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Barry, Pat, & Katie Fisher

Check out what's happening in the paper this month:

- Barry writes about keeping up with a high tech future and cartoon past
- Learn about the benefits of leaving dead trees standing with Wayne in Baden Birding
- Get your kids involved with the paper... Check out this month's Kids' Corner by Karrienne Berberich
- How to spring clean your emotions with ICC
- Time to ramp up with tips for gardening this spring
- Dive into the archives and see what was happening in Baden in 1946
- Have some fun with the *Wilmot Has It All* wordsearch or Barry's *Drop One For Fun*
- Time to volunteer? Learn how in the New Hamburg Thrift Store article

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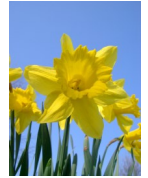
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Greetings from Headquarters ~

Hello fellow friends and readers! We've had a touch of warmer temps that are getting us outdoors for exercise and fresh air. It's so important to take care of ourselves as we continue to trudge through this pandemic. There is no doubt that it's been a struggle but we must try to find the silver linings that sneak up and surprise us. I've heard of those who are enjoying their own company for the first time. We don't realize how dependent we become on the people in our lives, but it is also very healthy to learn to be alone.



Katie grins at me as she sees me struggle with change in the paper. I love her input but after 20 years I do see I'm a bit stuck in my ways. It seems that we usually design the front page last and then we sweat about it trying to get it just right. Well, it was easy this month as I blurted out at the start that it had to be yellow, with daffodils in honour of Cancer Awareness month. Amen to that!



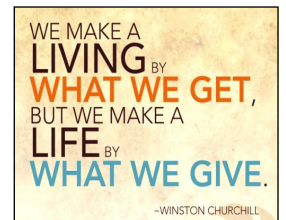
In this issue we salute WALDA (Wilmot Area Life Donation Awareness) as they promote organ donation. Check out this year's life changing story on page 24. April is also the time to look around your neighbourhood to appreciate all that we have. Remember to keep Earth Day in mind as we support 3 Days of Climate Action between April 20-22. Check out their website to learn more at www.earthday.org/. If we all maintain our little corner of the planet we can make a difference for the future.

This is the time of year when we get motivated to upgrade or make changes to our homes so please check out the amazing talents and expertise of the advertisers in this issue. And remember to thank them for supporting their favourite paper! Stay local—there is no better service than from small businesses ...they care.



I am in complete awe as I continue to learn about the Wilmot Family Resource Centre - what an amazing organization! The list of how they help the community is extensive. From the food bank, counseling, employment and financial services, youth programs, to family violence and so much more, they are the epitome of community. For those who are struggling, they mean the world.

I think we should try our best to give back to the community and the Wilmot Family Resource Centre if we are in a position to do so. If you check out their website, it states the current most needed items. This list includes: cleaning supplies like dish soap, laundry detergent, and fabric softener, canned pastas, stews, and chilis. They also have a need for peanut butter, 100% real fruit juice, beans in sauce (pork and beans), and cooking oil. Warm beverages (teas, instant coffees, hot chocolate) are also a thoughtful item to donate. Products they have an abundance of currently would be dry pasta, Kraft Dinner, soup, and canned legumes. Money is also a great way to donate, so the team can buy what is missing and often in bulk.



If you are thinking of donating, give what is really needed to fill some gaps on the food bank shelves. Donations can be made at both No Frills and Sobeys. Check the WFRCC website for more information. There will be a Baden food drive in mid May, brought to you by Lambert Group and BCA, which would be an opportune time to donate.

Thank you, Wilmot Family Resource Centre, for taking such good care of the community. When the people of Wilmot need support, you are there for us all.

Talking with Ed

~ Back To the Future



Cartoons were a regular part of growing up when I was a kid. I had my favourites, such as Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam, and the Flintstones—Elmer Fudd was kinda funny too! The Flintstones were on television every day at noon. There were some cartoons that left me bewildered, such as Pepe Le Pew and the Road Runner/Wile Coyote cartoons. Why did Wile’s incredibly laid-out plans go amuck every time!?

Another cartoon that was on but I didn’t watch that much was the Jetsons. For those of you that haven’t watched it, the premise is a futuristic family, flying around in their space cars. They had a robotic maid and many crazy, out-of-this-world devices to make their lives easier. Of course, 50 years ago many of those remote-control gadgets seemed too innovative to believe. Pat said she and her siblings watched it and she was able to remember all the characters...I will leave naming the characters to the end of the article to see if you can remember them too.



I often wondered then if I would ever see those futuristic conveniences in my lifetime. It was hard to believe that pressing a button in my car would conveniently open the garage door or that some remote monitor would let me watch a sleeping child. How crazy is it that Spotify can determine what kind of music I like and send me a weekly playlist? Yes, I’m getting old and you know this is just the tip of this incredible techno world we now live in. There are some amazing products being introduced each year. I watched a video of a vehicle which was part car and part airplane, with collapsible wings that folded into its body, but that would be a logistical nightmare for traffic controllers. It would however save our roads.

Pat had the Marilyn Denis Show on the other day and one guest showed a video of a swimming pool, where you could raise and lower the depth of the pool depending on who was using it. You could even raise the floor of the pool to the top which would create a large patio area. They also showed a sprinkler system that was controlled by Alexa. One more thing to add to turning on and off your alarm system, thermostat, lights, and locking your car doors!

