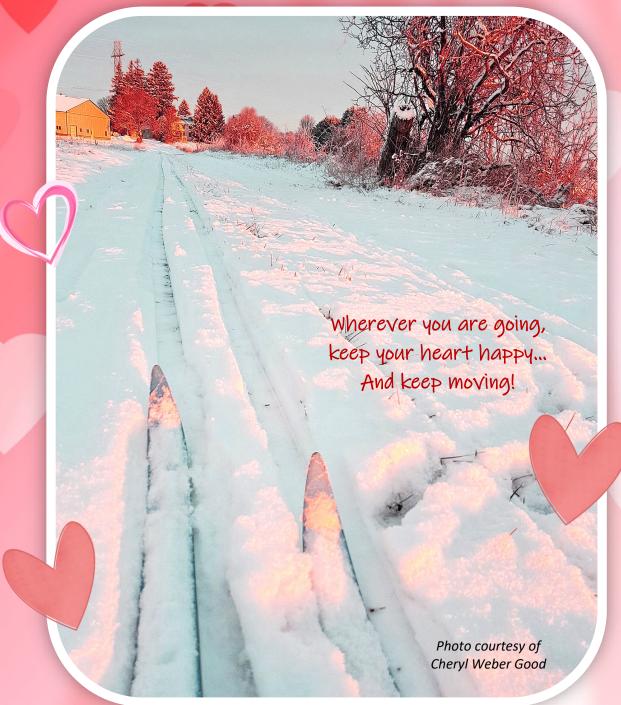
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Barry, Pat, & Katie Fisher

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

- As we celebrate Wilmot Heritage month, you will enjoy the history features of Baden
- Learn how to let go of labels with Kate Stevely
- So many wonderful activities offered at the Baden Library in the month of March
- Don't get scammed on travel excursions - learn from Gary White
- Wayne shares the wonder of the Bald Eagles in Baden Birding
- Practise self-compassion!
   Tips from Amy from
   Interfaith Counseling
   Centre
- Ten years of BCA and they continue to beautify Baden
- Do you listen or do you hear? Cheryl dives deep into how to listen with both ears.

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# Greetings from Headquarters ~

Happy Heart Month, Family Day, and Wilmot Heritage Week!

It's been an exciting time at Outlook Headquarters as we have been given several binders with an abundance of historical, local gems inside. The look of joy and fascination on my father's face as he scans, then scans (hours and hours on end) old news articles, archival photographs, and ancient receipts from the early 1900s, is priceless. Thank you to New Hamburg local Rene Eby, who has Baden roots, for sharing so much, letting us see a glimpse of the past, and allowing us to share that with our readers! You will see more historical content from this wealth of information in the coming months. In this issue, Dad features Ed Rieck, who was a butcher in Baden and New Hamburg, and was also a horse race enthusiast! Check out the article and cool pictures on page 15!

Continuing on the theme of heritage, Sherri from Castle Kilbride sent in a great article as well about the history of the Coach House that used to stand where the Circle K parking lot is now. I remember that old building from 30+ years ago! We used to walk there, stand under the one single tree, and feed fallen apples to the horses that lived on that land. I had a little giggle with Sherri as I told her that. It amuses me that I have now lived long enough to remember history in historical articles—yep, I'm that old! For even more heritage, check out Wilmot Heritage Day from February 21<sup>st</sup> to 27th at www.heritagewilmot.ca.

If you have any old local photographs, news articles, or receipts that you would like to share with us, we would be happy to share your information with the community and tag your name with anything we use. Alternatively, maybe you'd like to write and submit a local historical story of your own!

Hello February -- as always, we get excited to hear what our wise meteorologist groundhog determines for us — I doubt that we should trust the wisdom of this creature with hopes of an early spring. Are we really so quick to dismiss the glory of winter?!

As we marvel with our recent archival treasure chest, Barry got reminiscent and claims we (as youngsters) lived in the best decade. Of course, that is only a reflection of his memories and he has shared his thoughts on that. Not to mention, our latest jigsaw puzzle featured people from the 70s and then that turned into a trivia quiz featuring events over recent decades. Once again reminding you where our brilliant ideas come from. We get entertained by the oddest things!

Do you ever ponder whether you are a good listener? We are born with 2 ears and 1 mouth so... I do know I chatter better than I do listen so I am excited to have local friend Cheryl discuss what it takes to be a better listener. We all need to be heard especially during these past years of social isolation when we don't meet up with our friends and family like we once did. Let's try to listen better.

The Baden Community Association celebrates 10 years—see their story on page 6. Meet our local Unsung Hero this month, an energetic, kind hearted lady, featured on page 9. You'll find lots of interesting reading along with fun puzzles to enjoy.

February is Heart and Stroke month, and we hope you are all taking good care of yourselves. Despite Covid, there are many nasty colds and flus going around, so hunker down and drink lots of water and by our next issue we will be talking about spring – and that folks, is how very quickly time flies!

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# Talking with Ed

# ~ Memories of Life in the 60s

I think it is quite amusing that some of my last few article ideas have come from jigsaw puzzles. Our

last one was a 1000-piece puzzle that was centred around people and events of the 1970s, which had over 100 pictures

encompassing that time period. That got me thinking about my

childhood, specifically the 1960s as most of my early memories were made then. I would have been between the ages of 6 and 16 in that decade. It certainly was a good time to be a child and teenager. Living in a small town situated on a lake in Muskoka probably helped.

It was a good time with an abundance of job opportunities in Canada, even though minimum wage was only \$0.95 an hour in 1965 and jumped to \$1.30 in 1969.

The average price of a home in Toronto in 1967 was \$24,000. Fairview Park Mall opened in 1966, which would have been exciting and up until then the nearest thing to a mall would have been Hiway Market on Weber Street, which opened in the late 1950s. Small shop owners were very important to communities. K-W offered many employment opportunities including Schneiders (started in 1860), Lear Zeigler (1922 as General Springs), BF Goodrich, Uniroyal (Dominion Tire 1914), Electrohome (1937), and Budd (1967). Most mothers stayed at home with their children, kids rode their bikes without helmets, and survived car rides without car seats or seatbelts. We celebrated our centennial year in 1967 and we got a new flag in 1968. Also, universal healthcare began federally in 1966.

Beach Boys, The Rolling Stones, Elvis, Simon and Garfunkel, The Who, Cream and Stevie Wonder were very popular musicians. Vehicles seemed to be very important such as the 63 Corvette Sting Ray, 64 GTO, and the 65 Ford Mustang. In 1971, I had the opportunity to buy a used 1969 standard shift Javelin (lime green) for \$1700. My father put the kibosh on the

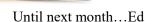
whole idea, and talked me into buying a brand new 6-cylinder dark green Hornet. Although I do regret not pushing the whole thing further, dad was the boss. He had a thing about not buying used cars.



Men landed on the moon on July 20, 1969, Woodstock happened from August 15 to 17. 1969—miniskirts and Twiggy were popular. The 60s were not without tragedies.

Each decade evolves into the next...and we march along.

Let's celebrate Heritage Week!



