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Maggie Wang
2010 Wellesley Idol

**Theatre Wellesley Sets
Attendance Record
With *Altar Egos***

**It's Not Quite a 'Bridge-in-a-Box' Kit
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Endeavor is Remarkable**

**Wellesley's Soap Box Derby
Is Becoming an Institution;
Read About How it Started**

**Pumpkin Carving
Portrays Local Life Style**

**We Look at Late Summer
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This 'Instant Bridge' is almost that quick!

Perth East had to replace the aging Lisbon bridge and did so in three weeks. They even met the GRCA's requirements to protect the stream. Way to go with the flow, guys.



Accidents that keep happening are a worry Bottoms up is not a good way for a tractor-trailer to end up but one intersection keeps seeing them roll. Will the Region's efforts solve the problem?



There are singers and there are entertainers Maggie Wang of Elmira has a lot of pizzazz for a 15-year-old. Her own lyrics and an easy going stage presence won her the title of Wellesley Idol.

He didn't have a checkered past, but he wanted one Terry Dennerly inspired the formation of the Annual Wellesley Soap Box Derby. Learn how his friends formed a team to help make his racing dream a reality.



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ABOUT THE COVER

The Wellesley Idol contest deserves a lot of recognition. It takes a lot of work and input by organizers and participants, but it adds sparkle to both the Wellesley North Easthope Fall Fair and the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival. It's all about giving talent a chance to step forward. This year's winner, Maggie Wang, has talent and charm. She exudes intelligence, confidence and humility—far beyond her 15 years—in her presentation.

21st Woolwich & Wellesley Adult Health Fair Focused on Boosting Well-Being & Knowing Resources

The 21st Woolwich-Wellesley Annual Health Fair, held in late October, focused on how to boost well-being by knowing what resources are available in the community and how to access them.

Guest presenters were Kathy Durst, Chair of the Waterloo-Wellington Local Health Integration Network, who discussed relevant findings for seniors from the recent “2010 Rural Health Care Report”; Paula Saunders from the Independent Living Center shared her personal experience of adapting to physical challenges; Deb Schlichter, Director of Housing, Waterloo Region, presented options for seniors in affordable and supportive Housing in Waterloo Region; Pat Turner, Occupational Therapist with P.A.C.E., gave tips that help maintain optimum independence.

The panel presentation was titled “Partners in Health” and featured Peter Scheuring, St. Jacobs Chiropractic Clinic; Raza Shah, St. Jacobs Naturopathic Clinic; and Paul **Continued on page 13...**

Health Fair Photos

Top (l-r): Anne Fowler, Ron Hackett and Heather Baker are Wellesley Township’s representatives on the Health Care Planning Committee.

Centre (l-r): Lewis and Idella Nafziger, Lois Leis and Ruby Lingleach of Wellesley attended the Fair.

Bottom (r-l): Wendy Sloat, CNIB referral worker for new or reactivated CNIB clients, comforts her seeing-eye dog Leamy. Volunteer Herb Reist was assisting during the day.



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Come Enjoy the Christmas Tyme in Wellesley Parade

The energy and excitement generated by a Christmas parade is a great way to herald the start of the Christmas season. If snow hasn't gotten you in the mood, the lights, the music and the camaraderie surely will. Of course, the kids have their own ideas and the younger the child, the more amazing it all seems.

So bring the kids and your friends to see the Christmas Tyme Parade in Wellesley, Friday, December 10, 2010.

The first floats will leave Wellesley Public School at 6:45 p.m.;

travel down Queen's Bush Rd. toward Nafziger Rd. where they will turn left and then left again at Maple Leaf St. toward the Community Centre. If you and/or a pet wish to walk in the parade or you have a group that would like to join, it's not too late. Call organizer, Jean Horne at 519-656-2688. She'd love to hear from you.

Don't go home when the parade is over, because the celebration is just beginning.

Once Santa leaves the parade, children can visit him at the Pfeifer

Gallery on Nafziger Road. There will be juice and cookies for them while they enjoy a story with Santa and a little gift bag for them when they leave. [There is an afternoon session between 3:30-4:30 p.m. for preschoolers who might not be able to take all the evening excitement.] The Gallery Café, within the Pfeifer Gallery, will be open for those snack emergencies.

For the more traditional celebration of Christmas, there is the live nativity scene in Albert Erb Park (across from the Schmidtsville Restaurant) and the 20th annual tree-lighting ceremony, celebrated with hot apple cider and Christmas caroling. ❖

K-W Hosts Oktoberfest Hockey Tournament Wellesley Resident Participates in Opening Ceremonies

by *Patty Bisch*

Wellesley resident, Quinn Bisch, represented the Waterloo Wolves Major Atom AAA team during the Opening Ceremonies of the 37th Annual K-W Oktoberfest Atom International Hockey Tournament in October. Miss Oktoberfest 2010, Meghan Hennessey, and Onkel Hans took to the red carpet to officially drop the puck at centre ice.

The tournament, which ran October 22 to 24, attracted the best teams in North America and provided the highest level of competition. The Waterloo Wolves Major Atom AAA team lost to the Oakville Rangers during the semi-finals on Sunday morning. The Oakville Rangers went on to win the tournament.

The Waterloo Wolves Major Atom

AAA team will compete in the 2010 World U11 Invitational Tournament hosted by Buffalo and Western New York, December 26 to 30. Waterloo is one of ten teams including international teams from Russia, Finland and the USA. Other Canadians include teams from B.C., Toronto, and Quebec. ❖



Waterloo Wolves player, Quinn Bisch, right, of Wellesley, takes a ceremonial face-off in the tournament.

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Lets Link Friendship & Hiking Trails

Back in late 1979, I was a newly hired electrical engineer at the Flyer Bus Company in Winnipeg. It was my first full-time job after graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. At Flyer, I would be working in an office of 35 to 40 persons, including engineers, draftsmen, publications people, secretaries, and so on. It was a lively office with lots of healthy banter, which was one of the things that factored into me accepting a position there. The three electrical engineers were supported by three drafters: One man, one man whose fingers had been amputated due to frost bite and the third, a woman.



Larry Kryski

At some point, I became aware of escalating comments in the drafting office "humourously" haranguing the latter two of the drafters—the amputee and the woman. And then found I was getting included in this "humour" because of my Newfoundland background. (My Mom was a Newfoundlander, my Dad from Saskatchewan and I was born in Manitoba, but lived in Newfoundland for 15 years.) There seemed to be a constant hum in the drafting office relating to the two drafters. I noticed the hum seemed to increase in volume every time I walked back to deal with any of the drafters. There seemed to be no polite way of quelling the tirade of comments.

There were more "Newfy" jokes coming my way, more sexist jokes toward our female drafter and more insensitive comments about our amputee (who, despite his loss of fingers, was an excellent drafter.) Then came the straw that broke the camel's back. It was a joke that slurred Newfoundlanders by disparaging another nationality.

That night, I wrote a letter to the V.P. of Engineering, summarizing the events of the previous three weeks. The next day, he spoke to the whole office about respect, without singling out any one individual. For the next two weeks, there was absolute silence throughout the office. Conversation, when there was conversation, was hushed—even legitimate conversation. It was, I can assure you, incredibly awkward going back to the drafting office and there were moments that I doubted whether I had made the correct decision.

Slowly conversation returned to the drafting office, but it had a very different tone. I never heard another comment that might be construed as "bad taste". Which would be good if the story stopped at this point, but it doesn't. It continues to the present.

Two of the three individuals came to me personally and apologized, recognizing that they had stepped out of line. The third, who was younger, fell into line, but was uncomfortable speaking to me, so we mutually worked as if it had never been an issue.

But the best part is that one of the persons who apologized became a long term friend for whom I have the greatest respect and today we keep in regular touch by e-mail and Facebook.

Ironically, in 1980, he was getting married and was asking around the office for suggestions of places to go for a honeymoon. I suggested St. John's, Newfoundland. Whether it was intrigue, or an effort to show goodwill, Ray and his new wife Donna, rode to Newfoundland on motorcycle!

