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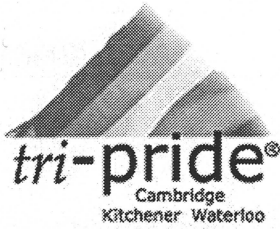
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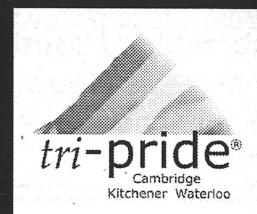
featuring a line-up of the best drag performers in Ontario presenting the ladies we love. Impersonations of Icons from over the decades Hosted and produced by K-W's own Miss. Drew.



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Acceptance 101



Cathy MacLachlan
Co-Chair

There are many forms of acceptance that need to occur in our community. The number of groups available in our gay community is surprising. Each group seems to be striving for the same thing, however, it often seems they are working fairly independently of each other.

Acceptance is a very basic desire that everyone struggles to achieve. One of the hardest things to do is to accept the differences in one another. We are all part of the same community, yet different in our own unique way.

Acceptance is something we need to do in our own community if we are to expect it from others. There are many community groups and organizations that the public is unaware of; if we choose to become more aware, we could see that we are not alone and there are many options available to us.

I would hope to see the PridePages' readers find the paper a valuable asset in our community's networking needs. There are many readers who would benefit from knowing about the diverse groups and organizations and what each has to offer.

We can practice acceptance in our society by reaching out and bringing everyone closer together to build the stronger community we are all striving for.

If you are part of an organization that would like to reach out to our community through the PridePages or with the website, please let us know at pridepages@tri-pride.ca

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The tri-Pride Committee is always looking for new members, as well as volunteers for specific events. If you're interested, please email: info@tri-pride.ca

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OUR THEME GRAPHICS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL ONLINE. GO TO [HTTP://TRI-PRIDE.CA](http://TRI-PRIDE.CA) AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF A LOGO FOR TRI-PRIDE 2006 WAVE OF ACCEPTANCE.

Med school good for region

By DENISE MÜLLER

The University of Waterloo's new health sciences campus in downtown Kitchener will help with the doctor shortage and bring more medical interest to the community.

Kitchener Centre MPP, John Miloy, said there will be a teaching network set up in the area with support for future medical practitioners.

"You're going to have instructors coming to town, you're going to have the various clinics set up and you're going to have medical students with hands-on experience," Miloy said.

The new UW campus will be located at the former Ontario Seed Co. Ltd. site on King and Victoria Streets. It was announced Jan. 9, that McMaster University (Hamilton) will have a satellite medical school at that campus.

Miloy said the campus is going to be a huge benefit to people seeking medical help within the community.

"The bread and butter of medical teaching is seeing patients."

"Training local doctors here means they're even more likely to stay," he said.

Students applying to McMaster for medical training will be accepted without looking at where they're from. Once accepted, students who are from the region will be given preference for the Waterloo campus.

Miloy said the medical school would benefit the community from a business and industry standpoint.

"You're attracting drug companies or companies who are doing medical research," he said.

Miloy said the region would be seeing a growth on all sides.

"I think it's just going to be a boom to the whole health sciences medical field."

Conestoga College president, John

Tibbits, said it's a good thing the satellite medical school is coming to the region.

"But, I think, what a lot of people aren't aware of, is that we actually started discussions with McMaster two years ago about coming to this region, in particular, in partnership with Conestoga," Tibbits said.

He said it would have made sense for the students to train at the college with nurses and nurse practitioners. Conestoga already has a partnership with McMaster in nursing.

Paramedics, personal support workers, registered nurses and nurse practitioners are all trained at the Doon campus.

Tibbits said having the satellite campus at Doon would have been much more cost-effective because all the teaching facilities already exist there.

"It would have been good for the college and it would have been good for the community," Tibbits said.

The province has committed roughly \$3 million for the project, but is appealing more money in local, tax dollars. The McMaster satellite medical school is expected to cost less than \$1 million.