There have been some incredible developments with vehicles as well. Cars that can drive and even parallel park themselves are hard to understand. I watched a Tesla electric tractor-trailer being tested which has a range of 400 to 500 miles. That is amazing! Will tractor-trailers with solar panels installed on their rooftops to charge their batteries be next? Will the gasoline engine eventually be a thing of the past? Right here in Wilmot, electric vehicle charging stations are being installed at the Township

offices, Wilmot Rec Centre, and in the parking lot on Wilmot Street. This will give the Township the opportunity to consider a small fleet of electric vehicles.

Last year I purchased shares of a small Canadian company called NextechAR (NTAR on TSX). The company has four Augmented Reality categories: ARoom (which is similar to Zoom and also includes conferencing), AR Ecommerce (where they have their own products such as vitamins), Augmented Learning for Colleges and Universities, and Augmented Experiences, which includes creating holograms. Several weeks ago, they encouraged people to download their app from which you can view a life-sized hologram of their CEO, Evan Gappelberg, into your living room through your phone or tablet. This has crazy applications for the future such as professors beaming themselves to your room for a lecture, dating sites, visits for doctors, etc. The options are endless!

It also seems incredible to me that NASA can send a “spaceship” to Mars, successfully land it, and activate a rover that can move, take colour photos, and collect soil samples all directed by people on Earth. And heck.. Now they are sending civilians to outer space too! That is crazy!

So, I guess in a way, we are living in that Jetsons world! By the way, here are the names of the Jetson family, as promised. The parents were George and Jane, the kids were Judy and Elroy, the dog was Astro, and the maid was Rosie. Other characters included Mr. and Mrs. Spacely, Arthur Spacely, R.U.D.I., Mr. Cogswell, Harlan, Sentro, and Henry Orbit. I will now zoom myself back to my world.

Until next month...Ed



Top Ten Cartoons of All Time as suggested by TV Guide Magazine

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| 1. The Simpsons | 7. Batman: The Animated Series |
| 2. The Flintstones | 8. SpongeBob SquarePants |
| 3. Looney Tunes | 9. Family Guy |
| 4. Peanuts | 10. SouthPark |
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- * You're glad to be sick on a weekend instead of during the week.
- * You can kill spiders on your own.
- * You start to pick up the ice cubes and put them in the sink instead of just kicking them under the fridge when they fall.
- * You start forming strong opinions about grocery stores.
- * You have a favourite spatula.
- * You have to tell yourself "we've got food at home."
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Baden ~ Our Town

You may have noticed a significant change on Snyder's Road East as the Region of Waterloo recently cut down the boulevard trees. Sadly, this had to be done in preparation for the reconstruction of Snyder's Road, which is scheduled to begin the first week of May.

All parties regret losing those trees, especially the mature ones at the eastern end of Snyder's Road, but the region has stated that it was necessary to go forward with the reconstruction. The region has also stated that they will try their best to replace all trees that were taken down once the construction is complete.

All residents in Baden will be receiving a letter explaining the reconstruction process and a website with links where citizens can check updates on the reconstruction process. It is bound to be an inconvenience to all, as it is a busy road.

This year the construction will involve the area from Gingerich Road to approximately Forler Street. Next year the reconstruction will be from Forler to Foundry Street and 2023 will see from Foundry to Christian Street. Snyder's Road is in dire need of rehabilitation and it will look amazing when completed! Until then.. Patience is required by all.

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"The mind is like a parachute. It works best when opened."

Submitted by Tessa McClave

"Aim for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." - Friedrich Nietzsche

Submitted by Eleonore Bauer

"A wise person solving a complex problem will begin by asking 3 simple questions, why, how, why not."

Quote by and submitted by Fred Veenhof

"Try and fail, but don't fail to try." -John Quincy Adams

Submitted by Audrey Miller



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Let us set the scene for Canada in the year 1946. The Second World War has finished one year prior. The Prime Minister is William Lyon Mackenzie King. The Bluenose sinks off the coast of Haiti. The Montreal Canadiens win the Stanley Cup. Jackie Robinson debuts with the Montreal Royals baseball team. Viola Desmond refuses to give up her seat in a movie theatre and is arrested. With all these events taking place across our country, what was happening locally 75 years ago? Castle Kilbride staff decided to delve into the only newspaper from that time that recorded events specific to Baden and the following excerpts that are highlighted were reported from the New Hamburg Independent.

January- Word has been received that Sgt. Elroy Ruby will be returning from overseas. He lived in the village with his grandmother Mrs. David Roth who passed away while he was overseas.

February- Wilmot Telephone System is aiming for 400 subscribers.

March- Maple Syrup Ration. Residents of Wilmot effective March one sugar ration coupon will be good for the purchase of 80 fluid ounces instead of the usual 48 ounces according to the Ration Administration.

April -Several residents of Baden enjoyed fifteen-minute aeroplane flights on Thursday and Saturday afternoons when a Tiger Moth plane, piloted by Mr. G. Schmidt landed in Mr. Livingston's field north of the highway. W.O. Clare Miller who has spent two years overseas with the R.C.A.F. returned to his home in the village recently. He made the return journey on the Ile de France. On

reaching Lachine Que. He telegraphed home and was met and welcomed in Toronto by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Miller and family.

At the age of 24, Howie Meeker signs pro hockey contract with the Maple Leafs. Howie played bantam, juvenile and intermediate hockey with local teams before playing one season with the Kitchener Jrs. His hockey career was postponed while he served overseas with the Canadian Army.

