



The Beledoon News



A newsletter reflecting activities of the "Von Ayres Cultural Centre"
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A message from the Curator's corner

Kaelyn Gregory



On Saturday, June 29th the Wallaceburg Museum and the Chatham-Kent Heritage Network (CKHN) unveiled a new permanent plaque at the location of where the Glass Factory used to stand. This plaque was part of the first year of a plaquing initiative in all of Chatham-Kent put forward by the CKHN. This was the first to go up in Wallaceburg, but the seventh to go up in the Chatham-Kent area. The museum intends to be part of this initiative for years to come, and hope to plaque multiple important historical sites in the next years.

We were so grateful to have both Roger VanBellinghem and Harold Miller attend the ceremony. They are pictured here. These two men are the oldest surviving Glasshouse Retirees in Wallaceburg. They both had impressive careers in the glass, starting as boys at only 13 and 14 years old and committing to impressive 40+ year careers. It was a week-end of great pride and commemoration of one of the town's most major losses. If you would like to check out the plaque, it is on the corner of Old Glass Road and Garnet Street. Bring your device! There is a QR code on the plaque housing even more information.



ON DISPLAY IN THE GALLERY

We are looking for **YOU!**
Are you an artisan or artist?

Would you like to display your items for a month?

The Wallaceburg Museum and The Arts Council of Wallaceburg has a beautiful art gallery waiting for you.

This room is free, all we ask for is a donation. You can sell from this room without gallery commission.

Please reach out to museumpr@kent.net or contact@wallaceburgartscouncil.com

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Everyone Welcome
Refreshments
6pm-7pm
Award Ceremony
6:15pm




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Capt. J.W. Steinhoff : Wallaceburg's First Mayor

Yesterdays by Myrna Jewell Jim's Wooden Leg

Back in the days when horse and carriage was the only mode of transport, James (Jim) Dunlop ran a thriving business selling every accessory necessary for horse and driver.

His establishment was located where the old Bank of Montreal stood opposite the museum.

Here is a great picture of Jim's store. Hung at the back is a wide variety of horse collars while reins and harnesses are on the left. James Dunlop is shown serving one of his customers.



Jim Dunlop's Harness Shop

Also, the store sold steamer trunks, bags, pouches, valises (small travelling bags) and other leather goods.

Piled on the counter are horse blankets and buffalo robes used to keep the horse and rider warm during the cold winter months. Just from this picture, we can see how transportation was during this time.



Mark Ford's Sanitation Services

Later, he relocated the business to Wellington Street where the municipal car park is situated. This location was convenient for him to service delivery wagons for many businesses in the area including the Canada Bread Company plus the customers shopping nearby.

I found an article from Mann's Historical Files, and it tells the story that circulated among the town said to be classed as early Wallaceburg folk lore.

It read: "Mr. Dunlop had an artificial leg that was quite unique. Generally, as he went about his daily routine of repairing harnesses, he straddled the bench which was similar to a wooden horse. In this position, Mr. Dunlop found that he was experiencing a great deal of difficulty in keeping his sock from falling to his boot tops. Catching a stranger unaware, Jim calmly reached for his trusty hammer, snatched a nail from his work bench and secured the falling sock by pounding a nail through his pant and trouser leg. Needless to say, the stranger stood stupefied."

I would think more like horrified!!

"100 years ago everyone owned horses, only the rich had cars. Today everyone owns cars, and only the rich own horses. The stables have turned."



Answers page 7

1. What company began in the basement of The Old Town Hall?
2. Which international fund raising campaign did the Boy Scouts begin in Wallaceburg?
3. What disease did many settlers of Baldoon contract in 1804-1805?
4. In what years did Mac-Craft produce boats in Wallaceburg?
5. Which crops were large groups of immigrants from Belgium recruited to work in cultivating?



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I'm a tour guide at a museum, and when I told a group that the fossil they were looking at was 65 million years and 3 weeks old, they asked me where the 3 weeks came from.
I said well it was 65 million years old when I was hired here, and that was 3 weeks ago.



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An editorial by Jim Mulgrew

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THAT'S WHO THEY ARE WALTEC EMPLOYEES,

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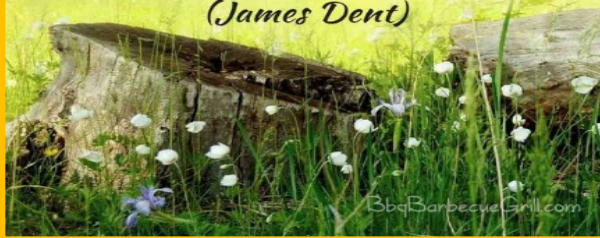
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the lawn mower is broken.

(James Dent)



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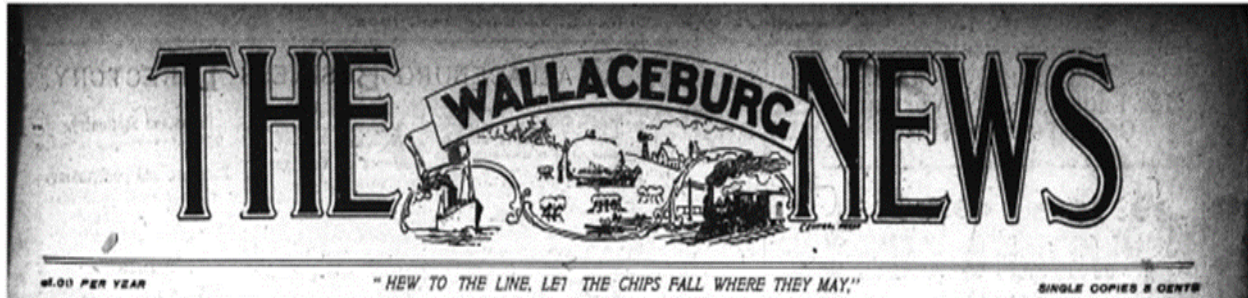
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Sundays Closed



Newsletter – Part 2

First 20 years

Wallaceburg now had an official Museum, now much work needed to be done to get it ready for a grand opening. The Wallaceburg & District Museum was under the care and control of the Wallaceburg & District Historical Society and at the time of opening in June of 1984, the board included about 20 members including George Van Snick as President, Kristina Lee as Vice-President, Ray Knowles as Treasurer and Mark Jackson as Secretary. Officers were normally selected for a 2-year period and were elected during the Annual General Meeting (AGM). There have been many different members chosen for these posts and many others that became board members and committee members.

