

Bell Canda declared wrong candidate as winner in Minto ward 3 Fergus's acting-Clerk cites list of changes needed for future telephone elections

by Stephanie Ariss
and David Meyer

WELLINGTON COUNTY - The so-called fool-proof telephone voting system used in the municipal elections here Nov. 5 to 9 was anything but fool-proof.

In fact, on election night, there was a mistake that Bell Canada is claiming was a "human error."

In Minto Ward 3, Bell Canada announced the wrong candidate as a winner.

Palmerston Deputy-Reeve Barbara Burrows was declared Ward 3 Councillor instead of Minto Twp. Councillor Judy Dirksen. At the Nov. 12 Harriston Council meeting, Clerk Dianne Friesen said that the results were incorrect.

The original vote count showed that Burrows received 371 votes and Dirksen 321.

Bell Canada spokesman Don Hogarth said that an employee incorrectly transcribed

Dirksen's total before the results were faxed to election headquarters in Harriston.

"There was a human error," Hogarth said. "An error was made. We regret that error."

Other than that, "The telephone system worked perfectly - as it has in the past," he said.

Dirksen actually received 421 votes, making her the new Councillor by 50 votes, a 100-vote turnaround. Harriston Council had called an emergency meeting on Nov. 11 to inform Dirksen and Burrows of the mix-up.

Harriston Clerk and Returning Officer Dianne Friesen said in an interview Nov. 12, she feels badly about the mistake, and Mayor Bill Lawless said that was the only major telephone voting error he was aware of in Wellington.

Changes needed for next election

computers for use at home, if they do not already have a computer. Paper agendas will still be printed for Councillors, citizens, and reporters. Further, the two digital cameras being tendered for (to replace the current 35mm camera and Polaroid cameras) are expected to \$500 each, not \$5,000.

In Centre Wellington that same telephone voting system presented several problems, and for Fergus acting-Clerk Cheryl McCarroll, there are several things she would recommend doing differently in the next election.

There were numerous citizen and candidate complaints about the telephone system, and many fears. Several people contacted the *Wellington Advertiser* with concerns about the secrecy of the ballot, hoping that the new system would not allow people

to know how they voted.

Others were also concerned because, they said, if there is a mistake in the ballot counting, there were no scrutineers permitted to ensure each candidate that things were done correctly, and, further, there is no "paper

trail" that would allow a recount of ballots for close races.

Hogarth said the system is secure, and the vote is secret. He said it would be redundant to have scrutineers because of the nature of the system, and noted

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Let's not forget - It was cold, snowing, and damp at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when the Elora Legion held its annual Remembrance Day service, and it was remarked that the weather was fitting because it was similar to the weather

many fought and died through in the First World War. Nichol Reeve and new Centre Wellington Mayor George Pinkney placed the township's wreath.

photo by David Meyer

Correction

An article in last week's *Wellington Advertiser* stated that the Town of Minto Transition Board is tendering for ten computers for office staff and Councillors.

Only the office staff will receive the new computers. Councillors might be able to borrow the municipality's old

Upper Grand, Transition Board talking about new high school Board proposal would move school board offices to current CWDHS - if negotiations are successful

by David Meyer

ELORA - Officials from the Upper Grand District School Board have asked the Centre Wellington Transition Board to consider discussions about closing Centre Wellington District High School and building a new high school.

The proposal, brought to the Transition Board on Thursday by the school board's accommodation planning committee chairman Liz Sandals, would move the current school board headquarters into the current high school, and use about 15,000 remaining square feet of the building for seniors housing, a library, or other community uses.

Sandals told the Transition Board that the Upper Grand board has a couple of problems, and, if it can obtain approval from the Ministry of Education, it could solve them in one move, gain a new, larger high school for Centre Wellington, and have a single administration office for the merged Wellington and Dufferin school boards.

Sandals said that if the board votes to close the Centre Wellington high school, it will create a need under the new provincial formula that would provide provincial funding to pay for a new school over the next 25

years. She said the school board itself feels "schizophrenic" because it has a business centre it owns in Guelph, runs its support services out of rented headquarters in Guelph, and operates program services from the Orangeville location that formerly served the Dufferin County School Board.

Sandals said selling the Guelph and Orangeville properties could pay for renovations in the structurally sound high school in Fergus, and it makes sense to locate there because Guelph is not central, and Fergus is.

As for the high school, she said, "There's not enough space, and it will probably get worse because we presume Centre Wellington is going to continue to grow and grow."

She said the problem presents "a number of opportunities," and perhaps Centre Wellington would want a library or seniors housing in that portion of the old high school that is not used for school board operations.

As well, this plan would bring a \$200-million a year business to the new municipality.

No fighting, board asks

She said in an interview after the meeting that the board

waited until after the municipal elections on Nov. 9 to bring the proposal forward, because the school board wanted to know with whom it would be dealing. She also said it would make the best sense to build the school in Fergus because there are more people there who could walk to school, which saves money on bussing.

The board does not have a location in mind for the new school.

She told the Transition Board that the school board wanted to know if it will at least consider further talks, because, "We've got too much stress ... to start fighting with the new Township of Centre Wellington. The [school] board has an interest in the concept. It isn't interested in a fight."

There are a number of stumbling blocks to the proposal. Sandals explained that while everyone seems to believe the provincial government has changed its deadline for school proposals from Dec. 31, that is not officially correct, although she indicated that school officials are hopeful that will happen.

Transition Board chairman George Pinkney said he has talked to MPP Ted Arnot, and he believes that deadline will be

changed, but there is nothing official yet.

Sandals told Pinkney that the timelines for the project would be strictly up to the Ministry of Education. The Upper Grand board would have to vote to close Centre Wellington, inform the ministry, and hope that it would act in a manner that would allow the board to proceed.

"If the government insists on evicting us before the new building is built, it's no go," Sandals said, explaining that the high school could not close until the new school is ready.

Superintendent of operations Glenn Ralph said it could take from 18-24 months to build the new school, and the board would need at least 10 acres of land.

Pinkney told the officials that there will be a planning, traffic, and roads study done by Centre Wellington "in the next year or so," and that will have to take into account the school's location.

Sandals said, "That's one of the reasons we need the municipality's cooperation."

As for the size of the school, Sandals said it would need 130 square feet per student, which is the provincial standard.

Transition Board member

Jim Gibbons said there will be up to 2,000 students at the new school, and wondered if, since the provincial guidelines are 1,000 minimum for a new high school, there could be two schools. He noted there are 1,200 to 1,500 students already attending the high school, and the area is growing.

Sandals said demographics will be important, especially since the province is making strides towards eliminating the five-year school plan in favour of a four-year high school before students head to post-secondary education. If students are not there as long as they are now, there will be lower demand for student places.

Sandals said the board will "have to be very careful" that it does not build too large or small.

Would be built in Centre Wellington could affect ADHS

When Pinkney opened the questioning to the Transition Board, member Marion Reidel wanted to be assured the high school would be built in Centre Wellington.

Sandals said it will.

Reidel wondered how that will affect the Arthur District High School, which is under

threat of closure for having too few students.

Sandals said that parents living south of Arthur are continually asking the board to be able to send their children to high school in Fergus, and this move might aggravate that situation.

Transition Board member Mary Dunlop wanted to know if the board is willing to consider a multi-use facility that might include such things as a swimming pool.

Sandals said the board will have a set amount of money to spend on a school, but if the community wants to add extra facilities, that is possible.

She explained the Erin multi-use facility that is shared with the school board and the community, and said, "The community definitely benefits by being a full partner. The school is not locked up at 4pm."

She added that converting the current Centre Wellington high school building into a school board office is the main reason the proposal makes sense for the school board. It can then sell its other two properties to do the renovations, because the province does not pay for any capital projects except new schools.

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EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Nov. 16/98 Mon. Seminar "Nutrition & Food Additives" presented by Groves Hospital. 10:30a.m. Victoria Park Seniors Centre. Free. All welcome. Pre-register 787-1814.

Nov. 16/98 Mon. Arthur Aglow Fellowship, 7:30p.m. Arthur PAOC Fellowship Hall, 121 Charles St. E. Catherine Buckingham, inspires with word and song. Refreshments served.

Nov. 17/98 Tues. Guelph Fibromyalgia support group meet, 7-9p.m. Homewood Lecture Theatre, 150 Delhi St. Guelph. Topic: Thanks to our phone volunteers. Info. 824-4926 before 8p.m. 763-9845 before 6p.m.

Nov. 17/98 Tues. Guelph Township Horticultural Society, photographic competition and display. Get pointers from the pros. Marden school. 8p.m. All welcome.

Nov. 17/98 Tues. Young at Heart meets, Grand Valley Baptist Church. 1:30p.m. All seniors welcome. Info. 941-1788 or 928-5658.

Nov. 17/98 Tues. Schizophrenia Society of Ontario, Guelph chapter meet, Evergreen Centre, 683 Woolwich St. Guelph. 7:30p.m. Speaker Candice Gowdy, Supervisor of Family Benefits, Community and Social Services of Ontario.

Nov. 17/98 Tues. Workshop at 109 Club, East Wellington Coffee Shop. 1:30-3p.m. When Someone you care about needs your support. No cost or registration. Brought to you by Canadian Mental Health Association, Community Mental Health Clinic, Homewood Health Centre, VON and EWAG.

Nov. 17/98 Tues. Multiple Sclerosis Society Support Group meet, 7:30p.m. GSPD building (Board room) 238 Willow Rd. New participants welcome. Info. Jolyne 821-6309.

Nov. 17/98 Tues. Canadian Embroiderer's Guild, Guelph. Ann Sanders present a slide tour of Quilt Canada. Info. Rosemary 823-2117, Anne 843-2216.

Nov. 18/98 Wed. Canadian Wildflower Society (Waterloo-Wellington Chapter) meet. Arboretum Centre, U of G. Todd Fairrell speaks on "A naturalists guide to Huron County." All welcome.

Nov. 18/98 Wed. Grand Herbal Society meet, 7:30, lower level, Elora Municipal Building, Veteran's hall. All welcome.

Nov. 18/98 Wed. Rotary Travelogue presents "Crown Jewels of the Rocky Mountains" 8p.m. E.L. Fox Auditorium, John F. Ross C.V.I. Guelph. Tickets \$6 at door.

Nov. 18/98 Wed. Rockwood Gardening Club meet, Rockwood Town Hall. 8p.m. Chris Early from Arboretum on Feeding Birds in Winter. All welcome.

Nov. 18/98 Wed. Guelph Parents of Twins and Triplets meet, 7:30p.m. Westwood United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph. New members welcome. Info. 823-0574.

Nov. 18/98 Wed. Alma Optimist Euchre, Alma Community Hall. 8p.m. \$2. All welcome.

Nov. 18/98 Wed. Do it all but not at once - a formula for greater work and family wellness. Jay Goman B.Sc., B. Ed., M. Ed. 7p.m. Fergus Family Chiropractic. \$5/workshop. Proceeds to Toys for Tots. Register in advance 843-1500.

Nov. 18/98 Wed. Parents without partners info. session. 7:30p.m. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Queen & Weber, Kitchener. Info. 745-4551.

Nov. 19/98 Thurs. Dufferin County annual meeting, Laurel United Church, Laurel 11a.m. Contact Mark 925-1175.

Nov. 19/98 Thurs. Healing our grief series. Big men do cry, Death of a longtime spouse. Thomson-Jeffrey guest suite, 150 St. David St. N. Fergus. 7-9p.m. Register 843-2380.

Nov. 19/98 Thurs. Coffee hour, 9:30-11a.m. Arthur Presbyterian Church. Speaker Susan Petton, Singer Debbie Atkinson, Feature Brenda Mainprize. Country crafts. Nursery provided.

Nov. 19/98 Thurs. Ringside: Champs for Children, Bingemans. Dining, auction and amateur boxing benefit for Notre Dame of St. Agatha Children's Centre. Tickets 746-5437, 746-KIDS.

Nov. 19 & 20/98 The Scott Woods Show, Grace Tipling Hall, (Theatre), Shelburne, 8p.m. Featuring Can. fiddle champion Scott Woods, vocalist Gini Williams and Ivan Felker, step dancer Chanda Gibson and Merv Woods Bank. Proceeds for St. Paul's Anglican Church and Shelburne P.L. All seats reserved. \$12.50. 925-3013.

Nov. 20/98 Fri. St. Paul's turkey dinner. 4:45, 6, 7:15p.m. sittings. \$12/adult, 5-12yrs/ \$6. under 5 yrs free. \$12 takeouts. Seating limited. Tickets, 878-8895.

Nov. 20/98 Fri. Elora Oddfellows & Rebekahs fowl dinner and euchre at Elora Oddfellows Hall, 6:30p.m. \$10/person. All welcome. Tickets 846-2086, 824-2500.

Nov. 20/98 Fri. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Arthur, Country Christmas Bazaar and ham and scallop potato supper in church hall. Bazaar 2-7p.m. Supper 4-7p.m. Adults \$6, Children \$3, preschoolers free.

Nov. 20/98 Fri. Euchre, 8p.m. Ionic Hall, St. Andrew St. E. Fergus. \$2. Lunch and prizes. Sponsored by Brighton Chapter, O.E.S. All welcome.

Nov. 20/98 Fri. Euchre, Holstein Presbyterian Church, 8p.m. \$2. prizes and refreshments.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Knox Presbyterian Church, Drayton, Ham and scalloped potato supper. 5 & 6:30p.m. sittings. \$8/adult, \$4/5-12yrs, under 5 free. Reservations appreciated, Audrey 638-3174, Linda 638-3495.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Harmony Club's 55 Anniversary dance. Eden Mills Community Hall. Fletcher Orchestra. 9-12. Ladies provide.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. St. Joseph's Parish annual bazaar, St. Joseph's School, Fergus. 9a.m.-1:30p.m. Crafts, baked goods, silent auction, etc.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Elora Legion Br. 229 dance. Music by Marion's band. 9p.m.-1a.m. Lunch provided.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Ladies Auxilary to Royal Canadian Legion Br. 442, Erin. Bake and craft sale. 9a.m.-3p.m. Erin Legion, 12 Dundas St. E.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Girl Guides Applewood District bazaar, 9a.m.-4p.m. Willow West Mall, Guelph.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Acton High school craft show and sale. 10a.m.-4p.m. \$2, under 12 yrs free.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Annual Christmas tea and bazaar. 2-4p.m. Knox Calvin Presbyterian Church, Harriston.

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Melville U.C.W. Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon. Fellowship hall. Bake goods, crafts and specialty items. 10-3p.m. Free admission. Lasagna luncheon 11:30a.m. \$6. Tickets 843-1781, or Gallery of Dolls and Gifts.

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Nov. 23/98 Mon. Roast beef dinner, Monticello Church. \$9/adult, 6-12yrs \$4. All welcome.

Nov. 24/98 Tues. Guelph Horticultural Society meets, 8p.m. Dublin St. United Church Hall. Rowena Martin of Waterloo demonstrates Christmas designs. Flower show, refreshments. All welcome.

Nov. 24/98 Tues. Ham and scalloped potato dinner, Harriston Legion Maple Leaf Room. 5:30-7p.m. \$6/adult. \$3/12 and under. Preschoolers free. All welcome.

Nov. 24/98 Tues. CFUW (Guelph) meet, 7:30p.m. Guelph Steelworkers Centre, 89 Dawson Rd. Guelph. Speaker: Lois Etherington Betteridge on "The Art of Silversmithing". Membership info. Heather 824-2185.

Nov. 24/98 Tues. Eramosa Union Cemetery (Johnson's Cemetery) annual meeting, Barrie Hill Church, 7:30p.m. All welcome.

Nov. 24/98 Tues. Wellington Group of Waterloo Wellington Branch of Ontario Genealogical Society meet, Unitarian Church, Harris St. at York Rd, Guelph 7p.m. "Getting acquainted with early English wills" by Frank Vigor. All welcome.

Nov. 24/98 Tues. Victoria Park Seniors Centre General Meeting, 2p.m. at Centre. All members encouraged to attend. Info. 787-1814.

Nov. 24/98 Tues. Coffee shop series, East Wellington Coffee Shop, for older adults. The Challenge of Change. No cost or registration. Workshops brought to you by Canadian Mental Health Association, Community Mental Health Clinic, Homewood Health Centre, VON, EWAG.

Nov. 25/98 Wed. Elora & Salem Horticultural Society meet, Knox Church Elora 8p.m. Speakers: Master gardeners of Wellington County. Refreshments served. All welcome.

Nov. 25/98 Wed. Alma Optimist Euchre, Alma Community Hall. 8p.m. \$2. All welcome.

Nov. 25/98 Wed. Women of Grace Anglican Church, Christmas Bazaar, Senior Citizens Hall. Bake table, craft table. Lunch 11:30-1:30p.m. Casseroles, salad, roll & desert. \$6/person.

Nov. 25/98 Wed. Workshop, Learn how homeopathic remedies stimulate the body's natural healing abilities, Susan Pimentel D.S. Hom. Med. Fergus Family Chiropractic, 198 St. David St. N., Fergus, Register 843-1500.

Nov. 26/98 Thurs. Arthritis Bluebird club meet, 6p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, 84 Lewis Rd. Guelph. Christmas dinner meeting. \$10 Entertainment and door prizes. Deanna 855-6408.

Nov. 26/98 Thurs. Fergus & District Horticultural Society meet. Pot luck supper 6:30p.m. Bring a 1st course, also dessert, plate, cup, cutlery. Tea & coffee supplied. Program: Decorating house for Christmas season. St. James Anglican Church.

Nov. 26/98 Thurs. Healing our Grief with Laughter and Tears, series, Goodbye Mom and Dad, loss of parents. 7-9p.m. Thomson-Jeffrey Funeral Homes, 150 St. David St. N. Fergus. Register 843-2380.

Nov. 26 & 27/98 Gloria Tibi Domine, Dublin Street United Church, Guelph, Christmas story, 7:30p.m. \$10/adult, 14yrs and under/\$5. Reserve tickets 821-0610 or at door.

Nov. 27/98 Fri. Euchre, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Parish hall, Fergus St. Mt. Forest. 7:30p.m. \$2/person. Includes lunch and prizes.

