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Barry, Pat, & Katie Fisher

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

- Details on the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale and community yard sale weekend
- Gary White keeps us up-to -date with our travel rules
- Cathy shares yummy ideas for cooking with lentils
- Learn and celebrate three local youth who have earned themselves exciting titles in sports
- We meet up with Oasis Mennonite Church to learn of the change of hands at St. James Church
- Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades has a save the date for an exciting family event celebrating 30 years
- Try your hand at Theresa Billo's Shakespeare word search
- TCMH featured resident this month is Lorene Bean
- Check out the details on the BCA Fishing Derby

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# Greetings from Headquarters ~

It's May! The weather is a bit more consistent. The rain still falls but not at such a rate that we deal with mud, just blossoms. I like May!



At the Baden Outlook, we deal with a lot of grammar, spelling, and language as a whole. We have two wonderful editors who both peruse

the paper for errors and teach us stuff along the way. I'd like to stop for a minute and deep dive into the English language, which I find intriguing.

I've been homeschooling my youngest one day a week and I've been looking at words differently ever since. What is common for us to read, is not common for those still learning the language. Why does the "ough" in cough read as "off" but rough read as "uff"? Or why does "through" read as "ew"? Kids are geniuses to pick up on their parents language the way they do.

It's odd but wonderful how words can be written completely differently and mean the same thing but with a slightly different tone. For instance; damp versus moist. Both are meaning slightly wet. But would we ever eat a damp muffin? No. To me, damp is a negative-toned word. A damp basement or a damp towel sounds off-putting. And moist sounds like a positive thing. If someone told me they had a moist basement, I would think they had a sauna down there and be excited! Moisture cream adds softness, which is desired. Dampness cream sounds terrible! Obviously this is my perspective and you may feel completely differently about these words. Many people do not relish the word "moist" and they cringe.

Thanks for reading. I hope I didn't confuse you with my language! Enjoy May.



Yay—it's May! It sure is lovely to wake up to the happy chirps of the robins. There are many bird calls singing these days but the voice of the robin cannot be mistaken—they are so happy! Also joyful are the gardeners...cleaning out their gardens, seeding, and getting down and dirty. Speaking of dirty—it's time to tidy up your garage, sheds or other corners for those unused items you no longer need as it is yard sale time! There will be lots to find and don't forget the biggest sale of

all is the annual Mennonite Relief Sale — check out the scoop on page 20.

There are some interesting local articles this month as we introduce the Oasis Mennonite Church that recently purchased the long standing St. James Lutheran on Mill Street in Baden —check out that story as history begins anew.

Also we discovered 2 local boys who are friends and neighbours and perhaps now rivals...on the ice—check out that exciting story. And another amazing athletic story unfolds as a 9 year old Baden girl wins the Provincial Gymnastic title!

Andy Berwick-Shinnie of Baden shares an interesting find with us as her parents came upon an old Baden Library sign from many, many decades ago. Learn where she found it and where it is now.

We've been busy on-line booking our campsites for the summer. We have a feeling

that Canadians and Americans will be happy to spend their vacation time on this side of the border. Canada has so many wonderful places to visit. I hope whatever your plans are you'll take your Baden Outlook along for the fun. The summer temperatures are around the corner—let's get busy outside!



# ~ Weird and Wonderful Things

g with Ed "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." Albert Einstein penned these words in 1930. A century later, the statement remains just as true.

We have all seen the posts on Facebook that showcase interesting facts - many of them piquing my interest. The other day I stumbled on a map that was entitled "Cryptids in North America". Okay, so what is a cryptid? A Cryptid according to the Cambridge Dictionary is "a creature that is found in stories and that some people believe exists, or say that they exist, or that they say they have seen but that has never been proved to exist". There were several Canadian examples on the map, but I decided to dig deeper to see what I could uncover. Turns out there are many Canadian cryptids!

There were a surprising amount of water-related cryptids in Canada. Probably the most famous in this group would be "Ogopogo" which lives in the 84-mile-long Lake Okanogan in British Columbia. The first sightings of Ogopogo go back to a time before white settlers, by the Indigenous Syilx peoples of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Since then, there have been countless sightings and distant pictures, but no hard evidence. In 1980 around 50 tourists watched Ogopogo for 45 minutes off a beach in Kelowna.

In Ontario, we have Kempenfelt Kelly who resides in Lake Simcoe – the lake has a maximum depth of 41 metres. This creature was first seen in in 1823 by a settler named David Soules, who saw a long slender thing that surfaced in the water. The creature had large fin-like appendages and it was very ugly. The First Nations people had seen this animal many times and named it Mishepeshu. It has been seen dozens of times and it is almost always brown in colour,

with smooth skin, and a long, almost serpentine neck topped by a head resembling that of a dog in shape and features. In 1967 Arch



Brown, a resident of Oro- Medonte Township, who had seen it four times, coined the name Kempenfelt Kelly.

There are numerous other serpentine aquatic creatures in Canada including the following:

The Ug Wug - (New Brunswick) - Has been seen many times near St. John and is a Seal/Salmon hybrid measuring 30 metres in length which lives in the cave systems on and near cliffs that were carved out by tides.

The Turtle Lake Monster - (Saskatchewan) - This brown serpent-like animal was seen by a teacher and her/his daughter in 2003 and is 6 to 8 metres in length.

Champ or Champy – (Quebec) – First sighted by Samuel De Champlain in 1609 while exploring this area. Reported that he said it was 6.1 metres long with the head of a horse. There have been multiple pictures taken of this creature. <u>Memphre</u> – (Quebec) – It calls Lake Memphremagog home and there have been 223 reported sightings by 465 witnesses as of 2001.

Manipogo - (Manitoba) - For over 100 years there have

been sightings on Lake Manitoba of this creature. It is 4 to 15 metres long, with a brownish black body and a head

resembling a horse. Many witnesses heard a shriek or a cry as it surfaced.

Shuswaggi – (British Columbia) Sightings on Shuswap Lake date as far back as 1904. It has a gray black body resembling a giant eel and is 8 to 50 metres long. There have been numerous videos of the animal. Cressie – (Newfoundland) First sighted in 1950, the beast is reportedly between 20 and 40 feet long and brownish in colour. Seen by 25 to 30 people on Crescent Lake. Kraken – (British Columbia) – Legendary Sea monster in the shape of an octopus or squid. There are numerous accounts of people seeing the giant monster.

