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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Let's get motivated in March!

Welcome to this health-focused issue. March is nutrition month across our amazing Country, and we're excited to include Canada's new and improved Food Guide which can be found on Page 23.

We also have some wonderful articles on the importance of Healthy Eating & Healthy Lifestyles provided by Christine Gingerich, author of "Optimal

YOU: Great-Tasting Recipes & Powerful Lifestyle Strategies to Achieve Optimal Health." And please remember to mark your calendar for the 12th annual Living Well Festival on Friday, April 26th and Saturday April 27th, 2019 which will take place at the Wilmot Recreation Complex. This event continues to grow in popularity as they have so much to see and do during these two full days, so make sure you check out their website www.healthywilmot.ca for all of the details.

The frequent blasts of frigid air in February reminded us of a traditional Canadian winter! I am hopeful that by the time you're reading this, the cold and blustery temperatures are behind us, and you can get outside to enjoy some fresh air again. Studies show that being outdoors is a vital ingredient for physical and emotional wellbeing. Fresh, clean air is full of oxygen, which boosts your energy, strengthens your immune system, and stimulates your body to produce serotonin which is known as the "happy chemical" because it lightens and brightens your mood. As we start to see signs of spring, you might want to go for a walk in nature or head out to your back deck (with a copy of Embracing Change), and breathe in some happiness.

Before I go, I want to sincerely thank our advertisers who continue to help us connect our readers to all of the wonderful resources we have within our Community. We could not do this without you! Please join me in showing appreciation to these local businesses when you see them around town. They truly make our community a great place to live!

In good health,

Tara

Flashback Photo

In 1907, William Hallman built a red brick schoolhouse in Haysville. How this schoolhouse evolved has quite an interesting history.

Prior to this building, the first schoolhouse was built on land purchased from Cyrus Green, who was a farmer living in Haysville. The school was suitably named "Green's School." It was located on the opposite side of the current schoolhouse. In 1854, land was



purchased from Henry & Mary Chrysler and in 1876 a second schoolhouse was built, which would be on the same site of the current building.

This schoolhouse was later replaced with the current red brick schoolhouse that is featured



in the photo. This third new schoolhouse was built by William Hallman for \$1,900 and officially opened its doors to many young smiling faces in September of 1907. Miss Jessie Oliver was hired as the teacher. This new schoolhouse had a classroom, teacher's room, two entrances for boys and girls, and a basement with a furnace.

Like many rural schools, SS#4 closed and was sold in 1967 and was converted into a private residence. Interestingly, the bell that you see in the black and white photo once associated with this

school was given to the New Dundee United Brethren Women's Missionary Society who shipped it to the Kissy United Brethren Church in Sierra Leone, Africa.

In 2017, Green's School was recognized as being historically/architecturally significant by the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee and was included in the Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties for Wilmot Township. To see a complete list of properties visit www.heritagewilmot.ca MESSAGE FROM

Karen Redman

I am pleased to be part of this month's Embracing Change issue and to share some resources available to you from the Region of Waterloo's Public Health department.

Health Canada recently released its brand new 'Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide'. The Guide provides some useful tips to help us meet our body's nutritional needs and to stave off obesity, diabetes, osteoporosis, heart disease, certain types of cancer. This link to the new Food Guide – and other handy information about healthy eating – is on the Region of Waterloo's Public Health website: https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/ healthy-eating.aspx.

If you are looking for more healthy eating information and some hands-on education about

nutrition, the Region of Waterloo operates community-based food skill programs through the 'Community Nutrition Workers and Peer Health Workers' initiative. Our peer program offers cooking groups, workshops and other food-related activities in various community locations – including Wilmot and Wellesley. Usually, there is no charge to participants.

Peer Workers are trained and certified in health knowledge and skills by Region of Waterloo Public Health staff. The Peer workers are more than happy to share their new-found knowledge with their peers and neighbours.

Wilmot Family Resource Centre is one of more than a dozen host organizations for the program in the Region. Located at 175 Waterloo Street in New Hamburg, the Centre has been serving the communities of Wilmot and Wellesley Townships for more than 35 years and has become a true community hub.

