



## 1999:Hespeler market closes doors

Jim Quantrell, At A Glance

Published on Mar 12, 2009

*Cambridge archivist Jim Quantrell takes our readers back for a glance at events which occurred 10, 15 and 20 years ago.*

### **EVENTS FROM 20 YEARS AGO** *Second week of March 1989*

In an effort to come up with a method of providing more affordable housing in the area, Waterloo Region's committee of chief building officials presented the idea of permitting higher density in new subdivisions. This would allow for the creation of smaller building lots and additional smaller homes. The proposal called for construction of 500-square-foot raised bungalows on lots with 30-foot frontages. The cost would be about \$66,500 based on \$55 per square foot construction costs and a services lot set at \$1,300 per foot of frontage. The basic model would include a living room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen on the main floor with an additional 500 square feet of space in the basement.



What was once considered Canada's top pairs figure skating club had now also established itself in the ranks of the country's elite dance clubs. One half of Canada's 12-member national figure skating team that was bound for the World Figure Skating Championships in Paris, France was made up of members of the Preston Figure Skating Club, including two dance teams. National pairs champions Lyndon Johnston and Cindy Landry, along with nations dance pairs champions Rod and Karyn Carossino, headed the Canadian team. Rounding out the local representation on the national team were ice dancers Mark Mitchell and Michelle McDonald. Former Preston Figure Skating Club member Lloyd Eisler was also on the team with his partner Isabelle Brasseur. The Preston Figure Skating Club had been sending skaters to the World Championships since 1974.

### **EVENTS FROM 15 YEARS AGO** *Second week of March 1994*

The city's planning and development committee was trying to find a compromise between allowing hunting

within city limits and protecting public safety. As it stood at the time, hunting was banned in all built up areas of the city. However, because of significant growth in the city, new subdivisions were being built in areas where hunting was still permitted. While an agreement between hunters, landowners and city officials had been reached on setting a new northern boundary for hunting in the city there was still a lot of contention over whether hunting should be allowed in the Blair area. Farmers maintained that they should be able to hunt to protect their crops from the depredations of deer, geese and pests. Hunters argued that banning hunting along the Grand River would turn Cambridge into a giant bird sanctuary for migrating Canada geese whose flocks would grow from an estimated 80,000 to 140,000 in two years. People living in the new housing in the Blair area were concerned about their safety and the noise produced by the hunters.

**EVENTS FROM 10 YEARS AGO** *Second week of March 1999*

The new owners of Café 13 in the downtown core “lost everything” when the popular eatery officially closed. The business had been under financial pressure ever since the new owners took over the business two years previously but as the bills piled up it became clear that bankruptcy beckoned.

A collision between a train and a car at a Dolph Street train crossing killed the two occupants of the car. Police stated that the accident occurred at 12:50 a. m. when the southbound car hit the side of the train. The train had just started to move across the street after receiving the go ahead from a flagman. Alcohol was said to be a factor in the accident.

The Hespeler Farmers’ Market folded. The board of the little market that had graced the former town’s square for two years voted to dissolve after failing to find a solution to a staffing problem. During the first year of market operations the vendors had managed to hold their own but ran into staffing problems during the second year. Consequently they arranged for personnel to staff the stalls in Hespeler.

*Jim Quantrell, archivist*


*City of Cambridge Archives*

*46 Dickson St. Cambridge (519) 740-4680 ext. 4610*

[quantrellj@city.cambridge.on.ca](mailto:quantrellj@city.cambridge.on.ca)

**CAMBRIDGE**TIMES  
.ca

<http://www.cambridgetimes.ca/opinions/article/166729>

 Metroland West Media Group website is strictly prohibited without the prior written permission of Metroland Media Group Ltd.  
**DIGITALMEDIACENTRE**