So, what else did I enjoy in the 60s?... music! The Beatles, The

Draw a line from the Canadian event to the year of its occurrence. Good luck! (Answers on page 31)

Canada's Centennial	1972
Paul Henderson goal	1952
Death Penalty abolished Canada	1949
Chalk River Nuclear Accident	1967
Marathon of Hope	1959
Nunavut is created	1905
Newfoundland joins Canada	1976
Alberta & Saskatchewan joins Canada	1999
St. Lawrence Seaway opens	1980

Last month I shared a memory about my Grandpa Lemkay who would share his Sen-Sen with me while in church. After reading that story Kathy Loree contacted me and stopped by with this little tin box of Nipits. which were quite similar to the little licorice treat I remembered. Thank you very much!!





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MATESOOT

#### Celebrating Ten Great Years Beautifying Baden

The year was 2012 and one of Councillor Barry Fisher's mandates was to give Baden residents a place to bring people together and contribute to the community in a positive way. So, on February 12<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held in the Baden Public School auditorium, which brought out 85 interested people. Teresa Brown, Kenton Frey and Pat Fisher joined in to set the stage for a presentation. At the time, service groups were falling apart and the Baden Chamber of Commerce was the only functioning service club in Baden.

The first meeting was held on February 26th, where 38 people assembled to decide what the vision would be for the club. The decision was made that the name would be *The Baden Community Association* and their mandate would be "Bringing People Together Beautifying Our Community". A logo was created and the Westvale Community Association from Waterloo were invited to help with creating structure and sharing of their event ideas. Since those humble beginnings the Baden Community Association (BCA) has accomplished so much! Two very notable

accomplishments that the group organized were the creation of the Foundry Street Parkette and the Baden Corn Festival.

The piece of land that currently houses the parkette was a field of waist-high grass and the bridge crossing the creek had a rotted-out plywood floor and a rusted-out metal frame. A fundraising

"Buy a Plank Campaign" was set up and the group managed to raise \$32,000 from the generosity of many local residents and businesses. The bridge was lifted off its mooring and deposited behind the firehall, where the railings were cut off, the frame sandblasted and painted, and placed back across the river. Planks and railings were added and now it is part of a trail from Foundry Street to Brewery Street. The summer gardens and park benches make it an inviting place to stroll.

Many people will remember the Baden Corn Festival which was held the third Saturday in August. This event, which was created and directed by BCA members Kenton Frey and Teresa Brown, attracted thousands of people and ran for six

years. There were events too numerous to mention but some of the great features included bands

playing all day, a community barbeque, the firefighter's breakfast, vendors, bouncy castles, mill tours, and wagon rides.

Other accomplishments over the years included a fishing derby where the BCA purchased hundreds of trout each year and stocked the mill pond, which people enjoyed on derby day and continued to fish all summer long.

The BCA set up some fun activities for the annual Family Day event at the Wilmot Rec Centre. Over 400 people enjoyed snacks, refreshments, and games. Each New Year's Eve the BCA held a kids' celebration at EJ's where there was a meal, balloon drop, and Erick Traplin provided music and fun. It was always a sold-out event.

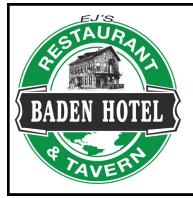
The BCA have also looked after the gardens at the Foundry Street Parkette and the nine flower boxes at Livingston Boulevard in their efforts to beautify Baden.

Over the years they have also held food drives, participated in the Baden Santa Claus Parade, hosted a volunteer fair for Wilmot service groups, supported the Baden Library and the Baden Backyard Barbeque, had Halloween patrols, hosted scavenger hunts, and organized the annual spring clean up and twice-a-year clean

up of debris on Gingerich Road. This last year they purchased flags for the streets of Baden, thanks to the generosity of the Lambert Group, and they plan to add more this year.

The BCA is a small group and can always use more help to continue making life in Baden more enjoyable. No doubt that the pandemic has put a kink in their events but they continue to meet. There is hope for big plans this year so if you are looking for a way to get involved in the community, give us a call at 519-634-8916. It is so important to continue these activities to enhance life in our great little town.





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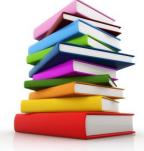
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Monday, March 14, 10 to 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 1 to 2 p.m.

Friday, March 18, 1 to 2 p.m.

#### **BEE HOTELS**

Help your local pollinators! Craft a bee hotel to hang outdoors and give these important insects a safe place to hang out.

Monday, March 14, 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 17, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

#### **HOLI COLOURED ART**

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Tuesday, March 15, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, March 17, 1 to 1:45 p.m.

#### **WACKY KITCHEN SCIENCE**

Have you ever wanted to make pepper panic? Have you wanted to make milk art magic? How about make gak? Come together to mix up some wacky science experiments from your kitchen.

Tuesday, March 15, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Friday, March 18, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

#### **CLOUD PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH JACKIE PARTRIDGE**

- TUESDAY MARCH 15, 7 TO 8 P.M.

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#### Diving Into the Archives - Back In Baden - Thirty Years Ago



Castle Kilbride Collection; Coach House which was operating as a Turnip Waxing Plant

In the early hours of February 18, 1992, an important Baden heritage structure was heavily damaged by fire. The Coach House, originally located to the east of Castle Kilbride, had

dominated the landscape. It was this tragic event that prompted the citizens of Baden and Wilmot Township to take special notice and concern. If this heritage site was lost, would other structures such as Castle Kilbride be next?

#### *The history of the Coach House*

The pleasant red brick structure was primarily used by the Baden Hotel located across the road. This 1874 hotel was strategically placed near the Baden Train Station to accommodate travelers and was a popular locale. When teamsters and farmers from outlying areas would bring their

goods to Baden to be further transported by train, they could find accommodation at the hotel. The team of horses stayed at the stables while wagons and carriages were stowed at the Coach House. In later years, the building was utilized as a turnip waxing plant. The turnip plant was run by Gideon Boshart.

Castle Kilbride, along with the Coach House, was sold in 1988 to Mega Corp. Shortly after, the property was then sold to Primus and Partners of Waterloo who planned to turn it into a restaurant and gift shop with a Victorian motif.

As 1992 began, the Coach House lay empty and was used only for Primus' storage. To add to the story, the Coach House had been a location that had a history of vandalism and sadly-on the night of February 18<sup>th</sup>, Constable John McDougall of the New Hamburg Detachment of the Waterloo Region Police discovered the Coach House on fire.

Volunteer firefighters from Baden and New Hamburg responded to the call, but the building was ablaze and was heavily ravaged. The fire was later deemed "unintentional."

Residents were so upset with the loss of this beloved heritage building that there were attempts to try and salvage it but it was eventually torn down. We, however, would like to end this sad story with a happy ending. If the community had not suffered the loss of this heritage structure, Castle Kilbride Museum may not have existed as it was the heartbreak of this loss that spurred the sale of Castle Kilbride to the Township of Wilmot in 1993.



