

Can't Believe You Made It" !

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If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's. Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets.

(Not to mention hitchhiking to town as a young kid!)

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable.

We played dodgeball and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents? We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank sugar soda but we were never overweight...we were always outside playing. We shared one grape soda with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games at all, 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian. How did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment.

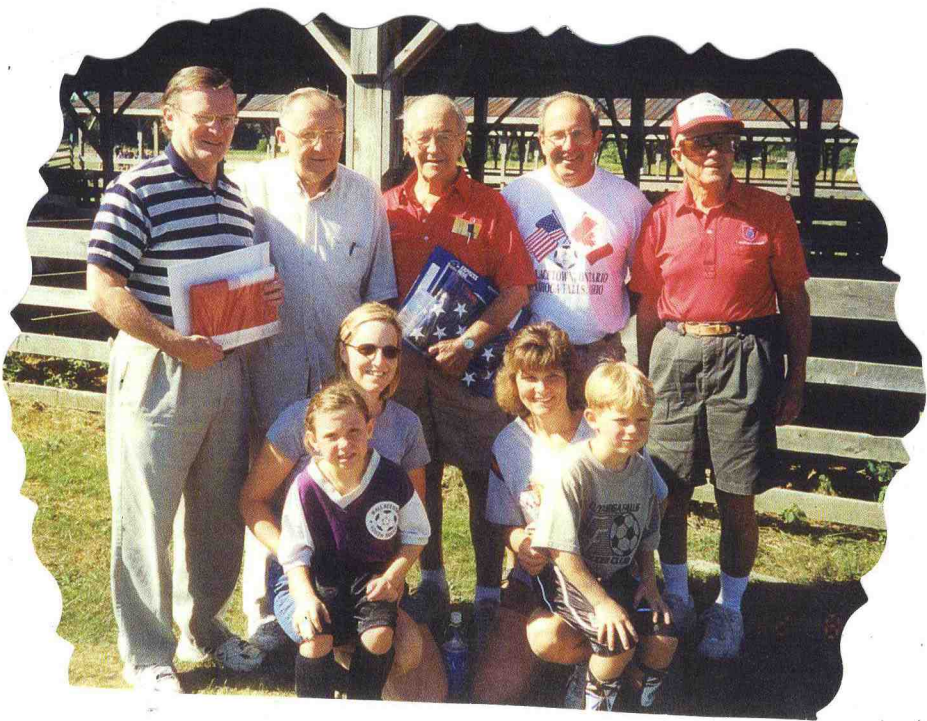
Some students weren't as smart as others so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade.....Horrors. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them.

Congratulations!



25th Anniversary of Cross
Border Soccer - Members from
Wallacetown Optimist club and
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Breakfast
Optimist Club.



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By 1916 more modernized equipment made some aspects of farm work less strenuous. In this image, a group of farmers observe this new technology in action.

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White pine logs are being drawn to the mill in this 1909 image. The frozen ground and packed snow of winter allowed heavier loads to be pulled by smaller teams.

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The strength and reliability of their horses was a point of pride among 1906 Ontario farmers. Long hours in the field behind "the team" was a necessary task few enjoyed.

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W.I. 90th.

ANNIVERSARY.

1912 - 2002.

July 8th 2002

Wallacetown Womens Institute celebrates 90 years

By Danielle Milley
Times-Journal Staff

On July 3, 1912, a group of women in Wallacetown got together and decided to create an organization called the Wallacetown Women's Institute.

Wednesday afternoon more than 50 women from across Elgin came to Wallacetown to celebrate the 90th anniversary of its inception.

President Helen VanBrenk welcomed women who came from WIs across Elgin to help the 16 women of the Wallacetown branch celebrate their milestone.

Elgin Warden John Wilson, Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Rien Van Brenk, local MPP Steve Peters and a representative from area MP Gar Knutson's office were on hand to say a few words.

The afternoon included the guest speakers, some entertainment including two members dressed up in green flapper dresses complete with headbands, a reading of a poem a member had written, and



More than 50 women from Women's Institutes across Elgin and dignitaries came to Wallacetown to help the women of the Wallacetown WI celebrate their 90th anniversary. Officials also came to wish the women congratulations on their milestone. Joining in are Elgin county archivist Brian Masschaele, Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Rien Van Brenk, Louie Lackey, Susan McConnell from MP Gar Knutson's office, Warden John Wilson and president Helen Van Brenk.
(Times Journal photo by Danielle Milley)

some finger food.

Louie Lackey has been a member for 15 years.

"I've been really looking forward to today," she said, adding the event took

almost a year to plan.

The group started with 36 women who came together to acquire good homemaking skills and it has evolved into a group of

women who helped out during both world wars and who have made donations to numerous causes over the years.



Marjorie Ripley.



Kay Lill

Members of Wallacetown Women's Institute: (from left)

Sally McINTYRE, Amarilis Drouillard, Kathy Minnema, Joan McLandress, Ruby McLugan, Joan Johnson, Dorothea Monteith, Darlene Ford, Kay Waite, Louie Lackey, Helen Van Brenk.

Absent: Mary Lapadat.



Dorothea Lamb, Dyllys Graham

NEWS RELEASE

90th W.I. Anniversary

Wallacetown Women's Institute will celebrate, 90 years on July 3rd from 2-4pm at the South Dunwich Community Hall. Dignitaries, speakers and entertainment provided by Institute members from Elgin. Quilts on display and our Tweedsmuir History Book available to purchase. Special presentations made. All welcome, past and present W.I. members included

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WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Celebrates 90th Anniversary

South Dunwich Community Hall

WEDS. JULY 3RD. 2-4pm

Quilts, Tweedsmuir History Book,
Entertainment, Speakers & Lunch

Open to public, past & present W.I. members

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