

» WELLESLEY RECOGNITION

Service to community nets him honour

Former mayor and roads superintendent, Frank Friedmann named senior of the year

JONI MILTENBURG

Having lived in Wellesley Township nearly all his life and worked for the township for 33 years, Frank Friedmann is a fitting recipient for the township's senior of the year honours, say organizers of the award.

Friedmann was mayor of Wellesley for nine years in the 1990s, but before that he spent 21 years as roads superintendent and served a term as councillor.

He was born in Linwood and has lived there all his life except for a few years spent out west. His father, Simon, was a councillor and deputy reeve in the 1940s, and Friedmann developed an interest in municipal politics and how the township was run.

"I suppose it was following in the footsteps of my dad - sometimes it runs in the blood," he chuckled.

In the 1950s, he had a hankering to go out west, where he got a job with surveyors working on the Trans Canada Highway in the Banff area.

That job launched another lifelong interest in infrastructure and municipal works. After serving a term as councillor in the late 1960s, Friedmann got a job with the township's roads department.

He later decided to run for mayor in 1991 after he



GETTING HIS DUE Linwood's Frank Friedmann, whose service to the township included nine years as mayor, has been named Wellesley's senior of the year.

was fired from the roads superintendent position over personality conflicts with the mayor of the day. Friedmann won that election and was re-elected for two more terms, until he stepped down in 2000.

During his time as mayor, Friedmann presided over the expansion of the sewer system in Wellesley Village and the installation of new water systems in Wellesley and St. Clements. He also served through the

Harris years, when the provincial government was cutting back on spending and downloading services to the municipal governments. "It was a pretty hectic squeeze on for money. ... It's a little different today; they're throwing money around pretty free and easy today," he observed.

Friedmann still maintains an interest in both municipal politics and infrastructure, and he was glad to hear recent announcements of feder-

al and provincial funding for roads and bridges.

"There's a tendency to hold back on the large expenditure items because of money, of course, so I think it's a good thing the senior levels of government are coming up with the money to catch up on the backlog of these things that has built up over the years."

Friedmann is still an active volunteer with the Linwood Lions Club, where he has run the annual hockey pool for the

last 15 years.

He's also on the board of directors for the Waterloo Wellington Community Futures Development Corporation, which offers assistance to rural businesses. Friedmann was invited to help with the organization when it was still in its infancy, and he said it's been interesting to watch it grow.

"To get in at the start and see it develop was really rewarding, and it's going well today."



HANDY-CRAFTS Although Wellesley's Milton Erb started woodcarving seriously just 15 years ago, his ornate and elaborate pieces reflect his lifetime passion for working with wood. From wooden wrenches and pliers to steam engines and animal sculptures, Erb's creations are the result of an eclectic imagination and dexterous hands.



PHOTO: MARC MIQUEL HELSEN

Carving out a niche

Retirement fuels Wellesley man's passion for woodcarving

MARC MIQUEL HELSEN

Just by looking at Milton Erb's wood creations you might think he's been at it for a lifetime: wooden bowls, totem poles measuring some six metres (20 feet), moose and wolf sculptures and wooden pliers made of a single piece of wood are just some of the many items that the Wellesley woodworker has fashioned out of ash, walnut, and maple since retiring 22 years ago.

But while he has a lifetime of experience working with wood as a building trades carpenter, it's only in the last 15 years or so that he's been carving creations of a more artistic kind.

"A little bit of everything," says Erb in describing his selection of carvings.

Erb, who showcases and sells his creations at local festivals - he plans to attend a festival in Blythe in the coming weeks and the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival in Wellesley in September - is currently working on a wooden steam engine. The approximately two-foot (0.60-metre) creation is made of local walnut and maple wood.

He's working against time to be able to showcase the piece at the upcoming festivals, which he says are great for learning.

"You learn a lot by talking to people."

With large, strong and steady hands, Erb is meticulous with his work: just a quick glance of a wooden moose sculpture reveals fine grooves resembling animal hair etched out of the soft wood.



His creations have caught the attention of many people, with word-of-mouth spreading news of his handiwork. Through a local contact, Erb was asked to create some wooden carvings for the altar at St. Clement's Roman Catholic Church. His creations have

also caught the attention of the township, which is thinking of commissioning his services for the purpose of beautifying a tree near the gazebo in Wellesley.

"He gave me the grand tour of his place, and it's just amazing the stuff that he's

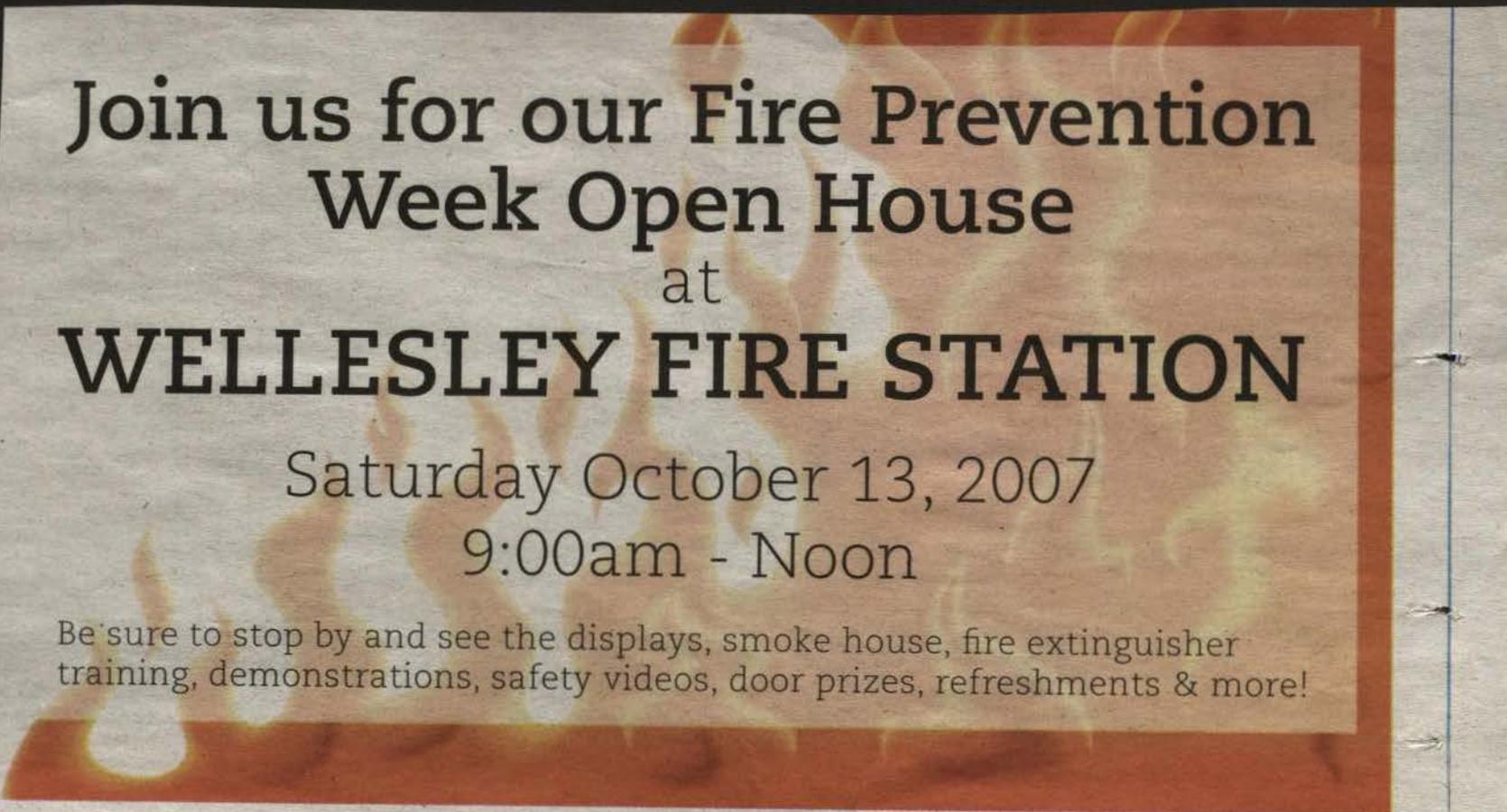
there," says Wellesley Mayor Ross Kelterborn.

"It's not amateur stuff - unbelievable. He does deserve some recognition."

Retiring after some 42 years as a carpenter - a career he got into at the prompting of his father-in-law - Erb was then able to pick up the hobby of woodcarving. In his trade, Erb, who was born a few miles outside of Wellesley, was unable to spend too much time carving. But his retirement freed up some time and now he carves "quite a bit" in his home shop.

"I just wanted to do it, just start," he says.

It seems the desire runs in the family, as his brother also carves, using the facilities of the community centre in his neighbourhood.



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Week Open House
at
WELLESLEY FIRE STATION

Saturday October 13, 2007
9:00am - Noon

Be sure to stop by and see the displays, smoke house, fire extinguisher training, demonstrations, safety videos, door prizes, refreshments & more!

RIENDS FOR LIFE Kym Witkowski feels lucky to be the owner of Brandy, who was rescued right out of a slaughter pen and brought to Second Chance horse farm.

Horses get a second chance

Wellesley woman rescues horses, changing their fates and providing them with a loving home

VANESSA MOSS

If Elsa Harper has one passion, it's for rescuing horses from unfortunate circumstances. It's a goal that drives the Wellesley woman, who is eager to share her experiences helping animals that would have otherwise met a different fate. To that end, she and partner Rob Munday last weekend opened the doors to the public at their Second Chance farm. "We are hoping to find families for some of the horses we have up for adoption, and [to help people] understand ... why we do what we do, why horses are sent for slaughter, and how to humanely euthanize a horse," said Harper. The couple has been rescuing, rehabilitating and finding homes for horses

for the past four years, but in the last year, they have been working hard to expand their farm in Wellesley. "Rob and I have done so much work, with a lot of volunteers and a lot of helpers ... and gotten to where we are now and we're still working." Although their efforts can be tiresome, Harper said the rewards make it all worthwhile. "When you take a horse and work with it, through love and respect, and you teach that horse, it's amazing what that horse will give back to you." Second Chance takes in horses from a variety of backgrounds, including those that have been treated badly and others whose owners can no longer care for them. "People sometimes have no other option than to call up the auction, [so] instead, they can call me," Harper said. The auction she referred to is the On-



A LITTLE TLC Becky Norman (left) and Elsa Harper, Second Chance founder, gave Onyx a better life.

tario Livestock Exchange that holds a horse auction every Tuesday in St. Jacobs. Harper said that among the horse buyers, there are "meat men," who purchase the animals for slaughter.

"That's what people don't understand - they're slaughtered for human consumption." Harper's first experience with the horsemeat market is actually what prompted her to start saving horses. She found a black stallion she liked at the auction, learned that he was going to be shipped for meat, and immediately had to have him. She bought him and named him Spirit. Since then, Harper has been dedicating her life to saving others like Spirit. Currently, her farm is full, but don't ask Harper how many horses she has. "I don't count them. They're just my kids. I call them my children." One of these special "kids" is Cheries "Brandy" Jubilee, Elsa's second rescue. His adopted owner, Kym Witkowski, can't say enough about Harper and

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Old Queen's Inn building gets a new lease on life

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150-year-old hotel in Wellesley Village now home to mix of apartments, commercial units

MARC MIQUEL HELSEN
OBSERVER STAFF

It's one of Wellesley's oldest buildings, dating back to the mid-19th century. Now, more than a century and half after it was built and having served many roles, the former Black Horse Inn and Queen's Hotel in Wellesley has undergone another transformation, offering a mix of residential and commercial uses.

"The majority of our work was inside. We left the outside because the front wall we can't change; I couldn't change any of the openings, that's all heritage," said Bob Hunke, of Hunke Homes, owner of the building at 1215 Queen's Bush Rd.

"I couldn't change any windows and doorways, so design - trying to get the all the kitchens to fit, getting all the bedrooms and bathrooms to fit into existing openings and make it work as far as layout and functionality - was tough," said Hunke.

Because the hotel was designated a heritage building in 1986, certain parts of the building, primarily on the exterior, including the facade, had to remain intact.

On the inside, however, the 152-year-old structure, which once served as a council chambers as well as a hotel, has been



OLD MEETS NEW Bob Hunke stands in front of The Regency apartment building on Queen's Bush Road in Wellesley. The heritage building, which houses seven residential and two commercial apartments, was built in 1855 and was formerly known as the Black Horse Inn as well as the Queen's Hotel. Hunke Homes gutted and renovated the inside of the building leaving the vintage building with all the amenities of a brand new and modern apartment.

reborn. Gutted and renovated, the Queen's Hotel, now known as The Regency, includes seven residential apartments on the upper floor and two commercial units, including a dental practice and an insurance company, on the bottom level.

While maintaining the interior's classic charm, with 10-foot ceilings and wide open windows that provide plenty of natural light, the owners have included updates throughout the struc-

ture to provide the amenities of a modern apartment building.

"Everything is brand new," said Hunke, running through a list of new utilities and features including a new heating system, laundry area, controlled entrance, fire exits, alarms, kitchens, trim, and carpeting. "We didn't chintz out anywhere," he noted, highlighting top quality tubs, floors and cabinets.

While adhering to heritage bylaw regulations posed some

challenges, Hunke embraced the project with enthusiasm.

"You just have to be creative. To work within the guidelines," he explained. "We had a really good, solid stone and brick building to work with."

The Regency will host an open house today (Saturday) from 1 to 5 p.m. One-, two and three-bedroom units are currently available.

Would-be tenants should be quick to apply, however, as the

building has sparked formidable interest from the get-go, said Hunke.

"To be quite honest, we had people signing up when it was two-by-fours. No kitchens, no flooring, no nothing."

While only a few apartments are still available, interested tenants will find that in addition to beating out the competition they will have to meet the owners' affordable income requirements.

"(Tenants) just have to meet a certain guideline as far as income. They just don't want some guy rolling in here with a Rolls Royce paying \$475 a month for rent - that's the deal," said Hunke, noting that the apartments are not government subsidized.

The tavern was built by Hugh Freeborne in 1855 of mixed fieldstone in Waterloo County Georgian style. At a later date an addition was made to the east of the building of salmon yellow brick. Known as the Black Horse Inn from 1857 to 1881, the hostelry served as a schoolhouse, council chambers and a band practice hall. The hotel was renamed "The Queen's" during 1894 by the owner Louis Schaub.

The building retains the most original features of the township's old hotels.

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Memories of a respected volunteer constable

Local business man serves as Wellesley police officer during war times

DOUG COXSON
Independent staff

Times were tough during the Second World War and young, able men were scarce in Wellesley Township.

But if anyone was up to the challenge of maintaining order while this area's servicemen went overseas, it was Alf Hergott.

The Bamberg business owner and one-time game warden wanted to serve his country, but flat feet and a nagging tendency to develop stomach ulcers kept the family man home.

Most of the area's trained policeman had enlisted in the army and Waterloo County was desperately looking for constables to serve in the outlying townships. So Hergott signed up to cover Wellesley and fill in wherever needed.

"They just had these old guys who didn't make it in the service and they had to go out and do these things," remembers Alf's daughter Jean Thiele, telling the tale of her father's experience as a



Alf Hergott served as constable in Wellesley Township during the Second World War.

coach stop was one of two general stores in the small village and a popular spot for commuters to get gas.

Thiele's mom slept with the loaded .38 under her pillow, sometimes using it to settle family disputes.

The gun also offered some assurance the family had protection if anyone tried to steal gas at a time when thievery was rampant in the rural townships of Waterloo County.

