THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 @ 12:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH

TIME	SUBJECT	PAGE	LEAD	ACTION
12:00 PM	Calling to Order		Chair	
	Adoption of Agenda			l.
	Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable approve the agenda for the August 15, 2024 meeting as presented.		Chair	Resolution
	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest			
			Chair	
	Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 21, 2024 (approved by Council on April 8, 2024)			1
		001	Chair	
12:05pm	Resignation of Members			
	Committee Member resignations of June Turner, Sue Doherty and Gerald Townsend were confirmed by Council on July 22, 2024. Council approved Resolution: RESOLUTION: 2024-239 Moved: Councillor Hern Seconded: Councillor Renken THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-033 being a report on members of the Cultural Roundtable; AND FURTHER THAT Council receives the resignation of the following members effective immediately: June Turner, Sue Doherty and Gerald Townsend. CARRIED		Chair	
12:05pm	Historical/Heritage Recognition Discussion	T		ı
	Discussion		Member Renken	
	Deputation			
	None		Chair	
12:30pm	Business Arising			
	Discuss the possibility of adding the functions of a Heritage Committee to the terms of reference of the Cultural Roundtable		Doris	
	C&ED 2024-035 Amalgamation Art Contest	004	CDC / EA	Resolution
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12:50pm	Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable recommend the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the selection of the following entries from Attachment A as winners of the 25th Anniversary of Amalgamation Art Contest: - Entry No. 13 - Entry No. 14 - Entry No. 19 AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to move forward with the reproduction of these entries to be displayed in a suitable location at a Township-owned building. Attachment A Update on Workplan Items Workplan Item 1: Wellington North Farmers' Market • Brief update Workplan Item 2: Cultural Grants and Donations C&ED 2024-032 Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Application Attachment A: Four Corners Quilters' Guild	016 018	Community Cultivator	
	Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable approve the Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship funding request from the Four Corners Quilters' Guild in the amount of \$133.06.		CDC	Resolution
	 Workplan Item 3: Cultural Moments April 8, Jesse James April 22, 25th Anniversary of Amalgamation May 6, Arthur Lions Duck Race May 21, Farm to Table Sales and the Farmers' Market June 3, York Soaring Association June 24, History of Indigenous Peoples in Wellington North July 8, Village of Kenilworth 	021 022 023 024 025 026	CDC	

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	July 22, Charles McKellarAugust 12, Lynes Blacksmith Shop	028		
	Workplan Item 4: Simply Explore Culture website • Verbal report		CDC	
	 Workplan Item 5: Wellington North Culture Days Culture Days Rack Card Draft Artisan Showcase- Look at potentially renaming this event to entice other creative ideas and works. Possibly rebrand. Location and date? 		EDO	
	Workplan Item 6: Minto, Hanover, WN Cultural Roundtable partnership • Tourism Growth Program – Successful Grant Application. • Culture Days/Culture Bus • Driftscape App • Culture Guide • Symposium		EDO	
1:30pm	Other Items			
	 Your Town Rising – update Barn Quilt – plaques Mount Forest Cemetery Should we be looking at a new time for these meetings? 			
1:40pm	Items for Consideration			
•	Wellington Advertiser Cultural Ads • April/May/June/July	029	EDO	
1:45pm	Upcoming Events			
	 Fall Cultural Roundtable Symposium Meeting September 26, 2024, 5:30pm – 8:00pm at the Wellington County Library - Mount Forest Branch. 		EDO	
1:45pm	Roundtable			
	(verbal)		All	
	Date of next meeting and adjournment			
	September 19 Council Chambers Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting of August 15, 2024 be adjourned at p.m.		Chair	Resolution



WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024 IN KENILWORTH

Members Present: Chair Bonny McDougall, Doris Cassan, Faye Craig,

Linda Hruska Councillor Penny Renken.

Members Absent: Tim McIntosh, Sue Doherty, June Turner,

Gerald Townsend

Staff & Guests: Tasha Grafos Mandy Jones Robyn Mulder

Mike Wilson

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 12:10pm by Chair Bonny. The agenda was amended; Robyn modified the date on the Culture Page advertisement, Mike included "Fun Facts" under Other items, and Doris added "Friends of Downtown Arthur" also under Other items. Moved by Linda and seconded by Doris that the agenda for the March 21, 2024 meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Doris requested that the year be added to the minutes.

Moved by Councillor Renken and seconded by Linda that the minutes of the February 18, 2024, meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

UPDATE ON WORKPLAN ITEMS

Workplan Item 1 **Wellington North Farmers' Market**. Robyn advised that applications are coming in, with six received to date. Market Box Day for Wellington North has been confirmed for July 30. Robyn has reached out to a couple that have done live music in the past and is waiting to hear back on their availability.

Workplan Item 2 **Cultural Funding and Grants Program**: Mike advised that no applications have been submitted for this program to date. The maximum budget for the grant is \$2,000 and submissions can be made all year. Large culturally significant events only, may apply.

ACTION: Mike to make the application forms printer friendly by reducing the amount of black ink and update the online form so it is fillable.

