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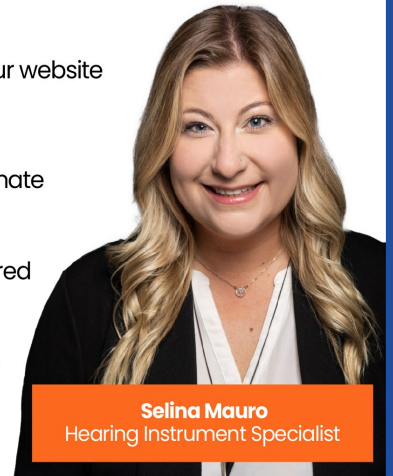


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Check out what's happening in the paper this month:

- Barry chats with Peter Mansbridge about his life and achievements
- Read about the history of Bob Starr Motors in New Hamburg
- Cathy Parker writes about wild turkeys
- The *Baden Outlook* travels all over the world with its readers
- Found out how to volunteer with Let's Tree Wilmot's tree initiatives
- Looking back at Baden 100, 75, and 50 years ago with Castle Kilbride staff
- TCP presents Anne of Green Gables
- A tribute to community legend, Ernie Ritz
- Throwback with *Gardening With Verda* from April 2004 about vines
- Gary White explains travel insurance on your income tax return

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Greetings from Headquarters ~

Welcome Spring! It feels so wonderful to have that sunshine seeping through the windows and giving that much-needed lift to our spirits.

Over the winter months, I often seek out things to keep me busy while the weather is nasty. This winter, I joined a Facebook group for one of my favourite games that I play and from this I've made some new friends. It is so interesting meeting people from all over the globe who enjoy the same pastime as I do. United by fun! I've played with people from the UK, Africa, New Zealand, but most are from the USA. We chat about our day-to-day lives and the differences are sometimes baffling. I love learning about the world through people's eyes rather than a book. Here are some of the things that expanded my mind lately... →

Also, the difference in word usage is fun. These common Canadian words are a mystery to those in other countries: soaker (as in socks got wet in shoes), toonie, keener, kerfuffle, double-double, mickey and 26er, and all dressed (as in flavouring). It is wild to me that the border to the US is so close, yet our lives are lived quite differently. Fascinating really.



April showers... yep, we've got them and with the light snow pack this winter we sure need them! I was excited to see my daffodils poke through, but they did not appreciate the dumping of snow in late March. But the robins and ducks are now in their glory as well as my spring plants.



While watching TV one morning I saw Peter Mansbridge being interviewed and promoting his new book. It looked interesting and thought it was something Barry would like, so I bought it for him for Christmas. Recently while on vacation he read the book and was intrigued by this local man. As Barry would, on a whim, he emailed Peter with hopes of connecting with him for an interview. Being a small publication with no training in journalism it was a bit daunting for us when Peter actually called our phone to chat with us. As you will see in this issue, it went very well. What a gentleman he was, and so candid to speak with!

"Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one."
– Marcus Aurelius

Speaking of great men, we had a delightful visit with Mr. Bob Starr, his wife, Sandy, and several past employees of his very successful car dealership in New Hamburg, dated back to the 60s. Bob is now in a nursing home and it was so nice to surround him with his people and travel down memory lane—we are happy to share his journey in this issue on page 16-17. You will also see a tribute to another fine man we recently lost in our community. Learn more about Mr. Ernie Ritz on page 19.

There are more interesting and fun things to enjoy in this issue—Happy reading!



Talking with Ed

~Making Great Connections



In the past I have reached out to some notable people, to find out more about their lives. It's exciting to see who will respond to my outreach emails - I've never been disappointed. My first was Ted Leonsis, who is the owner of AOL, the Washington Capitals, and the Washington Wizards. I had read an article in the Globe and Mail that he responds to all emails - he had just had a near death experience on an aircraft after which he created a list of "100 things to do before I die." I had to see if that was true so I emailed him. Later that day he responded with his phone number and asked me to call him. We talked about his experience for several minutes and he sent me a list of the 100 items that made his list. I



have reached out other people including Greg Frewin a magician in Niagara Falls, John Honderich, past owner of the Toronto Star, and most recently Will Aiello of CTV News Kitchener. I felt courageous to reach out to another fine man with an interesting story to share with our readers.

I was inspired after reading the book *How Canada Works* by Peter Mansbridge. The book is focused on the many types of careers that play a major role in making Canada the great place it is to live. Some are ordinary jobs, some more skilled, but all unique in their own way. Two of them resonated with me, a politician and a grocery store worker, and others intrigued me such as an air traffic controller and a high-rise building window cleaner. Since Peter Mansbridge lives in Stratford, which I consider local, I thought I would reach out to him with a request. I sent the request out at 2:21 p.m. and on Monday at 2:38 p.m. and that same afternoon I received a response, which was "Sure send me your phone number. I will call you at 1:30 p.m. the following day - and I can give you 20 minutes of time."

Immediately several thoughts came to mind. First was how accessible he was and generous enough to give us time out of his busy schedule. Second, was the sudden reality that I didn't have any questions prepared, and the limited knowledge that I had about him was the brief outline that was included in his book. Third, and most important was the fact that here I am, a grade 12 graduate with no education in journalism and now writing an article about one of the finest journalists in Canada. It might be comparable to a local banker suggesting to Warren Buffet what would be the best stocks to buy. I think you get the idea of what I was thinking.

Pat and I dedicated several hours that afternoon creating questions that we thought would be appropriate and

sound professional. After some research, I soon found out how large a project that I had taken on. Peter's life is a story of good luck and being at the right place at the right time, followed by great success. I was astounded to learn that he has interviewed 20,000 people - from world leaders, celebrities, athletes, musicians, and other notable people that have shared their stories with him. He has covered almost all of the world events that have happened over the past several decades. At exactly 1:30 the phone rang and I said to Pat "Well here goes nothing!" Peter greeted us with that low baritone voice and oddly enough, I felt instantly relaxed. I found him confident but at the same time genuine, kind, and humorous. He answered all our questions honestly and also listened as we babbled on about our paper. I soon discovered why he was so good at his role as an interviewer. He told us how his wife, Cynthia Dale, was an actor and starred in many performances in Stratford. They grew to love the town, moved there, and are very active in the community. They also spend time at their farm property in northern Scotland.

Peter discussed some of his life growing up, his family's history, what got him into broadcasting, and some of his experiences that he had at his time as news anchor with CBC. He has written four books with several of them being on the national best sellers list for many months and he has hosted podcasts of his shows *Mansbridge One on One* on CBC Gem and *The Bridge with Peter Mansbridge* on Apple Podcasts.

Peter's story is a big story so check out page 14 to learn more about this award-winning journalist.

And once again, a big thank you to Peter for giving us this opportunity.