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#### CLEVER WORDS FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

- ARBITRAITOR A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.
- \* BERNADETTE The act of torching a mortgage.
- BURGLARIZE What a crook sees through.
- \* AVOIDABLE What a bullfighter tries to do.
- COUNTERFEITER Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
- \* LEFT BANK What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.
- \* HEROES What a man in a boat does.
- \* PARASITES What you see from the Eiffel Tower.
- PARADOX Two physicians.
- PHARMACIST A helper on a farm.
- RELIEF What trees do in the spring.
- \* RUBBERNECK What you do to relax your wife.
- SELFISH What the owner of a seafood store does.
- SUDAFED Brought litigation against a government official.

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#### Unsung Heroes - Meet Maureen Edwards

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are very apparent. She has been the communication person for the group. She is well-spoken and articulate. Maureen loves to garden and during the summer months, you will find her in many places, digging around and beautifying our town. She is a member of the Wilmot Horticultural Society and is responsible for the gardens in front of Castle Kilbride, the Foundry Street Parkette, and the nine garden boxes on Livingston Boulevard -- she is not afraid to get her hands dirty. Be sure to stop and thank her for her efforts, she will always make time for a friendly chat.

Maureen has been a supportive member of the Board of Directors for the Wilmot Summer Market and was also on the board of directors for the condos behind Tim Hortons for many years—again making good use of her administrative skills. Beyond Baden she has volunteered at the Wilmot Family Resource Centre food bank and donates her time two to four days a week as a cashier at the New Hamburg Thrift Store. She will always be available to lend a hand. Maureen is energetic, upbeat, and always has a positive attitude towards any project that she takes on.

Personally, she has an active life with hobbies of golfing and gardening. Her friends and family enjoy her company, and she values every relationship. Maureen loves her life living in Baden and we thank her for her passion and dedication to making a difference in our community... Baden is lucky to have someone as selfless as Maureen!



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#### Things to Ponder

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- \* Why is a person "in" a movie, but "on" TV?
- \* What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
- \* Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
- \* Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
- \* Why do British people never sound British when they sing?
- \* At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
- \* Why are there no "B" batteries?
- Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?
- \* Why is it that writers write and singers sing but grocers don't groce and carpenters don't carpent.
- \* Why is quite a few the same as quite a lot?

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#### Baden Birding ~ Bald Eagle

A few months ago, I wrote a column about bird feeders and feeding birds. This column has to do with bird feeders as well, albeit only marginally.

In mid-January, we were having coffee one afternoon with our son and his partner. Dave walked into the living room to check out the bird feeders and promptly announced, "There's a bald eagle at your feeders." We all thought he was spoofing but went in to check, and, lo and behold, there WAS a bald eagle. It was an adult,

distinguishable by the white head (juveniles don't get their white heads until they are 5 years old) and was perched on a limb of the remaining skeleton of an old apple tree that we had cut down several years ago, leaving the trunk and main branches standing for birds (something I have mentioned previously in this column).

The eagle was holding something in its large, bright yellow talons but I couldn't make out what it was. I doubted that it was one of the smaller birds such as the juncos, chickadees or goldfinches that typically inhabit our feeders since they are far too agile for such a large bird of prey to catch. Typically small birds are the prey of an accipiter such as a

Merlin, a Cooper's or a sharp-shinned hawk (which have pointed wings and long tails for quick maneuverability around trees and other obstacles). Eagles feed mainly on carrion (animals that have already died or been killed).

I went and got the binoculars which revealed that the prey it was tearing apart with its large yellow beak was a grey squirrel. I was thrilled! Because not only was it NOT a songbird, but it was one of those pesky squirrels of which we have far too many for my liking! I'd be happy to share We hope the eagle returns again, soon.

By Wayne Buck

our property with them if they would leave our feeders alone, but that is a pipe dream. They have thwarted every attempt we have tried to deter them. We're hopeful that the eagle will return to catch another fat grey squirrel now that it has been successful



This is an example of one of the reasons we maintain bird feeders that I outlined in my column a few months back.

> Entertainment. You can't find better natural live entertainment than this. A friend recently asked me about a hawk that was perched in a tree overlooking her bird feeders. After she described it, I suggested that it might be one of the aforementioned Cooper's hawks. She was concerned that it might pick off one of the songbirds at their feeder to which I replied how delightful that would be. She was shocked that I would welcome this, but to me, it is part of nature that controls the numbers of birds. Accipiters and raptors like eagles, hawks, and owls must eat and feed their young, too. We don't typically feed them, but we need them to maintain the numbers of smaller animals such as mice and birds. I think it's really neat to see

the birds at the feeder scatter in all directions when a raptor swoops in from seemingly nowhere trying to catch one of the slower ones, which is what nature intended.

So, there you have it. Because we maintain feeders to attract birds, we also, not wanting to, attract squirrels, that, in turn, attracted a bald eagle.



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He asked, "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?"

"Yes, Yes!" I said. I told him how even groceries can be delivered at the door now and how Amazon delivers everything! His answer left me tonguetied.

He said, "since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted a while with the staff who know me very well by now.

You know I am alone... this is the company I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave.

Two years back, I got sick. The store owner from whom I buy fruits came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried.

When your mom fell down a few days back while on our morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush her home as he knows where I live.

Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer?

I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds of relationships.

Does Amazon deliver all this as well?" Technology isn't life. Spend time with people, not just devices.

Email submission.

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#### Farewell to John Honderich, Former Publisher & Editor of the Toronto Star

John passed away in his home in Toronto on February 5, 2022 after having a heart attack. John loved newspapers and was part of the Canadian newspaper industry from birth. Mr. Honderich was a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario. He was the 2019 recipient of the Canadian Journalism Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award.

In March of 2011 we had the pleasure of a visit from John Honderich Jr. (at that time he was Chairman of the Board of Torstar) who was visiting town in search of his family

roots. John was in the process of writing a book about his father and was led to our door to travel down memory lane with our collectables of Baden history we had accumulated since we began the *Baden Outlook*. He also spent time at the township archives and visited other Baden folks including relative Shirley Honderich, and the Coakley family who lived in the original Honderich home on Snyder's Road.

John looked through our photo archives and perused some related articles of

life and times in Baden during the 20s and 30s. We found John to be such a down to earth person and very appreciative of our research. He was very excited when we gifted him with a Baden Outlook sweater and put it

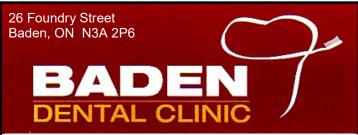
right on and claimed he would wear it proudly to his next Torstar board meeting.

For those of you who may not know who this fine gentleman was, here is a recap of the article we featured in the October 2010 issue about the former newspaper publications that existed in Baden in earlier years. There is evidence *The Baden Standard* existed from 1897 to 1900, followed by *The Baden Star*, 1913 -1914, and lastly, *The Village Item* in 1925. The last two mentioned papers were published by local John Honderich Senior, who was

deaf and profoundly poor. The Honderich family lived at 106 Snyder's Road West until the bank foreclosed their home and they moved to 25 Foundry Street. These were hard times for the Honderich family.

One of their sons, Beland, dropped out of high school and started writing articles about Baden for *The Kitchener Waterloo Record*. Then he was hired at the *Toronto Star*, as they were replacing reporters who went away to war. He moved up the ranks in the Star Corporation – Editor-in-Chief (1956), President and Publisher (1966),

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (1976), and retired as Publisher in 1988. He passed away in Vancouver in 2000. Beland's son, John, went on to become publisher of the *Toronto Star*.