Workplan Item 3 **Cultural Moments**: Mike showed the committee the video for the Art Contest, which was very well received by all committee members in attendance. An overview of future Cultural moments and who is responsible is outlined below:

ACTION: April 8: Bonny, Arthur Trails. Highlight of the three founding volunteers Jack Benham, Ian Turner, Dave Stack / appreciation for private landowners.

ACTION: April 22: Doris, Anniversary of amalgamation. Complete.

ACTION: May 6: Faye, Arthur Lions Duck Race

ACTION: May 21: Doris, Farm Gate / Wellington North Farmers' Market

ACTION: June 3: Bonny, York Soaring

ACTION: June 24: Doris, History of Kenilworth. George Epoch patented an agricultural grubber.

ACTION: July 8: Bonny, Jessie James

ACTION: July 22: Councillor Renken, Charles McKeller, custodian - putting up the new signage for the

cemetery or Frederick Campbell **ACTION:** August 12: June, Art Gallery

Workplan Item 4 Simply explore culture website & domain renewals:

ACTION: Mike will look at the analytics to see how much traffic the website is getting, as well as take a look at the current content and see if some of it can be transferred over to the Simply Explore website. A recommendation may come to a future Cultural Roundtable Meeting to eliminate this site.

Workplan Item 5 Wellington North Culture Days:

25th Anniversary of Amalgamation Art contest and Celebration:

Reminder to committee to get the word out for people to submit their art as we are looking for more submissions prior to April 12th. An idea was shared: A mural highlighting significant landmarks in the community (Arthur and Mount Forest water towers, Mount Forest "High, Healthy, Happy" entrance sign, poppies, trees, wheat/corn, United Church, former municipal logos/crests, etc.).

ACTION: Tasha to connect with June for a list of the vendors that attended the Artisan Showcase in 2023 to send the Art contest to.

Artisan Showcase:

Look at potentially calling this event another name to entice other creative ideas and works. Possibly rebrand. **ACTION:** Robyn to add this item to the June agenda for discussion.



Workplan Item 6 Minto, Hanover, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Partnership.

ACTION: Robyn will send out more information and an invitation once all the details are confirmed.

OTHER ITEMS

Heritage designations and heritage discussion:

The Municipality has a registry of designated heritage buildings on the website that is available to the public, with three properties currently listed.

Penny shared a list that was compiled by summer students and Jim, that shows properties that are historically significant and stated that our list should be inclusive, not just municipal properties only.

Additional information is required from Darren and Dale about the process related to identifying historically significant buildings.

ACTION: Community and Economic Development team to follow-up with Dale and Darren on historically significant buildings in the community.

Barn Quilt - plaques:

ACTION: Community and Economic Development to research the meaning behind the Cultural Roundtable logo design and share with the Committee.

ACTION: Doris to investigate a price to create a plaque explaining the meaning of the logo, that will then be installed near the Cultural Roundtable Barn Quilts.

Mount Forest Cemetery:

Mandy advised that the Cultural Roundtable was mentioned at the March 11, 2024, Council meeting related to the Mount Forest Cemetery.

ACTION: Mandy to email out the YouTube link and include the time stamp.

Fun Facts:

Committee to send an email to Mike with ideas and images. These ideas will go out on social media.

Friends of Downtown Arthur:

ACTION: Robyn will add to next agenda.

ROUNDTABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCUSSION

Faye – Hitching post in Arthur.

ACTION: Fave to explore possibilities

Upcoming events:

- o March 29th Grants and Donations Applications due.
- April 14th 20th is National Volunteer Week and April 18th is our next Volunteer Celebration & Newcomer Welcome in Arthur from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS & ADJOURNMENT

There will be no April meeting, as everyone is encouraged to register and attend the Volunteer Celebration & Newcomer Welcome in Arthur on April 18th.

May will be a joint meeting with Minto & Hanover, in Hanover, on May 31st from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Moved by Linda that the Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:10 PM. **CARRIED**



TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH

TO: Cultural Roundtable

DATE: 2024-08-15

MEETING TYPE: Open

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Wilson, Community Development Coordinator

REPORT #: C&ED 2024-035

REPORT TITLE: 25th Anniversary of Amalgamation Art Contest

RECOMMENDED MOTION

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable recommend the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the selection of the following entries from Attachment A as winners of the 25th Anniversary of Amalgamation Art Contest:

- Entry No. 13
- Entry No. 14
- Entry No. 19

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to move forward with the reproduction of these entries to be displayed in a suitable location at a Township-owned building.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/BY-LAWS/RESOLUTIONS

Minutes of the August 22, 2023 Wellington North Cultural Roundtable meeting

Minutes of the November 29, 2023 Wellington North Cultural Roundtable meeting

C&ED 2024-019 25th Anniversary of Amalgamation Celebrations

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable announced an art contest would be held in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of the Township's Amalgamation.

A call was put out to residents and artists to submit their piece of art or concept/design that displays the positive aspects of amalgamation and/or Wellington North, reflecting our values, culture and people. The focus could be, but not limited to, local sports, landmarks, historically significant events/location, or natural beauty of Wellington North, with an emphasis on cooperation, communication, shared culture, growth, progress, partnerships, and/or teamwork.