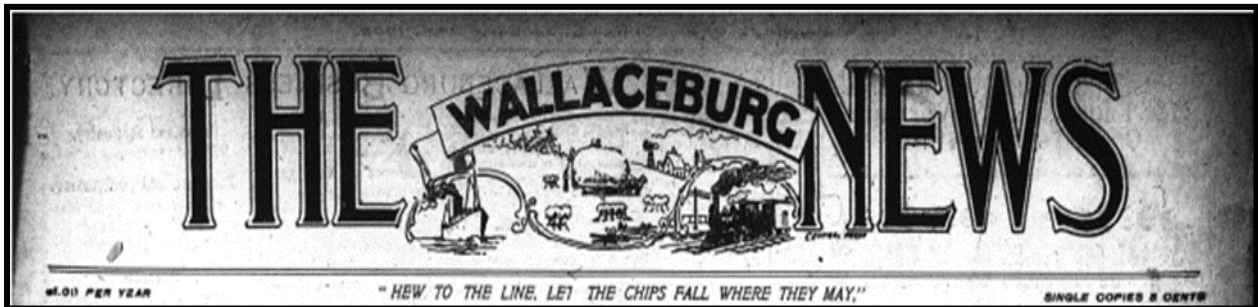
The first actual paid staff were Marie Louise DeRidder, Joanne Cross and Micheline Turner as Administrators, each for only a short period of 1985. Marie Louise DeRidder would come back as Administrator from 1987 to 1990. Laura Benson became administrator in 1990 and continued until Feb. of 1998. Delina Bogaert took over in 1999 and carried on for many years.

As stated in Part 1, the main building was the only area being used as the museum. The upstairs hall was not part of the deal, nor was the Meter Building just to the east or the Agricultural Park on the west side. There was no connecting door to the theatre, and the south part (Substation) of the building was still used by Wallaceburg Hydro.

Improvements and notable events that took place over the first 20 years included:

- making areas more accessible to the public by adding a ramp to access the second-floor area in Jan. 1985.
- Windows that were not needed, were blocked
- Heating and AC issues would be addressed
- The Meter Building would become part of museum and connected by a breezeway in 1986
- Expansion of Sports Hall of Fame in 1988
- Museum takes over responsibility of Agricultural Park in 1988
- Lee Enfield Rifle comes to museum in 1989
- Doorway installed between Museum Lobby and Theatre Lobby in 1990.
- Meeting about establishing the building as a Cultural Centre in 1993
- Museum offers to take over operations of Southpark Theatre, in 1996
- Grant received from Dow Chemical to pay for new roof and install heating and cooling with natural gas in 1997
- South Park Theatre under control of museum in 1997

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- Town of Wallaceburg amalgamation with Chatham-Kent in 1998
- Bruce Warwick loans his Lee Enfield rifle collection in 1998
- Name changes approved for Von Ayres Cultural Centre, Jeanne Gordon Theatre, Frank Mann Research Centre and Frank Murdock Sports Hall of Fame, May 1998
- Glass Gallery planned after plant closing in 1999
- Shelves built for newspapers in research room in 2000
- Milk Wagon donated by Lee Reidstra in 2001

Many of the artifacts that had been collected before the acquisition of the Hydro Building were moved to the new location after the deal was made and displays were created to showcase the collection to the public. Other items found suitable storage space in this large building. Renovations would take place every so often to keep the place fresh and welcoming to the many visitors.

See Part Three for information on the past 20 years in the next newsletter.



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EASY History Trivia


Wallaceburg History Trivia Answers

Questions page 3

1. Wallaceburg Brass and Iron.
2. Apple Day.
3. Malaria.
4. 1938 to 1941.
5. Sugar Beets.

**Everything is funnier
when you're not allowed
to laugh.**





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KIDS Summer Camp
 At the Wallaceburg Museum
 2024

Fun and creative camp activities for boys and girls ages 5 to 11.
 Summer camp will be indoors and outdoors.
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 Drop off is 9:00am pick up 4:00pm. Camp runs Tuesday to Friday.
 Weekly Fee \$60 (4 days per child) Daily Fee \$15per child

Week 1: Tuesday, July 2 to Friday, July 5
 Week 2: Tuesday, July 9 to Friday, July 12
 Week 3: Tuesday, July 16 to Friday, July 19
 Week 4: Tuesday, July 23 to Friday, July 26
 Week 5: Tuesday, July 30 to Friday, August 2
 Week 6: Tuesday, August 6 to Friday, August 9
 Week 7: Tuesday, August 13 to Friday, August 16
 Week 8: Tuesday, August 20 to Friday, August 23

Register at the Museum.
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Jim Mulgrew
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 In the Art Room

Wallaceburg Museum

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We are looking for vendors inside and outside for **WAMBO**, Saturday, August 10, 2024 10am to 4pm.
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