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Wilmot Heritage Theme this year is about Preserving our Heritage for Tomorrow, see article on page 8. *Photo courtesy of Castle Kilbride*

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Barry, Pat, & Katie Fisher

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

- Barry talks about the incredible year of 2020
- Baden Fire Station gets • new rescue equipment
- Great travel advice from Gary White
- Check out the many activities offered at the **Baden Library**
- Are you sleeping?
- How to stay motivated with Amy from ICC
- Diving into the Archives with Tracy and Sherri
- Learn about the wonders of Apple Cider Vinegar
- The Bridges of Wilmot by Al Junker
- Have fun with more silly Outlook puzzles and some fun for kids too!
- Celebrating the Heritage of Wilmot Township

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Greetings from Headquarters ~

It's February and we are happy with the words of our favourite groundhogs—it's been reported that we will have an early spring!



So we have managed through the darkest days of winter and I hope hibernation has been a cozy comfortable time for you all. Surprisingly,

you will see how much energy abounds in this current issue. Our email was busier than Barry and I were this month. I love the joke where it's been said that the garbage gets taken out more than we do!!

Barry quite enjoys doing puzzle books which often inspire him to make his own. I often tease him that they are goofy or require too many instructions. To his delight we recently received an email from a loyal reader saying how much she enjoys his puzzles, which of course took him off on a tangent to create some new ones. I hope you enjoy them. (And... thanks Linda, you've created a monster!)

Family Day is on the 15th and I imagine that many are feeling smothered by the family members who have been stuck together under one roof through these Covid months. But, maybe this year should be a real celebration. Think how much families have endured; it should be acknowledged and it may be a healthy and fun thing to do. Whatever you choose to do for that day, do it with loving and fun intentions and soon you will reminisce about this too.

While the kids are home and looking for more to do I thought it would be fun to introduce the Kids Corner, to get them engaged in the paper too. This month you can make some valentine crafts and share the riddles with the family. I hope you all enjoy this issue.

> Welcome to February! The shortest month of the year yet chock full of special events. Some of these special events need only to be celebrated once a year. For instance, Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, Super Bowl, and

Ash Wednesday. But many deserve attention all year round. Why do we have to love our partner extra on one day? I would rather be

loved all year round rather than have expectations of a huge Valentine's Day surprise. I realize that creating an actual day, week, or month for an event is good reminder to continue throughout the year. A reminder to continue to dive into Black History Month not only in February but throughout the whole year. A reminder from Random Act of Kindness Day to pay it forward throughout the year and make someone's day better. Also, February hosts Heart and Stroke Month which deserves awareness at all times. February also adds a bunch of silly special days; surprisingly many are food related. Who decides this anyway? Then I had a giggle when I also saw National Toothache Day in the February mix.

Stay warm, hug your family, and enjoy the outside. Katie

Silly National Days

National Dark Chocolate Day – Feb 1 National Tater Tot Day – Feb 2 National Carrot Cake Day – Feb 3 National Homemade Soup Day - Feb 4 National Bubble Gum Day - Feb 5 National Chocolate Fondue Day – Feb 5 National Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day – Feb 6 National Fettuccine Alfredo Day – Feb 7 National Pizza Day - Feb 9 National Toothache Day – February 9

National Tortellini Day – Feb 13 National Pancake Day - Feb 16 National Chocolate Mint Day – Feb 19 National Muffin Day - Feb 20 National Sticky Bun Day – Feb 21 National Tortilla Chip Day - Feb 24 National Chili Day - Feb 25 National Chocolate Souffle Day – Feb 28

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- Good bye 2020!

king with Ed The year 2020 will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the most tumultuous years that we have ever witnessed. The pandemic, Black Lives Matter, the U.S. election, lockdowns, online schooling, and businesses closing or on the brink

of closure were constant headlines. Not to mention the cancellation of many social events such as fall fairs, the challenge of social distancing, and fear of contracting the disease have all turned our lives upside down. I am so thankful for the front-line workers who face this pandemic head-on, day-after-day – they are very brave and are the ultimate heroes.

> I felt that 2021 would bring a breath of fresh air and renewed vigour and hope into our lives. However, with the storming of the U.S. capitol on January 6th, and the second wave of the pandemic, along with vaccine delays, it looks like more patience and stamina will be required there. Locally, we are doing very well in my opinion, with the vast majority of the population being patient and understanding of each other's needs. There are some positive signs for 2021, with Joe Biden being inaugurated and the intended vaccine rollout. There was some comic relief in the form of memes, courtesy of Bernie Sanders, (as seen, he came to our house too, joining in with puzzles and games), and it is refreshing to see him turn the event into a fundraising opportunity for charitable groups. It's been hard not to get engaged in the dynamics below the border as the media has surely

contributed to that.

I did some research on how people are spending their time through these long months of the pandemic; all four seasons brought different things. I visited an American website and a Canadian website, where they posted the activities that have increased over the last year. The American site listed as follows: home gyms, tinkering, board games, sewing, online games, crocheting, online courses, card games, puzzles, and do-it-yourself projects. The Canadian site listed the following: arts and crafts, exercising, cooking, self development, reading, gardening, games, do-it-yourself projects, writing, and watching TV.

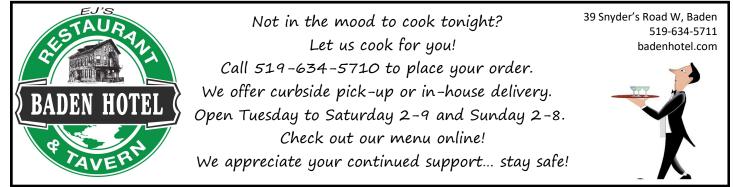
Although the two lists are somewhat similar, I found that Pat and I are spending our time closer to the Canadian list than the American. In our house we too have noted several

activities that have increased. We try to get out and walk twice a day and every day Pat and I sit down just before dinner and play games. It started last summer in the garage, just to get out of the house, where we had our music rigged up, then it migrated to the dining room table through the winter, next to the kitchen while Pat fusses with dinner. We actually call it power hour as we try to keep our energy going as the day is winding down. It's been a great way to spend time with each other especially when I win (just kidding). We also read more-generally I go through a book every two weeks now, which is a lot for me. We always have a jigsaw puzzle set up so that we can work at it at our leisure, and I always have a puzzle book readily available. During the summer we gardened quite a bit, fussed about in the yard, and enjoyed our deck. We hope to get out with the trailer more this summer and continue to work on our gardening skills.

The pandemic will surely leave a lasting effect on people. I am guessing many office workers may continue working from home, which will lessen traffic on our roads and the need for brick-and-mortar businesses. I haven't sat in the council chambers since last March, but the viewership on the township's YouTube channel is fairly high. I would have to think that air travel will be more expensive once Covid is over and the demand for Caribbean holidays will be high. With most of the population being isolated, will we become a more introverted population? Time will tell I suppose.