May- Oldest businessman in Baden retires. W.C. Brueckner began his trade as a harnessmaker in 1893, he built the house and the shop where he resides. Brueckner was reported to be the only horse collar maker between London and Toronto. Being in business for such a long period, the veteran saddler had a wide acquaintance and was probably the town's foremost historian. In 1912, he also started a small scale apiary with approximately 100

hives. He will continue to operate this with his son. Mr. Brueckner will make his future home with his daughter Mrs. B. Kroehler in Waterloo.

June - The Women's Auxillary of St. James Lutheran Church held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bechthold last Tuesday. A large number of guests were from the Women's Missionary Society of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg.

The tennis courts are the scene of great activity these days with good turn out from both young and old.

July - School has closed for summer holidays and the teachers have gone to their respective homes. Mr. C.L. Ritchie who taught at Haysville the past two terms, Mr. E. Wright and Miss Hibbett are taking courses in Toronto. Two hundred members of the Bast family attended a reunion at Fountain Park in New Hamburg last Sunday where a varied program was offered.



The Baden Hotel
Photo Credit: Wilmot Township Archives

September- George Zimmerman buys the Baden Hotel from Mr. Jack Stiefelmeyer.

October- The play "Billy's Goat" sponsored by Nith Valley Walthers League met with great success at Wellesley, Petersburg, New Hamburg and Seebach's Hill. Misses Evelyn Diebel and Marjorie Beisel, Messers. Glen Beisel and Roger Weiler are Baden members of the cast.

October 23rd the Wilmot Township Plowing Match was held at the farm of Homer Kraehling.

November- A banquet in honour of ex-servicemen of Baden and Wilmot Township who were members of the Presbyterian Church was held Sunday. The dinner was provided to 18 veterans by the Ladies Aid. Baden boys Jack Steifelmeyer, Samuel Foster and Robert Honderich made the supreme sacrifice. Rev. Mills paid tribute to those who did not return. Engraved leather billfolds containing sums of money were presented to the veterans and the Silver Cross mothers. Gifts were donated by Township Council, citizens of Baden and a Committee of Red Cross women. Following the banquet and presentations, those present adjourned to the auditorium where moving pictures were shown.



Bechthold Motors in 1946 after the move and additions on Snyder's Road East in Baden.
Photo Credit: Wilmot Township Archives

We hope you have enjoyed a look back to Baden 75 years ago with Castle Kilbride. In 1946, Castle Kilbride was still a private residence but today, is now Wilmot's National Historic Site. We are hoping to reopen in May. Check our website or Facebook page for updates.

Please visit www.castlekilbride.ca for information, or to learn more about Castle Kilbride and Wilmot history follow us on Facebook @CastleKilbride.

Checking out the Baden Library



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NEW! Spring Break Kits

The library is excited to offer free Spring Break kits for school age kids. Starting Tuesday, April 6th visit your local Region of Waterloo Library branch to pick up your choice of Spring Break kits – while supplies last. We'll have videos on the library's YouTube channel with extra kit tips and ideas. While you're picking up your kit, borrow a book bundle or some games and movies and you'll be ready for Spring Break – rain or shine!



Forest of Reading for All Ages

Online Forest of Reading programs continue! Visit rwlibrary.ca to register. Read some great new Canadian books, try challenges based on the books, and vote for your favourite title. Programs in this series are geared for readers ages four to 18, and run until the end of April. Adults, you have a little extra time to read the titles in the Evergreen program! Read one, some, or all ten titles, and watch for special Evergreen events planned over the coming months.

Adult Book Club (on Zoom)

Online Adult book clubs continue on the last Thursday evening of each month. Register in advance to receive your Zoom link and to join Librarian Jen for April's book club featuring the novel "Red at the Bone" by Jacqueline Woodson. If you're interested in borrowing a print, digital or audio copy, please email Jen at jcyr@regionofwaterloo.ca and the book will be delivered to your inbox or home branch for pick up! For more details, ask your local library staff or visit rwlibrary.ca.

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Community Art Project

The Region of Waterloo Library is pleased to be working with local artist Christie Shen on a Lanterns of Light Community Art Project. The lanterns are a symbol of hope for our community. Adults and teens, register on our website for a special art program with the artist. Create one customized lantern for yourself and one to share with our community art project. All supplies are provided at no cost.

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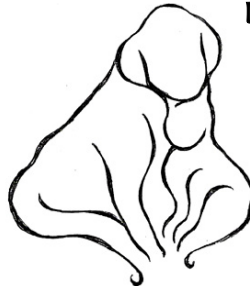
Protect Your Pet From Spring Pests

Although it seemed as though it would never come, SPRING IS FINALLY HERE! The warmer weather, blooming flowers, and sunshine have been a long awaited treat. Unfortunately, we and our pets are not the only things enjoying this fine weather; mosquitoes and fleas are also starting to stir. With them comes the potential for transmission of disease to our furry friends. Fleas are the first potential threat and can be quite a nuisance. One adult female flea can lay up to 50 eggs a day! The adult fleas that we see are only 5% of the infestation, the other flea life stages make up the remaining 95%, and exist in the animal's environment....potentially your home! Pesky mosquitoes are also a nuisance to us, but can actually transmit a life threatening parasite to our pets. This blood-borne parasite is known as heartworm and can cause heart and liver failure in its host animal. If left untreated, the infection can be deadly. The good news is that these parasites can be prevented by simple monthly treatments. There are many parasite preventative options available. It is a good idea to discuss with your veterinarian the best option for your furry friend. This way everyone can safely enjoy everything the warmer weather has to offer!