Till next month ... Ed



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Within each category the words are jumbled up.
Can you unscramble them? Answers on page 35

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Government Officials Visit Baden Fire Hall and Wilmot Heritage Fire Museum

Local MP, Tim Louis, as well as Sherry Romanado, Member of Parliament for Longueuil—CharlesLeMoynes, Quebec, visited Wilmot Heritage Fire Museum and Baden Fire Hall. Sherry Romanado is also the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the King's Privy Council for Canada, the Minister of Emergency Preparedness, and a longtime advocate of Canadian firefighters. Sherry and Tim visited the museum on March 25th before hosting a round table meeting regarding increased tax credits for volunteer firefighters.



Pictured here left to right is Mayor Natasha Salonen, MP Tim Louis, MP Sherry Romanado, and Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigade member Peter Gingerich.

Baden ~ Our Town

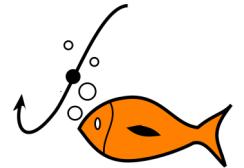
The Baden Community Association's annual spring town cleanup will be held on April 27th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Residents are asked to meet at the fountain beside Castle Kilbride to pick up their supplies which include gloves and garbage bags. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. The BCA has been running this event for over ten years and has made a big difference to our community. Thank you to the great volunteers for making our town shine. Families and groups are always welcome!

The date has been set for the annual BCA fishing derby – June 1, 2024 between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. Four hundred trout have been ordered and there will be plenty of door prizes, \$50 cash prizes, and a barbeque. It is a great free family event; however, it also gives anglers of all ages a chance to land a fish through the rest of the summer.

For more information on joining the Baden Community Association visit their website at www.baden.ca.



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Spring Program Highlights at the Region of Waterloo Libraries – starting Tuesday, April 2

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- Baby & Me – Mondays, April 8 – May 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m. – New Hamburg Branch
- Parenting My Baby with EarlyON - Tuesdays, April 9-30, 1:00-2:00 p.m. – Baden Branch **register through EarlyON
- Baby & Me – Wednesdays, April 10 – May 22, 11:00-11:30 a.m. – Wellesley Branch

FOR FAMILIES

- Ready, Set, Go Kindergarten – Tuesdays, April 9 – 30 – Baden Branch
- Discovery Time – Wednesdays, April 10 – May 15, 9:30-10:15 a.m. – New Dundee Branch
- Family Storytime – Wednesdays, April 10 – May 22, 9:30-10:15 a.m. – Wellesley Branch
- Discovery Time – Thursdays, April 11 – May 16, 10:30-11:00 a.m. – New Hamburg Branch
- Kindness Rocks – Thursday, May 9, 4:00-5:00 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch

FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

- Homeschooler Art Club – Mondays, April 8, 5 & 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Baden Branch
- Code Corner – Tuesdays, April 9 & 23, May 7, 4:00-5:00 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch

FOR TWEENS/TEENS

- After School Drop-in with Wilmot Family Resource Centre – Tuesdays starting April 2, 2:45-4:15 p.m. – Baden Branch
 - * Watercolour Painting – April 2
 - * Yarn Wrapping – April 9
 - * Slime Making – April 16
 - * Minute to Win It! – April 23

- * Decoupage Crafting – April 30
- * Make Your Own Stickers – May 7
- * Trivia – May 14

- Art Journal Club – Wednesdays, April 3 – May 1, 4:00-5:00 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch
- DIY Hanging Rainclouds – Wednesday, April 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Baden Branch
- Blackout Poetry – Monday, April 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m. – Baden Branch
- Earth Day Upcycle: DIY Seed Paper – Tuesday, April 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch
- Don't Let the Pigeon Take Over Storytime! – Tuesday, May 14, 10:30-11:15 a.m. – Baden Branch
- Blackout Poetry – Tuesday, May 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m. – Wellesley Branch
- Among Us in Real Life – Thursday, May 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch

FOR ADULTS

- Book Talk – April 10 & May 8, 3:00-3:30 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch
- Adult Book Club – last Tuesday of the month, April 23 & May 28, 6:30 p.m. – Wellesley Branch
- Social Media & Mental Health – What's the Connection? With CMHA-WW – Tuesday, May 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch
- Adult Craft: Yarn Trivets – Wednesday, May 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch
- Mobile Legal Clinic – 3rd Tuesday of the month starting April 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Wellesley Branch
- Drop-in Yarn Craft Club – Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch
- Settlement Workers at the Library – Thursdays, drop in from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – New Hamburg Branch

SEED LIBRARY

Did you know that Baden Branch offers a Seed Library? This free program fosters 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 encourage you to 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!

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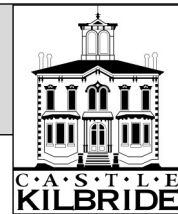
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Looking Back in Baden 100, 75, and 50 years ago

By Castle Kilbride Staff Sherri Gropp, Curator and Elizabeth Lukashal Museum Attendant



100 Years Ago

Friday April 4, 1924

Donations Made to Baden Spring Show

The Wilmot Agricultural Society desired to acknowledge the following donations to the Spring Stock and Seed Show to be held in Baden on Thursday, April 10th, 1924:

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- F. Schl - \$1
- D. Hunsberger - \$1
- E, Wilson - \$1
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75 years ago

Freight Cars Derailed at Baden

The derailment of nine freight cars just behind the Baden School early Sunday morning blocked the C.N.R. line through here for about 12 hours.

The freight train was bound from Toronto to Stratford with about 24 cars, most of them loaded, and at a point near the back of the Baden school, a car jumped the rails causing eight cars behind to pile up. The caboose and the car immediately ahead of it remained upright as did the engine and the first 13 cars. No one was injured.

The accident occurred at about 4:30 am and it was not until after supper that the track was cleared. Locomotives, derricks and auxiliary crews from Stratford and Toronto worked all day to unscramble the wreck and repair approximately 300 feet of rails and roadbed.



Train cars derailed in Wilmot from the Township of Wilmot Archives. Unknown Date.

Contents of the cars were removed on Monday. Besides the wrecked cars, extensive damage was done to the commodities in transit. While the railway was blocked, trains due through here were re-routed from Stratford via Paris and Dundas to Toronto.



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Baden Opera House Burns Down

On April 19, 1949 one of Baden's largest fires took place; the casualty was the Baden Opera House. The Baden Opera House once dominated this corner and hosted touring companies which brought plays and entertainment to the village. It was also used for school concerts, dances, box socials, and political meetings. The Opera House was originally located on the top floor and part of the first floor; it was destroyed by one of Baden's

largest fires in 1949. The lower floor housed a number of businesses throughout the years including a dry goods store, liquor store, the Dominion Bank, and a harness shop. Only a small part of the original building remains today.

Note: At exactly 6:11 p.m. on December 29, 1911, Sir Adam Beck returned to Baden to a hero's welcome and turned on the hydro from this location. It was the day that electricity from Niagara Falls was first turned on in the village.



Baden Opera House Fire, April 19, 1949. Township of Wilmot Archives.