For more information about the Community Nutrition Workers and Peer Health Workers, I encourage you to visit the Region's website or call the Wilmot Family Resource Centre at 519-662-2731





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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH Heritage Pet & Garden



This photo is of Jenn & Todd's daughter Kayla and their dog Tucker.

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As an avid gardener and pet lover, Jenn is excited to take on this new adventure. "Growing up in a small town has made owning a local business really special. I love downtown New Hamburg and I think Heritage Pet & Garden is so charming". Dave Heyer and Marilyn Battler, former owners and business partners, are continuing to be involved with the business. Be sure to come by, and say hi! Working together through this transition has been a pleasure, and will ensure that everything from small animals, dog and cat food and wild bird seed are well taken care of.

With spring around the corner, garden seeds are on display, and ready for you to come and choose from our wide selection! it's not too early to place your order of potato, sweet potato, and onion starters, planting season is fast approaching! We are also bringing back the praying mantis eggs. Give us a call to get your name on the list.

The heart of the business will remain the same; including, grooming by Christine who has now made Tuesdays available for appointment. Christine is also now featuring deep coat grooms, for an additional \$15, this service reduces undergrowth and springtime shedding. Call the store at 519-662-3684 to book an appointment from Tuesday through Friday, and every other Saturday.

Heritage Pet & Garden would like to thank their loyal customers for their ongoing passion for all things pet and garden. We look forward to serving you for years to come!

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Laughing Matters!

An Irishman goes to the doctor, who after examining him says "You have some problems with your heart, but if you take these tablets, I think it will be okay."

So the doctor gives the man the tablets and the patient asks, "Do I have to take them every day?" "No," replies the doctor, "take one on the Monday, skip the Tuesday, take one on the Wednesday, skip the Thursday and go on like that.



Irish Joke In Irishman not able to find a parking spot starts to pray. Lord," he prayed, "If you open a space for me I swear III give up me whiskey & I promise to go to church every week!"

Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking space. "Never mind," he says, I found one." Two weeks later the doctor is walking down the street, and he sees the patient's wife."Hello Mrs Murphy," he says, "how's your husband?"

"Oh he died of a heart attack," says Mrs Murphy.

"I'm very sorry to hear that," says the doctor, "I thought if he took those tablets he would be all right."

"Oh the tablets were fine," says Mrs Murphy,

"It was all the bloody skipping that killed him!"

Two Irishmen were sitting in a four-engined plane flying back from a shopping trip to Paris when the captain's voice came over the loudspeaker.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, one of the engines appear to have failed. There's nothing to worry about but we will be 15 minutes late in landing at Gatwick."

Five minutes later he said, "Nothing to worry about, ladies and Gentlemen, but one of the other engines has failed, and we will now be an hour late."

A moment later, "Er...sorry about this ladies and gentlemen, but the third engine has also given up and we will now be two hours later than expected.

One of the Irishmen tapped his friend on the shoulder."Good heavens, Patrick, do you realise that if the other engine fails, we'll be here all night"

Spot The Differences

They look the same but there are 10 flaws to be found! See how many can you spot.



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Common Reasons for Travel Insurance Claim Denials

The three most common reasons for travel insurance claims being denied are:

- The customer not being eligible for the coverage (at the price paid) due to inaccurate or incomplete information on the application or medical questionnaire.
- The customer had an unstable pre-existing medical condition.
- The customer claimed for expenses excluded in the policy.

Unfortunately, most people never read their travel insurance policy or any other insurance policy for that matter. That being said let me unpack one area of your travel policy that you definitely need to be aware of.

Stable Pre-Existing Conditions

Travel Insurance companies will have different stability periods. They generally range from 90 days to 365 days depending on the health rating of the insured. Stable describes any medical condition or related condition, including and heart or lung/ respiratory condition, for which:

- ▶ There has been no new treatment; and
- There has been no change in treatment or change in treatment frequency or type; and
- There have been no signs or symptoms or new diagnosis; and
- There have been no test results showing deterioration; and
- There has been no hospitalization; and
- ► There has been no referral to a specialist (made or recommended) and you are not awaiting the results of further investigations performed by any medical professional.

With most companies the following are considered stable:

- Routine (not prescribed by a physician) adjustment of insulin to control diabetes provided the insulin was not first prescribed during the time period specified in the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion shown on your confirmation of coverage.
- Change from a brand name medication to a

generic medication provided the medication was not first prescribed during the time period specified in the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion shown on your confirmation of coverage and there is no increase or decrease in dosage.