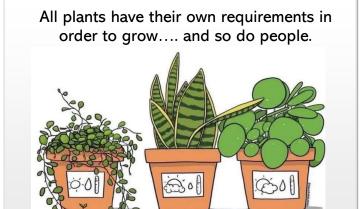
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Interesting to note that the small middle building on the left was the home of Ed Rieck's Meat Shop



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#### Notes From the Attic — Ed Rieck

any prominent people who have lived in Baden, such as Jacob and Adam Beck, and the Livingstons, have put our small town on the map. Edward Rieck was another one of those people that played an important role as a butcher and horse race enthusiast right here in Baden... gone but not forgotten.

Ed Rieck was born on May 30, 1892 in New Hamburg. At an early age he worked for Gottfried Franke, who owned a butcher shop on the Franke Block on Peel Street. Mr.

Franke passed away at his home at 254 Wilmot Street in New Hamburg from pneumonia on January 25, 1918, so Ed started looking for a location where he could open his own butcher shop – and chose Baden.

Ed purchased a butcher shop at 46 Snyder's Road across from the former Baden Emporium property. Mr. Boye, who was the postmaster for Baden, built the house in 1880 and sold the property to Mr. Wunder, who built the adjacent

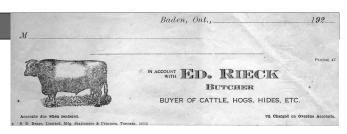
butcher shop in 1900. The next owner was a Mr. Hartman who sold it to Louis Schmidt, who in turn sold it to Ed Rieck after the passing of Gottfried Franke.

Ed Rieck ran that butcher shop for 56 years, from 1919 to 1971. It was well-known for quality meats. Baden resident, Mike Weiler, remembers the meat shop well and recalled that much of his butchering was done at the abattoir, which was a small building behind the Seip Roth meat lockers on Brubacher Street. He also recalls seeing Ed Rieck driving around town with a horse and sulky many times.

Butchering was not the only thing that Ed Rieck was known for as he was a harness horse race enthusiast. He was known to trace bloodlines of famed racehorse families to their origin and could name descendants all down the line. He owned several of his own horses which he personally trained and he even built his own sulkies in the back of his butcher shop.

He started building race sulkies during the depression days when he could not afford to buy his own. His hobby soon became a business on its own as he built sulkies for just about every top-notch stable in Ontario in the 1950s. He also had a small stove which he used as a blacksmith forge, from which he turned out his own balanced horseshoes. He also learned how to manufacture and repair his own special racing harnesses.

In 1897, the New Hamburg Pacing Association, an original harness racing group, was organized. Harness racing was gaining popularity so a group of six founding members in



1936 organized the New Hamburg Turf Club. Those members included Earl Katzenmeier, Dr. Thomas Kirkpatrick, Floyd Milton, Fred Dubois, Alex Parsons, and Ed Rieck. They would go on to utilize the race track

and park facilities in New Hamburg.

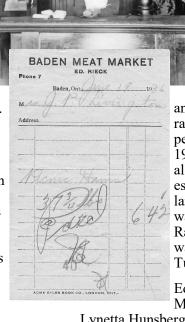
On August 12, 1936 the first Canadian Pacing Derby was held in New Hamburg and was an immediate success with an estimate of between 6000 to 8000 people in attendance. Pari-mutuel betting was in use here for the first time. The following year the crowd was estimated at 12,000 and by early spring of 1938 plans were underway to widen the track

and a barn was built by C.L Forler. The race continued to be popular with 20,000 people attending the event each year. In 1947, a new grandstand was built to hold all the spectators. Due to the establishments of many new tracks in larger centres, the Canadian Pacing Derby was moved to a larger track at Mohawk Raceway. The last race in New Hamburg was held in 1957 and the New Hamburg Turf Club was disbanded.

Ed Rieck was the son of Karl Rieck and Mathilda Mueller. He was married to

Lynetta Hunsberger and he died on April 22, 1975 at KW Hospital. He left an impact on Baden, Wilmot, and Waterloo Region.

Thanks to Rene Eby for his contribution to this heritage feature.





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Local youth are joining the Nith Valley EcoBoosters as a way to make an impact in their community. The new pilot project NVEB Youth Advocates will be the first in our area where local youth will have the opportunity to help support schools in Wilmot and Wellesley to take action in response to climate change. Help your school and community to become climate change leaders and get volunteer hours at the same time! Contact us for more information about how you can get involved.

Our next monthly general meeting will be held at **7:00PM** on **Wednesday**, **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please contact us via email (<a href="nvecoboosters@gmail.com">nvecoboosters@gmail.com</a>) or call **519-662-9372** if you would like to participate in this "Zoom" meeting or if you want more details about our Youth Advocates group.

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#### Reduce to Produce Answers on page 31

Eliminate words from the clues below. The remaining words will create the answer to this riddle. (Read remaining clues left to right, top to bottom)

He thought he won the argument with his wife as to how to arrange the dining room furniture but...

Α	В	C	D
PINK	CAT	WHEN	AND
HE	LITTLE	RED	FROG
CAP	GOT	FROST	НОМЕ
snow	WHITE	THE	MATTER
TABLES	WERE	TEN	FOR
FIVE	ICE	LAP	TURNED

- 1. Remove all words that rhyme with "tap"
- 2. Remove all words containing "TT"
- 3. Remove all words that are cold
- 4. Remove all 3-lettered words in column D
- 5. Remove all numbers
- 6. Remove all colours
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#### **MUSCLE AND JOINT INJURY FIRST AID**

Physical injury to your muscles and joints can occur with workplace, household, sporting, and recreational activities. This can cause pain, stiffness, and swelling in a joint or muscle, leading to injuries known as *sprains*, strains, and contusions. Initial conservative

management and first aid of such injuries should follow the P.R.I.C.E. principle (Protection, Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation) outlined below.

**PROTECTION:** Immobilize the injured area to protect from further injury. This can be accomplished with the use of an elastic wrap, brace, splint or sling. Walking aids such as crutches or a cane can be useful to help you get around.

**REST:** To ensure proper healing, rest the injured area and avoid activities that cause pain. Do not restrict all activities completely. Other regions of your body can still be used. This will help prevent physical de-conditioning. An attempt should be made to return to regular or modified activities as soon as possible provided it does not put you at risk for further injury.

**ICE:** Ice cubes, frozen vegetable bags, or commercial ice/gel packs are examples of cold sources that can be molded or applied to an injury site immediately. Icing will help to reduce pain, swelling, and inflammation in the injured tissues. Ice application should not



By Dr. John A. Papa, DC, FCCPOR(C)

exceed 10 to 20 minutes at a time. Allow for skin temperature to return to normal before ice is reapplied. This cycle can be repeated as often as necessary within the first 24 to 72 hours. Ice should never be applied directly over the skin for a



prolonged period of time as this can damage the skin. A damp towel can safely be used as a barrier between the ice and skin and acts as an excellent conductor of cold. Do not apply ice to blisters, open cuts, or sores. Individuals hypersensitive to cold and those who have circulation problems should avoid ice.