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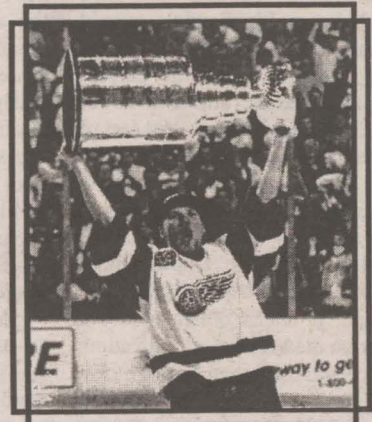


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Talk on building new high school

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Sandals said there are "all sorts of ways a partnership might work" with Centre Wellington.

She noted, "We can't move forward without municipal approval" for such things as zoning.

School trustee Peter Brimblecombe said that if Centre Wellington is not interested, the school board can simply drop the plan from its agenda and consider other ways of solving its problems.

Reidel said she might be willing to support the proposal, but there are some "ifs."

Pinkney said, "There are thousands of ifs."

The Transition Board then voted to continue discussions with the school board under the following conditions:

- there will be no eviction of students from the current high school until the new school is built and open;

- the new school is built in Centre Wellington and falls under the direction of the planning process outlined in the official plan; and

- the stone facade at the current high school will not be altered, because of its significance in the community.

School board trustee Andrew Johnson, who represents most of Centre Wellington and Guelph Townships at the board, said of the restrictions, "Those all make sense."

The motion carried, with only two people opposed.

New Council sitting in

When the Transition Board met on Thursday, there were more seats at a bigger table.

Pinkney, who will be Mayor of the new municipality, invited all the new Councillors to attend the meeting, and they are allowed opportunities to comment and ask questions.

However, they do not have a vote.

The Minister's Order creating the new municipalities also stipulates who can take part, and the Transition Board will retain its power until its mandate runs out on Dec. 31 at midnight.

However, some members think that they should agree to the wishes of the new Council.

Board member Bob Wilson reminded the board that it is now in the municipal limbo called "lame duck."

Old bylaw allows some shooting on property

SALEM - Some Councillors here were surprised to learn that a 1955 bylaw allows some residents to shoot at targets on their property - and Council wants that bylaw checked.

The issue is one of several between one set of landowners and several neighbours. The neighbours have been to Council with other complaints in the past, and Council is investigating those.

Building Inspector Jim Baker told Council that the OPP had been to the property to talk to the owners, and learned that the property is 5 acres, and runs

much deeper than the property of the neighbours. Both the husband and wife have Firearms Acquisition Certificates, and the guns are legal. So, too, is the shooting.

Councillor Gord Feniak suggested that if that is the case, that part of the issue has "nothing to do with Nichol."

(The names of the property owners are being withheld because this newspaper will not publish the whereabouts of privately owned firearms.)

Baker told Council that the old bylaw appears to provide for property owners to use their

guns on their property. He said the issue apparently deals with the "imperative" for using the guns.

Reidel suggested that might mean, "If a wolf attacks a child, you could get your gun and shoot it."

But, Baker said that an "imperative" could be construed to mean "sighting" a gun (ensuring it is firing accurately). He noted that the legal issue is "cloudy."

Feniak wondered if the bylaw has ever been used.

Councillor Agnes Brunskill noted that she knew of the bylaw's existence.

Feniak asked, "Is it legal?"

Reidel wondered, "How could it be otherwise?"

Brunskill noted that the areas is "fairly well populated."

Feniak said Nichol should check to determine if the old bylaw is still legal and valid. He said current legislation might have superseded the bylaw.

Baker agreed that is a concern.

Reidel suggested that Council look into the issue "reasonably quickly."

Two hurt in crash at intersection

GUELPH TWP. - Two people were injured here on Nov. 9 after two cars collided at the intersection of County roads 30 and 86.

OPP Constable Dale Gear said Barry Malinski, 45, of Maryhill was driving a Mazda pick-up truck on east bound on County Road 30 and entered the intersection.

His vehicle struck a 1990

Chevrolet Lumina driven south bound on County Road 86 by Isabel Walker, 34, of Drayton.

Gear said there was heavy damage to both vehicles, and both drivers were taken to Guelph General Hospital with minor injuries.

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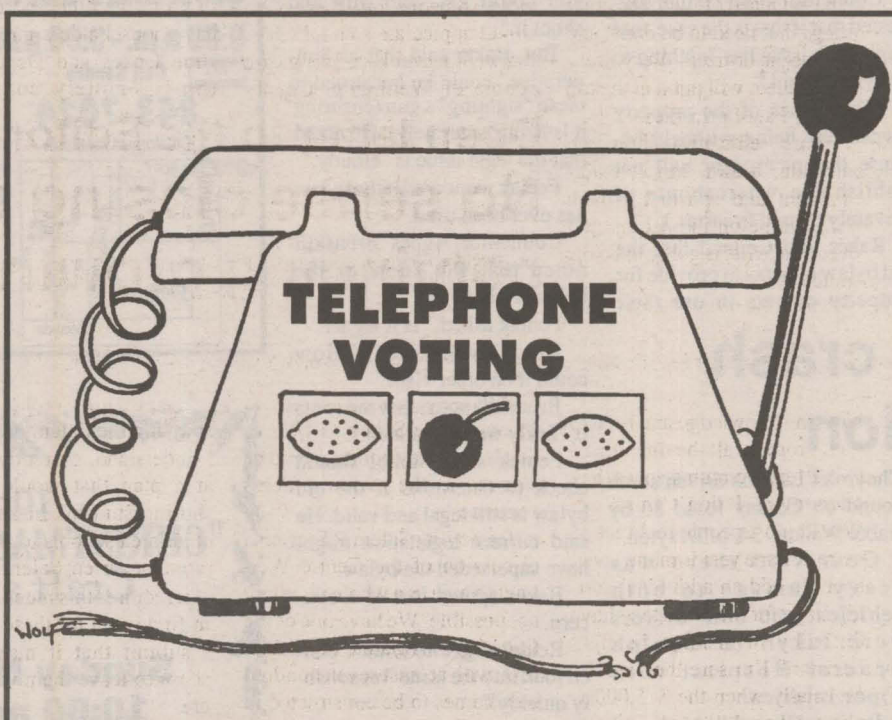
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"We've got too much stress ... to starting fighting with the new Township... The school board has an interest in the concept. It isn't interested in a fight."

Upper Grand School Board trustee Liz Sanders, asking the local Transition Board for co-operation in building a new high school for Centre Wellington.



EDITORIAL

Remembering Elijah Harper

The municipal election has come and gone across Wellington, and we've received a government we deserve - chosen by the people. The turnout where there were full elections was high - around 40% - and that might be attributable to telephone voting.

When I heard Bell Canada salesman Franco Clauser explain Advantage Televoting to the Centre Wellington Transition Board on June 2, it sounded foolproof. He promised results by 8:30pm. I believed him, because I know how fast computers work - but results still came in after 10pm.

To their credit, members of the Transition Board had tough questions about the sanctity of the secret ballot and election security for Clauser, but, for a person selling a voting package, he was remarkably vague, perhaps alarmingly so, when asked about scrutineers being permitted at the voting centre in Toronto. Clauser thought a scrutineer was someone checking the accuracy of the vote for Bell - not someone looking out for each candidate's interest.

When clerks in Wellington County chose telephone voting, I agreed with them. So, I'm not blaming them for the uncertainties and at least one major, horrible mistake from the election.

Bell Canada spokesman Don Hogarth said it was "human error" that first gave Barbara Burrows a win in Minto ward 3, and, later in the week, handed victory to the actual winner, Judy Dirksen. Both candidates went through needless hell over that error. Where was the company scrutineer?

Fergus acting-Clerk Cheryl McCarroll had some ideas about the next election that would go a long way toward calming fears about telephone voting. I had my personal Voter Identification Number and confirmation number read to me through the back of my envelope, so I'm glad McCarroll wants a different type of envelope. It should have better markings on it, so these ballots are not accidentally tossed into recycling bins. Some of those were handed over to election officials but how many went home in someone's pocket for an extra vote or three? The threat of a fine for voting twice is laughable. There was no way to know if someone voted more than once. Perhaps there should be an automatic, hefty fine for leaving ballots where others have access to them. That way, people would at least be forced to take them home and properly dispose of them if they do not want to vote.

There were other problems with telephone voting, including a voters' list that was sorely out of date. Fifty-six deceased people were sent ballots; some received two or more ballots, underage people received ballots; and people who had moved from the riding received ballots - not to mention those who got no ballot, and one who got it three days after the election. I even heard of one instance of a woman being offered money for her ballot - although I admit I was unable to track that one down.

The problem, though, is not that of an unfounded rumour. The problem is that there is any rumour at all. Citizens and candidates deserve a safe, secure voting system which they did not get this time. How many candidates who lost are wondering today if their vote, too, was mixed up? There were a couple of very close races this year. Did telephone technology accurately count votes? We can guess, and we can assume. Can we be certain? Hogarth admitted there is no way to do a recount, and said an attempt to recount votes would be like adding the same two numbers on an adding machine a couple of times and getting the same results both times.

So, there is no recount. That makes it all the more imperative that telephone voting be 100% accurate, and, even more, that people believe that it is accurate.

What is scary is all the glitches in the vote this year, when there were almost no other elections. This was the time to ensure everything went perfectly, and to instil faith in the system in voters across Wellington County. That did not happen. What will happen two years from now, when every municipality in Ontario goes to the polls - if there were major problems in just this election? Every ballot must count, and be counted, accurately.

To those who feel the system was "close enough," I recommend to them a chat with Elijah Harper, who will be happy to explain the power of a single vote.

David Meyer

Canada's Business with Bruce Whitestone

A KEY FACTOR

It is all but forgotten that our dollar has been in a steep fall for years. Five years ago it was worth US \$0.86, and only last year it had declined to around US \$0.72. That approximately 17 percent deterioration occurred years before the slump in Asia, and to attribute our dollar's current problems to that is a complete misreading of history.



Our dollar's current fall reflects Canadian economic weakness not only on a short-term cyclical basis (currently aggravated by the Asian turmoil) but also from a long-term secular perspective.

While it is obvious that we could not continue to pile up federal debt at the rates of the late 1980s and 1990s, the debt reduction has been carried too far. There is no logical reason for the federal government to run a surplus when there are so many unmet fiscal needs. William Vickery won the Nobel Prize for Economics last year. He castigated the U.S. government for carrying out budget deficit reductions too far as it would impede economic growth. The same criticism should be levelled at our federal government for the budget cuts and taxation rates.

A key factor here is our sluggish economic performance. Historically, our economy has outperformed that of the United States, but over the past few years the converse has occurred. Clearly, the federal government has not put in place policies that stimulate growth. Our tax rates inhibit entrepreneurial activity. For instance, our capital gains tax rate (in Ontario, to illustrate) is about 39 percent, almost twice the capital gains tax rate in the United States. Why

would any European opt to invest in Canada, given that disparity in taxation? Our personal tax rates too are significantly above those of our neighbour to the south and this has entailed a brain drain with some of our most enterprising and ambitious people emigrating. Taxes simply must be lowered and become more competitive if our economy is to prosper. History has shown repeatedly in the United States that a reduction in capital gains tax rates actually leads to more tax revenues as individuals both cash in long-term gains and engage in more entrepreneurial activity. Thus, a cut in capital gains taxes should be our first priority to get our economy moving ahead.

Inasmuch as our economic growth has been so sluggish, the Bank of Canada has had to keep our interest rates below those prevailing in the United States.

Usually, our interest rates have been higher than those in the U.S. as we need to attract investment capital. If our economy were expanding adequately, we could have higher interest rates without impeding business activity. Thus, those who argue for higher interest rates to support the Canadian dollar are ignoring the more important part of the equation. Better economic development would permit us to raise interest rates and thereby help to support the Canadian dollar without adversely affecting the economy.

Many years ago Prime Minister Diefenbaker was castigated for the fall of the Canadian dollar in 1962 to \$0.925. Remember Diefenbuck's and the field day that the media enjoyed with that episode. Yet this time most commentators, instead of condemning government for the collapse of our currency, mistakenly praise it for doing nothing about the about the situation. After all, a weak Canadian dollar means that we all will be worse off.

We welcome letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor

Children are everyone's future

Dear Mr. Adsett

I am offended to read, as a citizen who has no children in the school system, that Mike Harris says that 70 per cent of people have no children in the school system and approve of what his government is doing to education.

Almost all of us had our education paid for over the years. Some of us as seniors received a solid education paid by taxpayers in very difficult times.

Some as "baby boomers" were financed in their schooling and university education as they stretched the system causing schools and additions to be built. Now it's our turn, not only parents' to help educate children.

I am sure that there are not 70 per cent of people who want their tax refund at the expense of children, even if they themselves

have no children at this time in school.

Children are everyone's future. Someday they will pay toward taxes and pensions. More importantly they will use their education to make Canada a better place for us.

Mike Harris' government has down graded teachers, nurses, doctors and the poor. Now they put numbers and prices on our children.

They have taken away the school boards' power and money, yet they blame them for closing schools and bussing children more miles to crowded schools and placing all children in mega schools. The school board blames the province. The province blames the school board.

If it's blame, not credit, it must be wrong.

Yours sincerely,
Joan Bosomworth

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Capsule Comments
with Malja Dale

In the days before antibiotics, pneumonia terminated life of many in the end stages of other diseases. Today we have antibiotics and a vaccine to help prevent pneumonia complications. The vaccine is 90% effective.

Who should get this vaccine? The same group that is recommended to have flu shots... those over 65 with chronic disease states like heart disease, diabetes, asthma and kidney disease. Reactions to the pneumonia vaccine are minimal. Check with your doctor.

Speaking of vaccines, there is a bit of complacency creeping into the Canadian psyche about vaccines and disease prevention. It is very important to ensure that children receive all the "shots" to prevent diseases like measles, mumps, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. Check with the public health unit to check on what's needed for your child.

Vaccines do work. The annual number of cases of measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis and pertussis has decreased by over 95%. Polio is no longer a threat to our children. Soon Hepatitis B will be under control. This is all due to vaccinations. Risks are minimal. Benefits are enormous. We keep up to date with all the advances in the world of medications. We'd love to see you in our pharmacy soon.

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Letter to the Editor

\$15,000 is cheap for recycling mistakes says one resident

Dear Mr. Adsett

I found the article "Poor recycling costs \$15,000-plus a year" quite disturbing in that there seems to be a lot of disdain for the ordinary person when it comes to complying with environmental protection issues.

While, quite clearly, there were some materials that could not be considered 'recyclable' by any measures such as soiled disposable diapers, there were plenty of other materials listed that householders could easily become confused over. If we can recycle glass, why not "drinking glasses, sheet glass... [and] light bulbs". And if we can recycle plastics, why not "kid's toys... laundry tubs... [and] product packaging". "Product packaging"! Are the experts confused; isn't that what we're supposed to recycle anyway?? Are we all expected to become as expert as the experts in environmental issues?

I'm sure this is largely an issue of well meaning householders who try their best and make a mistake once in a while. Actually it doesn't sound that expensive to me. Isn't \$15,000 less than one dollar per resident per year for the municipalities in question? Why not, if you're confused over what is and isn't acceptable, put it in the Blue Box anyway and let an expert decide? I think this makes more sense than throwing recyclable materials into the land fill sites. After all, there won't be any experts looking at what you've committed to the landfill site and sorting out the good recyclables.

I think we've got this all upside down. Here's a few experts being very critical of the way all the uneducated householders are doing a job.

The experts have put all the accountability on the shoulders of the householders and are prepared to fine them \$2,000 when they don't get it right. This could include the mentally handicapped man who's trying

to live in dignity in the community through a Support to Independent Living Program; the eighty-year-old widow who's staying in her home because she's not ready yet to move into a nursing home, she has just a touch of memory loss; and the mums and dads trying to develop responsibility in their young children by giving them a worthwhile job to do.

And are people showing a blatant disregard for the protection of the environment for bringing to the transfer stations and depots, materials that they aren't sure how to dispose of, but don't think they should end up in landfill sites?

Another sign that we've got it all upside down is that there are no fines for not recycling at all. You are not going to be fined for putting your glass bottles (lids or no lids) into garbage bags along with unflattened, labelled tin cans and two-litre #1 PET plastic pop bottles and consigning the whole thing to the landfill site.

What will happen if people get fined for doing the right thing? The consequences are much worse than the small cost of having to sort a few things out of the tons of recyclables. When people don't know what to do with their bits and pieces and face fines if they make a mistake at the depot, they are going to take a trip out on the back roads in the middle of the night.

The batteries, aerosols, record players and kids' pools will be somebody else's problem. Of course, the stuff dumped at the side of the road will be cleaned up enough to make sure there's no sign of who's garbage it is.

Let's face it, the recycling of materials takes time and effort. It's success depends on the time and effort all people are willing to put into it. For some, the time and effort is directly compensated for through wages, for

others it is not.

For those not directly compensated the time and effort has to be balanced off with the other things that need to be done, and will be prioritized. Very, very few of them will put it at the top of their list of priorities.

Work, education, housing, nutrition, health, travel, entertainment and spiritual growth will also be on the list and not everyone's list is going to be the same.

Does everybody agree that recycling helps to preserve the earth's environment? Of course we do. Does everyone feel they have the knowledge and time to do it properly all the time for all the different circumstances they encounter? I don't think so. Would most people feel that an extra dollar a year is money well spent to add an additional sorting stage for the times they have difficulty in making the right decision? I'm sure they would, especially when the \$15,000 is not really additional cost, it's really a deduction from the sale of the recyclables, to the processors. Is recycling supposed to be profitable or a cost neutral way of preserving earth's resources? But that's another issue altogether.

Let's not assume that the householder should take on one hundred percent of the accountability for recycling. This will only lead to failure.

There are better ways of dealing with this problem. Is this an opportunity to create jobs? Is there someone out there who would appreciate a couple days work per week helping the people of Wellington County

maximize the opportunities for recycling? How many dollars per person per year would it cost to go to the other extreme and have householders put into the Blue Boxes and Depots anything remotely considered

recyclable and have a few people employed to do the sorting for us?

Another perspective.

Sincerely

Peter J. Miles

Open letter to the Editor

No sense closing school with continuing growth in area

To the Upper Grand District School Board Trustees
Dear Trustee;

I am the parent of a student at Salem Public School. I believe that several key points should be stressed as the review process continues.

Removing Salem P.S. from a discussion of the Centre Wellington area as a whole is simply not possible. We have one of the fastest-growing areas of the District, with at least seven hundred new homes to be constructed in Centre Wellington in the next three years.

These numbers are from the Fergus and Elora town offices, and do not include several other developments planned for Salem itself, the area north of Fergus, and other township areas. This growth will translate into seven hundred or more new students, most living north of the Grand River. All of our area schools are at or near capacity already.