"They were stealing gas left and right," Thiele says, explaining how war-time rationing forced many to go to extremes. Hergott's General Store was never robbed, but the store in Millbank was hit five times, Thiele says.

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— Jean Thiele

Robberies were about as

on the scene, cornering the men in a church.

Battler went inside and Hergott pulled his gun out to cover his friend.

When one of the gang members appeared, Hergott shot at him, striking the man's gun hand and finally making the arrests.

Thiele says a bullet hole in the church wall was kept as a reminder of the incident for several years.

Hergott nabbed a notorious chicken thief in Wellesley three times, sending the local farmer to the Kingston Penitentiary after each arrest.

"When my dad died, he came to the funeral," she adds. "I think it shows how well he was respected."

But not everyone Hergott put in jail thought the constable was a fair policeman.

One night the Hergotts were entertaining guests when someone came to the front door with a loud knock.

Alf opened the door and was ambushed, punched squarely in the face and dragged outside. Two men pounded on Hergott as he struggled to fight back, breaking his hand in the

police constable. Among his regular duties was the job of guarding the airplanes at the old Breslau airport. While on the nighttime patrol, he led a police dog with fellow constable and friend Morley Battler around the field of massive cargo planes. Alf was often called by Ontario Provincial Police for assistance resolving hit-and-run accidents and knew of a remote body shop where damaged cars would turn up for repair.

He was called to accidental deaths, suicides and dozens of car accidents. Children's Aid enlisted the constable to remove children from troubled homes and deal with domestic squabbles. Hergott worked traffic duty during this area's first Oktoberfest and patrolled several annual horse races in New Hamburg with Wilmot Township constable Ed Scherer. Sometimes Hergott substituted for Elmira constable Harry Jarvis while he was on

vacation. Thiele remembers her dad walking the beat at just about every fall fair in the area, including New Hamburg and Rockton. "I don't think there was a steady income from it," Thiele says. Thiele remembers that when her father went on night patrol with his fellow constables, he left a loaded gun in the house connected to the family business — Hergott's General Store in Bamberg. The one-time stage-

common as the riots that would erupt nightly in taverns, hockey arenas and dance halls that dotted the rural communities of Waterloo County. One of those dance halls was connected to the Hergott's General Store and Thiele remembers her father's dismay at having to break up the occasional fight on his home turf. When the locally infamous bank robbers, the "Boyd Gang" were spotted in Heidelberg one night, Hergott and Battler were quickly

process. When it was over, Hergott lay pummeled on the ground, covered in cuts and bruises. "He was a bit of a mess," Thiele recalls. Thiele figures it was someone he had put in jail years before, returning to settle the score. Deteriorating health kept Alf off his feet and off patrol for several years before his death in 1963. Until then he worked as an officer on duty with sequestered juries and even the grand jury.



Alf Hergott's General Store, in Bamberg, was once a popular pit stop for commuters. It burned down in the late '60s.



Alf Hergott, Morley Battler, H. Noble, Harry Jarvis, and two others made up the Waterloo County Constabulary in 1942. Photo by Denton Studio, Kitchener.

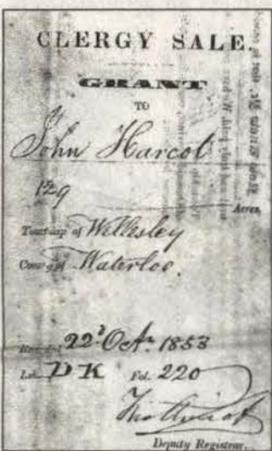


Members of the Joseph Hergott family gather in front of the home, built by John Hergott in 1856, in this photo taken in 1902.

Hergott family legacy still linked to 150-year-old Wellesley home

When the descendants of John Hergott celebrated the 150th anniversary of the landmark home at the corner of Gerber and Moser-Young roads last summer, dozens of relatives, some from the US, came to see the fieldstone farmhouse that has been in the family since it was built in 1856. Mary and George Brenner live there today. Mary's mom was a Hergott, a daughter of Joseph Hergott and the granddaughter of the home's builder John Hergott.

"We didn't do any renovating," Mary says on a quick tour of the drafty old home. "We tried to keep the outside the way it was." Wooden floors throughout the Georgian style, two storey home, are all original. In the large basement, one room still has plaster and lathe walls and a fireplace where the women used to cook soap and butcher the occasional pig.



The original land deed issued on Oct. 22, 1853 to John Hergott for 129 acres in Wellesley Township in the County of Waterloo. Notice how John Hergott is spelled using the phonetic German pronunciation — Harcot. Hergott purchased an additional 100 acres across the town line in Wilmot Township to complete the family's large farm property.



ABOVE The home's original front door lock and key has been restored.



In this image taken circa 1880, John Hergott and his wife Margaretha (Dietrich) sit surrounded by their seven sons, in back from left, Noah, Enoch, David, Joseph and John. Seated in front with their parents are Elias and Jonas. John and Margaretha had four daughters who never appeared in the family photos because of traditions at the time. One of their daughters, Caroline, married into the Kaiser family, owners of the Kaiser Hotel in St. Agatha. Today the old hotel is Angie's Kitchen.

BELOW A cornerstone set in 1856 drops the last T from Hergott and includes a tree etching, a common masonry symbol of the time.



There have been quite a few severances over the years. Today the farm stretches back 64 acres along Moser-Young Road. The rest of the Hergott property stretched south into Wilmot Township. It was severed from the Hergott farm in 1969 following the death of Mary's mother Helen.

Life in Wellesley is a cut above for Citizen Joe

Former Wellesley councillor looks for new ways to help his adopted hometown grow and prosper



Former Wellesley councillor Joe Nowak considers his work on a committee dedicated to bringing the Wellesley Community Health Centre to the township among his top accomplishments during the two terms he served on council.

TIM MURPHY, INDEPENDENT STAFF

In Your Town



By Nancy Silcox

Here's a riddle: When is a butcher not just a butcher?

Answer: When he's Joe Nowak, purveyor of fine meats, community activist and former Wellesley Township councillor.

A resident of Wellesley for 25 years, Nowak recalls his relocation from K-W to the (then) sleepy village in 1981. "I was 34, and still a bachelor." Nowak likens his course in life then to a "ship without a rudder." "I was looking for a place to put down roots but didn't know how or where," he volunteers.

"Roots" became an insul-brick house, purchased at an auction and located on a couple of acres of land outside the village. "The house had sure seen better days," he chuckles, "but the view of the countryside was beautiful; it was peaceful, and it felt like home."

He recalls the "buzz" in the sleepy village as residents woke up to hear that a "big-city" bachelor, with no Wellesley connections, was taking up residence. "Oh yeah, a lot of old-timers were suspicious, but maybe just a bit fascinated too about what I was doing there." Undeterred by the village "grapevine," Nowak decided he was

Within a year of his move to the country, an event occurred that would stake his future course in life. His family had owned and run Kitchener Packers since they had immigrated to Canada from Poland in the 1920s. Most of them — brothers, uncles and cousins still worked in the business. Nowak had been the odd man out. As a youngster, he'd worked summers in the plant and had picked up some butchering skills, but wanted no part of the meat business.

Casting About for His Direction

After his graduation from the University of Waterloo with a degree in economics, a program he calls "interesting," but offers few real-life skills to get a job, Nowak had tried various roles, including clothing sales and farm construction.

His move to Wellesley saw him working as the marketing director of Pigment, a firm that manufactured and sold barn ventilating equipment to farmers. He recalls that often business would be conducted around the kitchen table. "I'd often be invited for a meal and over lunch, I'd listen to farmers' concerns — high prices to buy, low prices to sell."

Nowak notes during these meal-time business meetings, he soon learned what a tough life farming was. Little would Nowak have predicted at the time, that the listening skills he developed around the table would one day serve him well in his role as township councillor.

Now What?

Less than a year after purchasing the Wellesley property, the Pigment

job dried up and Nowak was looking for new employment. When an opportunity came up to take over a Wellesley butcher shop, and with no other irons in the fire, Nowak dusted off his meat-cutting skills and took the job. "So I had come full circle," he laughs.

Life was good for Nowak. He had a steady job and had joined the Wellesley Board of Trade and had become involved in his community. One of the key issues in the village was the lack of accessible day-care time for young families. Nowak worked on a committee that put the wheels in motion to begin a preschool in Wellesley.

He'd liked the feel of helping out his community, and began to toy with the idea of running for town council, but held some lingering doubts. "I wasn't sure if I had the right stuff to be an elected official," he offers. Encouragement from a comely Cambridge teacher named Barbara Broomfield would change all that.

Realizing a Prediction

"When we met in 1981, Barb was (and still is) very politically aware," Nowak comments. "She was a powerful influence in me getting involved in local politics." He jokes that as a teenager, Broomfield had foretold her own future. "She'd tell people that one day, she'd marry a politician." The lady's predictions were realized when the couple married, and in 1988, Nowak let his name stand for township councillor.

"And I lost handily," Nowak chuckles. Far from being crushed by the defeat, he rolled up his sleeves even further, grew a bigger set of listening ears, and waited for the next municipal election to roll around. "I lost that one, too," he offers, good-naturedly. Nowak's number finally came up in 2000 when he was acclaimed for one of the positions on Wellesley township council. Now the real work could begin.

Nowak calls his greatest achievement over the two terms he served municipally, as being part of the machinery that brought improved

health care to the residents of Wellesley and Wellesley townships. He notes that, at the time the committee began to work with the provincial government, there was only one doctor in the Wellesley, serving over 2,700 patients. "He was exhausted, and the wait to see him was far too long."

Over the next five years, Nowak and his committee worked tirelessly to bring a Community Health Centre to the township residents. In 2005, the dream was realized, when provincial funding was approved to provide 1.7 (additional) physicians, and two nurse practitioners to the new Wellesley Community Health Centre. Since that time the centre has also welcomed a nutritionist, a chiroprapist, a counselor and a lab.

The Butchering "Art"

And while local politics fuelled Nowak's energies after hours, he continued to earn his "bread and butter" behind the meat counter. He had taken a position at the Stratford Zehr's store, a move that afforded him the opportunity of serving a larger clientele. A self-professed "critic" of fine meats, Nowak takes his job seriously. He sees the butcher's role as an integral one — one that complements a good cook.

"To me, butchering is an art, and is very much a part of the family experience," he says. "You know that when you trim a nice roast of beef, or a juicy Porterhouse steak, that it will be the centerpiece of a family meal." Nowak also notes that meat can make or break a meal — and a cook's reputation. "People will remember and talk about a meal with good meat," he states. "And that's a beautiful thing."

Making the International Rounds

When traveling, Nowak has often taken the occasion to poke his head in various butcher shops along the way. In the summer of 2005, he and his wife took a trip to Italy, a country Joe sees as elevating the art of butchering to "almost an art form." Willingly addicted to the smell of

good meat, he admits to dragging her into dozens of Italian butcher shops during the trip.

One visit stands out amongst the rest. On a balmy fall evening, meandering through the quaint Italian town of Panzano, the couple came across a noisy gathering outside the local butcher shop. A curtain was draped across the entrance to the store, and people milled around. Curious, the Nowaks pulled back the curtain to see the goings-on within. Nowak recalls:

"We were immediately given a glass of red wine and invited to come in. The tables were set with pastas and people were filling up their plates. Classical music was playing and the butcher was standing on a pedestal above the rest of the crowd. He was carving meat and passing the cuts on to customers watching the show."

Nowak calls the scene akin to live theatre with the revered butcher playing the part of leading man. "In Italy, where good eating is revered, the butcher is almost like a high priest; he's looked up to and even revered."

A Big Step

Happy to expand his butchering horizons abroad, Nowak was equally as eager to return to the business of looking out for Wellesley. As the 2006 municipal elections drew near, he made the decision to throw his hat into the ring for Wellesley mayor. After two terms as a councillor, Nowak was ready for new challenges. His try at the post was not successful, with incumbent Ross Kelterborn being re-elected.

Disappointed, but undaunted, Nowak plans to keep his fingers in the community pie, and is looking at other ways he can make a difference to his community. "There is just so much potential here, he says, "and if I can't do it as mayor, I'll find other ways to tap into it."

Nancy Silcox's column appears monthly in the New Hamburg Independent. To suggest a subject for this feature, call Nancy at 519-662-9303.

NEWS BRIEFS

Discover Wilmot's heritage

The Heritage Wilmot advisory committee wants to celebrate the rich history of Wilmot Township again this year, so on Feb. 24, everyone is invited to Wilmot's Heritage Day 2007. This year's theme is celebrating "Railway History: Past and Present" and the transportation that trains provided to Wilmot in earlier years.

Wilmot had three major train stops — New Hamburg, Baden and Petersburg. These stations are no longer present but the tracks still go from east to west, crossing Wilmot Township connecting Kitchener to Stratford. Many trains travel this route on a daily basis.

In the past several years it has been necessary to install track gates at Waterloo Street in New Hamburg and Snyder's Road/Livingston Boulevard/Foundry Street in Baden. To travel any road in Wilmot, north to south, you have to cross a railway track.

Many stories surface when residents converse about the early years in Wilmot. Traveling to many of the major cities by train, heading to Kitchener, Toronto and Stratford. Back then, rail was the sole means of receiving supplies. Railways helped to develop the farming industry for export of products and trains became a major transportation link.

Heritage Day will be held Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Agatha Community Centre, 1791 Erb's Road, St. Agatha. This is an open house. Admission is free.

An award ceremony at 2 p.m. will recognize the significant contributions to heritage in the township.

Old photographs can be reproduced while you wait and copies will support the growing township archives.

Information can be found by calling 519-662-3978.

FRAY'S WAY



"DO YOU THINK A MAN CAN BE TOO GOOD-LOOKING?"

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» STORMY WEATHER

March comes in like a lion

Wintry weather downs hydro poles, closes schools and causes many collisions throughout area



DOWN AND OUT Eleven hydro poles on King Street between Waterloo and St. Jacobs broke under the weight of freezing rain Mar. 2.

DESIREE FINHERT

Some 100 customers in Woolwich Township were left in the dark earlier this week when old man winter blew over 16 hydro poles.

Freezing rain and excessive wind were too much for 11 hydro poles along King Street between St. Jacobs and Waterloo. Cracking under the pressure, they went down around 2 a.m. on Mar. 2 causing outages to customers including the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market and the stockyards.

"Eleven poles, that's quite a long span. These things come down like dominos. One comes down and the weight of that one going over pulls the rest of them down. It starts at the weakest

link, so to speak, and the rest fall like dominos," explained John Janzen of Waterloo North Hydro. "If someone had happened to be on the road at that time it wouldn't have taken a lot of imagination to see them involved in quite a serious mishap."

A similar occurrence on Arthur Street north of Elmira in the Sandy Hills area saw five hydro poles downed.

Only a handful of customers were affected here as hydro crews were able to isolate an unaffected feed and supply power through a redundant system. Power was returned to most residents in short order.

However, the affected length of King Street — including parts of Lobsinger Line in Hei-

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Wellesley garage closes after 90 years

TIM MURPHY
Independent staff

Prohibition is the reason behind a successful Wellesley garage that closed down this past weekend.

Wagner's Garage, a family run auto repair business, officially closed this past Saturday after 90 years of service.

Wib Wagner, the third Wagner to own the garage, said the business was opened nine decades ago because prohibition shut down his grandfather's business.

Peter A. Wagner, who owned the Royal Hotel, closed the business because alcohol sales provided most of the profit he used to feed eight children.

Because the automobile was becoming more common, Wagner opted to open a garage.