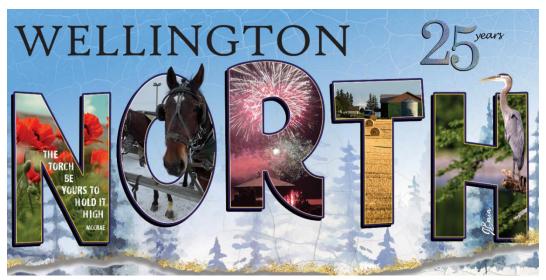
The deadline to submit was May 31, 2024.

Submissions were displayed at the Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome Event in Arthur on April 18, 2024 and at the 25th Anniversary Celebration in Kenilworth on June 7, 2024. The submissions were judged by a panel consisting of members of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable, Township staff and Council.

ANALYSIS

A total of 30 entries were received, and are included in this report as Attachment A. The members of the judging panel voted on the entries in July.

From the judging, three submissions emerged as the favourites from the panel:



Entry No. 14



Entry No. 13



Entry No. 19

As these three entries were identified as the favourite amongst the judging panel, staff recommend that they be recommended to Council as the winners of the contest.

The winning selections will be installed at one of three Township-owned buildings: the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex, the Arthur and Area Community Centre and the Municipal Office in Kenilworth. Staff will work with the Recreation Services Manager and Recreation Supervisor to identify a suitable location at the two arenas.

CONSULTATION

Tasha Grafos, Executive Assistant to the CAO

Mandy Jones, Manager of Community and Economic Development

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Operating: \$3,000.00 has been allocated in the 2024 Cultural Roundtable budget for this initiative, with each winner being awarded \$1,000.00. The costs for fabrication and installation will be captured within the Community and Economic Development operating budget. Staffing Implications: Some staff time to support the coordination of the fabrication and installation of the artworks.

ATTACHMENTS

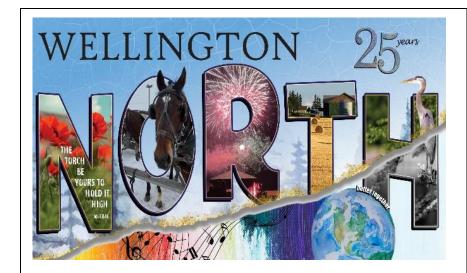
Attachment A: 25th Anniversary Art Contest Submissions

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024

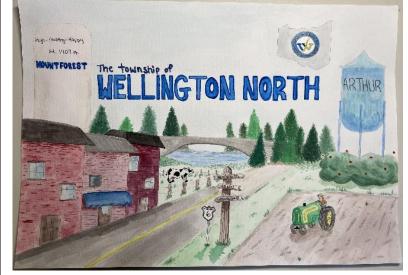
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Shape and support sustainable growth. How:	007
Deliver quality, efficient community services aligned with the Township's mandate capacity How: by celebrating our unique history and fostering community unity through acti participation and inclusive engagement.	
Enhance information sharing and participation in decision-making How:	
N/A Core-Service	

Approved by: Mandy Jones, Manager of Community and Economic Development $\ oxinverigs$



Entry #1



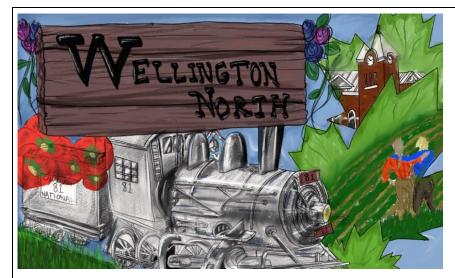
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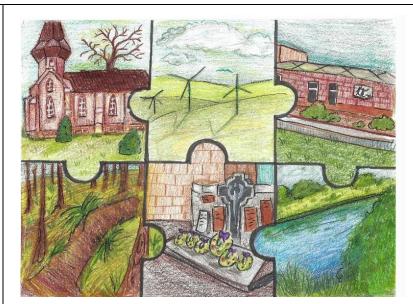
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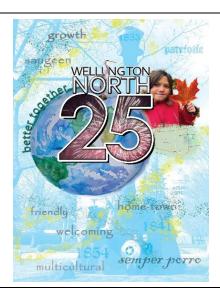
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Entry #5



Entry #6



Entry #7



Entry #8

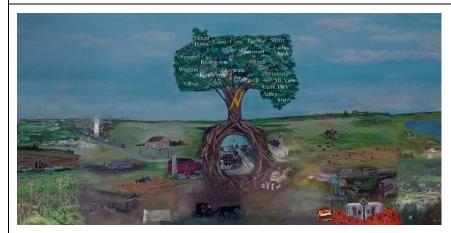




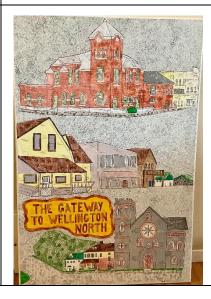
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Entry #14