There have been many other sightings of land creatures such as the elusive Sasquatch of British Columbia! In Labrador there is the Traverspine Gorilla which was first seen in 1913 by a child. The being was about seven feet tall, was covered in hair, and had long dangling arms, while its head was topped with a white mane that ran across the crown like the helmet crest of a Roman centurion. It was seen a couple of times over the next two years. There is also the Monster of Partridge Creek (Yukon) which was a dinosaur shaped creature that was 30 feet long, 12 feet wide, and had a tail that was 10 feet long seen in 1908 by a French Writer Georges Dupuy and ten First Nations peoples. The beast apparently had a caribou in its mouth.

There are many other undocumented cases including: The Wendigo of Algonquin folklore which is a half man/ half animal and the Adlet from Labrador which is an Inuit legend being a half man / half dog. The Waheela resides in the Northwest Territories and is once again a giant dog-like creature. Others include the Devil Monkey from Ontario, Fairies from Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Slaugh from Prince Edward Island which are a flock of extra-large blackbirds (maybe that is where Alfred Hitchcock got his inspiration).

I find it so interesting that in many cases there have been

numerous witnesses to many of these creatures but still they remain so elusive and mostly unproven. Why has there never been a carcass of an animal ever found? Here, in Wilmot, we have our own elusive Nith River Monster (Nithy). It is rare to see



the creature throughout the year; however, there have been some recent sightings especially on the first weekend in December! Not to fear though as the green lizard-like creature seems very gentle and not at all bashful.

Until next month...Ed





# **Abbreviation Quiz!**

Below are common abbreviations used today, most often when texting. Can you understand what they represent? Write its full meaning on the line to the right. Answers on page 37

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### Baden Community Association-Town-Wide Clean Up and Fishing Derby



The Baden Community Association held their annual town cleanup on Saturday April 25, and despite the chilly day there was an amazing number of attendees! Over sixty people showed up to collect 52 bags of garbage from all over town. Special thanks go out to the



following groups who brought out volunteers to help the cause - the Oasis Mennonite Church, Township of Wilmot staff, 822 Tutor Squadron Cadets, Walter Fedy staff, Steed and Evans staff, and of course all the local residents. Take pride in your work as Baden shines once again!

Thanks also to the Township of Wilmot for supplying all the supplies and the truck to take the material to the landfill, Tim Hortons for the hot drinks and TimBits, and Walter Fedy, Fritz- Alder Precast, and Alder Concrete for the generous financial donations to the event. Waste Management employees were on hand to showcase their new bin program which starts next year.

The Baden Community Association Annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> and always has a great turn out. There will be ten \$50 cash prizes up for grabs, as well as a door prize table - a barbeque, and worms will be available for sale. The event starts at 6 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. The pond will be stocked with 400 fish this year by Lyndon Fish Farm which has made a generous donation to this year's event. Other donations were made by Fritz-Alder Precast, Alder Concrete, and Walter Fedy. Get those rods ready! ... and enjoy the fishing all summer long!



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## Checking out the Baden Library

Call 226-748-8030 or email <u>rwlprograms@regionofwaterloo.ca</u> if you have questions about upcoming programs.

#### Program Highlights at Region of Waterloo Library

#### **PROGRAMS IN BADEN**

- Family Art in partnership with Wilmot Family Resource Centre – Thursdays (May 15, 22 & 29) from 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Designed for all ages; Registration required).
- Storytime Station Presents: Slippery Fish Storytime – Tuesday, May 20 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. or Wednesday, May 21 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. (Designed for ages 2-5; Registration required).
- Craft Time: Paper Airplane Fun Monday, May 26 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Designed for ages 2-12; Drop-in).
- Craft Time: Pompom Caterpillar Monday, June 2 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Designed for ages 2-9; Drop-in).

#### **PROGRAMS IN NEW DUNDEE**

- Storytime Wednesday, May 21 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Designed for ages 2-5; Drop-in).
- Adult Craft: Shepherd's Hook Bookmarks Thursday, May 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Designed for ages 18+; Registration required).

#### SUMMER READING CLUB

Summer Reading Club is quickly approaching! Registration begins on **Monday, June 23** at your branch. Track your reading to earn ballots for our prize draws!

Summer program registration opens on

Wednesday, June 18 at 7:00 pm for programs in July and on Wednesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm for programs in August! Registration for the Let's Explore programs, where we visit local businesses and organizations to learn more about them, will open one week prior to the event.



Baden Branch offers a Seed Library! This free service is for all patrons of the Region of Waterloo Library. The program hopes to



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foster wellbeing through gardening and sharing the diversity of our community resources. You can 'borrow' seeds from the library and plant them at your home. At the end of the growing season, we hope you collect seeds from a few plants and return them to the library. Then next season, pick up more seeds to grow!

Our Seed Library includes heirloom vegetables, herbs, and flowers to offer a selection to our gardening patrons.

Drop by and see our selection!

#### **PROGRAMS IN NEW HAMBURG**

- Chess Club Tuesdays (May 20 & 27) from 6:00-8:00 pm or Saturdays (May 17, 24 & 31) from 1:00-2:00 p.m. (Designed for all ages; Drop-in).
- Drop-in Yarn Craft Club Wednesdays (May 21-June 25) from 6:30-8:00 pm (Designed for ages 18+; Drop-in).

#### **PROGRAMS IN WELLESLEY**

- Legal Clinic hosted by Waterloo Region Community Legal Services – Friday, May 16 and June 13 with 30-minute appointments between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Designed for 18+; Registration required).
- Storytime Wednesday, May 21 from 9:30-10:15 am (Designed for ages 2-5; Drop-in).

Scan to see our full Events Calendar, and to register for our programs!









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-Natalya K.

### Baden Birding ~ Cackling Crows

#### Caw. Caw. Caw! Left. Right. Left. Caw. Caw. Caw!

I work on an army base and this is what I heard exiting the building one lunch break! Hilarious! The crow thought the platoon senior was helping by calling more crows!

Who hasn't heard the "caw caw caw" of a crow? These largerthan-a -robin birds are pure black. They walk, hop, jump from branch to branch, and fly effortlessly. You can find them as singles, in small groups, and massive flocks during different seasons of the year. And count yourself lucky if you discover where they nest.

Crows and their bigger cousins called ravens are common birds. Ravens tend to live north of here, but you will occasionally find them in Waterloo Region. Raven caws sound more hoarse than do crows. Ravens also differ from crows in appearance by their larger bill, tail shape, flight pattern, and by their large size. They have a 3.5-4 ft wingspan and are about 24-27 inches from head to tail. To the beginner, telling these birds apart can be difficult. Two helpful online articles are:

<<u>https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/similar-species-crows-and-ravens/</u>>

<<u>http://naturemappingfoundation.org/natmap/facts/</u> <u>crow\_vs\_raven.html#:~:text=Ravens%20differ%20from%</u> <u>20crows%20in,inches%20from%20head%20to%20tail</u>>

Crows and ravens will eat just about anything - grain-like winter birdfood, corn, worms, garbage, young plants, toads and frogs, fish, small birds and eggs, and the occasional roadkill. Crows have been known to eat poison ivy berries with no ill effect. Ravens eat the same things, but are also



serious predators for newborn lambs and calves. There are some pretty disturbing stories that you can read on the ontario.ca website.

