the taxpayers of the township," said councillor Ron Hackett, at the time of the meeting.

Kids & Cops event coordinator Dan Bisch was disappointed with council's decision, but said that

the event would go on as scheduled.

"We were asking for it for free because it helps all the kids," he said. "Everybody contributes to this except the township."

Kids & Cops offers a number of fun events for area children during the day, including skating with local police detachments, changing in the Jr. D Wellesley Applejacks' dressing room, and the chance to skate with the entire Kitchener Rangers team.

Every child participating receives a free t-shirt, with food and refreshments available throughout the day.

Bisch said that he is looking forward to the event, and invites everyone in the community to come out.

"It's just a fun day," he said. "I'm disappointed with council's decision, but life goes on."

Christmas Open Houses in Wellesley

Wednesday, November 2, 2005 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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Friday, November 4, 2005 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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New Wellesley health centre to celebrate grand opening

by Dan McNeel

After nearly two months of accepting patients, the new Wellesley Township Community Health Centre is holding its official grand opening on Nov. 12.

The new facility is acting as a satellite to the Woolwich Community Health Centre, in St. Jacobs.

The Wellesley centre, along with nine others in the province, was approved for funding in November 2004 by the Ministry of Health.

With the new building, located at 1180 Queen's Bush Road in Wellesley, the ministry has also allocated funds for the equivalent of seven full-time staff members. This team includes two physicians, a nurse practitioner, a registered dietitian, a social worker and a community health worker along with other administrative and support staff.

"There's a multi-provider approach," said Woolwich Community Health Centre executive director Denise Squire. "I think that's a huge

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advantage, but not an uncommon one in a small community."

Along with providing valuable services to those seeking medical attention, the Wellesley Health Centre will also allow outside organizations to take advantage of what the facility has to offer. Among those using the centre will be University of Waterloo optometry students, who will be conducting eye clinics in Wellesley every two months. Residents will be able to access their services.

Squire added that she has received many good words from those who have used the facility already, and invites everyone to come out to the grand opening.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback," she said. "A lot of people coming in for orientation meetings make a point of saying how happy they are with it."

Grand opening festivities at the new Wellesley Township Health Centre begin at 11am, Waterloo-

Wellesley council gives teen centre approval in principle

by HARRY ALBRIGHT

Plans for a drop-in centre for teens in Wellesley village took a large step forward on September 22 when township council voted to give the project approval in principle.

However, councillors denied a request from organizers that space be made available for the centre in the basement of the old school. Council, in cooperation with other interested parties, is working toward finding a permanent use for the old school, and councillors thought they should await the outcome of that process before committing space in the building.

A delegation of supporters of the centre attended the council meeting.

Jennifer Hussey, a teenager who has already organized a successful teen dance in the village, told council, "There is a real need for your support to help with the teen drop-in centre."

Hussey said there is strong support for the centre among area teens.

"It's time to stop waiting for other people to make our dreams come true," Hussey said. "The teen drop-in centre will be a hit."

She said a group of teens is raising funds by doing face-painting at the apple-butter and cheese

festival.

Hussey also said the teens are pleased with the high level of parental support.

Wellesley village councillor Ross Kelterborn asked what kind of activities are planned.

Hussey said there might be "a pool table, or a ping-pong table, maybe some music to listen to."

Kelterborn asked if the centre would be open every evening, and how it would be supervised.

Hussey said she is not sure yet. "Maybe a couple of evenings a week to start out with."

She said parents and service-club members have volunteered to chaperone.

Councillor Dieter Kays asked how many teens Hussey thought would participate.

"At the beginning, it will be a very big hit," said Hussey. "It may die down in a few years, but there will definitely be someone every night."

She said she expects an average of 10 to 15 teens.

Vonnie Haner, who was representing the Wellesley township arts council, said Hussey has her group's support.

Haner said that teens are "an untapped resource," who could take on useful community projects.

"In order to accomplish this,

they need a common place to meet, to talk, and to develop a relationship with each other and with adults."

Haner said that police reported that teens were well-behaved during the dance, "and that a hired police officer would not be necessary in the future."

The Lions and Optimist clubs support the idea, and members have volunteered assistance.

Haner said that Hussey has "shown leadership among her peers ... and introduced an awareness to us that teen needs and desires are not being met in Wellesley."

Sergeant Roy Bowman, head of the New Hamburg detachment of the regional police, was also present to voice his support.

He said there are teen drop-in

centres in Baden and new Hamburg, and "my experience as a police officer is that a teen drop-in centre is a success."

Bowman said, "Nothing is perfect. On the negative side, someone can bring a case of beer to the parking lot. There has been minor mischievous things. Kids loiter outside."

He was confident, however, that his department could control any problems. "By and large, we figure we can control liquor [and mischief] by our supervision. The good points outweigh the negative."

He said he has been instructed by his superiors to commit his detachment to "extra patrolling and assistance with establishing the rules."

"I think it's a great idea," said

councillor Dieter Kays. "The teens need a place."

However, he said he did not think council could guarantee the use of the old school's basement.

"I very much support this idea, too," said councillor Chris Orford.

He suggested that the teens be involved in deciding the future of the old school.

Kelterborn wondered if the regional library, which is the building's main tenant, and the drop-in centre would "be compatible." He was concerned about noise disturbing the library patrons.

"They won't be open at the same time," Haner said.

Council passed the motion giving approval in principle, and invited Hussey to attend a meeting the following Thursday on the future of the old school.

Group backs public use of old school

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"If the building stood alone as a cultural centre, where would the money come from?" asked councillor Chris Orford.

Kays mentioned that seniors' housing had once been proposed for the site.

Finn said that plan "was not received favorably by anybody, because of the density. Neither was severing and selling part of the property, because part of the attraction was the park-like setting."

Before the meeting concluded,

Manley wondered how representative the group had been. "I like the idea of the questionnaire."

"There are people who have hard feelings over this building," said Kelterborn.

There were also questions raised as to whether the questionnaire should be sent to every household, because people might voice an opinion based on no information.

"From experience on the water surveys, they'd better be mailed out to everyone," said Duke.

"The person who's uninformed has a right in a democracy to have a say," said Peters.

"What happens if you get 500 questionnaires back that say tear it down?" asked Kelterborn.

But the last word of the evening went to Ottman.

"I haven't missed any meetings in Wellesley yet," said Ottman, "but this has been the most sensible one yet."

The committee scheduled its next meeting for Monday, November 9.

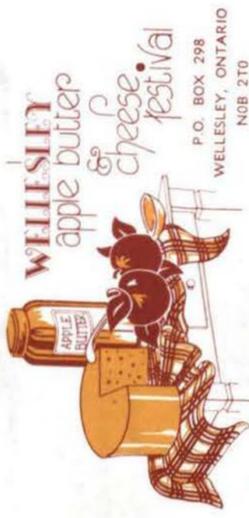
RURAL HEALTH CARE

Boosting rural medicine



Clinical nurse Sally Bishop (left), and receptionist Sandra Audas confer on a file at the new Wellesley Township Community Health Centre in Wellesley. PETER LEE, RECORD STAFF

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Satellite health centre coming to Wellesley

Province commits an additional \$21 million to stabilize programs and expand Community Health Centres across the province

DOUG COXSON
Independent staff

Accessing health care is about to become significantly easier for Wellesley residents. Last Friday the provincial government announced funding to improve front-line health care services across Ontario through an investment in Community Health Centres.

Woolwich Community Health Centre's 18-month-old request to establish a satellite health centre to serve Wellesley Township is part of the funding announcement that injects an additional \$21 million to front-line health care, including \$9.4 million to hire new staff and increase services at 54 community health care centres, \$4.6 million to create 10 new satellites including Wellesley and Ayr, and \$7 million to stabilize existing programs at CHCs, including homeless initiatives.

"This is very exciting," Woolwich Community Health Centre executive director Denise Squire said last Friday before tempering the announcement with the fact the Ministry of Health has yet to release any details of the funding. Squire said once they know the amount the WCHC is receiving the steering committee will have a better sense of the scope of work that lays ahead.

"We're fairly certain we won't get the full level of funding we had asked for," Squire said.

The Woolwich Community Health Centre became involved when Wellesley council and councillor Joe Nowak established the steering committee in 2001 to examine local health service needs in the township, which at

that point was serviced by only one doctor. Since then a nurse practitioner's office was set up in Linwood to service those in the community without a family physician.

The steering committee for the project submitted a funding proposal to the province in March 2003 that suggested a Wellesley satellite of the WCHC be set up over a three-year period. The plan, as proposed, was to start with at least six full-time staff and increase to 12.5 by year three. "It's more likely we will be funded somewhere between those two ranges," Squire said.

Although some community health centres may have taken the strategy to shoot high in their proposals to the province, Squire said Wellesley's submission followed very closely along the lines of what the community stated it needed for health care service.

"We felt that we developed and submitted a very sincere proposal in terms of trying to reflect the comprehensive health care needs of the community," she said. "The world has changed a bit since then. There might be some creative options to look at now."

Once the funding details are disclosed, Squire said the committee will come together to figure out location and the size and scope of the facility.

In its proposal, the committee also envisioned a location that would attract other health-care service providers to complement the work of the CHC.

CHCs specialize in comprehensive primary health care and prevention services provided by inter-disciplinary teams of



Dozens of people gathered at the new Wellesley Community Health Care Centre on Saturday to celebrate the grand opening of the new facility that has been five years in the making. Local dignitaries, including Waterloo-Wellington MPP Ted Arnott, steering committee chair Brenda Leis and Wellesley councillor Joe Nowak, mayor Ross Kelterborn, Kitchener-Conestoga MP Lynn Myers and Heather MacDonald were on hand to cut the ribbon and welcome visitors for a tour of the centre.

DOUG COXSON, INDEPENDENT STAFF

Health centre opens doors

WELLESLEY'S GRAND OPENING

The grand opening of Wellesley Township Community Health Centre takes place on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its 1180 Queen's Bush Rd., Wellesley location. There will be a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m., followed by refreshments and tours.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES

The Ontario government announced \$74.6 million yesterday to create an additional 22 community health centres and 17 new satellites over the next three years. Although none are slated for Waterloo Region, the money will help with increased staffing and program enhancements in this region. The province currently has 54 community health centres and 10 satellites. There are three community health centres in Waterloo Region — Lang's Farm, Woolwich and the Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre.

The centres provide primary health care and prevention with salaried interdisciplinary teams, which include doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers and health promoters. Their services may target: primary mental health care, housing issues, nutrition workshops, access to employment, immigrant and refugee support, seniors' drop-in, multi-lingual programming and women's support groups. The centres are non-profit organizations, governed by a community board of directors.

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Local volunteers' efforts get

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society seemed like a good fit for his skills. "I thought, being that I treat animals, that's right along the work that I'm doing. ... I thought it was a good spot to be."