Running the garage out of the back of the hotel, the repair shop continued there until prohibition lifted. He then moved shop in 1933, next door into an old livery stable.

Joseph P. Wagner took over the business in 1933, running the shop until 1976.

In 1951, Wib recalled a tornado passed through town, tearing off the roof of

the shop. "The old building was torn down and they salvaged the foundation and bricks," he said.

Around that time, there were also Esso pumps installed at the building. Those were removed in 2002.

Wib took over the shop in 1976, and was joined by his son Michael Wagner in 1985.

Although the Wagner's have hired a few employees over the years, it has always been family run.

The shop served cars and trucks, and also used to serve tractor-trailers.

Over the years, Wib Wagner said he has noticed cars become more complicated.

"The amount of schooling and equipment needed this days is greater," he said.

The shop has also sold a few used cars, and used to operate a tow truck for about 25 years.

"The truck got older, and I got older," Wagner said.

He said he will remember all the wonderful customers the shop had in Wellesley and the outlying communities.

Wagner said some families have been coming to him for three generations.

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Wagners to travel, relax



Michael Wagner and Wib Wagner gathered on Saturday for a tour of the storied history of Wagner's Garage.

TIM MURPHY, INDEPENDENT STAFF

"I'm glad to see people like that purchased the place," Wagner said. "They're good stewards of the property."

Wagner said the building was just right. "Everything fell in place and I'm ready to go."

Wagner said he will be taking some travel-

ing with his wife, including visiting some relatives in Germany.

"While we're in good health," he said.

A small piece of property behind the garage will be kept by Wagner for a wood working shop — a little something to keep him busy.

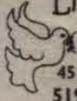


CHRISTIAN CENTRE
 177 Jacob St.
 519-662-3234
 Rev. Ken Jacob
 Pastor James Tripp
 Morning Ministries
 9:30 - 10:10 a.m.
 Coffee Time
 10:10-10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service
 10:30 a.m.
 Nursery Facilities Available
 All Welcome
 www.nhccchurch.ca
 www.commongroundyouth.ca

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
 150 Hamilton Rd.
 519-662-2448
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 Family Worship
 Family Night
 Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.
 Kids Club - 6:30 p.m.
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 Everyone Welcome

 **Hillcrest Mennonite Church**
 1056 Huron St.
 New Hamburg
 519-662-1577
 Pastor: Jan Steckley
 Pastor: David Driedger
 Worship Service
 9:45 am
 Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.
 We Welcome You!

LIVINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 44 Beck St. Baden
 519-662-3002
 Minister:
 Rev. John Deyarmond.
 519-747-9902
 10:00 a.m.
 Worship &
 Sunday School
 All Are Most Welcome

Real Church for Real People
Living Water Fellowship

 45 Hincks St.
 519-662-3300
 Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. - All ages
 Worship Service
 10:45 a.m.
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ST. AGATHA MENNONITE CHURCH
 Erb St. W., 519-634-8212
 Pastor Doug Snyder
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 April 1, 2007
 Greenwood Hills
 Bluegrass Band followed
 by Fellowship Meal
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 & Sunday School
 Everyone is welcome!

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
 3 Byron St., 519-662-3450
 Rev. France Ouimet-Wilson
 Sunday Worship
 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Programs for
 Children & Youth
 Nursery Available
 Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
 Lent Evening Worship
 in the Taize tradition

 **St. Peters Lutheran Church**
 (Lutheran Church Canada)
 144 Huron St.
 New Hamburg
 519-662-1310
 Sunday Service
 at 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School
 & Adult Bible Class
 9:30 a.m.
 Rev. Andy Schroth
 "We are brothers & sisters in Christ"

STEINMANN MENNONITE CHURCH
 519-634-8311
 1316 Snyder's Rd. W., Baden
 Pastors: Steve Dudge, Ilene Bergen
 and Myrna Miller Dyck
 Sunday
 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service
 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School
 www.steinmann.on.ca.mennonite.net

 **Wellesley Alliance Church**
 Caring for OUR Community
 3158 Nafziger Road,
 Just South of Wellesley
 MORNING WORSHIP
 at 10:30 AM
 Palm Sunday
 A Call to Confession
 Join us for a video series on Colossians
 each Sunday evening at 6:30
 QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?
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WEST HILLS FELLOWSHIP
 Corner of Roads 104 & 45
 North Easthope Township
 (South of Lisbon)
 www.westhillsfellowship.com
 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Celebration
 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School
 for all ages
 Pastor Harold Shantz
 519-662-9743
 "Discovering God's Purposes"

 **Wilmot Centre Missionary Church**
 2463 Bleams Road
 at Sandhills Road
 REV. DONALD G. MILLS
 REV. WAYNE DOMM
 Church - 519-634-8687
 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday
 Morning Services
 9:30 am
 Sunday School
 Nursery provided

Come Worship with us 9:30am

 Sunday School 10:45
WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH
 2995 Bleams Road
 New Hamburg, ON
 (519) 634-5030
 Pastor: Gary Horst

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

ZION UNITED CHURCH
 215 Peel Street
 New Hamburg
 Minister - Rev. Bob Thaler
 9:40 a.m. Worship and
 Sunday School
 - Nursery Provided
 We Welcome You

Becoming Children of God

In the Bible, our Lord speaks frequently about children and being childlike: "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Mark 10 : 14). We are also told that, "to all who receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God." (John 1 : 12). As adults we have a tendency to over-analyze everything and live our lives on the basis of logic. In comparison, children trust completely in their parents or guardian, and they depend on them for all of their physical and emotional needs. They don't worry or fret about what tomorrow will bring; they trust that someone will always take care of them. We should strive to develop a loving and trusting relationship with God, and we should be confident that He has our lives in His control. We should not be overly concerned when things don't work out like we think they should. Accepting God's will in our lives is part of being a child of God.

I assure you that whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.

Post office plans open house

The Wellesley Post Office has undergone extensive renovations over the last few months, but the expanded retail sales center and mail processing area is now open. An all day open house will be held on April 3, starting at 11 a.m. The post office is located at 1166 Queen's Bush Road in the village of Wellesley. Tom Creech, a communications employee with Canada Post, said the expansion was a necessity. *March 31 07* "We were running out of space, the office has been tight...for many, many years," he said. The mail processing area expanded from 320 sq. ft. to 850 sq. ft, and the retail area expanded from 360 sq. ft. to 450 sq. ft. The space was added by adjoining a 620 sq. ft. expansion to the East side of the building, which is on land currently owned by Canada Post. Work began in early September. Creech said the expansion will provide a better working environment for Canada Post employees, as well as a better shopping experience for customers. He also added the retail counter area will be upgraded to meet image standards. Creech said the work is keeping with Canada Post's current progress to upgrade facilities across the country.

local business... draped across the entrance to the... was far too long... he laughs... many stories surface... what I see doing there... AMERYO PVT/19 STAPLES

Council to send thank you to volunteer fire canteen

By CHUCK KUEPPER
For the Independent

APRIL 25, 2007

Wellesley Township Council will be sending a thank you card to the Box 690 Fire Department Canteen for its service to local fire fighters at emergencies since 2003.

The non-profit charity which is staffed by volunteers responds to fires across Waterloo Region.

The canteen truck is equipped to provide fire-fighters with refreshments and support at emergency scenes. This includes providing hot and cold drinks such as bottled water, juice, Gatorade, coffee, and hot chocolate, as well as food items — hot dogs, chili, soup, granola bars, cookies and peanuts.

They can also provide shelter, lighting and clothes. Box 690 was officially approved by Cambridge council in 1988 and has since expanded its service beyond the city. It's modelled after similar canteen trucks that have been operating in Hamilton and Toronto for decades. The truck has responded

to seven emergencies in Wellesley Township over the past five years.

The total cost to replace items from the canteen truck in attending these emergencies was \$356,26.

Funds are raised by Box 690 to cover the costs of replacing these items.

The Box 690 Fire Department Canteen, which is an associate member of the Waterloo Regional Fire Services Mutual Aid Association, attends about 100 calls across the region each year. The truck is dispatched to working fires at night.

...doing well in his new career. "At his age, he's well on his way," he said.

...of the class whom were already certified or had many years of mechanical experience.

...Riding a dirt bike since age 10.

STAPLES

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Wellesley on the Pond
APRIL 25, 2007

Community, school rallies behind boy with leukemia

FROM front

Dawson also proudly showed off his portacath, a device inserted in his chest that doctors use to administer drugs without the need for making a new intravenous line each time he visits the hospital.

Right now, the Malolepszy's are in a four-week break from treatment.

Although it is nice to relax, Shannon said there is some comfort in seeing the doctors each week for a check up. He has been undergoing treatment at the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario in London.

All leukemia treatment is a three year plan. The first few months are intensive, followed by regular doctors visits and medication for the next few years.

"After that, I get my own dog," Dawson said.

"Maybe," Shannon added.

During his treatment, Dawson received some gifts. Care packages arrived from the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Ottawa Senators, his favourite team.

Dawson also received a stick from Kitchener Ranger Matt Hallischak, his favourite player. The stick was used to score a winning goal. Dawson's hockey team, the Twin Centre Novice Rep team, all shaved the number 77 into their heads, the number Dawson played with.

Dawson has even returned to school part time.

"He's feeling great, but it's just managing his energy."

Dawson said he loves school now, and his favourite subjects are math, gym, writing and reading.

"I used to hate school, and now I like school," he said.

Wellesley Public School, is rallying around the boy.

A special fundraiser will be held on April 30 at the school.

Jane Thompson is chairing the Dawson's Dream committee, and is a close friend of Shannon Malolepszy.

"As soon as Dawson became ill, we got talking about it, and my son said he wanted to do something," he said.

In a show of support and friendship, it was decided that Thompson's sons would shave their heads at the same time Dawson needed to shave his hair off because of his treatments.

"So that Dawson wouldn't feel alone," Thompson added.

Once word reached the school, many boys decided they also wanted to shave their heads.

Now the event has grown school wide, and will involve many people. Anyone not wanting to shave their heads can have their hair dyed instead.

"A lot of them were scared and worried for Dawson when he was first diagnosed," she said.

Now, many students at

the school have taken the time to learn about leukemia.

"It's really evolved from a great little basic idea, and just out of caring for their friend, developing a whole day of fun and friendship."

Although they are trying to raise cash, there is no set goal.

"It's more of a supporting thing, if we made some money then that would be wonderful."

The Malolepszy's sometimes stay in London when Dawson is receiving treatment, so having a bit of extra cash for gas and hotel stays could help.

A number of special events have been planned for the day.

Head shaving and hair dyeing begins at the start of the school day.

A school assembly is also planned for 1:30 p.m. with the Malolepszy family.

At 7 p.m. a community event will feature singer Erick Traplin. A few area residents will also be shaving their heads in support of Dawson.

T-shirts, stickers and buttons will also be for sale, as well as snacks.

All proceeds raised go towards Dawson and his family.

Tickets for the evening performance are \$5 each, or \$20 per family, and are available at Pym's Village Market in Wellesley. Donations can also be made at the CIBC in Wellesley to "Dawson's Dream."



Dawson, Stephen, Jake and Shannon Malolepszy have been busy for the past few months taking care of Dawson's leukemia. Now, they are enjoying a much needed break at home while the community offers its support.

For more information on "Dawson's Dream", please contact Susan Cook-Scheerer at 519-656-3008.

PROGRAM

3:15 p.m. Call To Order

The Women's Institute Ode and The Mary Stewart Collect

President's Address - Emilie Klages

Roll Call - Branch Presidents

Ratification of District Directors - Cindi Rabstein,
Area Voting Delegate to F.W.I.O.

In Memoriam - Bloomingdale W.I.

Motion on Voting

Minutes - 2006 District Annual - Irene Weber, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - Eleanor Berry, Treasurer
Financial Statement, Awards Statement, Donations Report
Financial Examiners Report - Pam Gillespie, Linda Sims

Correspondence

Reports

Tweedsmuir Curator - Carol Cressman

Awards - Pauline Stirling

Advocacy - Lillian Mayman

Education Workshop - Ruth Jones

Coupon Books - Eleanor Berry

W.I. County Heritage Hall - Pauline Weiland

F.W.I.O. Regional Board Director - Winnie Trachsel

Election of Officers

Report of Nominations Committee -
(Bloomingdale, New Hamburg W.I.)

Election of Officers

Installation of Officers - Pauline Weiland,
Guelph Area W.I. President

Review of Bylaws

New Business

2008 Invitation - New Hamburg and Wellesley W.I.

Adjournment

Take the time to view displays



BANQUET

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

The Women's Institute Grace :

We thank Thee, Father for Thy care,
Food, friends and kindness we share,
May we forever mindful be,
Of "Home and Country" and of Thee.

Toast - Queen and Canada

Introduction of Head Table - Ruth Jones, 1st Vice-President

Greetings from Guests

Speaker - Bonnie E. Simonato, Canada's Premier JOYologist
Bonnie will outline ten simple user friendly secrets we can
easily master to bloom more in "The Rose Garden of Life."

Entertainment - Ch'ckl'ts (Musical Group)

Collection - Haysville W.I.

Courtesy Remarks - New Hamburg and Wellesley W.I.

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WATERLOO DISTRICT NOMINATIONS REPORT 2007- 2008

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Tweedsmuir Curator -

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WATERLOO DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 7th ANNUAL MEETING



Wednesday, May 23, 2007

NEW DUNDEE COMMUNITY CENTRE
New Dundee, Ontario

Hosted by
Central Dumfries and Maple Grove Women's Institutes

Theme : *Many Petals Make A Rose*

Registration 2:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker : Bonnie E. Simonato
Canada's Premier JOYologist

Dinner - \$25.00
Submit to District Treasurer
Eleanor Berry
145 Old Carriage Drive, Kitchener, ON N2P 1H5
By May 01, 2007
Cheques payable to:
Waterloo District Women's Institute

*Together We Celebrate
The 110th Anniversary of the
Founding of Women's Institute*

Home & Country

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rural ontario
sharing education

ROSE Garden Fall 2007



Making
Dreams
a Reality...

How one WI District succeeded at making their 18-year vision come to life!

We've all heard the saying "never give up," but how often do we throw in the towel when a task seems too big a challenge for us? The Members of Prince Edward District WI would probably tell you that anything is possible if you believe you can achieve it. For nearly two decades they have tried to establish an affordable transportation service for elderly and disabled individuals in their communities, and in June of

this year all their hard work finally paid off.

After lobbying governments and raising funds through their annual Arts & Crafts sale, the Prince Edward County Specialized Transit Service is now available to residents of Prince Edward County who are 65 years of age or older, or who have a physical disability. Those interested in the service are required to register by filling out an application and schedule any trip at least 24 hours in advance. Available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the transit service gives priority to disabled individuals and

those with medical appointments. Fares range between \$4 and \$10.

Prince Edward District WI's contribution to this service doesn't end here. They have committed \$100,000 over the next five years in addition to the financial assistance from the county and the province. With over 50 applications for rider cards submitted in early June, this service looks to be a great success thanks to the devoted WI Members who believed in its importance.

Congratulations on achieving your dream and for being an inspiration to us all!

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Wellesley's Mayor and his ferris wheel

August 2007

Chuck Kuepfer Staff Reporter

Those who venture down Wellesley's David Street can't miss a local man's love for carnival rides.

That man also just so happens to be the mayor of the township, whose hobby of choice has more in common with the circus and fall fair than with anything to do with council.

For Ross Kelterborn, his interest in carnival rides brings back childhood memories and stirs his interest in their history.

"Every time you came to a fair there was a carousel and ferris wheel," said Kelterborn.