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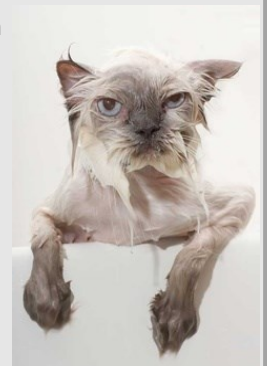
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How to Wash a Cat:

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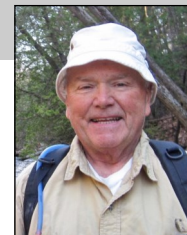
- Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to water in the bowl.
- Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
- In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on lid.
- At this point the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this!
- Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a 'power-wash' and 'rinse'.
- Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
- Stand well back, behind the toilet as best you can, and quickly lift the lids.
- The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom and run outside where he will dry himself off.
- Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.



Happy to help... Yours sincerely, The Dog.

Baden Birding ~ The Value of Downed Trees

By Wayne Buck



In January, I was talking to a long-time friend who, like us, has planted many native trees on his property. Over the years, we shared trees with each other and visited each other's properties to see how the other guy was coming along. He, like so many of us, has lost some ash trees to the ash borer, but has decided NOT to cut all of them down, opting to leave those that do not present a hazard standing so that the woodpeckers and other species can utilize these dead trees. This is something we have practised on our property whenever trees that did not present a hazard could be left standing. We had Tom the Tree Feller trim a couple to leave a scaffold of limbs, removing the smaller branches that would fall off anyway. These trees are utilized by various species of woodpeckers; Downy, Hairy, Red-headed, Red-bellied, Northern Flicker, and Pileated, for nesting sites.

I was pleased when I was contacted by John and Cathy Young, (Cathy being the former Cathy Honderich who grew up in Baden) with a question about a tree on their property that had been chiseled to almost half of its diameter by woodpeckers seeking insects. (See photo supplied by Cathy). I wish more landowners would leave dead trees standing if they don't present a hazard. These dead trees become nesting sites for other species of birds, that, unlike woodpeckers, do not have the ability to excavate cavities in trees. These trees also harbour insects that become food sources for many birds and animals. As the birds peck at the wood to get at the insects, the chips fall to the ground where they are acted upon by micro-organisms



that break the wood down further and incorporate the nutrients in the ground thereby sequestering the carbon and other elements IN THE SOIL. This process enriches the soil and sequesters the carbon IN THE SOIL, rather than releasing it into the air where it adds to the amount of greenhouse gases that are creating climate change.

I thought that the birds that were working on John and Cathy's tree were likely Pileated Woodpeckers, the largest and most striking forest bird in North America. They are as large as a crow, being mostly black with bold white stripes down the neck and a flaming-red crest. They live in large, forested areas from coast to coast. They use dead trees and fallen logs in search of their main prey, carpenter ants, leaving unique rectangular holes in the wood. The nest holes these birds make offer crucial shelter to many species including swifts, owls, ducks, bats, and pine martens. Look for these large rectangular holes when you go walking in Schmidt's Woods or other large, forested areas. These birds are permanent residents, meaning they are here all year round. Look for Pileated Woodpeckers in stands of mature forest with plenty of dead trees and downed logs: a perfect

description of Schmidt's Woods. I know there is a standing dead tree on the Green Trail with many piliated holes in it. Also listen for this bird's deep, loud drumming and shrill, whinnying calls. Pileated Woodpeckers occur at all heights in the forest, and are often seen foraging on logs and near the base of trees.

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A man wanted an Easter pet for his daughter. He looked at a baby chick and a baby duck. They were both very cute, but he decided to buy the baby chick. Do you know why?

--The baby chick was a little cheeper!



Q: What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards?

A: A receding hareline.

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Spring Cleaning Hacks

By: Chris Ehrat



It is getting to be that time again! Who likes cleaning?? Okay, who doesn't like cleaning? Here are some helpful hints/hacks for you!

We all have clothing we haven't worn and may never wear again. To test this out hang your clothes hangers all facing backwards, then when you wear it, rehang it frontwards. After some time you will see which hangers did not move, and those may be the first ones to get into a box and out the door.

Remember to work from the top down as you disturb that dust. In the end, you can vacuum everything that has landed on the floor. Spring cleaning means washing the walls too. A damp towel is practical to wipe walls and blinds.

There is no doubt that your windows are dirty after these messy months. If you have a microfiber cloth and water, this will work fine. Water and this particular type of material can clean more effectively than chemicals. You can use a mixture of ¼ cup rubbing alcohol, 1/3 cup of vinegar and distilled water; this also works. Special note: Do not clean windows on a sunny day as the sun causes quick-drying, leaving streaks. And the jury is out with the effectiveness of using newspaper to clean windows.

Wiping your baseboards with a dryer sheet can repel dust and pet hair!

Lampshades hide dust and lint! Do you know that lint roller you have to freshen up your clothes? This gadget is ideal and will work for your lampshades; you might be surprised what you find. Also, this lint trick works on window and door screens!

Doormats are your best friend when it comes to trapping dirt, so make sure you have two—one outside the house and one inside. Take those carpets outside and beat them soundly. Hang them out to air for a few hours, and

when you bring them back in, they will be fresh.