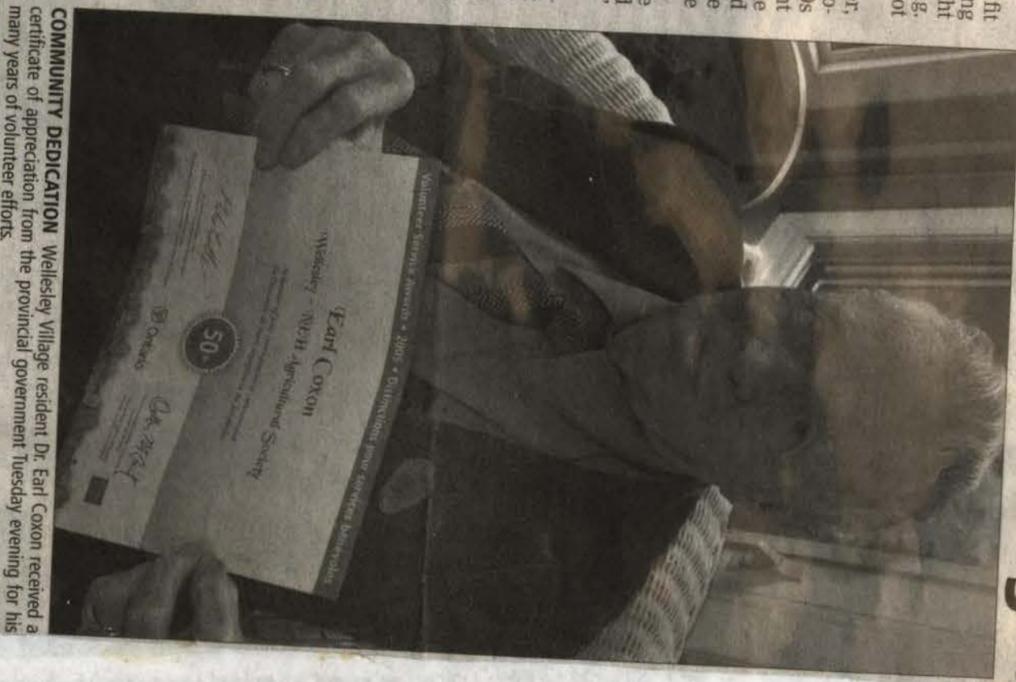
A long-time board member, Coxon rose to the ranks of society president in the 1960s and continues his involvement to this day. Much of his time with the society has revolved around organizing the horse show competitions during the annual fall fair.

"I was in all of it, but some parts you spend more time and that's the one I was more in," he said.

"I'm still living in the town — you can't just live here and not do anything," he said of why he continues to volunteer his time, adding he's also a member of the Lions Club, Board of Trade and Horticultural Society. "It's kind of been a pretty full life."

Receiving the award was very much a surprise for Coxon, who attended the Tuesday ceremony with his daughter, Bonnie Griffiths.

"I didn't know anything about it. I just got a letter ... a week or two ago," he told the Observer. "I think it's nice. A lot of people work away and they just keep on going; they don't think much about it when it's being done. After a while to give them something makes them feel that maybe they did



COMMUNITY DEDICATION Wellesley Village resident Dr. Earl Coxon received a certificate of appreciation from the provincial government Tuesday evening for his many years of volunteer efforts.

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Wellesley endorses new subdivision plan

Revised proposal calls for 103 residences in Wellesley Village

RICHARD VIVIAN
OBSERVER STAFF

Reduced in scale, a new residential subdivision planned for Wellesley Village won approval this week from township council. Now calling for 103 units, down from 145, the project would see homes built near the corner of Gerber and Greenwood Hill roads in Wellesley Village.

However, in endorsing the draft plan of subdivision, council is asking the region to consider a series of conditions, including several studies on the lands and that an easement be provided to accommodate a storm

sewer.

The most significant condition suggested by council last month, following a public meeting on the matter, has already been met: that the number of units be reduced. The previous draft included more units than Wellesley could provide with water and sewer services.

In order to comply with the reduction, a section of semi-detached units was withdrawn from the plan.

But some of the public concerns haven't been addressed in the newest proposal, councillors pointed out. Several residents on Parkview Drive requested lot lines on the

new "Street B" align with the back of their properties - something that's not covered in the latest draft, though the number of lots in that area has been reduced.

"These do not abut each other and one of the comments that was raised ... was the joining of fencing," Coun. Ron Hackett said, suggesting that if neighbouring property owners erect different styles of fences it will look awkward for those whose land backs onto two lots. "My feeling would be that they should line up."

The decision not to line up the properties was based on marketability, explained Alex Galloway of the planning firm Dryden, Smith and Head, which represented the developer.

"Those lots are in the neighbourhood of 60-plus feet wide. The developer has had a problem selling, in the past, lots of 74-feet in width [as requested]," he told council, noting their size already exceeds the zoning requirements. "Those are substantially large lots as they stand now. ... It's a specialty

market when you get into 70-foot lots."

If lot alignment were a key issue for council, added chief administrative officer Susan Duke, the entire proposal would have to be redone, as property lines don't match up in other areas as well.

Council also raised the issue of a potential trail along Gerber Road and fencing that section of road. Under regional requirements, a chain-link fence is to be erected, but several councillors want something more attractive.

"My concern is that neither the fence that is west of Parkview Drive nor a chain-link fence, in my opinion, is an asset to this subdivision. It should be a much more elaborate, decorative-type fence," suggested Mayor Ross Kelterborn.

As for a trail along Gerber Road, that's a possibility as long as it runs in the region's right-of-way, noted Galloway.

"It would be dependent upon regional approval," he said. "I don't think our client would have any objection to a trail system."

Wellesley backs rec. funding over roads

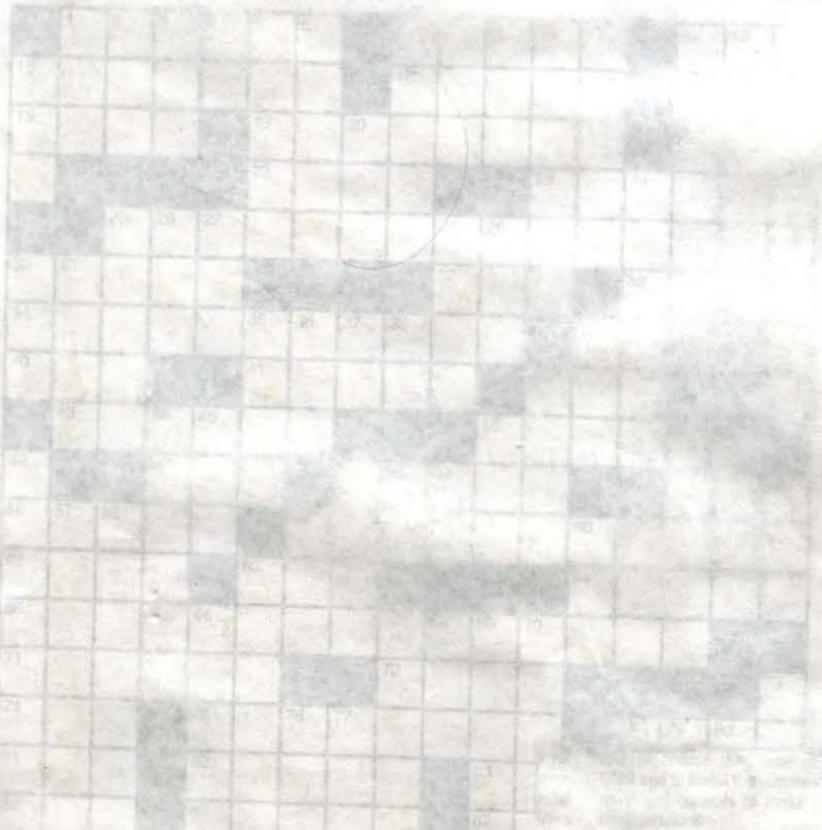
Recreation projects should be given the "utmost consideration" when it comes to funding allotments in the third round of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF), Wellesley council said this week. *Nov 25*

The sole opposition to the move came from Coun. Joe Nowak, who pointed out Wellesley previously declared roads to be the top priority; the Township is applying for road-related funds through all three COMRIF rounds - the first of which has already been approved.

"Our needs are for roads to get straightened away. ... There's only a certain amount of money in that pool."

Council felt that since recreation projects are already allowed in the third round, it only made sense to support it.

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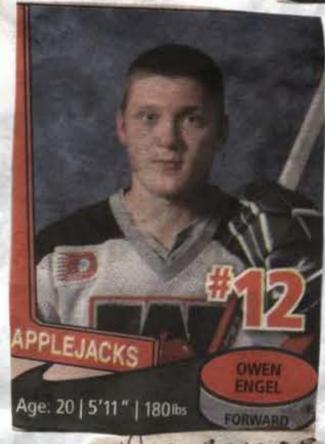
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'Jacks continue to rack up points

by Julie Sawyer

The Wellesley Applejacks continued to dominate the Bauer division of the Jr. D hockey league as they netted more points over the week-end. Wellesley, with a record of 18-3-1 for 38 points, has a over second place Tavistock who have 25 points.

In a game on Dec. 1, Wellesley travelled to Ayr and came away 8-2 winners over the Centennials.

Tyler McKelvey, Pat Doyle and Scott Hustwitt had two goals each while single goals were scored by Matt Miller and Scott Litt. Assists were by Doyle with four, Hustwitt with two, and Shane Cicchine, Litt, McKelvey and Scott Hanley with a single assist each.

Wellesley was leading 3-1 after the first period and 5-2 after the second period.

At home on Dec. 3, the

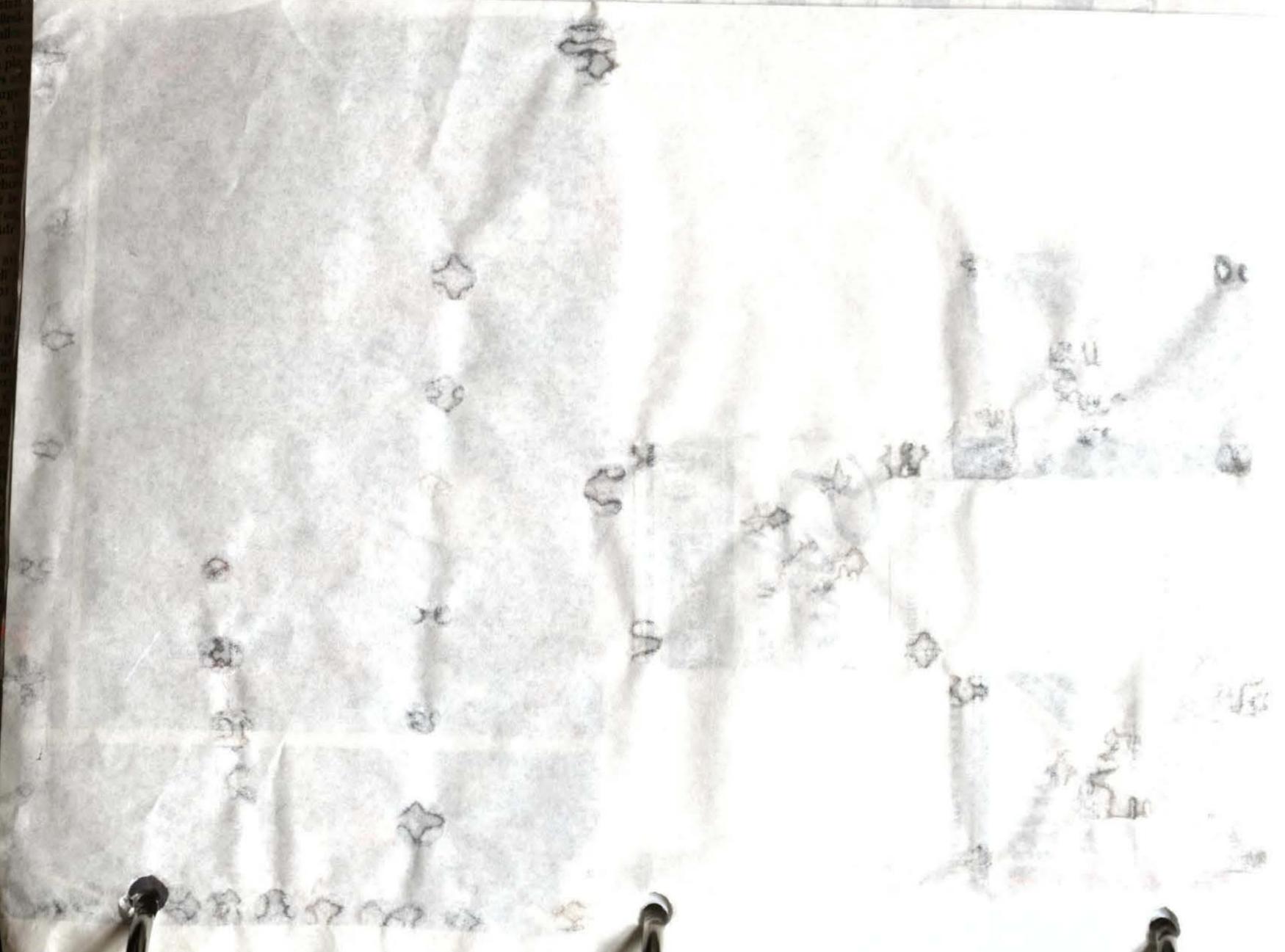


OUTTA MY WAY! — Blake Martin, of the Wellesley Applejacks, makes his way past Mike Pollard of the Langton Thunderbirds during Jr. D action on Dec. 3. Wellesley won the game 6-0. (Photo by Julie Sawyer)

his first appearance in the nativity play this year thanks to Mike Luty.