Crows and ravens are highly intelligent. A raven was one of

#### By Cathy Parker

the two birds that Noah sent out of the ark after the flood. These birds use tools to pry open food, they drop food from heights to make cracks in nuts, they hunt in groups, warn each other of danger and can also



recognize differences in human faces. They will sit and watch you do things outside until you feel creepy.

When I was researching for this article, I read about a scientist who wanted to know what crows would do if they came across dead crows. Someone said that she must go in disguise, so that the local crows wouldn't recognize her later. She dressed up and laid out deceased crows throughout the grounds of a university campus. The experiment was successful and she got the information she needed, but her "character" got a bad reputation! For years, legions of crows held a vendetta, and would scold the dressed-up researcher as she worked around the campus, but would leave her alone otherwise.

Of all bird species, I think I have more funny stories about crows than any other. These stories started early in my life. My father and I used to walk the dog through the trails behind our house. "Beware of crows," he said, "they'll warn all other wildlife that you're approaching." And sure enough each day, a single crow followed us on our walk, caw-ing to announce our arrival.

One of the funniest stories happened when my husband lived in Woodstock and we were dating. Large flocks of crows gather in the city along Pittock Lake every autumn. We were on an evening walk and came across hundreds of crows settling into some subdivision maple trees at dusk. They were still quite noisy and really didn't seem to care much that people were walking under their trees. When we were right beneath them, my husband shouted in a strong male voice; "**Caw, Caw. Caw**!!" Instantly, hundreds of birds lifted off the branches into the air. We held our sides laughing. And, we'd quite literally scared the poop out of them, because they left that behind... on us.





Looking Back at Baden... 100, 75, and 50 Years Ago With Sherri Gropp, Castle Kilbride Curator and Elizabeth Lukashal Museum Attendant

#### 100 Years Ago- Friday May 1, 1925

The weather we had was quite fine as the seeding time is all over and the farmers will soon start at the corn.

The cattle dealers are still on the job as they say business is rushing. Mr. David Hunsberger, Mr. Wilkerson, the cattle driver, and Mr. Eddie Bohlender, manager of the Dominion Bank, were busy doing business in this neighborhood during the past week.

Mr. Bob Fischer, of Baden, is quite busy the last few weeks hauling coal. Lots of coal the way it looks this year. Get a hustle on Bob, as there are many people wanting coal.

Say, Stratford is getting bigger as a newcomer in the person of a baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, formerly of Baden. Mr. Brown was section foreman on the C.N.R. at Baden for many years. Congratulations.

There is quite a rushing business in this town of Baden as the butcher shop and the limburger cheese factory have changed hands. Mr. Ephraim Ludwig has taken over the butcher shop and Mr. Ed Rieck has taken the cheese factory which used to be Liebler's department. Ha, ha, now what do you call that? Nobody was hurt in the rush.

Gee whiz! Now the cars are going sixty miles an hour on the highway as Mr. William Jutzi has purchased a brand new Ford coupe. Hurrah for Bill.

Interior of Livingston Presbyterian Church

# Dominion Bank in Baden, Corner of Snyder's and Foundry Streets.

#### 75 Years Ago- Friday May 5, 1950

On Friday evening, the Presbyterian Church was packed to the doors with many not being able to gain entrance when the Ladies' Aid of the church sponsored the following films: *The Royal Wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Heir to the Throne: Bonnie Prince Charles* and *Barbara Ann Scott in Action* as well as others of interest to the children. Mrs. S.C. Kuhn furnished the music before the films on the church pipe organ, and Mrs. C. L. Ritchie, president of the LA, extended a hearty welcome.

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#### 50 Years Ago- Friday May 7, 1975

#### Official organization meeting held for Baden Optimist Club

Larry Livingston was elected president of the Optimist Club of Baden, Ontario at the official organization meeting of the new service club May 22, 1975 held at Baden Hotel. The club, formed by 31 business, industry and professional men of Baden will hold regular dinner meetings on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. at the Baden Hotel. The Optimist Club of Baden joins more than 300 Optimist clubs throughout the United States and Canada engaged in a wide variety of meaningful youth and community service projects.



Paul German, field representative of the international service club organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, presided over the official organizational meeting and will be conducting instructional sessions with the new club's officers and committees during the next few days.

The club was sponsored by the Optimist Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, and representatives of the sponsoring group attended the organization meeting held Thursday evening.

The new Optimist Club of Baden now becomes a part of the Ontario District of Optimist International. James Karwacki of Scarborough, Ont., currently serves as the District Governor.



# 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 an item helpful in the dark. Have fun!

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

Answers on page 37

- 1. A type of criminal
- 2. Only one
- 3. Single
- 4. Arrange in line
- 5. Obtain
- 6. An old horse
- 7. A Latin dance
- 8. A serving tool
- 9. Heavy weight
- 10. A bog
- 11. Hurt
- 12. Disfigure
- 13. Just and fair
- 14. Gravel or soil
- 15. An apparatus

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### Local Hockey Players Drafted to OHL Teams

Two Wellesley youths, both neighbours and friends for years, were recently picked up by OHL teams in this year's April draft. Max Wildfong (Forward) was drafted by the Saginaw Spirit and Tyson Cartier (Defense) was selected by the Peterborough Petes!

Both sixteen-year-olds started their hockey in the New Hamburg Huskies Hockey system at age four. At age eight they moved onto AAA in



Saginaw Spirit's Max Wildfong

Kitchener, where they remained for five years. For the last two years, they both played for the Waterloo Wolves AAA team.

The selection procedure has changed for the OHL draft selection process. At one time anyone playing in Ontario on a AAA team was eligible for the OHL draft; however, they had to make a decision on whether to choose the OHL route or accept a scholarship at a college in the United States. Now they can choose both if they wish, which has opened the door for American hockey players







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to be selected in the draft. Max's mother Jodi, stated that last year, 34 Americans were selected in the draft compared to 90 this year, which makes being selected as one of 200 draftees alot tougher.

The selection process is also challenging. The families sit at home watching a TV screen consisting of real time team ticker selections on one side and commentators speaking on the other half. You sit and hope that your son's name comes up!

The Wildfong family attended a Saginaw camp for draftees on the weekend of April 25th. The camp is a tryout for the newly selected players which include an opportunity to demonstrate their skating skills, fitness

testing, on ice scrimmages, and photo ops. Later, this



summer there will be another camp where the full roster will be selected. The Cartier family also experienced the same with the Peterborough Pete's which was held on the weekend of May 3rd. Of the twenty new recruits for each team, two to three will be signed, so it is very difficult for a sixteen -year-old to crack the lineup right away.