He initially purchased a carousel ride, which he restored and operates during the warm months of the year in his backyard.

However, his carnival ride col-

lection didn't end there. His most recent attraction is a ferris wheel, which he purchased from a Markdale company in the midway business three years ago. Both rides are offered to friends, family and the occasional passerby who turns up at his doorstep intrigued by the backyard oddities. At one time, Kelterborn said there were plans to have the carousel as part of a development project across town. That never materialized, so the carousel with its many restored horses remains in the backyard, where it will occasionally put to use prior to being disassembled before the snow flies.

Kelterborn's purchase of the ferris wheel complements the other carnival ride and both rides provide a glimpse into the past.

"I like the historical part of it," said Kelterborn.

See Ferris wheel page 2



Chuck Kuepfer Photo
A Ferris Wheel, along with carousel at home of Ross and Jean Kelterborn continues to be a backyard oddity in Wellesley.



Chuck Kuepfer Photo
A bird's eye view of Wellesley.



Woolwich Community HEALTH CENTRE

and Wellesley Township COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

UPDATE

"growing toward a healthier tomorrow"

This publication is for all residents of Woolwich and Wellesley Townships. The UPDATE provides general interest health information, and details on services and programs at the Woolwich Community Health Centre (St. Jacobs) and at the Wellesley Township Community Health Centre (village of Wellesley).

Completing the Vision: the Second Stage of Medicare

This article is excerpted from a position paper developed by the Association of Ontario Health Centres and the Canadian Alliance of Community Health Centre Associations. For the full article, go to the website <<http://www.aohc.org>>.

What is the Second Stage of Medicare?

How can Canadians make one of our country's finest achievements - Medicare - even better? How can Canadians living in the 21st century complete the original vision Medicare's founders first planned over fifty years ago? How can we follow through on Tommy Douglas' constant reminder to us in the final years of his life that "the ultimate goal of Medicare must be to keep people well"?

The ideas presented below have been prepared by the Association of Ontario Health Centres (AOHC) and the Canadian Alliance of Community Health Centre Associations (CACHCA) as a way to advance public dialogue about the ways Canadians committed to our

non-profit, public healthcare system can unite around a common cause. That common cause is to achieve the Second Stage of Medicare - an evolution in Canada's public healthcare system to increase emphasis on illness prevention and reorganize services to provide more timely, equitable and effective care to Canadians.

The Problem and the Unfinished Solution

The Second Stage of Medicare is all about creating wellness. When the ideas behind the Second Stage of Medicare were first introduced over fifty years ago they did not take hold; perhaps because they were so far ahead of their time. So much controversy accompanied the first stage of Medicare - the introduction of medical and hospital insurance now enjoyed by most Canadians - that Medicare's founders had great difficulty moving ahead with the full plan to keep Canadians living longer and healthier lives in a Second Stage of Medicare.

Of course, the first stage of Medicare - publicly-financed insurance for care provided by doctors and hospitals - reaped enormous benefits for most Canadians. But this first step addressed just one in a much larger series of problems. Those larger problems still exist today:

- * Health services are not funded and organized in ways to best enable and encourage timely, equitable access to high quality health care and in ways that encourage individuals, or communities to be active participants in their own care;
- * Far too many Canadians experience preventable injury, illness or com-

plications from illness. Health promotion and illness prevention sit on the sidelines of the healthcare system;

- * Some Canadians are less healthy than others due to social and economic factors that cause illness and injury. This is because we have not adopted a comprehensive planning process to improve population health and reduce health inequities. Also absent is adequate coordination of healthcare planning with other sectors such as housing and employment, to address factors which directly impact on people's health.

To address these problems, Tommy Douglas proposed a complete reorientation in the way we think about health care. In Douglas' mind, major restructuring and reorganization would be required, including:

- * increased focus on "preventative medicine"
- * group practices of doctors, nurses, social workers and other providers
- * improved coordination of healthcare delivery through the creation of local integrated health regions; and
- * governance of healthcare delivery through locally-elected community-based boards to ensure health services remained responsive and customized to the priority needs of the local population.

Almost thirty years after Douglas issued this call, isn't it time finally to apply ourselves? Isn't it time to start grappling with this Second Stage of Medicare?

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check out our website
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Keeping You Posted About Health Centre Staff

Haley Court, our part-time Chiropodist at the Wellesley and St. Jacobs sites, began her maternity/parental leave in April 2007. Congratulations to Haley and Arden on the birth of their daughter Hannah, in May! For the months of April through June, chiropodist Jane Warner filled in for Haley at the Wellesley site. In July, we welcomed chiropodist Srdj Petrusic, who will be working the remainder of Haley's leave at both the Wellesley and St. Jacobs sites. Welcome to our team, Srdj!



In July, we also welcomed a new relief receptionist, Dorothy Campbell, who will provide coverage at all three sites - Linwood, St. Jacobs and Wellesley - during receptionists' vacations and other time away. We're glad to have you with us, Dorothy!

**WOOLWICH ADULT HEALTH FAIR
The Healthiest 'Me' I Can Be**

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Displays starting at 8:30 a.m.)

This year we are excited to welcome:

- Neil Aitchison with a humorous look at our health
- John Jackson and Dr. Chris Mills on protecting ourselves and our environment from air and water pollution
- A playlet by Gord Davis
- A panel presenting tips for a healthy 'me' and a healthy planet
- Gentle fitness breaks, displays, massage, reflexology, foot wear assessments, blood pressure and hearing screening.

Everyone welcome
No admission fee

Lunch \$8.00 (pay at the door)

At Woodside Bible Fellowship, Elmira

For more information call Joy at 519-664-3794 ext. 230.

Woolwich Community Health Centre
P.O. Box 370, 10 Parkside Dr.
St. Jacobs, ON N0B 2N0
Tel: (519) 664-3794 Fax: (519) 664-2182

WCHC Hours of Operation

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Drop-In Lab Services (for registered patients only)
Mon., Thurs. and Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Linwood Nurse Practitioner Office
3777 Manser Road
Linwood, ON N0B 2A0
Tel: (519) 698-1122 Fax: (519) 698-9929

LNPO Hours of Operation

Tuesday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wellesley Township Community Health Centre
P.O. Box 187, 1180 Queen's Bush Rd.
Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0
Tel: (519) 656-9025 Fax: (519) 656-9027

WTCHC Hours of Operation

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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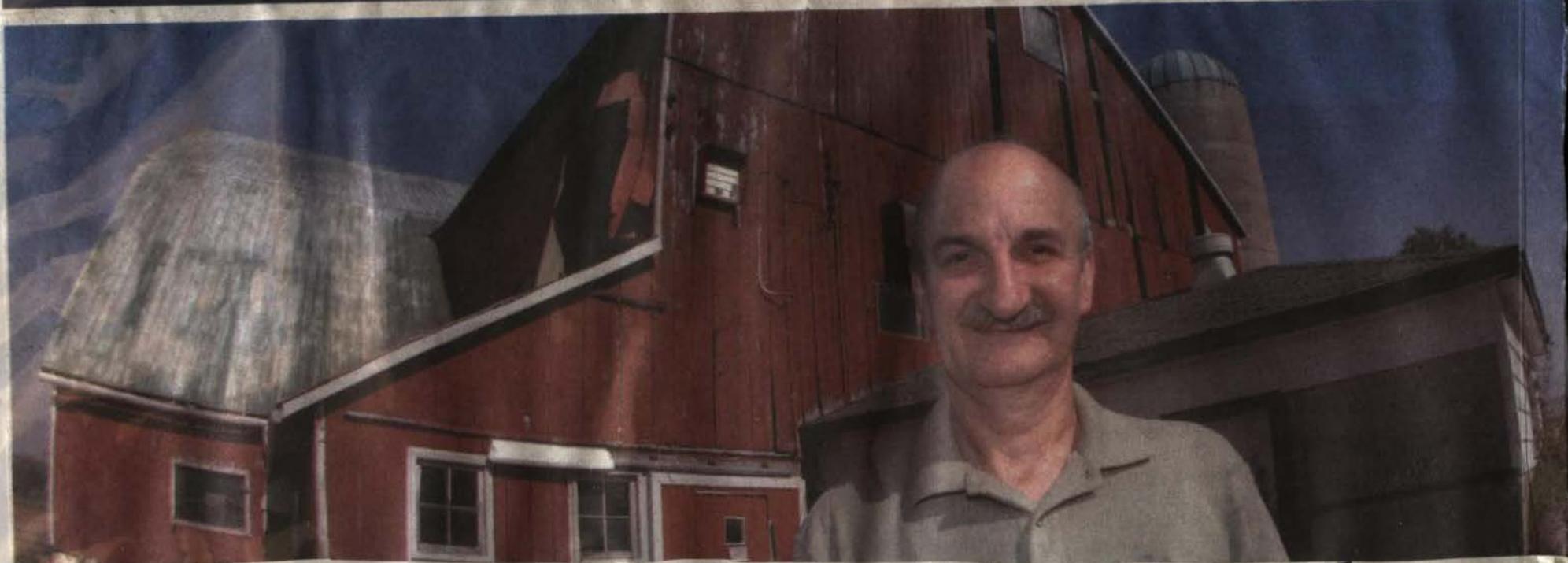
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Raising the profile on region's barns

Historian and rural structure aficionado to speak at Hawkesville meeting of Waterloo Historical Society

THIS OLD BARN Sherwood Hagey of the Waterloo Historical Society checks out a bank barn on Sawmill Road, just east of Conestogo. Bank barns are historically significant to Waterloo County and were built to make use of topography of the land. The preservation of such structures is the topic of a WHS meeting next week.

VANESSA MOSS

At this time of year, when the leaves are turning and the air is crisp, drives through the countryside can lead to a newfound appreciation for sightseeing. In Woolwich and Wellesley townships, barns are an integral part of the landscape. Many of them are still being used for agricultural purposes, but what about those that are old and in disrepair? Could these historic structures be slowly vanishing?

Dr. John C. Carter thinks so.

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pearing and if we don't document that or take steps to try to preserve some of those buildings, then we'll have a significant part of our built heritage gone."

As a museum and heritage advisor for the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Carter is actively involved in the preservation of history, but his particular interest in barns extends beyond his professional life.

"I grew up in Waterloo County. My father would take me out and I would see barn raisings as I grew up as a kid. I also had a cottage up at Bruce County, so barns were always of an interest to

me. As a historian, then, I continued that interest and for about the last 25 years I've been fortunate enough to, as I drive across the province, record barns, outbuildings, and rural landscapes."

Besides documenting historic barns, Carter also enjoys sharing his knowledge with others. On Oct. 2 he will be presenting "Barns - Our Disappearing Heritage" in Hawkesville as part of one of the Waterloo Historical Society's (WHS) annual meetings.

WHS president Rych Mills felt the topic of barns was fitting for the area and he hopes between 50 and 100 peo-

ple come out to the free session.

"History is so important to us and we like people to become interested in it, especially in their own communities. Maybe this will help somebody think about some old barn that might be in danger, or maybe some owner might even come along and take a bit more pride in his or her barn."

Those goals are exactly what Carter is aiming at - getting people to recognize the significance of these structures and working to save them.

Carter cites neglect, encroachment by subdivisions and disasters such as

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fires as threats to rural architecture.

He also said that the cost of repairing and maintaining 19th century barns can be high, especially when the structures are no longer agriculturally useful.

"Part of the problem is that of course, those buildings are now really redundant in relationship to modern agriculture - you can't really put round bails of hay into a 19th century post-and-beam construction, so, in some ways they have become a liability and they're an issue for insurance. If we can't save them all, we should attempt to save some."

Unfortunately, there is not much money available to owners wishing to renovate their barns, and the few provincial grants that do exist require that a building be deemed historically significant.

"One of the things that municipalities should be considering [is] designating not only barns, but rural farmsteads through the Ontario Heritage Act; that's something that isn't very common, and there should be more thought of that," Carter said.

That process is easier said than done. In Woolwich Township, historical designation involves a lengthy procedure that is rarely attempted due to the restrictions it imposes on the site.



RURAL HERITAGE Older barns like this one in Woolwich Township are slowly disappearing, according to historian Dr. John C. Carter. Fires, neglect and urban sprawl are threats to rural architecture, and the will to preserve such buildings is often missing.

quest this, however, a heritage committee would be formed to identify the features that have historical significance. Then a request would be made to the township and the council could designate the whole structure or parts of it.

Most recently, the West Montrose covered bridge went through this process. That historical by-law was approved Aug. 14, said township administrative assistant Beverly Metzger.

Before that, the last heritage title to be allotted in Woolwich Township was in 1994, when a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) proposed that a St. Jacobs business be

atres, wineries, restaurants and even houses.

He also noted that there are companies that tear down and rebuild barns in different locations.

On the flip side however, there is a high demand for barn bits and pieces, which is why some of them are disappearing, Carter said.

He feels that if anything, historical societies should be documenting local barns through photographs and videos so that even if the physical structure is gone, there will be visual and oral records of it.

Although the WHS does not undertake this challenge as a whole, Mills said he knows many people - himself included

the way they're built into a bank in some cases."

The bank barn Mills referred to is pretty well unique to Waterloo County, Carter said. One level is used for storage and the bottom provides an entrance for animals.

Penn-German barns are also common in Waterloo County - the style was brought up from Pennsylvania and features a distinctive forebay to shelter animals.

Carter hopes that his talk in Hawkesville will spark discussion amongst the attendees about their own barns and he is excited to see pictures and artifacts from the area.

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Wellesley residents fed up with subdivision construction

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Noise and safety concerns over a subdivision being built in the north end of Wellesley have been brought to the attention of council.

Residents on the newly-created Schweitzer Crescent have appealed to council in a letter to address the dangerous road conditions, construction vehicle traffic and construction noise at unusual hours that have "now become dangerous for taxpayers and residents of this street."

Council recently received a letter by Kim Ruthig, a new homeowner on the street, on behalf of neighbours. The concerns were in regards to construction on the west end of Schweitzer Crescent.

In a delegation to Wellesley Township council, Ruthig outlined the aforementioned problems and presented council members with a Ziplock bag with six nails that were picked up on one

pile on the street. Ruthig said that flat tires due to nails such as these is increasing among residents on the streets.

He also indicated that perhaps coincidentally, a street sweeper had cleaned the crescent last Friday prior to the long weekend - shortly after the letter had been delivered to council.

Also among the concerns are shingle wrappings and garbage blowing across private property. Early morning noise from both air guns and boom boxes used on construction sites were also identified by Ruthig as concerns.

It's not the first time that the township has received complaints about the construction. Township planner Craig Hockaday said that the developer has been contacted and township CAO Susan Duke suggested that he may be waiting to see what direction council takes.

"He did indicate a concern with the situation and he did want to address it," said Duke.

Mayor Ross Kelterborn told Ruthig that, it regards to noise complaints, a bylaw is in place to deal with such problems.

Councillor Paul Hergott was more tolerant in his approach.

"Were you there when your houses were built?" questioned Paul Hergott.

Council has advised that the letter should be directed to the director of public works.

Concerns were also raised about the whereabouts of property lines of newly constructed homes. Ruthig told council that survey stakes were removed or are missing since the properties were graded.

After a lengthy discussion, Kelterborn asked that council receive a report back specifically in regards to the stakes being removed.

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MAKING THE CUT Maggie Roth, 12, is one of three Wellesley Idol contestants selected Tuesday night to move on to the final round.