- The routine adjustment of Coumadin or Warfarin provided they were not first prescribed during the time period specified in the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion shown on your confirmation of coverage.
- ► A minor ailment.

One travel insurance company that we use quite frequently tries to insulate consumers from mistakes made when completing the medical questionnaire – whether the mistake is made due to the way they purchased (online, in a travel agency, or in an insurance brokers office) or not. This travel company will not void coverage, but rather consider the claim by instituting a deductible on the claim. This is helpful since a financially crippling large claim would be considered and the insured protected as opposed to being left to deal with the hospital bills on their own.

If, after reading this, you think you might have an Unstable Pre-Existing Condition don't despair. There are policies that will provide a lower but adequate limit of coverage for that Pre-Ex condition for a slightly higher premium.

In a future article we will provide some examples of denied claims that will make your head shake.



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senior safety Grandparent Scams

A scammer contacts an elderly person and pretends to be a grandchild or a family member in some kind of trouble and in need of immediate financial assistance.

In this typical scenario the scammer will tell the victim that they have been arrested and requires bail money, have been in a car accident, need money to cover hospital costs or are having trouble returning from a foreign country. For verification, the elderly person is given a phone number to call, which will be answered by someone pretending to be a lawyer or a police officer.

The scammer will ask questions during the call, getting the victim to volunteer personal information. The "grandchild/ family member" will insist that the victim not contact their parents or relatives as they don't want to get into more trouble. The victim is then asked to use a money service business to send several thousands of dollars for bail.



PREVENTION TIPS

- Police, judges or legal entities will never request that money be sent through money service businesses.
- Don't give out personal information to the caller.
- Confirm with other relatives the whereabouts of the family member or friend in question before even considering sending money.
- Never send money through money wire services to persons you don't know personally. Verify the person's identity before you take any steps to help. The money can be picked up anywhere in the world once it is given a transaction number.

This information has been provided by the RCMP. For more information please see the Seniors Guidebook to Safety & Security at www.rcmp.gc.ca



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Hello Readers!

I would like to introduce myself as a Holistic Nutritionist, and that just means that I coach people in all areas of life...the body as well as the mind and the spirit because each is intricately connected with the other.

I am passionate about teaching others that, given good foods and support, the body has the ability to heal itself. Isn't that wonderful? My story began when I was struggling with fatigue, eczema, and constipation in my late twenties. Yup! I said it...constipation. After being sick often with bronchitis, bladder and yeast infections and, just being sick and tired of being sick and tired, I decided to begin making changes. First, I stopped eating sugar and focused on a more wholesome, live and natural diet to give my body what it needed to heal. Then, I focused on healing emotionally. My health has improved immensely.

I have lived in Wilmot for over 25 years, raised a family of 4 children and now have two beautiful grandchildren! I have energy to play with them while keeping up with eating good healthy food that is mostly plants, with plenty of water, fresh air and movement. Pure and Simple.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