SEEING TRIPLE These three kings await their turn on stage in the Wellesley Mennonite Church nativity play.

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Santa Claus is coming to town

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2005



THE HOUR Santa and one of his jolly elves ride along the parade route in the third annual Wellesley Christmas Tyme Parade Dec. 9.

Wellesley Village welcomes the man in red with parade and festivities in his honour

DESIREE FINHERT
OBSERVER STAFF

Wellesley became a winter wonderland just in time for its third annual Christmas Tyme Parade and a visit from the guest of honour. Santa showed up in advance of the parade Dec. 9 to hear the Christmas wishes of young children at the Pfeifer Gallery.

He arrived a day after a heavy snowfall blanketed the region with soft mounds of the white stuff. The temperature was mild that evening, but accompanied by a chilly wind. The seasonal weather was a welcomed addition to the parade: last year's outing featured rain.

Children took advantage of the fresh fall on their toboggans as people gathered in the streets anticipating the event. As the evening grew darker, members of the Wellesley Mennonite Church rehearsed their nativity scene, and their new addition, Molson the camel, took a walk through the park.

Some 800 spectators lined the streets from Wellesley Public School, down Queen's Bush Road, Nafziger Road and

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SEEING TRIPLE These three kings await their turn on stage in the Wellesley Mennonite Church nativity play.



HONOURED GUEST Molson the camel made his first appearance in the nativity play this year thanks to Mike Luty.



HELLO A child waves from a float covered in golden presents.



SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER A little girl keeps warm in a Santa hat aboard a Wellesley Fire Department truck.



SHEPHERD BOYS Travis Nafziger (left) and Kyle Martin have come to blow their horns as shepherds in the nativity play.

Time for Christmas

A heavy snowfall arrived just in time for the Wellesley Village parade

Continued from cover Maple Leaf Street to the park, where hot apple cider, hot chocolate and cookies were available.

The parade was sponsored in part by the Wellesley and District Lions Club, which arranged insurance for the event and organizes the Tree of Lights Ceremony and donation drive.

John Paff, a club director said the parade and

the other events of the day were well attended and well received. "It's something people really look forward to."

The parade started with marshals setting the pace followed by about 60 entries, including the Kitchener Rangers and Wellesley Applejacks hockey teams, Girl Guide troop, Wellesley Idol winner Sarah Gropp, the Wellesley Fire Department and the federal can-

didates for the Kitchener-Conestoga riding.

Giant pieces of machinery trekked through the 45-minute route, followed by ponies. Bringing up the rear was the star attraction: Santa, Mrs. Claus and a herd of reindeer.

After the parade, Santa met with the older children he had not heard from during the afternoon.

The parade ended near where the Wellesley Men-

nonite Church was set up to performed its live nativity show before and after the tree lighting ceremony.

There was a large cast to take on the roles of Mary and Joseph in the manger, shepherds, wise men and angels as well as sheep, a cow and camel.

The performances drew a crowd which gathered in a semicircle around the barn-like stage.

"It just adds something

to the meaning of Christmas," said Paff. "Something I believe that a lot of people forget why we celebrate and it's good to remind them why we do celebrate the festive season."

The Girl Guides sang carols before lighting the Tree of Lights at the Island in the Park. The tree shown across the lake with lights paid for by the town's people.

Donations for the Tree

of Light are being accepted at local business until after Christmas. Last year the Lions club received about \$2,000 in donations from the Tree of Lights and Paff is hoping they will receive a similar amount come the New Year. The money from the lights goes to support Meals on Wheels and the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC).

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Health classes now being offered by Wellesley facility

by Dan McNee

Seniors in the Wellesley area will soon have an opportunity to take advantage of further services offered by the new Community Health Centre.

Starting next week, senior exercise classes will be taking place at the Wellesley Community Centre, with plenty of room still available.

The new group aerobics program will be led by local fitness instructor Lora Gerber, and was initiated after a need for healthy senior activities was expressed within the community.

"Being a new facility, we're just trying to get to know them (area seniors) and offer them new, healthy and active living opportunities," said community health worker Karla Wilker.

Classes begin on Jan. 26 and last until Mar. 16. Local seniors can sign up for eight classes lasting an hour in length each for \$20.

Those interested in signing up, or who have questions may contact Karla Wilker at the Wellesley Community Health Centre at 656-9025 ext. 224.

TIM MURPHY
Independent staff

Marg Runstedler is well known for her volunteer work in Wellesley, and she is soon to be thanked for her years of dedication.

She is to be named Wellesley's 2005 Citizen of the Year.

"I have no idea why," Runstedler admits. "I guess because I got my nose in a lot of things around town."

Actively involved in the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival, the horticultural society, Christmas Tyme in Wellesley, the Wellesley Idol pageant, and many other local initiatives, Runstedler

is slowing down. Born in Milverton, Ontario, Runstedler married her husband Edward 39 years ago, and together raised three children.

The Wellesley resident of over 27 years is soon to start the planning of a new project called Art in the Park, in which artists will be able to market their goods, and bands will entertain people as they browse.

The owner of a cluster of apartments, she started her community work when her children were in minor sports.

"It just went from one thing to another," she said, detailing how with each successful project she and other volunteers take on, their work continues to grow.

"One of these times we'll pick something that doesn't go," she joked.

Her volunteer work keeps Runstedler more than occupied.

So much in fact, she draws a blank when asked of her hobbies or other recreation.

But Runstedler seems fine with her active lifestyle.

Wellesley and District Board of Trade treasurer Terry Dennerley said Runstedler always helps people, and leads volunteers in community activities.

"She's outstanding as a volunteer," he commented. "She's very difficult to say no to."

Dennerley said she was

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Rundstedler chosen over two others

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chosen over two other candidates.

"She was well out in front," he said.

Each year at the ABC Festival, Runstedler operates an apple booth from her garage where she also sells peaches and apple butter.

This past festival, over 87 bushels of apples were sold.

"I think it's good we have local people doing that," she said, noting Wellesley has been growing in recent years.

Each year she said she notices the town getting busier, and wonders how much larger the village can

expand.

Runstedler noted the new medical center, the reopening of the Wellesley Inn, and the recent attempts to breath new life into the feed mill.

"It's good to keep the downtown," she commented, observing many small towns are dying in Ontario in competition with larger city centers.

Runstedler will be officially honoured and presented with he award at the annual board of trade Valentine's Ball on Feb. 10, at the Wellesley Community Center.

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We Welcome Lindsay Bast, B.Sc., N.D.
 Dr. Lindsay Bast graduated June 2005 from the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine Toronto, Ontario.
 Lindsay is a graduate of University of Waterloo where he received his Bachelor of Science with honours in Kinesiology. While entered in Co-op program he held positions at a chiropractic clinic, teaching high school and working in a long term care facility. Graduate of Elmira D.S.S. (1996).
Now accepting appointments for mid-January.



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Applejacks on track for playoffs

One regular season game remains



BREAK IT UP — The linesman try to untangle Richard Shantz, of the Wellesley Applejacks, and Acom Lachance of the Hagersville Hawks after their fight with 2:03 left in the third period on Feb. 3. Wellesley won the game 5-2. *(Photo by Julie Sawyer)*



TANGLED — Wellesley Applejacks and the Hagersville Hawks took to the ice on Feb. 4, with Wellesley coming out with a 5-2 win. The 'Jacks play their last regular season game tonight (Fri. Feb. 10) in Tavistock at 8:30pm. *(Photo by Julie Sawyer)*

Wellesley Maple Leaf

RE-ESTABLISHED IN 1992 - SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP

Wellesley Lions lend helping hand

by Dan McNee

Thanks to the Christmas generosity of area residents and the Wellesley Lions Club, two charitable services in Wellesley Township will be able to better help those in need this winter.

The Wellesley Lions presented both the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) and the Meals on Wheels seniors' food delivery service with cheques after the Wellesley Tree of Light campaign in December brought in \$2,855. Twelve local businesses set up donation boxes to collect money for the two causes.

The ceremony held on Dec. 9 saw countless bulbs lit on the Tree of Light, after residents purchased them for \$5 each, with the money going towards the two organizations.

Wellesley Lions Club member and Tree of Light co-ordinator, Marilyn Bisch said the event was a huge success and that it is likely a similar fundraiser will take place again.

"It gives me a warm feeling inside to know that we've helped those in need," said Bisch. "It was a very rewarding experience."



GENEROUS DONATIONS — The Wellesley Lions Club donated \$2,855 total to the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) and Meals on Wheels on Feb. 7. Seen here from left to right are Lions Club member and Tree of Light coordinator Marilyn Bisch, CAPC representative Sue Martin, executive director of community care concepts for Meals on Wheels Veronica MacDonald, and Wellesley Lions Club president Gabrielle Paff. (Photo by Dan McNee)

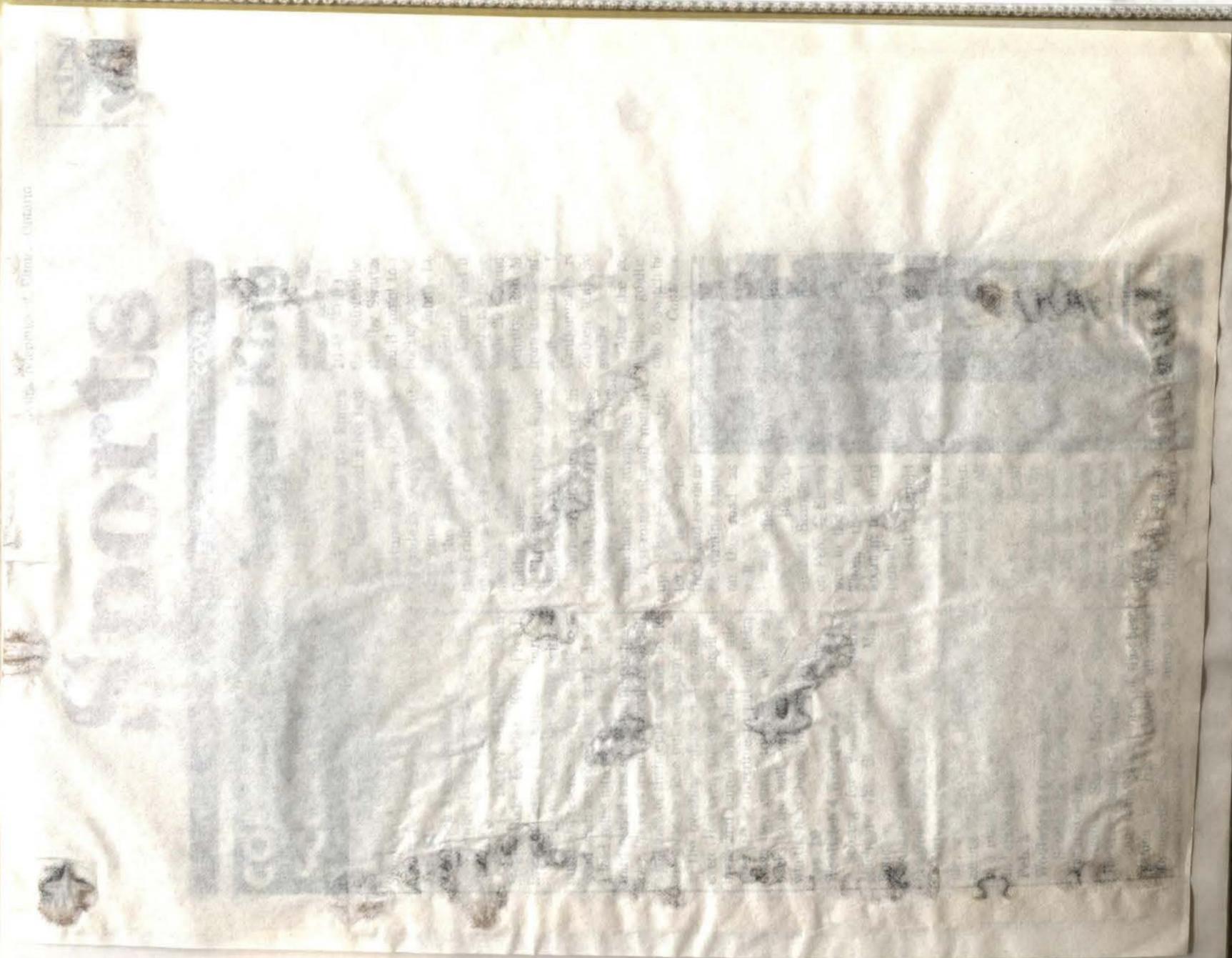
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Women's Institutes celebrate 109 years of home and country life

Women's Institutes have been building strong families and strong communities for 109 years.