It cannot make sense to close an existing facility with this planned growth in the area.

The Board's Working Group studying the Salem proposal is, I understand, currently looking at a plan that would involve shifting students in and out of other area schools to try to find room for current Salem students. If it requires this much shuffling to find room for these students, I submit that it makes more sense to leave them where they are.

Salem P.S. has one of the best properties of any school in the District. When planning for future growth, the Board would be ill-advised not to use it.

Given these facts, I would propose the following:

1. Take Salem P.S. off the list of possible closures now. It is obviously not a good idea to

close Salem, and would save everyone unnecessary stress.

2. In the New Year, when the pressure has somewhat abated, the Board should strike a task force of parents, school administration, and Board staff to do a full evaluation of elementary schooling requirements in the Centre Wellington area for the medium and long term. (The high school is a separate issue and funded separately.) I would be happy to serve on such a body.

I do appreciate the time and effort that the School Board Trustees and staff have put into this issue, and trust that you will see the right thing to do in the case of Salem P.S.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Robert Beer

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Review:

ECT's You Can't Take It With You "A paradise of humour"

The Elora Community Theatre opened its 1998/99 season this past Friday with *You Can't Take It With You* and it is a production that, for the audience, they can take it with them - the memory of a wonderful evening of delightfull entertainment and the odd sore stomach muscle from laughing almost constantly throughout the entire production.

This is a show that is a character actors paradise and what the ECT cast served up for the opening night audience could be described as the Eden of humour.

Nineteen performers - an awesome number for Theatre on the Grands stage - worked as one.

It was one of those rare times in theatre when an entire cast "clicks" and as an added bonus, it was obvious that they were thoroughly enjoying themselves on stage.

The play itself is a gem and although it came out during the depression, its content is as relevant today as it was then and unlike many old chestnuts, its humour hasn't collected a bit of dust over the years.

With so many odd-ball characters, verbally and visually off-the-wall, there is a huge temptation for the individual actor to play for the spotlight. In the case of the ECT production, not one of the individual performers ever strayed and with a professional attitude took their role to edge but never beyond. That translated into maximum enjoyment for the audience.

A just portion of the credit for this kind of ensemble playing, particularly with such a large cast, must go to the director - in this case Debbie Stanson. The pacing and polish of this production was a class act all the way and her work could hold its own in the professional arena.

If the direction and performances were the only thing that *You Can't Take It With You* had going for, that would be reason enough to highly recommend this show and label it a gem.

This show, however, offers much more. The set, props, costumes and decor were excellent - collectively they have certainly earned a place on my top ten list of the past decade.

If you have a mind to get out and enjoy yourself - this is the way to do it.

You Can't Take It With You continues this weekend only at Theatre on the Grand. For further information and the purchase of tickets, the box office number is (519) 787-1981.

The hills are alive with music for KWMP

The hills are definitely alive with music for Kitchener Waterloo Musical Productions this year. They will open their production of *The Sound of Music* on November 18 for five performances at the Centre in the Square.

The show is directed by Brian Hill whose stage career began with the KW musical group and he now continues a busy professional theatre career here and in the U.S.A.

Fen Watkins, Musical Director of the Charlottetown Festival handles the music direction for the show. Fen has been associated with KW Musical Productions for over thirty years.

This is the organization's Golden Anniversary and the choice of *The Sound of Music* is a tribute to their 50 years of presenting major productions each year including *West Side*

Story, Fiddler on the Roof, South Pacific, and Camelot to mention a few.

The Sound of Music produced many memorable songs along side the title piece, the likes of Edelweiss, Do Re Mi, My Favourite Things, Climb Evry Mountain and Sixteen Going On Seventeen.

Kitchener Waterloo Musical Productions will present the Rogers and Hammerstein show Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (November 18 to 21) at 8:00 p.m. as well as a matinee at 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday.

Ticket prices are \$28, \$32 and \$36. There is a special price for seniors and children under 14 for the Thursday evening and Saturday matinee performances.

To order tickets and for more information, the box office number for Centre in the Square is 1-800-265-8977.

Jazz at its best for Guelph's River Run

The jazz voice of this century, Cleo Laine, is coming to River Run Centre in Guelph on Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28 for performances at 8:00 p.m.

The Queen of Jazz and her incredible four-octave range will be backed by the remarkable John Dankworth Group.

At a performance in Carnegie Hall last month, critics said her voice sound as good as ever, "capable of gracefully moving up a few octaves from deep, husky, potent tones to piping, delicate trills."

Among her many honours

over the years, Cleo received the title Dame Cleo (the equivalent of knighthood) by Queen Elizabeth in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace last November.

Cleo's husband John Dankworth has a career that spans more than forty years as a composer, performer and conductor and he is recognized as one of the world's most outstanding musicians. Together, the two performers are an unbeatable combination.

Tickets are \$39 and \$36. The box office number is (519) 763-3000.

It's Celtic for the Opera House theatre

Local Orangeville music enthusiast, Carl Borgstrom will present a six-part acoustic music series in association with Theatre Orangeville, titled *Live at the Opera House*.

The first show is this Friday, November 20 and will feature Canadian Celtic artist Ken Brown. Ken will take the audience on a tour with spoken word and music - a tour through his roots and the world of Celtic music.

Five more concerts are in the works for January through May of the new year. Some of the acts that Borgstrom is negotiating dates with are Don Ross, Harbour Trio, Oscar Lopez, Stephen Fearing and Laura Smith.

Borgstrom has been involved

with the folk festival scene for over 20 years and is a festival rep on the Ontario Arts Council of Folk festivals. This association along with many musician friends led him to the idea of bringing some of the best singer-songwriters to the area.

"There is such an incredible untapped wealth of talented Canadian musicians that deserve to be heard. We are truly excited to have such a wonderful performance venue at the Orangeville Town Hall Opera House in which to hear these gifted artists," said Carl.

Tickets for Ken Browns performance *Celtic Music in a New World* are \$5 at the door or \$12 advance purchase. the box office number is (519) 942-3423.

Around the County

Now - The Elmira Theatre Guild's new season continues with *Come Blow Your Horn* directed by Cecilia Brouwer. This Neil Simon production is at the groups new location in Elmira, Carriage Hall at 28 Snyder Street until November 21. Tickets are \$30 which includes food and may be ordered from Charlotte at (519) 669-3658.

CASTING CALL

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Auditions upcoming for variety acts

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for several comedic actors to work with the show's hosts, J.D. Schrock and Alan Argue. Auditions will be held at the Elora Community Theatre Workshop in Elora on December 4, 5, and 6. Audition times should be booked by Wednesday, December 2. For further information and booking times, call J.D. Schrock at (519) 846-9614 or Alan Argue at (519) 787-1542.

More from around the county

Now - The Wellington County Museum is hosting a traveling exhibit *Egypt, Gift of the Nile* which will run through until January 3. Further information on the exhibit and other events at the Wellington County Museum & Archives is available at (519) 846-0916.

Nov 21 - Celtic harpist Mary Anderson-Buchanan will be the featured performer at Arkell Schoolhouse Gallery on Saturday, November 21 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and may be reserved at (519) 763-7528.

Nov 24 - The Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre will present *People of the Pacific* at the Arboretum Centre of the University of Guelph on Tuesday, November 24. The performance begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at (519) 824-4120, extension 2113.

Nov 26 - Dublin Street Church in Guelph presents *Gloria Tibi Domine* written and directed by Barrie Cabera. It is the Christmas story told with music, mime and movement and features the Dublin Street Senior Choir, Handbell Choir, Wilfred Laurier University Chapel Choir, and David Hall, organist. Performances on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are adults \$10 and children 14 years and under \$5 and may be reserved at (519) 821-0610 or purchased at the door.

Dec 2 - The Not So Grand Players open their production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at Theatre on the Grand in Fergus. It runs for four performances until December 5. All profits will be donated to the Community Food Bank. Tickets, which are \$5 are available at Little Katy, Reflections, Theatre on the Grand and the Heritage Beauty Salon.

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The campaign was officially launched recently by the Masons of Wellington District and the United Way Community Services of Guelph and Wellington.

The program was started to assist the people of Wellington who face the winter without a coat appropriate for the harsh winter.

The campaign is asking people to search closets, dig into boxes in storage and help those in need. Clean, used coats of all sizes can be taken to a drop-off centre immediately.

The Masons of Wellington District will pick up coats from the community drop-off centres, and, through partnership with the United Way, will coordinate the distribution.

Anyone in need of a coat or who knows someone who needs a coat, should contact one of the following:

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- East Wellington Advisory

Group, 833-9696;

- Onward Willow, 824-6892;
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BITS & PIECES

by Barrie Hopkins

Gentle Giants

When I was a little gaffer, growing up during and post war years, the "V" formation of noisy, honking Canada Geese across spring or autumn skies was a seldom, but welcome sight to the tillers of soil in southern Ontario. Flying high overhead, the geese were enroute to breeding grounds. In the vast muskeg and tundra areas of the James Bay region in northern Ontario, or they were headed to their wintering grounds in the southern United States.

Today, the offspring of those same soil tillers curse the decedents of those same gentle giants (12 to 18 lb) on a year round basis. Resident Canada geese live and breed in southern Ontario, occasionally leaving for short periods during the winter if snow and ice cover their feeding and roosting areas.

The Giant Canada Goose was and is the most common subspecies in rural Ontario. Accounts by 17th century explorers indicate that the geese were part of the area's original fauna. With the influx of settlers in the late 18th century, much of the forested land of inland southern Ontario was cleared, creating much better goose range. But local game was harvested to feed growing families and the corresponding unrestricted hunting drastically reduced goose population. By the century's turn Canada Geese had virtually disappeared from nearly all of their former breeding range in southern Ontario.

But not so today. In the late 1950s local conservationists started to reintroduce Canada Geese to southern Ontario. And seeing their

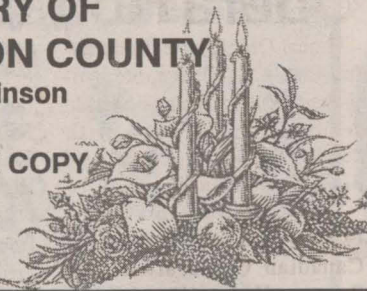
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success The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources jumped on the band wagon in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and so reaped the glory. But the annals of history, if correct, should credit three people with the come back of southern Ontario's Canada Geese, that being Jack Minor (Wild Goose Jack) sanctuary at Point Pelee, and Horace G. Mack of Niska Game Farm, (Now Kortright) of Guelph and His farm hand Jack Forestell. It was one of my great pleasures in life, having been present when this farm was bought, of having as peers, and the opportunity as a teen of acting as goffer for the latter. All of my spare hours, to well beyond my teens, were spent volunteering my service to their cause. For this I envy, nor apologize to, no-one.

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Man tried too often to cash bad cheques

HILLSBURGH - Cashing one or two bad cheques is one thing, but when a Guelph man attempted it a third time at the same place, the operator called the OPP.

Constable Dale Gear said that police laid the charge of false pretenses on Oct. 31 after three incidents over the course of several months.

Gear said the man would write cheques to himself and cash them at the local gas bar. The cheques would then bounce.

The total paid from the cheques was \$450.

Charges is Jerome Klein, 62. He is scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 27.

Gear said such a crime is a good warning to small business operators that they would leave cheque cashing to financial institutions, and if people are not carrying cash for their purchases, "That's why we have plastic."

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Road superintendent to learn about protecting fish habitat

SALEM - Council here has agreed that its road superintendent should know about protecting fish habitat.

Deputy-Reeve Marion Reidel noted at the Nov. 4 meeting that the Grand River Conservation Authority is planning to hold a seminar to explain the revised fish habitat referral process.

Reidel, who in acting as chairman in the absence of Reeve George Pinkney, suggested that there is some work to be done on Jones Baseline, and it is important that no silt run into the river.

Councillor Gord Feniak, an engineer, said the issue is more important than that. He said he has worked with the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority, and that body treats even the bottom of culverts as a

stream bed, and ensure there is no pollution or erosion.

The GRCA announcement states that it is working for an agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the Federal Fisheries Act. "The intent of this agreement is to expedite the planning process involving fish habitat and its protection," the letter from GRCA's Chief Administrative Officer Alan Homes stated.

He added, "Municipal staff involved in works in and around water such as streams, rivers, municipal drains, lakes, reservoirs and ponds will be given information and direction regarding fish habitat and protection" at the seminar.

Feniak said sending roads staff such as superintendent Les Davidson to the seminar is "most appropriate."

Thieves take goods left unprotected

FERGUS - Police here are looking for thieves who found two opportunities and took advantage of them.

On Nov. 7, between 4 and 6:30pm, someone stole a small, black, nylon carry bag, a small flower-pattern bag containing clothing, a men's multi-coloured ski jacket, and two bags of new clothing that had just been purchased.

The articles had been left in the unlocked storage box of an unattended pick-up truck parked in the area of Breadalbane Street and St. Andrew Street West.

Also on Nov. 7, between 10 and 11pm, thieves stole an unlocked bicycle from in front of the Fergus Bowling Alley on St. Andrew Street West.

The bike is described as a black, Kona Lavadome, 18-

speed mountain bike. It is valued at about \$300.

On Nov. 8, vandals intentionally damaged a plexiglass sign that had been posted on a St.

Patrick Street East business premises.

The sign had been pulled off the wall. Damage is estimated at \$100.



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Thank You to the many friends, former neighbours, and colleagues from Dufferin and Wellington Counties who sent cards and letters of good wishes as we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Your kind thoughts are sincerely appreciated by Wilf and Vera Rogers Ladysmith, B.C.

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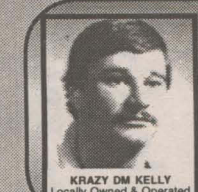
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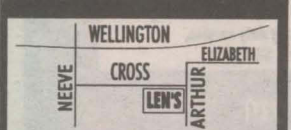
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MPP not fooling people

Dear Mr. Adsett
MPP Ted Arnott is now sounding quite bold - calling 'school closings' CRAZY (where does he get the nerve?). Is this the same obscure back-bencher who not two weeks ago found himself feeling so far removed from the action at Queen's Park that he had to write a letter (published in this paper) to (his colleague) the minister of Education (to try to get some attention)? (as yet, we have seen no response from the minister).

I do believe that we get a real awakening as to how out of touch Mr. Arnott is from his comment (Nov 9 article re

townhall meeting) that he voted For Bill 160 but that he is AGAINST school closings - what this means is that we have an MPP who votes for Bills which he has not read or does not understand, because Bill 160's Funding Formula REQUIRED school closings!

Now that Harris has backed off (for a year ie. until after an election) and admitted that the Funding Formula is wrong, I suppose that Mr. Arnott will try to take credit for saving the schools. Mr. Arnott, you Are-not fooling the people!

David Street
Erin

Letter to the Editor
Canada's National Anthem?

Dear Mr. Adsett
Canada has no National Anthem. The supposed Anthem of the nation, has by government decree two versions, one in English and one in French.

Examine the wording closely. The English version speaks to the present, the need for love of country; pride in its ongoing development, acknowledgement of its Christian roots, and finally a willingness to stand on guard to preserve this great heritage.

The French version speaks of the past. Where is the love of country? Pride is in the past, not in the ongoing growth and development of the nation.

There is a reference to Christian roots for which they rely for protection. Nowhere is there a willingness to stand up for Canada.

Please do not take me incorrectly. I have no objection to a French and English translation, but surely that is what it should be, a translation, not a different anthem. This treatment of the national anthem lends credence to the two-nation mythology of some francophones and many politicians, both federal and provincial.

Remember it is federal politicians who have foisted this duality of country upon the

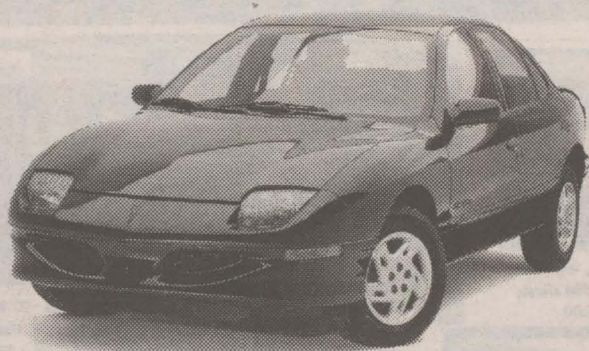
Canadian people. The Canadian people, however, do not have to accept these dictatorial edicts forever. Remember also all this turmoil occurred in the thirty years of Prime Ministers from Quebec.

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Fool-proof telephone voting system not fool-proof

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that if one were to add up figures using a calculator a couple of times, the answer would always be the same.

As for scrutineers that were once used by each candidate to verify the proper marking of ballots, Hogarth said of the new system, "You verify your vote... so every person is absolutely sure."

Different envelopes

There were other concerns, and McCarroll addressed one of them when she said she would recommend "a different quality of envelope" be used in the future when mailing the voter identification numbers.

The envelopes used this year, when held up to the light, revealed the seven-digit Voter Identification Number, and, immediately below that, the number used to confirm the vote.

McCarroll said, too, that somehow, the envelope must avoid looking like junk mail.

At least five ballots were seen in the recycling bin at the Elora post office by a candidate who immediately reported them. McCarroll had them picked up, and noted there were exactly five ballots collected. Someone noted however, there were more ballots in the recycling box the next day.

An Arthur area resident also saw ballots in the post office recycling box in that centre.

McCarroll said the colour of the envelope had been discussed with Bell Canada officials and the municipal clerks, and they had decided against using brown envelopes (almost impossible to see through), because those would look even more like junk mail than the envelopes that were eventually used.

But, for McCarroll, the big difficulty did not come from the envelopes.

"Our biggest problem was with the voters' list," she said. "We were supposed to have it by July 30, and we got it the third week of September. There was no revision period."

That meant, "People came in in the last week and said they didn't get a voter's package."

The problem with the voters' list was demonstrated at the Wellington Terrace seniors' home in Elora, where voting packages were mailed to 56 deceased residents. Terrace officials handed those over to the election officials.

Other people, long moved away from their old residences, received ballots in the mail even though they were not entitled to a vote in that municipality. In another case, a 10-year-old boy received a ballot.

Hogarth said of that problem that it has nothing to do with the telephone voting system.

"Voters' lists are rarely 100% perfect," and added that they are sent to Bell Canada by each municipality. Bell simply sends ballots to those listed on the voters' lists, and if there are people who have died or moved, the company does not know that.