The region stated in the early stages of the pandemic that it will take two years to get through it, and I think they may be correct. Life will get back to normal and I think the winter could be the hardest part. Bring on spring!

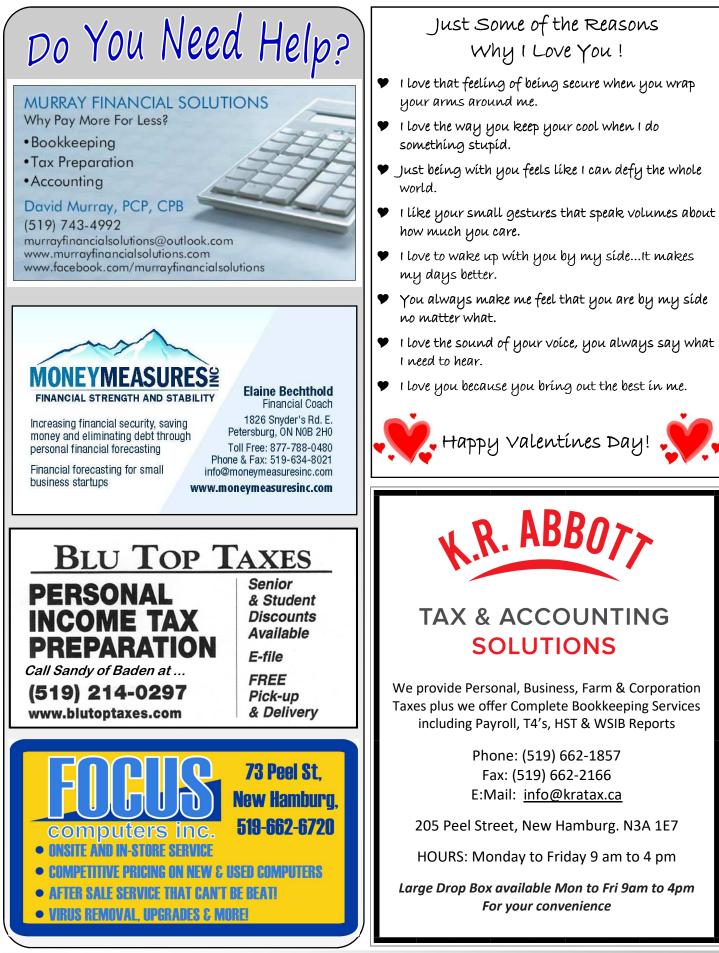
Until next month...Ed











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Baden ~ Our Town Fire Station

The Baden Fire Station of the Wilmot Fire Department is the recipient of a new fire and rescue saw, thanks to Trillium Mutual Insurance and their community grant program.

The new tool is a Partner K-12FD, and closely resembles a chain saw -in fact, it's very similar, but the K-12FD has much more capability. As District Chief Paul Koenig describes, "the saw is a 'Forcible Entry' tool used by firefighters to gain entry into buildings, vehicles, aircraft, or other areas of confinement when normal means of entry are locked or blocked." Known simply as a "K-12," such a saw is an invaluable asset in a wide spectrum of rescue situations.

The old image of a firefighter chopping into a house with an axe may still occasionally happen, but a saw like this is far superior. DC Koenig explains that "This saw is equipped with a 14 inch carbide tip which will cut through may types of materials (metals, steel, wood) and such items as padlocks, chains, chain-link fences, industrial roll-up bay doors, barred windows, steel roofing material, as well as concrete and asphalt."

At around \$2500, such equipment is costly, but its purchase was made possible by Trillium's ROOTS Community Fund. The fund assists "the communities in which [the company's] policyholders live and serve," and is based on an application process. The program's focus areas



Seen at left is Captain Warren Dammeier, and at right is District Chief Paul Koenig, both of the Baden Station. Both were involved with applying for the grant.

include health care, recreation and wellness, agriculture, mental wellness, and emergency response, including firefighting.

At a time when the fire department's traditional fundraising events aren't possible, grant programs like Trillium's can make a real difference to people's lives. The Wilmot Fire Department expresses their gratitude to Trillium Mutual Insurance for their contribution: it's a gift that will help our firefighters keep Wilmot's citizens safe.

Photo and article by: Teresa Brown

Drop One For Fun

Write the five-letter answer to clue #1 in the first box. Drop one letter and rearrange the remaining letters to answer clue #2. Put the dropped letter into column A. Drop another letter and rearrange the remaining letters to answer clue three. Put the dropped letter into column B. Follow the pattern for each row into the diagram. When completed, the letters in column A and column B, reading down, will spell words or a phrase. Have fun!

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- 1. Portion
- 2. Bunny
- 3. Organ for Sound
- 4. Squander
- 5. Opposite of west
- 6. Used a chair
- 7. Wooden frame for art
- 8. Special price
- 9. Mayor Armstrong
- 10. Measurement
- 11. Length of time
- 12. Two people connect
- 13. Slang for dogs
- 14. Be obliged to
- 15. Total

Answers on page 32

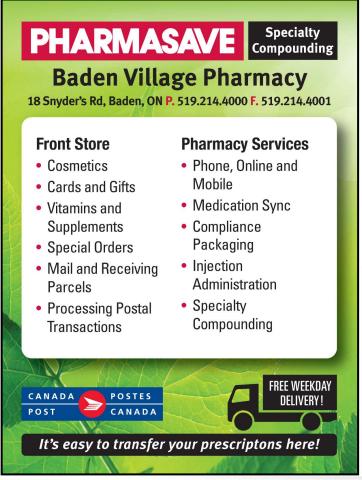
Checking out the Baden Library

Due to the Covid-19 province-wide shutdown, all RWL branches are unable to offer indoor visits, browsing, computer use or public washrooms. However, we are pleased to offer our Library Takeout service, which allows you to pick up your requested items curbside by making an appointment.

Do you miss browsing the library shelves? Let us put together a book bundle for you or members of your family. Tell us what you like to read (or watch, or listen to), and we'll get something ready for you. Remember, we have more than books – there are DVDs, CDs, Playaways, Books on CD, games, video game consoles, and magazines!

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March Break

March Break is coming soon! Kids, register for your choice of a March Break kit to pick up from your local branch. We provide the supplies and some inspiration, and you provide the tools and creativity! March Break kit registration begins Monday, February 22. Kits are designed for school-age kids and are available to those with a Region of Waterloo Library card. Don't have a library card yet? Contact your local branch about getting your free card.