A forward-thinking farmer, Erland Lee, invited Adelaide Hunter Hoodless to Stoney Creek to speak to a group of farmers' wives about the need for improved education of women and better household management. She believed girls, and through them their families, would benefit if they had improved training in homemaking. Her speech inspired the group and led to the creation of the first Women's Institute on Feb. 19, 1897.

Branches of Women's Institutes quickly spread around the province, the country and then the world. In 1919, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) was organized to give branch members in Ontario a stronger voice as a united group.

Now, a century later, WIs still unite women and encourage each other to share knowledge and advocate for change through the ROSE (Rural Ontario Sharing Education) program. By collaborating with 15 provincial partners and countless local partners, the ROSE program creates a network of organizations working together to improve access to information.

FWIO branches host educational ROSE sessions, open to the public, aimed at increasing awareness of important health and social issues, providing resources, heightening the visibility of local issues and concerns, improving the status of women and their families, and reducing the duplication of services. To date, over 25,000 men and women have participated in ROSE sessions across the province.

The ROSE program continues to grow, targeting the needs of rural and urban communities with over 500 ROSE sessions initiated, led and inspired by WI members. Outstanding leadership and dedication, coupled with unwavering support, means the ROSE program message never fails. Even when faced with challenging times and financial hardship, WI members have tirelessly worked as a team, encouraging and inspiring each other to work for home and country.

With 7,500 members, FWIO is a diverse group. Members range in age from three years old to some approaching their 100th birthday. Educational and social backgrounds, as well as religious and cultural beliefs, are broad, but all members believe in the spirit of the Women's Institute.

One WI member - a 97-year-old woman - said, "Never let the brain idle, always keep thinking and learning. The ROSE program is helping to do just that and to focus FWIO's educational and membership efforts. Remember the power of knowledge and the value of education can never be measured."

FWIO was, and still is, dedicated to providing educational opportunities for women and their families. Through self-supporting instruction and support pro-

grams, the philosophy that sparked the original Women's Institute movement is as vibrant today as it was more than 100 years ago. As enthusiastic and committed as their predecessors, WI members are meeting this century with confidence and high spirits as they continue to build strong families and strong communities.

For more information about the Women's Institute, visit the website at www.fwio.on.ca.

Canadians work 39 days to pay for a year of food

Feb. 8 was "Food Freedom Day," the calendar date when the average Canadian had earned enough income to pay his or her grocery bill for the entire year.

The more astonishing thing is that the share that actually goes to farmers is paid completely after only one week in January.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2003, Canadians spent 10.6 per cent of their disposable income on food. That number has dropped over the years. In 1997, Canadians spent more than 12.5 per cent of their disposable income on food.

Between 1997 and 2003, even as the food share of their income spending decreased, the actual price Canadian consumers paid for food increased by 13.8 per cent.

In contrast, the average price received by farmers for their products increased by only 2.1 per cent.

This means the prices paid by consumers for food increased over six times more than the prices received as a return to farmers.

Thus, the average Canadian consumer works for only one week to pay their yearly cost of food to the farmer, but must work for a month to cover the retail price.



Region aims to improve Gerber Road

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by Dan McNee

Like so many other highways and intersections receiving construction in the Region of Waterloo, a road bordering the village of Wellesley may be next up.

A Regional representative presented Wellesley council with the preliminary plan to upgrade Gerber Road on April 18 during their regular meeting.

John Lee, the project manager for the Gerber Road improvement project, gave council the details on what is being considered done during the coming months in a delegation at the

start of the meeting.

The section of the highway, which runs from Moser-Young Road west to Nafziger Road along the southern border of Wellesley, will receive modifications, should it be approved by regional council.

Wellesley Township, while it has input into what it would like added to the construction slate, has no part in the funding nor the actual construction of Gerber Road.

The Region will primarily focus on the replacement of the deteriorating asphalt, widening the road shoulders to two metres in order to better accommodate

buggies and cyclists, and improving sightlines at two locations.

Councillor Joe Nowak suggested Lee and his team look into improving the visibility at the intersection of Gerber Road and Parkview Drive.

Mayor Ross Kelterborn agreed, and Lee said he would look into the request. Chief administrative officer Susan Duke pointed out the Region did look at that intersection before, and the sightlines met the proper criteria.

"Just to put it into perspective, that intersection was designed with Regional input," she told Lee and council. "The

sightlines were checked and the location of the intersection was designed knowing what the sightlines were."

With the construction also comes detours and speed limit changes. The section of Gerber Road in question will be closed for a period of four weeks. Access to driveways along the construction route will be maintained.

Pending Regional approval, the construction of Gerber Road is slated to begin in July and run until September. Information letters for residents living in the area are to be distributed this week.

Council praises fundraising effort

by Dan McNee

Wellesley council took time during their Sept. 6 meeting to review the financial report of the new Linwood recreation centre, sports park and library.

Councillors had the opportunity to direct questions to members of the Linwood building committee, specifically about the spending distribution of this project, which is expected to cost nearly \$2.5-million upon completion.

There were only minor grievances about the report, mainly regarding the shortfall in funding that has occurred. The Linwood Building Committee has asked Wellesley township to put up \$200,000 to cover the shortfall, which would be returned by 2008.

Councillor Jeff Wilker and the other councillors praised the Linwood Fundraising Committee for their efforts, which have raised over \$675,000 in donations to date for the project.

"They have worked tirelessly to do it; it's a great accomplishment," said Wilker. "They did this on their own time, they haven't put their names to it. It's a township building at the end of the day."

Mayor Ross Kelterborn called a meeting on Sept. 8 to further discuss the progression of the Linwood recreation and library, and for council to ask any questions of the building committee.

Road widening could mean end for maple tree

By Dan McNee

Wellesley resident Kristy Forsythe brought forth an issue to council on Sept. 6 regarding the future widening of Molesworth St.

Forsythe argued that a large maple tree that has existed on her property at the corner of Molesworth and Henry St. since the 1940s should not be cut down to compensate for the road widening. She produced a petition signed by sixteen Wellesley citizens who supported the tree being left alone.

"I think we need to be in favour of the surviving," said Forsythe. "My husband are willing to take the chance that it might die or not survive. It's our house and property, and it's a risk we're willing to take."

Director of Public Works Willis McLachlan told Forsythe it is likely that the widening of Molesworth St. would not occur for at least three to four years, but mayor Ross Kelterborn informed her that the issue would be put on the agenda for the next meeting on Sept. 20.

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Longtime family-run business in Blyth in its fifth generation and aims to be in its sixth

BY LEEANN WALL

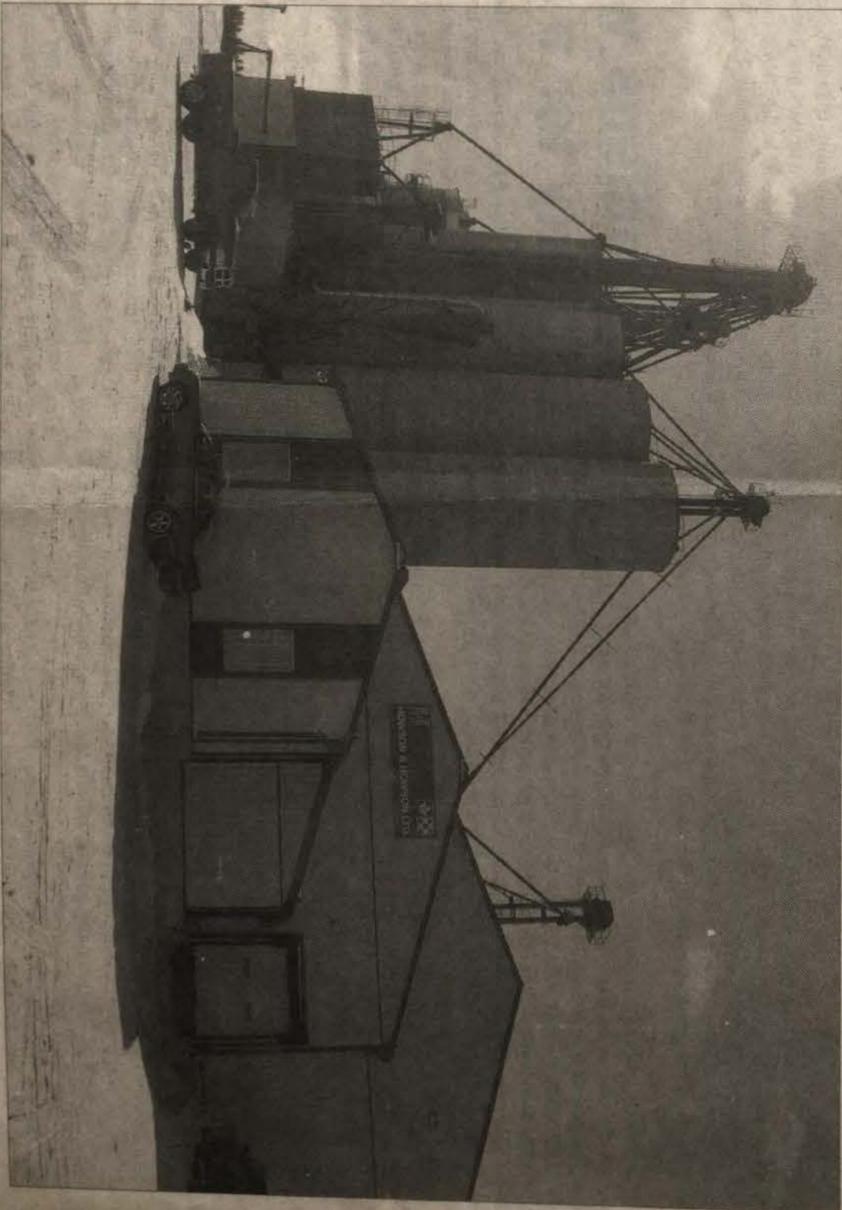
WINGHAM ADVANCE-TIMES

Five generations of Howsons have made their work, family and small town living a legacy to be passed onto each new member. What started as a joint endeavor by two brothers has turned into a family tree full of employees.