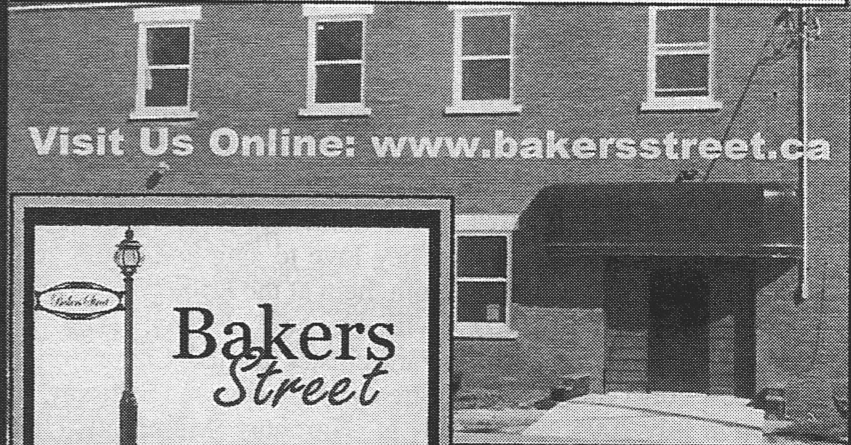
UW and McMaster are still working out details and there will not be a cost estimate until March.

The satellite campus is open to 15 new students in the fall of 2007 and enrolment is expected to reach 45 in three years.

In a K-W Record article, regional chair, Ken Seiling, and Kitchener Mayor, Carl Zehr, said they knew nothing of the McMaster-Conestoga talks until the UW-McMaster talks were already well under way.

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Chorus sings Carnegie Hall praises

By Diane Kilby

By the time you read this, Feb. 19 will have come and gone and 40 exhilarated singers with the Rainbow Chorus will have had their Carnegie Hall debut.

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? "Practice, practice, practice ... and a little bit of luck," said Robert Miller, artistic director of the Rainbow Chorus for the past six seasons.

The Rainbow Chorus is a not-for-profit charitable organization of amateur, non-auditioned choral singers. Members, who are gay, lesbian, bi, trans and straight rehearse weekly for the joy of making music together.

The 2005-2006 year brings with it the celebration of the chorus' 11th season singing in Waterloo-Wellington.

The concert at Carnegie is being produced by Mid America Productions of New York. It will be conducted by Dr. Timothy Seelig of the Turtle Creek Chorale from Dallas, TX and will feature the New England Symphonic Ensemble and 300 chorale voices from the 14 choruses from around the world who were especially invited to perform.

The Rainbow Chorus received this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity after its performance as one of 167 participating choral groups and nearly 6,000 singers at an international gala (www.galachoruses.org) choral festival in Montreal in July 2004.

Dr. Seelig was in the audience when he saw and heard the chorus and, in the fall of 2004, invited the chorus (and 13 other choruses, including his own) to join him as part of a special chorale presentation of a



(Photo by Michael Rouse)

Members of the Rainbow Chorus enjoyed singing at Carnegie Hall, but said they enjoy singing at home more.

piece called When We No Longer Touch at Carnegie Hall.

The only other Canadian choruses to participate are Calgary Men's Chorus and Ensemble Vocal Extravaganza from Montreal.

The piece was composed by Kris Anthony, with lyrics selected from the texts of Peter McWilliams's book How to Survive the Loss of a Love, which in turn, was based on the work of Dr. Elizabeth Kübler Ross.

Ross identified five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Anthony wove McWilliams's lyrics with text from the Latin Requiem Mass. Both Anthony and McWilliams died of AIDS.

The Rainbow Chorus continues to thrill audiences in Guelph and K-W. They love to sing and invite you to join them at the Pride concert, which will be held Friday, June 2 at Parkminster United Church on Erb Street in Waterloo and Saturday, June 3 at Harcourt Memorial United Church on Dean Avenue in Guelph.

Margie Johnson, Board, Chair and long-time member of the chorus said, "I'm proud of the chorus and proud of the communities that have nurtured us in realizing our dreams."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT AT ANY OF THIS YEAR'S PRIDE EVENTS? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PERFORMING AT ONE OF THE SHOWS OR ON THE PRIDE STAGE? THERE IS STILL A SPOT OR TWO AVAILABLE FOR MARCH 31'S ROSIE'S RIVETING REVIEW SHOW FOR A FEMALE PERFORMER WHO WANTS TO SHOW US WHAT SHE'S GOT AT THIS AMAZING TRI-PRIDE FUNDRAISER. WE WELCOME YOUR INTEREST AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. PLEASE EMAIL EVENTS@TRI-PRIDE.CA

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ACCKWA News

Crazy Weather!

Because of the inconsistencies in this year's winter weather, we regret to inform you that the Pride Slide has been cancelled for this year. If you have any questions or suggestions about this year's Pride events, do not hesitate to drop us a line at events@tri-pride.ca



(Internet Photo)

Dorothy's Best Bowling Tournament

Plan to join us on Saturday, March 11 for our annual Cosmic No-Tap Tournament and dinner.