Seed Library

Soon it will be time to start sowing seeds indoors! Dream about the spring and place a hold on a gardening book, or take advantage of our Seed Library. The RWL Seed Library is a free service for patrons of the Region of Waterloo Library. Borrow seeds from the library and plant them in your garden. At the end of the growing season, collect seeds from a few plants and return them to the library. No seeds? No problem! Donate to or borrow from our seed library. Donations of seeds are welcome at any of our library branches. Envelopes are available – just ask! The Seed Library includes heirloom vegetables, herbs, and flowers to offer a selection to our gardening patrons. You can pick up seeds using our Library Takeout program.

Questions? For more information, please contact the Baden Branch at 519-634-8933, badenlib@regionofwaterloo.ca or visit rwlibrary.ca.



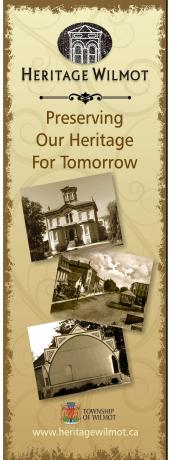


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For the past three decades, Heritage Wilmot (the municipal heritage advisory committee for Wilmot Township) has been hosting a Heritage Day event annually to celebrate our cultural heritage in Wilmot Township and the Region of Waterloo. Each year, our Heritage Day events have a theme, and other past events have focused on mills, agriculture, barns, cooking, and the New Hamburg Heritage Conservation District.

Last year we celebrated with the theme of Places of Worship, and welcomed hundreds of people to the New Dundee Community Centre. It was one of our best-attended events, and was a great time to connect with heritage property owners, local heritage groups, and residents. We had many other heritage supporters out to help us celebrate and recognize local places of worship, and we even had dignitaries join us from all levels of government.

The past year has understandably been quite a bit different with the ongoing pandemic which has resulted in many changes to the way society interacts. Although we are not able to host an inperson Heritage Day event this year, Heritage Wilmot is working with Township staff to share lots of great information during Heritage Week. We hope you will follow along to help learn about our community and the efforts of Heritage Wilmot related to conserving our heritage.

For more information about Heritage Day and our Committee, please visit <u>www.heritagewilmot.ca</u> or follow Castle Kilbride's Facebook page (@CastleKilbride) for great heritage photos and stories (especially) during Heritage Week.

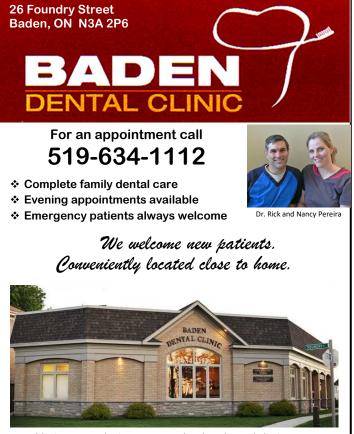
> Written by: Nick Bogaert, Chair of Heritage Wilmot.



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Diving into the Archives Submitted by: Sherri Gropp, Assistant Curator & Tracy Loch, Director/Curator

We are happy that readers enjoyed our January article about old buildings in Baden so we thought we would do another one! This photo was also part of the Arlene Roth collection that we were so fortunate to have received this past summer.

The Baden Cider Mill was owned by Johannes (John) Heldmann. John is featured in the centre of the photo wearing a white shirt with his wife Amelia (Berg) beside him wearing a white apron.

This mill was originally located at the intersection of

Tannery Street and William Street. The building was also the former Baden Tannery which was established in 1880 and owned by the Heldmann Brothers, specifically Henry and John. According to the 1884-5 Waterloo Country Directory, the Baden Tannery employed three hands in the manufacturing of harness, upper, kid, calf, sheepskin, belting, and lace leather.

To provide some historical context as to what Baden looked like in 1884, the village was described as: Baden is a post village on the Grand Trunk Railway, distant nine miles from Berlin. Spring Creek, a tributary

of the River Nith, passes through the place, affording a good water privilege. The village contains two churches, a general store, two tailor shops, two blacksmith shops, a cigar box factory, cabinet factory, three hotels, two shoe shops, a woolens mill, two carriage shops, a stove and hardware store, tinshop, linseed oil mill, grist mill, foundry, flax mill, tannery, brewery, cooperage, harness shop, watchmaker's shop, two butcher shops, a brick yard, wind mill manufactory, and 600 inhabitants. (Waterloo County Gazetteer & Directory 1884-5).

When the tannery closed in 1904, John began the operation of a cider mill which operated until 1926. According to the Heldmann family history book, Amelia oversaw the apple butter production, while John tended to the cider.





According to one story, the location of the mill in this area of Baden was known as "Pop Town." Farmers would leave their full barrels of cider stored at the cider mill too long, and the extreme pressure from the fermentation process would cause the stopper on the barrel to literally pop and make quite a considerable noise. Longtime resident of Baden (and cherished former tour guide of

Castle Kilbride) Elmer Koenig, confirmed this story. He also said that after the Heldmann family owned the mill,

Simeon Steinman continued to operate the cider mill. Elmer recalled spending time around the mill in his younger years waiting until Simeon asked if he and his friends wanted some cider. (Of course, that is why they hung around for so long...)

In 1948, the property was purchased by another longtime resident and business owner, Mr. Harley Herner, for the price of \$2500. Harley dismantled the building and salvaged the lumber. The land was then divided into lots and it is believed that he reused much of the lumber in his housebuilding business.

In verifying this information, his son Dave Herner shared some very interesting

stories with us. He recalled that his father had to dynamite the chimney of the mill and it caused quite a commotion that went through all of Baden. He also recalled that his dad built two houses: one house for the Baer Sisters, and another one for Harold & Reta Glasser. Interesting to note while catching up with Dave that he was 5 or 6 years old when his dad was building the Glasser home. Dave was "helping" his dad on the roof running back and forth when his Uncle Wilfred nailed his pants to the roof so he wouldn't move!

We hope you enjoyed another sneak peek into our amazing collection of photos and stories of Baden. If you enjoy history, stay connected and follow us on Facebook at @CastleKilbride or visit <u>www.heritagewilmot.ca</u> too!





"Grandpa and Grandma Heldman at the Apple Butter and Cider Mill, Baden Ontario," Arlene Roth Collection, Wilmot Township Archives.



Baden Birding ~ Another Project

A recent (January 23, 2021) article on page 3 of the *Waterloo Region Record* caught my eye for several reasons. First it spoke about the number of wild birds that are killed in Canada each year by flying into windows, and second, it reported an incidence of a Bluegrey Gnatcatcher aggressively attacking a Great Blue Heron.

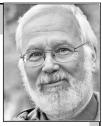
For years we have known about the toll taken on migrating birds by brightly-lit buildings. Office towers are asked to turn out lights of units not in nighttime use so as not to confuse birds in their twice yearly seasonal migrations. Every spring and fall we see pictures of volunteers picking up dead and injured birds from the sidewalks of big cities. It is estimated by Environment Canada that "between 16 and 42 million birds are killed in Canada every year because of window collisions." Additionally, "the journal *Science* found that since 1970, bird populations in both countries (Canada and USA) have decreased by nearly a billion!".