55+ Active Adults & Seniors

KNOTTING AND QUILTING COMFORTERS Everyone Welcome. Come for an hour or as long as you wish.	WHEN: 1st Wed of every month; Sept-June TIME: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. WHERE: Steinmann Church CONTACT: 519-634-8311
ST. AGATHA SENIORS Our group of friendly folk meet once a week to play solo. We celebrate birthdays and have a Christmas Party in mid-December concludes the years activities. You'll be warmly welcomed!	COST: .50¢ WHEN: Every Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. WHERE: St. Agatha Community Centre CONTACT: Bert Lichti at 519-634-8411
THE ROOK PLAYERS We are a group of 24 to 36 seniors who meet Monday evening to play progressive Rook. Anyone is welcome to join us	 WHEN: Monday evenings 6:00-9:30 p.m. (Sept. 10, 2018 - April 29, 2019) WHERE: Wilmot Recreation Complex COST: No charge CONTACT: Cecil Wagler 519-662-2758
WILMOT SENIOR SHUFFLEBOARD	WHEN: Tues and Wed from 9:30-11:30AM and Tues 1:00-4:00pm WHERE: Wilmot Recreation Complex CONTACT: Guy & Phylis Sisco 519-662-2077
WILMOT SENIORS WOODWORKING & CRAFT CLUB Woodworking, Stained Glass, Quilting, & Wood Carving. There is a foreman available each day for anyone who would like assistance in woodworking. Great opportunity for seniors to meet other seniors & learn and use new skills	WHEN: Weekly, Mon to Fri: 9AM - 5PM WHERE: 27 Beck St., Baden COST: Initial Membership \$90, yearly \$70 CONTACT: Diana Gruhl at 519-634-5357
PICKLEBALL DROP-IN Come out and enjoy a fun game of pickle ball. The first time out is free, and than a membership is required for continued play.	 WHEN: Mondays 1:00PM - 3:00PM Wednesday, 6:30PM - 8:30PM WHERE: St. Agatha Community Centre CONTACT: The Wilmot Recreation Centre for more information at 519-634-9225
WILOMT TOWNSHIP SENIORS DROPIN Community Care Concepts Come and enjoy exercise, guest speakers, cards, games, crafts, activities, music and much more. No registration is required.	WHEN: Mon & Wed 10:30 am-4:00 pm, Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm WHERE: Wilmot Recreation Complex Active Living Centre CONTACT: 519-664-1900 OR 1-855-664-1900

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TECHKNOW PROGRAM Do you have any questions about your laptop, iPad, tablet, e-reader, smart phone or cell phone? Drop in for help with the basics and functioning.	WHEN: Every Thursday from 9:00-11:30 am from September - June WHERE: Wilmot Recreation Complex Active Living Centre COST: No Charge CONTACT: 519-634-9225 ext: 340 for more info
RESTLESS SENIORS This is a group of seniors over 50. They meet for fun and social activities. They play cards, darts, cribbage and try to hold a pot luck lunch at least twice a year. All members and new members welcome. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of playing darts or cards.	WHEN: Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:30PM WHERE: New Hamburg Legion, Branch #532, 65 Boullee Street, New Hamburg CONTACT: George Schmitt 519-696-3037; Joan Fulton, Secretary 519-662-4821
WILMOT SENIORS Our goal is to minister to the body, soul and spirit. We provide a variety of programs with special speakers, different music groups, and bus trips. SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE: - soup delight day, pancake & maple syrup lunch, birthday party with homemade ice cream, picnic, mystery bus trip, Christmas banquet.	WHEN: Second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon, (except July, Aug. or Dec) WHERE: Wilmot Centre Missionary Church, 2463 Bleams Rd., Petersburg COST: An offering is taken each meeting CONTACT: Church 519-634-8687
FREE ADULT & SENIOR SKATE Come out and enjoy a FREE skate at the Wilmot Recreation Complex.	WHEN: Wednesdays & Fridays; 12:00-12:50pm until the end of March CONTACT: 519-634-9225 *Please check the website for the most up to date cancellations
NEW HAMBURG LEGION SENIORS GROUP	WHEN: Every Wednesday from 1:00-3:30 pm WHERE: New Hamburg Legion COST: \$5.00 per year to join this group CONTACT: Murray Snyder at 519-662-2959
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It had been 30 minutes since I left the veterinarian's office – our old black Lab of 13 years had to be put down.

All around me now, the patrons of Tim's coffee shop are going about their early

morning ritual; I stare vacantly out the window waiting for my wife to meet up with me on this bleak winter's day.

Earlier we were loading our old dog into the van which, almost certainly, would be the last time we would see him. Before leaving, my wife looked into his unresponsive eyes and wept.

It had come on suddenly. Just a day earlier our dog had been his tailwagging, brighteyed, and what we called his "yuppiethe-puppy" self – a bit slowed down with age, but still, robust.

Final Goodbyes are Never Easy by Fred Parry

"Little darling, it's been a long, cold, lonely winter"

Here comes the Sun by The Beatles



seemed he knew, even if we didn't want to believe it, his time had come.

I tried lifting him, but with almost 85 pounds of dead weight, it was too much for me. However, as if in one final

effort to please, he miraculously raised his head and wobbled to his feet. And, with a last great painful effort, he slowly stumbled his way back to the porch some 30 feet away. What more could the poor old guy do for me? I was humbled by this final act of bravery.