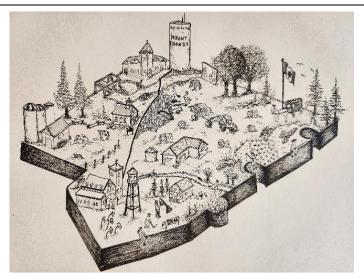
Entry #15



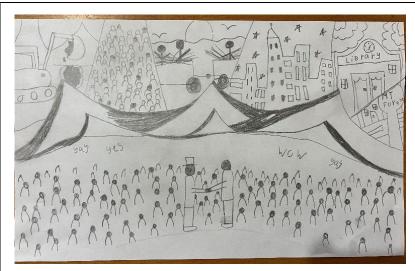
Entry #16



Entry #17



Entry #19



Entry #18



Entry #20



Entry #21



Entry #22



Entry #23



Entry #24



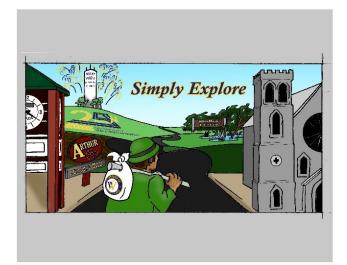
Entry #25



Entry #26



Entry #27



Entry #28



Entry #29



Entry #30



TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH

TO: Cultural Roundtable

DATE: 2024-08-15

MEETING TYPE: Open

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Wilson, Community Development Coordinator

REPORT #: C&ED 2024-032

REPORT TITLE: Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Application

RECOMMENDED MOTION

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable approve the Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship funding request from the Four Corners Quilters' Guild in the amount of \$133.06.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/BY-LAWS/RESOLUTIONS

C&ED 2024-016 Grants and Donations Community Development Program

BACKGROUND

The Wellington North Cultural Roundtable values the important role that not-for-profit community organizations and community groups play in delivering events and projects that support our community.

The Programming Funding and Sponsorship initiative provides funding aimed at enabling local community groups and organizations to incorporate culturally significant elements to their existing events, programs and projects.

In 2024, \$2,000.00 has been budgeted for this initiative.

ANALYSIS

The Four Corners Quilters' Guild is based in Mount Forest. The Guild was established in 1998 and is comprised of members of the community, the majority being seniors. The Guild's four main objectives are to promote the art of quilting, to provide learning opportunities for members, to provide opportunities for fellowship and support, and to contribute to the community.

The Guild is participating in the Alzheimer Society of Waterloo-Wellington's Alzheimer Touch Quilt Project. Volunteers create quilts, which are made with fabrics of different textures and help provide comfort and security to those living with dementia.

Guild members have donated fabrics, other materials and time to create these quilts, and currently have enough materials to create 45 quilts for local Alzheimer's patients. The Guild has requested \$133.06 from the Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program to purchase one bolt of non-slip flannel (for use by those requiring the use of wheelchairs).

To date, \$1,750.00 of the \$2,000.00 budgeted for 2024 has been allocated, leaving \$250.00 available. The request of the Four Corners Quilters' Guild falls within the available budget.

CONSULTATION

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Capital: None

Operating: \$2,000.00 has been included in the 2024 Budget for this initiative. Funding for this

request would fall within the budget.

Staffing Implications: None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Application – Four Corners Quilters' Guild

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024

Shape and support sustainable growth.
How:

□ Deliver quality, efficient community services aligned with the Township's mandate and capacity

How: Supporting local not-for-profit organizations with funding for local cultural events and programs.

☐ Enhance information sharing and participation in decision-making How:

□ N/A Core-Service

Approved by: Mandy Jones, Manager of Community and Economic Development ⊠



Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Application

The Wellington North Cultural Roundtable values the important role that not-for-profit community organizations and community groups play in delivering events and projects that support our community.

Funding as it relates to the *sponsorship/promotion of culturally significant initiatives* such as the promotion of the arts, live arts, exhibitions and/or oral storytelling shall be directed to apply to *Wellington North's Cultural Roundtable Programming Funding.*

The Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship initiative provides funding aimed at enabling local community groups and organizations to incorporate culturally significant elements to their existing events, programs and projects. This fund provides an opportunity to do more than just financially support a project or group and is intended to facilitate the provision of ongoing benefits to the community.

For committee use only:

Date Application Received:		
Approved: YES Amoun	nt Approved: \$	
To be Completed by the applicant:		
Organization Name:		
Contact Name(s) & Address:		
Contact Telephone:	Contact email:	
Amount of Funds Requested: \$	Date of Event:	
Percentage of overall event costs:	Date Funds Required:	
What is the Mandate of your organization and how long have you been in Wellington North?		

1) Please provide a brief description of your project/event and what you intend to do with the grant from the Cultural Roundtable.
2) How many years have you held this event/project and what benefits will the project bring to the Wellington North community?
3) Please list the main objectives that your project aims to achieve. (max of 3)
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4) What partnerships have you developed with other community groups to plan and/or
4) What partnerships have you developed with other community groups to plan and/or implement your event or project?