Rarely do we consider that much of the fault lies with us personally. Occasionally we may find a dead bird beside our homes, but we think perhaps it was old or sick. If you have trees and shrubs nearby they may be reflected in the windows and the birds think that they are flying towards a safe haven. This is especially true if your feeders are near the window so you can enjoy the activity. Compounding this problem is the fact that a

feeder is not only feeding the common feeder bird; they are also feeding squirrels, chipmunks, mice, raccoons, and other mammals. As well, they are watched by every neighbourhood hawk that may be cruising through the neighbourhood or sitting in the upper branches of the surrounding trees. When a hawk strikes, small birds head for cover, or the reflection of cover. That is why you put your feeder near shrubs and trees.

By Ken Quanz

So, how do you solve the problem of birds hitting windows while feeding or migrating? Placing small hawk silhouettes or any shape that will help the birds determine that there is a surface of glass will help immensely. Amanda Grant, a volunteer with "The Guelph Pird Safe Win



volunteer with "The Guelph Bird Safe Window Initiative" suggests using your artistic talents to draw patterns on the window with an oil-based marker. This could be another great area of self-expression by our Baden artists who previously picked up our "down in the dumps COVID-19 spirits" by painting rocks and leaving them around the neighbourhood to cheer up the sociallydistanced walkers. That project really worked wonders! Since many of us are stuck at home, let's take up the challenge. Who knows, perhaps we will stabilize and restore some of the populations by taking these small actions.

I will bet that most of us do not regularly see, or have never seen, a Blue-grey Gnatcatcher. They are not on the threatened spectrum and our area is part of their range. Blue-grey Gnatcatchers like to live on the edge of forests and wetlands, a habitat that is common locally. They are attractive little birds (5-7 grams) about half the size of a chickadee, and they eat all sorts of insects other than gnats. Their nests are tiny and so are their eggs. So what are they doing aggressively attacking a Great Blue



Heron, a bird that may be more than 1000 times their size, that has strayed into their territory? That is called aggressively defending your space! Look them up on Wikipedia or on the Cornell Lab of Ornithology site. That is your COVID-19 homework for this month.

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Lesson One: An eagle was sitting in a tree resting. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing?"

The eagle answered: "Sure, why not."

So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it. <u>Management Lesson</u> - To be sitting and doing nothing you must be very, very high up.

Lesson Two: A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold that the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and plopped some poop on him. As the frozen bird lay there in this pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he'd become. The poop was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy and began to sing for joy.

A passing cat heard the bird singing and discovered the bird under the pile of cow poop and promptly dug him out and ate him. <u>Management Lesson:</u> 1) Not everyone who craps on you is your enemy. 2) Not everyone who gets you out of crap is your friend. 3) And when you're deep in crap, it's best to keep your mouth shut!

Thus ends your two minute management course.

Welcome to Flight #2021



Prepare to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Attitude is secured and locked in an upright position.

All self-destructive devices should be turned off in this forward flight path.

Negativity, anxiety, and discouragement should be packed away or left behind. No baggage allowed.

During flight, should we lose altitude under pressure, reach up and pull down a Prayer that will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, feel free to assist others. Cleared for takeoff.

Destination arrived to disembark Blessed!

Submitted by Diane Bonfonte





Finding Motivation

For many, February is the most challenging month of the year. As we approach the middle of winter, cold weather, darkness, and a feeling of grey days and snow seem

never-ending. Even when we enjoy winter and all its beauty, this season can present challenges--especially when we are living through a pandemic.

What is your motivation and how do you access it? It can be a difficult question to answer. We are dealing with the impacts of COVID -19 and as well, some may struggle with SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) which can cause fatigue, low motivation, and symptoms of depression. Finding a sense of motivation and hope can help you face challenges and move forward in your daily life.

Here are some ideas and thoughts to help you find it:

Embrace Change:

The more we resist and avoid the changes and seasons in our life, the deeper they will impact us. If we can begin to gently accept the things we cannot control and foster the things we can (such as our thoughts, feelings, and behaviour), we can slowly open to life as it unfolds, not on our agenda but life's agenda. The more we welcome the changes which life presents us, the more likely we are to be motivated to trust the process and the direction our lives take us.

Evaluate What Motivates You:

We are all motivated by something – a hobby or passion, time with loved ones, learning new skills, achieving goals, travel, or simply spending time in nature. The things that motivate us push us toward new heights and inspire us to keep going during challenging times. Take some time to reflect on what you value most in life and to focus time and energy on what motivates you to look toward the future.



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Lean on Others:

By Amy Krug, Clinical Counsellor

Two of our greatest strengths are the support circles and communities of which we are a part. We are social creatures, and need human contact, intimacy, and connection. We can draw strength from others who care about us and find a sense of motivation from those close to us. As we are all in this pandemic together, each of us is uniquely affected by this pandemic and our lived experiences, although different, still unite us.

Do One Small Thing Each Day That Inspires You:

I find that if I schedule something each day which is either productive or meaningful to me (sometimes both) and I achieve this task, it helps me to move forward and feel a sense of contentment especially on the days when my energy is low, or I am feeling down. Finding our motivation is so valuable and will bring us a sense of light in the darkness.

"Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack, a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in" --Leonard Cohen



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You Must Be Joking!!

 What Do You Call Four Bullfighters In Quicksand? Quattro Sinko.



- * What Do You Get When You Cross a Snowman With a Vampire? Frostbite.
- * What Lies At The Bottom Of The Ocean And Twitches?

A Nervous Wreck.

- What's The Difference Between Roast Beef And Pea Soup?
 Anyone Can Roast Beef.
- * Why Do Gorillas Have Big Nostrils? Because They Have Big Fingers.
- * What Kind Of Coffee Was Served On The Titanic? Sanka.
- * Why Did Pilgrims' Pants Always Fall Down? Because They Wore Their Belt Buckle On Their Hat.
- * What Do Fish Say When They Hit a Concrete Wall? Dam!

Snow fun at Morningside - Snoopy and Woodstock are soaking up the sun...we all need more Vitamin D.







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

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Talking to Friends and Family about Climate Change

Having conversations with others about **Environmental Issues** and **Climate Change** is a HOT topic. It can be difficult and raise all sorts of emotions. Here are practical tips!

- Educate yourself about the realities of climate change.
- Listen to the other person's point of view.
- **Ask** open-ended, non-judgmental questions "I'm interested in hearing your thoughts".
- Seek Common Ground with persons who have different views from you, by connecting the threat of climate change to what is current and happening locally.
- Appeal to universal values "Let's try to leave the world a better place for future generations". Share the steps you are taking in the face of climate change.