**COMPRESSION:** Compress the injured area with an elastic tensor bandage. This will help decrease swelling. Do not wrap the bandage too tightly as to cut off circulation. You should not feel an increase in pain with compression.

**ELEVATION:** Elevate the injured area (whenever possible) above the level of the heart, especially at night. Gravity helps reduce swelling by draining excess fluid.

You should seek immediate medical care under the following circumstances: a popping sound heard during

the injury accompanied by a feeling of joint instability or inability to weight bear; obvious evidence or suspicion of a broken bone, fracture or joint dislocation; or injuries at risk for infection.



By using the **P.R.I.C.E.** principle after an injury, you can significantly reduce swelling, tissue damage, inflammation, muscle spasms, pain, and recovery time. In the event that you suffer from ongoing muscle and joint pain following an injury, you should contact a licensed health professional who can diagnose your condition and prescribe appropriate therapy, exercises, and rehabilitation strategies specifically for your circumstance.

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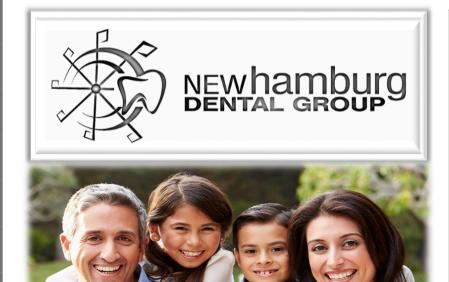
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# Drop One For Fun

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!

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

- 1. Heavily loaded
- 2. To give for temporary use
- 3. A wild animal's home
- 4. A fashion or shape
- 5. A vein of ore
- 6. Guided someone
- 7. To keep away
- 8. A famous female opera singer
- 9. To help
- A variety show with sketches and songs
- 11. Change direction suddenly
- 12. To increase engine speed
- 13. Could be found at the Indy 500
- 14. Protection or safe keeping
- 15. A person who excels



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#### Labels...Where is the Rest of Me?

By Kate Stevely - Yoga Instructor -E-RYT® 500

Baby has no labels. There is just "me". Then somewhere around six months Baby realizes part of what was "me" is separate. It is Mother!!! So now Baby adds their first external label of Child.

That is the beginning. From there we begin accumulating labels. The relationship labels accumulate innocuously and easily. We are Child, Grandchild, Friend, and eventually Husband/Wife, Parent, Grandparent.

So too the Vocation and Avocation labels start to accumulate: Student, Teacher, Doctor, Nurse, Coach, Trainer, Volunteer, Supporter, Seamstress, Crafter, Collector, Builder, Retailer, Manufacturer, etc.

The shadow side of these noun labels is how they seem to get stuck to us, or vice versa. The sad truth of life is that any of these labels can morph or be ripped away without warning and without our consent. Almost everyone knows the pain of this. We lose the Husband/Wife label because of death or divorce. We find ourselves in the empty nest, and the Parent label feels lost or at least changed forever. A career that we have made our whole life is suddenly gone. We have

been downsized, restructured, aged out, or fired. What now? Where is the rest of me?

There is a reawakening; "me", the inner self, must be something other than these labels.

What happens to "me" if a label suddenly does not exist anymore?

Then there are the adjective labels. We think of ourselves as strong/weak, optimistic/pessimistic, happy/sad, brilliant/average, healthy/unhealthy, willowy/inflexible, and the list goes on!

The shadow side of all the adjective labels is that they can be super sticky. Shaking those can take a great deal of effort. The most

problematic of these labels are the ones that start with "too". Too old, too busy, too stiff. I hear those frequently when I talk to prospective yoga students.



Another big bugaboo with those prospective yoga students is comparative labels. So, we start right away with warding those off. One of the first rules of yoga is to "stay on your own mat". That has nothing to do with "social distancing". It is a head thing. It is an exhortation to stay out of the comparatives. Pay attention to what you are doing and do not let your judicial gaze go to your neighbours. If you do, the comparative labels start to flow. "I'm fatter", "I'm stiffer"," I'm slower". One of Theodore Roosevelt's famous quotes was "comparison is the thief of joy."

Do you!!! Be you!!!

Back to Baby for a moment. For nine months Baby's world was all internal. Baby embodies the phrase, "I am". But as soon as Baby is born, the senses start drawing the self out into the 10,000 things of the world. That is where the labeling starts, and before we know it, we are hip-deep in those labels.

We are living in a sort of separation anxiety from that moment on. That is why we try to anchor ourselves in external labels. Instead, we should connect back to our inner world, casting our anchor inward. There is more to each of us than all our labels. Just as an exercise, try to call up all the labels that you identify yourself with. Imagine them gone?!?!

Imagine just coming back to being.



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Posted at Baden, Ontario this 27th day of January, 2022

Daniel Baer



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- SENATOR MURRAY SINCLAIR

# DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY STOLEN LANDS STRONG HEARTS

Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen lands, Strong Hearts is a film about a devastating decision, made over 500 years ago, which continues to profoundly impact Indigenous and Settler people worldwide. Pope Alexander VI ruled that the lands being discovered by European explorers at the time were "empty" lands and its millions of Indigenous inhabitants were "non-human".

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#### The Art of Listening ~ Part 1

Most people know someone we wish would listen better. Being heard matters. But do we know how to be the listener? It may have become a lost art.

When someone is talking to us, it is common to be distracted, preoccupied, and to need to be told again (and again) because we forgot what was said. Typically, we may be preparing what we are going to say in response while they talk, and perhaps so focused on that that we interrupt. Don't worry, this is normal and it can produce a lively conversation!

We can expand our listening skills and watch how our relationships change. Perhaps enrich a few minutes with a cashier, widen the connection with contacts on a normal day, and deepen the quality of hearing the ones we are close to. It is a human need to connect, and listening is love in action.

Listening can take many forms, and there is a vast range of time and attention it may require. It could be a short question or comment that just takes a moment or a longer expression that takes time.

Many conversations are spontaneous, and we may feel a slight sense of being startled. Even if we have an appointment to talk and are prepared for a conversation, there are endless possibilities of how we are present in that moment. Are we tired, rushed, focused on something else, attentive, curious, or uncomfortable with what the person is saying? Do we think we know what they will say? How we are present changes how we listen. Maybe we are in a good space for listening, or perhaps postponing the conversation is good self care and can make all the difference to how the conversation unfolds if the timing is better.

When listening to someone who makes us uncomfortable it can feel like we're helping them by trying to change them or fix what seems to be a problem. However, the speaker may feel unheard or brushed aside.

There is much to be aware of when listening. Here are a few points to consider for bringing depth to your listening and relationships.

#### Be kind to yourself

Take time to notice your own discomfort and take care of that part of you. When someone tries to sway you to their point and you find yourself resisting, acknowledge their point and honour diversity. Agreeing to disagree with respect allows trust to continue to flow at the same time as staying true to yourself.

#### Let go of evaluation

Suspend assumptions by letting the other person talk without concluding anything. If you feel you need to figure everything out, or need to process out loud and direct the conversation, you may be heard as a critic. Not getting caught up in their story, your presence becomes a safer place for them. They may be better able to hear their own wisdom while supported by your gentler presence.