It's so annoying in the shower when you find there is low pressure and you realize the showerhead is clogged. No plumber or muscle required for this job. Take a sandwich bag and add vinegar and place it over the showerhead. Secure this with an elastic band and leave for a few hours. You will find the vinegar has dissolved the clogs. Also to clean that grunge from your bathtub, simply mix one cup vinegar, half a cup of baking soda with hot water, and pour into an empty tub and allow to sit for five minutes. Start filling the tub with hot water until it is approximately one-quarter filled, and let it sit for an additional five minutes. Then release drain and rinse thoroughly.

Your dishwasher works to keep your dishes clean but to keep working its best, it needs to be cleaned, too! Before you start cleaning your dishwasher, it's a good idea to quickly check the area around the drain. The cleaning process relies on a few simple cleaning ingredients: white vinegar and baking soda. When the dishwasher is empty place a bowl full of white vinegar on the top rack and run the quick wash cycle on the hottest setting. Then sprinkle a handful of baking soda across the bottom of your dishwasher and run for a short hot water cycle. White vinegar helps to remove grime, dissolve mineral deposits, and sanitize your dishwasher. And using baking soda helps to remove lingering odors and scrubs away stuck-on food bits, residues, and stains.

Lastly, this isn't a hack, but please remember to test and change batteries in your smoke detectors as this should usually be done when the time changes. Carbon monoxide detectors have an expiry date on them. Manufacturers' advice highly recommends replacing carbon monoxide detectors every five years.

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-Mechanic: When were your tires last rotated?
Me: On the way here, silly.

-While driving home, I saw my mechanic on the side of the road, crying...I don't know what happened, but it was clear he had a breakdown.

-I asked a mechanic for a book on how to fix automatic gearboxes... But he only has manuals.

-Asked the mechanic why my car engine is humming... He said it probably just didn't know the words.

-I think the mechanic in my local garage has amnesia. I took my car for a new light bulb, and the mechanic asked me what year it was.

-Husband: "Honey, the neighbour is washing the car with his son again!"
Wife: "Poor kid! Go over there and tell him to use a sponge instead."



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- 12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't know everything!
- 14 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother? She wouldn't have a clue.
- 16 YEARS OF AGE - Mother? She's so five minutes ago.
- 18 YEARS OF AGE - That old woman? She's way out of date!
- 25 YEARS OF AGE - Well, she might know a little bit about it!
- 35 YEARS OF AGE - Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.
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- 65 YEARS OF AGE - Wish I could talk it over with Mom.

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The Whining Tree Changes Hands

Bonnie Long opened the Whining Tree in New Hamburg in August 2010 with five years previous experience in the wine making industry. It is now time to pass the business on to another local resident Randy Haffner, who took over on April 1st. It was important to sell the business to someone local as Bonnie's slogan has always been "locally-owned and awesome!"

Randy retired from Bell Canada after working 36 years with the company. The following eight years he split his time with Kitchener Wilmot Hydro and a travel insurance company. Covid affected the travel industry, and Randy was laid off. Due to that he was in search of another business to explore, and after a suggestion from his daughter Casey, he called Bonnie and asked if she would be interested in selling.

Randy has spent several weeks working with Bonnie, learning the ropes. Randy wants to assure everyone that the business will still offer the quality VineCo and Wine Expert products, quality staff, and finished products. Randy did comment that it is a lot more of a physical job than he thought, something he is happy to get used to. He is excited to meet, and provide the same service and good wine products to The Whining Tree customers.



Bonnie wants to say a special thank you to all her clients with whom she has made friends with over the past 10 years, and she will surely miss her fellow 'whiners'.

She has no plans at this point other than enjoying time with her grandchildren.

ALL THINGS SCRAMBLED

Within each category the words are jumbled up. Can you unscramble them? Answers on page 32

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Spring Cleaning for Our Mental and Emotional Wellness

Written By Amy Krug, Interfaith Counsellor



This time of year, as the season turns from winter to spring, it is natural for the ‘spring cleaning’ to begin—the full clear out and freshening up of our homes. Decisions are

made over what to keep and what to get rid of. And corners left untouched for months finally get that attention.

And in many traditions, like Ayurveda, the seasonal shifts are a critical time to tune in to your mental and physical health. With any change comes a natural disruption to balance. So given our homes are getting that thorough attention at this time of year, what could that look like for mental and emotional well-being too? Here are five simple tips for focusing on an ‘internal’ spring clean this season:

1. Schedule Space

Just as you would set aside an afternoon or entire weekend to clean out your home, put the time in your diary now to give yourself that same attention.

Finding space to reflect can be a valuable way to check in with your mental and emotional well-being. Make it fun – set up at a local café, or picnic in the park now that the weather is getting warmer – whatever you do though, schedule it. There are numerous studies that show that those who are specific about where and when their new behaviours will take place are more likely to follow through, and actually reach their goals.

2. Simplify

Being overwhelmed and stressed can build when we are trying to take on too much or spreading ourselves too thin. As the season shifts from heavier winter energy, it could feel more challenging to work out where to begin. When it comes to making any changes, simplify wherever possible.

Breaking down goals into manageable steps and putting them into your diary increases your chance of success. When you break tasks into manageable steps you are also releasing more of those feel-good endorphins each time you accomplish each step. For your mental and emotional well-being, you can apply this same principle.



Start with a simple question: How do I feel right now in my life? As the season is shifting, this is a simple starting point to get back in touch with where you are and what has changed for you.