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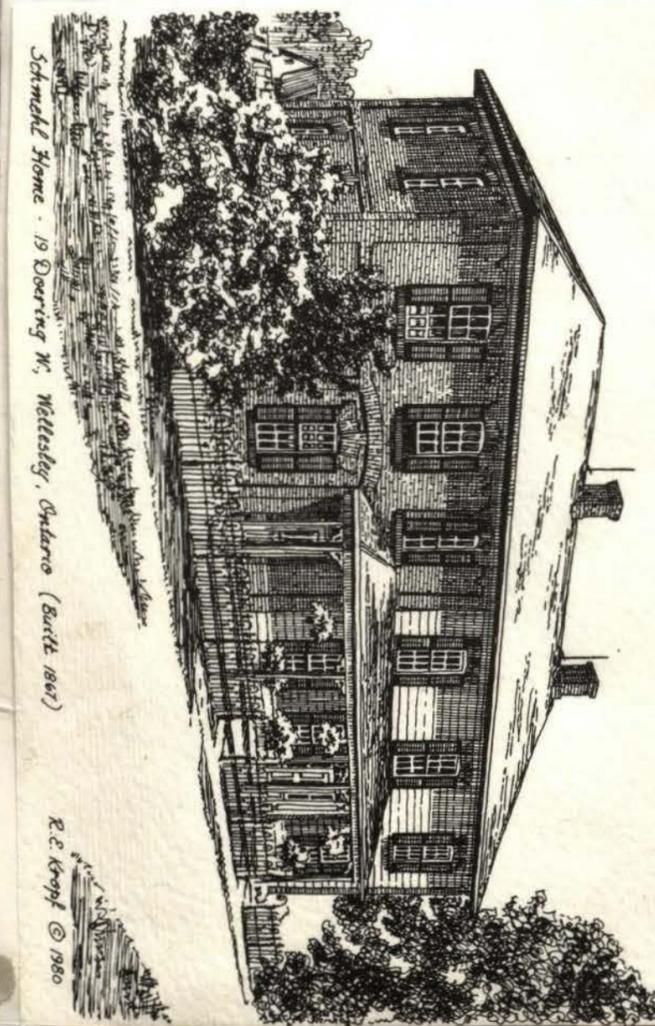
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Schmehl Home - 19 Doering St., Wellesley, Ontario (Built 1861)

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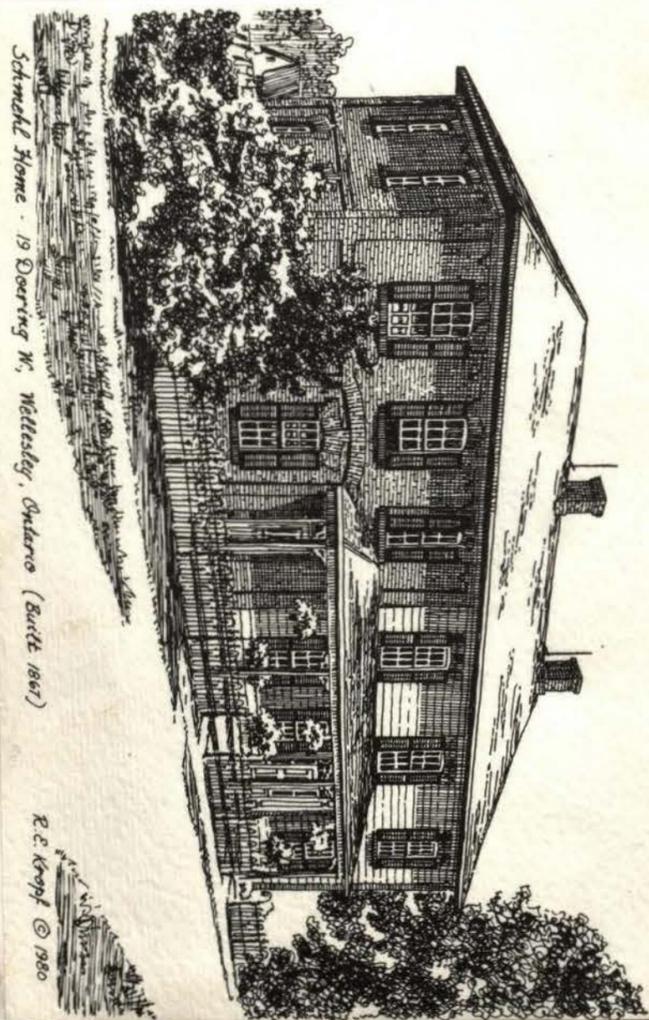
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Will either be redeveloped or torn down

Tim Murphy
For the Independent

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CLOSE ONE The Wellesley Applejacks came away with two points after defeating the Burford Bulldogs 5-4 in a shootout on home ice Dec. 1. Left: Wes Hauck makes a break for the Burford net. Top right: Mike Fisher lets one rip off the point. Bottom right: Pat Doyle tries to steer the puck into the night despite being airborne.

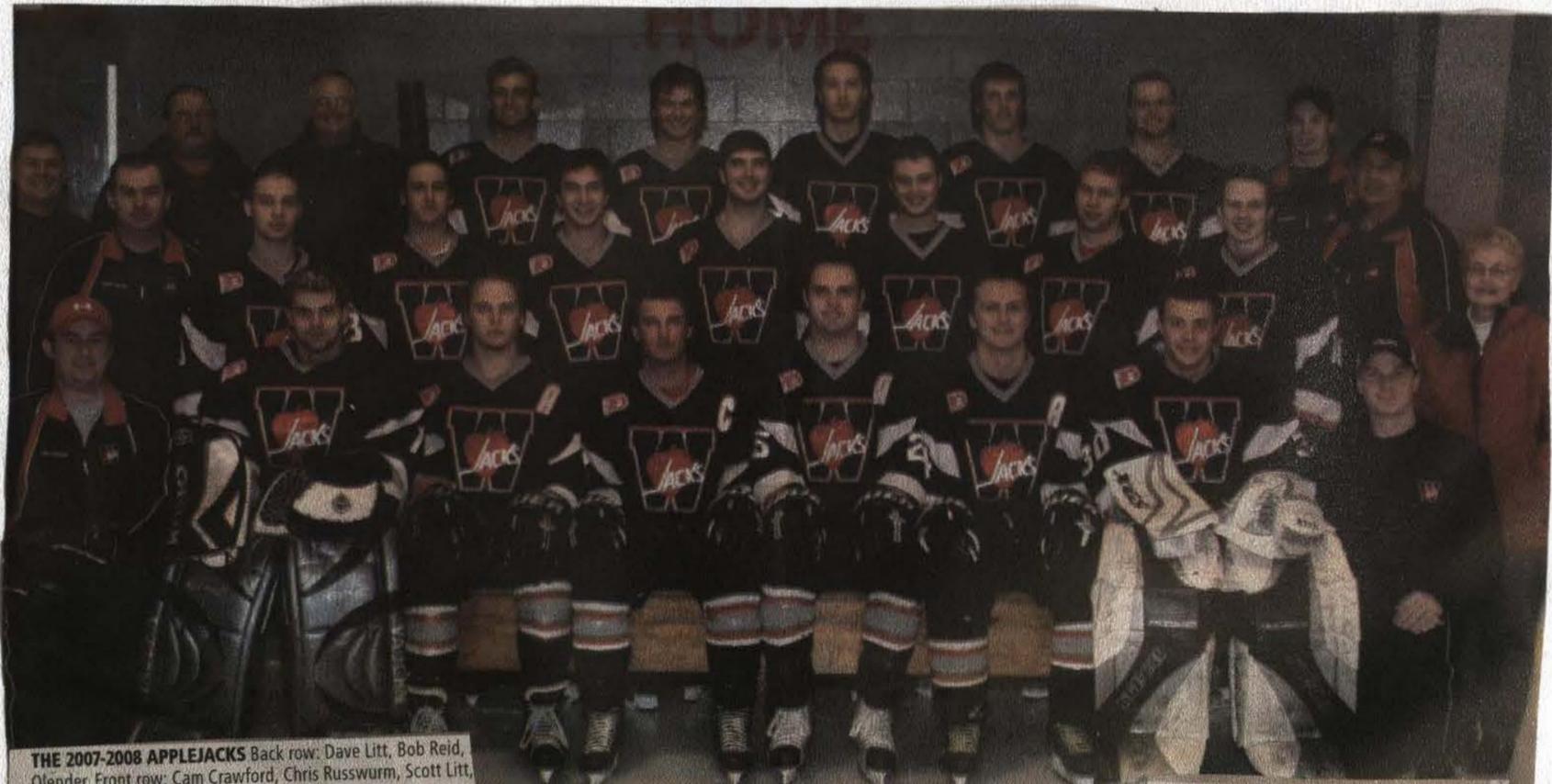
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Chris Armstrong, Mike Fisher, Dan Berwick, Jim

Jake Albrecht, Brett VanGerwen, Kurt Atchison, Will Metske, Ben Jefferies, Daniel Hartung. Middle row: Lyle Binkley, Kevin Lobsinger, Shawn Fitzpatrick, Brady Hauck, Matt Snyder, Aaron Ryan, Wes Hauck, Scott Hanley, Pat Doyle, Luke Zehr, Jamie Hartung, Verna Metcalfe. Absent: Chris Givlin, Trevor Nissen, Brock Gerber, Owen Engel, Nathan Reiger.

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VANESSA MOSS

For the second year in a row, the Wellesley Applejacks had a rough go of the season, ending in a seventh-game loss in the first round of the playoffs.

Battling back from last place in the Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League standings in the fall, the Jacks ended up fifth overall in the McConnell Conference with 50 points (23-15-4), up from last year's 42 (19-23-4).

"I told the guys after the [final] game: they started the year out 1-5, and that's when Dave [Litt, general manager] made a coaching change. The guys could have cashed in the chips then. They were dead last when I took over the team and they could've just said, 'you know what, forget it.' And they didn't. They kept coming to the rink every week: nobody quit," said coach Kevin Lobsinger while reflecting on the season.

Litt summarized the year as "streaky," as the Jacks put together four- and five-game winning runs interspersed by a series of losses.

Going into the final weekend of the regular season, the Jacks had the second-best home record in the league - behind the first-place Delhi Travellers - and were on their way to finishing near the top of the conference standings.

Unfortunately, those last three games ended in consecutive losses and Wellesley was left in the fifth slot, losing home-advantage in the first round of playoffs against the Burford Bulldogs.

Despite these setbacks however, the team took an early 2-0 playoff lead. Then, in game three, the players started following Burford's lead instead of sticking to their own game, a shift that ultimately cost them.

Game four saw Burford take a 6-5 win in overtime, followed by a second overtime win in the fifth match.

Down 3-2 going into the final first-round weekend, the Jacks got a fan-boost to tie the series Mar. 1, but lost 2-1 in the deciding game.

"I've never, in all the years I've coached Junior hockey, seen a community rally the way they did around our team in game six, which was unbelievable. It's not just me that appreciates it. It's all the players and all the coaches that appreciate it and it was really nice to see them do that," Lobsinger said.

With many of the same players on the team from last season, the game-seven loss was an unwelcome déjāvū after a hard-fought season.

"They put forth the effort [in game six] and won. They put forth the effort again on Sunday [game seven] in a game that we probably deserved to win and just couldn't get that break. As much as it sucks to lose

and be done, I can't say enough about how hard our boys worked this year and how they turned the season around," Lobsinger said.

"It was a series that I wasn't concerned about and I guess I was wrong because I thought we were the better hockey team," added Litt.

"Your best players have to be your best players and to sum it up: I don't think our best players were our best players in that series."

Disappointing playoff results aside, Litt and Lobsinger are already planning for next year. With at least 10 guys leaving, the incoming fresh blood should refresh the squad, Litt said, adding that the team could really use some top-scorers to back up its strong defence.

"We've got some young guys coming in that hopefully can step it up."

Among the departing players is captain Wes Hauck who will be tough to replace, Lobsinger said.

"Whoever is the captain of the Jacks next year, they've got some big shoes to fill with the void that Wes is leaving. There's a guy who's the heart and soul of the team. He was the hardest worker we had on the ice every game, every practice [and] he was our leading scorer."

That said, Lobsinger is confident that some of the guys who are coming back - up to 16, including Luke

Zehr in net - should bring a strong work ethic and attitude next season.

"It's kind of like a project that started this year and you want to see it through with the guys returning," he said.

With Litt planning to ask Lobsinger to coach again, he is hopeful the team can get over the first-round playoff hump next year.

"He [Lobsinger] brought competitiveness back to the rink," Litt said, adding that all the players liked their coach.

That admiration went both ways and Lobsinger said he is excited to come back for a second season.

"With the guys that are returning and with the work ethic we instilled in them this year, I honestly think next year we can finally break that two-year streak now of losing in game sevens and move on. Some of these guys, their hearts have been broken twice: they don't want it to happen again."

For now though, the Jacks' coach has other priorities on his mind: getting reacquainted with his wife and two daughters and catching up on lost sleep.

"The next two weeks I probably won't even look at hockey," he said laughing.

The Jacks' training camp starts Sept. 1, with a regular-season opener likely on Sept. 19.



The top Applejacks

The Wellesley Applejacks held their year-end banquet on March 28, presenting its best players with awards. From left, back row: Scott Hanley, MVP Local Player; Brett VanGerwin, Coaches Award; Scott Litt, Most Valuable Defenceman; Ben Jefferies, Martin Nowak Award; Will Metske, Rookie of the Year; Luke Zehr, Most Improved Player; front row: Trevor Nissen, Most Sportsmanlike; and Wes Hauck, Most Points and Most Valuable Player.

GAIL MARTIN PHOTO

Riding a dirt bike since age 10.



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Let's Celebrate!

About 110 years ago, the passionate and courageous Adelaide Hunter Hoodless was motivated by the tragic loss of her infant son from drinking raw milk. She believed that increased training for young women could only improve family life and help avoid tragedies like hers.

In 1897, Adelaide worked with Erland and Janet Lee to create the first Women's Institute. The phenomenon quickly spread across Ontario, Canada and then the world becoming one of the most important women's organizations in history.

Today Adelaide's vision lives on through Women's Institute and the ROSE (rural ontario sharing education) Program. And raw milk is still an important issue. Some of the issues affecting today's women and families still exist even after all these years. In December, Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound MPP Bill Murdoch introduced a private members bill calling for a task force to investigate whether raw milk sales might be made legal - the bill was soundly defeated but debate erupted right across the province. WI Members were quick to defend the pasteurization of milk to their communities and the media. There is more on this story on page 4.

With over 500 Branches and 7,500 Members across the province, Adelaide's legacy of educating women and positively impacting family life continues. Advocating for change, fundraising for important causes, providing a meeting place for neighbours, family and friends -- WI has a lot to celebrate!

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Message from the Mayor



Teamwork is "the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." This is the challenge that faces the team that we now have on Council at the Township of Wellesley. We are faced with the challenge of providing the best service possible with the limited resources available to us.

The Township of Wellesley retains only one fifth of the tax dollar collected from the home owner. This means that for every tax dollar that you pay, the Township receives and retains approximately .20¢, with the balance of that dollar being transferred directly to the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and the Educational system.

The Township is responsible for four community centres, approximately 67 acres of playing fields, 211 kms of roads paved and gravel surface, three fire stations with nine fire service vehicles and all the related services. The major sources of revenue are limited to tax revenue and user fees. Upper Government level grants also form a portion of the Township revenue however; for the most part these grants are not ongoing or dependable sources of revenue.

It is a challenge to maintain our facilities, keep up the desired and responsible level of service and to meet the individual needs of each and every ratepayer in the community.