This year, 2010, was their 30th wedding anniversary and they informed me that they were going to return to Newfoundland to hike 220 km of the 500+ km of the East Coast Trail. This is a challenging trip for experienced hikers, as they are, but became even more so when Hurricane Igor visited during their hike. You can read Donna's blog and see her pictures at: <http://www.trailady.com>

So why do I include this very personal story here?

Here's why: There has been a lot of tension in our community because of issues around the proposals by the Wellesley Trail Association to develop a trail to access the Bast Bush. Trails are known to be healthy and provide much benefit to a community and the individuals who utilize them. And indeed, this is not argued against by those opposing the trail. They just don't want the trail behind their homes, and that is really all the explanation that is necessary. I think the thing that has perhaps shocked and created strong feelings on the part of other residents, was the long list of 'potential threats' listed in their early petitions. While these threats might be possible in any community, their probability is small, and gets even smaller, the tinier the community. What might sound reasonable in Waterloo, starts to sound a little overly anxious and unreasonable in Wellesley. It would be like worrying about 20-car pile-ups in Wellesley. There is a much greater probability of it occurring on Highway 401, but much less likely here. Sometimes, we have the sense that we must exaggerate a story to get others to buy in to it. I think there is a certain fallacy in that.

So, like my engineering office story: I hope that once this issue is settled—one way or the other—that new residents and old can put their emotions aside; cross that divide and culture some long-term friendships, as I have developed with my friends Ray and Donna. Wellesley can only benefit from the union and focus of our energies. ❖

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How Do We Resolve The Trails Conflict?

A current local issue is the unfortunate conflict over the proposed walking trails planned by the Wellesley Trails Association (WTA). After hearing about the controversy I attended a public meeting hosted by the trails association to hear about the objections to their proposed trail. My foray into community involvement left me amazed, mystified and saddened.



Mavis Kerr

As I understand it, the volunteers of the WTA have been planning for more than a decade, an addition to the walking trails in Wellesley village. This new trail would give villagers pleasant off-road walks that are accessible to all without having to hop in the car and drive elsewhere. The plan was for a trail northward from the north end of Molesworth Street up to

and through the lovely Bast woods. A more recent hope was the addition of a trail running east-west, but just north of the homes on Schweitzer Crescent, over land some of which is owned by the township. They had coordinated their efforts with Wellesley Township and the landowners whose land the trails would cross. These volunteers were so disappointed to find that not everyone was thrilled with their dedication.

The problem has arisen when the homeowners of the brand new homes adjacent to the proposed trails appeared to be experiencing a great deal of anxiety and anger upon learning that these trails have been planned to go behind their homes. They apparently were told—by whom is not clear when buying their lots—that the land behind their properties was not to be “developed”, and terms such as “green belt” were used. It was also mentioned that these folks had paid impressive amounts of money (more than their neighbours across the street) to get the lots that backed onto the field. They clearly valued the benefits of having no homes behind them. They were very distressed to find that a walkway had been included in the long range planning and marked on many of the township plans for some time. My impression was that these unfortunate folks felt duped by whomsoever gave them these assurances that were not necessarily theirs to give. Perhaps they are distressed that they did not ask the right questions or look at the available plans for the subdivision. Understandably, they have large doses of emotion about their situation.

Determined to convince everyone that the trail is a really bad idea, they raised their concerns. These included the possibility that they could in future be dealing with trespassers, litterers, drug dealers, noise, delinquents, disruption of wild-life, doggie droppings and lovers behind their homes. (One of

my thoughts is that perhaps our new neighbours have expectations for drama that this sleepy little village may not be able to deliver.)

In a conciliatory move, the WTA withdrew their current push for the east/west Schweitzer trail, presumably in the hope of gaining support for the very scenic Bast woods trail. It does not appear to have helped. The Schweitzer Crescent group has rallied round the four directly-affected Molesworth Street homeowners.

As I drove home from the meeting, I tried to imagine what it would be like to have my neighbours walking behind my house in the evening. I remembered a teaching tale that I use in my work. In one of its many versions it goes like this.

High above an isolated village, along a mountain pass, lives a monk. He greets all travelers heading toward the village below. A couple of travelers ask him what the people of this village are like and if they should descend to the village for the night or keep traveling. The monk asks them how they found folks in the town where they had stayed the night before. The travelers report how quarrelsome and unhelpful they found the people they had encountered. The monk responds that, regrettably, they might as well keep traveling and bypass this village for they will surely find people here much like those in the previous village.

Soon after, another group stops to ask the monk the same question. The monk again inquires how they experienced people at their previous stop. These travelers report that the people in that village were warm and friendly, kind and hospitable. The monk assures them they will surely find similar people below.

So now—in our own little village—we have other groups rallying round to insist that the trail be built as originally planned. Their case is that they purchased their properties with the belief that they WOULD have these trails as depicted on the plan and that their pleasure and their property value will be degraded should the trails NOT be developed.

I am glad I am not a member on the council that must make the decision to proceed or not. My personal hope is for the trails to proceed for the benefit of the largest number of people in our community. I would like to see the woods that the Bast family has so generously agreed to open to us. I would like to see the trail volunteers get satisfaction from their years of work. And, I would like to see the new homeowners who back onto the trail be pleasantly surprised as they get to know us. I hope we get a chance to be the best of neighbours. ❖

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Our Readers Talk Back...

Re: Wellesley Is... Aug/Sept 2010
Hi Larry,

I just wanted to let you know that I love your magazine and have forwarded your website link to about 100 contacts in my address book. I look forward to receiving each new magazine, and must tell you what an exceptional job you are doing. :)

Chat with ewe soon,
Mrs. Jaime Neeb
Gadshill, ON

[Jaime operates a miniature sheep farm, which will explain her unusual closing.]

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Re: Wow
Hi Larry,
Just wanted to drop you a line

and say congratulations on an amazing publication! [Aug/Sept 2010] I feel very fortunate to have access (free, I might add!!) to such an interesting and comprehensive publication.

Thanks for all of your hard work—it's much appreciated. Your passion for community living is evident in every issue!

I've had the good fortune to see Mom and Dad's issues, but luckily, we now have high speed.....so I'm officially a subscriber!

Thanks again,
Jayne Gerber
Gadshill, ON

P.S. Mavis, it's always fun reading your column as well!

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Re: Wellesley Is... Aug/Sept 2010
Larry,

Thanks for the Aug/Sept issue. As usual you have done a phenomenal amount of work and with great photos. My favourite is the title page of the fellow riding the horse; one can even see his eyes!

Take care,
Pete Wagner
Winnipeg, MB

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Re: kudos

What an impressive edition you have produced again! Yes, Creemore has much to offer. No doubt you will receive some creative suggestions for our "home-town". Did you really "wash" that lovely scarf, Mavis? Glad to see you included Dale [Schmidt]. Someone just inquired recently, asking if he was paid by the township. No, we don't have to be paid for doing good deeds.

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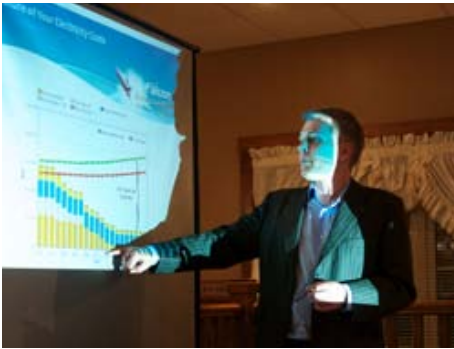
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Board of Trade Learns About Solar Energy Opportunities & Gets Update on Current WTA Efforts



Robert Cormier, president of Falcon Energy Worldwide, was the presenter at the October Wellesley and District Board of Trade meeting at the Schmidtsville Restaurant.

Cormier discussed the opportunities available to Ontarions from the installation of solar energy panels, under the provincial government's current programs.

These opportunities arise because of the Green Energy and Green Economy Acts enacted in 2009.

Members were told how investors can earn incomes up to \$1000 per month, guaranteed over a 20-year period.

Falcon's local representative, Patricia Van Wyck also attended the meeting.