5) How do you propose to promote the project in the community and how will you recognize the contribution from the Cultural Roundtable?		
6) Other information you would like to provid	le to help us approve your application.	
I hereby make the above application for a We Events Funding & Sponsorship, declaring all correct, and acknowledging that the Townsh will process the application based on the infe	the information contained herein is true and ip of Wellington North's Cultural Roundtable	
Signature: linda	Title:	
Printed Name of Signatory:	Date:	

The personal information requested in this form is being collected for determining eligibility of an applicant to receive a grant. The information is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Questions regarding the collection of this information may be directed to the Municipal Clerk at 519-848-3620, ext. 27 or at the Municipal Office, P.O. Box 125, 7490 Sideroad 7 West, Kenilworth, ON NOG 2E0.

The Township of Wellington North's Cultural Roundtable may promote the program and reserves the right to use approved and funded projects as examples in promotional programming. The Township of Wellington North's Cultural Roundtable may promote an approved project by using photographs and descriptions of the project in promotional materials.



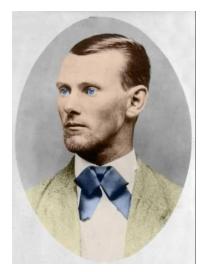
CULTURAL MOMENT FOR APRIL 8, 2024

CELEBRATING JESSE JAMES, THE OUTLAW

Did Jesse James ride the country roads of Wellington County?

Between the end of the Civil War and his murder in 1882 at the hands of gang member Bob Ford, Jesse James was America's most notorious bandit. In the company of his brother Frank, their pals the Younger brothers, and other assorted ne'er-do-wells, James plundered banks, trains and stagecoaches.

Because of his "business," his whereabouts were not documented; however, according to local stories, Jesse James spent at least one winter in the area, dividing his time between Wellington and Grey counties. He was allegedly seen riding a beautiful horse on the backroads and was said to have various hideouts along his way north. In 1873, a botched train robbery at Turkey Creek, lowa may have brought Jesse and Frank James to Ontario, as they were not seen in the United States for months.



Some stories say James did chores on a farm near Hopeville, and had meals with a neighbour named William Armstrong, who was a farmer and a preacher. In the forest near the road between Hopeville and Dundalk there was a small shack where a man named Chadwell lived. No one really knows whether Chadwell was his real name because he also used other names. The shack was crude but well hidden. Mr. Armstrong recalled, "Jesse James was a fir sized man. He never talked. He would come in, eat his meals and walk out."

In one oft-repeated story, James was riding that beautiful horse through Guelph Township when he came to a tollgate. He tossed a \$20 gold piece to the gatekeeper, a young woman named Jane Lillie, because it was the smallest change he had. Lillie eventually moved to West Garafraxa, and the story of the gold piece became part of local lore. The Jesse James stories were published from time to time in the *Mount Forest Confederate* and the *Arthur Enterprise News*.

Meanwhile in West Garafraxa, Jim Gow had a logging operation in the Luther and Grand Valley area. The logs were cut and hauled to the Grand River to be floated down to a sawmill east of Fergus. Gow said he hired James to work at his camp.

In an article in the *Arthur Enterprise News*, it described a man thought to be James riding a beautiful horse up the Owen Sound Road through town heading north to Hopeville. The next account of James comes from Mulmur Township, where speculation has him burying gold along 10 Sideroad.

James was killed on April 3, 1882, in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Whether the story of James' time in our area is true or not, we will never know for sure. But what is interesting is that while James was supposedly in the area there was a bank robbery in Guelph and the thieves were never apprehended.

While we'll probably never know the facts, sometimes legends make reality and become more useful than facts.

Submitted by Bonny McDougall, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR APRIL 22, 2024

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMALGAMATION





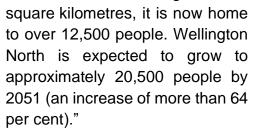
This year, 2024, marks the 25th anniversary of the amalgamation that resulted in the creation of the Township of Wellington North.

Events are currently being planned for later in the year to celebrate this milestone.

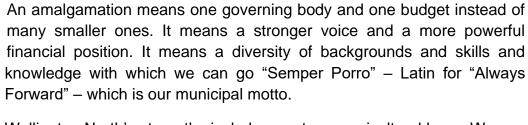
"Stronger Together Since 1999" is the 25th anniversary slogan.

The Township of Wellington North, to quote the municipal website, "was created in 1999 from the Town of Mount Forest, the Village of Arthur, the Townships of West Luther and Arthur, as well some of the outlying areas in the Townships of Peel and West Garafraxa. Stretching over 526











Wellington North's strengths include our strong agricultural base. We can enjoy food straight from the source in many cases. We are close enough to the services we need but far away enough to escape the noise and light pollution. We can choose to live within walking distance of conveniences or in a place where we can walk for hours without meeting anyone.

This year, join together to celebrate our home.



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR MAY 6, 2024

CELEBRATING THE ARTHUR LIONS DUCK RACE



For the past 30 years one of the 'rights of Spring' in the Village of Arthur has been the annual Lions Club Duck Race. Held on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, it has become a favourite of children and adults alike.

This event was the brainchild of Lion Jerry Paul and has been held every year through all kinds of weather. It has seen warm sunshine, bitter cold and windy snow showers, high water levels when the ducks couldn't be caught, and low water levels when the ducks couldn't move and the winning tickets had to be drawn from a drum.