#### By Cheryl Weber Good

#### Ask quality questions

Questions generate emotions and behaviour. Poor quality questions bring poor quality answers and we lose our power. Well-thought-out questions can



dig deeper for insights, bring a healthy curiosity, fresh perspectives and empowerment. Simply asking for clarification can help in the listening process. You might say "I hear\_\_\_\_, is that what you mean?"

#### Give feedback

Notice what you observe. What does the other person's body language say? Are they tense, animated, enthused, or upset? Is their tone of voice giving you clues to what they are expressing? You might say "I noticed that you sighed when you said that." That helps them to feel you are fully present with them.

#### **Validate**

Show support and value of the one to whom you are listening. As a fellow human being, they matter; and goodness is within them.

Listening is a gift that gives us the sense that we are not alone.

"See the light in others and treat them as if that is all you see." -Wayne Dyer

Cheryl Weber Good is a trained listener who helps people to hear their own wisdom.

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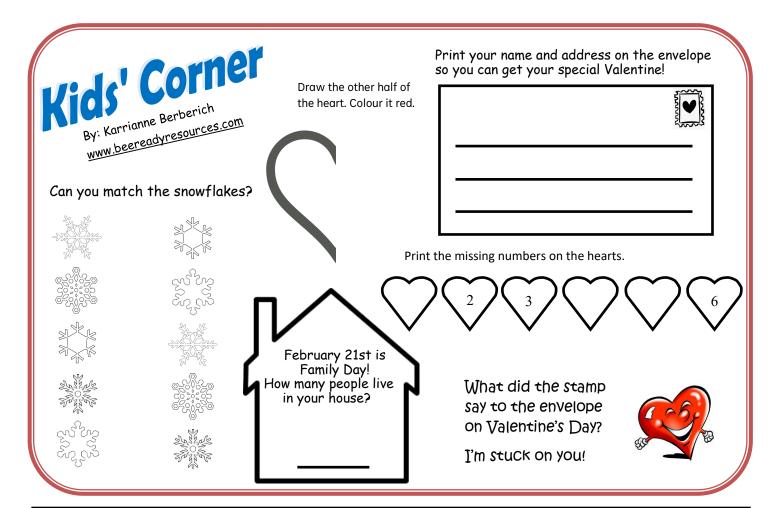
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#### You Must Be Joking!!

#### The Joys of Adulting

- What's an adult problem nobody prepared you for?
   Fruits and vegetables expire faster when you pay for them.
- Hi. Welcome to adulthood! You'll be constantly tired except for right before you need to go to sleep.
- \* Laundry: washing 30 minutes, drying 60 minutes, putting away 7 to 10 business days.
- Who knew one of the most taxing parts of being an adult is trying to figure out what to make for dinner every night.
- \* Welcome to adulthood. You get mad now when they rearrange your grocery store.
- \* Thoughts in adulthood. Why are rugs so expensive... pillows and curtains too!
- \* How do people work 10+ hours a day then come home and workout and cook? Adulting is an extreme sport.
- \* Who knew replacing an old sponge could give such joy.

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## Hey Baden, it's Quiz Time!

1. How many detached homes were sold in KW in the last 30 days?

A. 235

B. 101

C 54

D 178

2. On average, how long was a home on the market in December?

A. 3 days

B. 8 days

C. 11 days

D. 23 days

3. How many semi-detached homes were sold?

A. 16

B. 29

C 5

D. 51

The market has been a little unpredictable lately. To help our friends in the Baden community make sense of things, we share a monthly market update on our website with insight, tips, and market statistics. Scan the QR code below to watch our most recent video.



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Answers: 1.B 2.B 3.A

"

Amy Williams at the Lambert Group helped my husband and I purchase our first home. We couldn't have been happier, she was super friendly and helpful from day one. Her depth of experience was a huge asset, and she was always offering her knowledge when we were viewing houses. The whole Lambert team was a pleasure to work with, and Amy was amazing!

-Melanie T

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February is a hard, winter month, but it's also a short month with light at the end of the tunnel. On average February is the snowiest month of the year according to Environment Canada. It is also the month for predictions, love, family, and cleaning! On February 2<sup>nd</sup> we watch with anticipation for Wiarton Willie to make his prediction for an early spring. On February 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrate all the love we have in our lives, and on February 21<sup>st</sup> we get to relax and enjoy a day spent with family.

What some of you may or may not know, is that the word February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means "to cleanse". As Canadians we seem to revel in the hardiness of the winter weather by taking part in many winter sports such as hockey, alpine and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, skating, snowshoeing, curling, and snowmobiling. However, if you are not a winter activity fan you might use these colder months to do some deep cleaning!

Before you dive in, take the time to set yourself up for success. Make a pile for "Things to donate to New Hamburg Thrift" and a pile "to be tossed." Have your boxes or garbage bags clearly labelled and you're ready to start.

New Hamburg Thrift Center will accept donations of all kinds. Gently used housewares are always welcomed, so go ahead and clean out those kitchen cupboards where you've stored things you just don't use. We love books for all

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ages, so take your time and clean off bookshelves. Take everything down and dust it off then consider what to return to the shelf and what to send to New Hamburg Thrift Center so someone else can enjoy it. Boots, shoes, and jackets you have pushed to the back of the mudroom are also accepted.

Once you get your bookshelves cleaned off, your kitchen organized, and your mudroom back in order, there is one bigger cleaning task left to do. In my opinion, it is the biggest task of them all. It requires a lot of effort and a huge chunk of your time—purging your closet! We have big hopes for many items in our wardrobe that unfortunately just never come to actuality. It's painful to have to get rid of things we feel haven't lived up to their potential, but the reality of it is if you haven't worn it in over a year you probably never will. Donating that item to New Hamburg Thrift will give it the second life it deserves.

Donating your gently used clothing, housewares, or furniture to New Hamburg Thrift helps MCC to do all of the great Mission work to which they are dedicated. MCC puts over 80% of funds raised towards their missions of Relief, Development, and Peace. Your generous donation of unwanted items is helping more than just one person locally and internationally.

To find out more about MCC and New Hamburg Thrift Centre please visit us!

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Happy Cleaning! We look forward to seeing you soon!



#### Top Tips for Snowbirds to Avoid Vacation Rental Scams

By Gary White

While the vast majority of vacation properties rented by snowbirds over the winter are legitimate, every year there are a handful of nightmare stories from a few unlucky snowbirds who were shocked to discover that their rental did not exist, and they had been scammed out of thousands of dollars in rent.

The scenario goes something like this:

- 1. You find a great place perhaps at an unbelievable price.
- 2. You correspond with an individual who holds themselves out to be the "owner" or "agent" of the property.
- 3. You send a wire transfer for a deposit or in some cases the entire rent.
- 4. The contact disappears along with your money In some cases, you may actually show up at the property you were led to believe you rented only to find out that it was never for rent or was rented to someone else by the real owner/agent.

The good news is, there are many steps snowbirds can take to avoid becoming a victim of vacation rental scammers. Here are our top tips on how to protect yourself and make sure your vacation rental is legitimate.