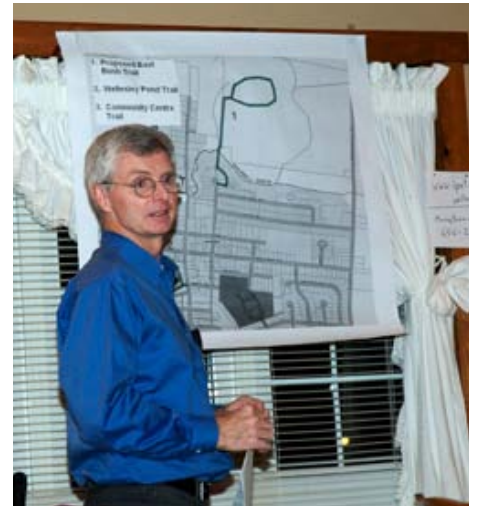
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At the November BOT meeting, Wellesley Trails Association president, Murray Bremner presented a brief history of hiking trails in Wellesley fol-

lowed by an update on developments around the proposed Bast Bush hiking trail, noting particularly the withdrawal of the portion north of Schweitzer Crescent. ❖



Falcon Energy Worldwide president Robert Cormier makes a presentation to the Board of Trade on solar energy opportunities in Ontario.



Wellesley Trails Association president, Murray Bremner provides an update on the WTA's promotion of the proposed Bast Bush Hiking Trail.

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Tractor Trailer Roll Overs Make Tri-Township Intersection A Risky Location

by Larry Kryski

It's a beautiful location, the intersection where Wellesley, Wilmot and Perth East Townships meet. It is well-treed in all directions. A large willow sits on one side of the Nith River where the bridge crosses.

You'll frequently see a Mennonite horse and buggy... or two, tied to a small tree in the tall grass; its charges will be somewhere along the river fishing. The regional highway curves in from the west and away to the east, following the bend in the river, while cattle meander along the river and adjacent to the highway as they graze. A great blue heron can occasionally be seen fishing downstream from the bridge and you might catch a glimpse of a muskrat at work.

It has a lovely sense of peace, hardly disrupted by traffic, which makes it a great place to walk. You will frequently see groups of cyclists and the occasional runner passing through there, as well.

In spite of this serene description, this T-intersection—where



The air ambulance lifts off without a patient as the driver miraculously walks away from this roll over. A close examination of the drivers compartment shows little space for a person. This event spilled some of the trailer's contents.

Perth Line meets Hutchison Rd. meets Wilmot-Easthope Rd. (also signed as Road 105)—has a deep secret that you only discover by accident. Literally.

This intersection has at least a five-year history of truck roll overs; the vehicles traveling east, downhill on Perth Line toward Wellesley Township. The broad curve begins part-way down the hill which was signed at the top indicating a curve and supplemented with a suggested decrease in speed to 60 km/hr. There are also numerous chevron signs along the curve to alert drivers that it is a tight curve. However, drivers cannot see the full extent of the curve because of trees along the left side of the road. Drivers unfamiliar with the curve could enter at the top and not notice that they are accelerating as they enter the curve part way down. Vehicles with a heavy load, will have more difficulty negotiating the curve safely

if they have to brake excessively in a downhill curve.

This summer, at least two tractor trailers and one car went off the road where Wilmot-Easthope Road joins Perth Line and Hutchison. One of the trucks was transporting a load of chickens. Some of the chickens escaped, some were killed in the roll over. The second roll over happened two weeks

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The yellow arrow shows vehicle direction while the red arrow shows where vehicles typically leave the highway.



An air ambulance arrives at the scene. The driver is still inside the cab of the truck at this point.



This roll over carried a potentially deadly load of steel girders, which were spewed across a 75-metre swath as it crossed the T-intersection. In this instance, if an other vehicle had come to a stop and then edged past this stop sign, it would have been in the path of the on-coming girders. Note the fence.

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later. It was potentially more devastating, since it spread its load of heavy construction steel across a 75-metre swath and could have struck a vehicle or person forward of the stop sign.

There were no reported injuries in these two situations but in a similar incident in July 2007, an air ambulance was rushed in when they thought the driver was seriously injured.

Bob Henderson, Manager of Transportation Engineering for the Region of Waterloo says that their records show at least three if not four events occurring at this location in

the last five years. His figures do not yet include reports from the police about the two recent truck events. There was also a car that recently left the road at that location.

He says his department is taking steps to reduce the likelihood of another accident occurring. They have added another dozen chevron signs to better delineate the curve and expect to supplement the curve warning signs with flashing amber beacons.

When asked about rumble strips being a possibility, he said, "...We feel confident that [these measures] will help resolve the problem without

the installation of rumble strips. Rumble strips create other problems, including noise. ...You'd be surprised how far that sound can travel."

So at this point in time, the people who suffer the most from this recurring event are Bernard and Nancy Vollmer, the Lisbon residents who own the property whose fence keeps getting knocked down. The Vollmers graze cattle in the area and express their good fortune that none of their cattle have escaped or been killed. They have owned this part of their property for about 10 years.

Nancy Vollmer says their biggest frustration has come from the police not immediately informing them that their fence was knocked down, so they can go out promptly and assess or repair the damage. This happened three times within a three week period.

When they went looking for compensation—they have spent \$1000 of their own funds—they were told to 'take it to their insurance company', but of course every claim they make would cause the cost of their insurance to rise. For a period of time, they were told by the police that they couldn't be given the names of the parties involved because of privacy rules.

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Collateral Damage Sustained

Left: A chevron was demolished by the roll over.

Right: A large portion of the Vollmer's fence was leveled by this incident, as the trailer swung around.



Wellesley's Lions Club & Board of Trade Volunteers Install Community's Annual Christmas Decorations



Clockwise from bottom left: Wellesley resident Zac Williams, plugs in a light pole decoration; BOT members, Murray Schlueter, Mike Fritz, Jeff Quint and Hal Schneider repair a decoration; Zac Williams and Nathan Leis hang a decoration while Jeff Quint and Tim Leis (boom driver) monitor progress; Lions Club member, Marilyn Bisch holds Christmas tree lights while Richard Franzke (ladder) and Bruce Bisch work lights around the tree; Lions Hugh Rice, Darrell Kirby, Peter Vander Maas, Dale Roe & Wayne Schwartz pose after installing Christmas decorations by the pond; Lions Bob Reid and Wayne Schwartz steady a part of the lighted nativity scene.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

...Continued from page 4 Psutka, Osteopath. Each represented an area of expertise that can help maximize one's well-being, by addressing specific health concerns.

Peter Scheuring from the St. Jacobs Chiropractic Clinic discussed how and why exercise is one of the best ways to keep your mind alert.

Joyce Gladwell, Counselor, addressed "Coping with Depression", while Mary Wilhelm of Woolwich Counselling Services provided information about available resources in Woolwich and Wellesley Townships.

Twelve information booths were open during the day.

Retired teacher, Paul Kalbfleisch was MC. Gloria and Bill Coats led a fitness break and entertainment was provided by Country Blue.

For more information, call Marilyn Voisin (519-725-1551), Health Fair Planning Committee or Joy Finney (519-664-3794 Ext-230), Health Promoter; Woolwich Community Health Center. ❖



Country Blue performed during the afternoon entertainment portion of the Health Fair

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that stand seems to have changed.

Nancy says the hours spent on the phone are a massive annoyance. Bernard had to bury a lot of dead chickens from the one incident and has put in many hours repairing fences while other duties on his farm get put on hold.

The driver of the car was wonderful, she said. He sent a letter of apology expressing his regret at the inconvenience the accident must have caused and included a cheque for the repair costs.

In an attempt to get signs changed on the Perth Line curve, she said she phoned Wellesley Mayor Ross Kelterborn, whom she said, expressed reservations about the possibility of her getting signs changed when he couldn't get stop signs for a four-way intersection in Wellesley Village.

That's when Nancy's fiery side erupted. "Three [stop signs] in Lisbon, and that busy corner in



■ BIRTH

The family tree, a tiny leaf;
A baby boy; beyond belief.

GLADDING: Jacob Lucas was born Friday, September 17th, 2010 at Grand River Hospital, Kitchener weighing 9 lb. 6 oz. and 21-1/4" long.

Proud parents are Luke and Deanne Gladding of Wellesley and excited to have a new baby brother is big sister Clara.