Dr. Rick arrived early at his vet clinic and verified officially our collective consensus: euthanasia. With the big dog's head in my hands, I said goodbye and felt his response by the exhaust of breath

Yet during these past 24 hours, he refused to eat, went into the dry (and not so dry) heaves; when he could hardly get up to do his morning constitutional – in fact, laid down in the cold snow motionless – it from his nostrils across my face – the last of his once mighty strength faded away.

So, what's the big deal about pets? Plenty! The shining eyes so happy to see you: as warm and reassuring as a sunny day in spring. I ask... who else would put up with our mood swings and inflated egos? Not many. Pets are as constant in their love as the North Star.

And who really is the master? I suggest it's our pets that set the best human example, to which we can only aspire. When I look out my window at four-legged foot tracks in the snow I'm reminded of their lasting impact on our lives. The rain may wash away any obvious trace, but never the imprints they make on our hearts.

Looking down at my now empty paper coffee cup, the message on it tells me to "Roll up the rim to win!" – which I do – and smile at the message: "Please play again".

"Here comes the sun and I say, 'It's all right"



Here comes the Sun by The Beatles https://youtu.be/bgiQD56eWDk

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Big Changes to the 2019 Food Guide

In January, Health Canada released a new Canada's Food Guide. It's the first update since 2007, and there were some major changes! Let's review.

1. It's more practical to follow. Servings and portion sizes are a thing of the past. The focus of the new food guide is on the balance (or proportions) of food on your plate (See: Fig. 1). Let's face it, most of us were not weighing, measuring or counting our foods anyways!

2. It's web-based. The new food guide is online. This allows it to be constantly updated as new recommendations emerge.

3. It emphasizes protein instead of meat and dairy. The categories of "Meats & Alternatives" and "Milk & Alternatives" are gone! Instead, they have been merged into a single category of foods called "Protein". This group includes everything from tofu, beans, lentils, nuts and seeds to meat, chicken, eggs, yogurt and milk.

4. It's more direct in recommendations for what to drink. For example, the guide discusses replacing sugary drinks (including hot chocolate, chocolate milk, juice and sweetened tea/coffee) with water.

5. It brings attention to other factors that impact eating. Mindful eating is highlighted as a strategy for eating well. Practicing mindful eating includes taking the time to notice when you're hungry or full. In addition, the guide cautions readers to be aware of how advertisements can influence our food choices. Lastly, the guide discusses the benefits of cooking at home and eating with others.

6. It's evidence-based and not guided by industry. Health Canada took steps to ensure the food guide was developed using only accurate and up-to-date information. They actively avoided meeting with representatives from the food and beverage industry. By taking this step, the food guide was developed in a way that was ethical, transparent and evidence-based.

If you have not yet gone to the website for the new food guide, it's worth a peek! You can find more information here: https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/ including recipe ideas! [Note: each plate section is a link to information about the types of foods included in that category.] Bon appétit to your healthy eating adventures!



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Canada's food guide

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Canada's New Food Guide **X YOU**

What a wonderful way to honour "Nutrition Month" by celebrating the new – and greatly improved – Canada's Food Guide.

The updated version was just announced in January and there's no doubt it's much closer to an optimally healthy, disease-fighting approach to living. I say "living" due to the fact that it goes beyond "just food," encouraging other lifestyle choices that facilitate wellness, such as:

- ▶ Eating a variety of healthy foods each day
- Being mindful of eating habits; noticing when you're hungry and full
- Cooking more often
- ► Eating meals with others
- Reading food labels
- ▶ Being aware of food marketing

The Food Guide now separates food into three groupings:

- ▶ Vegetables and fruits ("Eat the Rainbow")
- Protein foods (lots of plant-based options)
- Whole grains (brown rice, quinoa and kamut)

Christine Gingerich is a Lifestyle Coach, motivational speaker and the author of OptimalYOU, her healthy living cookbook.

One of my more popular recipes "Happy Hallelujah Hummus" in my book Optimal YOU can be found on page 25. – it is plant-based, high in digestible proteins and fibre – and it's wonderful as a dip or spread. Enjoy!