The race itself is the culmination of many activities that start mid-morning and wrap up with the race at 2 p.m., starting with the dumping of the ducks off the George Street bridge and finishing at the bridge on Charles Street. One of the favourite activities for children, when it is safe to do so, is

following the ducks down the river and helping any that get caught in the rocks, or along the banks. They are also a big help to the Lions in gathering all the ducks after the winners have made it over the finish line.

Other activities over the years have been face painting, balloon-making, bouncy castles, rock climbing, a road hockey tournament, a children's singsong, plant sales, vendors market, and displays and demonstrations by the volunteer fire department. And, of course, lunch and snacks are always available at the Lions' food booth.

The ducks are pre-sold through a lottery where every ticket sold has its number attached to a duck. Prizes are given to the ticket holders of the first three ducks, as well as other random draws from the same tickets.

Tickets are on sale through April right up to the morning of the race. They can be obtained from any member of the club, or at the venue on Francis Street prior to the race.

All proceeds from the event go back into our community through various programs throughout the community, from minor sports clubs to the Christmas Hamper program.

It's a family and community event and the Lions are very



grateful for the support given by the neighbours on Francis Street, especially Jim Dingman and Ted and Judy Watt, who generously offer their hydro for the club's use during the day, as well as room for the bouncy castle and other activities. They also appreciate that residents on the street don't object when the street is closed from early morning until mid-afternoon, and lawns sometimes get trampled in varying conditions.

Along the lines of "it takes a community to raise a child," it also follows that "it takes cooperation to make a community." The Lions certainly get the cooperation of the Francis Street residents for this annual event!

The Lions look forward to seeing you on Francis Street on Saturday, May 11 this year!



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR MAY 21, 2024

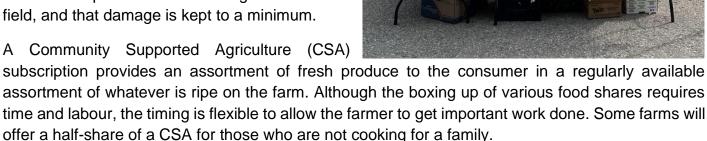
CELEBRATING FARM TO TABLE SALES AND THE FARMERS' MARKET

Consider the usual journey undertaken by your fruits and vegetables to the grocery store. Days can pass before they arrive from their place of origin. As time passes, the nutrients and taste of food decline. There are a variety of ways to take advantage of direct farm marketing. Most people know about farmers' markets, but there are other methods of getting fresh produce. A popular option in Wellington North is some form of on-farm process.

Often called farm gate or roadside, these stands teem with fresh food and flowers through summer and fall. You may find something as simple as a farm wagon or a buggy parked on the roadside. Some farmers will build rustic little stands or huts that can somewhat protect the buyer from the weather. Many of these operations are provided on an honour system for payment because everyone on the farm is busy with production. Sadly, there is the occasional instance of people taking

advantage of that trust, but most understand the idea of paying for their purchases.

"Pick Your Own" operations are another way to enjoy fresh-to-the-table food. It is a great outdoor family activity with the reward of eating food you have picked with your own hands. Children learn in a meaningful way, where our food comes from. These businesses require more supervision to ensure that pickers are in the right area of the field, and that damage is kept to a minimum.



If you prefer a more traditional approach to buying farm products, the Wellington North Farmers' Market is the place for you. With several vendors offering fresh produce, meat, and other agricultural products, the Wellington North Farmers' Market is a great place to shop locally while buying fresh product directly from the source.

The Wellington North Farmers' Market opens for the season on Saturday, June 15 at 8:30 a.m. at the Victory Community Centre, 320 King Street in Mount Forest. The Market will run every Saturday until September 28. Check out the Market on Facebook for more information.

Submitted by Doris Cassan, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR JUNE 3, 2024

CELEBRATING THE YORK SOARING ASSOCIATION

The York Soaring Association was founded in 1961 by Walter Chmela, who came to Canada from his native Austria in 1950. Operations commenced when Walter personally purchased two Doppleraab two-seat trainers and an Auster as a tow-plane. Walter realized that the future of York Soaring was dependent upon the club owning its own airfield. In 1969, he purchased the field the club still operates on today in the former West Garafraxa.



The field was initially a 100-acre property, 8 kilometres east of Arthur and, upon purchasing it, a hangar was built and a single 2,000-foot

east-to-west runway was graded. A few years later, an adjoining 100-acre property was added and a northwest-to-southeast runway, as well as a southwest-to-northeast runway was built. Another larger hangar was added for club aircraft and the original hangar was left for use by private owners.

York Soaring has an active social committee that puts on regular barbecues and fundraising dinners. Their next big event is on Saturday, June 22, when York Soaring hosts an Antique Aircraft Fly-In, starting at 10:00 AM and ending at sunset. More information can be found at yorksoaring.com.