Happy grandparents are Bill and Sheri Gladding, Tavistock and Irvin and Marilyn Reist, New Dundee; and great grandparents Bob and Doris Gladding.



2010 Citizen of the Year

Do you know someone within our community that stands out, that puts others first, that makes our community a better place to live, work and play? The Wellesley and District Board of Trade will soon be accepting nominations for the 2010 Citizen of the Year Award. The award is presented annually, to provide the community with an opportunity to honour and recognize the outstanding achievements and unselfish contributions of their fellow citizens. Nominations will open in mid-December and close on Friday January 14th, with the Citizen of Year honours, awarded at the Wellesley and District Board of Trade's Annual Valentine's Ball. Please watch for more information and nomination forms in and around Wellesley.

Wellesley doesn't warrant four? For crying out loud! I'll donate the two that are in Lisbon! Something's wrong here."

Now, if only she can get the necessary sign changes on Perth Line. ❖



Flattened truck gets up righted.

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Your admiring neighbours,
Alex and Jean Horne
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Re: Soap Box Derby

Great issue but curious to know what happened to the soap box derby coverage, I saw you taking pics that day but don't see any in the issue

Sandy Poole

Hi Sandy,

The soapbox derby will be in the next issue. When it's only one person doing all facets of the magazine, It's difficult to respond to events that occur during my production period. This magazine was already the largest I've produced and went overtime. Hope that'll be

okay. Thanks for your comments and the query.

Larry

Thanks for e-mailing back, it's not a big deal, I was just curious as I thought I saw you there and I was surprised it wasn't in the edition. Yes it is a big job and you do it well. Thanks

Sandy ❖

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Council Chambers Refurbished

Here are the before (below) and after shots of the council chambers in Crosshill. The chambers were refurbished during the summer break. Gone is the tired and dated panelling, replaced by a bright modern finish and a stone accent wall. The floor and chairs for public seating have been updated and made more comfortable. (l-r) Councillors Herb Neher and Paul Hergott, Clerk/CAO Susan Duke, Mayor Ross Kelterborn, and councillors Shelley Wagner and Jim Olender.



2010 Wellesley Idol Winner Talented and Self-Directed

by Larry Kryski

Fifteen-year-old, Grade 11 Elmira student, Maggie Wang [pronounced *wong*] rose to the top through the three-rounds of the Wellesley Idol talent contest to take the hotly sought-after title.

It started back in June, when fourteen aspiring performers arrived, eager and often nervous, at Wellesley's Community Centre. Maggie was one of six chosen by judges



The three finalists and MC on the Main Stage during the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival. From the left: Jessi Elgood, Emma Bender, Maggie Wang and MC Susan Cook-Scheerer.

Gary Goeree, Charlene Zehr and Grant Heywood to enter the second-round at the Wellesley-North Easthope Fall Fair in mid-September.

At the fair, Maggie's steady performance moved her into the final, where she, Emma Bender and Jessi Elgood would compete on the main stage at Wellesley's popular Apple Butter and Cheese Festival.

Although young, Maggie, brings her own personal touch



Judges in the competition were (l-r) Gary Goeree, Charlene Zehr and Grant Heywood.

to the competition. Of the five songs that she performed, only one was a cover—the Beatle's *Let It Be*. The rest were originals—her own creations—both lyrics and melody.

The songs she writes are filled with socially-conscious lyrics. Her song *Help Me* states "...all hellos lead to good-byes as we travel down this road called life."

Another snappy, kind-of-jazzy tune called *Not Changing* is a message about how we have to change. Its repeating theme says:

*The selfish keep taking,
The rich keep on earning,
The poor keep on starving,
The world keeps denying,
The deaf stay away,
The caring quit trying,
The Christians are praying,
Then why are things not changing?*

When Maggie goes on stage, you won't see any sign of nervousness or embarrassment but you will see energy and enthusiasm. Her motions are entirely natural. Her pitch, timing and rhythm are in tight control and she knows and feels her songs. She reads her audience and in one gutsy move—for a competition—she invited the audience to join her in the song. This is a move that could fail completely and cost her the contest, but as it happens, the audience responded.

Her natural presence on stage comes, she says, because she doesn't experience much stage fright. "I feel pretty at home up there. ...I'm the type of person who doesn't mind getting humiliated [if she does badly]." She says she's "ready to make mistakes and stuff."

Maggie started writing her own lyrics this summer and has created about 10 original songs. She is working with Brad Dougas of Revelation Sound Studios in Guelph to produce two CDs. One CD will be an album of traditional Christmas carols done in the style/genre of Diana Krall. She cites titles like *Silent Night* and *Bleak Mid-Winter*, a gentle, sensitive carol, written first as a poem before 1872 then put to music in 1906. The second production will be comprised of at least six or seven original pieces. There is no release date set for either disc yet.

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Wellesley Idol, Maggie Wang
Click her photo to hear her sing
Not Changing



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Although she doesn't read music, it hasn't stopped Maggie from creating her own melodies. She uses a "simple" recorder to develop her melodies vocally, then passes them on to have the music developed from the melody.

Maggie comes from a family of eleven. Her mom is a medical doctor working with Urgent Care in Kitchener and her dad is a professor of computer engineering at University of Waterloo. Her mom and dad are from Saskatoon, moved to Kitchener and then to Elmira about three years ago. The nine children were all born in Kitchener. Her dad's parents are originally from China.

Music will always play a part in her life, perhaps for the Christian ministry, she says, but she doesn't see it as a career at this point. She expects to attend university once she has graduated and chosen a goal. She is applying her \$350 first prize toward developing her CDs.

Her school, Elmira District Secondary School, received an equivalent award and has purchased a new sound system.

Maggie also plays midget hockey. This is her seventh year, having started in atom. In her first year of hockey she played forward but, as she candidly puts it, "I was a failure. So..." Now she plays only goal.

In the competition, each of the finalists had to perform five songs, at least one sung a cappella.

The Wellesley Idol contest was resurrected this spring



Most of Maggie's family was in attendance. Back row (l-r)—Jodie (mother), Maggie (15), Maddie (13), John (grandfather) David (father); Middle row—Mei (grandmother), Michelle (12), John (10), James (9); Front Row—Monica (8) and Jordan (6).

after a one-year hiatus. It was originally created and organized by Marg Runstedler and Nancy O'Neil. Through the years, it has been actively and enthusiastically pursued by aspiring contestants, who are often widely supported by eager fans—usually friends and family. But bystanders, who look on out of curiosity often buy in to the efforts and talent presented by these young go-getters. The competition is one of the exciting highlights at the Fall Fair and the ABC Festival. The Apple Butter and Cheese Festival donates money for the prizes. ❖



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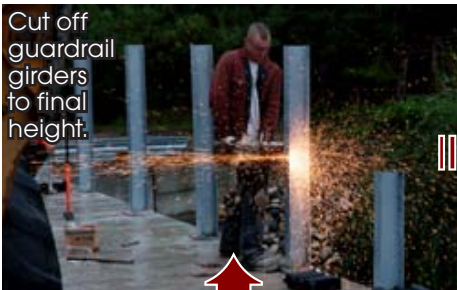
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Right: The Pfeifer Gallery recently offered dinner with jazz music—with Bert Hamer on drums, Jeff Laughton on base and Larry McQuarrie on guitar. Enjoying the entertainment are (l-r) Mike and Lilly Pauser, Viki Yusim and John Pym, all of Wellesley.



Below: Gabriel Leis (8) in the black jacket, is being diligently pursued by Will Martin (11) in a friendly game of road hockey on Henry Street. Jack Koebel (8) in net, watches the action. The Wellesley Public School students say they all play hockey with the Wellesley Twin Centre Stars.



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Wellesley's Annual Soap Box Derby Is Becoming an Institution

by Larry Kryski

As I wandered along Nafziger Road, dodging the scattered rain drops during the 2010 Wellesley annual Soap Box Derby, I thought it would be easy to believe that it had been in operation for 25 years or more. Everything appeared to be operating smoothly. There were lots of drivers registered, volunteers were in evidence everywhere, straw bales lined the track, the Starting and Finish Lines were set up as expected, trophies were in abundance, a police officer from the Waterloo Regional Police was volunteering his radar gun skills to measure the winners' speeds, cars

Terry Dennerly

were getting smoothly recycled back up to the starting line and fans lined the track.