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Many of the new changes are also great for supporting healthier eating for the more mature adult:

- Make water your drink of choice This is much healthier for blood sugar levels, the skin, brain and bowels too – and water is practically free! Sugar-laden fruit juices that are expensive and fibre-lacking are now to be avoided.
- ► Make plant-based foods at least half of all you consume This encourages the consumption of more nutrient-dense, high-fibre fruits and vegetables, as well as plant-based proteins like nuts, seeds, lentils and legumes. Pound for pound this is less-expensive eating, while also increasing fibre; and it potentially results in less waste, as animal products have a shorter refrigeration life.
- Avoid highly processed foods Although this might result in more food preparation, studies show we eat far healthier when making our own food. Creating simple but beautifully colourful meals is truly therapeutic – and it gives you an empowering sense of ownership (I can significantly influence my personal health!) With Canadians spending 30% of their food budget on eating out, it's time we get back into the kitchen and invest in our health!

With the incredible variety advised in the new food guide, there's no need to settle with a meal of boxed cereal or a boring sandwich. And "left-over fatigue" can be replaced with delicious plant-based options that support an optimally nourishing, costeffective, time-saving meal. Commit to making healthier food choices; prioritize food-prep time; have fun brainstorming with some friends; and don't be afraid to try something new... That means Embracing Change!

HAPPY HALLELUJAH HUMMUS

Although I'd never made hummus before, a Sunday-night craving led to my daughter, Sarah, and I dumping all of these ingredients into the blender. A new, tasty dish was born. We indulged in a satisfying treat of fresh whole-grain sourdough bread and hummus until we were stuffed. The next day, Sarah spread it on a wrap with veggies and lettuce and had a healthy school snack. Now we get regular requests for "that awesome hummus recipe" — with several friends describing it as "the best hummus ever tasted." You can also use it as a dip for pita bread, crackers or raw vegetables.

2 cups cooked (or 19-oz can) chickpeas, drained ¼ cup extra-virgin, cold-pressed olive oil

- ¼ cup water
- 3 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

3-5 Tbsp pickled hot banana peppers (less makes it lightly seasoned; more gives it heat)

1-2 Tbsp pickled banana pepper juice

- 1 Tbsp dried parsley
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp ground cumin (optional, but so yummy and healthy) 1 tsp sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Coarsely chop chickpeas in a food processor. Add oil and water, and blend again. Add remaining ingredients, and process until smooth and creamy. Refrigerate up to 7 days.

Yield: 2½ cups Prep Time: 15 minutes



Note: One day my husband remarked, "This hummus is even better than before. What have you done differently?" The only change was I soaked and cooked the chickpeas — they didn't come from a can. It was worth the effort: the hummus seemed incredibly fresh and was tastier than ever.



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Maintaining a Healthy Diet

Written by Cathy Harrington, Executive Director Community Care Concepts of Woolwich, Wellesley & Wilmot

During the month of March, as dieticians across Canada celebrate Nutrition Month, we hear a lot about the importance of maintaining a healthy diet, especially as we age. Eating well not only helps to keep our bodies functioning well, it also helps to repair our bodies and provides us with the necessary energy and nutrients that we need and helps us to lower our risk, as well as manage, chronic health conditions.

While we recognize the importance of eating well, many seniors struggle with maintaining a healthy diet. For some, limited access to grocery shopping, particularly during the winter months, makes it difficult to access ingredients to prepare a healthy meal. For others, some medications may reduce their appetite. We also know that it can take a lot of energy and work to prepare a meal for 1 or 2. For many living on their own, eating alone is not enjoyable. Eating is a very social event that is best when it is shared.

While we cannot control all of these factors, there are options in your local community to support you in maintaining a healthy diet as well as to reduce some of the loneliness associated with eating alone. Community Care Concepts of Woolwich, Wellesley and Wilmot offers the Meals On Wheels program. Volunteers deliver a hot, nutritious meal at noon on weekdays throughout the Townships. A meal consists of a soup, salad, entrée and dessert. Special diets can be accommodated. Meals in Wellesley Township are prepared by Schmidtsville Restaurant. In Wilmot Township, Nithview Community prepares the meals.