Some found voting easier than expected

McCarroll said many seniors visited the Fergus municipal office for help with their first telephone vote, but, once they discovered voting was easier than they had thought, "They

took right over," McCarroll said. "They were terrific."

She noted that one 93-year-old woman had come to the municipal office to vote, and then said, "What was the fuss about?"

But, McCarroll said, election officials learned that they will have to warn voters to "stay away from pulse telephones. They don't work properly."

Mayor candidate Steve Thorning said that he had seven

people complain to him that the bottom of the candidates' list in the mayoralty race was left off when they attempted to vote. Thorning said that being the last candidate on that list, the seven voters told him that he had been eliminated from the tape when they called, and winning candidate George Pinkney, the penultimate candidate on the list, had been left off the ballot in three cases.

Thorning said that those who

asked for a replay of the voting list did hear the complete list replayed, but he wondered how many people had simply given up, or had voted without hearing the complete list.

McCarroll said voters should have either heard the complete message, or no message at all. She said that those who had difficulty might have used pulse telephones, and, where election officials learned about any problems, they asked those

having difficulty to come to the municipal centre to vote.

Hogarth said such a problem could have occurred "on a cell phone if it broke up... It's a very unlikely scenario."

At least one user of a rotary telephone experienced some difficulties, although Bell Canada had promised that style of telephone could be used. Thorning used one to cast his ballot, but he said he had to try seven times before he was successfully

able to complete his ballot.





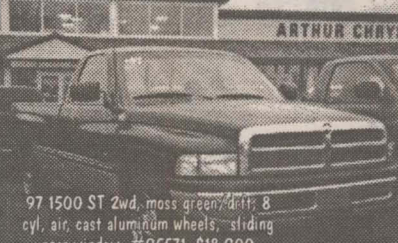

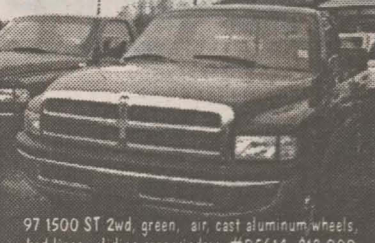




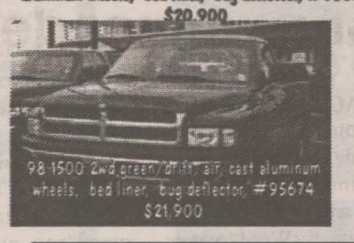
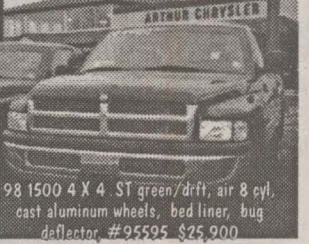


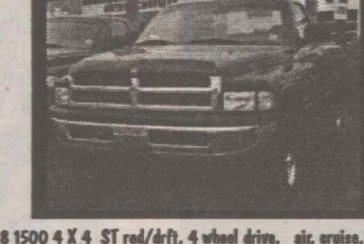

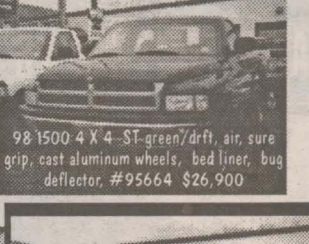
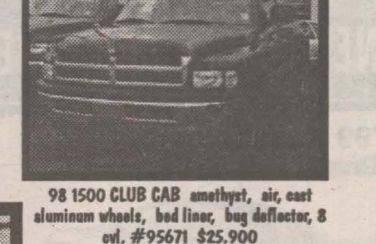

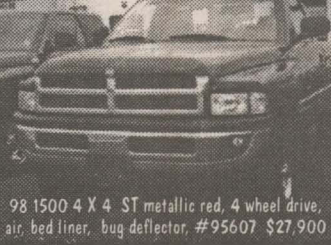
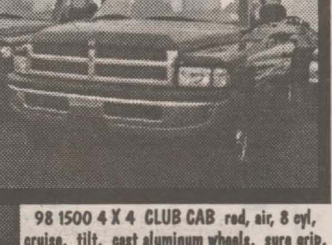
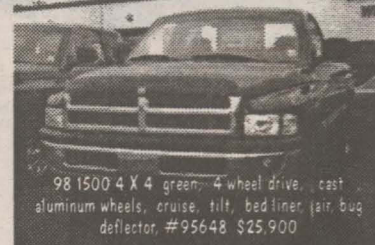

Numbers did not add up


Some of the numbers in the final election results did not add up - but there was an explanation for that.

When McCarroll was asked about that on Wednesday, she telephoned Bell Canada representative Franco Clauser for an explanation.

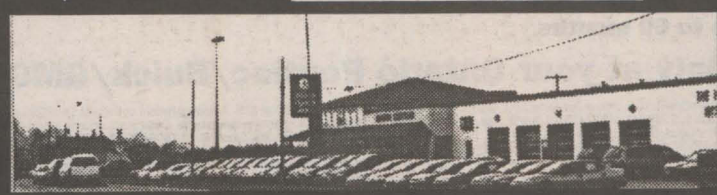
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Rocks blow four-goal lead, tie Dundalk

by David Meyer

The Elora Rocks remain unbeaten on home ice, but they could not have been happy with the 5-5 tie they fashioned against the Dundalk Flyers in the Western Ontario Athletic Association hockey league on Nov. 6.

At one point in the second period, the Rocks led a 5-1 lead before letting the contest slip away.

Paul Jennings led the assault with the first of his three goals, on the power-play, and Bob Johnson connected three minutes later for Elora's second goal.

Jennings scored his second to complete Elora's first-period scoring, while Guy Bruge was the only Dundalk shooter to beat Mike Poulan.

Jennings took up where he left off in the second, completing his hat-trick.

Joe Solomon also scored.

The Rocks added another new player, Jason Lewis, and he set up several excellent opportunities and gained an assist on

Johnson's goal. Lewis has been playing in Scotland for the past couple of years, and brings excellent speed and play-making to the club. He also stepped over the blue line in the third period and sent a shot at the goal that cleanly beat goalie Ken McKenzie, but it clanked off the post.

While Elora was building what appeared to be a solid lead, scrappy and chippy play by both sides was a feature of the contest. Elora had 40 minutes in penalties, including two majors for fighting, and so did Dundalk.

The Rocks took advantage of the Flyers being short-handed, and scored four times on the power-play. Dundalk connected twice while it had the man advantage.

The Flyers fought back in the second period, and got goals by Jeff Davidson and Ryan Montgomery to make it 5-3 going into the third.

After that, the Rocks appeared to go into a defensive shell, and it cost dearly. Instead of heavy forechecking, Elora al-

lowed the Flyers easy exits from their own end. Scott Da Cruz made it 5-4 with 10:40 left in the game, and, with McKenzie pulled and 44 seconds left, they tied the score when Mark Rutledge found a narrow opening between the post and Poulan's skate in a scramble at the side of the net.

The five-minute sudden-death overtime was scoreless.

Assisting for Elora were Dave Osborn (three), Eric Heagle (two), Jason Haizele, Lewis, Rich Carrer, and Johnson.

Dundalk assists: Rutledge

and Bruge (two each), Montgomery, Brett McDonald, Davidson, Darril Loosmore, and Scott McDonald.

The tie moves Elora's won-lost-tied record to 1-3-2.

The Rocks had the weekend off, because a game had been scheduled against Tavistock, which suddenly dropped out of the league.

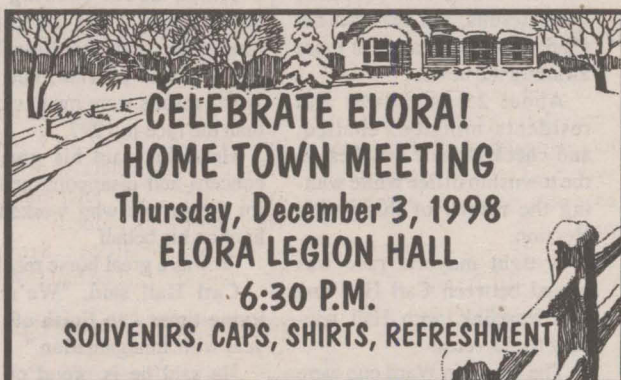
The Rocks had another spot of bad luck when they had to cancel their Saturday dance after the band was unable to attend.

The next home game is on Nov. 20 against Mildmay.

The Rocks will face Pal-

merston on Dec. 4, and Rocks executive member Merv Skeritt said that is the night that the team will be collecting for the

Community Pantry food bank. Fans donating to the food bank receive a reduction in admission.



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MacRobbie, Sutherland win County ward seats

One veteran and one newcomer will join County Council from the south part of Wellington after the elections in County Wards 7 and 9 Nov. 5 to 9.

Former Puslinch Twp. Reeve and former Warden Archie MacRobbie made a return to politics with a victory over Guelph firefighter Dave Sharpe.

MacRobbie received 716 votes to Sharpe's 561.

In the Ward 9 race, former Erin Deputy-Reeve Deb Sutherland fended off challenges from Jeff Duncan and Bob Gorman to take that County Council seat.

Sutherland captured over 50% of the vote with 985 votes, to 702 for Duncan, and 233 for Gorman.

Wrong winner declared

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That anomaly appeared to be County wide.

For example, in Mapleton, there were a total of 577 ballots cast for Mayor by Ward 1 voters, including abstentions, and yet in the tally of votes for Ward 1 Councillors, including abstentions, showed only 573 ballots cast.

Similar shortages were found in three of four wards in Mapleton, four of six in Centre Wellington, and three of the four wards in Wellington North.

There were similar shortages in the races in County Wards 5 and 6.

McCarroll said those shortages occurred because, while some people dialed 9 to officially abstain from voting for a particular part of the election, others simply hung up. Those who officially abstained were counted, while those who hung up were considered to have cast a ballot in some category (such as in the mayors' races), but their complete ballots had not been cast or registered for the ward Councillors or for the County ward races.

In all the cases checked by the *Wellington Advertiser*, there were fewer votes cast when there was a difference from the mayoralty race.

"Had the difference been on the positive side, [more votes cast, not fewer] then we'd have a problem," McCarroll said.

Increasing abstentions

Another occurrence was that the farther into the ballot people went, the more official abstentions there were.

McCarroll said, "The thing that stuck out in my mind was the high number that abstained from voting for County Coun-

cil," which was the final section on the tape recorded telephone ballot.

She speculated that the explanation for that might be that the new County ward system was "too confusing - or a protest."

She said in one County ward there were 105 people who officially abstained by dialing a number, and 93 in another. As well, the discrepancy in the number of votes also climbed from people hanging up.

She added, "It's something to look at. Why did so many people abstain?"

McCarroll noted that Centre Wellington, in particular, had advertised the new voting system extensively, but perhaps voters still need some time before they get used to directly electing some County Councillors.

No promise of early results

Many people were expecting election results to be available much faster than Bell Canada was able to provide it.

Hogarth said there had been no promise of fast results. He explained that each municipality had to contact the voting centre after all the last-minute voters had completed their vote, and that Wellington North was the first community to do that. The order in which a community reported, was the order in which it received results, Hogarth said.

"There obviously is a time lag," Hogarth said.

One of the selling points of the telephone voting system when it was presented to Centre Wellington Transition Board and to the Guelph-Eramosa Transition Board was that results would be available shortly after 8pm. Most places received results closer to 10pm.

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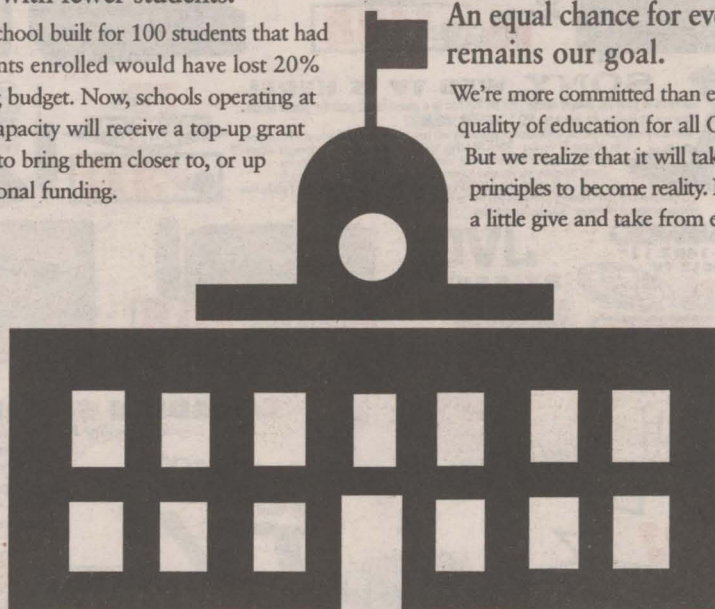
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Hall beats Hesselink for Mayor by 35 votes

by Wendy Seberras

MAPLETON - Election results here were somewhat late despite the new telephone system of voting that promised quick results, but that did not change the anticipation of those awaiting the news.

About 25 candidates and residents mingled, chatted, and checked their watches at the township office while waiting the results of this year's election.

A tight mayoral race was waged between Carl Hall and Ab Hesselink, with Hall winning by 35 votes.

The voters in Ward one were strong supporters of Hall, while Hesselink topped the poll in Ward 3.

After the election, Hesselink said, "The democratic process survives."

He said everyone does his very best and democracy "rules"

as it should. He said he has no further political plans for the moment, and, after a 20 year career he will reserve his decision about running for another time. It was the second time in two years that Hesselink was defeated by Hall, but this year's results were much closer than the race in 1997.

Hesselink said his greatest concern and disappointment is for the people who worked so hard on his behalf.

"It was a great horse race!"

Carl Hall said, "We're in trying times - to finish off the year with amalgamation."

He said he is proud of the electors selecting the Council it gave him, and he is confident that it will work for the best of Mapleton.

He also congratulated all the candidates who "put up an excellent clean campaign."

In Ward 1, Marg Rickert won

in a three way race with Richard Brimblecombe and Wayne Burnett. Rickert had 276 votes, and Brimblecombe had 165, with Burnett had 123.

In Ward 2, Ken Fisher had 380, to Dennis Craven's 295.

In Ward 3, Jim Curry defeated long-time Councillor Reta Weber 574-344.

Curry said he appreciated the people that supported him, and he looks forward to starting to work with the new township of Mapleton. He thanked Weber for her dedication, service, and for competing fairly in the election. He said he looks forward to her support and acknowledged that her continued input is needed.

In Ward 4, Earl Campbell had an easy time, winning 250-80 over Maureen Flynn-Hewitt.

For County Council Ward 2, John Green easily defeated Gerald DeBeyer 1,757-648.



New Mapleton Council - After a good, clean campaign the new Council from left: Councillor Earl Campbell, Councillor Jim Curry, Mayor Carl Hall, Councillor Marg Rickert and Councillor Ken Fischer. County Councillor John Green was absent.

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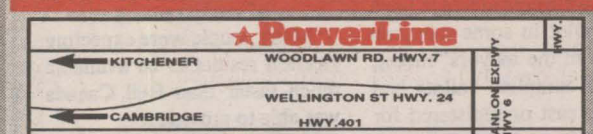
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Deadline for school-closing decisions is still Dec. 31

by Wendy Seberras

The Upper Grand District School Board confirmed at its meeting Nov. 10 that the review of proposed school closures will proceed as scheduled.

Director of Education Martha Rogers said in a board announcement that although refinements have been made to the province's funding system, it is unclear if those changes will have any impact on the school board.

The changes, announced by Premier Mike Harris, have not been received in writing, and one school trustee, Liz Sandals, said on Thursday that Ministry bureaucrats are probably still preparing the new policy.

The changes relate to grants for school operations, such as heating and lighting and the reductions that were to occur in the 1998 to 1999 school year. They will now be delayed for one year, which means funding will continue at current levels.

The Harris announcement does not affect grants for new pupil accommodation, or the Dec. 31 deadline for the decision for proposed school closures.

Some numbers soon available

School board planning officer Dennis Cuomo said the administration is working to determine costs of operation, staff, and transportation. The results will be sent to the working groups that are studying school closures, to enable them to prepare recommendations for the accommodation planning committee, which will recommend which schools will be closed.

He said some calculations are simple, while others are complicated, and some are impossible to determine, due to transportation costs where students are bussed from many parts of the County.

The complications are also due to the board's policy for length of time students are re-

quired to ride a school bus. That policy states:

- no student from kindergarten to grade 6 will spend more than 45 minutes on a bus each way; and

- no student in grades 7 to high school will spend more than 60 minutes on the bus each way.

It is suggested that the working groups recommendations contain complete scenarios and after these have been approved through the Accommodation Planning Committee the trustees will make the final decisions.

Working groups

Drayton

Board Chairman Jim MacGregor said the first meeting was attended by all members who are willing to explore options. Unanswered questions have been forwarded to administration for replies for the next meeting.

Superintendent Glenn Ralph will attend the group's next working group meeting, on Nov. 17, to answer technical questions.

The second public meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2.

Kenilworth

This working group suggested splitting into two groups to deal with Kenilworth and Ar-

thur, but trustee Marta Good is concerned that would be counterproductive.

The next public meeting is scheduled for Dec. 3.

Harriston

A discussion about the flood plain took place, and MacGregor said that Maitland Valley Conservation Authorities have confirmed that the flood plain was reduced by two feet when the new bridge was built, and that now allows the construction of a new building.

The second public meeting is scheduled for Nov. 30.

Ospringle

Trustee Wilma Tosh said Ospringle public school enrollment will consist of grade 5 and 6 students only.

The community is concerned about obtaining a commitment from the board about the construction start. Citizens want to ensure an addition and the renovation projects will start within 18 to 24 months.

The next public meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19.

Salem

Trustee Tosh is concerned that the working group is not working well due to suspicion and a lack of trust with the board to manage its affairs - as well as its accountability to the public.

She noted "sadness" is clearly

expressed from the group.

Citizens don't want their school closed.

The second public meeting is scheduled for Nov. 25.

Shelldale

Trustee Susan Moziar said meetings are going well and the communities have been cooperative in examining the impact of the school being closed.

Sketch plans for the addition to Willow Road school have been given to the working group, and wetlands have already been considered by the administration, and do not pose a

problem.

The second public meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18.

Marden

Trustee Jennifer Waterston said the working group has had two meetings to date, and the next meeting on Nov. 19 is to develop a recommendation - but she is concerned the committee will not have enough time to consider it before the public meeting scheduled for Nov. 23 - so that date is changed to Dec. 7.