#### Is the rent too good to be true?

One clue that should set off alarm bells right away is an amazing "deal" on rent. If the rent seems too good to be true, it probably is. In cases like this, don't be afraid to push the rental owner or agent on why the rent is below market and to provide proof that the rental is legitimate. If anything seems off, walk away.

#### Where is the property listed?

Where did you find this property listed? If it was on Facebook, Craigslist or Kijiji, there is a higher probability that it could be a scam and you will need to verify legitimacy.



Check to see if the property is listed on any reputable vacation rental sites like VRBO, or Airbnb, or on a reputable real estate brokerage, or property management company's website, where scammers are less likely to be able to list properties for rent.



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#### Verify that the property exists

Sometimes scammers try to rent properties that don't even exist. You can use Google Maps to verify that the condo or villa you want to rent actually exists.

If you have friends in the area, ask them to walk by the property and send you photos. Better yet, arrange for them to do an inspection inside.

#### Verify the person you are dealing with is legitimate

- The most important thing to verify is that you are actually dealing with the real owner or agent for the property.
- If they claim to be the owner, ask them for proof. If you are dealing with someone claiming to be an agent, ask for proof that they represent the property owner and check references of the rental agency.
- Does the owner or agent have a website that appears to be legitimate that you might be able to verify in some way?
- Do a Google search on the owner/rental agent and the address of the property to see if you find any information that can help to verify that they are legitimate or that sends up warning signals.

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- What kind of presence does the individual or company have on social media? Social media can be a valuable tool for checking out credibility.
- What kind of third-party reviews do the rental property and the owner or agent have online, and do the reviews appear to be real?

Ask for a lot of details about the property and local neighbourhood. If they don't seem to know these details or their information doesn't add up, be very suspicious.

Don't be shy to push back and quiz them about their legitimacy and ask them to provide some sort of proof that makes you feel comfortable. Any reputable person or company won't object to this.

#### Ask for references

Ask for references from former renters and, if possible, references for the owner or agent with whom you are dealing with. Take the time to contact these references and verify the owner or agent is who they say they are and that they are entitled to be renting this property.

You can ask for proof from the owner by requesting utility or tax bills in their name for the property. If it is an agent, ask for their agency agreement with the owner.

#### Get a formal rental agreement

You should never rent a vacation property without a formal rental agreement. This protects both you and the owner.



The rental agreement should spell out the terms of the rental such as:

- Duration, rental amount, and payment instructions
- Deposit, refund, and cancellation terms
- Other requirements like cleaning fees
- Any other rules for the property
- It should also clarify if there's a security deposit required and when you will have that returned

If the person you are dealing with is asking you to do anything unusual with respect to the rental payments or the rental agreement, then you need to investigate them further.

#### Transferring deposits and final payments

By far the safest way to pay is by credit card. Credit cards offer more consumer protection than any other payment method. If there is a problem with your rental, or if you are the victim of a scam, you can dispute the charges with your credit card company.

Vacation rental websites such as VRBO and Home Away sometimes offer secure payment systems and money back guarantees - sometimes for an additional cost. To ensure that you will be covered, be sure to read the guarantee's terms and conditions before you book.

Airbnb and some other sites don't release payment to property owners until 24 hours after a renter has checked in. This ensures you can get a refund if the place is not as advertised or if it wasn't even available.

If you are dealing with an individual, they are probably not set up for credit card payments and they may ask for payment by wire transfer, bank transfer, cheque, or cash. Unfortunately, these methods of payment are the riskiest transaction for you because if they are scammers, they can take off with the money. It is almost impossible to recover your money once this has happened.

Wire transfer payments are very common in some countries, but vacation rental owners should be willing to work with you to find a payment method acceptable to both parties.

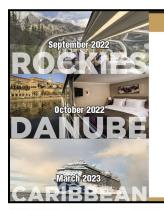
#### The bottom line

Where possible, always deal with a well-known real estate company, vacation rental website, or reputable agent.

If you find your listing on Craigslist, Kijiji, or Facebook, you will have to do a lot more research and verification. This is not to say that all listings on these sites are scams – in fact most of them aren't -however, the likelihood of running into a scam on these websites is higher.

Make "buyer beware" your mantra. And remember, if the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is!

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You may gripe about shovelling snow but that blanket of snow is great for insulating plants from large temperature swings which can be a plant killer. The snow is great for winter activities too, or you can cocoon and watch webinars, or read!

Hickory dickory dock, the mouse, the chipmunk, and the squirrel ran up the hickory tree and joined all the other lovers of our native hickory trees. Locally, we have shagbark (Carya ovata) and bitternut (Carya cordiformis) hickory growing in our hardwood forests. In Schmidt Woods, there is an unusually high number growing, according to Wayne Buck of Waterloo Region Nature. Many of the hickories are right beside the trail and you will see the nuts scattered around the tree base and on the trail in the fall. The tree is home to about 235 species of moths and butterflies who lay their eggs on the leaves. Their larvae (caterpillars) in turn provide food for the birds feeding their young. As mentioned, many rodents eat the nuts and make homes in the trees but some large birds such as robins, blue jays, and wild turkeys eat the nuts as well. Shagbark nut is edible for people too. Hickories are related to the walnut and pecan family. Bitternut, as the name implies, is bitter! This is a mid-sized canopy tree up to 25 m high which can live up to 200 years.

Lone stands of shagbark hickory have been found near Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. They may have been planted by native people hundreds of years ago for a food source.

Hickory wood is dense, strong, and shock-resistant so it is commonly used to make tool handles, furniture, and trim. Shagbark hickory trees grow in various environments, although they thrive in drained areas and bitternut thrives in more moist forests. Explore our local forests and look for shagbark hickory. It has very shaggy bark!

Check out Native Tree Nurseries if you wish to purchase any.

Don't forget to drink water and get some sunlight because you're basically a house plant with more complicated emotions." - inspired by The Stalk Market in Ottawa



#### Winter To Do List (or Should, or Might Get To List!)

• Watch for pests (white flies, spider mites, and aphids) and diseases on houseplants.



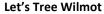
- Protect your shrubs and trees if you see bunny damage. With all the snow, it is harder for them to find food and they can girdle trunks higher up now by sitting on the snow.
- Check Wilmot Horticultural Society and Let's Tree Wilmot Facebook pages for news, tips, and the latest webinars.
- Walk around the Arboretum in New Hamburg at 548-700 Waterloo Street and learn to identify trees in the winter. This is also a great time to see the structure of deciduous trees without their leaves.



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#### All Things Scrambled

Sesame Street Canned Characters Foods Elmo Soup Abby Stew Bert Tuna Beans Oscar Telly Olives Salmon Ernie Grover Ravioli Kermit Manwich Pumpkin Rosita Big Bird Tomatoes

#### Canadian Quiz

1967 Canada's Centennial 1972 Paul Henderson goal Death Penalty abolished 1976 Chalk River Nuclear Accident 1952 Marathon of Hope 1980 Nunavut is created 1999 Newfoundland joins Canada 1949 Alberta and Saskatchewan join 1905 1959 St. Lawrence Seaway opens

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#### Oatmeal Cocoa Muffins

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- 1 ¼ cups all purpose flour
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- 34 cup oats
- ⅓ cup cocoa powder
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- ⅓ cup oil
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ cup semi-sweet mini chocolate chips

Who doesn't like indulging in chocolate? It's decadent and makes us feel good. Keeping it healthy, you might like this recipe. I like the mystery of this muffin as it brings us the good heart health of oats but tangles you up with the yumminess of cocoa. The question is... "Is it a muffin or a cupcake?" — you decide. To add

to your February decadence these sweet

Chocolate Meringues are super easy and fun to share.