Yet a little research showed that this was only the sixth year the races have been held, so I went looking for the background on how it got started. A quick enquiry to Wendy Sauder, gave me the names of the organizers who agreed to an evening interview at the home of Wendy and Brian Sauder.

When I arrived for the interview, all four were there—Terry and Pat Dennerly were sitting across from Wendy and Brian—each sipping on a glass of wine.

From the laughing and the ease of the banter, you could tell that they had developed great friendship and respect during the years that they had worked on derby details.

As I introduced my idea of recording the history of the derby, the discussion hit hi-gear almost immediately:

Terry: History? ... history of the soapbox derby, in two sentences or less....

Brian: Yes, who is to blame for this? I think Terry is to blame!

Wendy (more seriously): How did it start? You had an idea...

Brian: Was alcohol a factor? *Lots of laughing.*

Terry: I had heard of such a thing. I had never seen one. I had wanted to see one...

Pat: He always looked at the hills in Wellesley. He wanted to build a soap box and race it down the hills in Wellesley! So that kind of started the whole thing.

And so started the interview.

It was June 2005 and their first derby was to be Labour Day. There wasn't a lot of time so they started meeting weekly. They had never seen a derby, but they knew of one in Mitchell, so they went to observe.

Pat wondered how they could get a car. They all remember the first car they bought. Wendy said, "They can make the kits look really good on a web site. They were junk, they were c**p!!!"

"We didn't know how to get cars. It was one thing to plan it... but then, how did we come up with the idea of a kit and sell it to the businesses [which sponsor the cars]?"

Pat found the kit on a web site as they searched the web for the rules and regulations. They found the US and Canadian Soap Box Derby Associations. This connected them with organizers of the large Peterborough derby. The Peterborough group put them in touch with "a guy named Bill Turner, a guy who makes *WayCool*

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car kits. And that's where we started [getting] our kits from."

The idea to sell the kits to businesses for sponsorship came out of their affiliation with the Wellesley & District Board of Trade. The intent was that businesses would buy the cars and the organizers would find drivers to drive the cars. The cars provided advertising for the businesses and their staff could drive. They were ordering and selling car kits in July, to be raced in September. This was even before their visit to Mitchell.

Because of their June meeting dates, they were able to get notices out to the schools before summer vacations, so kids would be aware that it was in the works.

Terry stresses that the Wellesley Soap Box Derby is different from many soap box derbies. "People take this very seriously and race their cars all over the country. Ours is purely local and we encourage people to come along with their home-builts." We do our derby for fun. "That's the whole thing," says Pat. Wendy says, "We're not part of the circuit... I think that's what keeps it fun and for locals too."

The *WayCool* car kits cost \$300-\$320 and haven't changed much in six years. Pat says a lot of the businesses gave donations which allowed them to purchase trophies in their second year.



Brian secures a car before driving it back to the starting line.

They bought shirts for the organizers in the first year and shirts and hats to sell in the second year.

Terry remembers building three car kits for some of the businesses. Wendy remembers Home Hardware's Ron Brander building a couple and Brian building three. But Brian debates whether he built that many. He thinks he only built one and that Bill Cook built one and had the steering backwards. But Brian remembers having every colour on his hands from the freshly painted cars. [He would have to lift the cars to load them at the starting line or when moving cars after each race to return them to the starting line.]

The first year, they only had a small sound system with one loud speaker to announce heats and winners, so no one could really hear anything. Terry didn't have a starter pistol, but only a cap gun, which no one could hear, so he had to shout with a loud "Bang" to start each race.

Originally, they were going to hold the races on the hill near Pym's grocery store. Pat and Terry got up early one Sunday morning to try out the route before there was any traffic. Pat got in the car and just sat there. The car wouldn't move. You had to push it to get it going.

"So, it became a scramble to get a road closed," says Wendy. "That's a regional road [Nafziger Road]". They had a hard time getting the road closed. It required support from then township councilor Joe Nowac and the township's Director of Public Works, Will McLaughlin to make it happen. They couldn't get the road closed without proof of insurance, so they had to get insurance coverage from the township.

Pat chuckles as she says they had to deal with all the little things—speakers, insurance, the fire hall, the straw and the equipment to return the cars to the starting line. "And having not a clue, really," Wendy adds. And then the ramp, putting the ramp together, Pat adds. They became aware



Terry, in clown costume, continues to announce races, while Pat manages the info on races and drivers and cars.

of the ramp when they attended the Shakespeare Soap Box Derby and managed to arrange to borrow it for Wellesley. They rented the ramp the first year, but when they realized that the Wellesley derby wasn't making any money, they loaned it for free plus a little maintenance—they had to paint the many white and black squares in the racing pattern.

One year the lever that operated the starting gates was assembled up-side-down, so the [Continued on page 22...](#)



Wendy sweeps up the loose straw before the races begin.



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gate manager, Pat's and Terry's son Adam, had to manually hold the gates up, rather than have the weight of the bar hold them up. It was exhausting.

In their first year, they had 69 drivers and 24 cars in four categories. It turned out to be insane as each driver got to go down the hill twice for 138 trips. After that year they put restrictions on the type of participation.

It started to get very competitive when people noticed that the genuine soap box racers had ultra-thin, hard tires and larger diameter wheels which made the cars go much faster.

In the first year, one person, Hal Schneider had installed this type of wheel and his car won everything. The following year most of the cars had fast wheels. Wendy said everybody was wild—'Where are those wheels from?' they asked—so she made Hal tell where he got the wheels. The only place they could locate this type of wheel was in Akron, Ohio. The wheels are expensive, about \$100 per set.

Hal was also an organizer during the first year.

Wendy was astounded by the "hundreds and hundreds" of spectators that came out the first year. She didn't think they had done that much advertising to produce that result.

Wendy said that first year's spectators gave her a real high that so many people would come out to watch and support the event.

Brian's more pragmatic response to it was: 'try to imagine 138 cars having to be loaded at the bottom and unloaded at the top.'

Their track was changed between the first and second years because a manhole cover was shattering the cars' brakes near the bottom of the run. Brakes are just hockey pucks that press against the road to create drag when a driver pushes a foot on the pedal. Although they are rubber, they would just shatter when they hit the manhole cover. Cars couldn't race without a brake. They looked for solutions, but ultimately the solution was to extend the track past the manhole cover, so drivers wouldn't have to apply



Volunteers assist with unloading and reloading the straw bales that line the race route.

their brake in that location.

The straw that lines the track is borrowed from local farmers and returned after the race. One year they found kittens. There were nine or 10 kittens mixed in with the bales of straw. They provided boxes for them. A grinning Wendy said she should have sold them to make money for the race, but they returned them to their home.

The highest car speed recorded using a radar gun was 38 km/hr. This was a homemade car built by the Purcells. Another did 34 km/hr. taking 25.4 seconds. From these measurements, the track is estimated to be 240 metres in length, but none of them have actually measured the distance. Measuring the distance using Google Earth, supports a track length of 240 metres.

Terry advises that they are very safety conscious. The straw bales are to protect spectators and drivers. "We insist that [the drivers] wear an approved helmet and that the cars are inspected." Wendy says one car was turned away this year because of the steering. The angle that the front axel was allowed to pivot exceeded that allowed in the Wellesley races.

The 2010 derby had 26 cars and 45 drivers for a total of 90 races. They used two wagon loads of straw—a few hundred bales—which were donated by Laverne and Doreen Erb. They have to load the wagons, take it to Nafziger Road and unload it. Then

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Volunteers assemble (and will later disassemble) the starting ramp under Terry's watchful eye.



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after the races, they have to reload the wagons, return them and unload them again, which is physically exhausting. They all appreciate this contribution by the Erbs.

Wendy recognizes that Pat's natural organizing ability has played an essential part in the organization and growth of the derby. She handles all the information forms and paperwork required for advertising, instructions and registration including legal documents that must be signed to absolve organizers of liability in case of accident or injury.

