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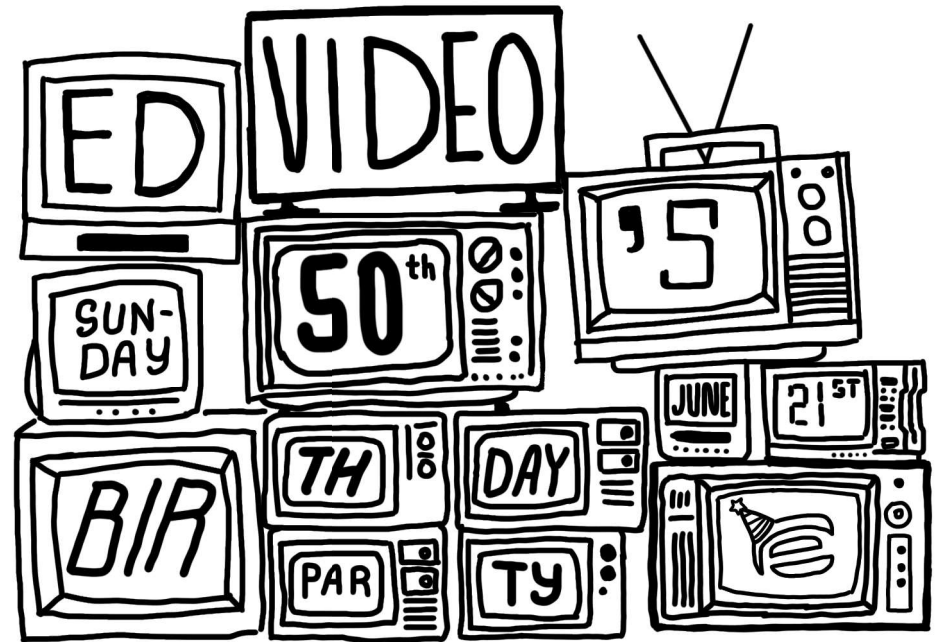
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\* and \* Ed Video's 50th Birthday Bash \*  
\* Juneteenth Celebrations All Weekend \* Droning At The J-Jazz \*  
\* plus \* Guelph Food Past and Present Trivia! \*

One of the 'Easter Eggs' of net I wanted to include (similar to the net logo being intentionally colourable) is the option to catch net a day early if you know where and when to get it.

In my early twenties while living in Toronto, I knew that on Wednesday evenings after 8PM, I could walk over to Sonic Boom at Bloor and Bathurst and they would usually have tomorrow's NOW Magazine. I'd see the NOW delivery van make it's runs and be able to time-out where you'd need to be to get a sneak-peek at the week ahead, and I've been intentionally doing that with net, setting the expectation that the locations in the masthead will have a fresh copy of the weekly for opening on Thursday but delivering in one shot, on foot on Wednesday afternoons the moment we get the stack folded and stapled.

So with that being said, I wanted to lead into the next topic that might remedy some of the nostalgia craving I spoke of in last week's issue.

The very first DIY, non seat-assigned concert or 'punk show' I went to as a kid was at a hall in downtown North Bay, Ontario called the YTC (*Youth Taking Charge*) Centre. It was a subsidiary location run by the YMCA intended to be a hangout and club-house type spot for teens, and they threw punk shows.

These punk shows, being majority ALL AGES focused would often have sponsors with prizes and at my very first punk show I somehow won a brand new copy of *Can't Hardly Wait* on VHS.

Not without it's problems and absolutely no pillar of cinema, *Can't Hardly Wait* remains an 'I'll do it once-a-year' re-watch, as it's simply a fantastic time capsule to the start of my teenage years and incredibly dated as one of the minor subplots includes the revelation of it falling on Barry Manilow's birthday.

If you're reading this issue early because you caught me before it was officially out, then I have to mention that TONIGHT, Wednesday June 17th, is Barry Manilow's birthday AND the 28th anniversary of the evening the house party in *Can't Hardly Wait* takes place. My VHS tape is in our storage locker somewhere down Elmira Road but I'll be finding some other means of consumption to re-watch this late 90's comedy tonight, contrasting it with the world we exist in now, and if you're bored, I implore you to do the same. See you next week!

- Michael

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**Ed Video's 50th Birthday Party**, 8PM/\$25  
**Guelph Youth Music Centre** and **Goldie Mill**, 75 Cardigan *SEE FEATURE*

**Jessi Cruickshank** hosts **Evening Club**, 6PM / \$35 **Sonic Hall**, 12 Wyndham St

### --- MONDAY JUNE 22 ---

**Guelph Jazz Society Drop In Parade Band**, b.y.o instrument or borrow one, 6:30PM , S.E Corner of **Exhibition Park** ..