We are up to the task and seek your cooperation as we work together to make this Township the best possible place to live, socialize and conduct our business. The council team is always looking at ways to improve the level of service provided and to meet the level of service the community deserves. Your ideas, concerns and support are always welcome.

Week of 21 - a winter storm come into the area with vengeance.

Blowing snow made visibility next to nothing along with the snowfall.

For once school was not cancelled except for some other areas due to visibility.

Snowed lightly all week

Sunday evening Jan 28²⁰⁰⁸ fog blanketed some areas
Sun is expected to appear for middle of week
Jan 29 - Feb. 02/08
This did not happen before a strong wind warning as well as a severe cold front ^{11 degrees overnight} Sun did appear late Wed. PM as well as light flurries

Jan. 08 Changes are becoming evident that Ron Fisher is selling his business, now called Franklin Fisher Funeral Home
Feb. 08 The Board of Trade "Valentine Ball" where citizen of the year is announced, Dinner served by 2 sisters. 7pm.

Jan 25 Bill Priestly was laid to rest after being in hospital since Christmas, Bill was the husband of Escher Doring, Queensbury Rd. Wellesley. He was 94 years young another member of 1st St Pauls
Freida - Mrs Honey Tub was also laid to rest ^{the following week} in this period of time

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A lone male entered a pharmacy on Queen's Bush Road in Wellesley Village on the afternoon of Mar. 6, handing an employee a note demanding drugs. Although no weapon was seen, staff gave the man a quantity of pills before he fled through the back door of the building. No one was injured.

The suspect is described as male, white, 40 to 45 years old, 6'0" to 6'3" tall, with a medium build; he was unshaven at the time, and wearing blue, full-length coveralls, a dark-coloured toque, and large sunglasses.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact Division 1 detectives at 519-653-7700, ext. 4436 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

for using unauthorized plates, and for failing to surrender evidence of insurance.

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Coffee and tea on the pond



Wellesley couple brings to fruition a longtime desire to provide meeting place in the village

VANESSA MOSS

When Dawn Malo moved from Baden to Wellesley Village, she immediately realized something was missing.

During her walks around town, she had nowhere to go to sit down and relax, read and enjoy a coffee or tea.

Now, six years after moving to town, Malo has opened her own café where she hopes locals will meet to enjoy the calm feeling of the space.

"It's something the community needs," she said. "It's just a beautiful place to sit out. We've had people come from Guelph and London and meet here - they've brown-bagged it because [we were] not a restaurant."

Up until now, Malo and her husband Garry have been running a framing gallery and gift shop on Wellesley's main street and living in the adjacent building.

Having always enjoyed sitting out back overlooking the pond themselves, and knowing that they had space for it, the Malos started envisioning the café a few years ago.

"We get to see it [the pond] on a daily basis and there's really not a way for people to have access to that," Dawn explained.

To start, the Gallery Café and Tea Room will offer regular



TEA TIME Garry and Dawn Malo (left) test out a specialty tea created by Erin Leis (right) as they prepare to open their Gallery Café and Tea Room in Wellesley today (Saturday). The Malos already run a framing gallery and gift shop on Nafziger Road, and they hope this new venture will offer residents a place to relax.

and specialty coffee and teas, lattes and desserts.

Then, gradually, Malo and the café manager Erin Leis will start experimenting with Saturday breakfasts and eventually, light lunches.

Their goal is to offer healthy

food alternatives - such as fresh fruit, granola, pitas and homemade soups - that are not currently available in town.

Leis said she thinks the café will do well because without a Tim Hortons - which the

village rejected years ago - there is no place for residents to meet for coffee.

"People have been waiting for us to open for a long time."

Another aspect of the café the owners think customers

will enjoy is the incorporation of the pond into its design. The tables and chairs are arranged so that people can look out the patio doors; in the spring and summer, guests will be able to move out onto the deck and down onto the grass.

The Malos' ultimate plan is to have art classes and musical concerts by the pond, as well as receptions, wedding showers and any other events the community comes up with, Dawn said.

"We will grow as required."

Other ideas floating around include having different cultural nights where the food, drinks and entertainment represent a certain country.

The suggestions have been almost overwhelming, Dawn admitted.

For now though, the Malos want to take it slowly, enjoying what they've accomplished so far.

Garry has spent countless hours renovating, so he is looking forward to watching people sit at the custom-made tables, chat and spend as long as they want in the yellow-painted café.

"If we saw someone sitting in there with a coffee or tea, reading a book - that would be what we would want to be able to provide," Dawn said.

"The vision is coming

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Riding a dirt bike since age 10

Rough-and-tumble victory for Jacks

After a slow start, Wellesley bounces back to beat up on Hagersville 7-2 in penalty-filled home game



PHOTO | VANESSA MOSS

PAYING A PRICE Wellesley's Dan Berwick puts one in the net to make it 5-2 for the home team, but gets cross-checked from behind for it by Hagersville's Travis Smith; the Jacks went on to win the Jan. 20 match 7-2.

Jacks: Teams have something to prove going into the stretch

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shorthanded and unassisted, potted one of his own at 13:45.

At 18:48, captain Wes Hauck picked up his first of three on the night, and gave his squad a 2-1 lead; Pat Doyle and Aaron Ryan picked up the helpers. With just a minute to go in the first frame, Hauck reprised with an unassisted tally. The Jacks headed to the dressing room with a 3-1 cushion.

Port Dover was down but not out and at 5:34 of the second period Casey McNally, from Jordan McNally and Matt O'Donnell, scored on the power play.

But the Jacks were in no mood to let things slide: at 10:22, Kurt Atchinson converted a Scott Hanley-Brett VanGerwen setup to make it 4-2. The Jacks scored two more, courtesy of Hauck (Scott Litt, Shawn Fitzpatrick) at 11:47, and Van Gerwen (Litt) at 14:48.

Following the final buzzer of the three-games-in-three-nights run, Lobsinger had mixed emotions.

"Sunday we built up a 3-1 lead after one; a 6-2 after two, and I said to the guys in the dressing room at the end of the second period on Sunday, 'Guys, you've got to stay focused, you cannot ease up here' and, sure enough, we eased up and Dover scored a quick one ... They brought the game

to us in the third," said Lobsinger.

With an eye on the imminent post-season, Lobsinger underscored the importance of consistency.

"You have to out-work teams for three periods, especially with the play-offs not that far away - you give up a period in the playoffs and that could cost you a game," he said.

"Ayr doesn't want to finish in last; Port Dover doesn't want to finish in last, and St. George wants first place. Nobody at this point in the year is just going to roll over and let you win a hockey game anymore; our guys have to realize that if we keep giving away periods of hockey we're going to be in trouble. This could have been a fantastic weekend for us."

The Jacks face-off against the Delhi Travellers tonight (Saturday) at home at 7:30 p.m. They then hit the road for Port Dover Sunday.

Regular season ends with losing skid for Applejacks

Julie Sawyer
Staff Reporter

Winning streaks, losing streaks — that's the way the regular season went for the Wellesley Applejacks. Either they managed to string some wins together, or couldn't seem to get out of a slump — resulting in an inconsistent season.



Julie Sawyer photo

A member of the Wellesley Applejacks gets taken down by a Burford Bulldog in the Feb. 8 Southern Ontario Hockey League game at the Wellesley Arena. Wellesley lost 7-4.

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Another heavy snowfall takes its toll



SNOWED UNDER The latest round of heavy snows appears to have been too much for this St. Clements-area barn. Thursday morning, workers cleared out what remained of the structure on Lobsinger Line, just west of Moser Young Road.
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Photo: Mike Mosier/Helton

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Couple aims for all the comforts
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KERRI JOHNSON

Co-owner of Vibrant Life registered massage therapy and wellness spa in Wellesley

How long have you been open?

One year.

How are you enjoying it?

"It's going great. It's the benefits of owning your own business, picking my own hours and stuff ... and working with my husband [co-owner Johnno] - we're enjoying our career together."

Where did you two meet?

The second week in Thailand backpacking. "It was all pretty romantic."

Where are you from?

Wellesley. "I loved growing up here." My husband is from England.

Hobbies?

Yoga, shopping, hanging out with friends, going for walks around town, rollerblading.

Hidden talents?

Cooking.

Best dish?

Stir frys.

Favourite food?

Thai food.

Drink?

Spicy caesars.

If you could go anywhere today, where would you go?

"Somewhere hot: to a beach near the ocean in a gorgeous little hut with palm trees."



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An Organization for Personal Growth and Community Action

February 18, 2005

Mae Baer
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Dear Mae:

I appreciated the enclosed note and photographs that you submitted to the *Home & Country* on behalf of the Wellesley Women's Institute. Reaching a 100th anniversary is indeed a milestone. Unfortunately, I was unable to print your information due to a change in the Editorial Policy.

Each year the *Home & Country* Editorial Policy is reviewed. The policy at the time of your submission only allowed the newsletter to print reports and photographs from Branches, Districts and Areas who were celebrating their 100th anniversary. The policy was changed again (see back of Winter 2004 issue of *Home & Country*), however, so that in future issues 100th anniversary reports will only be listed in the Congratulations Column, along with other anniversaries, life memberships and certificates of merit. Your Branch was listed in the Congratulations column that was part of the insert that was mailed with the Winter 2004 newsletter. In addition, there simply is not enough space, and especially now that there are only three issues of the newsletter printed each year.

Remember, the *Home & Country* is always interested in printing "good news" stories and photographs from the Branches, Districts and Areas about community projects, events or activities that members are currently involved in (not unlike the many "good news" stories that are printed in each edition of the newsletter).

Again, thank you for your submission Mae. I look forward to future submissions from the Wellesley Branch. In the mean time, all the best to you and to all Wellesley WI members!

P.S. - I apologize for taking so long to return your material, but unfortunately returning material always seems to get bumped to the bottom of my list of priorities. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

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Chose Wellesley as a quiet retreat from city life that offers country charm and plenty of sightseeing

VANESSA MOSS

Modern comfort meets historic charm in Carol Ann's Bed and Breakfast, a new business in the Village of Wellesley. The recently-built, open-concept home at 30 Ferris Dr. has a stone fireplace, sitting and dining rooms, bright kitchen and hot tub to accommodate its guests, along with an added bonus: the hosts themselves.

"We enjoy people [and] we enjoy listening to travel stories," said Carol Ann Miller, co-owner with her husband Phillip Jenkins.

After years of appreciating bed and breakfast stays themselves, Miller and Jenkins decided to give it a try, part-time for now - Miller works for Sun Life Financial and Jenkins with Waterloo Fire Rescue - and full-time during their retirement.

They chose Wellesley after passing through on their motorcycles one day and "falling in love" with the village. Last May, they chose a house design, watched it take form and decorated it to reflect their tastes.

Miller describes the finished product as "homey, warm, relaxed and bright" - a setting bed and breakfast visitors look for, she said.

"They just feel more like they're comfy and at home, versus a hotel



PHOTO | VANESSA MOSS
OPEN HOUSE Carol Ann Miller and her husband Phillip Jenkins want guests to feel at home when they stay at their new bed and breakfast operation in the Village of Wellesley.

room that's cold."

B and B guests have a choice of two rooms at Carol Ann's: "Clarice" and "Vivie" in honour of Miller's maternal grandmother and mother.

The former is larger, costs \$85 a night and is filled with items that

remind its owner of the past, like a colourful quilt that hangs on the wall. The slightly smaller "Vivie" room features warm colours and plush bedding for \$75 a night.

Both spaces have televisions, DVD players, fridge-access and en-suites - luxuries visitors

often miss in older bed and breakfast homes, Miller said.

In the morning, Miller normally serves up apple pancakes, fresh fruit and "fire hall omelets," but she's also willing to take special orders since her goal is to please.

"Personalized is what

we like," she said.

So far, the couple is happy with the response to this new venture, most of which came from their website at BBeCanada.

"They have entertained guests from the Netherlands, bikers passing through - who are

allowed to park their machines in the garage - and a man visiting Kitchener on a conference, who chose Wellesley over Waterloo.

"He said, 'I'm from Toronto. I just didn't want to stay in the city,'" Miller explained.

"People want change," Jenkins added. "They want to change something different out."

A change of scene and a chance to learn about different communities is what attracts Miller and Jenkins to B and Bs and they hope to provide that positive experience for others.

Miller has an art of literature on hand highlighting the local markets, the Stratford Festival and other attractions, and the couple has started venturing in the village so that they can learn more about the local culture and events.

"For us, we want to be involved in the community."

Having lived in the K-W area their whole lives, Miller and Jenkins are excited to introduce visitors to a new place.

"We have lots of inquiries about the Menuettes and lots about the markets," Miller said. "That's why the (guests) don't go to hotels; they like to chat with someone local." For more information visit www.bbecanada.com/carolanns.

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Wellesley backs call for local CBC radio station

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National broadcaster eyes Waterloo Region as one of 15 proposed new centres

MARC MIQUEL HELSEN

Plans to bring a CBC radio station to the region won the support of Wellesley council this week.

The township added its name to the list of municipalities calling on the federal government to fund the creation of 15 new local CBC Radio bureaux throughout the country.

CBC considers this region to be under-served. Supporting a City of Waterloo resolution, Wellesley councillors meeting Tuesday night endorsed a plan to remedy the problem.

"We have a plan, CBC Radio has a plan, that basically would create

a number of new local CBC Radio bureaux; that's a model that was built in response to the changing demographics in the country," said Jeff Keay, a spokesperson for the public broadcaster.

Some eight million Canadians do not have access to a local radio outlet and those populations continue to grow, he noted.

"We think that with the demographic growth in the area it is a reasonable thing."

The local station would be part of a greater plan to establish 15 new stations and production centres across Canada that would replace radio "designed for somebody else." Currently, area

CBC listeners tune into the corporation's Toronto broadcast.

The new regional stations would be part of the CBC Radio One Network, providing local morning and late afternoon programming created and broadcast locally; the remainder of the programming would be nationally produced.

A regional station would better serve and reflect the interests of the community, connecting it to national and international media.

"We feel that southwestern Ontario is probably one of the largest under-served markets in Canada. [It] needs its own voice - not only local service for the commu-

nities, but also its voice so that we're telling the stories from these communities up to the national network," said Ted Kennedy, chief of staff for English CBC.

And that's a concept that Wellesley Mayor Ross Kelterborn can buy into.

"I thought that was a good thing, an opportunity for municipalities to take advantage of that to promote themselves," he said, highlighting one of the issues outlined in the City of Waterloo motion.

With a focus on local stories, public affairs, and the cultural fabric of its community, a local radio station would boost events such as the Wellesley Apple Butter and

Cheese Festival, giving them greater exposure, Kelterborn suggested.

"That's what caught my eye, and I thought that was good."

If approved, the new 15 station plan would involve a \$25 million capital cost and an annual operating budget of approximately \$25 million.

Currently, the plan is being reviewed by the federal Heritage Committee; a decision is expected within the next few months. If approved, it would then be up to the federal government to find funding.

If it gets underway, the roll-out for all 15 new stations and production centres would take about three years.

Sports & Leisure

Burford ties up series with Applejacks

Julie Sawyer Staff Reporter

The Burford Bulldogs pulled even with the Wellesley Applejacks in the opening round of the Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League playoffs with two wins over the weekend.

Wellesley lost 7-3 on home ice Feb. 23 in game three of the series and followed that up with a 6-5 double overtime loss the next night in Burford.

The series resumed Wednesday, Feb. 27 in Burford but as of press time the results from game five were not known.

In game three of the series, Burford held a 2-0 lead after the first period.

Early in the second period, 36 seconds in to be exact, the Bulldogs took a 3-0 lead as the rebound was picked up and fired past Chris Russwurm in the Wellesley net.