3. Spark Joy and Savour the Good!

In Marie Kondo’s bestseller *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, she refers to whether items in your home continue to spark joy for you, and if not, it’s time to let it go. Set yourself up for spring and that fresh feeling for the rest of the year by applying this to all aspects of your life. Ask: Does this spark joy? And how can I savour the good this season? Look ahead at your commitments this month, this season, or even this year. What still sparks joy? What could you let go of? And, where are there opportunities to add more joy and savour the goodness in your life through using your five senses.

4. Release

If something is no longer working for you, it’s time to let it go. Start with considering what you’ve been telling yourself these past few months. What’s the general chatter been like for you mentally and emotionally? What’s still working and what’s holding you back? Many people identify with that ‘inner self-critic’. A valuable question you can ask yourself when stuck in that mode is: What would I say if I were talking to my best friend right now?

5. Fresh and Fun

Fresh flowers are perfect in the springtime and a finishing touch after doing a spring clean in the home. They bring reminders of beauty, colour, life, and energy. How could you do the same for your internal mental and emotional health?

As our brains require constant repetition in order to change a behaviour, create ways to constantly remind yourself to bring this same ‘freshness’ and fun into your conscious awareness. For example, put reminders around your home, on your phone, or even enlist a friend to continue to check in with you throughout the seasonal change. The more you share what your vision is, how you want to be feeling, or simply some of the changes you are making, the easier it is to bring those to life. In fact, it has been shown that you have a 65% greater chance of success if you commit your goal to someone.

May these tips help and support your emotional and mental wellness as you begin your own spring cleaning this season.



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I became a firefighter to give back to my community. My father and uncle are both full time firefighters; they are my inspirations. I am a mother of two and have been married for 10 years. I started my journey in becoming a volunteer firefighter with the Wilmot Fire Department in 2017. At that time, my older child was 6 years old and the younger was turning 1. Trying to juggle training on Monday nights, being on call, helping run the family business, and working part-time was not without its challenges. I am grateful for the support of my husband through those difficult times, like when my younger child would not sleep through the night, in combination with the early morning emergency calls with the fire department. My husband understands and respects how important my ambitions are to me. To give back to my community is a great feeling. This would not be possible without the generous support received from both family and friends who are always happy to pitch in at a moment's notice to ensure my children are cared for.

Name: Justin Ceccato
 Rank: Acting Captain
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 Years of service: 8 years
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I decided to become a volunteer firefighter as it is an excellent way to give back to the community. It also was a fantastic way to meet new people in Wilmot Township when I first moved here.

I grew up in Kitchener and had numerous coaches that were firefighters. Seeing the fulfillment the service gave them, made it a desirable job for me. My favourite activities at the hall include training. During training we are given so many opportunities to learn skills that are valuable on the job and in real life like medical, fire, and auto ex situations.

I have been married for 11 years to my wife Brittany and have two sons, Keagen and Bennett, ages 10 and 7. I enjoy running around to hockey and lacrosse, and spending time with family and friends at the cottage and around the pool.

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Barbeque Safety

With the barbecue season under way across Ontario, Wilmot Fire Department recommends taking a few safety precautions before grilling that first meal this summer.



“Barbecuing is one of the great pleasures of summer and the fire service wants to make sure everyone enjoys the season safely,” said FPO Mechalko. “Before you fire it up for the first time this year, check and clean your propane barbecue following the manufacturer’s instructions.”

To ensure your barbecue is ready for grilling season, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority recommends making this three-step safety check part of your spring-cleaning routine:

1. **CLEAN:** use a pipe cleaner or wire to make sure the burner ports are free of rust, dust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.
2. **CHECK:** examine the hose leading from the fuel supply to the burners. Replace if cracked or damaged.
3. **TEST:** find leaks by applying a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap to all fuel and hose connections. If bubbles appear, tighten the connections and/or replace the damaged parts and always re-test.

Remember that barbecues are for outdoor use only. If used in an enclosed space, carbon monoxide – an odourless, colourless, poisonous gas – will gather and reach dangerous exposure levels, which can lead to serious health effects, or even death.

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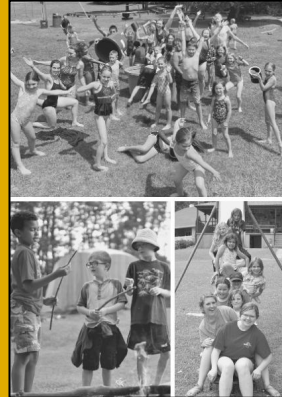
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- * Foreign property (T1135)
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Sandra van Rassel was diagnosed with Fuchs' Dystrophy, a familial disorder, when she was 19 years old. She knew that someday she would be relying on corneal transplants. That day came in 2004, when at the age of thirty-seven she became legally blind, living on long-term disability, and receiving assistance from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. She had to wait three years for her first cornea. Her sister is currently waiting for a cornea, but the average wait time now is six months.

Since Sandra's first surgery she has had two more, one due to a rejection. "The hard part is, with a live donor, you can meet. With a deceased donor you can't." It took Sandra a year to write her donor family because every time she tried, she burst into tears. She found out that she had received her cornea from a 14-year-old girl and it broke her heart. The second cornea was a 50-year-old father with two daughters who was a travelling salesman and was killed in a car accident. The third cornea, she never found out. She is forever grateful to her donors and donor families.

Tissue donation doesn't receive the same attention as organ donation. If someone doesn't receive a heart, they die. But if someone doesn't receive a cornea, they're blind. It's not life and death. But it is definitely life-changing.