50 years ago

Waterloo-Oxford Hosts Drama Festival

On April 4, 5, and 6 1974, Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School will be hosting the Seventh Annual District Simpson-Sears Drama Festival. In this district there are 15 schools but only seven are entering. So that each night we are able to run three different plays. Waterloo-Oxford will be entering two plays. One in the competition and one as non-competitive. Each night the plays will be adjudicated by a reputable drama critic. At this moment we are waiting for a reply.

The winner from this festival will proceed on to St. Jerome's in Kitchener on the weekend of April 20th. The winner from that festival will go on to further honours on May 2, 3, 4th in Toronto.

We have a new development in the competition this year. Negotiations are under way to send one of the finalists to British Columbia. They will be entering their provincial drama festival. Not only will this prove to be a valuable experience for the chosen players, but it will assist inter-provincial relations.

Waterloo-Oxford's competitive entry will be competing on Friday night April 5 and as so many know it is called Ladies of the Mop. Many have already seen the play as it has been touring the communities, but organizers are sure many will want to see it again and support the girls in their effort. The non-competitive play will be a theatre arts class production of Pinter's review Sketches. And so we are presenting the two extremes in theatrical production.

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GOING DOWN MEMORY LANE

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- ⇒ When you're young and your grandparents try to share their history with you but you don't really care because it's of no interest to you at that time. Later on, you wish you had listened and written down what they said.
- ⇒ Teenagers expect a decent allowance these days regardless how much input they give to the household. When we were young we were just lucky to be allowed to live there.
- ⇒ It's hard to believe we had these attached to our walls. We answered them when it rang we picked it up without knowing who was calling. We weren't afraid of being scammed... and we didn't make an appointment to talk ahead of time!
- ⇒ It's hard to imagine playing music without the pleasure of vinyl... or without the collection of your 8-tracks or cassettes. The proudness of strutting with your Walkman or the magnitude of your boom box!



You Must Be Joking!!



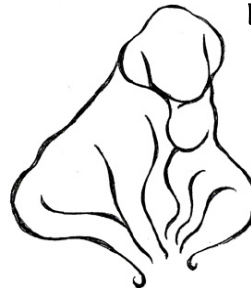
- ◆ Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
- ◆ What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
- ◆ Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
- ◆ If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
- ◆ A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
- ◆ I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- ◆ My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
- ◆ I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
- ◆ When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.

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Baden Birding ~ Wild Turkeys

By Cathy Parker



Did you know that wild turkeys were hunted to extinction in Southern Ontario last century? They were introduced back into the area in the mid-1980s. (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/wild-turkey-management-plan-2007#section-0>) Today they are often seen near the woodlots across Wilmot Township. Wild turkeys are generally shy birds, but can be aggressive during mating season, or should they choose your shed for their roost.

Wild turkeys look almost a greasy black or brown from a distance. However, their feathers are iridescent greens, blues, blacks, and browns when you see them up close. Male turkeys have vivid white, red, and blue heads during mating season. They also grow long chest feathers; the longer, the older they are. Males puff up their feathers and flare out their tails to look like a fan to attract a mate. They will fight with other males for dominance within a flock. Females are smaller and very well-camouflaged so that they can look after their young without being noticed. Wild turkeys are much bigger than crows or ravens; in fact, full grown ones can be 25 - 30 lbs (11 - 16 kg), or more. Our domesticated turkeys are descended from North American Wild Turkeys.

Turkeys are normally seen in groups of as many as 30+ birds. They are usually visible walking and pecking along hedgerows, but they also like being deep inside woodlots. Turkeys eat a wide variety of food, including insects, worms, bugs, small frogs, rodents, plants, crops, fruit, etc. During the fall, you might catch sight of a groups of youngsters chasing after grasshoppers. Winters with deep snow can make it difficult for turkeys to find food.



Turkey's hearing and eyesight are acute. Turkeys have no sense of smell, so they cannot detect predators by odour. Wild turkeys make a wide variety of sounds. They cluck, coo, hiss, and of course, the males gobble.

Clutches of eggs can sometimes be found along hedgerows or at the edge of woodlots in April or May. If you come across a nest, do not disturb the eggs. The mother is likely nearby and watching you closely. Two to twelve chicks (later called poults) follow their mothers for the first few weeks of life. They are most vulnerable to predators like raccoons or coyotes at this stage. Once their wing feathers start to grow, they are able to fly up to low branches at night to roost. By the time fall comes, young turkeys are the same colour as adults, and are fully able to function on their own.

One amazing fact about Wild Turkeys is that they can fly really well. In fact, they normally roost high up in trees away from predators every evening. A story is told of an autumn bow hunter who climbed into a tree-stand early one morning before dawn to hunt for deer. As the sun rose, the turkeys roosting in nearby trees were most puzzled with the camouflaged figure sitting up there with them, stretching out their necks this way and that to get a better focus. Be aware if you see a group of turkeys near the side of a road like I did on Sandhills Road one year. They may try to fly across to avoid your vehicle. A 25 or 30 pound turkey impacting your windshield at 80 km an hour is not an event you'd want to repeat!

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This Quiz Will Bark up Your Tree!

(With the given clues figure out these known dogs- Answers page 35)



1. Affectionate Alpine rescue breed - enough said!
2. Toy, Miniature, and Standard are the three varieties of this dog.
3. Irish, English, and Gordon are the three breeds of this type of dog.
4. German for 'badger dog', though it's popularly known with another edible name.
5. This smallest recognized dog breed is paradoxically named for the largest state of Mexico.
6. The name of this breed that comes in standard and miniature versions is from the German for 'snout'.
7. This breed named for a region in Croatia serves as a firehouse mascot.
8. This beloved fictional collie dog character created by Eric Knight in a short story has given birth to a cottage industry of dog films and TV shows.
9. A cocker spaniel & a mutt are the title characters in this 1955 animated Disney classic.
10. The most popular breed of dog by registered ownership in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States (since 1991); named for a peninsula.

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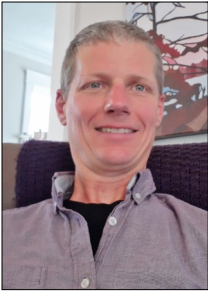
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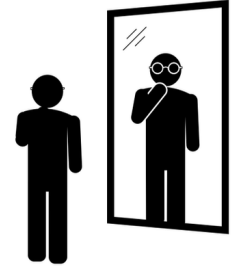
By Chip Bender, Registered Psychotherapist (qualifying)



Last week, I had two experiences that proved to me even people we have known for a long time have dimensions to them we did not know about. The first incident was one in which a cousin of mine shared with me the contents of a conversation she had with my dad a few years earlier, which she found extremely helpful and meaningful. Elements of her story portrayed a side of my dad I did not know, even though I have known him my whole life and know lots of his other positive aspects. The second incident occurred the following morning at the funeral of a mentor of mine whom I had known for 30 years, initially in a professional context and then a personal one. At the funeral, there was a tribute shared by his younger brother, which included lots of stories about his childhood, as well as from my mentor's two sons, which included their memories of him as a father. Once again, I was astounded and surprised by the many aspects about a person whom I thought I knew relatively well.