Registering is a simple process. Individuals can call into our main office, provide a minimal amount of information and be set up to receive meals within 48 hours. Individuals can select the number of meals each week and can start or stop based on their schedules. Beyond the nutritional value, the visit by the volunteer provides an important safety check and also a friendly source of social contact in a long day. For those not wanting to commit to a noon delivery or those requiring meals for evenings or weekends, Community Care Concepts offers a wide assortment of frozen entrees, soups and desserts – all fresh food that has been frozen and can be heated in an oven or microwave. Frozen meals can be ordered through the main office and picked up or delivered.

While these options can ensure that seniors across the Townships are eating well, we recognize the importance of eating as a social event. Community Care Concepts offers a series of community dining events across Wellesley and Wilmot Township. This is a great opportunity to get out of the house, connect with others and enjoy a hot, healthy meal. Interested individuals must call the office at least 48 hours prior to the meal

to register. Doors open at 11:30 am, with lunch served at noon. Sign up for one of our meal programs today:

- Zion United Church, New Hamburg 1st Wednesday of each month
- Wellesley Community Centre 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Linwood Community Centre 4th Wednesday of each month
- Wilmot Recreation Complex 4th Thursday of each month

Maintaining a health diet is a key component of aging well. Contact Community Care Concept today at 519-664-1900 or 1-855-664-1900 for more information or to register





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Eating Healthy and Alzheimer's disease

Taking care of your brain begins with taking care of your heart. High blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol can increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

Tips and Tricks to a healthier diet

- · Cooking with ground beef? Try ground turkey instead.
- Switch out your iceberg lettuce for romaine and spinach.
- Buttering your bread? Instead, dip it in olive oil (extra virgin is the best).
- Skip the orange juice with breakfast and replace with some berries on the side.
- Avoid the frying pan. Keep your vegetables raw for more brain-boosting vitamins.
- Spare the salt. For extra flavour, add herbs and spices instead.
- Switch to almond or soy milk for less saturated fat and more nutrients.
- · Avoid processed grains and stick to whole-wheat.
- · Keep alcohol consumption in check.

Eat more:

- Fruits like blueberries and raspberries
- Dark leafy vegetables
- Olive oil
- Whole grains
- Fish and seafood
- Herbs and spices
- Beans and legumes
- Unsalted nuts



Eat less:

- Sugar
- Dairy
- Processed grains
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- Salt
- Cooked vegetables
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Can I Gift My Estate to My Pet?

Many of us have heard a story of pet lovers who want to leave their estate to their furry friends instead of family. While some might laugh, there are valid concerns for people who want to make sure their pets are taken care of, or who might have already lost all of their family members.

The short answer is no, someone is not allowed to leave money directly to a pet. Beneficiaries of an estate or a trust must have some ability to enforce their gifts, and pets are not (yet) recognized as having the ability to enforce their rights if the executor refuses to give them the proper money or care.

But there are other ways to make sure your beloved companion is taken care of after your death.

You can choose to leave a cash gift to a certain person, on the condition that they also accept your pet. If you've informed this person well in advance of your expectations, they will hopefully use your money in the way that you intended.

In a more complex situations, you can leave a trust to benefit the human guardian you have chosen for your specific pet, and alternates in case the human dies first. But you will have to declare someone as the eventual owner of the pet, and specify who receives any leftover money after the pet dies.

The last option is not yet available in Waterloo Region, but some humane societies have a Pet Stewardship program available, where you can name the humane society as the beneficiary under your Will, and sign an agreement with them to provide care and/or find a new adoptive home.

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Knee Osteoarthritis:

What you need to know as your knees age!

by Darcy Trefiak, Physiotherapy Alliance New Hamburg osteoarthritis as an "achiness" or "stiffness" that has gradually increased over time. They report increased stiffness or achy pain after they sit for a while or upon waking in the morning (ie., difficult to get up from the dinner table or difficult to walk after a long drive). However, there

you may notice that knee stiffness and pain stops you from walking as far or as often as you wish. You may find that your knee swells and aches through the night after a game of pickle ball, tennis, hockey, or a round of golf. You may begin to feel increasing knee joint stiffness, pressure and achy pain or perhaps your knee pain will become constant through your daily activities. You may start to sense grinding or feel a "sandy" sensation as you bend your knee, this is called crepitus.