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	A		B	
1		2		3
4		5		6
7		8		9
10		11		12
13		14		15

1. Sheep's Cry
2. Having the Skill
3. Heavy Beer
4. Unwarranted
5. Mound of Sand
6. Final Part
7. Child's Toy Figures
8. Vended
9. Grass Roll
10. Cover For
11. Temporary Release
12. Cassius Clay
13. Snippet
14. Mark on Skin
15. Auto

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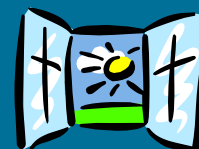
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There are some notable sites in the picture above. On the bottom right corner there is a white building, that is no longer there, which housed the offices of the Dominion Linseed Company. The long building and abutting building above that was the storage area /machine shop for flax seed oil, and the taller building behind it, with the smoke stack, was the foundry (hence Foundry Street). The concrete floor can still be seen today, and the area is the green space beside the pond where the car shows and the summer market are held.

Notice how large the creek was on the east side of Foundry street at that time. Today the Baden Fire Hall sits on that area. Mike Weiler, long time resident of Baden, remembers skating on that pond in the winter. The far left and top of the photo shows a tall building which was the Brubacher Woolen Mill located on Brubacher Street. Can you see any other notable differences?

Thanks to Brad Schneller for submitting this photo. Brad has roots in Baden as he was raised on the Schneller farm on Snyder's Road East. Today the farm house still stands on the corner of Schneller Drive and Snyder's Road.



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Who doesn't have an onion in their house? Onions are used in many recipes around the world. They are best stored loose in your pantry, but once cut, wrap them, and store in the fridge. They are a power house of flavour, but do you know which onion is the best choice for your recipe? Check out the guide below.

USE THE RIGHT ONION

SWEET ONION	RED ONION	WHITE ONION	YELLOW ONION	SHALLOT
				
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Spring has sprung! Our yards and natural areas are starting to green up and early spring flowers paint the landscape with vivid colours. Veggie gardeners have the cold weather seeds in the garden and are tending seedlings inside.

With longer days and brighter sunshine, our houseplants are showing more vigour. They could use a bit of feeding and being watered more frequently. Check carefully as too much water is the most common cause of plant mortality.

With the warming days, many of us think of moving some of our plants outside. Just like us hitting a sunny destination, a gradual introduction is required or sunburn is the result! Check if your plants are sun or shade lovers. Is the plant



rootbound? Repot then, but check as a few species love being rootbound. Bring out the plants on a cloudy day or in a shady area. Even cacti and succulents can get sunburnt. No shady spot? One source suggests a white sheet over the plants. Give them at least five to seven days to acclimatize.

Creating a cluster of pots makes watering easier but also keeps the amount of watering down as many of



the pots will be shaded by the others. Also this can give a lush look. Clay and plastic potted plants will dry out quicker so check daily especially during a heatwave.



Do you use the hose to water? In the summer, if your hose has been sitting in the sun, let the water run into a container until cool and then water the plants. I have learned that if some pots have dried out, the water just runs through the soil and never seems to soak the soil. In this case, come back later and water again and perhaps repeat. If the pot is small enough for you to lift and the weight is light, the soil is probably too dry. In this case, I have a bucket with rainwater and I submerge the pot for 10 minutes and then remove.

Ensure all pots have drainage or they will drown or be so wet you will have swampy smell if the water stagnates. Drainage allows for overwatering or heavy rains.

Bugs? Often most plants are little bothered by bugs.

Let your plants enjoy their summers outside and provide you with colour and greenery in your favourite seating areas. They will love their time outside until September when the nights get cold.

All meetings have moved to on-line webinars. There is an overwhelming number of webinars on a wide range of topics. I have enjoyed relaxing in my home watching them without winter driving and the wide variety of topics that would not be possible to attend in our area.

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Kids' Corner

By: Karrienne Berberich



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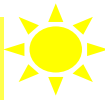
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- ⇒ Water covers about 71% of the Earth's surface.
- ⇒ Most of the water is salt water in our oceans.
- ⇒ Earth appears blue from space.
- ⇒ Earth is often called the "Blue Planet" and the "Pale Blue Dot."
- ⇒ Earth is around 4.5 billion years old!
- ⇒ The shape of the Earth is more like a squished ball.



10 ways YOU can help the EARTH

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- 2 Clean up trash
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- 4 Use the sun's energy
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- 7 RECYCLE!!
- 8 Reusable water bottle
- 9 Be nice to worms
- 10 Unplug electronics



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A: What kind of shorts do clouds wear?
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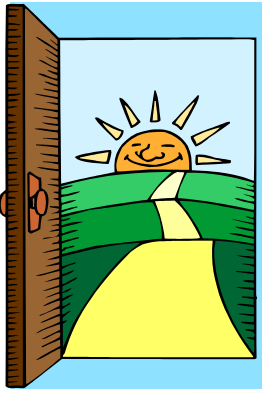
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Alibi	Bail	Ali
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Creating special words - Tulip / Bulbs

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Camping	Vegetable Gardens
Camp	Peas
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Corny Puns

- Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
- Why do bees stay in their hives during winter?
S'warm.
- Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
- Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
- How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced?
A buccaneer.
- I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
- I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
- When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.
- I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
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Vernon Erb Drive

