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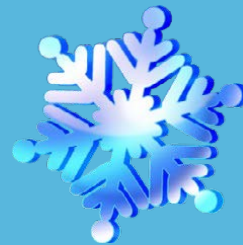
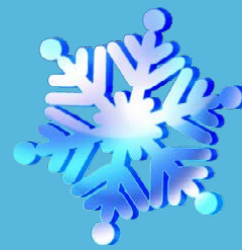
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Saturday, February 6, 2016

Linwood Recreation Centre - 5279 Ament Line



Schedule of Events:

Snofest Breakfast - hosted by our Fire Fighters	8:30 - 10:30 am
Co-ed Snopitch starts	9:00 am
Face Painting <i>by Cricket the Clown</i>	9:30 - 11:30 am
Solo Tournament starts	10:00 am
Reptile Show 	11:00 - 12:00 pm
Hayride	12:15 - 1:00 pm
Kids Games	1:00 - 2:00 pm
Indoor "Horse" races - hosted by the Lion's Club	1:00 - 3:30 pm



Event ends at 5:00pm

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For Solo, meet at the Lion's Den at 9:45 am to register

NEW! Beer Garden will be open at 11am ...

A big thanks to Erb Electric for hanging up our Christmas Street Lights again this year!

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Katya Yusim took the dare and kissed a carp for the photo at the Lions Club Annual Labour Day Fishing Derby.

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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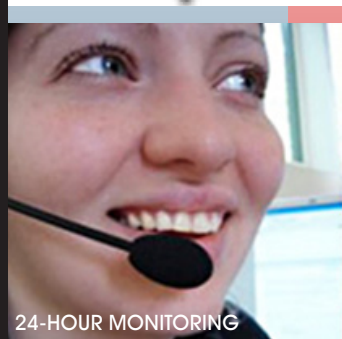


This fundraising event is to support five Township of Wellesley Firefighters who will be going on a training deployment through Firefighters Without Borders (FWB) Canada. They will be going to Guatemala March 12th till the 23rd to assist in training fellow firefighters. FWB Canada assists with donations of firefighting equipment along with sending teams to assist with firefighter training to developing countries.



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Wellesley Is... Is Publishing Again

Wellesley Is... Magazine is back publishing again. I moved to not publish last October to deal with a number of life events that were piling up and had to be dealt with, before they became too overwhelming. Unfortunately, I discovered that it is easy to stop and difficult to start up again. I had upgraded a lot of my software just before the last issue went out and it has taken some effort to 'tame' it.



Larry Kryski

I kept covering stories, which have been accumulating and now we will be bringing them to you over the next few issues. Fortunately, we cover people and events and are not typically a news venue, so it is not outside of our mandate to bring these back stories forward.

When I start digging through my photo archive, it makes me realize how much actually happens in Wellesley Township.

Our world has changed since we last published:

We have had provincial and federal elections and the climate issues are being addressed much more seriously than they were in the first half of 2015. I look forward to having a voice in that issue, since it is really the most important scenario to face humanity.

I feel very positive about 2016 and hope that you do too. ❖

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Wellesley Lions Club Annual Labour Day Derby Brings Them In Avid Anglers Still Showing for Fun Fishing



A beautiful day for the 218 anglers to visit Wellesley.



Mark Liddle won for the largest fish in the 16 and over category.



Joe Nowak presented the trophy for Largest Fish (at 2.33 lb.) to Derek Erb in the under 16 category.



Hanna Wendorf had the second largest fish.



Ben Kittel caught the third largest fish.



Mathew Schout had the fourth largest fish.





Toby Byrd caught the fifth largest fish.



Aidan Kelly won for smallest fish. Mike Harris presented the award.



It's a peaceful event which the whole family can enjoy.



MPP Michael Harris was enjoying the experience with his three-year-old son, Murphy.



Above: Nine-year-old Hilary Washington worked her way across the bottom of the dam until she found a stable rock, below right, where she could safely cast.



Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society Acquires Photos by Little-known Wellesley Photographer

See Views of Wellesley Village from 1902 to 1906

Wellesley, Ontario, January 26, 2016 - Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society (WTHHS) celebrates Heritage Week, February 15-21, 2016 with the announcement of a donation of photographs taken by little-known Wellesley photographer, Charles Ottmann, jr. Steve Hanon, an Ottmann family descendant living in BC has donated about forty digital copies of Ottmann photos, most of them taken by his great-uncle, Charles Ottmann jr. between about 1902 and 1906. Many of these photos, and about a dozen Ottmann photos already in the collection, are now on display in the society's historical room.

Ottmann junior was destined to follow in his father's footsteps as harness-maker and saddler in Wellesley, until he contracted tuberculosis and was forced to find a less strenuous occupation. In about 1902 he took up photography. The recently digitized issues of the Wellesley Maple Leaf give a rare insight into the village and district's activities from 1900 to 1908, including the work of Charles Ottmann jr.