Minimum age for drivers is eight. There is no upper limit. Brian's father, Vernon, holds the record for racing at age 86. Brian expects he might try to talk him into racing next year at age 90.

"The next question," Terry smiles, "is where do we get all our volunteers from?"

Wendy says they used 25 volunteer helpers this year. Terry says people turn up on the day without having to twist

their arm. Wendy says that anybody she "bumps into" during the last two weeks, gets asked. Brian says all the four-wheelers and trailers get donated. People even drive them in support, to move the cars back up the hill.

Terry says First St. Paul's Lutheran Church has been very kind to them, allowing them to use their electricity, parking and washrooms.

Trophies are given for Best in Show; Most Creative; and three trophies for each of the four age categories that the racers compete in.

Judges for the most creative award are anonymous, and set their own criteria for what they like. The judging is done before the races start. Judges are changed each year and cars can not win more than once.

Gravity racing, as it is called, is, according to Terry, "Racing for trophies & ribbons & glory."

Race day often has its own panics. One year the battery for the Home Hardware truck that transports the starting ramp was dead, so the arrival

was delayed. Another year the handle that manages the starting gates was broken, but no one knew it was broken when they assembled it. So each of them has learned to build their own little pile of contingency items just in case the day doesn't quite go as planned.

Wendy says she waits 'til the end of the year, when they're done, finished (and exhausted, Pat interjects) and have had a few drinks, when she says to Pat and Terry, "You're going to come and do it next year, right?" Pat giggles.

"So are you still enjoying it, Terry?" I ask. Pat giggles again.

Terry answers with one word: "YES!"

Wendy says it all, "without Terry as the MC, it just wouldn't [be the same]."

I add that in my mind, I've been calling Terry the "Voice of Wellesley".

Wendy agrees. "He just does such an awesome job, I absolutely love it

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and I just can't imagine anybody else doing it."

When asked what they enjoy the most about working together on the derby, they all agree with Wendy who says that when you look at the list of duties that remain for race day, "You don't have to worry, because you know they will get done; you know that no one will drop the ball. You still don't sleep the night before, though, because you care."

Terry loves to see the kids enjoyment while Wendy loves to see their "race-mode face".

In a long discussion about volunteers, Wendy summed it up best. "I find it so great working with these guys and knowing you can count on them and then the day of, the volunteers we have are awesome and they've never let us down. It makes me feel really good at the end of the day. Terry sums it up best: "Volunteers are the life blood of a community like this."

Of course, it doesn't come into the conversation that they too, are volunteers, that this amazing event has come out of one man's curiosity and a bunch of lovely and wonderful people coming to his support to make it a reality.

The final ten minutes, of the interview, circulate around how

long can they keep up this pace. As they get older, a lot of the physical effort—like loading and unloading straw bales, or loading and unloading racing cars—weighs heavily on them. Fortunately, more volunteers have been coming out, which is helping to off load some of these tasks.

There are moments, though, when they vow to never do it again, but the final race gets run, that sense of burn-out fades rapidly and the satisfaction of a great job done well replaces it. That's when their thoughts turn toward next

year's derby. That's just the way they are!

So, finally, after all his hard work, Terry did get to race in his own derby, but it was just two years ago. And no, he didn't win, but he did have fun! The real winners are the residents and especially the children who get to reap the joys provided by the unseen dedication that these four people put forward, year after year.

And as such, the process edges along, continuing toward a level of perfection that only a dedicated team, that truly loves what they do, can accomplish. ❖



Fire Fighters Train on Wellesley Pond

Wellesley photographer **David Underwood** says: My wife and I were out for a walk and saw the fire fighters training at the pond. It was a most impressive spray of water pumped from the pond and projected back out over the water. It almost made me wish that I carried my camera and tripod every time we go for a walk after dark. Almost. By the time we got home and I drove back to the pond, they were packing up. However, one hose was still in action.



Soap Box Classic 2010 Helpers

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| Barb Nowak | Pat Dennerley |
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| Jonathan Sauder | Tom Foster |
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Wellesley Soap Box Derby Non-Racing Awards

2010

1. Best in Show: H2 Ontario
2. Most Creative: Wietzel Pump

2009

1. Best In Show: Wellesley Service Centre
2. Most Creative: Milverton Wellesley Vet Clinic

2008

1. Best In Show: Wellesley Fire Department
2. Most Creative: Reece Purcell

2007

1. Best In Show: Country Style Meats
2. Most Creative: Tyler Poole

2006

1. Best In Show: G/A Repair and Machinery
2. Most Creative: Knechtel Apiarie

2005

1. Best in Show: Stevenson Car from Gadshill

2010 Soap Box Derby Winners

Ages 8 to 10

1. Trevor Grasby 24.81 for 2 heats
2. Rylee Purcell 24.82 for 2 heats
3. Cole Foster Milverton Wellesley Veterinary Clinic 25.69 for 2 heats

Ages 11-13

1. Tyler Poole 24.81 for 2 heats
2. Sophie Jantzi Weitzel Pump and Water Treatment 25.57 for 2 heats
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Handy Chef's Tips

by *Lionel Grant*

My Scottish grandmother always taught us the value of a dollar. In my years working in kitchens and with many very bright and frugal home cooks, I have learned a few tricks that may help around your kitchen.

That being said, here are a few short cuts and cost-saving measures that you can use to increase the flavor and reduce the cost of your meals.

HERE ARE A FEW:

Ageing Balsamic: A good aged balsamic vinegar is one of the simple pleasures in life. If you have never had a 10, 15 or 20-year-old balsamic, treat yourself — splurge and grab a bottle. Most people have a bottle or grocery-store-grade balsamic on their shelves. An easy way to reduce the acidity and increase the flavor is to reduce this vinegar by a half or even three quarters. Heat a cup on medium-high heat until it reaches half volume then add it to your favorite greens or fruit and see the difference this will make.

Sun-Dried Tomatoes: With sun-dried tomatoes at \$25 dollars a pound, these little “flavor bombs” can be cost prohibitive. An old friend showed me years ago, an easy alternative: Cut a dense-style tomato (Roma is my usual choice) in half, remove the seeds and core, then place the cut side up on a baking sheet and sprinkle lightly with sea salt. Bake these at 250°F (120°C) for 3 to 4 hours or until a sun-dried consistency is achieved. Pay more attention in that last hour so as not to burn them. These now can be frozen or packed in oil and stored in your refrigerator.

Parmesan Rinds: Don't throw these rinds away! Freeze them and add them when making soup. My favorite is to add them to my homemade tomato soup. They impart a wonderful cheesy/nutty flavor.

Pine Nut Alternative: Pine nuts are now reaching \$35 a pound with no real explanation to be found. Some say, “It's been a bad year for pine nuts” or there is a beetle attacking these trees. I'm not sure if the same pine beetle we hear about here has made it to China, Corsica or Southern U.S. where most of the pine nut crops are found. My alternative: Mix half sunflower seeds and half almonds then toast as you would pine nuts. Add them to your salads and pestos as you would use pine nuts, then take that extra \$25 you save and buy that aged balsamic I mentioned earlier.

Try some of these easy tricks and let me know what you think! ❖ gallerycafe.wellesley@gmail.com



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The play, a farce about weddings and how easily their organizing can get out of hand once each of the personalities gets involved, was well executed.

Organized as a series of vignettes, the style keeps the play moving at a quick pace, never allowing the audience to get bored. There were a great number of laughs but the points were all poignant. ❖



Peter Jantzi
HOUSE
MANAGER

Rhonda Caldwell
PRODUCER

Allan Strong
DIRECTOR

Kristen Hahn
STAGE
MANAGER



Dueling Mothers-in-Law? One of the funnier moments takes a shot with dark humour.



Aunt Pam turns militant once she takes over as the dreaded "Wedding Organizer"!

Sarah Kipp



"The Wedding is OFF!" says the over-stressed bride. But, Grandma arrives in the "nick of time" and repairs the rift.