It struck me that one of the reasons these incidents occurred was due to our brains tendency to simplify the

information we take in, so that it can begin processing something else instead. When we get to know people, we can be prone to see them in only a two-dimensional way. It is as if we are looking at one side of a cereal box and assume that one side contains the entirety of all the characteristics of the box.



In reality, there are five other sides to the box, not counting the inside of the box, each of which gives additional information about the box in its totality. And most people are far more complex than mere cereal boxes.

As a psychotherapist, I get to know a side of people that they may only show to a few other people or no one at all. However, I need to remind myself that the sides I am privileged to see are not all of their sides. Each of my clients has numerous other sides that make up their personality and offers views into who they are that I will never see. Those other sides include things like parts of their past that we do not discuss and the different relationships they have or have had with people, past and present.

It can be confining or even dangerous to see people in only a two-dimensional way and assume we know everything about them. It can be equally troublesome when we have a limited view of ourselves. Sometimes, we may get stuck thinking about only one side or aspect of ourselves that then becomes the dominant narrative of who we are. When we think about ourselves and anyone that we meet, we need to remember there is so much more to us humans than meets the eye.



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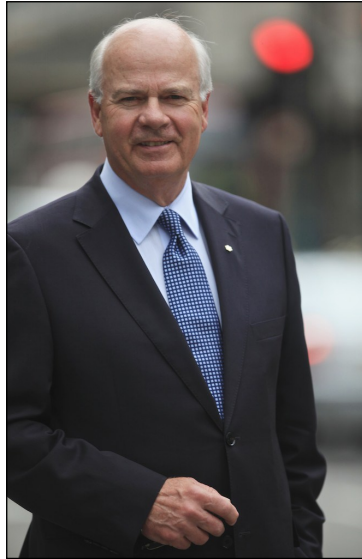
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Interesting People ~ Spending Time with Peter Mansbridge

Meet Peter Mansbridge, a British-born, Canadian retired news anchor who has won 14 Gemini Awards for achievements in Canada's English Language television industry, 12 honorary university degrees, in 2008 was awarded The Officer of Order of Canada, and awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award. He has his own charitable foundation which supports dozens of charities including a number of journalism programs in Canadian universities and the Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation, where he is also a director. This is a great man with an interesting story.



became full-time at that station and later was promoted to a CBC radio station in Winnipeg. From there he moved on to the television side of broadcasting.

In 1970, he applied for a radio job at Belleville (CJBQ), but was told they didn't see a future for him in broadcasting. In 1972, there was a federal election and occasional seven-minute segments were shown on the national CBC station. Mansbridge was part of the news team for Winnipeg, which turned out to be a big break for him. He was added on to the federal news team and between 1972 -1981 he covered many high-profile stories, such as the occupation at Wounded Knee Reservation, Royal tours, and following the Premier of

Peter Mansbridge was born in England on July 6, 1948. His father was a decorated war hero with the Royal Air Force, flying 50 missions as a navigator in World War II. A Distinguished Flying Cross presented by King George VI was just one of his awards he was given. The family lived in a community outside of London, until he accepted a transfer to Malaya (now Malaysia). In 1954, the family moved to Ottawa where Peter completed his grade 12.

After deciding to travel and seek his fortune, Peter joined the Navy where he spent time at Vancouver Island, Camp Borden, Ontario, and Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. He left the Navy in 1968 and moved on from that career path. He accepted a job with Transair, first in Winnipeg, then Brandon, and Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, until he replaced a person in Churchill. There he did it all; loading baggage, selling tickets, and making PA announcements. Gaston Charentier, who was managing a local CBC radio station (CHFC), heard his voice and asked him if he would like to have a two-hour shift from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Peter jumped at the opportunity and began listening to other radio stations for ideas - CBC liked what they heard. He

Saskatchewan on a trip to China.

In 1978, CBS asked CBC if they could borrow a reporter to cover a satellite crash in Northwest Territories. For the next seven years the projects became higher profile such as Charles and Diana's wedding, and a federal election. In 1987, CBS approached Peter about co-hosting a morning show. CBC didn't want to lose him; however, Knowlton

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Nash was considering retirement and Peter became the Anchor and Chief Correspondent at CBC National. He retired July 1, 2017 after thirty years as the face of CBC News Canada.

To try and talk about the notable people he has interviewed would take pages and pages – it would probably fill this publication. He has spent time with and interviewed every Prime Minister from Diefenbacher to Justin Trudeau – 11 in all (we have only had 23 since confederation). When asked if any interviews stood out for him, he shared that he was good friends with Gord Downie and his interview with him was the last one before he passed away.

The many notable events that he has reported on are also immense. He has covered presidential inaugurations and elections, the taking down of the Berlin Wall, the tsunami in South East Asia, to name a few. He was on air for 44 hours straight during the coverage of 9/11 which he found emotionally and physically draining. He has been at war sites during the Gulf War and in Afghanistan during that conflict and has covered most major events during his time as Anchor. Peter is a very worldly man, but is living among us in Stratford, Ontario which he and his wife enjoy.

Mansbridge also got into the movie business. He was the voice for Peter Moosebridge, a local news anchor in the movie *Zootopia*. Peter Mansbridge is known as the calm, reassuring informative voice of Canada. He has spent 30 years as chief correspondent and anchor of the CBC News “The National”. He is an author of four books, the host of many podcasts, a philanthropist, and has been in the media business for 50 years. He is an inspiration for many. Discussing his career, he stated that “You realize a moment in time can change your life – it is pretty amazing”.

Thank you Mr. Mansbridge for your time and conversation. It has been a pleasure getting to know more about you.

Reduce to Produce Answers on page 35

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)

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The History of Bob Starr Motors

There have been many car dealerships in Wilmot Township. The *Baden Outlook* sat down with Bob and Sandy Starr and some of their employees to reflect on Bob Starr Motors, their journey, and the contributions that they made to the area.

Bob was a native of Glen Allen and after graduating high school, and 3 years of seminary, he took a job at Bollender Motors in Elmira. There, he controlled the accounts and basically ran the business. One day, two accountants approached Bob and asked if he would have interest in joining them in buying a Chevrolet dealership in New Hamburg. The shop was located at the corner of Huron and Union Street (TD Bank location – see picture) and was owned by Jerome Steffler. The new business changed to a Pontiac and Buick dealership. Bill DeHaan had worked for Jerry Steffler, so he came along with the deal as parts manager which was in September 1965.

Bill was legendary for his memory particularly when it came to numbers. A short time later Bob bought out his other two partners and he became the sole owner of Bob Starr Motors.

The building was the length of the current TD Bank and parking lot. The new and used car inventory was kept across the road, between the fire hall and Jim Martin Upholstery. They sold B/A gas at their pumps for 33 cents a gallon and eventually they changed suppliers to Sunoco. Bill and John Nielson mused that there were 11 gas stations in New Hamburg over the years. There were three other dealerships in New Hamburg in 1965, including Morrison Ford at 148 Peel Street (current home KLT Financial), Haffner Motors on Huron Street (current home of Jerry Pfeil), and Walter Scheerer Mercury (located at the current home of Twice the Deal Pizza).