Check out: <u>https://davidsuzuki.org/climate-</u> <u>conversation-coach/</u>

Are you interested in climate change and other global environmental issues? Help us make a difference in our community by getting involved and taking action on one or more local environmental concerns. Our next monthly meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, February 24th. Please contact us via e-mail (<u>nvecoboosters@gmail.com</u>) or call 519-662-9372 if you would like to participate in this "Zoom" meeting and we will provide you with more details.

Our next educational webinar: Let's Talk EVs – Are You Ready For An Electric Vehicle, takes place on February 18^{th.} To register, go to: nvecoboosters.com

LIVING IN ONTARIO - Submitted by Dorothy Shantz

- If you consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 36 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping that the food will swim by, you live in Ontario.
- ✗ If your local Dairy Queen is closed from September through May, you live in Ontario.
- If you have worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you live in Ontario.
- * If you have had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you live in Ontario.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A TRUE ONTARIAN IF:

1. "Vacation" means going south past London for the weekend.

2. You measure distance in hours.

3. You know several people who have hit a deer more than once.

4. You often switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and then back again.

5. You can drive 110 kph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching.

6. You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

7. Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

8. You know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction.

9. Down south, to you, means Windsor.

10. Your 1st of July picnic was moved indoors due to frost.

11. You have more miles on your snow blower than on your car.



12. You find O degrees "a little chilly."

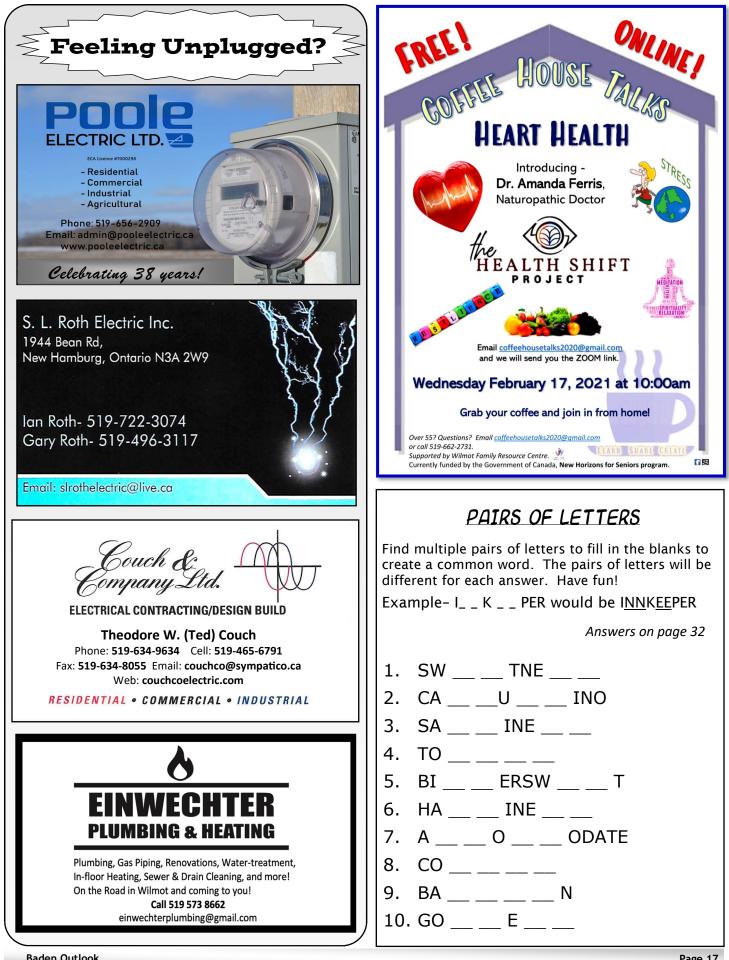


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Hibernation ~ It's Ok to Slow Down

Being a Yoga teacher, the idea of bringing body, mind, and breath to stillness to bring benefit to the being just seems natural. Many of our fellow mammals practise hibernation, taking that idea of coming to stillness to the Nth degree. But hibernation in humans? On one hand, some scientists say that the urge or potential for hibernation is not in our makeup because of our tropical origins. The Cradle of Life is said to be close to Johannesburg, South Africa. Hardly a place where hibernation was a necessity.

On the other hand, some scientists think hibernation is not totally missing from human beings but is dormant in our genome. In both the medical field and in space exploration they are intent on unearthing this human hibernation potential to save lives, and to explore deep space. So, has the way we have built up our society just made it not feasible? Over centuries did our FOMO (fear of missing out) or our FOBE (fear of being eaten) steer us away from the idea of sleeping away the winter? Civilization moves too fast to allow for taking long winter naps. But could we at least SLOW DOWN?

That insistence on barreling through the winter months as if we are not affected by seasonal changes, as if we are NOT part of Nature, takes a heavy toll on our lives. If we do not slow down and respect the seasonal shift that is part of our genetics, what happens to us? If the dropping temperatures and low light of winter pull on us to slow down and we refuse, what then?

I think it is right there in the name of SAD - Seasonal Affective Disorder. I think whether in its severe form or milder version, it is much more prevalent in our society than the statistics show. Officially in North America, approximately 6% of the population suffers from SAD, with another 20% of the population having a mild form. And not surprisingly, SAD is most common in folks who live at least 30 degrees latitude North or South of the equator.

Do you see these common symptoms in yourself or in folks around you?:

- Depressed mood, low self-esteem, withdrawal.
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities you used to enjoy.
- Appetite and weight changes.
- Feeling overcome by negative emotions and negative selftalk.
- Unexplained aches and pains.
- Changes in sleeping patterns.
- Difficulty concentrating; not staying in the NOW.
- Fatigue and lack of energy; reduced sex drive.
- Use of drugs or alcohol for comfort.
- Feelings of sadness, hopelessness, and despair.

Scientists are studying the physical effects of SAD as well. Depression is NOT just a head thing. Depression causes inflammation and sticky platelets leading to cardiovascular issues. They are looking at other Illnesses, to see if they are

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tied into bucking the urge to slow down as many of our fellow mammals do. Scientists are currently studying those fellow mammals looking for relief for other human problems such as Obesity, Metabolic Disorders (Diabetes Type 1&2, Alzheimer's Disease, etc.)

It was probably inevitable that I turn this into a commercial for Yoga. The way our society is structured, we cannot drop into hibernation for several months. But with Yoga, we can replicate some of the benefits of hibernation. The physical part of the practice literally wrings the tension out of the body, and as we practise mind-body-breath techniques, we can slow down breathing rates, heartbeat, and our hectic pace, and look squarely at our emotions, thoughts, and ideas, and recognize how many of the negative ones are not real. They are fabrications from the past or an imagined future. We can weed those out, clear our minds, and focus on the positive and the NOW. We can learn to SLOW DOWN.