Gavin Tessier

Caitlyn Church Dave McNorgan

Robert Hetu Karen Reger Evelyn Gascho Markus Pfenning

Amanda Bast Ariana Kurzatz





It's a bad day when your hay bales bail. This farmer lost his hay on the shoulder near the intersection of Nafziger and Berlett's Roads. He was walking back to investigate as this photo was snapped.

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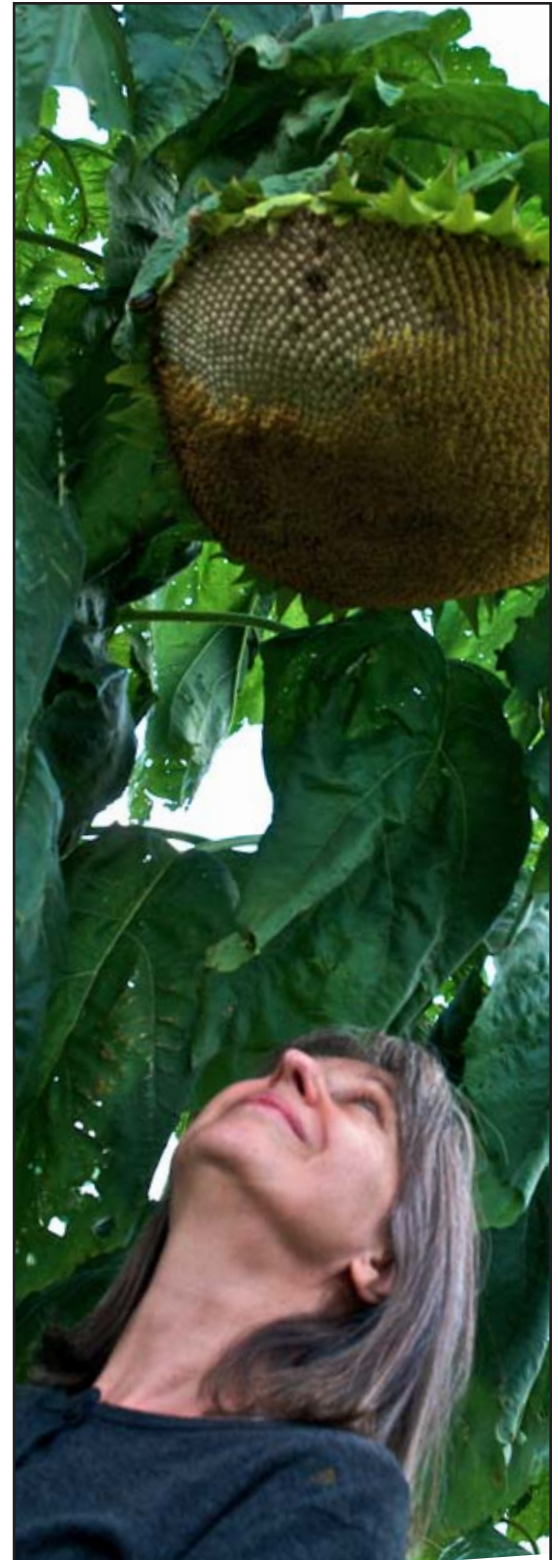
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Sonja Schwartzentruber (above) is dwarfed by a giant sunflower that she and her husband grew on a Nith River flood plain they own along Gerber Road in Wellesley. Their property got flooded twice by the Nith this summer, but, in spite of that, they had an especially successful harvest. They grew samples of popcorn and peanuts as well as other interesting plants.

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St. James Church Holds Fund Raiser in Red Shed

St. James Church in North Easthope held a September fund raiser in their red shed. The funds were used to paint the church inside and install new carpet. Repairs

to the steeple are still outstanding.

The event focused on good food and “old fashioned fun” to attract a good crowd and relied on a free-will offering to raise funds. ❖



There were lots of desserts to enjoy (above) while enjoying the puppet show (below).



The North Easthope event was well attended (above). Musical entertainment was by Crossover Junction, providing a Blue Grass, Down East, Gospel, Country and Folk music mix (below).



Our Back Cover pumpkin carving artist, Renée Gorrill pretends to shot put a large puffball she found while hiking late this past summer. She struck the pose to demonstrate the size of the puff ball next to her head.

The puff ball was so fresh that it was completely free of blemishes and insect damage. This made it an ideal candidate to fry for dinner. A large portion was frozen for later use. ❖



Chinese Palate is Typically Much Broader Than Average Canadian's China: Would You Like Dog for Dinner?

Dave Banks retired in 2002 after teaching high school chemistry for 31 years.

While his son and daughter were young, he toured North America with them during their summer vacations, showing them places—famous or not—that most of us may have only heard about. With his children grown and in their own careers, he began a six-month contract teaching English in China in January 2005 then returned for four more short contracts from 2006 to 2008. In February 2009 he returned for three months of travel and returned for the eighth time. April

2010, to get married.

He has visited a variety of locations in China as well as Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Thailand and Cambodia.

*During these travels, he has e-mailed back innumerable stories and pictures of his adventures as he learned to find his way around China **alone**.*

Dave has never been daunted by his lack of knowledge of the local languages or customs, but has plunged in and with wit and intelligence has met each and every challenge successfully—even being arrested for

a passport fiasco caused inadvertently by the Chinese Embassy in Canada.

With China making itself felt on the world's economic stage, it seemed opportune to be able to share some of Dave's stories. Dave presents the view of the common person visiting China and has neither business nor political interests there although he does have strong opinions about both.

Dave, with his new wife, Jiang Liu (pronounced jee-ong lee-you) Banks, have finally arrived in Canada November 01, 2010.

Yesterday, something happened that I have been dreading for a long time. Jiang and I went to the farmers market in Yangshuo to buy some meat and vegetables for a soup she wanted to make.

This type of market is very common in China. They are 'open air' but covered with a canopy to keep out the rain. The space is jammed with rows of stalls and around the outside are permanent stores loaded with noodles and spices.

Occasionally meat sellers will rent these 'stores' while vegetable vendors occupy the tables in the middle of the market, separated from the rows of meat tables.

The meat is cut into pieces and left out in the open while vigilant vendors swish away flies and other insects but the smell of raw meat and blood hangs in the air.

There are also seafood stalls where live fish, frogs, turtles, snails, oysters, clams and eels are available.

All in all, these markets are lively and interesting places where you can buy the freshest meat and produce for a fraction of the price you would pay in a supermarket in Canada.

Ever since my arrival in China in 2005, I have heard stories of dog meat being available in some markets but I had never seen it myself and I have been through quite a few over the past five years.

My friend Simon in Chengdu once showed me some grotesque photos of dog carcasses being butchered in a market there but I never went to see it for myself.

However, yesterday as Jiang and I walked around the perimeter of the market, we came upon a row of 'stores' in which dogs were caged. They were lovely clean dogs all of the same species with light brown hair and sensitive, intelligent faces.

In one cage about twenty were sleeping peacefully, all huddled together for warmth while just outside the car-



This is the type of dog sold for eating. Dogs are kept in cages by the meat vendors and are prepared on site.

case of one of their mates was being shaved prior to cooking.

On the counter was the cooked body of another while a third carcass was hung from a meat hook by its jaw for potential customers to inspect. At

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Left: Meat is cut into pieces and left out in the open for customers to view. Vigilant vendors swish away flies.



Right: Seafood stalls offer variety like these dried fish in Zhuhai.





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A typical Chinese farmers' market

another stall, a half-butchered body was laid lengthwise with the head and grinning teeth still attached while a woman was hunched over a freshly shaved kill burning the hairy stubble away with a blow torch.

the cage, crying out in fear sensing that its time had come. I couldn't watch.

I consider myself pretty hardened to the realities of life. I don't cry in grief every time I order the death of a chicken so I can have dinner.

To me there is something special about cats and dogs — an appreciation for their affection, playfulness, intelligence and loyalty. Perhaps there is even a kinship ingrained over the thousands of years we have spent time in each other's company.

I am not one of those bleeding hearts who would see the entire planet go vegan so nothing would ever have to die and I understand that there is going to be a bloody end to the lives of animals raised for their meat but I hate to see any animal being mistreated or intentionally made to suffer pain or discomfort.