Open House/Makers Meetup - 8PM - **Diyode Community Workshop**, 700 York Rd. ..

### --- TUESDAY JUNE 23 ---

**Justice for Workers Movie Night Defying The Law - 1946 Hamilton Stelco Strike**, 6PM, 42 Carden St, 4th Floor

CBL Baseball **Guelph Royals vs Brantford Red Sox**, 7:05/\$12 **David E Hastings Stadium**, 70 Division St

### --- WEDNESDAY JUNE 24 ---

Guess the Song Trivia @ 8PM - **Brothers Brewing**, 15 Wyndham St. N. ..



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**AA = All Ages**  
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**ADV = Advanced Ticket Price, more at door**  
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**Want your event or show listed in NET?** call the hotline at **1-800-805-5818** and leave a clear message with details of the event.

**Not totally turned off by the internet?** There are several great *ONLINE* resources to find out what's happening here in Guelph and these three are especially worth mentioning...

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@musicguelph on Instagram  
www.whatsupguelph.com

## on the big screen

**Adolescence of Utena (Japense w E.S.T)** (NR) @ Cineplex Woodlawn, Sun 4:00, Tue 7:00

**Pressure** (PG) @ The Bookshelf, Thur 5:00 (CC)

**Toy Story 5** (G) @ The Mustang Drive-In, Fri, Sat, Sun 9:30

**The Sheep Detectives** (PG) @ The Mustang Drive-In, Fri, Sat, Sun 11:45ish

**Tuner** (14A) @ The Bookshelf, Thur 8:00



**The Bookshelf** listings were not yet available. **The Mustang Drive-In** is located at 5012 Jones Baseline, Guelph

There are two cineplex theatres in Guelph located at both 485 Woodlawn Rd. W and 85 Clair Rd. E. Outside of special interest screenings, those listings can be found at cineplex.com

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# whats going on

## --- THURSDAY JUNE 18 ---

**Open Art Circle** - drop in accessible art program 3pm / FREE - **Art Not Shame**, 119 Wyndham St. N. ••

Live jazz every Thursday - 7:30 / \$15/PWYC  
**La Poche** 40 Quebec St ••

**Karaoke** with host *Stale Dale* 10PM - 19+ PWYC/FREE at the **Jimmy Jazz** 48 Macdonell St. ••

## --- FRIDAY JUNE 19 ---

**Rolling Fridays** roller skates, Rollerblades and wheelchairs welcome, helmets required for all, 630 / FREE **Exhibition Park Arena**, 70 Division ••

**Juneteenth Freedom Opening Ceremony** 7PM/FREE **Heritage Hall**, 83 Essex St

**Mike Sharp and Friends**, *Two Nights*, 8PM/\$10-PWYC **La Poche**, 40 Quebec St

**Moontricks** with **Drez** 7PM / \$25 **Sonic Hall**, 12 Wyndham St

*Folk Singer/Songwriter Nolan Gibson with Ontario easy-listening Emmersonhall and folk duo Cowboy Medicine* 730pm/\$15 PWYC **The Cornerstone**, 1 Wyndham St

*Hamilton Shoegazers Droning with Guelph Indie Rock You Might Be Sleeping and London's Emo/Alternative Czech Hotel* 10PM/PWYC **Jimmy Jazz**, 48 Macdonell St  
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## --- SATURDAY JUNE 20 ---

**PARKRUN** the *Eramosa River Trail* every Saturday morning 5KM volunteer led run/walk - 9am Start - FREE - **85 York Rd** ••

**Love Your Bike** *mechanical checks, bike show, group ride, bbq*, 9AM/FREE **St. Andrews Church**, 161 Norfolk

**Art On The Street 2026** outdoor exhibition and art sale plus **Guelph Mural Festival** in the RBC Parking Lot 10am/FREE **Quebec Street**

**Music Speaks! Gospel Workshop** 10AM/ FREE **Heritage Hall**, 83 Essex St

**Juneteenth Block Party** choir, drum circle, dj, vendors, market, storytelling 1PM / FREE **Heritage Hall**, 83 Essex St

**2nd Annual Dog Show** presented by *Exhibition Park Neighbourhood Group*, 12 noon / FREE, **Exhibition Park**, 81 London Rd

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**Junctionfest** *Vintage & Artisan Market* 2PM/ FREE back lot of **Fixed Gear Canteen**, 5 Edinburgh Rd