The showroom was located at the front of the building with room for two cars. There were four offices next and

directly behind that was the parts department, followed by service bays and the body shop at the back of the building. The body shop was large and could have accommodated six cars. John Nielson was body shop manager since 1965

and he shared an amusing story. John was in grade 11 (16 years old) at the time and learned how to do body work on his own car. He pulled in for gas at Starr's and Bob asked "Who did your body work?" John told him, "He did" and Bob offered him a job paying 85 cents an hour. He eventually received his grade 12. The business had four mechanics and four body men and business was good.

In the early '70s, Morrison Ford moved up to Waterloo Street and Bob Starr Motors relocated to 148 Peel Street. The new location was the same structure as the current mall. It had a somewhat similar layout as the prior location with the showroom at the front. Their car lot was in between the mall and Fishers Men's Wear (Jossilins) and the new and used cars were parked on the north side of the parking lot.



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company had 600 vehicles leased out over the years. Luckily Yvonne Vanwyck (hired in 1974) and Irma Neff (hired in 1978) were up for the challenge. There were many transactions, so, Sandy also joined in after the kids were all in school.

January 31, 1980 was a bitterly cold night and Bill DeHaan was the New Hamburg Fire Chief. His pager went off and the location was identified as 148 Peel Street – the parts department and body shop were on fire. The cause of the blaze was a newly installed furnace located above the parts department. New Hamburg and Baden Fire Departments fought the fire for hours and at the end of the battle the parts were a frozen block of ice. Bill ordered \$80,000 worth of replacement parts which he stored in five trailers over the next six months. The body shop had several temporary locations until a permanent location was purchased and built by Bob at 111 Arnold Street. (Hancock Mechanical).

Bob Starr Motors Sales and Service was sold in May 1985 to John Hanson. He leased the building for five more years and eventually moved to the John Bear location. Bob Starr Motors has been a huge supporter of groups in the New Hamburg area. Bob is a charter member of the New Hamburg Lions (56 years) and was a longtime member of the New Hamburg Board of Trade. They had many loyal customers and gave their staff a great place to work. Most of their employees were longtime employees including Clarence Kipfer who was the only employee to retire!



Memory lane with Bob Starr Motors staff.
Front Row - L to R - Bob Starr, and Bill DeHaan
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A Tribute to Community Legend, Ernie Ritz

Ernie Ritz passed away at Nithview Home, New Hamburg on March 13, 2024, just a few weeks shy of his 99th birthday. He was well-known for his remarkable memory of decades of New Hamburg and area history, his dedication to local public service, his love of learning, and his warm and gregarious personality.

He was born at New Hamburg April 5, 1925, son of the late Otto Ritz and Elena Betzner. He was married for over 65 years to his beloved wife and best friend, the former Betty Murray, who predeceased him in 2012.

He served in the RCAF from 1943-45, training first as a pilot and then as navigator, with the war ending just as he completed his training. The Ritz family had been in the printing business since 1855, and after the war, he learned the printing trade in Toronto and Kitchener before returning to New Hamburg to join the family business in 1947, and became editor and publisher of the New Hamburg Independent. Following the sale of the newspaper in 1967, he continued with Ritz Printing with his sons until his retirement in 1990.

He was devoted to his community, and was active in local public service for many decades. He was first elected to local municipal council in 1949 at the age of 24, beginning a long connection and serving on public boards and commissions, including several hydro commissions, the Grand River Conservation Authority, and in the promotion and building of the New Hamburg Arena and Community

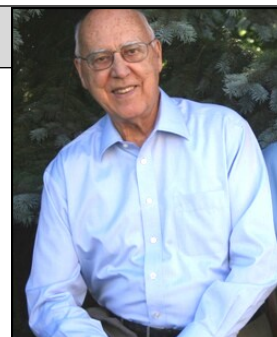
Centre. He was a member of the New Hamburg Board of Trade for over 70 years. He was the last Mayor of New Hamburg and the first Mayor of Wilmot Township when Regional Government was begun in 1973, chairing several major committees during the formation of the new form of government. In 1979 he was appointed by the Province to serve on the Waterloo Regional Police Service Board for four terms and was Chair of that body in 1986. He was a founding and charter member of the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, provided leadership in the planning and construction of the present Legion Branch Building, and was honoured with a Life Membership in 2008; he was the last surviving member of the original founding group of 34 local Legion members.

He has long been recognized as an expert in local history, and he played leadership roles in the Waterloo Historical Society and in the establishment of a local Heritage Conservation District. As a member of the Ontario Genealogy Society, he was frequently sought as a resource person by many who sought local facts pertaining to their family histories. Ironically, his interest in history began after failing a high school history test, when his principal told him that if he found history boring that he should "try writing it as he would like to read it, make it come alive" – this ultimately culminated in his publication of a volume of local history, "New Hamburg As It Really Was", in 2003. He has been recognized for his contributions by a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ontario Heritage Society, a Waterloo Regional Heritage Award, was inducted into the Waterloo County Hall of Fame in 1997, and honoured with a Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Ernie was an avid reader and had thirst for knowledge throughout his life. He was articulate, and well-informed across a wide range of topics, and people were often surprised to learn that he had left formal schooling at the age of 16. He particularly was passionate about astronomy and was most knowledgeable about matters pertaining to the skies and universe, and loved meteorology. He was an avid computer and internet user in his later years, and continued to write a weekly local newspaper column until he was 97 – indeed, he may have been Canada's oldest weekly columnist.

He is lovingly remembered by his children Bill and John, along with their wives Kathryn and Betty. He was the proud grandfather of Stacey (Scott), Marcia (Chris, predeceased), Joe (Jen), and Jake (Kate), Betty's sons Brock (Sharon) and Travis (Laura), and great-grandfather to Liam, Braylon, and Emily. He is fondly remembered by sisters-in-law Betty Murray and Gywin Murray, cousin Shirley Unrau, many beloved nieces and nephews in the Ritz-Murray clans, along with Gladys Kropf, Dianne Ritz, Marie Voisin, many cherished friends and collaborators, and the caring staff at Nithview.