At 15:57 of the second period, the Bulldogs picked up the puck at their own blue-line and got a breakaway on Russwurm. The puck was fired into the opposite corner past the Applejacks'

the 4-0 lead. Russwurm was replaced in net after that goal by Luke Zehr.

Wellesley managed to get on the board at 14:01 of the second period, as Scott Hanley converted on passes from Brett VanGerwen and Owen Engel.

The game was a rough one, with several pushing and shoving matches throughout the contest but those were quickly broken up by the linesmen who prevented several fights.

The Jacks managed to cut the Burford lead to 4-2 at 11:35 of the third period, with a quick wristshot from the faceoff area to the Burford goaltender's left. The puck beat him high blocker side. Scott Litt earned the goal, with assists to Brock Gerber and Aaron Ryan.

On a delayed penalty, Wellesley got the score to within one goal, as Ryan put the puck past the Bulldogs netminder. Burford's goaltender, Mike Henrique, was using a teammate's stick during the play as his was behind the net. Will Mertske assist-



Julie Sawyer photo

The Wellesley Applejacks lost 7-3 in game three of their Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League playoff matchup with the Burford Bulldogs on Feb. 23.

That was as close as the Jacks could come though, as Burford scored three unanswered goals over the next six minutes to take the 7-3 lead. The last goal came into an empty net with 44 seconds left. Game six is set for tomorrow night (Saturday, March 1) at 7:30 p.m. in Wellesley.

Wellesley hall to become daycare center

After two years, church group finally seals the deal on a sale

MARC MIQUEL HELSEN

After two years of unsuccessful attempts to sell the Fellowship Hall in Wellesley, its owners breathed a sigh of relief this week when the latest bid went through. The new owners will convert the building into a daycare centre.

The deal means the building, which in its long history has served

as a council chambers, school room and community hall, will find a new life providing a service to the public, a boon in an area short on daycare spaces.

"I think our group is very happy that it's gone for a community use; we didn't want it unused, we didn't want that to happen. But I really think we see daycare use as one of the best possible uses for it," said Jim

Leis, speaking on behalf of Maple View/Crosshill Mennonite Church, the group who sold the property.

If all goes as planned, the new daycare centre will be providing services for some 50 children by September.

The 1129 Henry St. property garnered limited interest for the two years that it was up for sale. A number of similar proposals to convert the

building into a daycare facility came to naught as the bidders either lost interest or failed to secure funding for their envisioned projects. The church group's most serious offers typically came from private bidders interested in turning the hall into a private dwelling, but successive applications for rezoning were turned down by the township.

Councillors meeting

in early April preferred a vote change application in spite of having committed to a decision by the bidder's April. The township the site to rezone, eventually allowing an eleventh-hour application for rezoning into a daycare center to get a plan

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Krista Schott stands in the space which will soon be her office.

TIM MURPHY, INDEPENDENT STAFF

TIM MURPHY
Independent staff

A new daycare center in Wellesley has openings for staff and kids.

Krista Schott, administrator for the Inspiring Minds Early Learning Centre said they are still taking resumes and applications for daycare spaces.

"Our pre-registration is a little more than half full," she said.

Schott, who has been in Early Childhood Learning for the past 18 years said she was at home with her daughter when another parent approached her to get involved in the project.

There was originally a group of four volunteers who got together to start dreaming of a day care in Wellesley.

"The only child care available in Wellesley is home care, and the providers are full," she said. "The need is growing."

The group spent many years working on the project, as funding dried up and new funds became available.

It was in 2007 the latest funding became available and the dreams became a reality.

Now that the Inspiring Minds Early Learning Centre is being built, staff is being sought.

There will be five full-time staff members and four part-time staff members taking care of 76 kids. The kids will range from toddlers to 12-year-olds.

The school age kids will be cared for in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, next door to the day care.

The official opening date is June 2. A grand opening celebration will likely take place in the fall.

Schott said the only quali-

Just a few months to go for new Wellesley daycare centre

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cations necessary to apply for a day care spot is to have a kid between the age of 18 months and 12 years.

"If parents need subsidy, they can get it through the Region of Waterloo," she said.

People interested in applying for staff positions must have experience with Early Childhood Education. Community ties are also important.

"We're really excited about this whole process," she said.

Anyone interested in applying for a job or a daycare position can contact Schott at 519-656-9028, or by e-mailing skrista_imelc@sympatico.ca.



Making it official

ALL TOGETHER NOW The Inspiring Minds Early Learning Centre officially opened its doors Sept. 13 in Wellesley Village. On hand at the grand opening were Kitchener-Conestoga MPP Leeanna Pendergast, MP Harold Albrecht, board chair Joe Nowak, Wellesley Mayor Ross Kelterborn, Waterloo Region Chair Ken Seiling and executive director Krista Schott.

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Applejacks hand out the hardware

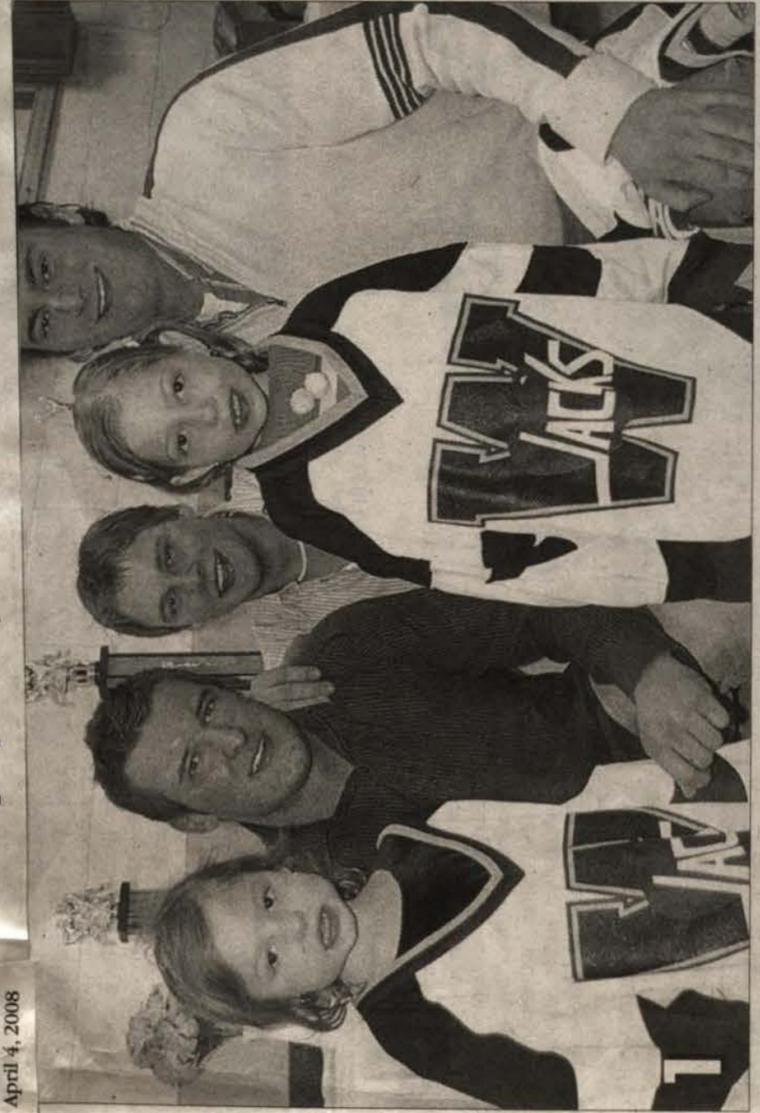
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Gail Martin photos
The Wellesley Applejacks held their year-end banquet on March 28.

Photo of the Wellesley Applejacks' top fans. Above and

Misuse of handicap parking not tolerated

The Observer | Saturday, March 15, 2008

Not widespread in Wellesley Township, councillors deemed the practice of drivers illegally using parking spaces reserved for the disabled annoying enough to support a Town of Newmarket resolution calling for provincial action.

Meeting last week, councillors added their names to a request to crack down on the anti-social behaviour.

"I had a mother that was disabled and it kind of irked me when I saw somebody who wasn't disabled taking spots. ... When you see people who aren't handicapped using those spots, it kind of hits a sore spot," Coun. Jim Olender told the *Observer*.

Olender raised the same issue during a discussion by council on the Newmarket motion.

While complaints about the illegal use of disabled parking spaces are

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Parking: Spaces for those who need them

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not common in Wellesley, Olender recalled such experiences in the more urban areas of the region - at a mall or doctor's office, for instance.

"We all drive in the city and we all see that happen."

The Newmarket resolution was drawn up as a result of suggestions forwarded by that municipality's accessibility advisory committee. Those recommendations are meant to deter

people from illegally using parking spaces reserved for the disabled.

"It was more of a general observation - that committee's general observation - that that seemed to be a widespread problem," said Anita Moore, clerk for the Town of Newmarket.

"It's been over the last couple of years that I think they felt strongly on this issue and, so, that really promoted the resolution."

The Newmarket motion called on the province to eliminate the misuse of parking spots and suggested actions that included: ensuring that justices of the peace enforce the minimum fines that apply to offenders; providing for a two-point penalty on the offender's driver's licence; requiring people who hold a disabled parking permit to obtain a special identification card; and providing minimum fines

for those who block disabled parking spaces (i.e. using disabled parking spaces for snow storage).

A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the province requesting action. "We've had some great support from municipalities; we've heard from quite a few who have endorsed our resolution, so, we are hoping that something comes from it down the road," said Moore.

Wellesley Lions hope latest fundraiser will pack 'em in

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Recent history indicates that the Wellesley Inn on Queen's Bush Road is a sure bet when it comes to drawing local crowds for a night of food, fun and fundraising. That's what the Wellesley and District Lions are banking on as they prepare for their pork dinner event for the Sight First II campaign and community betterment on Mar. 29.

"Our relationship with the inn has been working really well. The owners have been really accommodating in providing excellent support for us - it allows us to provide fun nights for the community and also raise some money. Overall, it's just been a good fit," said Dave Mathes, vice-president of the service club.

The local group is hoping for a repeat of the

chicken wing night held at the inn Feb. 9.

Some of the funds are earmarked for the Sight First II campaign, an international drive that distributes grants for international programs to eradicate preventable blindness, and which targets poverty-stricken areas of the world where diseases are rampant and medical treatments scarce.

Since the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the grant-making arm of the International Association of Lions Clubs, launched Sight First I in 1990, the campaign has awarded US\$211 million for 896 projects in 90 countries; provided 7.3 million cataract surgeries; prevented serious vision loss for 27 million; improved eye care services for hundreds of millions; and provided 114.1 million treatments for river blindness.

The Wellesley and Dis-

trict Lions group has pledged \$9,000 over a five-year period and has approximately \$4,500 left to go for the 2010 deadline. The local effort is part of a global fundraising effort involving all 1.35 million Lions in more than 45,000 clubs whose goal is to collect \$150 million for the fight to eradicate preventable blindness.

Reaping some \$1,300 at the February fundraiser, the Lions are optimistic they will raise another significant amount this time around.

"We had a great response from the community and it worked really well for us at that location," said Mathes.

The pork dinner takes place at the Wellesley Inn on Queen's Bush Road on Mar. 29, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Meals can be purchased for \$10 at the restaurant - no tickets are needed.

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*Janet & Millie supply punch & glasses.
ask Steve about apple juice - 80 people
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**WATERLOO DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
8th ANNUAL MEETING**



*Buffet style
tablecloth's inc - Olive
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Wednesday, May 28, 2008

**WELLESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
Wellesley, Ontario**

Hosted by
Wellesley Women's Institute

Theme: *Reaping What We Sow*

Registration 2:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:45p.m.

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President, Federated Women's Institute of Ontario

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FWIO PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE



Kingston Ontario - June 6-8, 2008

Plan now to join fellow W.I. members across the province at the F.W.I.O. Provincial Conference 2008 'Going Green', to be held at St. Lawrence College, Kingston June 6-8, 2008. Your registration package includes the following information:

(1) Registration Form

Early Bird Registration is March 1, 2008. All early bird registrations will be entered into an Early Bird Draw, which will take place at the conference. The prize is refund of registration fee. All Early Bird registrants will receive a conference pin. Final Registration date is April 1, 2008. Registrations must be received at the FWIO Office by these dates. Registrations are transferable but not refundable. Please copy form for more registrants. Confirmations will be mailed in April, along with final registration information, travel directions and emergency phone number. There will be a parking fee at the college before 5 p.m. Friday. College Residence consists of double occupancy with ensuite accommodation. For registrants staying overnight in residence, free parking is available in the residence parking lot.

(2) List of Workshop Choices

Choose 4 workshops in order of preference from the 9 workshops offered. Register early to ensure you get the workshop of your choice. The committee will try to honor your request, but substitution may be unavoidable. A simple list of sewing supplies will need to be brought for Workshop 1. There is a cost for Workshops 1 and 9 - fee will be collected by facilitator at start of workshop.

(3) Competition Guidelines and Entry/Liability Form

Members are invited by the Competition Committee to enter any or all of the 4 categories offered. Closing date for entry/liability form is May 1, 2008.

(4) Sales and/or Display Table Application Form

Tables will be available for branches, districts or areas to sell items. Sales Form with cheque must be received by May 1, 2008 to reserve a sales table.

(5) Pre-Conference Activity - Historic Kingston Tour

Come and take a 50-60 minute tour of historic Kingston on Kingston's Confederation Tour Trolley. Minimum of 30 people needed. Maximum 45 seats available. Departure at 4 p.m. from St. Lawrence College. Cost is \$12 per person.

(6) Companion Historic Mystery Tour

Discover Kingston's heritage on a mystery tour of some of the Limestone City's greatest historical treasures. Admission fees are included, and lunch will be provided.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Lawrence College in June 2008.

F.W.I.O. Conference 2008 Committee

Email: fwio@fwio.on.ca

fax: 519-836-9456

Phone: 519-836-3078

PROGRAM

3:15 p.m. Call To Order

The Women's Institute Ode and The Mary Stewart Collect

President's Address - Emilie Klages

Roll Call - Branch Presidents

Ratification of District Directors - Emilie Klages,
District President

In Memoriam - Maple Grove W.I.

Motion on Voting

Minutes - 2007 District Annual - Irene Weber, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - Eleanor Berry, Treasurer
Financial Statement, Awards Statement, Donations Report
Financial Examiners Report - Pam Gillespie, Linda Sims

Correspondence

Reports

Tweedsmuir Curator - Carol Cressman

Awards - Jackie Grigsby

Advocacy - Lillian Mayman

Education Workshop - Ruth Jones

Coupon Books - Eleanor Berry

W.I. County Heritage Hall - Pauline Weiland

F.W.I.O. Regional Board Director - Winnie Trachsel

Election of Officers

Report of Nominations Committee -
(Branch, Bridgeport W.I.)

Election of Officers

Installation of Officers - Pauline Weiland,
Guelph Area W.I. President

Review of Bylaws

New Business

2009 Invitation - Bloomingdale W.I.

Adjournment

Take the time to view displays



BANQUET

Dinner 5:45 p.m.

The Women's Institute Grace:

*We thank Thee, Father for Thy care,
Food, friends and kindness we share,
May we forever mindful be,
Of "Home and Country" and of Thee.*

Toast - Queen and Canada

Greetings from Guests

Introduction of Head Table - Ruth Jones, 1st Vice-President

Speaker - Joy Trimble, President

Federated Women's Institute of Ontario

Entertainment - "Tator Family Skit" by Waterloo District W.I.