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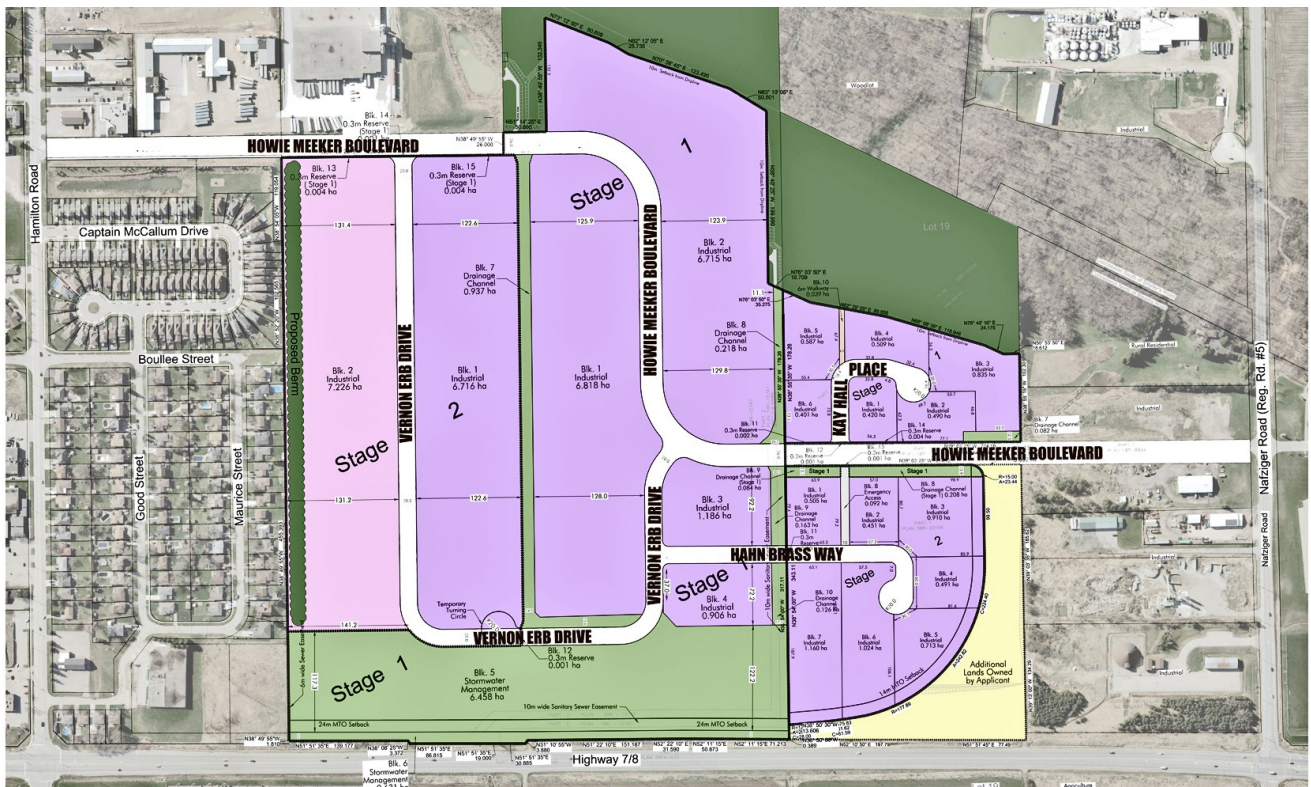
Hahn Brass Way

The Hahn Brass name is an important part of the history of New Hamburg and local employment. Lewis Hahn was an early industrialist who founded what became Hahn Brass in 1902. In the mid 1950s, Hahn Brass expanded from its Waterloo Street plant to a new facility on Victoria Street in the then newly annexed industrial subdivision along the ‘new’ Highway 7 & 8 bypass; the official opening took place in the fall of 1957. Hahn Brass Way will be located along Highway 7 & 8 and is a fitting location to memorialize Hahn Brass and its historic role as a fixture in the community and along Highway 7 & 8 in New Hamburg.

Kay Hall Place

Kay Hall served as a member of the Canadian Women’s Army Corp (CWAC) in World War II. A resident of New Hamburg, and long-time member of the New Hamburg Legion, she was the President of the committee that spearheaded and successfully campaigned for the establishment of a memorial to the CWAC training facility – Camp Knollwood - at the Kitchener Auditorium. Camp Knollwood was the largest of the three CWAC training centres in Canada during WWII. Of the 21,000 CWAC’s who served, 15,000 of them passed through Kitchener. When the barracks were being demolished in 1997, Kay together with Jean Sivyer of Baden, started their campaign proposing a memorial. The campaign ended four years later with the unveiling of the monument on May 5, 2001. The unveiling was attended by over 1500 CWAC veterans and their families. Kay passed in 2017. Kay Hall Place is a cul-de-sac and a fitting way to honour her role in ensuring that the role of the Canadian Women’s Army Corp was appropriately acknowledged and memorialized.

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THE BADEN COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FOOD DRIVE ON EASTER WEEKEND

The Baden Optimist held a drive-through food drive on Saturday, April 3rd. Baden Feed provided the space and Peter Gingerich supported them by donating a dollar for every car that came to the event. The Optimist handed out Easter eggs and Baden Feed donated bags of bird seed per donation with a message on each pack stating why you shouldn't feed birds bread. Mayor Armstrong was there to support them.



The Optimist originally had an easter egg hunt planned but had to change their plans with the recent lockdown. They were happy they over filled the 1-ton seed bin and collected just over \$600. And this little guy joined in with his car filled with food donations too!



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