Actual hibernation is not in the cards for us, but we can surely benefit from following the examples of nature. Get more rest, slow down the pace and enjoy life more. Have

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TREASURES FROM THE ATTIC

By Al Junker

The Bridges of Wilmot Township

The Nith River is a feature that unites Wilmot Township. Starting at the north end it meanders through the western portion of the township and exits at the south. Several tributaries of the Nith are found in Wilmot including Bamberg Creek, Spring Creek (Kropf's Creek), Plum Creek, and Alder Creek. On its way the Nith passes through Lisbon, Wilby, Philipsburg, Luxemburg, New Hamburg, Holland Mills, and Haysville on its way to Plattsville and ultimately the Grand River in Paris.



The meandering nature of the Nith means that almost every east-west road and some north-south roads cross the river. Roads like Nafziger and Bleams cross the river twice. Over the years, there have been sixteen road crossings where bridges have been built over the Nith, almost all of which were truss bridges. Today, only four truss brides remain.



While the municipality has assigned numbers to all of the bridges and culverts, many have received names over the years. These names appear to have been given by residents. In some instances, the bridges were named after the adjoining property owner. Examples are Christner's Bridge on Christner Road, Helmer's and later Bender's Bridge on Bleams Road, the Rau Brewery Bridge where the pedestrian bridge by the Oak Grove Cheese Factory on Bleams Road East is located, and the Hartman Bridge on Huron Street (formerly East and West St.) in New Hamburg.

Other bridges were named after the communities where they were/are located, namely, the Haysville and Holland Mills Bridges. Not all of the bridges in Wilmot were road bridges as we have the railway bridge over the Nith in New Hamburg and the Perth Street wooden bridge which crosses the railway. There have also been pedestrian bridges like the





swinging bridge which crossed the Nith near Mill Street adjacent to the Sobey's Plaza in New Hamburg.

There were many bridges over the Nith in Wilmot Township. In fact, a case was made to rename the municipality Nith Valley rather than Wilmot Township. Perhaps a video could be created called "Bridges of Wilmot Township" or maybe, Nith Valley.

You Must Be Joking!!

LOCKDOWN ADVICE—A Little Punny!



Everyone PLEASE be careful because folks are tired and things are going sideways.

I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster agreed, it is a real concern. I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on everything!

And I certainly would not share it with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant! In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and the wrinkles will soon get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up! But thank goodness the fan was very optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon! The toilet looked a bit flued but didn't say anything when I was becoming unhinged and doorknob told me to get a grip!! You can just about guess what the curtains told me...yes, "to pull myself together!"

Not to worry, we will survive....as long as we keep laughing. Submitted by Bob Smith.



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- I hope they give us two weeks notice before sending us back out into the real world. I think we will all need the time to become ourselves again. And by "ourselves" I mean lose 10 pounds, cut our hair, and get used to wearing zip up pants.
- New monthly budget: Gas \$0 Entertainment
 \$0 Clothes \$0 Groceries \$2,799.
- Breaking News: Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to stop COVID-19, but to stop eating.
- I stepped on my scale this morning. It said: "Please practise social distancing. Only one person at a time on scale."
- Not to brag, but I haven't been late to anything in over 6 months.
- The spread of Covid-19 is based on two things:
 - 1. How dense the population is.
 - 2. How dense the population is.
- Appropriate analogy: "The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now". "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now".
- Saturday nights are getting fun –I got dressed up and put a drink in each room of my house and called it a pub crawl.
- The dumbest thing I bought was a 2020 planner, but feeling hopeful with my 2021 planner-Ive got things to do and places to go.

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Going Green and Overseas in 2021

By: Brad Wilson, Financial Advisor

2020 was a rocky year in various ways. Due to the widespread effects of COVID-19, we saw the stock market drop 35%, bottoming out in March. This was followed by a strong rebound led by the technology sector and companies that thrived in the "work from home" model.

As we forecast 2021 from an investment point of view, we see various themes evolving throughout the year. Primarily we anticipate a focus on two specific themes. The first theme we are monitoring is the greater value in international equities. With the market recovery in 2020, many investors jumped on the growth train which was led by US stocks, and we watched international equities lag in that recovery. This has created great opportunities, with more value in international stocks. This theme emphasizes the importance of a well-diversified portfolio, and staying invested through the volatile periods. Another reason we believe international companies will thrive in 2021 is that many innovative leaders in the green energy and clean tech industries are located outside of North America. Innovation is rapid in this space, and we foresee it growing even more in 2021.

This leads into our second theme surrounding the growing popularity and need for green energy and clean technology. We expect Socially Responsible Investments (SRI) and the evolution of ESG (Environmental Social Governance) investment funds to be at the forefront this year. Socially Responsible Investing is not a new theme, but historically has been linked to poor returns. However, that is no longer the case. It is becoming more and more clear that companies with greater ESG mandates are performing the same if not better than their peers.

<u>'Pearls of Wisdom'</u>

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"Your value does not decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth." Submitted by Katie Fisher

"Hugging family and friends is good for all. It costs nothing and says, "I LOVE YOU", in so many ways." Submitted by Frederick Veenhof

"One person can make a difference and everybody should try." John F. Kennedy Submitted by Audrey Miller

"Keeping the Community Connected"

Companies that use the ESG framework are striving for not only positive financial growth, but to have long-term positive impacts on society, the environment, and the governance of their business (and its supply chain). ESG focused investment funds add another layer of analysis to ensure they are meeting both their performance and ESG mandates. This helps in adding another layer of risk protection to the investor. With ESG focused investments, it is important to understand that one is not like the other, and they cover a broad scope of approaches and investment styles. Some of the more popular trending thematic approaches are green energy, clean technology, positive change, and women in leadership. With a wide variety of Socially Responsible Investments available, it is important to seek advice to know exactly what you are investing in.

Overall, society is moving in a new direction with innovative companies working to better the planet. Investors are taking note, and realizing that opportunities exist to invest not only for their benefit, but also for the betterment of society, and aligning their investments with their values. As further understanding and popularity rises, coupled with strong performance, Socially Responsible Investments will become more mainstream in 2021.

Brad Wilson is a Financial Advisor with KLT Wealth Management. Contact him at <u>brad@knowliketrust.ca</u>



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Travel seems to be a moving target these days and it's important to be aware of the changes as they occur. I'm sure most people get their information from the 6:00 o'clock news and no doubt very few actually go on the Government of Canada website for the actual details.

It might be a good idea for us to go there now for some important questions and answers.

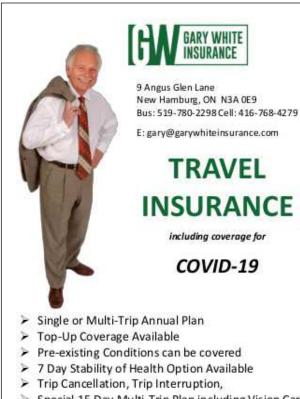
Q. Will all air passengers travelling to Canada be required to have a negative COVID-19 test result?