Peterborough Petes' Tyson Cartier OHL teams encourage their young players to stay in their local clubs for another year to hone their skills and have more playing time. If they are not added to their OHL teams this year, then they will go back to their home team and head back to the OHL camp the following year.

Both families have lived in Baden for many years but over the last two years both have moved to Wellesley. Both players have their own strengths. Tyson is a tall 6-foot 2-inch defensemen with strong skating and offensive skills and playmaking ability. Max is 5-foot 10-inches and his strong compete level, skating, and work ethic got him to where he is today.

Max and Tyson live very close to each other, ride together to school, and have played in the same teams together. Max's favourite player is Austin Mathews, and his favorite team is the Toronto Maple Leafs. Tyson's favourite team is the Montreal Canadiens, and his favourite player is Kaiden Guhle. Sounds like they have a small rivalry brewing already. It will be interesting to watch them develop and perhaps one day play against each other in the OHL! Good luck to both players on their future!



#### An Inconvenient Logic

#### By John Dinner, Registered Psychotherapist



Think for a minute about what things in you tend to trigger anxiety or anger. And then take a moment to think about the amount of time and emotional energy expended on those things upon which we have limited or no influence. At best, how we react to these issues may be the one thing within our control.

At the time of writing, the federal election is a couple of weeks away. Many believe it is the most important election in our country's history. We all know the reasons for its significance. The best way forward is where consensus comes crashing down. The end result is sure to be unsatisfactory for much of the country. And so it goes.

Competing views are not unique to politics. Pick a topic and conflicting versions of the truth are a sure bet. These disparate views reflect special interests, insiders and outsiders, conservatives, and liberals and those who demand raisins in butter tarts and the misguided others who don't.

Ensconced in our groups, we're likely to be drawn to information and arguments that confirm what we already believe. It takes courage and humility to consider the



validity of another's beliefs and be curious enough to

appreciate (but not necessarily agree with) a perspective that bumps up against our own.

What may seem absolutely true or obvious to us reflects a logic we apply to our life that reflects our individual experience, upbringing, education, personality, and values. This logic forms a lens through which we view the world and concludes how it should be. How we navigate each phase of life and react to the next day's headlines is largely determined by the expectations and assumptions that our one-of-a-kind lens has fostered over time.

The risk is that we believe the unique life experience that is ours alone somehow delivers us to the place where we believe we have inherited special insight that reflects what is right, what is just, what is correct, and what should be not only for oneself but for others as well.

Given there is and will be no abatement in the difficult issues that crowd the headlines, perhaps a better course of action is the one where humility leads the way: one where we concede that our certainty may be subject to debate and our assuredness may not be as concrete as we might wish.

Learning from others throughout life provides an opportunity to continually polish our lenses, gaining greater clarity by learning from others whose experience and conclusions are different from our own -- to understand the inconvenient but genuine logic that informs who they are becoming.

How much richer could life be if we kept the door open to other points of view, to the possibility that others may have a perspective as valid than our own. And how much more enjoyable might life be reacting with curiosity and consideration instead of anger and fear? How great would that be for everyone?

# English is Strange...

Cuttlefish = not fish Starfish = not fish Jellyfish = not fish Silverfish = not fish Shellfish = not fish

Seahorse = fish

# ALL THINGS SCRAMBLED

Within each category the words are jumbled up. Can you unscramble them? Answers on page 37

### Kitchen Appliances

NOVE	
VOTES	
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Words Describing Groups of Birds

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LOONCY	
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# Long-Lost History Restored

A long-lost piece of Baden's history has been lovingly restored and returned to its rightful place, thanks to the dedication of Greg and Adrienne Shinnie.

From 1995 to 2005, the Shinnies owned the Baden Emporium and five surrounding buildings on Snyder's Road. Among them was the historic tin smith shop. While renovating the property, Greg made a surprising discovery in a crawl space: an old wooden sign that had been repurposed as a concrete form. Despite its rough condition—

faded paint and barely visible lettering—it caught his eye. Curious, he carefully removed it, revealing a \*sign\* from Baden's past.

Messages were painted on both sides. One read "Merchant Tailor," while the other had been painted over to read "Baden Public Library." Though time had worn away much of the paint, enough remained to make out the original colours and lettering. To bring the sign back to life, Greg enlisted the help of his friend Lance Russwurm, a local artist best known for painting Wilmot's beloved murals and the two well known paintings of Castle Kilbride.

But how did the sign end up hidden in the tin smith shop? As it turns out, the building once housed Baden's original library—tucked upstairs before the library moved numerous places until its modern location just down the road. The sign, once discarded and forgotten, is now a charming relic of Baden's past and a quiet tribute to the resourcefulness of earlier generations who found new uses for old things.

Greg and Adrienne chose to donate the restored sign back to the Baden Library in honour of their dear friend, Mary -Eileen McClear—Baden's beloved storyteller. Mary was the heart behind the local Story Barn, a magical little space



whose memory the sign is being donated; Greg Shinnie; Adrienne Shinnie (the donors);

Twyla Knight (Library Branch Services); Chris Miller Baechler (Library Coordinator); and

just behind her family's property on Snyders Road West. She also founded the Baden Storytellers Guild. Mary had a deep love for stories and generously shared her gift—both spoken and written—with generations of listeners. There couldn't be a more fitting name to accompany this historic artifact, one that so perfectly symbolizes a home for stories.

The Shinnies hope their gift will serve as a tangible link to the past and a beautiful reminder that stories still live on in every corner of town.

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Cristina McLaren (Library Manager).

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# EcoNugget

# **EV Facts You Should Know!**

- 85% of households travel less than 160 km and most Canadians drive less than 50 km on a typical day. Since the <u>average range</u> of new EVs sold is 468 km, it is very rare that you would ever run out of charge while driving.
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- 3. EV batteries will lose **5%** of range for every **5 degrees below 5°C**. Make sure you charge at night to get ready for those colder days.
- 4. EVs don't need oil changes, transmission maintenance, or upkeep of exhaust systems.
- 5. Electric motors only have **one moving part** the rotor compared to many moving components in gas engines. With fewer parts to wear out or fail, EVs experience significantly lower maintenance costs and are more reliable over the long term.
- EVs do not have a higher incidence of fires compared to gasoline cars. In fact, fires occur one in every 4,000 EVs compared to one in every 65 gas cars, according to a study by AutoInsuranceEZ (Clean Energy Canada).