The board will tell the French Immersion Group of any recommendations that will affect that

body.

The second public meeting has been changed from the original schedule to Dec. 7.

BULLETIN - Minister of Education Dave Johnson announced late Friday that the school boards will have until Dec. 31, 1999 to make a decision about school closures.

Parents, local politicians, and trustees had requested more time for consideration of the proposed school closures so that more information can be obtained, such as the costs of operation for individual schools.

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ARTHUR - A 1993 white GMC Safari van was stolen from near the United Church November 7, at 5:45pm.

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Take control

Lawless defeated five competitors for Mayor's post

by Stephanie Ariss

MINTO - The six-way race for Mayor was close, with current Harriston Mayor Bill Lawless beating his nearest competitor Palmerston Mayor Ron Elliott by only 112 votes.

Lawless received 1,015 votes, to Elliott's 903. Next was current Minto Twp. Deputy-Reeve Bert Ross, with 481; Palmerston Reeve Cathy Keleher with 425; Clifford Reeve Bruce Walters with 357 votes and former Palmerston Mayor Keith Askett with 295 votes.

There was also a close race between current Palmerston Deputy-Reeve Barbara Burrows and Minto Twp. Councillor Judy Dirksen. Bell Canada first reported that Burrows won Council seat for ward 3 with 371 votes, beating Dirksen by 50 votes (Bell Canada said Dirksen had 321 votes). However, Bell officials later discovered that

there was a clerical error by its staff, and the wrong winner was declared.

Dirksen actually had 421 votes, making her the successful candidate in Ward 3.

The other three Council wards had landslide victories.

In Ward 1, current Minto Twp. Councillor Mark MacKenzie won with 539 votes, beating Harriston student Adam Rowden, who garnered 186, and Harriston resident Paul Rank, who had 97.

In Ward 2, Palmerston Councillor David Anderson took the victory with 586 votes. Clifford resident John Bowen had 195.

In Ward 4, current Palmerston Councillor Rick Hemby won with 639 votes. Minto Twp. Councillor Ken Pike had 222 votes, and former Palmerston Deputy-Reeve Floyd Metzger had 162.

Current Minto Twp. Reeve

Jim Connell was elected County Councillor for Ward 1, with 1,987 votes, beating Harriston resident Hugh Grafton, who had 1,349.

A party was held at the Harriston Legion to congratulate the winners. The new Mayor received congratulations from Askett, Ross, Elliott, and Keleher. Walters was absent.

Lawless said, "I'm honoured to be the first Mayor for the Town of Minto."

He thanked his wife, family, and all his supporters, adding that he has known all the mayoralty candidates for years, and was glad it was a clean race.

He told the audience, "I look forward to working for you and with you the next two years."

In an interview later that night, Connell said he is "pleased for the opportunity to work for the Town of Minto as a County Councillor."

No proclamation in this township

SALEM - It was for a good cause, but Councillors here are not proclaiming celebrations for any groups these days.

That was the reaction of Nichol Twp. Council on Nov. 4 to a white ribbon campaign organized by men who want to end violence against women.

The group, led by Jack Layton, a co-chairman of the group, wants men to wear white ribbons in the week of Nov. 27 to Dec. 6. That is the date people remember the shooting of female engineering students at Montreal's L'Ecole polytechnique.

Layton asked Nichol to proclaim white ribbon week, invite residents to visit the municipal office, and collect signatures for a poster titled, "These men want to put an end to violence against women."

He also asked to help the national fundraising campaign.

When Council considered the

issue, Deputy-Reeve Marion Reidel, in the chair in the absence of Reeve George Pinkney, said, "We don't proclaim weeks - good or bad."

Councillor Gord Feniak agreed, and said he saw no need to suddenly change the policy.

Reidel said, "We wish them the best."

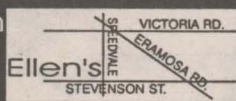
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Ross Mayor of Wellington North

MOUNT FOREST - Current Arthur Twp. Reeve Don Ross received a vote of confidence from Wellington North residents November 5 to 9 with 1,501 votes to win the race for Mayor of the new municipality.

Ward 4 provided Ross with the most support, with 609 votes, followed by Ward 2 with 321, and Wards 1 and 3 with 282 and 289 votes respectively.

Mount Forest Deputy-Reeve Marion Reeves-Yake had 1,033 votes to finish in second, with Mount Forest Reeve Harry Quartel following closely with 982.

Douglas Teddiman received 183 votes, and there were 52 people who abstained from voting for Mayor.

Ross said he is excited and happy to have won the Mayor's seat. He added he looks forward to working with the four new Councillors.

"I know we have a good team," Ross said, and added he is looking forward to the challenge.

Mount Forest Councillor Dan Yake won the municipal Councillor's position for Ward 1 with 678 votes over the 356 votes for Mount Forest Council-

lor Merv Weber.

Yake said he is excited about the challenge the group will face, and said, "It's going to be a tough job."

Mount Forest Councillor Mike Broomhead won the seat in Ward 2, with 756 votes over West Luther Councillor Bob Mason's 376.

Current Arthur Twp. Councillor Gilbert Reid won the municipal Councillor's seat in Ward 3 with 352 votes, over Arthur Village Councillor Don McWilliam, who received 85 votes.

Reid said he is looking forward to the unification process, and that the aim of the Wellington North Transition Board has been to ensure everyone

receives the same service as in the past.

Municipal Ward 4 was won by West Luther Councillor Evelyn Near in a close race with Arthur Twp. Councillor Pat Kelly. Near had 567 votes to Kelly's 491.

Near said the Council is made up well with people from both urban and rural areas. She said the group has a lot of work ahead of them.

In the County Ward 3 vote, former Mount Forest Councillor Bob Hill had 1,431 votes to 1,128 for current Mount Forest Mayor Bruce Barton.

The turnout was among the highest in the County, with 42% of the eligible voters using the telephone system to vote.

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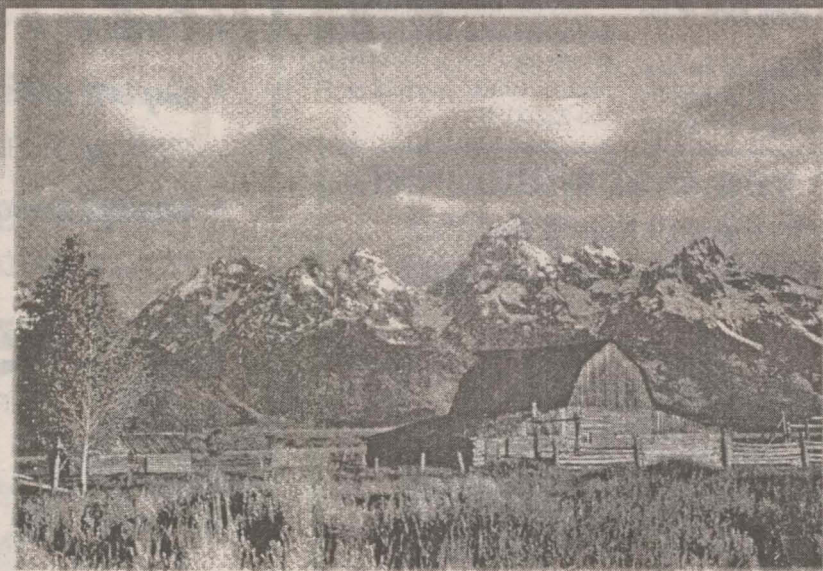
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Pinkney wins Centre Wellington Mayor's job in five-way race

by David Meyer

FERGUS - The celebration that goes with winning the job of Mayor of Centre Wellington was tempered here on Nov. 9 because George Pinkney and his family were to attend the funeral for his mother-in law, Phoebe Clide, the next day. She passed away on Nov. 7.

But cheers were loud for Pinkney, who was surrounded by his family and about 80 people who had jammed into the municipal centre to obtain the election results first hand.

Pinkney won a five-way mayor's contest with 37% of the popular vote, garnering 2,493 votes. That compared to his nearest challenger, Steve Thorning, who polled about 30% at 2,052. There were 6,721 ballots rung into the telephone voting system.

John Jefferson was third with 1,238 votes, and Andrew Johnson finished fourth with 562. Jack Ferris had 291.

Across the ward, Pinkney won four of the six polls, with Thorning capturing wards one and two with nearly double that of the winner, and Pinkney winning by about double in the other four.

Pinkney said he believes he won because "I have proven experience."

He has been on Council for over a dozen years, and led Nichol Twp. for three terms, as well as being the Centre Wellington Transition Board chairman.

He said people knew that he has experience in working cross-boundary agreements, because Nichol has worked with Elora and Fergus in the past.

"The support of my family was paramount," he said.

Pinkney also had the support of ten people who worked hard on his campaign.

"I don't want to call it a pyramid," he said of the structure that ensured that workers covered every part of the new municipality.

He said they visited "each ward, including part of the former municipality of Eramosa" that is being taken over by Centre Wellington in January. He said his team ensured "we didn't miss anything."

Pinkney said the successful campaign brought "a fair bit of satisfaction."

The new Mayor also recognized that there are several experienced people who are now out of municipal politics at the Council level, including those who ran for Mayor.

"The unfortunate part is the other people who ran for the position," he said. "I hope we can keep them working in the community. I hope I can make that happen."

Pinkney said the newly-elected Council would be invited to the Transition Board. It is not clear if they can become voting members because of the way the order is structured, but much of the work of that group is winding down.

Pinkney said he is looking forward to the job, and, "We've got a great, great community here."

He said one of the first highlights of the new term will be the inaugural meeting, and he hopes to set a date for that soon.

He was not forgetting the fu-

ture, either.

He noted that the International Plowing Match will be hosted in Centre Wellington in 2000, and "We'll make sure that's one of the greatest plowing matches ever."

Thorning, the only candidate who did not come to the Council chamber to hear the results, hosted what he called "my retirement party" at his home in Elora. He said that now that he is out of politics, he has several personal projects that will keep him busy.

John Jefferson, who entered the race for Mayor with no political experience, said the campaign was an eye-opener.

"For the last 30 days, I've felt like a dog chasing a car," he said. "If I'd have caught it, I'm not sure what I'd have done with it."

Jefferson, however, indicated he has acquired political instincts. When asked if he would consider seeking office some time in the future, he refused to rule out that possibility.

In the wards, there were some close races, and some not so close.

In Ward 1, Joanne Ross-Zuj beat Jim Bell 781 to 697 in a

tight race.

Shawn Watters is getting used to squeakers. He won Ward 2 with 218 votes, to 202 for Robert Musselman. Claudia Rudyk had 47. A year ago, Watters won a seat on Elora Council with a 7-vote margin.

The race was also close in Ward 3, where Sherry Clarke won the seat with 827 votes. She held off a strong challenge by Gord Feniak, who had 723.

Harry Ferguson, Fergus's last Reeve, made a return to politics after a year's absence, by winning the Ward 4 seat with 629 votes. He held off challenges by Robert Zirk, who had 417, and Sandy Cleghorn, who finished with 326.

In Ward 5, Bill Louttit was an easy winner, with 619 votes compared to the 226 garnered by Bob Hogarth.

It was a little closer in Ward 6, where Russ Spicer fended off a challenge by Del Ulmer. The vote there was 511 to 363.

In County Ward 4, Arthur Twp. Reeve Murray Langdon beat Arthur Village Reeve Clive Williams 1,145-710.

In County Ward 5, Elora

Reeve Mary Dunlop easily defeated two candidates. She had 1,792 votes, to 861 for Norma Peterson, and 349 for Harvey Martin.

In County Ward 6, West

Garafraxa Reeve Bob Wilson won with 905 votes. Second was Fergus Councillor George Mochrie, with 733; Pilkington Reeve Alex McIntosh with 563, and Walt Visser with 455.

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Stray Casts

by David Meyer

People have been enjoying the weather - sunshine, blue skies, and warm weather.

Many tell me how marvelous it is on any particular day, and, about two weeks ago one friend remarked how nice it was. I looked at the blue sky, the sunshine, and felt the warm air that allowed me to walk around in late October without a jacket, and said, "No. It's not nice out. It should be pouring rain. For about three days in a row. Raining very hard. Then it would be a nice day."

The person to whom I was speaking looked at me, and agreed.

Since fish can't live without water, and Belwood Lake is now being called the Belwood Puddle, I decided to ask an expert about the low flows in the Grand River and if there is any danger to the water supply downstream, and if sewage-treatment plant effluent is polluting the Grand River.

I learned that the "nice days" we've enjoyed are part of the biggest drought in about 40 years, and, according to the Grand River Conservation Authority's senior water resources engineer, a serious drought like this occurs about every 50 years. Dwight Boyd said the rainfall in the last 18 to 24 months is about as low as the drought of the early 1960s, and might be as bad as the one in the 1930s.

He said the GRCA has consulted water managers along the river, and officials believe their drought-fighting tactics will allow the river to continue to supply water to all the areas that need it. In order to do that, GRCA officials worked closely with other officials along the river. In the summer, the GRCA allowed the Luther Marsh reser-

voir to draw down, to supplement flows from the Shand Dam at Belwood.

Now, having cut back the flow from Luther Marsh, the Belwood dam, while drawing down to very low levels, will be able to supply needed water at least until February.

One reason the GRCA has been able to do that without environmental damage, Boyd said, is because colder water contains more oxygen, so lower flows with more oxygen have not harmed the eco-system along the river. Had those flows been this low in the summer when the water was hot, there could have been major damage. Right now, they're at about two cubic metres per second.

One of the oddities this year, Boyd said, is that, in the past, only parts of the watershed have been affected by drought, and in the past, when Belwood Lake was down, there was usually lots of rain at Conestogo Dam, or vice versa. That isn't the case this year, with both reservoirs down sharply.

"We're balancing this around," said Boyd. "We're seeing [drought] virtually across the whole watershed."

Fortunately, he said, sewage treatment plants such as those in Elora and Fergus, were designed by pessimists, who built for severe drought rather than strong river flows, so effluent is not harming the river.

"You don't want to design something that has a real impact on the environment during a drought," he said of sewage plants. (That leads me to wonder, more and more, about the thinking behind re-rating the Fergus and Elora sewage treatment plants to increase the amount of sewage they can handle. Is that short-term gain for a future environmental dis-

aster?)

Naturally, I asked Boyd about the brown trout fishery and the effects of the drought on them - especially in light of the plan to add another 75,000 fingerlings to the river this fall. (That, by the way, was supposed to take place Nov. 9, but was postponed until Nov. 16 because of a hatchery truck breakdown.)

Boyd said, "You're balancing everything. We've got a certain amount of water here. How do we best balance it? We're doing it in consultation with other water management." The GRCA has talked with the people concerned about the fish, too.

There are opportunities, too, in a drought.

"You certainly learn when you go through a drought," he said, noting that those who remember the 1960s drought have "some interesting tales to tell."

"It reminds us we play a

balancing act with those reservoirs," Boyd said, adding that everyone has "pretty high expectations. The system's been pretty resilient. It teaches us the value of water - and not to take it for granted. That's a most important lesson to learn."

There are other benefits. Boyd said that they occur in nature, and when wet lands lose a great deal of water, it helps regenerate vegetation in those places. Nature is a complex business.

Boyd said the rain last week will likely have very little effect on the river or dam levels, although it might help to replenish underground aquifers. He said the fear is that everything will freeze over before there is enough rain to do that, which could delay that regeneration process until spring.

He added that downstream users can likely expect more precipitation entering the system over the next few months,

although, he noted wryly, Environment Canada has been predicting that for several months, and we're still waiting for a major rain.

Boyd said he is preparing a report for the GRCA at the end of this month, and it will answer "some of the questions you've raised."

He said that he hopes nothing

happens to the brown trout fishery, and that there will be a slow, small, steady supply of water coming through the system until mid-winter, which is about the best anyone can hope for under the circumstances.

"It's important," he said. "We'd hate to see damage to that tailwater fishery. Unfortunately, it's dependent on a reservoir."

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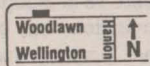
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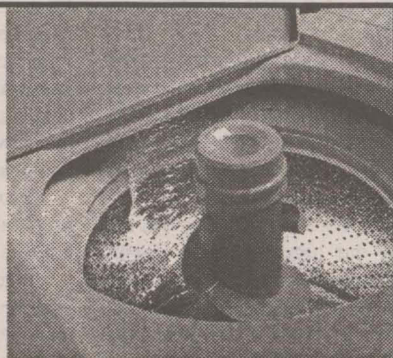
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OPP Constable Dale Gear said the incident occurred on Cross Creek Blvd., just off Highway 6, north of Guelph, some time over night on Nov. 4-5.

Gear said that some of the walls will have to have their

drywall replaced. The first damage estimate was set at \$500, but is expected to go higher.

Anyone with knowledge of this or any other crime is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or Crime Stoppers, at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Callers will not have to identify themselves or testify in court, and could be eligible for a cash reward if their information leads to an arrest.

Two people were charged with trespass

ERIN - Police here are warning people that they should stay away from houses under construction because people are watching out for neighbours.

OPP Constable Dale Gear said that police have charged an 18-year-old man and a 15-year-old female with trespassing after police found them in a house under construction.

Gear said that they had been seen entering the building and police had been called.

Gear added that police

believe that there was "no criminal intent" in this instance, but, "Technically, it's breaking and entering."

He also noted that when people enter houses under construction, it could lead to vandalism, and cited a recent incident where a developer had over \$2,000 worth of windows broken at a home under construction.

Charged is Ian Wise, of Armstrong Street, and a young offender.

Companion Calf Auction

Thanks to all the participants and buyers who supported the 1st Wellington County 4-H Companion Calf Auction held at Erin Fair on Monday October 13.

Thanks are extended to Murt Allison of Georgetown who donated his time and scales to weigh all the calves and to Vern Stewart of Ospringe who trucked the calves after the sale.

A special thanks, as well to Kevin McArthur who auctioned the calves and to Max Storey who assisted.

Champion Steer, owned by Dawn Overland, was purchased by Hillsburgh Food Mart at \$1.10/lb.

Thanks also, go to John Polo,

Guelph, Carsens Farms and Auction Services, Listowel, O.L.E.X., St. Jacobs, Ontario Stockyards, Cookstown, Clarence Brown, Erin, Doug Gregson, Hillsburgh, George Wheeler and Vern Stewart, Hillsburgh & Erin who were the buyers.

Wellington County 4-H Awards Night

Mark your calendar for Tuesday December 1 at 7p.m. for the Wellington County awards night. Members who will be receiving 6,12,18 and 24 project awards and county event trophies will be recognized that evening.

