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MAIN STREET  
A QUICK LOOK AT OUR TOWN!

**THIS ‘N’ THAT**  
The incident in town last Tuesday evening May 28th had residents anxious and frightened - it would have been considerate of authorities to inform the public “sooner rather than later” that the incident was contained to a certain home and that there was no further threat to public safety beyond that address ... the Tavistock Chamber of Commerce has installed new pole banners and pole flower planters on the new light standards - also the ground planters are out and look great - thanks also to the Horticultural Society for the flower-beds uptown, all in an effort to make our town look beautiful ... coming up this Saturday is Shakespeare’s 72nd Annual Field Day & Fish Fry ... just a little over three weeks until the end the school year!

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**  
Beau Witzel is 13 today June 5th; Emma Michaels, 14; anniversaries for Bill and Fran Eekhof; Gerald and Judy Zehr; Terry and Jill Berg; and Kevin and Susan Luckhardt ... on June 6th Owen Yantzi is 7; Morgan Weicker, 13; Ashley Ropp, 14; anniversaries for Chris and Melissa Stahlke, 4th; Tom and Lori Dufton, 10th ... Quinlan Brodrecht is 5 years old June 7th; Elijah Bamberry, 17 ... on June 8th Emily Wettlaufer is 19 ... Hannah Ferguson is 5 years old June 9th; a 46th wedding anniversary for Bruce and Donna Swartzentruber ... on June 10th Garner Zehr is 3; a birthday for Devin Kaufmann; a 41st wedding anniversary for Phil and Joyce Roth ... Jackson and Benjamin Bisch celebrate their 7th birthdays June 11; a birthday for Fran Eekhof; anniversaries for Brad and Laura Witzel, 8th; Keith and Eileen Erb, 54th.

## WORLD CROKINOLE CHAMPIONSHIP

# Slater sets new WCC record

Justin Slater has set a new World Crokinole record. After tying Brian Cook with four titles last year, Justin earned his fifth championship on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Justin is working for a statistics consulting firm in Toronto. He said he weighs the odds of taking and completing a shot against the probable outcomes. And what do you get? Justin is now a five-time winner of the World Crokinole Championship in Tavistock having previously won in 2018, 2016, 2015 and 2010. He was the youngest to win the adult singles title winning his first championship at the age of 17.

Chatting with friends and fans prior to the final match, Justin was calm and focused. He took the time to discuss strategies and have his picture taken with first-time entrants from across the ocean - Thomas Collins of St. Peter Port, Guernsey and Joert Edink of Delft, The Netherlands. Justin has a Masters Degree in Statistics from Queen’s University. In September of this year he will be attending the University of Toronto in a PhD program in mathematical statistics. And when he’s not sitting in front of a crokinole board or computer screen, one of his other hobbies is rock climbing.

This year, in the final match, Justin went up against last year’s Recreational Singles champion Darren Carr of Shelburne. Justin managed a 4-2 win after dropping the first round. Darren, who earned second place, is a member of the Shelburne Shenanigans group that attended this year’s event. They increased their numbers from 4 players last year to 10 players this year wearing unmistakable bright green t-shirts. The group was formed out of members of the Shelburne Curling Club who enjoy crokinole after their regular weekly curling.

Roy Campbell of



Five-time WCC singles champion Justin Slater contemplates his next move during his final match.

Elmira, who lost to Slater in the semi-finals, placed third, and Connor Reinman, of Grosse Pointe, Michigan was fourth. The World Crokinole Championship hosted their 21st annual tournament on Saturday, June 1, 2019 with a maximum number of tables in play during the singles play in the afternoon. A total of 127 tables were set up to facilitate the sold-out crowd of players in the competitive, recreational, cues and youth categories. Welcoming this year’s crowd was first-time emcee Joe Richards, who took over the announcing duties from retiring Ken Wettlaufer, who has been the voice of the tournament

for the past 20 years. Joe is a professional camp counsellor, avid crokinole player, and so he was comfortable at the microphone, explaining the day’s proceedings and keeping the crowd entertained and educated between games. Linda Bender, registrar, was also new this year taking over from Sherrill Calder.

place this year went to Reid and Nolan Tracey of Elmira. Jon Conrad of Milverton and Connor Reinman of Grosse Pointe, Michigan placed third while fourth place went to Fred and Justin Slater, Toronto. The Recreational Doubles championship was won by Reuben and his son, Abijah Jongsma of Hamilton with second place to Peter Carter and Jo-Ann Carter of Teeswater, third place to Ben Wiseman and Damian Lirette of Kitchener and fourth place to Doug Patterson and Scott Patterson of Cambridge. For Youth Doubles, Nathan

Workman, Dresden and Earl Watson, Branchton were the champs while second place went to Zionne Jongsma and Jahjireh Jongsma, Hamilton; third place to Nolan Bechtel, Waterloo and Eamonn Byrne, Kitchener and fourth place to Jack Jongsma and Manoah Jongsma, Hamilton. At the Cues tables, this year’s champions were Wayne Kipfer, Millbank and Floyd Kuepfer, Brunner. Second place went to Jim Nau, St. Marys and Nelson Kuepfer, Millbank; third place to Dave King, Toronto and Andrew Hutchinson, Kitchener; and fourth place to John Brubacher and Mark DiFranco, Kitchener. Cue Singles champion once again was Lorraine Proud of Kitchener. Dave Brubacher, Listowel was second, Jeff Steckley, Wellesley in third; and Ezra Jantzi, Millbank in fourth place. In other singles play, Patrick Hulme of Tillsonburg won the junior title, Nolan Bechtel of Waterloo the Intermediate title, and Abijah Jongsma of Hamilton, the Recreational Singles title. Abijah was the youngest player in the 2011 tournament at 7 years of age. The following year he placed second in the junior category, then won first in 2013 and 2014. He followed that with four consecutive titles in the intermediate category from 2015 to 2018. He will surely be a force to reckon with in the future.

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## Police standoff leads to arrest of Tavistock resident

On May 28, 2019, members of Oxford County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with members of the West Region Emergency Response Team (ERT), West Region Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU), West Region Canine and West Region Crisis Negotiators

responded to an incident involving a person in crisis in Tavistock. According to police, a citizen called at approximately 8 p.m. An ongoing investigation related to a threat led to the containment of a residence located at 99 Woodstock Street North

in Tavistock. Roads were closed in and around the area and residents were asked to stay inside during the situation. At 11:40 p.m. police issued a statement that there was no direct threat to public safety. At approximately 3:10 a.m., a male was taken

into custody without incident. John Mathers, 50, of Tavistock was arrested and charged with Uttering Threats to Cause Death or Bodily Harm (three counts). He was held for a bail hearing on May 29, 2019 in the Ontario Court of Justice, Woodstock.