All students & young adults are encouraged to check out the **Nith Valley EcoBoosters Youth Advocates**. This group originally started with the goal of organising sustainable initiatives and activities in schools. Since then, the focus has shifted to making climate action and sustainability accessible and appealing to youth and young adults through a variety of education initiatives and events.

As the climate crisis continues, we need profound changes, and we need them now. NVEB Youth Advocates is a community where we can learn, grow, and help each other find our roles in these changes. We understand the hectic schedule that comes with school or work, so your level of commitment depends on your personal capacity.

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- "Fixin' to" Preparing to do something.
- **"Skedaddle"** To leave quickly.
- "Over yonder" Over there.
- "Gullywasher" A heavy rainstorm.
- "Cattywampus" Crooked or askew.
- "Slicker than snot on a doorknob" Very slippery.
- "Colder than a well digger's rear" Extremely cold.
- "Jeez Louise" An expression of surprise or frustration.

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Arnold Hearing Centres, the longest-standing independent hearing care provider in the region, has teamed up with the local charity Friends for Life for a mission to Yamasà, an underserved community in the Dominican Republic.

During their trip, a group of hearing care professionals will be testing hearing and fitting donated, professionally reconditioned hearing aids to people who have no access to treatment. These trips are life-changing; both for those receiving hearing aids and those delivering them. In places like Yamasà, something as small as a hearing aid can be the difference between a child receiving an education or being left behind.

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# The Baden Outlook has been to sunny and amazing places!



The *Baden Outlook* is onsite with Brian and Jewel Cressman in Portachuelo, Bolivia during a two week Eye Project with Medical Ministries International in late February.



These snowbirds from Stonecroft of New Hamburg had a fun Cornhole competition while vacationing in the Fort Myers area. The *Baden Outlook* was in the line-up!



Lynda and Gord Chambers took the *Baden Outlook* along on a tour of the Azores, visiting four islands with Seniors Discovery Tours and enjoyed beautiful scenery.



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Daniel, Andrea, Brynnlee, and Ezra Berwick took a family trip to the Bahamas where Ezra celebrated his 2-month milestone! This photo was taken with their *Baden Outlook* overlooking their family retreat at Delaporte Point, seen in the background.



The *Baden Outlook* had a great time with Albert and Bobby-Jo Ross along with Janice and Duane Gingerich as both couples celebrated their 30th wedding anniversaries together in Punta Cana.





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# **Travel Insurance News and Views**

In last month's issue we provided information about new rules that came into effect on April 11, 2025 for Snowbirds who travel to the United States for more than 30 days. This month we wanted to provide you with a list of **Frequently Asked Questions.** 

# Q: Do I need to provide fingerprints if I am required to register with USCIS?

**A:** (Source: <u>U.S. Embassy in Ottawa</u>): No. Canadian citizens do **not** need to provide fingerprints. They are exempt from the biometric collection requirement of INA 262.

#### Q: Is there a fee to register online with USCIS?

**A:** (Source: <u>U.S. Embassy in Ottawa</u>): There is currently no fee for the new web-based registration process.

# Q: Do I need to register if I am currently in the U.S. but will be leaving prior to April 11<sup>th</sup>?

**A:** If you will be leaving the U.S. **prior** to April 11<sup>th</sup>, when the new registration rules come into effect, you do not need to register.

# Q: Do I need to register if I am in the U.S. prior to April 11<sup>th</sup> and will be leaving after April 11th?

A: (Source: U.S. Embassy in Ottawa): Anyone who needs to register and has already been in the U.S. longer than 30 days



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should register as soon as possible in order to bring themselves into compliance with the law.

Anyone who needs to register and has not been in the United States for 30 days yet, but expects to be, should register before the 30 days runs out.

# Q: Do I need to register if I depart the United States and return?

A: (Source: <u>U.S. Embassy in Ottawa</u>): The requirement to register applies to **each** stay in the United States of 30 days or longer from the date the visitor was most recently admitted. The requirement is not cumulative over multiple stays in the United States. When the visitor departs the United States, this "clock" essentially resets. *For example:* A visitor is admitted into the United States and returns to Canada after 15 days. Later that year, the visitor takes a second trip to the United States and returns to Canada after 20 days. Since each of these stays in the United States is less than 30 days, the visitor does not need to register.

#### Q: If I was issued an I-94 for a previous trip that is still valid, but not for my most recent trip, do I need to register?

**A:** DHS and USCIS have not provided clear guidance on this scenario, but Canadians in this situation may be required to register and should err on the side of caution by registering online with USCIS.

#### Q: If I have NEXUS am I exempt from registering?

**A:** No. At this time, USCIS has not given any indication that Canadians who have NEXUS will be exempt from registering.

#### Q: Do the new registration requirements only apply to me if I entered the U.S by land, or do they also apply if I entered the U.S by air?

A: DHS and USCIS have not provided clear guidance on this scenario, and while the new rule refers specifically to Canadians entering the U.S. by land, it is possible that some Canadians who enter the U.S. by air may not be issued an I-94 upon entry. Accordingly, the new rule may also apply to Canadians who enter the U.S. by air and Canadians in this situation may be required to register and should err on the side of caution by registering online with USCIS.

# Q: If I register online by completing Form G-325R, do I need to get fingerprinted?

**A:** No. Canadians who register online by completing Form G-325R do NOT need to get fingerprinted.

#### Q: Does your Proof of Alien Registration document need to be a physical printout or is a digital copy on your phone sufficient?

**A:** DHS and USCIS have not provided clear guidance on this, so it is better to err on the side of caution and keep a printed copy with you.

# Community Corner ~ Check Out What's Going On!

### WILMOT HERITAGE FIRE BRIGADES

Our lucky December winner was Albert Rosenburg from Stonecroft, New Hamburg.

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# Congrats to Baden's Caragan Kruger

We are excited to share the victory of young 9-year-old Caragan Kruger who recently won a title at the Ontario Provincial Championship in Gymnastics.

Caragan started gymnastics in January 2022 at age six, although she has been jumping and flipping about since she was 2 years old. After a year of getting a feel for the sport, she entered her first developmental competition in 2023, which she earned the all-around champion. Gymnastics are broken into skill levels with level three age 9 being the starting level for provincial qualifying athletes, where all athletes can participate in a maximum of three competitions within the season to qualify for provincial championships in the spring. In 2024 Caragan qualified for championships scoring first out of 166 athletes' level 3 age 9!

As a person would go up a level, their skill levels become more defined – for instance a competitor in level 5 should be able to do a full tuck off beam, a fly away off bars, and a round off backhand spring back tuck on floor. Disciplines are tailored to a person's strengths; Caragan was qualified in an all-Ontario provincial championship competition age 9-11



this April in Angus. She should have been competing at a level four; however, she wanted to challenge herself and achieved all requirements to skip up to level 5. Caragan is dedicated and trains 17 hours a week at the Kitchener-Waterloo Gymnastics Club and felt that she was comfortable competing at that level.