#### **Chocolate Meringue Cookies**

3 egg whites

- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Combine egg whites, cream of tartar, and vanilla. Beat until the whites form soft peaks. Slowly add sugar; beat until stiff peaks form, and mixture becomes glossy. Fold in cocoa and chocolate chips. Drop mixture by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease or line muffin cups with paper liners. Stir together flour, sugar, oats, cocoa, baking powder and salt in large bowl.

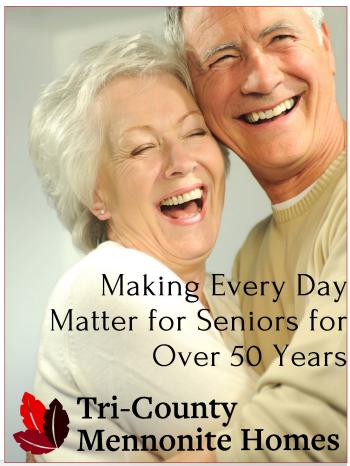
Beat eggs, milk, oil and vanilla in separate bowl.

Add milk mixture and choc chips all at once to flour mixture, stirring just until moistened. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups.

Bake for 18-20 minutes.

With spring getting closer everyday, perhaps this is what you will find when the snow melts in your garden...





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Self-compassion means being gentle, kind and understanding

with yourself, accepting that you are not perfect, and understanding that there is potential for learning and growth in every mistake you make (Neff, 2003).

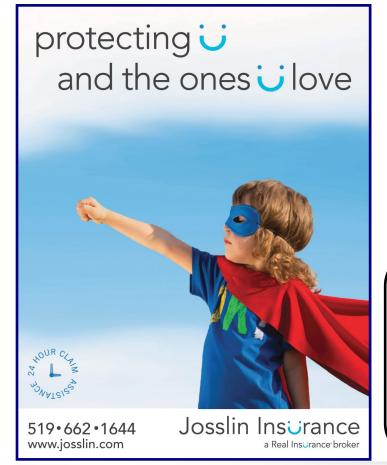
The Dalai Lama said, "If you don't love yourself, you cannot love others. You will not be able to love others. If you have no compassion for yourself then you are not able of developing compassion for others." An easy way to understand self-compassion is to compare it to the instructions given by flight attendants in case of a depressurized airplane cabin: you're supposed to put on your own oxygen mask before helping someone else with theirs. In the same way, we need to look after ourselves before taking care of others.

#### 4 Ways You Can Practise Self-Compassion:

Here are four essential steps to increase your self-compassion:

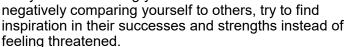
#### Step 1: Practise Forgiveness

Stop punishing yourself for your mistakes. Accept that you are not perfect and be gentle with yourself when you make a mistake. You are valued by your friends and colleagues because of who you are, not because you are faultless.



#### Step 2: Employ a Growth Mindset

Embrace rather than avoid challenges, persist in finding meaning in them, and don't give up on yourself. When you find you are criticizing yourself and pegatively comparing yourself to others





Feeling gratitude is very powerful. Rather than wishing for what we do not have, there is strength in appreciating what we do have, right now. You can choose to write a gratitude journal or go for gratitude walks. By focusing on our blessings, we invite a gentler inner voice and move the focus away from our shortcomings and outward to the world, with all its beauty.

Step 4: Be Mindful

Mindfulness has been found to have a positive impact on self-compassion, as it tends to lessen self-judgment (Kabat-Zinn, 2014). Strive to always be in the moment and to be aware of what is happening right now, without judgment and labeling. Allow what you think or feel to have its moment; don't give it the microphone or hide it in the corner. Allow it to come, and then, without attachment, let it go.

#### A Take-Home Message:

You are worthy of love. So, next time you do not rise to the expectations you have of yourself, take a moment to pause and reassess.

Finally, accept yourself. You are not perfect. No one is and perfection is not the end goal – living fully is!

"You can search throughout the entire universe for someone who is more deserving of your love and affection than you are yourself, and that person is not to be found anywhere. You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe deserve your love and affection." (Buddha)



#### You Must Be Joking!!

#### In the life of a senior:

- Sorry I haven't gotten anything done today.
   I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.
- Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.
- Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think "That can't be accurate."
- I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.
- I'm on two diets, I wasn't getting enough food on one.
- I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.
- Felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery. The GPS blurted out "You have reached your final destination."
- My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from.
- Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling, and I'm still alive.

Submitted by Karin Demerling



Two antennae met on a roof, fell in love and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn't fancy but, man, the reception was excellent.



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#### HERITAGE DAY IN WILMOT TOWNSHIP

Submitted by Tracy Loch, Director/Curator Castle Kilbride

Since 1974, the third Monday in February has been identified as Heritage Day in Canada. Unlike other provinces who celebrate only one day in February, we in Ontario celebrate the entire week!



For Heritage Wilmot, the committee has been hosting Heritage Day events for more than 30 years and has been very proud to say that the event in Wilmot has been the longest running event in

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE DURING HERITAGE WEEK FEBRUARY 21 - 27, 2022

Waterloo Region. Sadly, we are unable to host our event in person due to COVID once again, so in lieu of this, Heritage Wilmot will be promoting heritage week online and invites everyone to join in this February 21st – 27th.

Curious what a municipal heritage committee does and why? Visit <a href="www.HeritageWilmot.ca">www.HeritageWilmot.ca</a> to see. You are also invited to follow and learn about the efforts of Heritage Wilmot and heritage preservation in Wilmot Township by following us on Facebook @CastleKilbride and/or see tweets from Wilmot Township @WilmotTownship during Heritage Week.

Hopefully in 2023 we will be hosting our annual event in person again.



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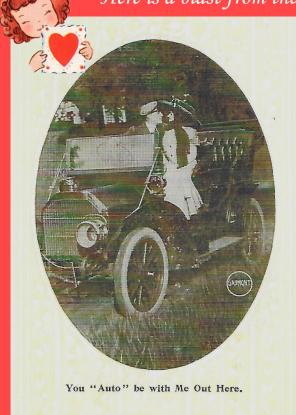
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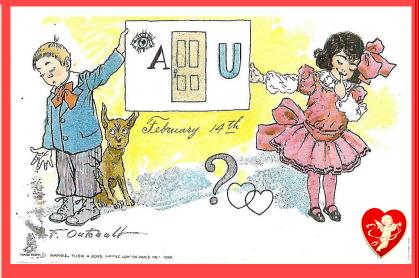


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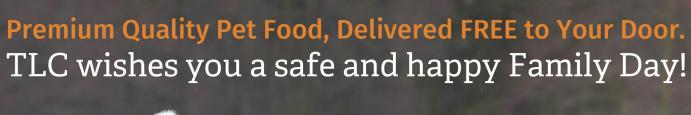
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