York Soaring also has a group that specializes in mentoring badge and cross-country flying, and others that take part in excursions to other flying venues around the world such as the United States, France, and New Zealand. York Soaring is also the home base of Youth Flight Canada (YFC) and Freedom's Wings. YFC provides bursaries to deserving young people who need financial assistance to fly. YFC pays 50% of their nominal membership fee and all but \$5.00 of each flight.

In May 2007, Walter received national recognition for his almost 70 years of service to soaring by being inducted into the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame.

Having grown up on the farm next to the club, it was one of Bonny McDougall's jobs to go to the area at the end of the runway and look for tow ropes. They would occasionally snap off the tow planes as they were coming in for landing.



"When I found one, I would take it back to the hangar and have a visit with Walter and after I was 16, I got a complimentary glider ride with him. They were and continue to be wonderful neighbours."

The older gliders have all been replaced with 6 updated planes being basic trainers and high-performance trainers, as well as increasing the tow planes from 2 to 4.

By following the vision for York Soaring that Walter had almost 50 years ago, York Soaring continues to bring new members into the very special

world of soaring. Whatever your age or physical ability, you are welcome at York Soaring. It's getting better all the time.



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR JUNE 24, 2024

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN WELLINGTON NORTH

The area now known as the Township of Wellington North was first settled and surveyed in the early 1800s, but its history of human habitation stretches back hundreds of years earlier.

The area now known as the Township of Wellington North has a rich pre-settler history rooted in the activities of Indigenous peoples. Before European settlement, the land was primarily inhabited by the Neutral, Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee peoples. These groups had complex societies with distinct cultures, languages, and traditions.

The Neutral people, known for their role in trade and diplomacy, occupied much of what is now Southern Ontario, including parts of Wellington North. They were named "Neutral" by French explorers due to their neutrality in conflicts between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Huron-Wendat Nation. The Anishinaabe, including the Ojibwe, Mississauga, and Odawa nations, also utilized the area for its rich resources and as part of their extensive trade networks.

During this period, the land that would become Wellington North was characterized by dense forests, fertile soil, and numerous waterways, making it an ideal location for hunting, fishing, and agriculture. These Indigenous groups established seasonal camps and villages, practiced sustainable agriculture, and managed the land through controlled burns to clear areas for cultivation and to attract game.

In the early 17th century, European explorers and fur traders began to arrive in the region, initiating changes that would eventually lead to significant disruption of Indigenous ways of life. Despite this, the Indigenous presence remained influential in shaping the early interactions and development of the area. There are well-known reports of the contributions of Ojibway Chief James Nawash to the early surveyors of Wellington and Grey counties, notably Charles Rankin. Rankin, who surveyed the Garafraxa Road in 1837, noted that Chief Nawash provided the most accurate information about the country and its rivers and streams. One significant piece of information shared by Chief Nawash was that the river Rankin reached outside of what is now Mount Forest was a branch of the "Saugin," now referred to as the Saugeen River.

By the late 18th and early 19th centuries, treaties and land agreements began to cede large portions of Southern Ontario to the British Crown, paving the way for European settlers and the establishment of townships such as Wellington North. The township falls within the lands covered by the Nanfan Treaty (1701), Treaty 3 (1792), the Nottawasaga Purchase/Treaty 18 (1818), the Ajetance Purchase/Treaty 19 (1818), and the Saugeen Tract Purchase/Treaty 45.5 (1836). These treaties, however, often resulted in displacement and significant changes for the Indigenous populations, whose ancestral lands were transformed by new settlements and agricultural practices.

As part of the township's ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous Peoples, Council approved a Land Acknowledgement in June 2023. This acknowledgment recognizes that the lands we now call home have been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial. It also acknowledges the impact that non-Indigenous settlers have had on this land and expresses gratitude to Indigenous Peoples for allowing us to share and respect Mother Earth with them, as well as building constructive and cooperative relationships moving forward.



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR JULY 8, 2024

CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF KENILWORTH

As we celebrate the creation of the Township of Wellington North in 1999, we look at one of our small but significant settlements. The Village of Kenilworth is located at the crossroads of Sideroad 7 and Highway 6, about 10 kilometres north of Arthur. It was named after a village in England, by an early storekeeper who settled there.

Jesuits established the first Catholic Church there, made of logs, in 1852. The building was condemned as structurally unsound in 1870. The current Sacred Heart building was established in 1902. A Methodist church was founded in 1854, also built of logs. It was later



replaced with a red brick church, merged with the United Church and closed in 2001. The Sacred Heart Catholic Church remains strong with dedicated parishioners who maintain their lovely church, as well as a restful green space called Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

By 1869, Kenilworth had a general store, tailor, doctor, saloon, wagon maker, hotel and post office. The population was 50. By 1872, the railroad had built a station in Kenilworth as part of the permission to bring tracks northward. By 1910, there was a bank and telegraph office.

The mail had been brought from Fergus since 1848 but when the railroad came through, mail could come all the way to Kenilworth. The first post office was a small log house but later moved to the General Store.

A "new" hotel was built in 1885, but it was probably not the first hotel in Kenilworth. This hotel was built by Thomas O'Donnell and remained open until about 1920 when it was made into apartments. A shoe factory was established in Kenilworth in 1909 but there is no record of when it closed.