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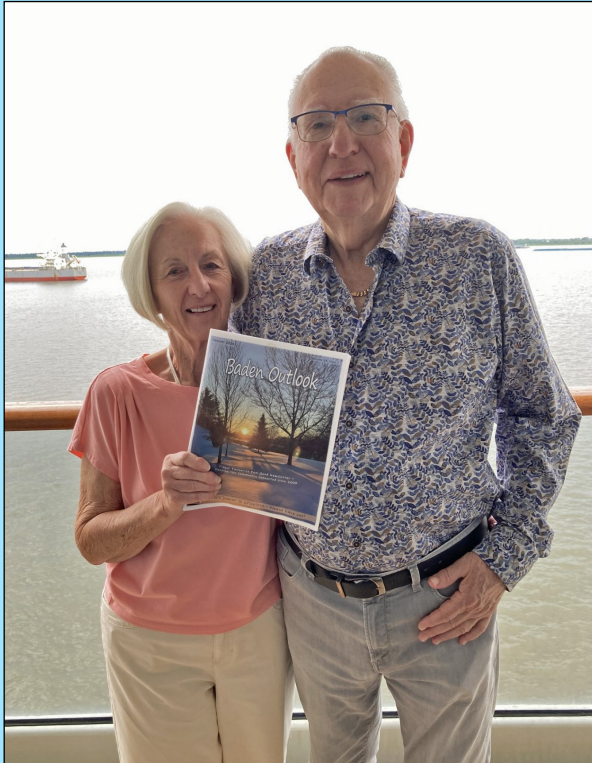
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April 2018 - Brothers, Brian and Tom Pfaff enjoyed a two week trip to Florida with their *Baden Outlook* along for the fun. The rascals are seen in the big chair outside the Tampa arena before the game with Leaf's and the Lightning.

Brian took a selfie with the Blue Jays TV announcer Buck Martinez during the Blue Jays batting practice before a game. He was very 'approachable' and happy to pose with Brian with the *Baden Outlook*.



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Global Outlook — The Grand Ole Mississippi River

The Mississippi River has a rich history. Its name is derived from a French interpretation of the Ojibwe name for the river, Misi-Ziibi, which means “Great River.” It is the third largest river basin in the world, behind the Amazon and Congo River basin. The basin covers 40% of the United States flowing through 31 states and touches on two Canadian provinces. The widest part of the river system is 11 miles (17.7 km) wide at Lake Winnibigoshish in the state of Minnesota, and the widest part of the shipping channel is two miles (3.2 km) wide at Lake Pepin which is between Minnesota and Wisconsin.



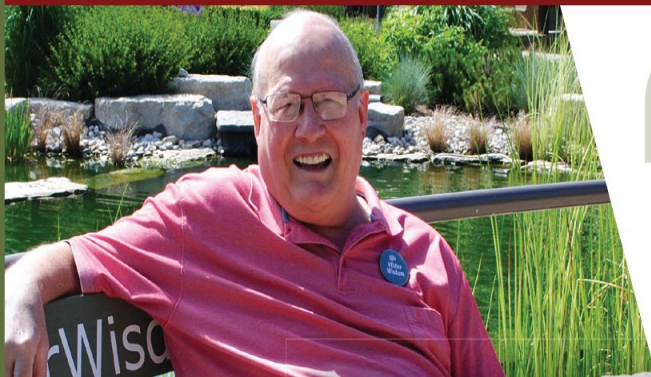
Louisiana. It takes three months for water to travel the entire length of the river. The deepest spot in the system is 200 feet at Algiers Point, New Orleans, Louisiana.

There are some interesting facts about the river. Waterskiing was invented in 1922 and two people have swum the length of the river. In 2002, Martin Strel from Slovenia, swam the length of the river in 68 days and in 2015 Chris Ring was the second person to swim the Mississippi in 181 days. There have been many movies and books made about the river including *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

It is the second longest river in the United States covering 2,350 miles – the Missouri River is 200 miles longer than the Mississippi. The river itself flows through ten states starting at Minnesota and ending in Louisiana. The other states through which it flows include Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi. There are several major cities that it flows through including St. Paul, Minnesota, St. Louis, Missouri, and Baton Rouge,

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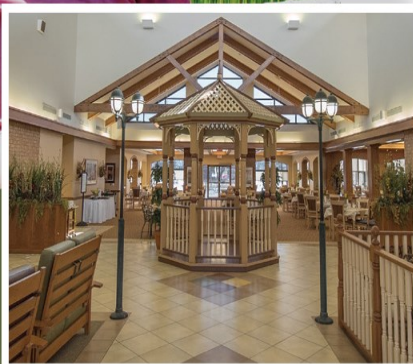
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Drop One For Fun

Answers on page 35

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 about an annual Baden tradition. Have fun!

1. Terminal
2. Verse writer
3. Edgar Alan _____
4. Diminish gradually
5. A segment
6. Faucet
7. Ink for a printer
8. Record in writing
9. Fisherman's need
10. Obligated
11. Unfasten
12. Signal with the head
13. Causes fermentation
14. Another name for chair
15. Ocean

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- * Whatever you do, always give 100% unless you're donating blood.
- * What do you call a sleepwalking nun? Roamin' Catholic.
- * What did Snow White say when she came out of the photo booth? Someday my prints will come.
- * A girl said she recognized me from her vegetarian club but I'd never met herbivore.
- * I've always had an irrational fear of speed bumps but I'm slowly getting over it.



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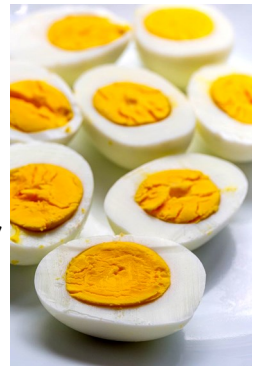
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Cook's Corner

All about eggs... If you haven't had yet enough of eggs we are featuring the small but mighty egg—versatile and nutritious. One large (53g) Grade A egg contains 6g of protein and only 70 calories. [Canada's Food Guide](#) considers 2 eggs as one serving from the Meat and Alternatives food group. Beyond colouring and displaying the lovely egg, let's see how many ways we can eat them. In its most basic and simple ways of boiling, frying, scrambling, or poaching they are an integral part of many recipes. They can be devilled up, made into egg salad, omelettes, quiche or frittata. Drop a raw egg into a steaming bowl of soup. The egg cooks in the hot broth, making it



thicker and giving your meal an instant boost of protein. Egg recipes are easy to find but here are some for you to try. Enjoy... but remember, *eggs aren't just for breakfast anymore, so get crackin'!*

Janet and Greta, from *Crazy Plates*, suggest this easy version of their **Eggs Benedict Sauce**.

In small saucepan whisk together ¼ cup each of mayonnaise and sour cream, 1 tbsp. honey mustard, 1 tbsp. lemon juice, pinch of salt and cayenne.

Cook over medium heat until heated through, do not boil.

Serve over toasted English muffin, topped with 2 slices bacon or ham, and poached egg.



If you think that brown eggs are more nutritious than white eggs, the yolk's on you! Shell colour depends on the breed of hen — they are all eggstraordinary!



Make Ahead Breakfast Dish

Cover 9 x13 greased baking dish with slices of bread. On top, make 2 layers of grated cheese and sliced ham, then top with more slices of bread. Mix 6 beaten eggs into 3 cups of milk, add ½ tsp dry mustard and ½ salt mixing well. Pour over bread layers and refrigerate overnight. In the morning top with crushed cornflakes tossed with melted butter and bake at 350° for one hour.