The competition had 44 participants qualified in level 5 ages 9-11 and Caragan excelled in all four events. The balance beam is her favourite event where she scored a 9.45 out of 10 which gave her a gold in that category. She scored a silver medal on the bars (9.33), along with a sky- high special judges award, bronze medal on the floor (9.43), and a 9.2 on the vault. Adding the four categories together gave her a total score of 37.416 earning the women's provincial champion award for level



five ages 9-11, even though she should have been competing one level down. A truly amazing accomplishment!

Her mother, Raine Kruger, has been involved in dance for many years and currently she shares her services at Flex Dance in Baden. She had pictured her daughter Caragan as a dancer; however, after a short time in dance it was determined that she wasn't that enthused about dance and might use her energy elsewhere in sports. A friend had suggested that Raine enroll her in gymnastics and it turns out that it was a great decision and Caragan agrees.

Caragan's parents are extremely proud of their daughter and the accomplishments that she has achieved so far in her short career in Gymnastics. Caragan loves the sport and has her eyes set on the 2032 Olympics! Congratulations Caragan --Baden is proud of you too!





### You Must Be Joking!!



- \* What should you do if you're addicted to seaweed? Sea kelp.
- \* I couldn't find any bouillon cubes at the grocery store. Apparently they are out of stock.
- "People are shocked when they find out I am not a good electrician."
- What's the difference between Iron Man and Aluminum Man? Iron Man stops the bad guys. Aluminum Man just foils their plans.



s spring decides to stick around rather than tease us, I find myself craving lighter eating. Getting away from the casseroles and soups that sustain us with comfort through our long winters. Being not quite ready for the salads of summer, I find lentils a nice spring eating choice.



Lentils are considered a legume and come in a variety of colours, red and green being the most common. They are a good source of protein, fibre, iron, and folate, which is a good alternative to meat. Red lentils cook quickly, break down easily, and are ideal for soups and curries. The green lentils hold their shape well during cooking making them suitable for salads and roasted vegetables.

#### Thai Coconut Lentils

cup dried green lentils
 cloves garlic, minced
 tbsp olive oil
 head green cabbage, shredded
 4 cups cubed butternut squash
 can coconut milk
 tbsp red curry paste
 tbsp chili powder
 Salt to taste
 Fresh chopped basil and peanuts for topping (optional)

Rinse lentils and add to 2 cups boiling water, cook for 30-40 minutes or until tender or water absorbed, may need to drain if not all absorbed. Set aside. While lentils are cooking, heat oil in large skillet and add garlic, cooking for 30 seconds to bring out flavour. Then add cabbage and cook until tender. Remove from pan and set aside. Add more oil to pan and add squash, season with chili powder and salt. Stir to combine and add coconut milk. Bring to simmer and add curry paste, let squash cook until fork tender. Add lentils and cabbage and stir to combine and reheated through. Optional toppings of basil and peanuts can be added when serving.

#### Lentil Stuffed Zucchini Boats

1/2 cup dry green lentils
1 tbsp olive oil
2 tbsp finely diced onion
1 garlic clove, finely minced
1 cup baby spinach, chopped
1/2 cup (or more) pasta sauce
salt and pepper to taste
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
2 zucchini, cut lengthwise

Rinse lentils and add to 1 cup boiling water, cook for 30 -40 minutes or until tender or water is absorbed, (may need to drain if not all absorbed). Set aside. Preheat oven to 375. Scoop out flesh of zucchini, leaving 1/2" border at sides. Place zucchini into 8x8" pan or larger if needed. Heat oil and cook onions until softened then add garlic and cook an additional minute before adding spinach and lentils. Cook until spinach begins to wilt then add pasta sauce. Stir and heat through. Distribute lentils evenly into the 4 zucchinis, top with cheese and bake 20-30 minutes or until cheese starts to golden up.

#### Local Churches Invite You to Join Them

**Steinmann Mennonite Church** Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. www.smchurch.ca

**Zion Philipsburg Lutheran Church** Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. www.philipsburglutheranchurch.ca

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. www.petersburgchurch.org

#### **Zion United Church**

In person & online Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. http://www.zionnewhamburg.ca

**Shantz Mennonite Church** Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. www.shantzmc.ca

**St. James Lutheran Church** Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. www.stjamesinbaden.org

Wilmot Mennonite Church Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

**St Agatha Mennonite Church** Sunday Worship 10 a.m. All are welcome. 519-634-8212

### Oasis Mennonite Church Makes a Purchase

Oasis Mennonite Church began as a congregation in 2019. Their origins stemmed from Grace Mennonite Church which is located at the corner of Bean Road and Diamond Road just south of Punkey Doodles Corners. The congregation outgrew their space, so a new congregation was formed - the Oasis Mennonite Church.

With all new churches a site search ensued, and a temporary home was found in Kitchener. The congregation still wanted a permanent local home and the group reached out to the St. James Lutheran Church in Baden to see if they could share their facility. St. James was receptive to the idea and in April 2022 Oasis Mennonite began meeting at the church.

St. James Lutheran Church has played an important role in the community. The property for the church was purchased from Jacob Beck on March of 1862, who was the founder of Baden and father of Sir Adam Beck. On





June 8, 1862 the first cornerstone for the new church was laid. The original church was called Evangelical Lutheran St. Jacobus Kirche, a German speaking church, at a cost of \$1,000. James Livingston sold a piece of land to the church in 1889, which created the Fairmount Cemetery located on Silver Springs Drive, just south of Brewery Street. On June 1, 2008 St. James celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The two churches have worked well together sharing times for worship. St. James having their service at 9:00 a.m. and Oasis at 10:15 am. Oasis church had the larger congregation and discussions began regarding

Oasis purchasing the building and still allowing both churches to reside in the same building. The two agreed to terms and the transaction was to occur on December 31, 2024; however, there was an issue that had to be resolved first. The original title of the building was in a different name that had changed several times. It required three months of clarification to satisfy the land registry office of the authenticity of the title.

Oasis Church finally took over title of the building on March 31, 2025 and they are excited to be calling it home. They are a young congregation of approximately 80 members and are excited about getting involved with the community. That was very evident with their involvement in the Baden Community Association where many members participated in the annual town cleanup.

The church would like to leave the structure the same and appreciate the relationship that they have created with the St. James congregation. One of their goals is to get more involved with the community. There are several events planned such as a vacation bible school which will be held from July 28 to August 1 at the church, and a Hymn Sing at Sir Adam Beck Park on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Tops Weight Loss group still uses their building every Wednesday morning to meet.