**Royal City Roller Derby** *Pride Bout - Our Ladies of Pain vs Nipissing Roller Derby followed by Killer Uprising vs South Simcoe Rebel Rollers* 3:30/\$14 **Victoria Rd Rec Centre**, 151 Victoria Rd N

*CBL Baseball* **Guelph Royals v Toronto Maple Leafs** 7:05/\$12 **David E Hastings Stadium**, 70 Division St

**Freedom Vibes : Dance and Karaoke Jam** 7pm/FREE **Heritage Hall**, 83 Essex St

**Mike Sharp and Friends**, *Two Nights*, 8PM/\$10-PWYC **La Poche**, 40 Quebec St

*Kronik Summer Slam ft Guelph's Taking Balfour, London's Prosector, Guelph's Slugs of Mars, Guelph's Crown for A King, Hamilton's Rolodex Darko and Halifax's Dali Van Gogh* 7PM / \$25 door **Red Papaya**, 55 Wyndham St N

*Montreal's progressive funk* **The Friendly Frog's Freak Show** 9PM/\$15 **Brothers Brewing**, 15 Wyndham St.

**Sound So Nice** presents **Memberz Syndicate** with **Ammoye** and **Treson** 9PM/ FREE **Fixed Gear Canteen**, 5 Edinburgh Rd also broadcasting live on CFRU / 93.3fm

*Kitchener Dream Folk* **Heir Loom**, *SST-Style / college radio revivalists* **Mercy and Brampton quiet/loud champions** **Vends** 7:00/\$15 PWYC **The Cornerstone**, 1 Wyndham St

**Brantford Indie/Emo Hi,Low** with Hamilton's **No Beauty** and Guelph's **Lakeshore East**, 10PM/PWYC, **Jimmy Jazz**, 48 Macdonell St

**Erin Propp** with **Burnett & Zubeck** 7pm / \$30 **Sonic Hall**, 12 Wyndham St

## --- SUNDAY JUNE 21 ---

*Markets on the Court* hosted by **The Hive** - 11-3pm every Sunday, **the tennis court on the hill** at 75 Dublin St. N ••

**National Indigenous People's Day** *First Nations, Inuit and Metis Drumming, Music, Dance, Storytelling and Craft* plus *Maaunjidiyang Maa - We Come Together Here* exhibition 10am/donation **Guelph Civic Museum**, 52 Norfolk St

# Ed Video's Big Five-Oh

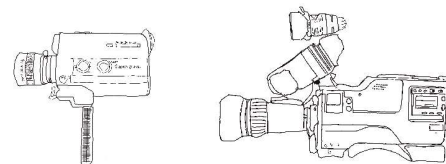
Since I first arrived in Guelph, *Ed Video* has been an organisation that seems ever-present in the development, radius or at least sphere of the Arts community I've encountered in the Royal City.

Whether it's a pal looking to dub 300 reggae and dancehall VHS tapes stating 'I got a hookup for a VCR with my Ed Video Membership' or a vibe-lifting visual accompaniment to a dj set provided by, or through the gear and education of Ed Video, there seems to be a loose connection to Ed Video through many of the rooms I find myself in.

In 2022, to further speak to my desire (*it's a work in progress*) of peaceful offline-ness, I enrolled in a Ham Radio course offered through the organisation, my introduction to Ed Video, which provided me with training and after passing the course, accreditation. My licensed callsign is VE3BGD if you ever come across me *trawling the megahertz*.

When I saw Ed Video was celebrating their 50th Anniversary, I knew I wanted to feature it in this zine. But how? How do you sum up 50 years of moving image in a little monochrome weekly. Certainly scanning through these pages you can tell we are very mindful of the print quality limitations. If I featured ANY of the work associated it would likely print like a plate of dropped spaghetti.

So I did what felt best. I reached out to Ed Video's Executive & Artistic Director Julie René de Cotret with a few questions about this Sunday's event.



**Net Weekly:** If I had the space of a single tweet (classic 140 character limit) to tell someone about Ed Video's impact on the city of Guelph over the last 50 years, what would I say?

**Julie René de Cotret:** For 50 years Ed Video Media Arts Centre has supported the creation, exhibition, and appreciation of media arts and independent film.

**Net:** We would run out of ink if we listed the technological advances that have occurred over the time span of Ed Video. Can you think of any aspects of the Org that feel unchanged?

**Julie:** Our ability to create communities through our services. Individuals, collective, organizations have intersected in this first generation Artist Run Centre for 50 years, creating complex networks of support and advocacy that bridge generations. Additionally we still love playing with Analog Video Synthesizers and have a significant inventory of analog equipment, we initiated a series called Analog Mayhem last year and will continue to host participatory events open to all.