Howson and Howson Ltd. is a flour mill business that has been operating since 1875. It all began with the hard work of two twin brothers, William James and Archibald McKinnon Howson. They both took up the feed mill trade in Norval, Ontario.

William rented mills in Teeswater for years before purchasing the flour and feed mill east of Main St. in 1882, which is now owned by the Howson Bay co-op. In 1899, the Howsons moved to a mill in Wingham here Frank Howson, William's son, became partner in 1917. Frank helped develop the business from horse-drawn wagons to delivery trucks.

In 1924 Howson and Howson Ltd. bought their first truck, a model T used to take grain in from local farmers. At this time the company was shipping flour to Montreal, Britain and other United Kingdom countries. When the Great Depression hit in 1929 Howson and Howson Ltd. employed one head miller and three



LEEANN WALL/ADVANCE-TIMES PHOTO
BLYTH ELEVATORS - Howson and Howson have two mills in Blyth and this one stores feed and grain. The larger plant in town produces semolina which is used in food like pasta.

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Wellesley Applejacks hand out more hardware



WINNERS — The Wellesley Applejacks Jr. D hockey club held their awards banquet on April 13. Bringing home the hardware were: (1) A special award (the Whopper Slammer) went to goaltender Todd Foster, presented by coach Chip Seiling and general manager Dave Litt; (2) Pat Doyle was awarded rookie of the year honours from coach Chip Seiling; (3) Verna Metcalfe awarded Shane Cicchine and Cam Jamieson with most sportsmanlike honours; (4) Scott Hustwitt and Richard Shantz were named MVPs by 'Jacks president, Kevin Fitzpatrick; (5) Unsung player honours went to Scott Hanley presented by Dan Hartung and Jamie Hartung.
(Photos by Dan McNee)

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Nowak eyes the big chair

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Wellesley councillor files papers to become first township mayoral candidate

by Dan McNee

It's official - Wellesley Township has its first mayoral candidate for the upcoming November election.

Wellesley resident and current Ward 3 councillor, Joe Nowak threw his hat into the race earlier this week by signing the official declaration documents and making it public that he intends to run for Wellesley Township mayor in 2006.

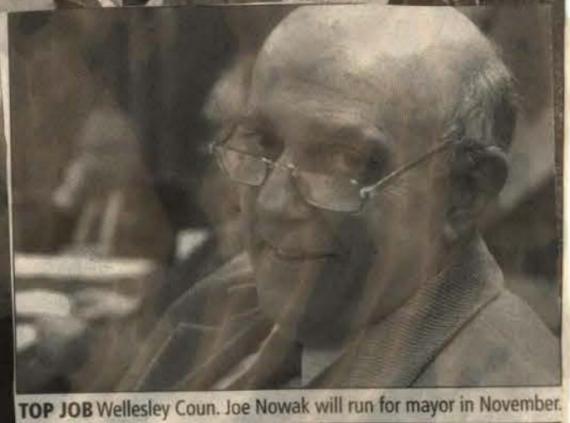
"I think I've got a bit of a reputation for getting things done," Nowak told the *Independent* on April 18 at his home in Wellesley. "That's what we're going to need over the next few years."

The 57-year-old has served as a Wellesley Township councillor for the past two terms, and has

the right track to achieving the \$6.8 million total that will bring the township roads up to standard, other sources will be needed to round out that number. Nowak said that further provincial and federal funding will be crucial in doing this.

"We'll be relying heavily on the province and the federal people to come to the table with us on this," he said. "I'm optimistic that our federal and provincial counterparts are aware of the deficit that we're faced with."

Nowak also mentioned that the towns situated in Wellesley Township should be trying to "warm up" their downtown cores to attract more of a tourism market. He stated that the Region should also be coming to the table to help out with these ini-



IN THE RUNNING - Ward 3 councillor Joe Nowak at his home in Wellesley. Nowak filed a notice of candidacy earlier this week to be the first to enter the Wellesley Township mayoral race. (Photo by Dan McNee)

TOP JOB Wellesley Coun. Joe Nowak will run for mayor in November.

A call to action

Nowak brings news from Ottawa

by Andy Campbell

Councillor Joe Nowak has returned from Ottawa with news both troubling and encouraging.

Nowak and his wife, Barbara, were among a group of people invited by MP Lynn Myers to attend the opening of parliament this week.

"There were about 20 of us who went down," he said.

The Nowaks were present for the opening, and listened to the throne speech from Myers' office. It was an unforgettable experience.

"Barb is a political junkie, so she was in her glory," said Nowak.

Myers, aware of Wellesley Township's infrastructure problems, and concerns about the distribution of gas taxes, arranged for Nowak to meet with a number of MPs following the speech, including John Godfrey, the minister of state (infrastructure and communities).

"He is the head honcho when it comes to the gas tax distribution," said Nowak.

Nowak had come prepared with a list of questions, but the discussion lasted only a few minutes, and Godfrey did most of the talking.

He told Nowak that rural municipalities need to get their voices front and centre. "He didn't feel we were being heard," said Nowak.

Right now, city mayors are lobbying hard for the gas tax money, claiming they need it more, while rural municipalities own miles of road, and don't have the tax base to



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properly maintain it.

Nowak said that there is a real danger of this being decided on who shouts the loudest, and not who has the greatest need.

"Big city mayors seem to want everything," Nowak said. "They want it all."

After this worthwhile meeting, Nowak and Godfrey exchanged business cards and contact information.

On returning to Wellesley, Nowak passed the message on to mayor Ross Kelterborn, as well as CAO Susan Duke and public works director Willis McLaughlin, in the hope of developing an action plan.

There has been talk of getting the region's rural mayors together, and of working with the Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

Nowak said that Myers has been working hard on behalf of the rural municipalities on this issue, but much more will have to be done at the township level.

"I think we've got a lot of work to do, to make sure we get our fair share," said Nowak.

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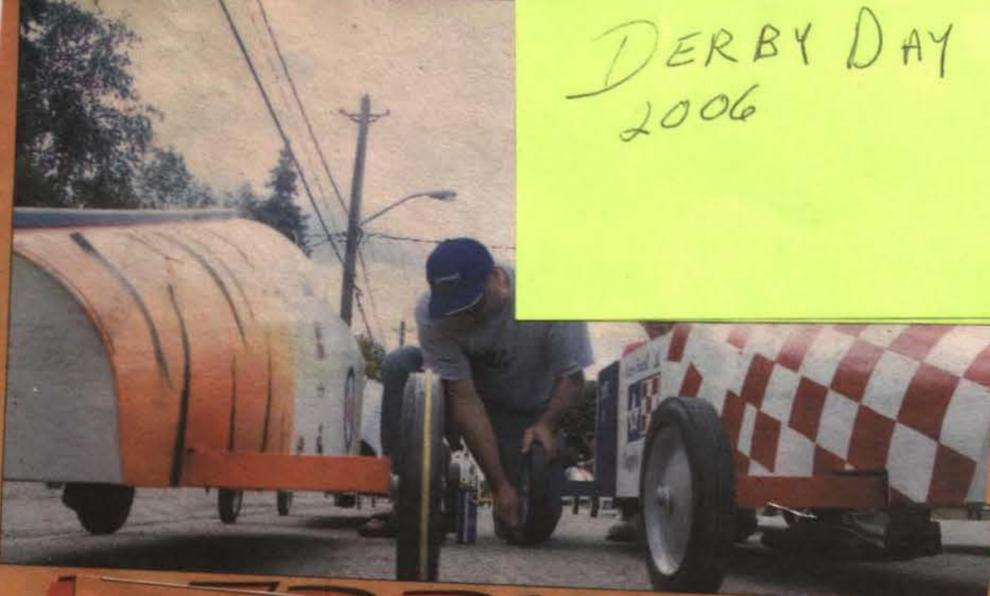
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Top: Bill, Tanner and Tyler Cook spray a bit of lubrication on the wheels of their derby car.

The weather cooperated perfectly for the annual Wellesley Optimist Club's Labour Day Shopping Derby and second annual Soapbox Derby.

"We've been racing it up and down the street (to practice)," said Jantzi. "It's going to be hard."

Natasha Jantzi, 12, of Wellesley, also had a car waiting to race.

She said the car took two weeks to build last year, in which she said she had a pretty good finish.

Jantzi said she was certain she would do better this year.

"We practiced on our street." Her friend's younger sister Hanna Klassen, nine, was sharing her car.

"It's really fun," she said. Klassen's mother Patty said she was certain Hanna would do a good job.

"I think it's exciting for her," she said. "It'll be a good opportunity."

The race began at 2 p.m., with residents lining the streets to cheer the young racers on.



Race organizer Terry Dennerly said the day turned out to be a success.

In the age eight to 10 category, the winner was Parker Bowman, followed by Stephanie Kuepfer.

In the 11 to 13 category, Taylor Blackwell won, followed by Devon Rooney.

In the 14 to 17 category, Stewart Boehmer won, followed by Michael Knechtel.

Jonathon Sauder won in the 18 and over category, followed by Phillip Wagler.

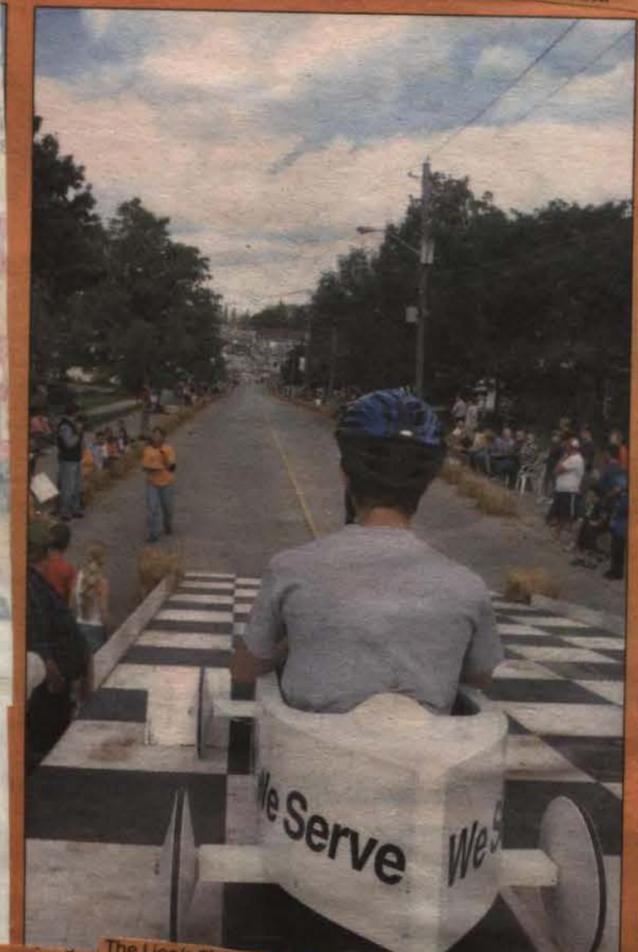
Parker Bowman's car took the top speed of the day, at about 35 km/ph.

Later that afternoon, children began lining up their soapbox cars on Nafziger Road.

Kit cars and homemade creations were lined up, as children, parents and organizers inspected them and made last minute tune-ups.

Brock Dietrich, 12, of Wellesley, was among the racers.

Sharing the car with friend and neighbour Mitchell, Dietrich said they built the car for last year's race, in which Mitchell competed.



The Lion's Club soap box sits on the ramp ready to be let go.



A Waterloo regional police officer radars soap boxes as they raced down Nafziger Road.

Wellesley to become a soapbox racetrack

By JENNIFER ORMSTON
Special to the Independent

Last year nine-year-old Jesse Bender was one of the many fans cheering on drivers competing in Wellesley's first soapbox derby.

That day left a lasting impression on the young boy, and for the rest of the year he begged his parents to let him enter this year's Labour Day contest.

And, eventually, they agreed.