A. Starting January 7, 2021, anyone flying to Canada from another country, unless exempted, will be required to provide written or electronic documentation showing they received a negative result from a COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to their scheduled boarding.

The test must be performed using a COVID-19 molecular polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Without a negative COVID-19 test, travelers will be denied boarding onto their flight.

Q. What will happen if travelers can't get a COVID-19 test in the country they are in? Can they still board a flight and get tested in Canada? Is there another option in Canada when they land if they are not able to get a COVID-19 test abroad?

A. Persons who are travelling from a country where PCR testing is unavailable will be required to report to a designated Public Health Agency of Canada quarantine facility for the duration of their mandatory 14-day quarantine. Delays in obtaining test results do not apply.



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Q. Which COVID-19 tests are official/ acceptable?

A. The test result must be from a lab accredited by an external organization (e.g., a government, a professional association or ISO accreditation). Only written or electronic proof of a negative lab test result (PCR test) conducted within 72 hours prior to boarding a flight to Canada will be accepted.

Q. Will passengers still require temperature checks with this new requirement in place?

A. At this time, yes. All existing health requirements, including health check questions, temperature screening, and the wearing of masks on board flights to Canada remain in place.

Q. Can the airline refuse boarding if a traveler doesn't have / can't get a test?

A. Yes. Unless otherwise exempt, presentation of a valid negative test to the airline will be a condition of boarding a flight to Canada and therefore, an airline will be required to refuse boarding to travelers who are unable to demonstrate this.

Q. Would a proof of the vaccine replace the test?

A. At this time, proof of having a vaccine will not replace a negative test result. While a vaccine protects an individual from illness, further evidence is required to understand if a vaccinated person can still shed virus.

Q. Why won't the pre-boarding testing reduce quarantine measures?

A. Pre-boarding testing is another measure adding to our layers of protection but it can still miss some COVID-19 infections.

The 14-day quarantine is the most effective measure we know for limiting the spread of COVID-19.

*the above information has been taken the Government of Canada website <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/12/pre-departure-covid-19-testing-and-negative-results-for-air-travellers-coming-to-canada.html</u>

Before going to print we learned that the Canadian government has banned all flights to the Caribbean and Mexico between January 30 and April 30. Travelers who are there now will be asked to return right away. The government will be introducing mandatory PCR testing upon arrival in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal. These are the only cities where international flights are allowed to land. Also introduced is a mandatory 3 days quarantine at a government designated hotel at the traveler's own expense and not covered by travel insurance.

If you do decide to travel here are some questions you will want to ask your travel insurance broker.

- If I am denied boarding a return flight to Canada, will my policy cover the expenses for subsistence allowance if I need to extend my trip?
- Can the Travel Assistance help me find a place to be tested for COVID-19 while on my trip?
- Will my policy cover the cost of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine while on vacation?
- If I have symptoms of COVID-19 while travelling will the COVID-19 test be covered?

These are only a few of the questions that need to be asked of your insurance broker. Like we said at the very beginning, travel seems

Apple Cider Vinegar ~ Who Knew?

How old were you when you realized all the uses for apple cider vinegar? I was shocked when I researched what this amazing and healthy liquid <u>can do!</u>

Apple cider vinegar has been around since about 400 B.C. in Greece. Dear Hippocrates, otherwise known as the father of modern medicine, would use a concoction, sometimes even mixed with honey, for various illnesses.

Cider vinegar promotes healing because it is antiseptic, anti-viral, and anti-fungal. It works well because of the properties it holds, including potassium, enzymes, acetic acid, magnesium, acetic acid, and even a pro-biotic.

Here are a few uses for ACV:

1. If you suffer from itchy ears (maybe from wearing earbuds or a hearing aid), take a Q-Tip and dip it into cider vinegar and gently swab your ear canal. Remember, do not go too far into your ear, just a bit around the inside.

2. There isn't much chance of getting a jellyfish sting here in Ontario, but more likely a mosquito bite. Again, apple cider vinegar to the rescue! I have read that it even takes the edge out of poison ivy rash.

3. Fido has fleas! People have tried this, and it seems to be effective—mix 1 part water with 1 part apple cider vinegar and place the liquid in a spray bottle. I don't know if your pet will appreciate you spraying him, but he will be relieved not to have any more of those pesky bugs!

By Chris Ehrat

4. Because of cider vinegar and its anti-bacterial properties, people have found comfort when experiencing sore throats. Dilute the vinegar with some water and gargle with it. Do this several times a day. Those germs will vacate!

5. Don't forget to use ACV for your salad too! Combine one garlic clove (minced), 1 TBSP Dijon mustard, ¼ cup apple cider vinegar, 2 TBSP fresh lemon juice, 1-2 TBSP raw honey for sweetness, 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. Shake all of this up until honey is dissolved.

Marinate for at least 30 minutes in the refrigerator. Always shake before use.

Some people also like to dilute it in water and drink it as a beverage. Common dosages range from 1–2 teaspoons (5–10 mL) to 1–2 tablespoon (15–30 mL) per day mixed in a large glass of water.

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It was interesting to learn about Apple Cider Vinegar as Chris shared the many uses. But we can't forget the nutritional support it provides too. It's been claimed to help lower blood sugar levels and manage diabetes — And it may also aid weight loss. The best way to incorporate apple cider vinegar into your diet is to use it in cooking. It's a simple addition to foods like salad dressings, marinades and even homemade mayonnaise.

Making homemade mayonnaise is easy, and it tastes better than most store-bought versions. In addition, you can choose to include only healthy ingredients in your mayo. This way, you can avoid the refined vegetable oils that most commercial brands use. You can also experiment with your mayo, adding many different ingredients and flavours.

Here is a very basic recipe to make your own homemade mayonnaise. Before you start, make sure all the ingredients are at room temperature.

Basic Homemade Mayo

- Ingredients:
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 tsp dry powdered mustard •
- 1/2 tsp sea salt

You can store the mayo in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week.

There are many ways you can enjoy your homemade mayo. You can spread it on a sandwich, include it in a chicken salad or use it as a base for dressings and dips. However, keep in mind that homemade mayonnaise is still very high in calories, so be mindful of your portion sizes. At the end of the day, a bit of homemade mayonnaise with high-quality ingredients is a delicious way to add healthy fats to your diet.

Instructions:

- 1. In a food processor, blend eggs, apple cider vinegar, mustard and sea salt. Pulse until combined.
- 2. With the food processor going, slowly drizzle the oil into the egg mixture. You need to do this slowly, make sure that only a thin stream of oil is going in. If you're doing it right, you will probably have to set the measuring cup down at least once because your arm will get tired!
- 3. Continue to run the food processor until the mayonnaise thickens. If your mayo isn't thick enough, add a little more oil and process it longer.
- 4. Spoon the mayonnaise into a canning jar, secure the lid and store it in the fridge for up to two weeks (remember the egg is raw).