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Volunteers are the unsung heroes of society, quietly making a profound impact on communities. From fostering social bonds to supporting vulnerable populations, their contributions shape the fabric of thriving neighborhoods.

Here's how volunteers impact community building:

Strengthening Social Bonds: Volunteers cultivate a culture of compassion and empathy, bringing residents together through acts of service like clean-up drives and supporting the elderly.

Supporting Vulnerable Populations: Volunteers fill gaps in public services by offering shelter, mentoring at-risk youth, and providing healthcare to underserved communities.

Fostering Economic Development: Volunteers drive innovation and entrepreneurship by offering their time and expertise to local businesses and non-profits. They also boost tourism through cultural events and heritage tours.

Inspiring Future Generations: Volunteers serve as mentors, instilling values of empathy and civic responsibility in young people, ensuring a legacy of service for years to come.

Volunteers are essential to building resilient, inclusive communities. Their impact is vast and enduring, touching lives across generations and backgrounds. As we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week, let's honour their dedication and commitment to creating a better world.

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If you're looking for volunteer opportunities, our Annual Perennial Sale will be held from Wednesday, May 1st to Friday, May 31st. Not a plant person? There are a variety of volunteering opportunities available, including cashiers, receivers, and clothing assistants. If you want to make an impact, have fun, and meet new people, this volunteer opportunity is for you. Call 519-662-2867 for more information.

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TCP Presents: Anne of Green Gables

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This historic moment marks the first-ever presentation of *Anne of Green Gables* by TCP (Theatre Company of New Hamburg). Renowned for its captivating productions since 1984 including classics like *Mary Poppins*, *The Music Man*, and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, TCP adds a new chapter to its legacy with this eagerly anticipated production.

Taking on the iconic role of Anne Shirley is Alina Vuorinen, making her debut with TCP. "This classic story has so many heartwarming moments and was an impactful piece of my childhood," shares Vuorinen. "I'm thrilled to bring it to life on stage!"

Artistic Director Brooke Gamble, alongside TCP's dedicated leadership team and production committee, poured their hearts and souls into bringing *Anne of Green Gables* to fruition. Countless hours of research, budgeting, and volunteer coordination went into ensuring a seamless production process, reflecting TCP's commitment to delivering community theatre at its very best!

Anne of Green Gables was carefully chosen for its timeless themes of family, togetherness, and self-acceptance, perfectly aligning with TCP's 40th-anniversary celebration" says Gamble. As TCP's first major musical since 2019, this production promises to be a memorable experience for audiences of all ages.

Directed by Aaron Balzer, with Anna Maste as Music Director, Eliza Mills as Choreographer, and Michele Di-Tomasso as acting coach *Anne of Green Gables* boasts a talented creative team dedicated to bringing L.M.

Montgomery's beloved characters to life.

Anne of Green Gables remains as relevant today as ever, with its enduring themes of individuality, community, and resilience resonating across generations. Through the character of Anne Shirley, audiences are reminded of the importance of embracing uniqueness and forging meaningful connections in an ever-changing world.

Tickets for this highly anticipated production go on sale April 6th, priced at \$32 for Saturday and Sunday performances, and \$37 thereafter. Families are encouraged to secure their seats early for this heartwarming theatrical experience.

As TCP celebrates its 40th anniversary, *Anne of Green Gables* serves as a fitting tribute to the organization's rich history and unwavering commitment to the arts. Don't miss your chance to witness this iconic tale come to life on stage - mark your calendars and join TCP for a week of unforgettable performances!



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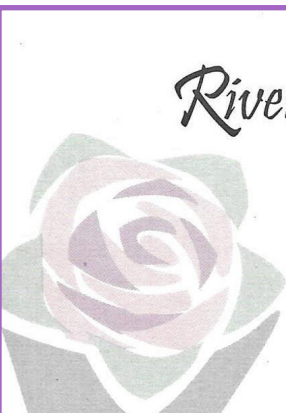
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What Animal Am I?

I have two big front teeth, I live by the water, and I like to build. What I am? _____

I walk very slow, I like to live outside, and I have a great big shell. What am I? _____

I like to climb in trees, I have a long tail, and I like to eat bananas. What am I? _____

Colourful Word Search

Find these colours within the grid. Words can be found up, down, left, right, and diagonal.

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- BLUE
- GREEN
- GREY
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- PINK
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TRI-COUNTY MENNONITE HOMES — Resident Perspectives



It's our pleasure to introduce Grace Biehn to you. Grace has been living with Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH) for over 8 years – several years in the lofts at TCMH's Greenwood Court in Stratford and more recently at Nithview Home in New Hamburg. She likes to be active and sociable, and she can play a mean game of dominos.

Grace grew up in Markham, Ontario, in a home with 8 siblings. She is the third child and the eldest daughter. Grace recalls that all the siblings were born at home, and her grandparents had a joined lot with her childhood home. She used to go visit her grandfather often to listen to him tell bible stories. Then, when Grace was five, her dad became a preacher and started having Bible studies in the home. He would bring kids from Church to their house, and Grace started to make friends.

When she was young, Grace found it hard to make friends. Her family held very strong beliefs which she felt kept her apart from others. Once she started attending Bible classes though, she found other kids and adults with similar beliefs, and making friends became easier. Her advice to anyone who might be struggling to make friends is that you must first be a friend to make friends, but it's worth your effort. People enrich your life when you let them in.

In retirement at Greenwood Court, Grace was very social. She played dominos with her neighbours every Friday night and she appreciated when they came for visits. Now that she is living at Nithview, Grace tries to be kind and friendly with the other residents. She doesn't mind holding hands with the ladies as they walk to meals because she knows the importance of kindness when making friends. She always appreciates when her friends from retirement come to visit. And when they do, they still pick up a game of dominos.

Grace learned to play dominos when she was a young teenager about the eighth grade. It's been one of her favourite games ever since. We wanted to know if she was a shark at dominos – but Grace tells us it's a game of chance so sometimes you win and other times you don't. We still think she's pretty good at the game though. She has many years of practice honing her domino skills.

When Grace isn't engaged with friends or games, she loves attending the programs offered at Nithview. She seldom turns down the invitation. Grace is thankful for the many types of programs, be they spiritual programs, exercise classes, or animal visits. But her favourite is Tuesday night music. Sometimes when the music is really good and she's moved by the songs, Grace can be heard singing in the halls as she goes back to her room. She's a very good singer and she gives the staff goosebumps when they get to hear her sing.

But for Grace, music and singing have always been important. She likes to listen to gospel songs because the theology and the lyrics are very encouraging. The music has meaning in her life, and she keeps her favourite lyric in her heart: *Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me*. Grace's voice is her instrument, and she loves to sing. One of her all-time top songs is "How Great Thou Art". When she hears it, or any other moving song, she likes to tap her toes in time with the tune. Bodies are made for moving after all – and Grace does just that by keeping music, friends, games, and activities in her life.



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Good luck!



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- * A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
- * A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- * A snail can sleep for three years.
- * Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- * Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- * An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- * Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches to 6 years of age.
- * Butterflies taste with their feet.
- * "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- * There are more chickens than people in the world.
- * There are only four words in the English language that end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.