Any members who have attended conferences throughout

1998 will also be given their 50% rebate of conference fees. Come out to the Wellington County Museum, Aboyne Hall to find out about what's going on in Wellington 4-H programs.

Club Award Programs:

It is the season of year end award programs! If yours is coming up, let the directors know.. Mt.Forest Calf Club is Sunday Nov. 22 at 1pm.

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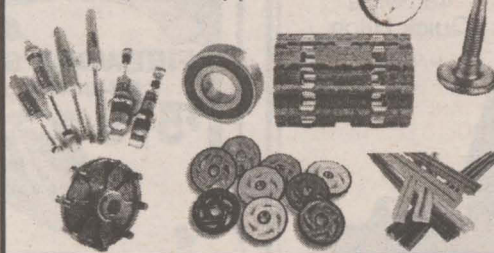
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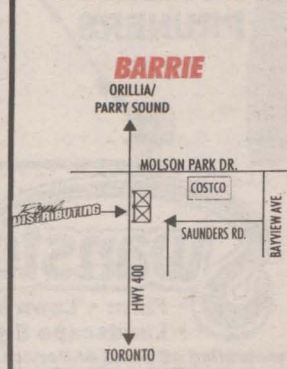
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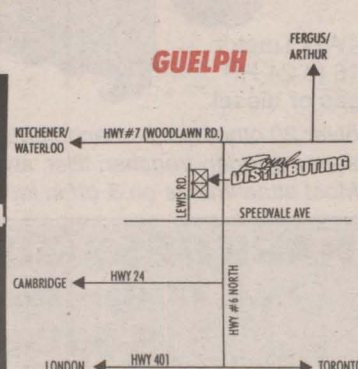


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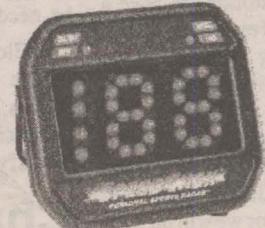
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Elora Women's Institute



At the October 14 meeting of Elora Women's Institute, Olive Wallace, a convenor of the meeting, introduced Steve Thorning, who, she said, really didn't need to be introduced.

Thorning is well known through the years of columns he has written about Elora and now Fergus History. He has been on the Elora Council for seven years and is now Deputy-Reeve of Elora.

Thorning's topic was "Amalgamation." Those who thought that they had read and heard all and more than they wanted to hear about the subject, were surprised to find that Thorning made it accessible and interesting.

Being a historian, he gave a brief review of events leading up to the coming together of the five municipalities of Elora, Fergus, Nichol, Pilkington and West Garafraxa. He said the culmination of the talks came when the Ontario Government said, "Amalgamate or we will do it for you!"

Wellington County hired consultants who produced a report in 20 days.

This report was approved by the county. 1998 was to be a transitional year as municipalities changed. Elora Reeve Mary Dunlop and Thorning are on the Transition Board, which has been very active. A lot of work has been done such as:

The Recreation Department has been falling into place. The Building Department has been very busy and is to move into the Civic building at Macdonald Square by November 15. Don Wilson is Chief Administrator for Centre Wellington.

The Transition Board planned to fill all the positions in the new municipality from the present employees of the five municipalities. It has been able to do that as far as possible and is very pleased that its policy is working.

The population of Centre Wellington will be around 23,000. It is going to be difficult to have everything and everyone adjust. There will be middle management, which there has not been before.

These are the departments: Clerks, Finance, Recreation and Parks, Public Works, Building and Fire. The first task will be to find the right work load for the right person.

Clerk Carolyn Hacking now has four employees. The municipal by-laws have to be homogenized, a very big job.

Parks are now under Recreation, a new development. A full time horticulturist will probably have to be hired to work with developers, parks and trails, parks used by tourists, etc.

Chief Building Department head is Bob Foster, with six employees; two in the office; two in the field; two dealing with contractors and inspectors. The Building Department will take

on more responsibilities, such as septic tank inspections.

The Fire Department will have the same number of volunteer fire fighters with almost the same territory under one Chief and one Assistant Chief.

The Works Department will be under Ken Elder. Water will be looked after by Gary Devlin. All the works department staff are re-hired.

Thorning stated that the Veteran's Hall at Market Square, Elora, will still be available for non-profit groups. It is a well used room.

The Hydro Office Building will be in the now Fergus Town Hall on St. Andrew's St. next to the library.

Pilkington Municipal Building will become the Works Department Office. Hydro works will all move to Fergus works department building. West Garafraxa, Nichol and Pilkington Works Building will be needed to store equipment.

The Elora Works Building will be the main works Depot for repairs, etc.

After his talk, Thorning graciously answered questions

even during lunch.

The roll call: Thanksgiving memories was answered by many agreeing that they couldn't remember a more perfect three day holiday than the one in 1998. Members who grew up in England said there was not Thanksgiving Holiday but Churches celebrated Harvest Home with decorated alters, etc. Lots of family dinners were fondly remembered; one turkey was cooked with the bag of giblets left in.

Secretary Mollie Keen read a letter from the VON (Victorian Order of Nurses), telling that the Ontario Government has allotted them some money to help with their much needed work. A short report on the Osteoporosis workshop at the Guelph Area Convention. Sandwiches and pickles prepared by Vi Wood and Olive Wallace were enjoyed.

The next meeting of Elora Women's Institute will be on November 11 at Veterans Hall at 1:30 p.m. Canadian Women's war effort will be the topic. All women are welcome.

Chainsaw safety training at Blue Springs

Dave O'Drowsky, well known local Chainsaw Safety Instructor will be holding 3 courses at Blue Springs Scout Reserve, 6th Line Nasagaweya, on November 25, 27 (evening) & 29, November 27 & 28 and December 17 & 18.

These 2 day programs (15 hours) consist of classroom instruction, workshop maintenance and hands on practice in the woodlot.

Topics covered include: - protective safety equipment - chainsaw maintenance - correct sharpening methods - assessing dangers & hazards - felling techniques - dealing with problem trees.

Participants will have an opportunity to qualify for Ontario Cutter-Operator Certificate which is required by law for persons cutting or trimming trees for a commercial purpose or to produce products for sale.

This program is of benefit to all chainsaw owners and users. Emphasis is placed on safe and efficient operations.

Dave O'Drowsky, course instructor, began teaching this program on behalf of OATI in 1994 and has provided instruction to nearly 1000 chainsaw users in Ontario.

For more information, please contact (519) 853-4994. Pre-registration is required.

Guelph Horticultural Society

The appearance and general health of the African violets grown by those attending the Guelph Horticultural Society's recent meeting should show improvement if instructions by John and Doris Brownlie of A.C.A. Violet Tree, Mississauga are followed.

The speakers shared knowledge gained in their 27 years growing this most popular of house plants. All facets of culture were dealt with... selection of leaves for reproduction, planting medium, handling of new plantlets, soil, fertilizing, lighting, and grooming for exhibition.

"African violets should always have a single crown. While they do well on windowsills, a fluorescent light, timer operated

to 12 hours of light per day, with plants 12 inches from the tubes, gives excellent results.

Space the violets so that light penetrates to the centre of the plants," they said. Demonstrations of planting new plants as well as re-planting of a "long neck" plant were given. The speakers concluded their presentation with slides of prize-winning plants they had successfully shown at area and national shows.

The Brownlies were introduced by Lynn Verrall and thanked by Barb Taylor. Mabel Reid, flower show judge reported 14 exhibitors had contributed 62 entries producing an excellent show.

She suggested attention be paid to grooming of plants being

entered in competition.

Program Chairman Harold Crawford requested suggestions of topics for the 1999 season.

Lynda Marsland congratulated winners in the photographic competition and directed the attention of the members to the display.

President Monica Bibby announced the joint meeting of District 7 and District 19 in Waterloo on November 7 and the R.B.G. show and sale November 20-22 and the November 24 meeting when Rowena Martin of Waterloo will demonstrate Christmas designs.

Distribution of door prizes, refreshments and viewing of the show brought the evening to a close.

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WELLINGTON COUNTY YOUTH MAKES THE FINALS AT ROYAL!

Trevor Pinkney, a Nichol Township native was in the finals at the Royal Winter Fair "Young Speakers for Agriculture" competition held last weekend. This national competition attracted thirty young people from across Canada. Each person gave a five to seven prepared speech on a current issue pertaining to Canada's agriculture and food industry. Cash prizes, and two special books were presented to all finalists.

Amy Rae Fox from Hay Lakes, Alberta was the winner and was presented by various awards sponsored by Farm Credit Corporation, OMAFRA, Agriculture & Agri-food Canada, and the Royal. Congratulations Trevor!

FALL 1998 COURSES AVAILABLE NOW

The following courses have been set up by Ontario Agricultural Training Institute (OATI) coordinator, Carolyn Graham. To register call the OMAFRA Office in Fergus at 1-800-265-8332 or Carolyn at (519) 623-3122.

Animal Agriculture: Issues and Actions - people in agriculture today are addressing sensitive agricultural experiences with school aged children. This course talks about various presentation techniques and gives participants opportunities to practice their presentation skills in a supportive environment. This is being held at the Aboyne Hall, Wellington Place (please note change of location) on December 3, 1998.

Machinery Replacement Strategies: Capital Budgeting - Ever had to replace equipment in your business? Of course you have! But when? And How? This course will introduce participants to an effective decision making system that helps you decide when it's time to replace equipment and how to budget for it. This is being held at the OMAFRA Office in Fergus on December 8, 1998.

Introduction to Commodity Marketing - this is a basic introduction to the world of commodity marketing. Learn what your position is, globally and locally, and how to use market planning and risk management to get better prices for your commodities. This begins November 30, 1998 at the Fergus OMAFRA Office.

Courses being offered after January 1st include Introduction to Ecological Agriculture, Putting Agriculture in Ontario Classrooms, Negotiation Skills, How to Find & Develop Business Opportunities, Developing your Marketing Strategy, Working with People, Making Money from Wheat, Getting Ready to run a Bed & Breakfast, Horse Hoof Care, Advanced Internet and Introduction to Farm Bookkeeping. Keep reading this column for future details!

WHAT'S HOT? - by Linda McFadden, Administrative Assistant Asian Beetle To Stay Home

Canada has decided to join the U.S. in banning imports from China that are packed in untreated wooden crates. This is an attempt to prevent further immigration of the hardwood destroying Asian Long-Horned beetle. This ban will take effect as of January 4th 1999. This is good news for Waterloo and Wellington given that this beetle was found in a north Waterloo factory last June. It was in a wooden crate containing metal parts imported from China.

The adult beetle is about 1.25" long, shiny black with white spots on the back. The larvae cause extensive damage to healthy trees by tunneling.

Some handy web sites include www.wred.org (Women and Rural Economic Development) and www.landmarket.on.ca provides agricultural land/farm real estate listings across Ontario.

WFA AGRICULTURE STUDENT AWARD - from WFA Newsletter

The Wellington Federation of Agriculture (WFA) has a new award program to encourage Wellington county students to pursue post secondary studies in agriculture. Two awards of \$500 each are available to students from residences in Wellington county who are attending the first year of a post secondary agricultural program. Students can obtain the application package from Jan Wilson,

Secretary (848-6934) and return it by November 30, 1998. In addition to the application form, a short essay of approximately 500 words is required in which the applicant will explain why she/he should receive an award. Award criteria balance scholarship, school and community involvement and future plans in agriculture.

GROWER PESTICIDE SAFETY CERTIFICATION FOR 1999

- by Linda McFadden
The 1999 Grower Pesticide Safety courses are now available to sign up for. Courses will be held starting in January and running to April of 1999. These courses are part of a series being offered across the province. Course topics will include pesticide toxicity, poisoning, protective clothing and equipment, label interpretation, equipment calibration, legal requirements for transportation, storage and disposal as well as environmental concerns. An open-book exam follows the course about mid-afternoon. You must successfully complete the examination with a mark of 75% or greater to obtain certification. If you are certifying for the first time, you must attend the day course.

Due to the large number of expected renewals, there will be over double the number of courses offered in Wellington & Waterloo this winter. So register early to reserve your spot.

The cost for the certification is \$65.00, due and payable on the day of the course (to the University of Guelph). Applicants have a choice of attending the one-day certification course, or in the case of those whose certificate has expired AFTER October 31, 1997, can write the re-certification exam only. Manuals will be available to the clients at the Fergus OMAFRA office prior to taking the course.

To put your name on a waiting list for a course, call Fergus OMAFRA office at 846-0941 or 1-800-265-8332.

OMAFRA PUBLICATIONS MAKE GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS

It's that time of year again when we will be looking for the perfect Christmas gift. Why not one of our OMAFRA publications? The Gardener's Handbook (formerly Insect & Disease Control in the Home Garden/Publication #64) is New and Improved with lots of coloured pictures and sells for only \$10.00 plus GST. We have lots to choose from - Weed Control in Lawns and Gardens, Ontario Farm Record Book, Fruit Production Recommendations, Ontario Weeds and more. Don't you know someone who would like to receive one of these publications in their stocking on Christmas morning? Drop in soon to the Fergus OMAFRA Office, bring your list, and get started on your Christmas shopping. (Taken from Georgetown OMAFRA News).

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP

- by John Benham, EFP Representative
We will be holding several workshops starting with one on December 3 and 11 at Husky Farm Equipment in Alma. We had a very successful series of workshops last winter and expect to do the same again this winter. A workshop consists of two sessions, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm with lunch provided and no other charges. The \$1500 incentive is still available but it is on a first come basis so don't put off attending until it is too late.

Please phone 846-0941 or 1-800-265-8332 to sign up or to get more information.

BEEF PRODUCER UPDATE

- by H.J. Smith, Agriculture & Rural Representative
The Wellington County Cattlemen will be holding a beef producer update on Wednesday December 2 1998, 7:30 PM at Aboyne Hall, Wellington Place. The theme for the evening is "Increasing Quality and Getting Paid For It".

Don Blakely, Lead, Beef Quality Assurance, OMAFRA Fergus, will give an overview to the issue of quality assurance and value based marketing of beef. Ron Kuhl from the Keady Livestock Market has been invited to talk about the very successful pre-sort and vaccinated calf sale held at Keady for the past two years. Refreshments will be provided. This will be an interesting and

informative meeting. Anyone involved in the cattle industry is invited, please call 1-800-265-8332 to register.

SMALL BUSINESS THE STRENGTH OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY

- by Kathy Simpson, Rural Community Advisor, OMAFRA, Lindsay
For years many municipalities spent a great deal of time trying to persuade outside companies to base their manufacturing facilities and plants within their community. This was the "smoke stack chasing" philosophy of the 1950s and 60s. Communities believed that manufacturing plants would create jobs for the locals, be a continued source of tax revenue for municipalities and generate and circulate dollars within the local community.

Today we know that depending solely on big business for jobs and revenue as a method of economic development is not the answer. A more diversified tax base is needed. In addition development within the local community produces more cost-effective results than from attracting industry from outside. Small businesses are becoming the backbone for local economic development. Here are some facts on small business:

* Ninety seven percent of all business in Canada is small (sales under \$2 million, less than 10 employees).

* Small business accounts for 80% of employment or creation of new jobs.

* The service sector is the fastest growing industry (72% of that industry is small business).

* Service industries are more stable than manufacturing and less likely to be affected by fluctuations in the economy.

* Small business accounts for 80% of innovation - big businesses tend to be more cautious and reluctant to change.

The most effective way to create jobs, innovation, and diversification is to encourage small businesses to develop and grow within communities. What are you as a consumer, member of an organization, or a local taxpayer doing to support the new or longtime small businesses in your area?

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Nov. 20 Workshop for municipalities to discuss large livestock barns, community issues and roles 1 Stone Rd., West, Guelph, 9:30 am. Pre-registration required, call Mike Toombs at (519) 826-3117.

Nov. 23 Wellington County 4-H Leaders Association Directors, 8:00 pm, OMAFRA Boardroom

Nov. 24 Wellington County Farm Safety Association, 8:30 pm, OMAFRA Boardroom

Nov. 24/25 Chainsaw Safety Training Course, call Dave O'Drowsky at (519) 853-4994 to register.

Nov. 25 Wellington County Holstein Club Annual Meeting, Gencor, 7:00 pm; "Future of the 50 cow herd" panel discussion.

Nov. 26 Wellington County Junior Farmers Directors, 8:30 pm, OMAFRA Boardroom

Dec. 1 Waterloo Wellington Gencor Annual Meeting, St. Jacobs Community Centre, 10:30 am

Dec. 2 Wellington Federation Meeting, 8:00 pm, OMAFRA Boardroom

Nov. 28/Dec. 5 Chainsaw Safety Training course, call Dave O'Drowsky at (519) 853-4994 to register.

Dec. 4 Wellington County Soil & Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting, Wellington Place, 10:00 am, Advance registration; details to follow at a later date.

Dec. 7 Wellington Plowmen's Association, 8:00 pm, OMAFRA Boardroom

Dec. 15/98 Waterloo Soil & Crop Annual Meeting, Woolwich Community Centre, St. Jacobs

Damascus W.I.



Anne Calder arranged for 21 members of the Damascus W.I. to tour the Wellington County Administration Buildings in Guelph.

The old court building was built in the 1800's and has been tastefully refurbished, as well as the old jail and other buildings. The gardens are beautifully maintained. Bill was a knowledgeable and helpful guide.

People of Wellington County should be proud of the historic buildings.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch with the Warden, Murray Langdon and his wife Shirley,

who is a member of our branch. Anne Calder thanked Murray and Bill for giving us the opportunity to visit these buildings.

The regular meeting was opened by the president Miriam Green.

The secretary read the minutes and, treasurer gave her report. Diane Orr thanked the members for the tea party given in her honour on the completion of her term as board director. It was decided to rejoin the historic society.

Roll Call was answered by naming a female politician and her role in politics. The Motto, "Homes are the greenhouses where seeds of good citizenship are nurtured. Anne Calder, the convenor enlarged on it by stressing there is little time for families to be together nowadays. An example is at

mealtime around the table used to be great for stimulating the children and sharing ideas.

Diane Orr reported that certificates of Merit will be presented to five deserving members at our December meeting.

Miriam Green reported on the area convention. FWIO had 399 new members in 1998 but

two branches disbanded. New handbooks will be issued in February 1999. February 14 - 20 is W.I. week. In 2001 ACWW will meet in Hamilton, On. There will be workshops in Fergus in February.