Be creative — you can make a	
variety of dressings and dips.	

- INGREDIENTS
- 2 cups apple cider vinegar
 - 6 tablespoons brown sugar
- But don't stop there, try this all purpose meat marinade.
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder 1 teaspoon salt
- 1//2 teaspoon dry mustard

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INSTRUCTIONS

Pour apple cider vinegar into a small pan. Whisk in brown sugar, garlic, salt and dry mustard. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally bringing to a boil. Cook 5 minutes. Remove from heat and transfer to a mason jar. Cool before using as marinade.



Baden Outlook



By Marlene Knezevich, Director, WHS



We are in lockdown as I write this and so thankful our local trails are open as some jurisdictions have theirs closed or you need to book a time. After weeks of dreary weather, sunny days with snow arrived. A few

mornings, the world was covered in fluffy white snow looking like spun cotton candy covered in sparkling diamonds. The gardens and forests looked like fairy lands. Sure lifted the spirits.

Have you walked our newest **Baden Hills Trail**, at 2733 Sandhills Road, just outside of Baden? A joint project of the Region of Waterloo and the Township, Gibney Regional Forest is found on a large sandy hill called a kame. The field area was used to establish a prairie grass nursery and an old experimental agroforestry site which are the rows of walnut and other trees. The northern part of the kame is primarily hardwood species (tough climb here!) while the remainder is a conifer plantation of mature White Pine and White Spruce. Over time, the plantation will be allowed to revert to a mixed hardwood. Burning-Bush (Euonymus atropurpureus) had been found growing near the top of the kame, although it appears that severe browsing and competition by invasive ground flora have decreased its numbers. There are a variety of ecosystems and issues of invasive species in this small area!

A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit. - D. Elton Trueblood

Seeing the Eastern white pines (pinus strobus), our provincial tree, reminds me of why it is my favourite pine. I love the green or blue/green soft needles and the sound of the wind blowing through the tree... a soft whooshing sound. It has slender needles that are 6 to 12 centimetres long. The cones are 8 to 20 cm long and they hang down from the branches. Good seed crops aren't



produced until trees are 20 or 30 years old, and then only every 3 to 5 years. The seeds are eaten by birds and small mammals and, in dense groupings, trees can provide shelter for birds and wildlife, especially owls. It grows quickly to 40 meters and best with full sunlight. The White Pine grows in any soil type but prefers sand or sandy loam and sun. In windy locations, it can become a bit lopsided but in time will look similar to the wind sculpted jack pines in the Group of Seven paintings! Beautiful!



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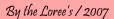


White pine is frequently planted in reforestation projects. For smaller spaces, there is a column White Pine Pinus strobus 'Fastigiata' that I have planted to create a hedge in my yard. There is a pinus strobus for you in all kinds of sizes from miniature to globe -shaped at a nursery near you!

Remember your WHS membership gets you a discount at local nurseries.



Attitude



There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.

"H-M-M," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "YEA!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly.

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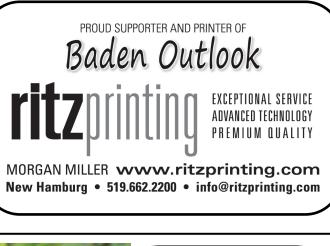
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Happy Anniversary! Congratulations to Robert and Edna Miller on 60 years of marriage!! Love is in the air!







Yep, the days are getting longer! You're doing great. Take it easy, rest up and remember that spring does come... every year!



Schooling During a Pandemic ~ The Struggle is Real

Who would have thought we would be starting 2021 in lockdown? COVID-19 has had a detrimental effect on life as we knew it. It is hard to say what things will look like once this is all over, but we will definitely have to become accustomed to many new "normals."

Next to Healthcare, nowhere have the effects of the pandemic been felt more than in Education. Students were out of school for SIX months when this all began... YIKES! Talk about unprecedented! For kids, the bomb! For parents, a nightmare! Suddenly our kids were home every day and we were having to play teacher. The reality is, a large proportion of students can't work independently. I don't know many four- and five-year-old's who can read or join a Google meet! Add to the mix multiple children, proper devices, battles for Wi-Fi, tech issues... AHHHH! Not to mention that many people are still going out to work and/or working from home. Is it any wonder parents are feeling overwhelmed? It has become this massive juggling act, and keeping all the balls in the air has become increasingly difficult.

It is no secret that parents are extremely frustrated. Just listen to the news. I get it! It is less than ideal. I have three kids of my own all operating on different programs: inclass learning, distance learning, and hybrid. Currently all three are doing distance learning and two of them often require support to stay focused and complete tasks.

Fortunately, I am at home to offer that support. That said, it is not like I want to be consumed by my kids' schooling. I do have my own life after all (I think??). Even I find it challenging to help at times and I am a teacher. In my defence, I taught Kindergarten, where students sing, do crafts, build things, and eat snacks, so don't ask me how to convert a fraction or use the Pythagorean Theorem... not happening! (I am being facetious of course. There really is a lot more to Kindergarten than that.)

As parents, we try to do what is best for our children. Never has this been put to the test more than now. To



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school, or not to school... that is the question? I understand how many parents feel conflicted. We don't want our children to suffer academically, but we also don't



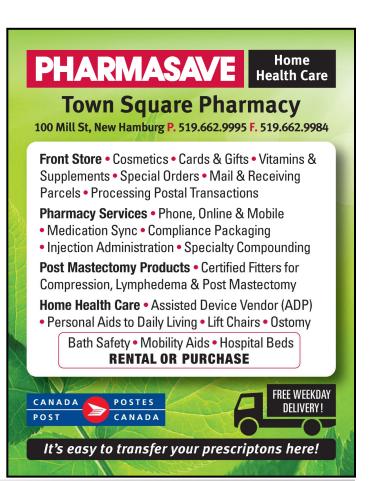
want to put them at risk. It's a catch-22. Parents need to choose what works best for their family and it's not for others to judge.

If you are struggling, you're not alone. We are all on board the same ship. This virus appears to be sticking around, so in the meantime, just keep doing what you're doing. If you need help, ask for it. If you need a time out, take one. I know as a parent that is difficult to do (they ALWAYS find you!), but it is important to take care of

yourself. We all have our limits. I have reached mine many times over, but have learned to take "me" time, and you can, too. The kids will survive. At least mine have so far anyway. As parents, we are hard on ourselves. I have come to learn that being a parent is a very challenging and thankless job, but not one we can



quit. (It has crossed your mind though, right?) All we can do is make the best of this most precarious situation and you need to trust that YOUR best is good enough.







On behalf of my family and myself, I want to wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy Family Day.



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