Ottmann seems to have started in business as a portrait artists, with "Otter Portraits" embossed on his photo mounts. Later, his imprint in the bottom right corner of the cards is "Charles Ottmann Jr. Wellesley, Ont." He captured many scenic views of the village and created postcards which he sold in his gallery in the Ottmann Block on Queen Street.

Some of the photos show views of the village probably not seen since 1906: Wellesley streetscapes, summer and winter; boating on the pond; skating on the pond; as well as Ottmann family activities. He also took photos in the wider township setting. In September 1905 his photo of the construction of the new railway bridge in Wallenstein was published in *The Globe*, predecessor to *The Globe and Mail*.

Charles Ottmann jr. died in July 1906 at the age of 27, in the prime of his life and career. He left a small collection of his photographic work, some of which is in the WTHHS collection. The historical society would appreciate anyone with Charles Ottmann photos to bring them in and perhaps donate them, or at least lend them for scanning.

Large format copies of many of the photos in the recent donation are currently on display in the society's historical room, 1137 Henry Street, Wellesley, N0B 2T0. There are also family photos, some taken by Charles and some dating to after his death. The former will be featured on the society's website

www.wellesleyhistory.org and on Instagram ([wellesleyhistory](https://www.instagram.com/wellesleyhistory)) starting February 15, 2016.

To mark the beginning of Heritage Week, the WTHHS historical room will be open for visitors on Family Day, February 15, 2016 from 10 am to 2 pm, 1137 Henry Street, Wellesley, ON, N0B 2T0. The National Trust for Canada theme for heritage week is Distinctive Destinations: Experience Historic Places. You will have a distinctly historic visit to Wellesley when you view the Charles Ottmann jr. photo collection.

The historical room is also open from 10 am to 3 pm on the last Saturday of every month except December.

For more information, contact WTHHS curator Nancy Maitland, phone: 519-880-2712, email: info@wellesleyhistory.org ❖





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Was 2015 Wellesley's Final Soap Box Derby?

Wellesley Village has developed a fine reputation within Waterloo Region and beyond for running exciting soap box races over the past 11 years. But it is possible that aficionados of this fine sport may have seen the last Soap Box Classic races to be run in Wellesley's 2015 derby.

Terry and Pat Dennerly, and Brian and Wendy Sauder organized the first derby more than a decade ago. They were bolstered in recent years by Al and Faith Loft, but it is time for another four or six individuals step forward and take over the reins if they want to see it continue.

Wendy says that if someone wishes to take over, that she and Brian would continue for another year as mentors, to make it a smooth transfer. Lots of volunteers show up on race day. If interested, contact Wendy at Ph: 519-656-3494 or email: sauderbw@gmail.com ♦



Photos (CW from the top): View of the track from the top of the ramp; Kaitlynn Sider was in car 68. Cars have restricted turning—how did this car's front wheels go over the edge in only eight feet?; Dante Fopoussim, #12, looks back and grins at Nathan Fopoussi, #16, after the Esso racer veers, driving both cars into the straw bales alongside the track; Officer Shawn MacIntyre obviously means business the way he aims his radar gun to measure each winner's speed; Local Theatre Wellesley personality, Dave McNorgan, did the honours of race announcer; Kodie Gerber, far lane, has a slight lead on Trevor Grassy; Brian Sauder (yellow shirt) and Al Loft help inspect the cars before they race.



Tom Foster is the 'man behind the gun.' He fires the starter pistol for each race.



Billie Ross, #38, takes on Rod MacGillivray, #37. This was Billie's first time participating in a soap box derby.



They were too young to race, but hope to someday.



Volunteers pick up the straw bales after the derby is over.



Here are a few of the race-day volunteers. It was a challenge to get them to pause for a photo. (l-r) Jonathan Sauder, John Kuepfer, Tim Lichti, Greg Jantzi, Wendy Sauder, Danny Bisch, Jeff Quint, Kim Heinmiller, Blair Cressman, Bill Ross, Shawn Bond, Tom Foster and Deete Winkler.



Wellesley Lions Club Collect Record Donations For Annual Tree of Light

Wellesley Lions collected a record \$8,000 dollars through their annual Tree of Light Christmas fundraising efforts.

At a meeting in January, they distributed the funds evenly between Susan Martin, Family Outreach Worker for Carizon and Cathy Harrington, Executive Director for Community Care Concepts (CCC).

CCC operates Meals on Wheels in Wellesley Township. Sue Martin uses the funds for discretionary purposes for needy families in the township. ❖



2015 Soap Box Classic Winners

Ages 8 to 10

1. Kyle Grasby – The Eagles– 23.84
2. Elliot Steinman – Weitzel Pump & Water System– 24.06
3. Parker Cook
Cycle Works– 25.34

Ages 11 to 13

1. Keefe Denney – Kermit Green #70– 24.66
2. Katelyn McGillvray– 24.84
3. Cameron Ramer-G/A Repair & Machine– 24.96

Ages 14-17

1. Trevor Grasby The Eagles– 23.91 (only 1 driver)

Ages 18 and Over

1. Jonathan Sauder– Leis Pet Distributing– 24.63
2. Deete Winkler – Wellesley Service Centre– 25.06–2 heats
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OPEN LETTER

February 4, 2016

Hon. Steven Del Duca
Minister
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Dear Minister Del Duca,

I'm writing today in the wake of the tragic fatal accident in which 69 year old Paul Koenderman was killed by a tire that flew off of a Transport Leo Labelle truck on Highway 400 near King Road the morning of January 27th.