"It looked fun," Jesse said. "I like cars and going fast."

The 2006 Wellesley Soapbox Classic won't be the first time Jesse gets behind the wheel. As an avid dirt biker, he has already got experience in this field.

His favourite aspect of riding a dirt bike is going over ramps, which he will encounter at the beginning of the race.

Contestants will start by driving down a ramp off the back of a lumber truck, and then gravity will carry them the rest of the way down the Nafziger Road racetrack.

Jesse and his dad, Brent, bought a soapbox derby kit and are in the midst of putting the car together.

Wendy Sauder — who works with the Wellesley Board of Trade, the event's sponsor — said most of the cars in the races are constructed from kits, which are time consuming but easy if instructions are followed.

"Brent said it was quite simple, everything's there, you just follow instructions," Jesse's mom, Kari, said. "He was pretty impressed."

Father and son have been working on the car's construction together, with Jesse doing some sanding and holding pieces in place while his dad uses the drill.

His main role will be to

paint the car. And he has already picked the colours: yellow and black.

"My sponsor is Glen Bender Excavating, and they have like excavators and bulldozers and stuff and they're all yellow and black," Jesse said of his grandfather's company.

Some kids make their own cars, but they have to follow specific guidelines, Sauder said.

"We have an outline of things it (the car) has to fall in, like height, width and how the wheels are put together. It has to pass the safety (test) before it can enter."

Last year there was one car that won a lot of races. The driver had purchased official soapbox wheels off the Internet, which Sauder said made his car go much faster than the rest.

"The wheels are definitely going to make a difference, and it sounds like for a lot of people, that's where they're spending more money this year to improve their cars."

The cars race two at a time, and a police officer will be there to track the speeds with a radar gun.

"They go quite fast," Sauder said.

The derby has four categories: ages eight to 10, 11 to 13, 14 to 17 and over 18.

The over-18 category is fun to watch because the participants are very competitive, Sauder said. And this year the Waterloo regional police and the Wellesley fire department both have cars in that category.

Winners receive trophies, ribbons and glory, Sauder said, adding there are additional awards for special categories, like best car.

Jesse, who will start Grade 4 at Wellesley public school this fall, said he's a little bit nervous about the

competition, which will be held on Sept. 4 at 2 p.m.

Kari isn't concerned though. She said cars are in his blood — driving is a passion he got from his dad and grandfather.

Ensuring the race is as safe as possible is important for Sauder and the event's organizers.

That's why the cars are checked by a licensed mechanic before they race. Any car that doesn't pass the safety test is not allowed to participate.

As well, there are straw bales throughout the course and at the bottom of the hill to protect both the drivers and the spectators. And drivers must wear an approved safety helmet.

Each car must have a safe braking system, but there are people at the bottom to help catch the cars because some kids forget to use their brakes, Sauder said.

"There's always a risk factor, but we do our best to make it as safe as we can."

From what Kari saw last year, the organizers are achieving this goal.

"It's pretty safe. Last year there were one or two (kids) that went into the hay bales, and nobody was hurt."

"I think they do a pretty good job. It was really well run last year."

Sauder encourages everyone to come and see the races, which are a "hoot" to watch. She especially enjoyed looking at the delighted expressions on the kids' faces at last year's derby.

"Everyone wants to drive when you're little and it gives them that opportunity to get behind the wheel and have fun."

Participants have until August 30 to register for the event.

For more information, call Terry at 519-656-2799.



Nine-year-old Jesse Bender will be one of many racers tearing up the asphalt in Wellesley.

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The yeast was working in other areas too. A Fundraising Committee was established, funds were allocated to the Building Fund in the annual budgets, and members were canvassed for donations and pledges. The fundraising committee set up a booth at the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival and sold an amazing 750 dozen Crispy Crème Donuts, which at the time, had just appeared in Canada and were a major attraction. In subsequent years, the booth has continued, offering a variety of menu items. The youth group held soup cellars at the church and had an annual apple stand at the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival and donated the proceeds to the Building Fund. The yeast was starting to spread faster. An annual Beef Bar-B-Q supper was initiated, Zehrs Cards which raised funds through the sale of pre-paid grocery cards were obtained and distributed, individual families donated beef for summer sausage which was sold as a fundraiser, prints were donated, a pie auction, chicken sales, and the list keeps growing. Of considerable significance were the "in kind" donations which were pledged, including pledges to donate "my week's vacation to work" or "to volunteer time" on Saturdays and evenings. Donations of materials and equipment were also pledged.

By the time of the sod turning service on April 10, 2005, our enthusiasm was widespread. We held a prayer walk around the property, asking for God's presence and protection for our project and our future meeting place. Site work, excavation and construction started in early May 2005. There, very quickly emerged individuals with significant skills, resources and abilities who made very substantial contributions to the project. They were supported by a dedicated group of volunteers who donated their vacation weeks to work, who worked on Saturdays and evenings, and even provided coffee and snacks to other volunteers on Saturday mornings. As the work progressed, there were opportunities for more volunteers, for painters, for staining and finishing wood, for clean up, and more clean up. Saturday mornings at the new facility became a social event as volunteers returned week after week to edge the project closer to completion, and to see the project slowly rise before their eyes. More and more people got involved, and the larger community showed support in many and varied ways. By the time we had our last coffee break on Saturday June 17, 2006, the yeast had worked its way through. Our new facility was complete, and it already held lots of good memories and experiences for us. Our "old facility" had been sold to the Old Colony Mennonite Church who needed a meeting place in the area.

We started our last worship service at "our" old facility on June 18, 2006 and during the service, walked as a congregation to the new facility, taking with us some items of significance. We concluded our service at the new facility, and a construction site was transformed into a place of worship. Our prayers were heard and answered, and our continuing prayer is that this new facility, now finished and dedicated, will be a source of nutrition and life in our community.



Tim Murphy photos

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Crosshill Mennonite Church
Dedication Service
September 24, 2006



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Crosshill Mennonite Church
Dedication Service
 September 24, 2006
 2:30 p.m.

Call to Worship

Prayer

Congregational Songs
Wonderful Grace of Jesus #150
Praise the Lord Sing Hallelujah #50

Words of Greeting

Congregational Hymn
Rain Down

Scripture Reading
1 Peter 2:4-12

Dedication Message
A New Spiritual House

Responsive Prayer
Lord Listen to your Children Praying

Offering

Dedication Litany

Benediction
To God be the Glory # 102

*"Living stones, ...
 ... built into a spiritual household" 1 Peter 2:5*

Worship Leader: Jamie Gerber, pastor
 Song Leader: Heather Nafziger
 Accompanist: Jessica Jantzi

Greetings from:
 Ross Kelterborn Mayor Wellesley Township
 David Martin Executive Minister MCEC
 Brian L Shantz Architect
 Larry Erb Building Committee Chair

Dedication Message: Brian Bauman, Mission Minister,
 MCEC*

Offertory: Fran Hergott & Linda Rice

The offering today is our way of saying thank you to God for the generosity we have received. It will be given to Menno Homes, and Mennonite Church Eastern Canada to further church planting work.

Soloist: Jeff Steckley, Congregational Ministries Minister,
 MCEC*

Prayers: Katie Ropp
 Glenn Kuepfer
 Eileen Steinmann
 Steve Gerber

Please join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall following our worship service. There will also be a continuous slide show of building construction in progress during our open house.

Slide show and cover photo: Jeff McCrae
 Audio visual and technical production: Mike Holst

*MCEC: Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, our the regional conference partner

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Transition to our New Facility
 Crosshill Mennonite Church
 September 24, 2006

- Pre 1997:** Annual Meetings discussed inadequacy of existing facility.
- January 1998:** Annual Meeting. Building Feasibility Committee established to explore facility update options.
- March 1998:** Visioning process which formulated a vision statement that included "an updated, inviting facility"
- January 1999:** Building Feasibility Committee dissolved and Building Committee established.
- April 2000:** Fund Raising Committee established
- November 21, 2003:** Purchase of lot. From five options considered, the one deemed most suitable was the one chosen on property formerly owned by Rev. James Boyd, who had established the Boyd Presbyterian Church, 1888
- April 10, 2005:** Sod Turning Ceremony and prayer walk around the property
- Early May 2005 to June 2006:** Construction Phase, which included
 - A very significant volunteer labour factor involved from the beginning to the end of the project. Volunteer tasks included project management, site preparation, most aspects of construction including framing and roofing, installation of windows and doors, site cleanup, cabinetry and trim work, sound and lighting, staining and painting, heating and cooling installation, kitchen planning and design, interior decorating and exterior landscaping.
 - A very significant donation of equipment and materials by members, friends of the congregation and the larger community.
- June 17, 2006:** The last coffee break for construction volunteers at the new facility
- June 18, 2006:** The last service at the old facility. The Worship service started at 2640 Hutchison Road, and included moving as a congregation to the new facility where the service concluded.
- June 24, 2006:** Appreciation Gala at new facility for contractors and volunteers that contributed to the project.
- June 25, 2006:** First complete worship service at new facility
- July 5, 2006:** Facility at 2640 Hutchison Road sold to Old Colony Mennonite Congregation.
- September 24, 2006** 2006 Dedication Service

Crosshill Mennonite Church
Dedication Service
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LOCAL

Apple butter, cheese festival won't mess with good thing

RECORD STAFF
WELLESLEY

What's new this year at the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival? Nothing. And organizers aren't ashamed to admit it — quite the opposite, actually.

"We're following the mould that was made by the originators and we try not to stray from there," festival chairman Bob Reid said. "They really thought it out well."

The popular event — the 29th instalment takes place Saturday — began as a means of promoting the village and its two major businesses at the time, Wellesley Brand Apple Products (then A. W. Jantzi & Sons Ltd.) and the J.M. Schneider Cheese Factory.

Although the cheese factory no longer operates, the cider mill is still an important part of the community and will be open for tours throughout the day.

The basic framework for the festival — family activities, live entertainment, antique and craft displays, and lots of food — continues to swell the population of the small village by tens of thousands for a single day.

Those visitors pour money into the

local economy. Proceeds from food sales and vendors' rental fees are directed towards community projects. The festival committee has an ongoing five-year pledge to invest \$30,000 towards refurbishing the village library, and also plans to contribute to the purchase of new boards at the local arena.

Attendance is always weather-dependent, but organizers can typically raise between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in a year.

PACKING IN A HUNGRY CROWD

Highlights include a pancake and sausage breakfast that kicks the day off at 7 a.m., a smorgasbord dinner of pigtailed, spareribs and roast beef at the Wellesley Community Centre from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a noon-hour parade and a quilt auction at 2 p.m.

Throughout the day visitors can take in a farm toy show and sale, antique car and tractor displays, pony and stage coach rides and a mini-tractor pull. Tours will also be offered to a handful of area farms where visitors can see first-hand such things as goat milking and sheep shearing.

Admission and parking are both free. For more information, visit the festival website at www.l-bahn.com/apples.



IVY MOHR
HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY
September 14, 2006
Please help us celebrate at an Open House on Sunday, September 17, 2006 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Nithview Home Auditorium, 200 Boullée St., New Hamburg. Best wishes only, please.
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Observer 2006
Drive-by exposure on Queen's Bush Rd.

On Sept. 9 in the mid-afternoon, a lone man driving a minivan approached two young girls on Queen's Bush Road in Wellesley Village and exposed himself.

He then drove away and was last seen eastbound on Queens Bush Road.

The suspect is described as a white male with straight, short, brown hair, 30 years of age, with blue eyes, and wearing a red, green-and-black plaid button-up shirt.

The van he drove is described as being similar to a Dodge Grand Caravan, green in colour with tinted windows.

No license plate was obtained.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at: 519-653-7700, ext. 4423. Or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

ABC Festival thrives despite rain

Queens Bush Road and Nafziger Road.

By 8 a.m., the line was to be twice as long.

Pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, apple fritters and fresh maple syrup were served up as visitors braved the rain and sat exposed on picnic tables.

Schneider said 60 volunteers were making up two shifts from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to keep the food cooking.

"Everybody smiles, and everybody has fun," she said. "It's a good group of volunteers."

Everyone knows their job, and it runs like a well oiled machine, Schneider added.

Long time volunteer Clare Wagler has been with the event since it started, 31 years ago.

"It's part of the church volunteering," Wagler said, a member of the Wellesley Mennonite Church.

"It's a good community event," he said. "Where else would you raise that much money in a day."

Later in the day, Wellesley declared its newest Idol.

Jessi Elgood of New Hamburg was announced the winner of the second annual Wellesley Idol Contest on Saturday afternoon.

Just nine years old, Elgood took the win in a packed community centre on a rainy Apple Butter and Cheese Festival afternoon.

First prize was \$500 and four hours of studio time at CKMS 100.3 FM.

Second place was won by Taffin Sekulin, also of New Hamburg.

Wellesley resident Stephanie Bender took third place.

The People's Choice winner was Holly Dammeier of



Larissa Carr, 11, and Odellia Carr, 7, of Stratford make some funny faces while pretending to be Annie Appleschnitz and Fritz Kasebrocken.

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Baden. This winner was decided by audience members at the most recent round of cuts during the Wellesley Fall Fair, in which the audience filled in bal-

lots. Dammeier, as well as last year's winner Sarah Gropp, both performed at the contest.



Wellesley picks 2006 Idol

Nine-year-old Jessi Elgood of New Hamburg is Wellesley's newest Idol winner.



Volunteers filled various booths along Queens Bush Road preparing breakfast on Saturday. Volunteers, such as Clare Wagler, below, help ensure the event is a success year after year.



Mary Thompson of Woodstock was at the festival helping prepare breakfast by 7 a.m.

At 80, her fair entries just keep on winning



JACKIE HAYES

For 71 consecutive years, Hilda Koch has been exhibiting and winning prizes at the Wellesley-North Easthope fall fair, including the Roy Ehnes plaque for the most points in the antique class five times in the last six years.

She won the T. Eaton Co. Trophy for public speaking when she was 10 years old and the fair, which included events for school children, was held in tents. Her mother and aunt, who were active fair volunteers, encouraged her to give it a try.

Hilda decided to call it quits when she turned 80 last year. However, Mary Lichty, secretary-treasurer of the Agricultural Society, which sponsors the fair, persuaded her to enter again this year. President Murray Schlueter presented her with a bouquet of flowers at the society's annual banquet.

"We didn't think she had any space for another plaque," Mary said with a laugh.

Hilda couldn't resist this year's theme, Trees, since her husband, Alvin, who died in 1975, was a woodworker and left her many samples of his work and all his tools, some of which are now antiques. Her entries in the Antiques and Collectibles category brought her about 16 prizes, many of them firsts. She also won several firsts in the Golden Age (60-plus) class.

Hilda only has to look around her house to find antiques and collectibles. She admits to being an "antique fiend" and her walls and cupboards are filled with them. As an only child in a family



Hilda Koch holds her first award which she won for public speaking in 1935 at age 10.

MATHEW MCCARTHY, RECORD STAFF

of collectors, she inherited many and says, "There is nothing more (I want) to collect."

Years ago, she also entered a lot of embroidery, crafts, preserves, and baked goods. Some of the prize win-

ning pies are auctioned off after the fair. She was surprised but proud of her pecan pie that brought in \$45 one year.

"(At that price), I hope they didn't choke on it," she chuckled.

Hilda says she is too busy to sit and embroider now. She usually has two or three places to go every day.

She belongs to the Horticultural Society and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Women's Society, has delivered

Meals on Wheels since the churches started it, and is involved in their new program, which encourages volunteers to stay and socialize with their clients.

Hilda was an organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church for 46 years, but only plays occasionally now.

"Last time was at a EWL meeting," she said. "I was in creeping gear, but they did sing."

She also plays sometimes for sing-alongs at the nursing homes she visits. She has visited Nithview Nursing Home for 34 years and spent a lifetime cooking and looking after relatives.

Hilda, who was born on a farm, moved into town when she was nine and her grandfather died.

She remembers only being able to speak German at her new school but soon adjusted. After graduating from business college, she worked at a bank until she married.

Although her husband wanted her to stay home, doctors Sellers and Finn persuaded her to answer their phone "for an hour or so" — a job that became full time and lasted 26 years.

"I'm a people person. I loved it," she said.

She has been waiting for an eye operation for almost a year. Although she can still drive in the daytime, she often takes the Kiwanis bus, "a wonderful service" and knows all the drivers by name.

A widow for 31 years, Hilda raised a son, Rodney, who lives in Saskatoon and a daughter, Iris, of Unionville. She has four granddaughters.

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A long-term a-fair

Wellesley resident Hilda Koch was honoured by the Wellesley North Easthope Agricultural Society on Friday night for her years of dedication to the fair. Here she accepts a gift from Murray Schlueter, president of the agricultural society. Turning 81 this year, Koch has been exhibiting at the Wellesley fair for the past 71 years. She received a vase of roses for her dedication. Each year Koch has exhibited flowers, plants, baking and antiques. "It's been a real thrill to be with the fair," she said.

TIM MURPHY, INDEPENDENT STAFF

UPFRONT

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SHOPPING DOG Pym's in Wellesley is one of the many businesses Tammy Quast takes 17-month-old Jojo, a black Labrador, as part of her training with National Service Dog (NSD). Jojo is in the first stage of training to become a companion for an autistic child.

School for pups

Jojo the latest young charge for Wellesley woman who raises service dogs for autistic kids

DESIREE FINHERT
OBSERVER STAFF

Jojo has a list of errands she does each week. Visiting the butcher shop, post office, bank and grocery store are part of the 17-month-old black Labrador's typical route - and part of her training.

Jojo is in the first part of a training program with National Service Dog (NSD), a non-profit organization training dogs for autistic children.

As a puppy, Jojo is in the care of Tammy Quast and her son Tyler at their home in Wellesley. She is the third dog the pair has raised from infancy to the age between 12 and 18 months when they proceed into the intensive training program.

As a raiser for the last three years, Quast takes her dogs to weekly training classes, has homework and specific assignments.

"You're expected to go out three times a week with the dog to places you would normally go anyway," Quast told the *Observer*. "At the beginning you're only expected to do 10- to 15-minute trips. As the puppy gets older it can go anywhere: a trip to the dentist, a movie or out to a restaurant. What you're mostly doing is socializing with other dogs, socializing with people, socializing with en-

vironmental things."

For Jojo, Quast's outings mean visiting restaurants for dinner, a ploughing match on the weekend or St. Jacobs Farmers' Market for shopping.

Wherever Quast goes, Jojo is at her side. Unlike her canine comrades, Jojo receives VIP treatment upon entering a business, even ones which normally bar her kind.

A purple vest inscribed with the NSD emblem and an identification card explaining her purpose gives her access to places which would otherwise be off limits.

Once she finishes the first stage of her training, Jojo will go on to an intensive program which will ready her for life with an autistic child.

Along with the typical "sit," "stay" and "wait" commands learned by a family dog, the trainees at NSD learn how to ignore food, how to load and unload from a vehicle efficiently, how to behave in crowds and most importantly how to keep their autistic client safe.

"Children with autism have limited or no impulse control, so they will bolt away from their parents, off into the street, away from them at the mall and put themselves in harm's way without really realizing they're doing it," said Danielle

Forbes, co-founder of NSD.

"We actually tether the child and the dog together and train the dog to keep the child with their parents, off the road, when they're out walking in the community," she added. "The dogs act as an anchor for the children, keeping them grounded and safe."

For a parent with an autistic child, having a service dog means being able to leave the house without worrying their child will run away, hurt themselves or disappear. The dog will take commands from the parent to walk forward, sit, wait, all the while being non-confrontational to a child who might pull or act out.

"Another big thing we've found is the dogs have a calming affect on the kids and that's had a significant impact," said Forbes.

"The dogs go to school, so therefore [the children] are able to focus on what's going on for longer periods of time," she added.

As well as keeping the children alert during math class, having a service dog in schools creates a bridge between autistic children and their peers.

"Schoolmates who normally avoid them because their behaviour is sometimes strange or deemed inappropriate are more interested in learning about them and speaking to them if the dog is with them."

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LAST MAN STANDING Wellesley Mayor Ross Kelterborn has his work cut out for him as the only returning member of township council. All four ward councillors to be sworn-in next month are newcomers.

New faces around Wellesley council table

Only mayor to return following an election that sees four rookie ward councillors

MARC MIQUEL HELSEN
OBSERVER STAFF

Change was the order of the day in Wellesley, as this week's election ushered in an entirely new council to serve with a re-elected mayor.

Ross Kelterborn fended off a challenge from Ward 3 Coun. Joe Nowak to retain his seat. The sole other incumbent to run, Ward 4's Dusan Cizman, went down to defeat, while the other three wards were open to newcomers.

A characteristically low voter turnout saw 31.37 per cent of eligible voters (2,206 of 7,033) cast ballots Monday.

The sea change that came when the votes were tallied should be no deterrent

to running an effective and fluid township council, Kelterborn predicted.

"I'm very confident that in a matter of a few meetings they will be well on, [and] do a good job," he told the *Observer*.

The sole returning incumbent, Kelterborn is aware that his leadership skills will be an invaluable source of guidance in the nascent days of the new council.

"One of the first things I'm going to have to use my past experience on is amalgamation; that's one of the things that is going to come up. And I'm hoping that I can provide appropriate leadership for the four new councillors.

"The objective of my leadership on council is to have a team approach so that we're working together. That worked quite well, I thought, in the last

council and I'm hoping that that will continue to be the case, and I'm quite sure that it will," he said.

Kelterborn retained the mayoralty in a race against Ward 3's Nowak, drawing 1,262 votes to the challenger's 940.

"It's been a long battle ... there's been a lot of ups and downs, and certainly it's extremely disappointing. I expected to do an awful lot better," said Nowak, citing strong support during his door-to-door campaign.

Still, the defeated mayoral candidate noted that he doesn't buy into Kelterborn's campaign message.

"I guess people prefer a non-aggressive approach; I think that's unfortunate. I don't mind saying so because I think

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If the Shoe Fits Productions is proud to present...

Woolwich opts out

...action against it



A vote of their own

Woolwich Christian School students elect to send play...



UPFRONT



NEW AND IMPROVED — Wellesley fire chief Dave Geil shows councilors Joe Nowak, Ron Hackett and Mayor Ross Kelterborn one of the thirty new self-contained breathing apparatuses that were recently purchased by council for the Wellesley Township fire stations.
(Photo by Dan McNee)

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BRIGHT IDEA Earl Coxon, an original member of the Wellesley Lions Club, will receive the honour of illuminating the Tree of Lights in the 15th annual ceremony during the Christmas Tyme in Wellesley celebrations Dec. 8.

Lighting it up

89-year-old Wellesley Lions Club member Earl Coxon honoured with flipping the switch

DESIREE FINHERT
OBSERVER STAFF

Being a dedicated member of a local Lions Club will become an enlightening experience for a Wellesley man this Christmas.

After some 65 years as a Wellesley resident and more than 35 years with the service club, retired veterinarian Earl Coxon will be the man behind the lights during the village's 15th annual Tree of Lights ceremony Dec. 8.

"It's just a matter of going over pushing the switch," Coxon quipped to the *Observer*.

But that small act signifies much more to the community, which is recognizing his dedication to the village, the Lions Club and the Christmas Tyme in Wellesley traditions.

At 89 years of age, he is the oldest member of the club, one of the five original members still living. He also has the longest running membership, having been associated with the St. Clements division for two years prior to the Wellesley club's formation.