Collection - F.W.I.C. Into the North "Club Amick"

Courtesy Remarks - Bloomingdale W.I.

O Canada

*NB: Meet at C. Gordon
back to room.
May 13 Regular Mtg
May 20 - 2 pm*

F.W.I.O. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE 2008 WORKSHOPS

*Workshops will be offered morning and afternoon and be for 50 people unless otherwise stated. They will be approximately 1 hour in length.

(1) Introduction to Crazy Patch:

At the end of this 1 ½ hour hands-on workshop you will have a quilted heart. The facilitator is Rene Porter from Brockville. Needed list of supplies will follow. **Cost \$5 Max. 25**

(2) Healthy Meals for Two:

How many of us get into a rut at mealtime? A facilitator from KFL&A Public Health will offer ideas for easy meal planning and nutritious quick meals for 1 or 2, contributing to healthy aging.

(3) Heritage Seeds:

"When you use the method of open pollination you plant hope; when you use hybrids and genetic modification you plant a cemetery." Take part in this fascinating workshop and find out what this means, as well as how to save your own seeds. Robert and Carol Mouck will have on display their collection of seeds, some whose ancestry can be traced back hundreds of years.

(4) Flower Arranging:

Learn the simplicity of flower arranging and the beauty of flower décor for your home or for special occasions, e.g. anniversaries. Instructor Nancy Jensen owns and operates Avenue Florist on Portsmouth Ave. in Kingston **PM only**

(5) Recycling, Energy Conservation and Climate Change:

What can you do as an individual to 'go green'? Facilitator Tim Laprade, Public Education Coordinator with the City of Kingston will tell us how. His interesting and motivating presentation will cover such important topics as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, individual ecological footprints, commuter options, recycling, composting, water and electricity conservation.

(6) Water Conservation:

Susan Howatt from The Council of Canadians will discuss personal conservation, the use of bottled water, and answer your questions on water problems facing Canadians today.

(7) Get Your Renovation Questions:

A phone-in broadcaster for many years, Ren Molnar will answer questions you may have on renovations in and around your house as well as giving helpful hints. **PM only**

(8) Rideau Canal:

Parks Canada will be giving a pictorial presentation on this remarkable engineering achievement, which celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2007, and has been voted the Newest World Heritage Site.

(9) Glass Beaded Necklace:

Create your own elegant and beautiful ribbon and glass bead necklace in the colour of your choosing. This craft is great for either the beginner or advanced beader, and will be presented by Michael's Store in Kingston. **Cost: \$15**



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BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY
 Monday September 8th
 Please wish
ESTHER (DOERING) PRIESTLY
 a Happy 90th Birthday
 this coming week!
 Have a great day and a healthy year
 Mom/Grandma.
 Lots of love from your family.



Wellesley-North Easthope Fall Fair takes to the "air"

155th annual fair runs Sept. 9 and 10

Wellesley-North Easthope Fall Fair organizers are continuing with a green theme for this year's event, this time focusing on another natural element we all need to survive — air.

The 155th annual fall fair is one of three country fairs still operating in Waterloo Region and the only mid-week event of its kind.

Children across Wellesley Township look forward to the event when the school bell rings at noon Sept. 10 and the students begin assembling for the parade to the arena fairgrounds. Townsend's Amusements is returning to offer a variety of mid-way rides and carnival games.

"Everyone is concerned about their carbon footprint," says fair board secretary Mary Lichty, who worked with directors to create an itinerary built around the theme.

A senior's kite flying contest will challenge competitors to take to the air with homemade kites on Sept. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

The perennially popular Baby Show will run at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday followed by the school parade starting at 1 p.m. down Queen's Bush Road. Students have been asked to carry balloons with them to promote the theme of the fair.

London, Ontario's Val Williams,

also known as the Snake Lady, will bring her menagerie of scaly, hairy and slimy creatures for a hands-on children's show at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Lichty says Williams' knowledge of animals and the ecological impact of humans on the environment is an important part of her exhibit. It's also a lot of fun.

"It's a very hands-on interactive event for kids," Lichty says.

Also new this year is the fire-fighter games, which will help close out the fair next Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. before a spectacular fireworks show fills the night sky. All three Wellesley fire departments — Linwood, St. Clements and Wellesley — will field teams to take on various challenges while spectators watch from the sidelines. A trophy will go to the winning team.

Excitement has been building for the past month and organizers are fielding dozens of calls for fair entries.

The fair begins with opening ceremonies Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. that includes the Ambassador competition and the semi-finals for Wellesley Idol.

For more information about the fair, contact Jim Stueck at 519-656-3164, Mary Schlueter at 519-656-2731, or Mary Lichty at 519-656-2829.



Township of Wellesley

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 St. Clements, Ontario N0B 2M0
 519-699-4611 fax 519-699-4540

Wellesley Womens Institute
 c/o Mae Baer

3- 234Boulee Steet
 New Hamburg N3A 2C9

Date September 25, 2008

OFFICIAL RECEIPT FOR INCOME TAX

Received the Sum of :
 Three hundred dollars.....00/100 \$300.00

as a donation to the
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 On behalf of the Township of Wellesley
 thank you for your kind donation to the Fire Dept.

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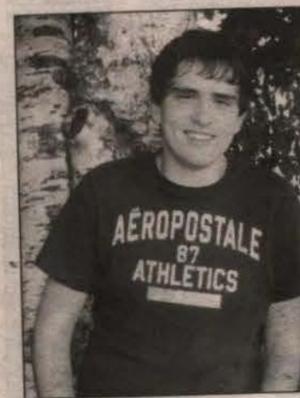
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 Treasurer, Township of Wellesley

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Wellesley-NEH Fair Ambassador contestants active in communities



David Skinner

David Skinner, 17 was born in Burlington but has called Wellesley home for much of his life.

He wants to become Wellesley North-Easthope Fall Fair Ambassador to improve his self confidence and show how much of a good, all rounded person he is. This marks the second year David has entered the competition.

He has many interests and hobbies but his biggest interest is music, specifically guitar. David has been playing guitar for more than three years now and teaches others how to play. He also plays piano and violin.

David's second passion is business. He would love to become an entrepreneur and open his own business. He is a member of the DECA business club in high school and earned first in Waterloo Region and 12th in Ontario in his category of fast food management. He travelled to Washington, DC with his high school team earlier this year.

David holds two jobs, one as a cashier at Leis Feed and Supply in Wellesley and the other as a server at the Loft Eatery and Pub in Wellesley. His past positions include a cook at McDonalds and a volunteer at the Wellesley Public Library. David is sponsored by Leis Feed and Supply.



Sarah Runstedler

Sarah Runstedler, 18, of St. Clements, is entering her fifth year at St. David's Secondary School in Waterloo.

She lives on a beef farm outside the small town of St. Clements and describes herself as friendly, funny, outgoing, and willing to try new things. Growing up she says she always looked forward to the Wellesley Fall Fair. She enjoys meeting new people, and says being the fair ambassador is a perfect way to do that. Sarah says she wants more people to come and experience all the fun they can have there, creating memories with friends. "This community has offered me so much and I want to take this opportunity to give something back."

Energetic and outgoing, Sarah spent summer working at Camp Bellwood. At school she is a member of the St. David's wrestling team. She plays hockey and is also a member of the MATMEN wrestling club. In her spare time she enjoys playing guitar and singing. She also enjoys drawing.

Sarah's adventurous streak will take her on a skydiving trip in the near future.

Sarah hopes to follow in her mother's footsteps by entering this competition, as she was fair ambassador in 1986.

Sarah is sponsored by Linwood Veterinary Services.



Sarah Van Allen

Involved is good word to describe Sarah Van Allen, 17, of Crosshill. The Grade 12 student in Elmira District Secondary School, has many interests including sports, volunteering to work with children, helping people, and leading a healthy lifestyle.

Ever since she was little she's been involved in "every sport on the face of the earth," starting with figure skating, T-ball and soccer in Wellesley and when she was 4. She also began step dancing. Eventually she played ringette, and then to hockey and went from T-ball and soccer to baseball.

In high school Sarah has played field hockey, volleyball, rugby and ran for the track team. She enjoys playing hockey for Twin Centre Hurricanes and baseball for Linwood Chiefs.

Sarah continues to step dance and takes lessons in Stratford through the school year, going to competitions almost every weekend in the summer across Ontario.

Volunteering is something that Sarah enjoys. Over the past year, she has volunteered at Hidden Acres in New Hamburg and Forest Cliff Camp in Forest. She is actively involved in a youth group in Elmira and last year went on a mission's trip to Toronto to work with street people giving out food and blankets and helping at shelters. She also volunteered at Grand River Regional Cancer Centre, the food bank and packing boxes for operation Christmas Child.

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Local youth tops at 4-H Dairy Show

Some Wilmot and Wellesley Township 4-H members pulled off top placings at the Grand River 4-H Dairy Show on Aug. 16, held at Grand River Raceway in Elora.

Melissa Albrecht of Wellesley was the second place Senior Showman and Reserve Grand Champion, while her sister Michelle took Reserve Champion

Junior Showmanship honours. Both Melissa and Michelle are the daughters of Paul and Bernice Albrecht.

Ashley O'Donnell of Waterloo had a wonderful

day, being chosen Grand-Champion Dairy Showman as well as exhibiting the Grand Champion Calf. The show was hosted by the Grand River Agricultural Society and judged by Elgin Craig of Arthur. The Reserve Champion Calf was exhibited by Mandy Martin of Elmira.

In the conformation classes, Jerry Albrecht of Wellesley showed the first place junior calf, while Liam McNabb of New Hamburg was second. Jerry is the son of Mark and Patty Albrecht, and Liam is the son of Ken



Reserve Grand Champion Showman Melissa Albrecht and Grand Champion Showman Ashley O'Donnell.

and Marie McNabb. For more info on 4-H in Waterloo Region, or to see pictures from the day, visit www.waterloo4-h.ca.

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Wellesley to redo noise bylaw

Wellesley councilors have authorized staff to begin rewriting a noise bylaw for the township.

One of the major changes of the by-law is allowing for ticketing.

"This is an opportunity for it to be upheld through tickets," said Wellesley CAO Susan Duke.

The current draft of the by-law states residents of Wellesley, without previous council consent, shall not ring any bell, blow or sound any horn, shout or make loud or unusual noises likely to disturb the inhabitants of the township, or cause or permit the same to be made.

It states no person shall cause continuous noise from construction between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. on week-

days, or all day Sunday.

The by-law will not be enforced against normal social and economic activities, including church bells and celebrations.

Anyone who breaks the by-law can now be ticketed.

A fine not exceeding \$5,000 can be charged. The current draft of set fines are each \$50. A fine can be levied for persistent noise by a pet, either caused or permitted by a Wellesley resident.

Fines can also be called for causing or permitting persistent noise in general. The by-law will be enforced by by-law enforcement.

The by-law draft has not yet been passed into an official by-law by council.

Elmira, Ontario

August 22, 2008

Historical society catalogues collection

Tim Murphy
For the Independent

The Wellesley Township Heritage/Historical Society (WTH/HS) is moving into the twenty-first century in terms of collection management.

Two museum professionals have been contracted to catalogue and create an inventory of the WTH/HS collection after council approved the hire on July 29.

The end product will be a computerized inventory and catalogue that will give the WTH/HS an idea of exactly how many items they have, and what condition they are in.

Citizens of Wellesley township, and others who are interested in area history, will be able to access items more easily. Some items will benefit from cleaning and improved storage.

The condition of the collection will be more stable when, for example, photographs are stored in special acid-free envelopes. The collection is housed in the upstairs WTH/HS room in the Old School in Wellesley.

The project has been made possible due to a bequest by Jack Koehler.

The current project is led by Derek Cooke, a collections resource expert who has worked in the field of heritage presentation and preservation for the past 33 years.

He has experience in working with historical objects from the 18th century at the Fortress of Louisbourg

National Historic Site to 20th century historical objects at HMCS Haida National Historic Site.

His wife and partner, Lian Goodall, is a historian and author of four books. She has worked at various museums including Woodside National Historic Site in Kitchener.

They started to get to work after meeting on Aug. 1 with Susan Duke, Wellesley CAO, mayor Ross Kelterborn, and Ron Hackett, Chairman of the WTH/HS.

"It's exciting because there is a really nice history here and a lot of community interest in the history," Cooke said. "People realize the importance of preserving and presenting the past."

Cooke explained that the Society has a "good archival collection in terms of photographs. I also like the fact that the collection is specific to Wellesley township. It's not just a collection of old things, but it helps tell the story of the area."

"I can't decide what I like best in the collection. I love the old Wellesley Town Band items, as I have played in several bands," Goodall said.

Goodall and Cooke would like to meet more area residents at the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival in September.

"We are hoping people will come by, talk to us about what we're doing, meet society members and find out what the Wellesley Township Heritage/Historical Society is all about," Cooke said.

They expect that the work will take several months to complete.

For more information, email Derek Cooke at Derek_Cooke@sympatico.ca.

Major bequest helps float Wellesley Historical Society

Township receives \$340,000 from estate of Kitchener man with ties to the community

MARC MIQUEL HELSEN

At one point looking like it was going to go the way of the dodo, the Wellesley Historical Society was recently afforded two strokes of luck: the first was boosted membership; the second, a massive gift by a man with strong ties to the township.

Jack Edgar Koehler's \$340,000 bequest to the society caused quite a stir.

"This is probably the single largest bequest that has ever been made to the township; it is significant, it is a major contribution to the municipality," chief administrative officer Susan Duke told the *Observer*.

Last week, the township received notification from Miller Thompson and TD Waterhouse that it had been named as a beneficiary of the estate of Jack Edgar Koehler, who died Nov. 19, 2006; a sum of \$340,000, which is to be used for historical purposes, has since been deposited into a new account.

While council will have the final say over how the money is used, decisions will be made in close consultation with the historical society. Wellesley staff will devise a set of policies regarding distribution of the funds.

Staff will also study how to properly recognize Koehler; one suggestion is using the name "Koehler" in naming streets for a new subdivision in Wellesley.

Little about Koehler's life is known to staff; less is known about the reasons for his bequest.

"There doesn't seem to be a lot of

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reason other than the fact that his family was here and his ancestral family was here and he visited this area as a child," said Duke, noting that she gleaned this information from a source close to Koehler, who did not want his identity divulged.

"It's very difficult sometimes to understand what motivates people to do the things that they do towards the latter part of their lives. We just happen to be extremely fortunate that Mr. Koehler considered Wellesley highly

enough to make this kind of a bequest."

In a report to council Tuesday night, Duke noted that Koehler, though a resident of Kitchener, had come to the area as a child and had developed strong memories and bonds with family and friends in the community. Koehler's great grandparents immigrated to Canada from Germany and settled in the area north of Bamberg (Hessen Strasse).

Koehler's grandfather, Heinrich Koehler Jr.,

lived with his parents on the Wellesley Section Line.

Koehler's great aunt, Katherine Koehler married John G Reiner, "Builder of Wellesley" who, during his career, had been credited with building some 32 structures in the village.

The original Reiner home is located on Doering Street in Wellesley and is known locally as the Schmehl residence. This property was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Jack Koehler lived in Kitchener and in the 1940s

enlisted and went overseas and was wounded in action in France. Upon returning home, he stayed active in the services as a recruiting officer.

Koehler's bequest came as a boon to the township and its historical society.

"It's worth saying that the historical and heritage society was [close] to folding, and had we folded, we would have missed out on this," quipped Mayor Ross Kelterborn, highlighting the positive irony in having rescued a group that looked on the verge of extinction.

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