Specifically, I'm writing to raise my concern that prior to this accident the Ministry seemed unaware of the fact that Quebec-based Transport Leo Labelle had recently had its safety record downgraded from satisfactory to conditional due to, "*mechanical issues with their trucks.*"

While the downgrade raises concern in and of itself – as it reflects safety concerns for trucks that traverse Ontario highways – I find it further alarming that according to the reported MTO response to media inquiries, that the Ministry does, "*not monitor safety record standards of trucking companies outside of Ontario – it's up to other province's to do so*".

(<https://twitter.com/680NEWS/status/693246972539621378>)

Following these reports I've heard from many concerned that our ministry responsible for road safety would not be communicating with other jurisdictions to ensure safety concerns – including safety records – relating to inter-provincial truck transportation on our highways are shared and understood, as those safety concerns don't disappear at the provincial border.

Minister, the fact is, in recent years tragedies involving truck tires are occurring far too often and the disturbing trend in increased incidents call out for your attention, further investigation and response.

Please review my concerns and respond as to your plan to ensure:

1. Appropriate communication of safety records with neighbouring jurisdictions whose registered trucks travel Ontario highways; and
2. Further measures to address the recent incidents and growing trend in flying truck tire events.

Sincerely

Michael Harris – MPP, Kitchener-Conestoga

cc. Jacques Daoust, Quebec Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification

This Team is Spunky & Exciting to Watch—See Them at Home Feb. 06, 7:30 pm The Apple Jacks Make the 2015-16 Playoffs

Back in September, Apple Jacks General Manager, Bill Grebinski was hoping that they might make sixth place and get into the playoffs. Only four players from the previous year were returning. That meant 22 new young players—17 and 18-year-olds compared to Ayr which has a lot of 19 and 20-year-olds.

This team is smart, learns fast and has a lot of serious players that go out to win. While the top two teams—Ayr and New Hamburg—**have** beaten them, they had to work to take the games away from the Jacks, who never gave up.

Be ready to be pleasantly surprised! ❖



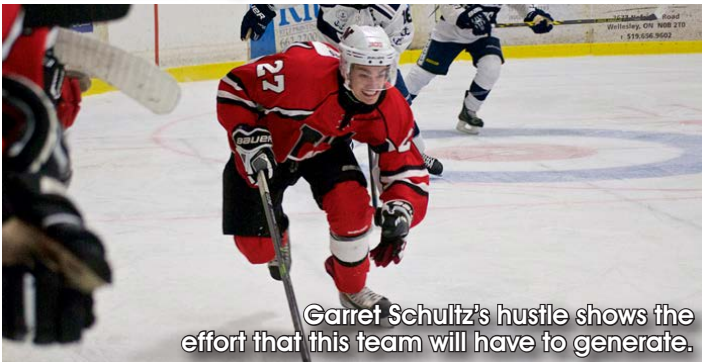
General Manager Bill Grebinski welcomes the 2015-16 team last September. During the meeting the players are told the do's and don'ts and expectations of the management and coaches of the Apple Jacks.



Joe Nowak's ceremonial puck drop launches the new season. Jacks Captain Justin LeBold takes the face off.



Returning players, Cal Jeffries, #12, left and Sean McEwan, #20, re-sign with the Jacks.



Garret Schultz's hustle shows the effort that this team will have to generate.



Justin LeBold poses for his photo that will be used in the team poster.



Shaun Pickering, #5, is very effective when opposing players get too aggressive.



Olivia Miller, left, and Nikita Metzger were the guest vocalists performing O Canada at the Dec. 23 game.





Goalie Ryan Porter has been inspiring in net.



Alex Uttley blasts one in on a break-away.



Brenden Goran, #7, does a victory dance after scoring.



Five Jacks in the Box—Is this déjà vu all over again? Perhaps we should be building bigger penalty boxes.



Brenden Goran, #7, left, races after the ball in a game with Wellesley pre-schoolers.



It was a great game in spite of weather that was damp and windy. And... the Jacks may have discovered a source of recruits... in a decade or so!





After an exhilarating game of ball hockey with children from the Wellesley Pre-School, the Apple Jacks joined the children inside, to read to them, or talk and play quietly with them. Apple Jacks in the photo (CCW from bottom right) are: #17 Nathan Schlupp; #19 Matt Lantz; #21 David Elford; #1 Ryan Porter and #7 Brenden Goran.