Help us raise community awareness and funds for Hope Spring Cancer Support Centre and ACCKWA.

Bowling is at Brunswick Frederick Lanes and a full buffet dinner will be at Bakers Street in Cambridge. The day starts at noon and ends at 8 p.m.

For further information or to volunteer, contact Jason at jason@kwfriendsofdorothy.ca or check out the website www.kwfriendsofdorothy.ca

ACCKWA Charity Online Auction March 20, 2006 - April 9, 2006 Search ackwa on ebay.com for listings.

The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area is a non-profit agency. ACCKWA provides programs and support to those infected and affected by HIV / AIDS in our community.

The Auction Kick-off Event: March 22, 2006, from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Rum Runner, lower level, off King Street at The Walper Terrace Hotel (corner of King and Queen streets in downtown Kitchener).

Each year, ACCKWA's Nominating Committee calls upon the membership for nominations to the Board of Directors. Any member of ACCKWA in good standing may be nominated. Directors usually serve a two-year term, starting at the annual General Meeting of Members at which they are elected.

There are currently two vacancies on the board; seven positions are currently filled.

Job descriptions for Director and the Executive Committee positions are available at ACCKWA or by contacting director@acckwa.com

Please submit all nominations to the Chair of the Nominating Committee at 85 Frederick St., Kitchener, ON, N2H 2L5

All Nominees will be contacted by ACCKWA's Nominating Committee to obtain their consent and/or arrange for a brief interview. Please submit your nominations by May 31, 2006. A list of nominees will be distributed to

the membership prior to ACCKWA's AGM scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

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Women Out Opening Doors Socially

WOODS is a social group for lesbians. We are diverse in our ages (25-65), occupations, interests, etc.

The activities of WOODS vary as we attempt to meet the needs of the members.

Potlucks, dancing, bowling, potlucks, snow tubing, hikes, potlucks, book exchange, camping, movies, potlucks, photography, art and so on. (Yes, we like to cook & eat!)

Members participate in deciding and organizing the activities and a committee of volunteers work together to manage the membership process and publish a quarterly newsletter of activity details and community events of interest.

The membership fee is \$10 per year.

Confidentiality is honoured.

WOODS can be contacted at: woodswimmin@yahoo.ca or by mail at: 160 Columbia St. W., Box 109, Waterloo, ON, N2L 3L3

Upcoming events in the community

By **DAN DESROSIERS**

What a year! The *tri*-Pride Committee has seen some drastic changes this year. An almost entire rollover of members on the board has unfortunately necessitated some delays in planning, but I am proud to say that we have this bull by the horns and this year will be a success.

My name is Dan, and I have assumed the task of organizing all of the fun events and fundraisers that *tri*-Pride is presenting this year. Some of you may know me as the former coordinator of GLOW, some from my regular appearances at Club Renaissance and others from Muses Café, which I co-owned. Others may just be getting their first introduction to me now. Hello and thank you for picking up this issue of the PridePages and taking the time to read it.

Based on our theme for the year, Wave of Acceptance, we have made some decisions about our criteria for performers and entertainers. Our gay community is an excellent resource for quality entertainment. We have decided to open up our events and stages and allow non-gay performers to show their support and acceptance of us as well. Don't fret. You will still have a chance to see some of your favourite gay and lesbian performers at Pride and Pride events.

I would like to personally invite you to Bakers Street on Friday, March 31 to enjoy the musical talents of Mary5e, Charlena Russell and more. Join us for an evening of wonderful female entertainers, and maybe an impersonator or two, as we present you with Rosie's Riveting Review.

Tickets for this *tri*-Pride fundraising event are \$10. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the show starts at 10.

Continuing with a tradition that has been a success in the past, Miss Drew will be presenting La Cage 2006 on Friday, April 28 in the Walper Terrace Hotel's Crystal Ballroom. This Vegas-style celebrity female impersonation show will provide an evening of top-notch performers. Mark it on your calendar, because you don't want to miss this event. This fabulous show evolves every year, but the \$10 tickets stay the same. There will also be door prizes, a 50/50 draw, and a silent auction for some fabulous packages donated by local businesses.

Stay tuned for more events as we get the details ironed out. We plan on having some more fabulous musical talent, female impersonators and comedy available for our supportive community. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a ticket to either of these great events, always feel free to contact me at events@tri-pride.ca

WANT A CHANCE TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS? THE TRI-PRIDE COMMITTEE MEETS EVERY OTHER WEEK ON MONDAY EVENINGS.