**Net:** Hypothetically, The year is 2076. Ed Video is celebrating its centennial anniversary in the megalopolis of 'Guelph presented by Rogers/Bell'. The main draw of the event is the unveiling of an authentic, vintage chroma-key background, locked away in storage after rendered inadequate by the 'HoloFeel Reality' boom of the 2040s. What venue is hosting the party and what else is on deck?

**Julie: ED VIDEO 100: Signal Ghosts of the Grand Commons (2076)**

The year is 2076. Guelph is no longer a city but one district within the Golden Horseshoe Bioregional Megalopolis, a continuous inhabited corridor stretching from Windsor to Kingston. Most cultural production takes place in subscription-based sensory clouds, but for Ed Video's centennial, something unusual has happened:

For one night, people are asked to leave the network. The celebration is hosted in the Former Speed River Atmospheric Reservoir, a colossal underground cistern converted into a cultural commons after freshwater was fully decentralized in the 2050s. The cavern extends for kilometers beneath the city. Thousands gather beneath bioluminescent algae vaults and ceilings alive with drifting projection fog.

**Net:** Now realistically, what can we expect from this Saturday's 50th Birthday Party?

**Julie:** An amazing lineup of 19 stellar media artists and collectives being featured at the Guelph Youth Music Centre and the Goldie Mill for just one night on the day of our original incorporation. The evening will feature a screening of short films produced between 1976 and present day, a series of media installations, a locally adored MC/DJ personality, sponsorships by Revel Cider and Collective Arts, and delectable foods. But most importantly individuals coming together to celebrate how far we have come and remember stories and adventures shared on the path Ed Video created.

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# Ed Video - cont'd

Ed Videos' 50th Birthday Party happens this Sunday from 8PM to midnight at the Guelph Youth Music Centre and Goldie Mill at 75 Cardigan Street.



## culture

### There are Many Ways to Celebrate Juneteenth All Weekend

Juneteenth - a portmanteau of 'June' and 'nineteenth', is celebrated every year to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States. The holiday's name has been in use for well over a hundred years, and Juneteenth was made a federal holiday for our neighbours to the south in 2021. While we don't officially celebrate Juneteenth in Canada, there is no less reason to celebrate the day. Juneteenth is a critical reminder that freedom doesn't come for free, but that we also need to make time to celebrate even as the fight for justice is ongoing.

The **Guelph Black Heritage Society** has a weekend of programming planned that will get you singing, dancing, storytelling, and maybe learning a few things.

#### Juneteenth Freedom Ceremony

The festival opens with an evening of reflection, celebration, and innovation. Guests can expect an introduction to the Black Heritage Reclaimed education program, and the premiere of *The Quilt Awakens*, a new augmented reality video game that brings Black Canadian history to life through interactive storytelling. This uplifting ceremony sets the tone for a powerful and engaging Juneteenth weekend.

#### Music Speaks! Gospel Music Workshop

If you're curious about Gospel Music or want to try singing in a group, this is a chance to step in and experience it for yourself. Attendees can expect to learn about listening and blending, singing 3-part harmonies, and learning songs by ear in a relaxed, supportive environment, building confidence and connection as the music

Artists presenting media works for the event include : *Megan Arnold, Eric Cameron & Marlene Hoff, Teri Chmilar, Mary Cross, Rihab Essayh, FASTWURMS, Nancy Hallas and Rick Leroux, Noel Harding with Nora Hutchinsonson, Germaine Liu & Mark Zurawinski, Maddie Lycheke, Keith MacHattie, Rene Meshake & Rebecca Haas, Gordon Monahan, Shelley Niro, Jenn E Norton, Emily Pelstring, Tasman Richardson and Raquel Rowe.*

Tickets are \$25.00 per person with the option to purchase a 50th Anniversary Supporter ticket. Visit [edvideo.org](http://edvideo.org) for more information.

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and voices come together. At the end, you'll join together in a powerful group performance, experiencing the joy of singing Gospel Music as a choir. All-level skills singers are welcome.

#### Juneteenth Block Party

The Block Party at Heritage Hall will feature a performance by the Joy in the City Community Choir, African and Caribbean food vendors, a youth talent showcase, an artisan craft market, a drumming circle, DJ, and family-friendly activities including face painting and crafts. The event also features the Voices of Black History in Wellington County oral history project, welcoming community members to share their lived experiences of growing up and living in Guelph and Wellington County.

#### Freedom Vibes Dance & Karaoke Jam

This relaxed, welcoming event invites the community to come together to sing, dance, and celebrate in a joyful, inclusive space fuelled by a DJ and open karaoke hour.