Some of the congregation is coming full circle in their family history. Two of the members' great-greatgrandparents are the Waglers who sold the farmland to James Livingston. For more information about Oasis, visit their website at www.oasismennonite.com.

**Baden Outlook** 

#### New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Returns Spotlighting Handcrafted Quilts and Global Compassion

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale (NHMRS) is back May 30 and 31, 2025, for its 59th annual event — a vibrant community celebration featuring handcrafted quilts, homemade foods, and auctions in support of Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) global relief and development work.

Held at the New Hamburg Fairgrounds, the event draws thousands each year who come for the favourites like apple fritters, BBQ chicken, tea balls, spring rolls, strawberry pies, and fresh doughnuts all prepared by volunteers.

Another highlight is the annual quilt auction, which is as much a spectator sport as it is a place to buy over 200 gorgeous hand-made quilts, with top quilts selling for upwards of tens of thousands of dollars.



Hundreds turn out of the Friday evening Voices Together Community Hymn Sing

This year's feature quilt, titled "Journey of a Fractured Star," was made from scrap material and will be a dazzling highlight of the Saturday morning quilt auction.



The creation of this quilt was an exercise of failure and frustration, admits the quilter who wanted to remain anonymous. After much struggle and even contemplating throwing the whole thing out, a different perspective began to take shape as she embraced the imperfections of the quilt. "My hope is that this quilt will inspire someone through a difficult time, thinking 'maybe God is working within my life right now when it looks like the pieces are lying around, I've messed things up so bad.' And to remember that the Master Designer sometimes has a vision we can't imagine."

Beyond the quilt auction, the sale features a wide range of activities, including the ever-popular plant and flower tent, the Treasure Trove auction offering experiences, works of art, small appliances, collectables, and more, and children's entertainment in the KidZone. The Friday evening Voices Together Community Hymn Sing is continuing where all are welcome to sing along or simply enjoy the music of over 200 voices lifted in harmony into the evening sky.

The 2025 feature quilt, "Journey of a Fractured Star"

The Work and Play auction will feature tools and toys as well as a beautifully restored 1961 Massey Ferguson 35 with 3cylinder Perkins diesel engine.

"What makes the NHMRS truly special is the way it brings people together—not just for a great day, but for a great cause," says NHMRS Chairperson John Reimer. "Together, we are helping meet basic needs, build resilience, and offer hope to communities locally and globally. Your presence here is part of that story."

Since its founding in 1967, the relief sale has raised more than \$16 million for MCC's work at home and around the world.

Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information, visit nhmrs.com.



This 1961 Massey Ferguson 35 was donated by Leonard Schwartzentruber and restored by the North Easthope Antique Tractor Breakfast Club (NEAT)



#### Decoration Day ~ June 1, 2025

Sunday, June 1, 2025, the New Hamburg Legion and the Township of Wilmot will once again present Decoration Day at Riverside Cemetery in New Hamburg.

Decoration Day is a day to remember and honour all of our family members in our loving, caring community, that have passed away over the years.

It is also a time of remembrance for Branch 532 to honour and thank our many veterans for their service, not only here at Riverside, but throughout the township.

The festivities start at 2 p.m. with the New Hamburg Legion marching on the colours, the New Hamburg Band and Sir Adam Beck Intermediate Band followed by a timely address by branch padre Bob Thaler.

Thanks to the many volunteers that help make this memorable day a great success and to all the families that have gathered to show their love and respect for the family members that have passed on.

Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music and the service.



#### How Many Words Can You Find???

Boggle is one of my all-time favourite games! You can only use each letter once per word, all letters must be adjacent to each other, and words need to be at least 3 letters long. Grab a piece of paper, a pencil, and see how many words you can find.

#### Email us with how many words you found!



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#### Spring Cleaning: A Refresh for You and Your Community

Even if you don't fully dive into it, most of us recognize the idea of spring cleaning—like a seasonal version of a New Year's resolution. It's rooted in the idea of renewal. As the days grow longer and warmer, we naturally feel more energized and motivated to refresh our surroundings. But spring cleaning is more than just tidying up, it can offer a range of mental and physical health benefits.

#### Why Spring Cleaning Feels So Good

#### 1. A Sense of Accomplishment

Spring cleaning gives instant, visible results. Finishing tasks—like organizing a closet or clearing a shelf—offers a boost to satisfaction and helps reduce stress.

#### 2. Stress Relief

When life feels overwhelming, cleaning can restore a sense of control. Many find the rhythm of tidying to be calming and even therapeutic.

#### 3. A More Peaceful Home

A clean, organized space can help you feel more in control. It's easier to relax and recharge when your surroundings are calm and clutter-free.

#### 4. Improved Focus

Especially for those working from home, a tidy space can make it easier to concentrate and stay on task by eliminating unnecessary distractions.

#### 5. A Safer Environment

Less clutter means fewer tripping hazards—a big plus for families with young children or older adults at home.

#### 6. Built-in Physical Activity

Cleaning is also a way to get moving. While it won't replace a full workout, scrubbing floors, vacuuming, or carrying donation boxes all help keep your body active.



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#### A Clean Home, A Stronger Community

Spring cleaning doesn't just benefit your home and mind—it can support your **community** too. When you donate your clean, gently used, and seasonally appropriate items to the MCC **New Hamburg Thrift Centre**, you're doing more than decluttering. You're helping fund local and global initiatives through MCC and contributing to waste reduction and sustainability efforts.

#### Mark Your Calendar: Annual Perennial Sale – May 1 to May 31

It's that time of year! We're accepting donations of **plants**, whether potted or in bulk for repotting, along with **garden tools, decorative pots, and outdoor décor**. Our team of friendly, knowledgeable volunteers is ready to help you choose the right perennials for your space. With new items arriving daily, there's always something new to discover.

#### Join Our Volunteer Team

Looking for a rewarding way to give back? MCC New Hamburg Thrift Centre has a variety of **volunteer opportunities** in a welcoming, relaxed environment. Whether you're available for half days or full days, we offer flexible shifts, team bonding, and even refreshments to keep you going.

To get started, visit our website for a **volunteer application form**, drop by or call us at **519-662-2867** and talk to Emma. We'd love to welcome you to the team!



### You Must Be Joking!!

 Why aren't the astronauts hungry when they get to space? They had a big launch.



- Why didn't the sun go to college?
   Because it already had a million degrees!
- \* Why couldn't the astronaut book a room on the moon? Because it was full!
- \* Where would an astronaut park his space ship? At a parking meteor.
- \* What did the astronaut say when he crashed into the moon? "I Apollo-gize."
- Why don't aliens eat clowns?
   Because they taste funny.
- How did the space teddy bear cross the road? Ewoked.
- How does Earth tease other planets?
   By saying, "You guys have no life!"
- What was the first animal in space? The cow that jumped over the moon!