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Town office to get renovations

by Wendy Seberras
ERIN - Council here has agreed to proceed with the proposed renovations of the basement of the town office to provide more space for offices.

Chief building official Patrick Kraemer told Council that the estimated cost of \$99,849 is accurate, although higher than originally estimated. He said after checking the tenders and with suppliers, he is confident that the work can be done for that amount, and he will take every opportunity to cut costs.

The renovations include another furnace, air conditioning, additional telephone lines and telephones, as well as the construction necessary to com-

plete the 3,800 square feet in the town's office basement.

Financing was a concern at the last Council meeting, and since then Kraemer had consulted with the Treasurer Sharon Marshall to consider options available to finance the project.

Kraemer said Marshall estimated that after the \$60,000, which is coming from provincial grant money, the balance can be paid with money remaining in the transition budget. He said after that expenditure, there will be \$125,000 left in the budget.

Mayor Barb Tocher said the tender for the telephone system included additional phones, lines, and voice mail, but it is not to be assumed that the cost of \$3,500 for the voice mail is included, since Council has not approved that. She also suggested that the cost of the renovation be rounded off to \$100,000.

A resolution was passed accepting of some of the tenders, and that the work is not to exceed a cost of \$100,000.

Rezoning application was reconsidered

ERIN - A revised plan with additional information has been submitted to Council here that will allow a permanent second dwelling for farm help for a physically disabled family member.

Judith Island wrote a letter expanding on the information that she previously provided to Council, and it includes a two-year plan. The farm will board horses, cash crop, have cattle, organic gardening, an orchard, and forestry, with Island designated as the farm manager, bookkeeper, and supervisor of the horses as well as planting and maintenance of the garden,

and security.

The other residents (Sean Bradley is a firefighter and Marijane Island is working full-time on the farm with horses and competing at provincial events) are unable to do such things as care for the horses in Judith Island's absence.

The residence will be for Judith and a hired attendant, who will assist with the farm duties. Judith Island also competes in dressage and carriage driving for the disabled.

Councillor George Root asked if this recent application has been approved by the town's planner.

Mayor Barb Tocher said it has.

Deputy-Mayor Rod Finnie acknowledged that this is not a traditional way to run a farm.

Tocher said that the material provided does not have the second dwelling's location specified on it - and that it needs to be considered.

Council agreed unanimously to send the proposal to the planner to develop a bylaw due to the merit of the new information.

Council had considered an application a few months ago, but was reluctantly forced to turn it down in its original form.

Glue found on vehicle

ARTHUR - Mount Forest OPP reported a vehicle had been found damaged Nov. 3 around 7am after a glue-like substance was dumped on it.

OPP Sergeant Al Gray said the car was parked in the parking lot behind the Arthur L&M on George Street.

He said it cost around \$200 to clean the glue off the front and rear windshields.

The police are investigating this incident, and any one with information is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Recreation Award Nominations

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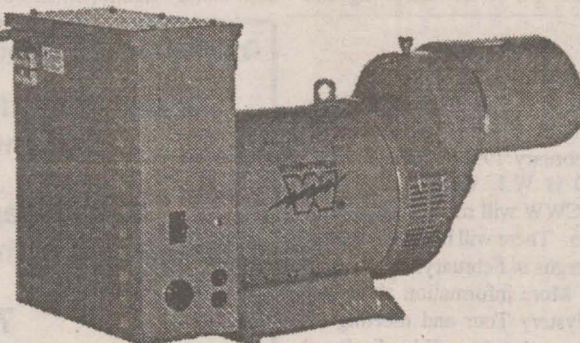
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COMING EVENTS 803

CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Nov. 28 at Palmerston United Church, 10am-2pm. Lunch, unusual gifts, baking and much more. (Nov16)

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NOTICE OF MEETING: The Annual Meeting of A.M.S.A. to be held at the Arthur Arena (upstairs) on November 25th 1998 at 7pm. This notice to confirm that amendments to the constitution will be presented to and voted on by membership at the annual meeting. If anyone is interested in reviewing proposed amendments prior to the meeting a full copy can be obtained by calling 848-5000. (Nov23)

COMING EVENTS 803

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

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1. Planning Advisory Committee, 2 members for a 2 year term 1999 and 2000.
2. Puslinch Recreation Commission, 2 members for a 2 year term 1999 and 2000.

Interested applicants who are residents and/or ratepayers of the Township of Puslinch may write to Puslinch Town Office, R.R.#3 Guelph, Ontario N1H 6H9 - (519) 763-1226, before December 10, 1998.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

NOTICE

REGARDING A PROPOSED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the requirements of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch will hold a public meeting to consider a plan of subdivision and proposed changes to Zoning By-law No. 19/85 on **Monday, December 7th, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Puslinch Community Centre in Aberfoyle.**

The Corporation of the County of Wellington has received an application (File No. 23T-98006) for a proposed plan of subdivision in the Township of Puslinch for Part of Lot 17, Front and Rear Concession 7 (see map below). The proposed subdivision is an extension (Phase 2) of an existing residential development (Aberfoyle Creek Estates) to create 26 new residential lots.

Township Council is holding a public meeting to review the proposed plan of subdivision at the request of the County of Wellington. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to review the proposed zoning by-law amendment to rezone the subject land from the current Agricultural (A) Zone to an appropriate zone(s) that would permit the proposed residential subdivision.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Corporation of the County of Wellington in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the County of Wellington before the proposed plan of subdivision is approved or refused, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

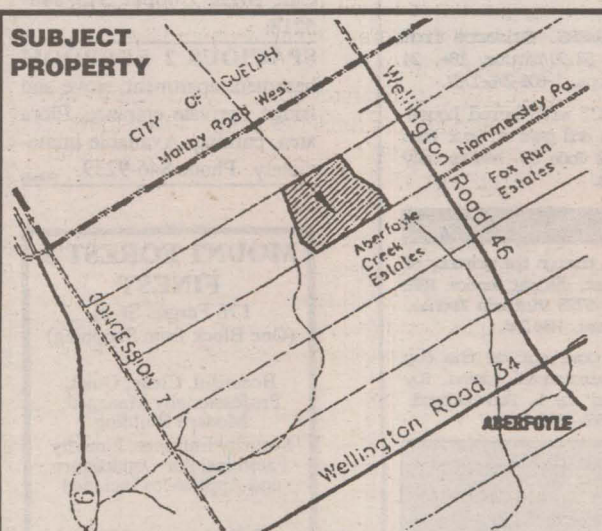
If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Corporation of the County of Wellington in respect of this proposed plan of subdivision, you must make a written request to the Director, Planning and Development Department, County of Wellington, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph, N1H 3T9.

Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law amendment is available for inspection at the Township Office in Aberfoyle. Information related to the proposed plan of subdivision is also available at the Township or can be obtained from the County Planning and Development Department in Guelph.

Dated at the Township of Puslinch, this 13th day of November, 1998.

Mrs. Brenda Law, A.M.C.F.
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Maryborough supports dissolving committee

MOOREFIELD - Maryborough Council supports dissolving the North Wellington Economic Development Committee formed several years ago.

The Town of Mount Forest sent a letter asking if the municipality would support closing it down, and refunding any remaining money to the member municipalities.

No one at Maryborough was sure how much money would be returned, but Clerk Bob Skeoch said the municipality had contributed \$1,000.

The Wellington North Transition Board discovered the committee still existed, and still had money in the account, but it had needed the approval of all member municipalities to shut it down.

We welcome letters to the Editor

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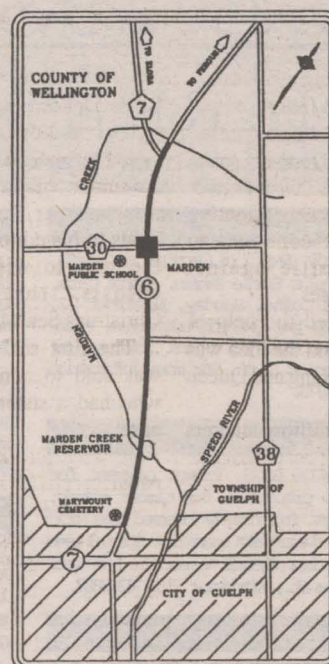
The office of the late Psychiatrist, Dr. Indrajit Ray, will be closed as of October 30, 1998. Future requests for transfers of medical records from his practice (for which a minimum charge will apply) may be directed to

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY 6 FROM GUELPH TO WELLINGTON COUNTY ROAD 7

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is holding a Public Information Centre to provide an opportunity for the public to view the proposed improvements to Highway 6 from the City of Guelph north limits northerly to 0.37km north of Wellington County Road 7 (Elora Road).



THE PROJECT

This project is one of a number of projects aimed at improving conditions on Highway 6 from Guelph northerly to Owen Sound. The proposed work includes:

- Widening and reconstruction of the existing roadway from two to four lanes;
- Realignment and reconstruction of Highway 6 for approximately 500m to avoid impacts to a business and Marymount Cemetery;
- Realignment and reconstruction of 600m of Highway 6 just south of County Road 7 to avoid impacts to farm buildings;
- Reconstruction of all intersections including permanent signalization at County Road 30 at Marden;
- Drainage improvements throughout;
- Extension of all crossing culverts including the steel plate culverts at Marden Creek Reservoir; and
- Improvements to private and commercial entrances throughout.

THE PROCESS

The study leading up to the Preliminary Design of this project followed an approved planning process with the opportunity for public input throughout. Previously, a Public Information Centre was held on March 30, 1993, and environmental clearance was obtained in November 1994. Detailed design of this project was also completed in 1994.

The purpose of this Public Information Centre is to provide an update of our plans prior to the commencement of construction. The Public Information Centre will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, November 19, 1998
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: Marden Public School (County Road 30 west of Highway 6)

Ministry and design consultant staff will be present to discuss the project, answer questions and receive your comments.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the project. Please contact:

Mr. Randy McIntyre, Project Manager
Ministry of Transportation
659 Exeter Road, P.O. Box 5338
London, Ontario N6E 1L3
Tel: (519) 873-4547 Fax: (519) 873-4600
or toll free: 1-800-265-6072 ext. 4547

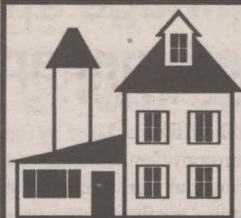
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Wellington struggles with policing; first County to take on police power

by David Meyer

GUELPH - County Councilors learned Oct. 29 that Wellington is the first County to take on the powers of operating a police service - and that there are some difficulties in being first.

Chief Administrative Officer Scott Wilson told Councilors that because Wellington is the first, the process "seems to be made up as we approach it."

He cited a letter from the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Service (OCCOPS) and noted that there appears to be some Catch-22s built into the process where two contradictory things must each be done first before proceeding to the second step.

Further, he noted that some of the information in that letter has apparently changed or is incor-

rect.

He said County Council could establish a Police Services Board immediately, but that would be "terrible" public relations, and, further, the make-up of such a board could not be set. The PSB will include the Warden, a County Councillor, two provincial appointees, and a citizen appointed by County Council.

Wilson said that the current election is complicating the issue because it was possible that only four of the current members on County Council will return.

"We're kind of in a pickle," he said of the process.

He added that it is also unclear for now what effect the establishment of the a County PSB would have on those PSBs

in Fergus, Harriston, and Palmerston. He suggested that, for now, to leave those as they are until the issue is sorted out.

Some Councilors indicated they wanted to start the process of forming the County PSB, but Councillor Cathy Keleher noted that the County always advertises for civilian appointees, so that should take at least another month.

Further complicating the issue, the Minister's Order that created the amalgamations in Wellington County states that if the County does not have a PSB in place, the Harriston and Palmerston PSBs must start a merger process on Jan. 1, which could be done for a matter of a few months, until the County PSB is ready.

Wilson explained that, con-

trary to the belief of some Councilors, the County PSB is limited to five members, and not seven. He said the Police Services Act states that a municipality can have seven members if it has over 300,000 in population - clearly a stipulation that Wellington does not meet.

Further, the PSB itself should hold hearings to determine the level of service that people will want.

Warden Murray Langdon said he thinks that County Council "should move along on this" and advertise for civilian applications.

Councillor Jim Gibbons noted that there are usually advertisements for applications for the provincial appointees, too.

Keleher warned County Council that the PSB has a great deal of autonomy, and will set its own budget.

"We cannot be too careful who we appoint," she warned. "Let's not be in such a rush that we blow it."

County Council then voted to advertise for the civilian position on the board, and that carried.

Wilson said that in the meantime, he would attempt to establish exactly what the County's options are.

Christmas Seals help today's diseases

by Wendy Sebernas

In today's world, everyone is familiar with seeing Christmas Seals on cards and letters, but it was in 1903 a postman named Einar Holboell, in Denmark, had an innovative idea that was not only the turning point of fighting tuberculosis but continues to help in the battle against respiratory diseases.

Holboell enlisted the help of his co-workers and the idea was endorsed by the King and Queen of Holland.

In 1904, 4-million stickers were sold, and the proceeds built two hospitals for children suffering from tuberculosis.

In 1907, the idea of Christmas Seals crossed the Atlantic, when a sanitarium in Delaware was about to close for a lack of \$300. A doctor's cousin, Emily Bissell, had read an article about the success of the Danish campaign, and had an artist friend design a seal and, with \$40 and a friendly printer,

the seals were completed.

She had trouble convincing the authorities to help, and, unlike the Danes, postal authorities would not allow their postmen to sell the seals. It wasn't until a columnist with a Philadelphia newspaper explained Christmas Seals to his editor that, "Here's the way to wipe out tuberculosis," that the sale of Christmas Seals took off.

The first seal, for a penny, was sold to a newspaper boy who had a sister with the disease.

By next Christmas, the campaign reached Canada, and the old *Toronto Globe* assisted in the promotion and sale of Christmas Seals. A young girl from Elmira sent in 25 cents, a great deal of money in those days.

Today Christmas seals support the Lung Association and help fund medical research into the treatment and prevention of lung disease and fund programs to help children choose a smoke-

free lifestyle.

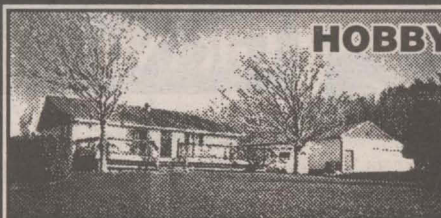
Some facts about lung disease in Canada:

- one in five people have a problem;
- every 20 minutes someone dies;
- over 2-million suffer from asthma;
- over 500 will die from asthma this year, and most of those deaths are preventable with education and management; and
- approximately 45,000 die

each year from tobacco-related illnesses.

This year's Christmas's Seal artist, Alena Valova, is from Czechoslovakia, and dedicate this year's seal to those who endure many challenges in their daily struggles to breathe and live each day.

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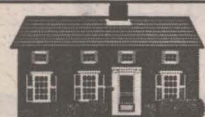
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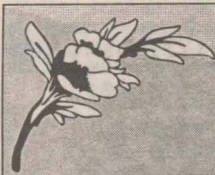
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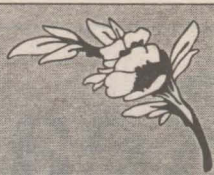
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In Memoriam



BEATRICE M. SHARER - Funeral services for the late Beatrice Maude Sharer were held last Monday afternoon, November 9, 1998 from the Fergus Chapel of Thomson-Jeffrey Funeral Home. The Reverend Stephen Witcher of St. James Anglican Church officiated and performed the committal in Belsyde Cemetery. Beatrice passed away peacefully at Wellington Terrace where she had been a resident for the past number of years, on Thursday, November 5, 1998 and was in her 80th year. She is the beloved wife of the late Albert Sharer who predeceased her in 1988. Dearly loved mother of Betty and her husband Harvey McCrae of Guelph, Linda and her husband Richard Peters of Orangeville and George Sharer of Fergus. Predeceased by an infant son Billy. Mrs. Sharer will be lovingly remembered by all of her grandchildren, Jorja, Michael, Robert, Shelley, Alan, Cassandra and Taralyn. Also survived by her great grandchildren Lori, Kathy, Brady, Bennett, Brandon, Mackenzie and Ryley. Beatrice is also sadly missed by her sister Verna Keleher of Guelph. Predeceased by sisters Elsie and Velma and by brother Roy. Beatrice leaves behind a family truly thankful to have been blessed by her. The Reverend Witcher read into the services passages of scripture including

the 23rd Psalm. Thomson-Jeffrey organist Carolyn Woods played some of the family's favourite hymns including Church in the Wildwood and Amazing Grace. Honoured to be flower bearers for Beatrice were

JAMES HAMILTON - The funeral service for the late James Hamilton of Arthur was held on Tuesday Nov. 10, 1998 at 2p.m. from the Arthur Chapel of Jeffrey & Jeffrey Funeral Home. Reverend Dr. Walter Allum & Reverend Helen Ruth Allum of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Arthur officiated. Interment was in Greenfield Cemetery. James passed away peacefully at Wellington Terrace, Elora on Saturday, November 7, 1998 and was in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Priscilla and dear father of Eleanor and her husband William Vaughan of Kitchener, Agnes and her husband Murray Hayes of Arthur and Mildred and her husband John Lamont of Mount Forest. Dear Grandfather of Sheryl & Sandra Vaughan, Barry and wife Carly and Linda Hayes and Leanne and Jeff Richardson, John and Tamara Lamont. James' energy will always be remembered in his special great granddaughter Hailey Richardson. Predeceased by sister Janet Hamilton and Marion Newson and brother Andrew. Many remembrances

Cassandra Doucette and Kristen Sharer. The pallbearers were Michael and Robert Sharer, Alan McCrae, Kevin McConnell, Duane Doucette and Taralyn Peters.

of James full and rewarding life were made by Rev. Dr. Allum and by family friend Clarence Newson during the service. James devoted his life to his family, community and his love of writing. A number of his books were on display for his many friends to appreciate as they paid respect to James' life. Rev. Robert and Maureen Spencer performed a duet during the service as a fitting tribute to James' faithful devotion to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Arthur. James was awarded Citizen of the Year in appreciation of his devotion to his community. Jeffrey & Jeffrey organist Peggy Lennox played two of James' favourite songs "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." St. Andrews Presbyterian Church ladies provided and served a luncheon for family and friends at the church immediately following the service. Honoured to be pallbearers were Ronald Newson, Clarence Newson, Milton Hamilton, Jim Hamilton, Barry Hayes and John Lamont. Flowerbearers were Sheryl Vaughan, Lee Anne Richardson and Linda Vaughan.