Let's Tree Wilmot Teams Up With Tri-Mennonite Homes

On April 20, 2024, Let's Tree Wilmot (LTW) and Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH) are joining forces to plant 450 trees along the river flats of the Nith River.

Come out and support the re-treeing of the river flats behind TCMH Nithview Community. Volunteers are needed to help us achieve our goal. With shifts starting at 9:00am and at 1:00pm, there's space for everyone.

This project is part of a larger revitalization plan that includes planting native grasses, enhancing access through trail systems, and connecting with barrier free trails at Nithview Community for seniors, families, and community members to enjoy.

Earthscape, a creative playground and landscaping firm in Wallenstein, awarded TCMH a \$60,000 grant to support this ecological restoration project over the next several years. When completed, deep rooted grasses, various trees, owl boxes, turtle mounds, and other wildlife amenities will attract animals and visitors alike.

TCMH is delighted these trees are being planted for Nithview Community and Wilmot Residents to enjoy:

"As we look to expand our services in New Hamburg by building a New Nithview, we know how important the river flats will be for our residents and the local community. We look forward to watching the catalpa, red oaks, sugar maples, and basswood from the LTW seedling bed grow alongside TCMH for generations to come." Dr. Steven Harrison, TCMH CEO

For the first time, LTW is planting trees from their very own seedling bed. These trees were grown over the last

two years and will be planted as bare root balls – another first for LTW! The trees from the seedling bed represent LTW's long-term commitment to keeping Wilmot beautiful by increasing tree canopy in the township.

If you would like to join Let's Tree Wilmot and Tri-County Mennonite Homes during this exciting event, please contact letstreewilmot@gmail.com for more information. You can also find information about LTW and TCMH on Facebook.

To pre-register for this event, see our Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/lets-tree-wilmot-34384003923>



More Tree Planting Events with Let's Tree Wilmot

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Our Local Legion Needs Help Honouring Veterans in Military Service Recognition Book

The Royal Canadian Legion has a project. Each year they create a Military Service Recognition book. They are currently collecting submissions for book eleven. The stories, pictures, and permission slips are gathered by volunteers / members of the legion. This year, Bob Berg is spearheading the project. They are trying to find locals that have a history of someone in their family with a military background.

They wish to start with WW1 and they have over 100 names from our area from the little towns Branch 532 services. It matters not what they did while in the service, nor how long they were there. A VETERAN is a VETERAN. For WW1, in the Canadian Force you must have been born prior to 1900, so you can see the problem, tracing a family that far back is very problematic.

Bob and other Legion volunteers are happy to have submissions about veterans from all eras. Things the Legion would love to see submitted would include; stories, pictures, permission slips, etc.

If you have a veteran you would love to see honoured, please contact Bob Berg at iceb-ev@hotmail.com or call 519-745-0212.



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risk of winter damage to tender flower buds. Add mulch to root area in the fall. Wisteria often takes seven years to mature to the flowering stage. Requires patience.

Trumpet Vine : A rapidly growing deciduous vine providing a beautiful

display of orange or scarlet trumpet shaped flowers. Plant in moist, well-drained soil in full sun. If bothered by aphids, plant nasturtiums at the base which will attract aphids away from the vine.

The Queen of the climbers is the Clematis. These vines prefer shade during the hottest part of the day - ideally eastern exposure. They thrive in moist but well drained, slightly alkaline soil (do not add peat moss). When should they be pruned? Late flowering varieties should be pruned in early to mid April, removing dead or weak stems and seed heads from the previous year's growth. As well, taking the tips back just slightly forces more new growth. Clematis that bloom in spring or on previous year's growth should not be pruned except to remove dead or diseased wood. Varieties such as Henryi, Ramona, and Vyvyan Pennell should not be pruned. Nellie Moser, Multi Blue, Duchess of Edinburgh should receive a light pruning after they have bloomed.

Kolomikta Actinidia: Rapidly reaches heights of 15 - 20 ft. (4.6.m - 6.1m). Tips of the 4-6 in. (10-15 cm) leaves are blotched with white or pink. Leaf colours are brighter if the soil is enriched with calcium. Grow in moist but well drained soil in full sun. Pests rarely attack this vine.

Climbing Hydrangea: An attractive addition to the garden with white flower clusters emerging from shiny dark green foliage. Red shredding bark on older stems adds winter interest to the landscape. Requires partial shade. Rarely attacked by pests or disease.

Other Vines To Provide An Exotic Look:

Wisteria: These vines produce spectacular clusters of purple or white flowers. Resist the temptation to fertilize heavily. Plant in a sheltered location in full sun to reduce

Dutchman's Pipe: The vine receives its name from the small flowers that are shaped like a Dutch Captain's pipe. Vine is usually grown as a screen. Its dense overlapping curtain of broad, heart-shaped leaves, makes it adaptable to sun or shade. Prefers rich, well-drained soil.

Virginia Creeper: A handsome vine that will quickly cover a wall, arbor, chimney, stump or any unsightly view. In summer it creates a beautiful green backdrop, and an unforgettable sight in autumn when the leaves turn a brilliant crimson colour.

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Medical Expense Tax Credits allow you to reduce your income tax liability by claiming travel medical insurance premiums and other eligible medical expenses on your tax return and meeting certain eligibility requirements.

Make sure you speak to your accountant to get professional advice on claiming your travel medical insurance premium as a Medical Expense Tax Credit. You can also google CRA Medical Expenses 2023 for a quick education on the topic.

In the meantime, here are a few things to keep in mind about Medical Expense Tax Credits:

- Only travel **medical** insurance is eligible to be claimed. Other types of travel insurance like trip cancellation/interruption insurance and baggage insurance are not eligible for Medical Expense Tax Credits. If you have an **all-inclusive** travel insurance policy that covers medical, cancellation/interruption and baggage, *only* the amount

related to the *medical* portion of your premium is eligible for the credit.

- You'll need a copy of your travel medical insurance receipt/confirmation to prove to CRA how much your premium cost and that your insurance policy was eligible for a tax credit.

- You can claim other eligible medical expenses you incur inside **and** outside Canada, as long as you were not reimbursed for those expenses (i.e. under an insurance plan).

- Only medical expenses that exceed a minimum dollar value threshold prescribed by the government are eligible for the tax credit.

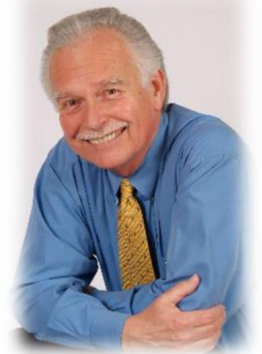
Any tax credit you receive won't be for the full amount of your eligible expenses, as the government only allows you to recoup a percentage of your expenses.

The bottom line is that while you won't be able to recoup the full amount of your travel medical insurance premiums by claiming them on your tax return, it can still be a fast and easy way to save some money.



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