I recognize that many others don't see it that way and that dog meat is something you eat to keep you alive. I have never suffered the hunger and poverty that forces one to eat anything you can get your hands on and I hope I never do. But, I will never knowingly eat dog or cat meat out of a thankfulness to them for their love and companionship throughout my life.

Yesterday, fortunately I did not have to watch any of those dogs being killed although I did hear some yelps of fear as we hurried away.

I now have another experience to add to my list. Not all of them are positive but each helps me to understand and appreciate this planet and its people and that's what I hope to accomplish in my travels. ❖

In my mind's eye I could see one being plucked from



Stuffed fish cook on a grill at the Menghai Market.



Cooked mountain rat is being served at this location.





It Happened in September! 2010 Wellesley Lions Club Fishing Derby



Clockwise from top right: Calvin Kuepfer's daughter Melyssa rests her head on her dad's shoulder; Morghan Freeman (8)—posing with her mom, Andrea Gebbie—caught first tagged fish and won \$150; row of six winners; Brandon Goertz (11) holds a small carp caught by his grandfather Maurice; Fishers all: (l-r) Michaela Hiuser (7), Tristen Hiuser (7), Maggie Hiuser (3), Kate Hiuser (6), Jada Hiuser (4), Chloe Currie (5) and Dawson Currie (10).



1st

John Liddle (over 12)



1st

Dylan Glass



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Sydney Gilchrist



3rd (Tie)

Brett Hartin



Smallest Fish

Eden Klassen



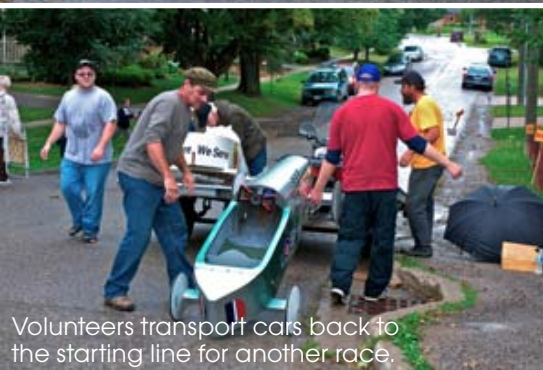
It Happened in September! 2010 Wellesley Soap Box Derby



They've crossed the finish line... time to apply the brakes.

To learn how the Wellesley Soap Box Derby got started, click [here](#).

Rain didn't dampen the competition.



Volunteers transport cars back to the starting line for another race.



A good view of the finish line.



Drivers' racing styles can affect outcome.



Nafziger Road makes a good soap box derby track.



Top workmanship can produce a good looking racer.



Officer Chapman measures car speed with radar.

It Happened this Fall!
2010 Apple Butter & Cheese Festival



Clockwise from top right: 91-year-old Harold Davis from Blythe chows down his first ever ABC pancake. His daughter, Joan Bowman (on left) brought him to the fair.; Kyla Kryski, from Toronto, is excited about her craft purchases; Home Hardware's John Kuepfer, in red, hosted Brian Freiburger's 1923 Sawyer-Massey steam engine; Jim Metcalfe of Wellesley smiles as his bid wins a quilt; Elmer Ewert's 1930 Model "A" Ford; A battery of pancake flippers are ready to serve; Some of Marg and Ed Runstedler's annual apple offerings.



Ambassadors: (l-r) Erika Riddell, Justine Walker & Kate Lindner.



It Happened this Fall!
2010 Wellesley North Easthope Fall Fair



Fireworks Finale



Best Horse on Show Grounds



Children's Parade



Megan Weber & Belle



Children's Tug-of-war

October 19 Council Meeting Full of Awards And Recognition



Top: An emotional Susan Duke, Township Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer, reaches out to touch the Fire Chief's helmet, mounted on a plaque. The plaque was presented to Susan by (l-r) District Chief Rick Steinman (Wellesley Station); District Chief Frank Karley (Linwood Station); District Chief Dennis Ertel (St. Clements Station); and Fire Chief Andrew Lilloco. The award was presented to Susan for taking on the duties of the Interim Fire Chief prior to Andrew Lilloco being hired. Fire Chief Lilloco indicated they will be retiring helmet Number 400 and another number will be assigned to the current Fire Chief.



Centre: 260 years of accumulated fire fighting service were recognized by the distribution of 20 - 30 year medals and certificates. (l-r) Fire Chief Andrew Lilloco; Paul Weinstein; David Neeb; Brad Gerber; Rick Steinman; Ron Roth; Dennis Ertel; Ross Drayton; Bill Sebben; Dennis Schultz; and Frank Karley. Absent from photo: Mark Warnholtz.

Bottom: Mayor Ross Kelterborn (left) presents a certificate to Kevin Beggs, CRS Senior Lead Hand/Project Coordinator for his achievement in receiving a Certified Road Supervisor (CRS) designation.



Linwood Fire Department Holds Open House, Demos 'Jaws of Life' and Kitchen Fire Do's and Don'ts

Linwood's Fire Department had almost 60 residents (Top-left photo) attend their October open house, where they showed off their building renovations, their new tanker fire truck and gave two live demonstrations. The first demonstration showed how they use the

'jaws of life' (Centre-left photo) to remove the top of the passenger compartment to rescue a passenger trapped in a vehicle. Before applying the 'jaws', all glass is removed to prevent injury to passengers. Using a special tool, a fireman instantly shatters the driver-side window glass (photo below—glass is in mid-shatter)

The second demonstration showed the explosive effects of pouring water on a grease/oil fire (Bottom-left photo). A video of the demonstration is on the Wellesley Is...

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http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=121365904550557&v=app_2392950137 ❖



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THE EVERYWHERE MAN

Since my son and his family moved to Wellesley last year, I have noticed a certain man taking photos and interviewing people at almost every event we have attended in the village.

From the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival, the summer Splash Park fund raiser, the Fall Fair, and

nights at the former Loft Eatery when a special guest musician was entertaining, this man seems to be everywhere.

Now I know.
Wellesley Is... Larry Kryski.

As a fellow reporter/photographer in another district, when our

paths crossed again, I finally took the opportunity to take some photographs of him at work. In the attached photos he is seen photographing events at the opening of the Wellesley-North Easthope Fall Fair with his trusty Nikon D300s and interviewing Miss CNE 2010 and 2009

Milverton Fair Ambassador Erika Riddell.

Keep up the good work Larry.

*kindest regards,
Bill Gladding,
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EVERYWHERE MAN...



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Artwork by
Kyla Kryski
(Yes, my zany
daughter)
Inspired by
Bill Gladding



Fall Harvest Farm Fascinating in Its Pumpkin Variety These Pumpkins Are Good for More Than Carving

Rosemary Kittel-McCormick of Fall Harvest Farm, has been setting up thematic Hallowe'en pumpkin displays each fall, for years, on her family farm located at 1011 Gerber Road, where it intersects with Moser-Young Road.

Last year's theme was *Harry Potter*. This year's was *Alice in Wonderland*. Each year is an adventure for both children and adults as Hallowe'en gets closer.

But the focus of this article is not about Hallowe'en, but about the 10 varieties

of pumpkin and 20 of squash, which she grows annually that you will find overflowing her trailers and bins. Maybe it's time to break out the old cookbook and experiment with some new pumpkin pie this fall. ❖



Long Island Cheese Pumpkin: These pumpkins keep a long time in storage. The flesh is a deep orange that is sweet and great for pie making.



Red Eye Squash: This brilliant red-orange coloured squash is known for its excellent eating and quality and is valued for its brilliant colour.



Turks Turban: These specialty squash are edible as well as being a popular ornamental variety. They keep well. When you're ready, just slice them in half and bake.



Sweet Meat: This old Northwest favourite is an excellent keeper. It has a great tasting flesh. It is also known as Sweet Keeper and makes superior pies.



Rouge Vif D'etampes: This pumpkin came from France. Its flesh is yellow to orange and is great for soups and pies. It was the model for Cinderella's pumpkin carriage.



Banana Pink Jumbo: This thick fine-grained pumpkin has light orange flesh and a delicious flavour. It is an old variety and is excellent for baking.



PUMPKIN CARVING WELLESLEY-STYLE

by Artist Renée Gorrell