While there are many causes of knee pain, osteoarthritis is one of the most common in adults over the age of 55. In fact, millions of Canadians suffer from knee joint osteoarthritis. This type of arthritis involves the gradual break down or degeneration ('wear and tear') of the protective cartilage at the end of the long bones of your knee, the tibia and the femur. We have all seen the white gristle at the end of a chicken bone, this is the cartilage; it normally acts to surround and protect the bony surfaces of the knee joint. However, in osteoarthritis the cartilage becomes rough, thins out, and is no longer smooth. The ends of the bone no longer glide or move smoothly on top of one another.

Other changes also occur within the joint such as 'thinning' out of the joint synovial fluid which is the lubricant of the knee joint. In response, the tissue surrounding the knee thickens to protect the joint and the end result is your knees begin to look 'boggy' in appearance. Your knees just don't look or feel like they used to in your 20's or 30's. The end result is the protective barrier over the bone is lost and eventually one begins to walk 'bone on bone' which can be painful. Most people describe the pain from knee are times when osteoarthritis knee pain may be sharp and severe especially after a sudden twisting motion of the upper body over a planted foot, a sudden change of direction. A misstep off a street curb, or walking on uneven ground such as on a golf course, an outdoor wedding or on a beach can flare up an osteoarthritic knee that has not caused symptoms up to that point in one's life.

The flare up occurs because an osteoarthritic knee is like an old ball bearing that can only sustain a certain load or force until it finally reaches its limit. Once that limit is exceeded the joint will react by aching and swelling up. The good news is that there is conservative treatment to help maintain the integrity of your knee joint before it completely wears out.

The first step is to recognize and acknowledge that your knee is bothering you and consult your family physician. He/she will listen to your knee complaints and symptoms and differentiate it from other knee joint conditions like a meniscal tear and/or rheumatoid arthritis. Your physician will assess your knee mobility, range and gait. If your knee is especially painful and swollen an x-ray may be requested to confirm the stage of osteoarthritis – mild, moderate or severe.

Not all knees require immediate x-ray, often an x-ray only proves what is already known - your knee is just as old as you are and it has walked, jumped, hopped, danced and bent over hundreds of miles. An x-ray usually does not change the initial conservative treatment of your knee. Your physician may request blood tests to rule out other conditions like reactive joint arthritis such as rheumatoid arthritis. An MRI image is rarely requested and is really only necessary with trauma or when there is severe pain and swelling. Most frequently, your family physician may advise on the following treatment options:

1. Changes in your life-style (nutritional or dietary consult, change your activities or modify your activity level).

2. Referral to a certified physiotherapist for conservative treatment of your knee. The physiotherapist will further assess your knee, provide range of motion exercises, stretches and strengthening exercises to help restore and maintain your knee joint health. Treatment may also involve modalities to help manage your pain. The physiotherapist may advise further participation in a community based exercise program.

3. Possible uses of topical NSAID's such as Voltaren emulgel or supplements such as glucosamine or other cartilage enhancers.

4. Bracing may be advised. Certain braces work better at different stages of osteoarthritis, so it always best to consult your physician, a physiotherapist or a sport medicine physician.

5. Joint injections with a synthroid may be recommended or PRP injections which enhance joint lubrication. More information about these products may be obtained from a sport medicine physician, a physiatrist or an orthopaedic surgeon. These treatments are performed at different stages of osteoarthritis

6. Surgical intervention is only an option once all the above conservative measures have been considered or exhausted.

For your knee to be considered a surgical candidate your knee must have moderate to severe changes on x-ray with correlating functional loss of activities of daily living. The wait list for a knee replacement is extremely long (1-2 years in most cases) and the best course of action is to maintain your knee joint health as long as possible. Even if you are scheduled to have knee surgery, a healthier knee before surgery is a healthier knee and will recover faster after surgery.

You can see there are multiple treatment options available to combat knee osteoarthritis. The best way to get started is to consult your family physician for assessment and diagnosis and then possible



referral to your local physiotherapist for exercises and further education. There is no reason for osteoarthritis to stop you from continuing an active life-style. People can live with an osteoarthritic knee for years before having to consider injections and/ or surgical intervention. A well formulated treatment program with poly-modal treatment options is often the best course of action to keep your knee joint happy and moving.

Consult your GP or local physiotherapist for more information to get started and remember "motion is potion" for all your joints, not just your knee so get started today!

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