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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE CATHOLIC FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE, 400 QUEEN ST. S. KITCHENER, MONDAYS AT 7 P.M.

CLUB EVENTS

BAKERS STREET
MARCH 3 - OLDIES: FAVOURITES FROM THE 50'S THROUGH THE 90'S, \$4
MARCH 17 - ST.PATTY'S PUB NIGHT: \$4 AT THE DOOR
MARCH 24 - 50'S DANCE: THE FLASHBACKS, JIVE CONTESTS, LIMBO CONTESTS, PRIZES, \$5
MARCH 31 - TRI-PRIDE COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER AND ROSIE'S RIVETING REVIEW, FEATURING MARY5E, TICKETS \$10
APRIL 7 - OLDIES: \$4
APRIL 13 - BRAVE & CRAZY
APRIL 28 - SOFTBALL: DANCE-FUNDRAISER FOR WOMEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE, \$4
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MARCH 18 - DJ KITCHO WITH LABATT GIVEAWAYS ALL NIGHT
MARCH 19 - DJ GEORGE ANTHONY ENDS ST. PATTY'S WEEKEND WITH MORE LABATT GIVEAWAYS
 GREEN BEER ALL WEEKEND
MARCH 23 - CLUB RENAISSANCE WELCOMES TORONTO'S FABULOUS SOFONDA COX AND MISS DREW & CREW
MARCH 30 - LILA HART HOSTS REN'S FIRST FUNDRAISER FOR BREAST CANCER

LOOK FOR THE AID4AIDS REVIEW IN APRIL'S ISSUE OF THE PRIDE PAGES

Brokeback Mountain hits home

By **DAN DESROSIERS**

*I hold it true, whate'er befall;
 I feel it, when I sorrow most;
 'Tis better to have loved and lost
 Than never to have loved at all.*

Ang Lee's *Brokeback Mountain* provides a cinematic example of the classic, oft quoted stanza from *In Memoriam: 27* by Alfred Tennyson.

Starring Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal and heralded as an epic love story, *Brokeback Mountain* begins by introducing the audience to two young men, Ennis Del Mar, a ranch-hand and Jack Twist, a rodeo cowboy, at their meeting in the summer of 1963. It is when fate pairs them together for the summer with a sheep herd on *Brokeback Mountain* that their fateful life journey begins.

Through a masterfully told story we follow the two from the formation of their friendship that summer, along a life journey fraught with complications. Their joys and tragedies tell a story that should prove to even the most sceptical that true love does indeed exist.

The film is set mainly in rural Wyoming with scenes in Texas, but was filmed in Alberta. It is based on a short story of the same name by author E. Annie Proulx. She says of her inspiration for writing the story that, "*Brokeback* began as an examination of country homophobia in the land of the Great Pure Noble Cowboy" and due to its complexity and the difficult themes possessed therein it took over six months to write. That's about twice as long as she would normally spend on a full-

length novel. She claims the screen version is as true to her own work as it could possibly be.

The film is a knockout that leaves the viewer emotionally drained by its close.

Watching the movie pulls at the heart strings because it feels like a true story. Nothing about it is sugar-coated. The guilt-ridden and carnal initial pairing of the two young men seems so real. They are nineteen and, justifiably, completely inexperienced in the ways of gay love. Their awkward, fumbling conversations can remind many people of their own first attempts at flirting and the furtiveness of Twist's and Del Mar's subsequent meetings are portrayed in an eerily familiar manner for some.

Forced by societal standards to marry and unable to be together for fear of recrimination, they lead a double life. Their only chances to be together and to be themselves come in the form of "fishing trips", where they can live outside of society's constraints. The only time they can truly express their love is when no one is around to see.

Living a lie and hiding your true self is something that is far from fiction for many people, not only in our community, but also across the globe, which may be why this movie has been so popular among such a broad audience. If you can find it in a theatre, go. That is how it should truly be appreciated, but have no doubt that this movie will become a mainstay in many people's video libraries. It will serve as a reminder of how far we've come and how far we still need to go.

March Murder Mystery Fundraising & Silent Auction

Saturday March 4, 2006
 at 5:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Mohawk Inn and Conference Centre
 9230 Guelph Line
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Evening includes:
 Appetizer buffet
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 Murder Mystery Dance
 Silent Auction
 Cash Bar

Ticket are \$50 including taxes and gratuities


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