FERN (BEATTY) CARPENTER - The funeral service for the late Fern (Beatty) Carpenter of Fergus was held last Friday evening at 7p.m. from the Fergus Chapel of Thomson-Jeffrey Funeral Home. The Reverend Murray Laurensen of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church officiated. Interment will be in Mickle Cemetery, Gravenhurst at a later date. Fern passed away peacefully at Caressant Care Nursing Home in Fergus on Wednesday, November 11, 1998 and was in her 82nd year. Wife of the late Everett Carpenter. She is survived by Joan Marinier and James (Jim) Carpenter and his wife Bessie of Fergus and sister Hilda of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Fern had been a resident of Caressant Care for the past number of years being cared for by her family in Fergus.

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PHOEBE CLYDE - The many friends of the Clyde family joined together with them last Tuesday afternoon in the Fergus Chapel of Thomson-Jeffrey Funeral Home to celebrate the life of Phoebe Clyde. Mrs. Clyde passed away peacefully at her home at RR#4 Fergus on Saturday November 7, 1998. Phoebe's loving family were by her side as she went to be with her Lord. She was in her 88th year and is the beloved wife of the late Robert Clyde and dearly loved mother of Jean and her husband Earl Failey of Fergus, Dorothy and her husband George Pinkney of Nicol Township, Donald and his wife Margaret of Ariss and Alec and his wife Betty of Elora. She will be sadly missed but lovingly remembered by her 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren and by her Scottish Angel Margaret Clyde Woods.

Phoebe is predeceased by a grandson Doug Clyde and by her brothers Herb and Clair MacDonald. The Reverend Wendy McFadzean of Barrie Hill United Church officiated the funeral service and committal in the family plot in McKee Cemetery. Son Alec rose to share some life stories of Mother with the congregation and to pay tribute to a life well lived. Kathy Wilson also rose to give the eulogy and presented special memories from all of the grandchildren. Brian Wilson played guitar and sang "Blessed Assurance." Carole Clyde read selected verses from Psalm 139. Music chosen by the family was delivered by Thomson-Jeffrey organist Carolyn Woods and included the congregational singing of Amazing Grace and Shall We Gather At the River. Honoured to be pallbearers for Phoebe were Jeff, Bob and Shawn Clyde, Brian and Jim

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Drainage study's higher costs get approved

by Wendy Seberas

ERIN - The firm hired by the town to consider the drainage issues around the area of the community centre and the new multi-use facility requires a further \$2,500.

The hydrogeological investigation will consider:

- the area around the existing community centre;
- what, if any, impact the new high school/multi-use facility will have on area drainage;
- measures on how to manage any drainage problems; and
- how the proposed measures and the facility in general fit in

with the plans.

The field investigation will include borehole drilling and a water-level monitoring program that will be increased from the original two or three locations to five or six. Those extra locations are the reason for the increased cost.

Councillor George Root said, "This is for drainage for the entire area - \$7175 to date, with \$2,500, equals \$9,675 in total."

Mayor Barb Tocher said, "This is our drainage study and we asked for this to include another area."

The Council agreed unanimously to pay for the study.

Man pushing car faces two charges

W. GARAFRAXA TWP. - A man pushing a car along the roadside here on Oct. 15 is facing two charges, and it could have been more.

OPP Constable Dale Gear said Constable Shawn Floyd was driving on County Road 18 near Fergus when he saw someone pushing a 1984 Honda Civic along the road shoulder.

Floyd detected alcohol on the breath of the pusher, and took him back to the station for a breathalyzer.

While the man had been drinking, he was still below the legal limit.

But, Steven Murray Campbell, 31, of Fergus, was charged with using a licence plate that was not designated for the car he was pushing. He was also charged for not having insurance.

He was to appear in Guelph court on Oct. 16.

Gear said that had Campbell blown over the legal limit, he would have faced an impaired driving charge. Gear explained that having "care and control" of a vehicle (being behind the wheel of a shut-off car, or pushing it) is a factor for police to lay charges when they investigate such incidents.

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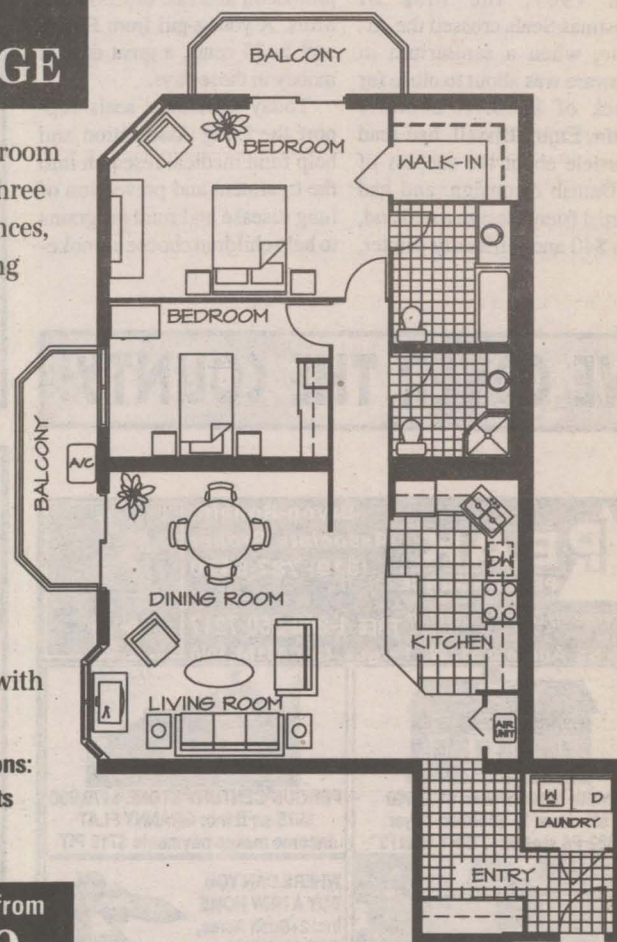
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Kids stuff can be rough. Help smooth the way. Think about becoming a Big Brother. Call Marnie, North Wellington Big Brothers 928-5607.

Big Brothers Assoc., of Fergus/Elora matches caring men with boys from father-absent homes to provide guidance, friendship and consistent male influence. Info. Jane Cooper 787-0106

Big Sisters Assoc., of Fergus/Elora has little sisters aged 5 to 16 waiting for Big Sisters. Info. Jane Cooper 843-6660.

Food Addicts Anonymous meets Saturdays, 10:30a.m. Dublin St. United Church in Guelph. 12-step recovery from eating disorders. Info. 763-1290

Alanon meetings 8:30p.m. Thursdays, United Church, Queen Street E., Mount Forest.

Alanon meetings. New fresh start Alanon family group every Monday morning at St. James Anglican Church, 171 Queen St. E. Fergus, in basement. 10a.m.

Fear? Depression? Anxiety? Feelings keeping you from living your life. Community mental health organization offers self-help method of will training. Recovery weekly meeting held at 392 Main St. N. Forest Court Office, Mt. Forest, 323-1780 or 638-2247.

Rural Women's Shelter Program offers support to women who have experienced emotional, financial, sexual or physical abuse. Call South East Wellington at 856-2191 or 833-2301, Central Wellington at 843-6834, or North Wellington at 638-5960 or 1-800-661-6041. The 24 hour crisis line is 1-800-265-7233 or 836-5710.

Parents Without Partners, opens the door for your child and you to: educational events, family fun, friendships, group support and social activities. New members welcome. Meeting for new members every second Wednesday of month or by appointment 821-1248 or 836-1997 for the place and further information.

Tough talk support group for those who cope with delinquent or criminal behaviour. 2nd Thursday of month, Dublin St. United Church, Guelph 7:30-9:30p.m. 853-1667.

La Leche League of Elora-Fergus offers breast feeding information and mother to mother support through monthly meetings and telephone help. Phone Chris 846-8196.

The Kitchen Table Alliance responds to calls from rural families experiencing difficulties: stress, family problems, financial/legal difficulties. Two trained advisors will come and assess your needs, link you to services and provide ongoing support. County-wide service. 848-2667, 843-7000 or 833-9696.

Women in crisis 24 hour support line 1-800-265-7233, The Sexual Assault Care Centre, Guelph General Hospital, 1-519-822-5350, Family and children's services, 1-800-721-4920, Guelph City police or Wellington Cty. OPP.

Fergus-Elora Fibromyalgia support group meets 2nd Thursday of each month, Groves Memorial Hospital 7-9p.m. Contact Pat 846-5627.

Fibromyalgia support group meetings, Mount Forest in the board room, Louise Marshall Hospital, 7:30-9:30p.m. 2nd Wednesday of each month. Info. Gloria 323-1409, Barb. 323-4054.

Support group for parents of children with severe allergies to dairy and egg. Play group for pre-school age children. 824-9451 Wendy.

Fergus-Elora Parkinson's Support Group meet 3rd Thursday of every month. Of interest to Parkinsonians, early onset Parkinsonians and caregivers. All welcome. Call Paul 846-8026.

Centre Wellington Community singers under the direction of Carol McFadden practice Monday nights, St. James Anglican Church, 7:30p.m. Info. 843-6507. All new voice parts welcome.

The Guelph Depressive and Manic Depressive Support Group meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday and 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month at Knox Presbyterian Church, Baker St. entrance, 7p.m. Info. 821-6493.

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Therapeutic Touch practice groups Fergus meeting, 1st Monday of month. Groves Hospital Inservice Room. Harriston meeting, 3rd Tuesday of month at Harriston United Church 7-9p.m. Call Deb 846-2770.

Is food a problem for you? Call Overeaters Anonymous. No dues, fees, nor weigh-ins. Area meetings call 519-658-1050. Guelph meeting, Sundays, 7:30p.m. Harcourt United Church, Dean St. Take care... you are not alone.

Volunteers needed in Homewood Volunteer Association's "Buy the Way" Cafe. Weekly commitment required. 2-4 hour shifts available Mon-Sun. We provide orientation and training. Info. 824-1010 ext. 262.

COMINGEVENTS

Dec. 1/98 Tues. Guelph Historical Society meet. 8p.m. St. Andrews Church, 161 Norfolk St. Guelph. Program: Show and tell". Bring item of historical interest and tell us about it. Coffee, tea and Christmas goodies.

Dec. 1/98 Tues. Canadian Embroiderer's Guild, Guelph meet. Stephanie. Zonger presents "Dragon Boat" decorations. Info. Rosemary 823-2117, 843-2216.

Dec. 1,2,3/98 Louise Marshall Hospital gift shop open house and sale. 9a.m.-7p.m. Hand knit sweaters, microwavable socks, sweets, cider.

Dec. 2/98 Wed. Breakthroughs that can change your life, Dr. James Kaminski, 7p.m. Fergus Family Chiropractic, 198 St. David St. N., Fergus. Register in advance 843-1500.

Dec. 2-5/98 The Not So Grand Players, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, musical comedy, Theatre on the Grand. \$5, no reserved seating or refunds. Food bank donations accepted. Tickets, Reflections, Fergus; Little Katy & Heritage Beauty salon, Elora; Theatre on the Grand.

Dec. 3/98 Thurs. Groves Memorial Community Hospital Memorial Service, 4p.m. Inservice Classroom. Welcome to family or friends who wish to rememembr a loved one.

Dec. 5/98 Sat. Ross R. MacKay P.S. Christmas Craft sale. Main St. Hillsburgh 10a.m.-3p.m. Free admission, lunch counter, baked goods, raffle table.

Dec. 5/98 Sat. Elora Legion Br. 229 dance. Music by Fletcher's. 9p.m.-1a.m. Lunch provided.

Dec. 5/98 Sat. EWAG auction and lasagne dinner, 6p.m. Erin Legion. \$15/person at EWAG or 833-9696.

Dec. 5/98 Sat. Marsville Lions Club East Gara school, breakfast with Santa at 7:30. Pancakes and sausage, coffee or tea.

Dec. 6/98 Sun. Sinterklass family day, 1-5p.m. Aberfoyle P.S. gymnasium, 16 Old Brock Rd. Dutch style christmas. Info. Cindy 654-9154. Small entrance fee donated to Christmas Wish Foundation.

THISWEEK

Nov. 21/98 Sat. Ham roll/Vegas night, Maryhill Knights of Columbus, 8p.m. Info. Bob 836-8271. \$1 includes lunch and door prize. Big wheel, penny table, bingo, etc.

Nov. 22/98 Sun. Maryhill fiddle and dance jamboree, Knights of Columbus Hall. Special guest, 7-time Can. fiddle champ Ed Gyurki from Woodstock. 1p.m. Fast food avail. Info. 843-3173.

Nov. 22/98 Sun. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Gordonville. 2:30p.m. A celebration of music and dedication service for new pipe organ. Guest organist Warren Gedoke, also Special Choir Presentations, hand bell choir, Stone United Church, Men's Quartet, St. Andrew's Fergus.

Nov. 22/98 Sun. Perth County Junior Farmers' brunch, Listowel Agricultural Hall. 10a.m.-2p.m. Tickets at door. \$6/person. Under 5 yrs free. Proceeds to United Way.

Nov. 22/98 Sun. Warren & Shanner Parker in concert at Palmerston Evangelical Missionary Church, 550 Prospect St., Palmerston. 11a.m. Info. 343-3750. Free-will offering taken.

Nov. 22/98 Sun. Ecumenical services of prayer and worship in the style of Taize, Church of the Redeemer, 25 Lake Avenue S., Stoney Creek, 7:30p.m.

CRIME I STOPPERS

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Crime Stoppers are asking the assistance of anyone with information with information about a theft of wine which occurred sometime during the weekend of 31 October, 1998 at a truck yard located at 5 Thompson Crt., Erin, Ontario.

A truck trailer parked in the yard was entered by cutting a pad lock. Once inside, the suspects removed approximately 25 cases of Ernest and Gallo wine at an estimated value of \$3,000.00.

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Nov. 27/98 Fri. Colbeck-Monticello Women's Institute Euchre, Colbeck Hall 8p.m. \$2.50. Prizes and lunch.

Nov. 27/98 Fri. Erin United Church turkey supper. Sittings 5,6,7p.m. \$9 adults, \$5 children. Take outs available. 855-4846, 833-9849.

Nov. 27/98 Fri. Alma Optimist beef barbecue, Alma Hall. 5-8p.m. \$8/adult. \$5/kids. Under school age free. Profits to Kids Cancer Camp.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Arthur United Church Women bazaar and bake sale. Lunch 12:30-3:30p.m. Soup, sandwiches, dessert, tea, coffee. Bake table and touch and take table.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. The Bargain Boutique at Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line (6km N of 401). Gifts, unique junque, tea room, baked goods. 9a.m.-noon.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Elora Legion Br. 229 Music by Entertainers. 9p.m.-1a.m. Lunch provided.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Rockwood and District Lioness Bazaar, Rockmosa Community Centre, Main St. N. Crafts, quilt draw, penny table. Free admission.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Grand Valley Public Library, book, bake bazaar, silent auction. 10a.m.-4p.m.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Euchre at Waldemar Hall. 8p.m. Lunch and prizes. \$2.50. Sponsored by Waldemar W.I. and Orangemen.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Christmas Cookie Walk, St. Andrew's Church Fergus Annual. 10a.m.-cookies are gone. Fellowship hall. We provide boxes or you can bring container.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Christmas bazaar, St. John's Anglican Church, 10009 Guelph Line. 10a.m.-4p.m. Lunch, baking, crafts, frozen turkey and beef pies. To order pies call 905-854-2597.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Christmas craft show, Harriston senior school. \$1/person. 9a.m.-3p.m.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Palmerston & District Hospital Auxillary Fair. 10a.m.-2:30p.m. Palmerston Community Centre. Lunch available. 11a.m.-1p.m.

Nov. 28/98 Sat. Red Chevron Club, 34 Elizabeth St. Guelph. Bob & The Boys, 9p.m.-1a.m. No cover charge. All welcome.

Nov. 29/98 Sun. Christmas in the Valley, craft & gift sale. 10a.m.-4p.m. Grand Valley Community Centre. Free admission, donation to food bank welcome. Santa 1-3p.m.

Nov. 29/98 Sun. Royal City Volleyball League co-ed volleyball tournament. Recreational and intermediate divisions. Cash prizes for winning team. Proceeds to charity. Info. 822-6353.

Nov. 29/98 Sun. Jamboree at Frank Lambier Legion Br. 409 Palmerston. 1p.m. \$3. Hot meal available. Info. Carmen 343-2896.

Nov. 29/98 Sun. Red Chevron Club, Guelph. Country Jamboree. Upstairs. 1-5:30p.m. \$3 at door. All welcome. Bring a friend.

Industrial accident reported to police

W. GARAFRAXA TWP. - The Ministry of Labour is investigating an industrial accident where a 17-year-old boy had his arm caught in a press roller.

Mount Forest OPP Sergeant Al Gray said police were advised of the accident on November 4, although it had happened the evening before.

Shawn McEwen was working on the afternoon shift at Arthur Roof and Truss, when his right arm became entangled in a roller. He was taken to Fergus Hospital and transferred to Hamilton General, where he is in serious but stable condition, according to Gray.

Mount Forest OPP contacted the Ministry of Labour.

Car-deer accidents up

PEEL - An Arthur village resident was one of a dozen people involved in car-deer accidents over the last week in the Mount Forest OPP area.

Sergeant Al Gray said out of 20 reported car accidents, 12 of them were vehicles striking deer.

Carole Spark struck one on November 6 at 1am on Highway 6 at Side Road 15. Her 1989 Ford was damaged.

Sean Holloway, of Barrie, struck a deer on Wellington Road 16 at Wellington Road 15, in Monck, on November 7, at 4:45am.

Police are warning drivers to watch for deer, especially be-

tween dawn and dusk when they are more active.

Deer often travel in groups, according to the OPP, and if drivers see one, they should slow down because there will often be more in the area. Also, deer are more likely to travel on tree-lined roadways, or near swamps.

Police should be called if a car-deer accident causes more than \$1,000 damage to the vehicle, if there is personal injury, or if there is damage to someone else's property. Police ask that those who keep the deer for venison contact the Ministry of Natural Resources as soon as possible.

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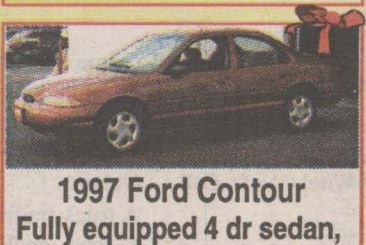
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