#### Black Heritage Reclaimed Bus Tour

Presented in collaboration with the Centre Wellington Black Committee, this immersive bus tour explores the rich Black history of Wellington County. Participants will journey through Guelph, Fergus, and surrounding areas, learning stories of resilience, community building, and cultural legacy. Guests can expect guided storytelling, drive-by views of significant Black heritage landmarks, and visits to Richard Pierpoint Park and the Wellington County Museum & Archives. A delicious lunch will be provided by Caribbean Queens Real Jerk, and the tour is designed to be family-friendly and welcoming to all.

All event details are included in our listings.

# food

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Hey, nice to see you! Remember last week, when I said you gotta get out and hit up one of Guelph's downtown eateries, no matter how you feel about it, because you're gonna feel way worse about hitting up anything downtown when everything is a franchise? I'm glad to see you're taking that advice!

As a little reward, this week it's TRIVIA WEEK! A dozen questions about Guelph's food and drink scene past and present. You're only allowed to play if you're reading this week's issue of Net at a local independent bar, restaurant or cafe, so if you're not, stop reading RIGHT NOW. (Just kidding, but seriously, this kinda stuff is a lot more fun if you can ask your barista or bartender or server for help - I bet they know the answer!) Have at it! Answers next week :)

What does "Mijidaa" mean?

After midnight, you had two options at Sun Sun's. What were they?

What Hillside Festival food pavilion mainstay (until 2017) had their name improvised into a song by the Barenaked Ladies at the band's 2003 pre-festival "Raise the Roof" benefit concert?

## music

### Droning Import Grunge-Gaze up Highway Six and Beyond

In defiance of what we usually see happen once the post-secondary crowds leave for the summer, the Jimmy Jazz has seen a bunch of fun, well-attended shows the last several weeks, thanks to the booking of *Habit's* Brock Boonstra, and this weekend's lineup looks to be no different. I reached out to Hamilton band *Droning*, who are on the lineup for Friday night ahead of their show.

**Net Weekly:** Can you introduce yourself and your fellow band mates and what you all do in the band?

**Droning:** Hey, we're droning! We're a 4-piece shoegaze/grunge band made up of Paul Dixon (*drums*), Seb Meisner (*bass*), Labeeb Chaudhari (*guitar*) and Kat Benyak (*vocals*).

**Net:** Droning are a relatively new band, can you tell us a bit about the formation and when we can expect some recordings?

**Droning:** We started jamming together around July of 2025 and found we really clicked, we started out mostly playing *Superheaven* and *Title Fight* covers before we decided to start writing original songs! Right now, we are working on releasing a 4 track demo, and we're hoping to put it out in the next few weeks.

I am made of cream cheese, jalapenos, and tortilla, and for some reason every single restaurant in Guelph serves me. What am I?

What south-end restaurant shares its name with a three Michelin Starred restaurant in London, England?

What downtown eatery did the owners of Fork on York, formerly York Road Kitchen, previously own and operate?

How many cookbooks, roughly, are in the Canadian Cookbook Collection at U of G?

Pablo's used to have a sister bar, Doogie's; before Pablo's opened, Doogie's was known as "Doogie's and the" what?

What was the name of the Chinese restaurant at Speedvale and Silvercreek that is now a dentist's office?

In the 50s, milk was still delivered in Guelph via horse and buggy. What's the current name of the park where the horse used by Crown Dairy for deliveries used to graze?

How many years was Revel Cider in business before winning a gold at the Ontario Cider Awards?

What school in Guelph had Canada's first high school lunch cafeteria?

**Net:** If you could describe the group in the classic character limit (140 characters) of a 'tweet' would it say? (*sorry I used this question twice this week I just really liked it*)

**Droning:** Droning is a noise machine, with our settings stuck somewhere between airy shoegaze and heavy grunge

**Net:** You're in the middle of a string of dates that make up your first tour. How has that been so far?

**Droning:** The tour has been absolutely fantastic so far. We've met so many cool people in all the cities we've hit, and it's been an honour getting to play with some of our favourite bands. We're especially excited to break out of the Southern Ontario bubble later this month when we head up to Ottawa and Montreal for a weekender!

**Net:** Who are your influences and what other bands have you been listening to lately?

**Droning:** We're pretty heavily influenced by bands like *Trauma Ray*, *Glare*, *Narrow Head*, *Whirr* and *Title Fight*. Everyone in the band has a diverse taste in music that we use as inspiration, but I think that helps us write songs that we feel are uniquely us, and that we're so proud to share every time we step on stage.

*Droning play this Friday at the Jimmy Jazz alongside You Might Be Sleeping and Czech Hotel. See details on the next page.*

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