The Epoch family was a business-minded family. From selling automobiles, two brothers, Wilfred and George opened a garage. George became well known after he patented a machine called a grubber for removing brush and debris.

At one time Kenilworth had three general stores but the onset of gasoline-powered vehicles made possible the fast arrival of goods, and those stores gradually closed.

The Lynes Blacksmith Shop is a local landmark and a relatively rare double forge that was operational from 1885 to 1955, and the building remained undisturbed for 60 years. James Lynes Sr. and James Lynes Jr. were the blacksmiths. James Jr's son, Dr. Frank Lynes and Frank's daughter Krysia donated the shop and property, which includes the original house, to the Township of Wellington North in 2017. Since then, the Lynes Blacksmith Shop Committee have been working hard to restore and retain this building. The project has its own website where you, too, can volunteer to help with the restoration work.

Many villages, towns and cities in Southern Ontario began in the same way as Kenilworth. Many factors determined which ones grew bigger and which remained charming villages like Kenilworth. The residents of Kenilworth continue to thrive and innovate with several well-established small businesses while enjoying the surrounding pastoral farmland.



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR JULY 22, 2024 CELEBRATING CHARLES MCKELLAR



With the current renovations to the entrance of the Mount Forest Cemetery, it's appropriate to remember someone who was dedicated to the cemetery's upkeep.

Charles Vincent McKellar was born on March 14, 1885, in Egremont Township to parents Isabella and Neil McKellar. His brother, William, was seven years older, and his sister Cora, who died in infancy, was five years younger. There were also a couple of older siblings.

In 1921, he married Mabel Gertrude Wells in Welland, Ontario, and they had one son, Frederic M. McKellar born in 1923.

An article in Homer VIII magazine, quoted one of his former teachers, Frances Galbraith. She advised that Charlie was a "very artistic and clever paperhanger" who lived on Elgin Street in Mount Forest. Homer had published a poem titled "Just A-Wondering" written by Charlie. Apparently, he liked to write poetry, did so when taking a break from paper hanging, and it was not uncommon for him to place the poems behind the wallpaper. This particular poem was written in 1951 and was discovered 30 years later by Stephen and Susan Westmore, who lived at Queen and Dublin Streets.

He was also talented at skating. The Tom Ellis skating rink was across from his home, and he entertained other skaters with his "wonderful figures."

On a more serious note, Charlie, as he was known, was a chairman of the Mount Forest Cemetery Board and a long-time custodian of the cemetery, member of the Hospital Board, and a member of the Mount Forest United Church.

Charlie died at the age of 73 on March 4, 1959. His only son, Fred, died in January 2000 but did not have any offspring. Both Charles and his wife, and their son and his wife are buried in this cemetery.



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Just inside the main gate to the cemetery, there is a flowerbed and plaque to the dedication of Charles V. McKellar. Over the years, the walls of the flowerbed have deteriorated. As part of the renovations to the cemetery entrance, the flowerbed will also be refurbished. The upper tier will be removed, and the plaque restored.

An attempt was made to contact any family member through Ancestry explaining the condition of the memorial and permission to update it. Charles' sister's family were the closest relatives, but all have passed. (Not a real happy ending)



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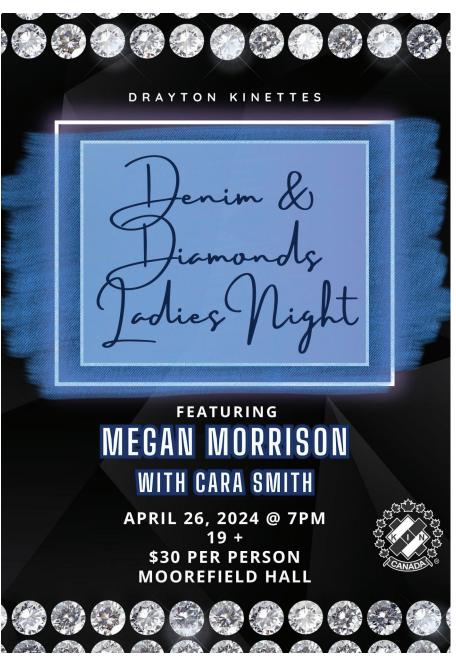




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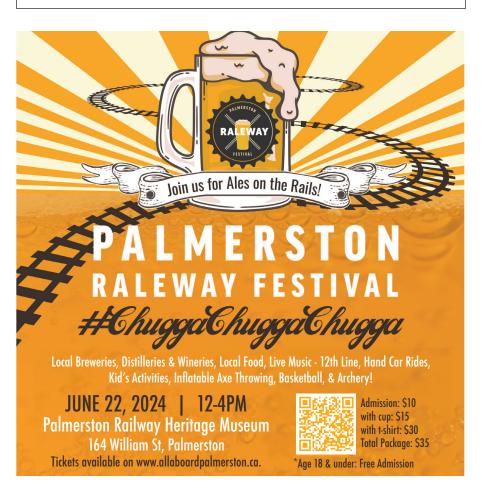
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