Charitable work aside, Coxon is known for decades of work at his Wellesley Veterinarian Clinic. The clinic was opened in one year after a summer in the village

sealed the deal for Coxon, prompting a permanent move.

The tree-lighting honours came as something of a surprise to Coxon. He found out about his part in the ceremony when it was announced during a Lions Club meeting earlier this month.

"They said I was going to do it, [but] I didn't know about it until [the last meeting]," said Coxon. "I don't attend all the meetings the way I used to."

It was after the fact that Coxon was asked if he'd like to participate in the event, which will coincide with the village's annual Christmas parade, live nativity scene and musical performances.

For Coxon, it will be no added trouble to throw the switch that will light up the tree since he will already be attending the events just as he has for the last 15 years.

Last year, the honour of illuminating the tree went to the Wellesley Idol winner and the Wellesley Fair queen. This year it will be the 2006 Wellesley Idol winner Jessie Elgood who will be sharing the spotlight with Coxon. Elgood will give a vocal performance during the events accompanied by Wellesley Girl Guides, Sparks and Brownies.

Christmas Tyme in Wellesley will commence at 6:45 p.m. on Dec. 8 when the parade makes its way down Queen's Bush Road and Nafziger Road to Maple Leaf Drive. A live nativity scene will follow before Coxon is given his cue. A second nativity performance will follow the lighting ceremony.

As always the Tree of Lights ceremony is a fundraising initiative by the Lions to raise funds for Meals on Wheels and Community Action Program for Children (CAPC).

While Meals on Wheels is well known throughout the region, the lesser-known CAPC is a Wellesley-based organization providing necessary transportation, winter clothing and food staples, as well as other necessities, to those in need throughout the year.

Residents can support the Tree of Lights campaign by making \$5 donations toward the cost of the light bulbs on the tree. Bulbs can be sponsored at 12 businesses around the village.

Last year 571 bulbs were sponsored, raising a total of \$2,855 for the charitable causes.

"I'm hoping to do as well if not better than last year, so hopefully everyone will donate," said coordinator Marilyn Bisch, who is also a Wellesley Lions Club member.

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New venture is no stress

Wellesley couple launches massage therapy and detoxification spa

MARC MIQUEL HEISEN
OBSERVER STAFF

One of the important lessons both Grant and Kerri Johnson learned while travelling around the world was that people everywhere lead stressful, busy lives. They also found that most people seldom make concerted efforts to unwind.

With that in mind, the husband-and-wife team launched Vibrant Life in Wellesley, hoping the massage therapy and detoxification spa will provide local residents with an opportunity to find comfort and relaxation. As well as relief from sports injuries, back pain, circulatory problems, general aches and pains and that number one killer: stress.

"We just want to bring people back to - the world is so busy - just come in and kick your feet up and relax," said co-owner Kerri Johnson.

Opening today (Saturday), the Queen's Bush Road Spa will offer up a wide variety of health, comfort and aesthetic treatments including in-

frared sauna sessions, professional massages, ion-cleanses, manicures, pedicures, and heated stone massages. Located in the lower portion of the Johnson home, the spa is wheel-chair accessible via a ramp they've set up. Originally something of a store room, the Johnsons turned their basement into a cozy massage studio.

Looking to keep business in town, they hired local and up-and-coming contractor Trevor Schwartz.

While the Johnsons concede that they already have a lot on their plate, a large space in the rear of the building offers the potential for future expansion.

For the couple, the spa's proximity has already proved to have resounding benefits.

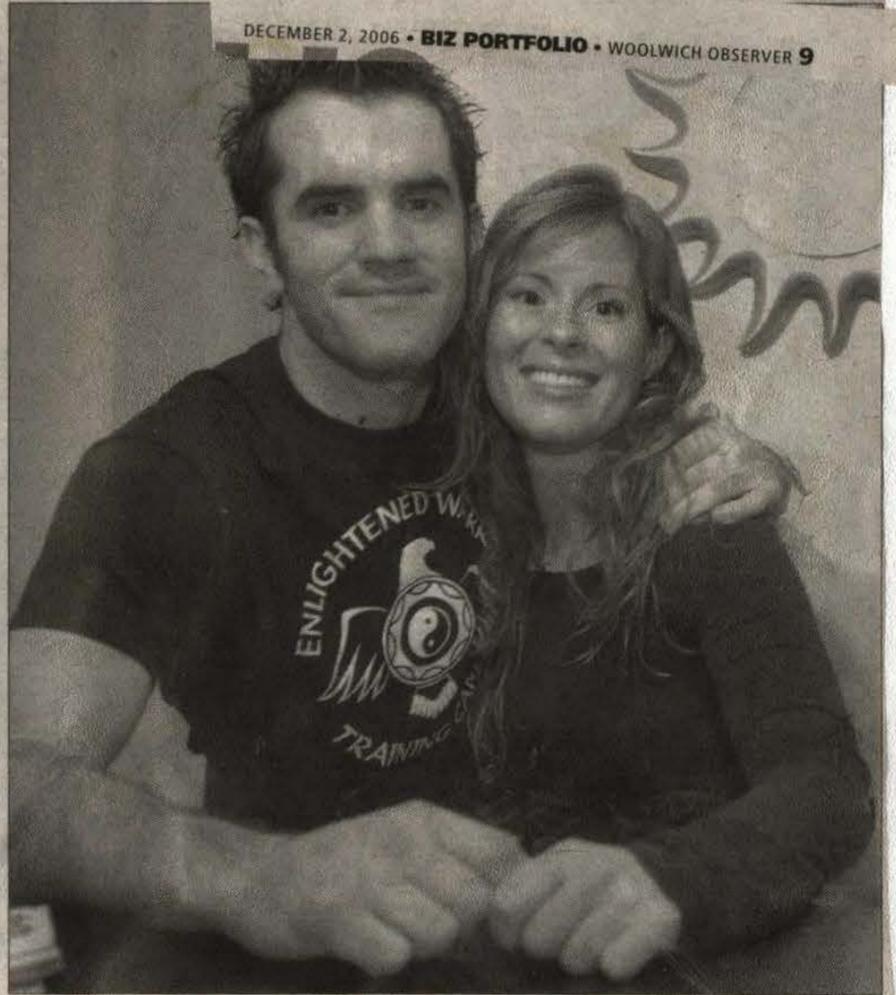
"Just last night for instance someone phoned up, and they had hurt their back during the day. Usually if you phone your massage therapist they're not able to see you because they have to get to the office, but I just have to go down the stairs, so I said, 'come on over,' said Grant Johnson.

A certified massage therapist, Grant - known as Johnno to his friends and colleagues - obtained his degree last spring at the Canadian College of Massage and Hydro therapy in Kitchener. His accreditation, however, is merely the formalization and professionalization of a long-term passion.

"He was a natural from the beginning, I can remember in Thailand, he would just automatically massage people and everyone was like, 'Oh, my gosh you're so good at this' and I noticed that right away too; he just had a flare and knew what to do naturally," said Kerri, who met her husband in Thailand while travelling abroad.

To celebrate their grand opening today (Dec. 2), the store will be offering refreshments, food, drinks and a lot of door prizes. There will be a draw every fifteen minutes offering up complimentary manicures, infrared sauna sessions, ion cleanses, pedicures, heated stone massages, t-shirts, toques, and a number of Vibrant dollars.

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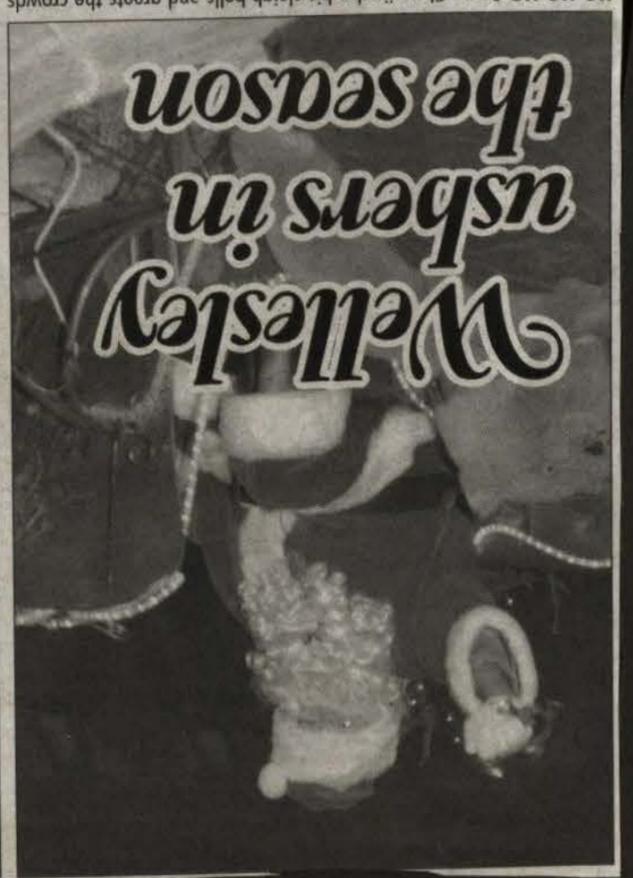


(EN)LIGHTEN UP Relaxation and wellness are the goals Grant and Kerri Johnson have in mind as they open a massage therapy and detoxification spa in Wellesley today (Dec. 2).

MARC MIQUEL HEISEN

Wellesley ushers in the season

HO HO HO Santa Claus jingles his sleigh bells and greets the crowds of boys and girls lining Queen's Bush and Natziger roads during the parade in Wellesley.



ROCKING SINGER Wellesley Idol winner Jessi Elgood sang "Jingle Bell Rock" during the tree-lighting ceremony.



ENLIGHTENING Long-time Lions Club member Earl Coxon flicked the switch to turn of the tree of lights during the Wellesley Christmas Tyme festivities Dec. 8.



MAKING FRIENDS Sarah Eadie, 7, pets Moe the camel at the nativity scene. He was a popular attraction.



THE MRS Mrs. Claus rode on her own float, rocking in her chair and waving at the children during the parade.



QUEENLY DUTY Wellesley-North Easthope ambassador Heather Taylor of St. Agatha waves to people lining the streets for the parade.



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ROSE Garden Winter 2006

Commemorating The Erland Lee (Museum) Home and the First Women's Institute

October 1st, 2005 was an important day for the Erland Lee (Museum) Home as FWIO President Elsie Stephenson and the Honourable Tony Valeri, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and MP for Hamilton-East-Stoney Creek, unveiled a Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque. Mary Whitwell, chair of the Lee Committee and Michael Gemmell, Museum Curator also helped with the unveiling that celebrated the national historic significance of the Erland Lee Home and the First Women's Institute.



Elsie Stephenson, Mary Whitwell and Tony Valeri unveil the Historic Sites Plaque.

Janet and Erland Lee co-founded the first Women's Institute in 1897, when they recognized the need for an organization to address the concerns of rural women. It wasn't long before the organization had spread to countries across the world.

"As the home of Janet and Erland Lee, this house symbolizes the foundation of a national and international rural and farm women's movement," said Mr. Valeri. "Sitting at the dining room table, located still inside the home, Janet Lee herself penned the constitution on which the first Women's Institute was based."

The WI Branch in Stoney Creek, like other Branches, played a central community role. Often bound to their homes by childbearing and homemaking duties, it provided women the opportunity to socialize with one another. Today, WI Branches across the province continue to provide educational resources, promote good family life skills, develop leadership and resolve needs in communities.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada advises the Minister of the Environment regarding the national historic significances of places, persons and events that have marked Canada's history. The placement of a commemorative plaque represents an official recognition of historic value. It is one means of informing the public about the richness of our cultural heritage, which must be preserved for present and future generations.

We thank the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada for recognizing the significance of The Erland Lee (Museum) Home and the first Women's Institute.

If you haven't been to "The Lee" lately, be sure to check out upcoming events on the back page!

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