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# You Must Be Joking!!



- People laugh about how cats love boxes, for the point of the point of
- \* I've often heard that "icy" is the easiest word to spell. Looking at it now, I see why.
- \* In order to have a murder of crows, there must be probable caws.
- I told the Doctor I broke my leg in two places.
   He said to stay away from those two places.
- How are the movies
   Titanic and the Sixth Sense alike? Icy dead people.
- What's the opposite of a croissant? A happy uncle.



- "Waiter! This coffee tastes like mud!" "Yes sir, it's fresh ground."
- I asked the doctor if I could do my own stitches.
   She said, "Suture self."



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In 1995 a small group of retired firefighters, with absolutely \* We have been successfully operating and expanding nothing except for an idea of a museum, got together and made some plans. Today we have six antique fire trucks, three horse drawn fire pumps from the 1800s, and five old hand pulled pieces of equipment. Along with these items, we have literally thousands of small items including everything from firefighting tools, turnouts, uniforms and equipment, to fire department memorabilia and photos.

On June 14 we will be celebrating with a day of festivities beginning at 10:00 am with a local school group singing O CANADA. The event is in Baden at the Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades buildings. ALL are WELCOME, bring your family and tell your friends.

There is a colouring contest for children to bring their art that morning, games with prizes, and a silent auction with some great items up for grabs. We will also have an 1800s hand powered fire pump operating for children to squirt water at a plywood house and knock down some artificial flames.

#### **DID YOU KNOW???**

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Fire Services of Wilmot Township

- for 30 years, with a very limited operating budget and 100% volunteer help (no paid staff).
- \* Our mission includes preserving, educating & promoting firefighting history.
- We operate almost entirely on our fundraising \* programs including a monthly 50/50 raffle, can/bottle drives, and our scrap metal collection and recycling program.
- \* Our main goals at this time are: (a) to attract some new active members (men or women) that want to help preserve some fire fighting history. (b) acquire a larger and permanent facility so that we have enough space to properly display, repair and maintain our equipment as well as being able to permanently display all of our smaller fire fighting tools, equipment, and memorabilia.
- Our most recent acquisition, an 1800s all wood hose \* cart with 6' high wheels has just been restored and will be on display.

If you wish to join or help, please come and see us on June 14, or come to our regular weekly meetings, or you can scan this QR code for our monthly 50/50 raffle.



You do not have to be a retired firefighter to be a member. We need assistance with all aspects of our museum including inputting our historical collection data in a computer, helping with our fundraising events, maintaining and cleaning equipment, or possibly having a chance to drive an old fire truck in a parade.

Popcorn as well as hamburgers, hotdogs, and pop will be provided by Petersburg Optimist club on June 14.



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ALL THINGS SHAKESPEARE By Theresa Billo																
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#### Drop One For Fun

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4 Align	5 Gain	6 Nag
7 Tango	8 Tone	9 Ton
10 Marsh	11 Harm	12 Mar
13 Right	14 Grit	15 Rig
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Creating special words - Flash and Light

#### Words Describing Bird Groups

#### Abbreviation Quiz

Greatest of all time I don't know Just kidding In search of No problem Shake my head Got to go Point of view Thanks in advance In real life

#### Words to Live By

- May your choices reflect your ٠ hopes and not your fears.
- Whether you think you can or ٠ think you can't... You're right.
- It takes courage to grow up and ٠ become who you really are.
- Be somebody that makes ٠ everybody feel like a somebody.
- All things are difficult before ٠ they are easy.
- Nothing will work unless you do. ٠
- Your worth consists in what you ٠ are and not in what you have.
- No one is perfect. That's why ٠ pencils have erasers.
- Practise makes perfect? ۲ Perfection is hard to attain. Practise makes progress!
- You must be the change you wish in the world.



### TRI-COUNTY MENNONITE HOMES— Resident's Perspectives

Meet Lorene Bean. She is a mother and nurse – which makes her an ideal candidate for a May resident feature! Mother's Day and Nurses' Week are both this month. Lorene has been living at Nithview Community for 6 years. She lived in retirement for 4 years before moving into longterm care a couple years ago. Lorene grew up not too far

from New Hamburg and Baden, in Erbsville, on a farm next door to Creekside church with her 7 siblings.

Lorene's occupation prior to retirement was nursing. She worked as a nurse for 20 years and decided to get her RNA degree at the wonderful age of 55 years young. Here at Nithview, we know all about the important work nurses do, so we wanted to know what Lorene thought about the job. She worked in nursing homes and provided home care for seniors through the Red Cross. Through her years she had many special moments, but none

quite as significant to Lorene as supporting individuals through their difficult times. Her advice for nurses today is to keep your hair tied up and contained! Practical advice indeed. And for Lorene, the best part of Nursing was getting to care for others.

When Lorene retired from Nursing, it was so she could babysit her first grandchild. Lorene has 2 kids – a son who lives in Baden and a daughter who lives in Hamilton. Her favourite part of being a mom was watching her kids develop into individuals who followed their dreams. She also enjoyed looking after her kids, watching them grow, and taking time to be present with them when they needed her. To celebrate Mother's Day, Lorene's kids would make her homemade gifts and bring her breakfast in bed.

When Lorene was a child, they didn't really celebrate Mother's Day, but she remembers fondly many of the lessons her mom taught her. Lorene's mom was a hard worker. She taught Lorene to help around the house, to cook and bake, and to help with mending and ironing. The first lesson Lorene learned to do on her own was to iron hankies, and eventually Lorene was tasked with weekly cleaning in the upstairs area. Thinking back on her childhood family, and also on her own experience raising children, Lorene feels that mothers are important to celebrate because they have the honorary role of raising children. She encourages all mothers everywhere to love your children unconditionally because it will be very rewarding in the end. Something that is always fun to do with kids is to get outdoors and into the garden. Lorene loves gardening and she kept a vegetable garden for many years. She would start her tomatoes indoors in the early spring, and plant them once they were hardened off and all chances of frost were passed. Lorene prefers late spring

over early summer because everything is coming back to life. It's like life is renewed every spring. Plus, spring is when we can start getting outdoors and enjoying the sunshine, which are 2 of Lorene's favourite things to do around this time of year. This month, and into the coming summer months, Lorene is looking forward to soaking up the sunshine with a good book.

Just before we ended with Lorene, we wondered if she had any final thoughts to add. She smiled, thanked the loving and caring team at Nithview, and told us life is

what you make it! So, we hope you take Lorene's suggestion to heart and make the most of celebrating mothers, nurses, and the opportunity to get outdoors.

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