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Meaford Schools Review Monday Dec 7

At the Regular Meeting of Bluewater District School Board held on Oct. 20th, trustees approved the following recommendation:

That Bluewater District School Board commence a modified accommodation review for the Meaford Area Group of Schools (Georgian Bay Secondary School, Meaford Community School, and St. Vincent-Euphrasia Elementary School) in accordance with BP3101-D.

There will be one public meeting to receive community feedback for the Meaford Area Group of Schools modified accommodation review held on Monday, December 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Georgian Bay Secondary School gymnasium. www.bwdsb.on.ca

Message from Mayor John McKean

We are all very lucky to live here in the Town of The Blue Mountains and many major economic indicators, including job growth and the number and dollar value of building permits issued, points to a strong future for the area.

This year, we worked with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to put together an agreement to lower the Thornbury Dam. We hope that this pilot project will demonstrate that lowering the Dam will prevent flooding from frazil ice.

The Citizen Satisfaction Survey showed that 87% of you were satisfied or very satisfied with the

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Local Humanitarian Group Moves Ahead With Plans to Support Refugee Family

A follow up meeting was hosted by the Beaver Valley Open Door (a group committed to hosting refugees) on Nov. 28, at St. George's Anglican Church. Plans were further laid out at this meeting regarding sponsoring and supporting a refugee family in our community. This included discussing the fundraising efforts to date, potential options for housing, as well as plans to organize volunteers. Meeting chair Sylvia Bell shared with the group that approximately $19,000 has been pledged or raised to date. It was however also indicated that

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Thornbury Olde Fashioned Christmas Saturday, December 12

Join us as we kick off the holiday season, with activities and excitement for the whole family. www.thornbury.ca

10:00 am Christmas Tree Display & BVO Food Drive Errinrung

Beaver Valley Community Centre

1:00 -5:00 pm Mrs. Claus' Workshop
1:00-4:00 pm Face Painting and Balloon Twisting
1:00 pm Chris D'souza, Children's Storybook Author
1:00-5:00 pm NEW Christmas Artisan Market
1:30 pm Magic Show with the Great Steverino
2:15 pm Christmas Groove with Tyler Boyle
3:00 pm Magic Show with the Great Steverino
4:00 pm Chris D'souza, Children's Storybook Author
5:00-7:00 pm Public Skating Community Centre

Bruce Street

1:00 pm Caricature Artist Sam Birch & Benjamin
1:00-4:00 pm Baker St. Victorian Carollers
1:00-8:30 pm Hidden Santa Contest Opens
2:30-9:00 pmSanta's Reindeer in Training
4:00-6:00 pm Family Dinner Specials
5:30pm **Tree Lighting Town Hall**
6:00-9:00 pm Baker St. Victorian Carollers
6:00-9:00 pm Balloon Twisting with Roxann
6:00-9:00 pm Chestnuts roasting on an Open Fire
6:30 PM SANTA ARRIVES!
6:30-9:00 pm Find Scrooge and his chocolate money
6:30-9:00 pm The Grinch is on the loose
8:30pm Hidden Santa contest closes

Call For Artists'

The Public Art Committee is pleased to announce its 5th Annual Call For Artists' Submissions to the Municipal Art Program an initiative of the Town of The Blue Mountains. The deadline for application is Feb 28/2016. Please visit www.thebluemountains.ca/map.cfm for the application forms and details on the submission process.

EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca

Subject to change- Confirm with organizers

JINGLES AND JOY (month of December)
Blue Mountain Village
Tis the season for Jingles & Joy. Join us throughout December as we celebrate with free family FIREWORKS every Saturday night at 8pm. Visit with Santa 1-4pm each weekend before Christmas at the Water Street Bandstand, take a Horse & Wagon ride 12-3pm around the Village and enjoy the sound of carollers strolling the Village 1-4pm Dec 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20th. Groove Dancing 3:30 pm in the Village Plaza with host Tyler Boyle on Dec 28th, 30th and January 1st

THE BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION STUDY REPORT
Thursday, December 3, Town Hall 5:00pm

20TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING GALA
Friday, December 4, 7pm - 11pm
L.E. Shore Memorial Library. History of the Library: Ken Haigh; Key Note Speaker: Dan Needles; Live Jazz Band; Wine/Appetizers; Coffee/Tea/Treats. Tickets $25 pp. 519-599-3681

ARTISAN DEMONSTRATION DAY
Saturday, December 5, 11:00am - 3:00pm
L.E. Shore Memorial Library Gallery
Start your holiday season off right, 2015 has been declared the year of the craft! The Arts Advisory Council is excited to welcome individual artisans from the Back Road Craft Collective to share their process. Featuring demonstrations throughout the day and works available to purchase on site. 519-599-3681

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOW
Saturday, December 5, 9am - 2pm
Marsh Street Centre. Come and get your Christmas shopping done. Fabulous vendors and a cookie bar. 519-599-7837

RED LIGHT NIGHT
Saturday, December 5, 4pm - 8pm
Visit the village of Clarksburg for some holiday cheer during our shopping red light event

BRUNCH WITH SANTA
Sunday, December 6, 11:30am - 1:00pm
Marsh Street Centre; $5/person - under 12 free with parent. Advance tickets only Visit our website; Marsh Street Centre or Pharmasave. There will be entertainment after the brunch. Bring an unwrapped toy or some new socks to help support BVO Kids. Laura 519-599-7837

THORNBURY OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS
Saturday, December 12; 10:00am-9:00pm

COMMUNITY CAROLFEST
Sunday, December 13, 3:00pm
Grace United Church - Join us for a an afternoon of songs, anthems and carols, with singers and musicians from neighbouring churches and the community. Admission is a freewill offering and non-perishable food items, with all donations going to BVO. Please call Grace United Church at 519-599-2438 for more info.

CHRISTMAS CABARET WIITH JENNIFER POTTER
Saturday, December 19, 7:00- 9:00pm
Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
Don't miss this unique performance of original and traditional songs sung by Jennifer Potter in her signature "classical with a celtic twist" style of performing. Joined by musicians Bethany Mathews (piano), Joel Dawson (double bass), Kira Montfort (percussion), Tickets $20 www.jennsound.com

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG WITH R4
Sunday, December 20, 7:00pm
Marsh Street Centre, Donations to BVO

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER
Friday, December 25, 1:00pm
Blue Mountain Community Church
RSVP 519-599-5570

FIREWORKS - Blue Mountain Village
Christmas Eve, 9pm over the Mill Pond
New Year's Eve, midnight over the Mountain

ADVENT SERVICES
St Georges Anglican Church
Clarksburg
Friday December 11th - 6pm
Lessons & Carols Service
Thursday December 24th – 6pm
Family Christmas Eve Service
Thursday December 24th – 11pm
Midnight Choral Mass

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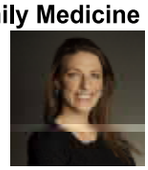

519-599-3400 23 Arthur St. Thornbury
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Enrolment Night for Thornbury Guiding Units

Wednesday, Nov 11 was a special night for Thornbury Guiding units as we enrolled new girls into their unit. There was an overwhelming attendance by parents and family in support of the girls on their special night. The evening opened with the girls marching in with their unit flags singing, "On My Honour".

It was fitting that on Remembrance Day, we invited everyone to stand and join us in the singing of "O Canada". Each unit performed their ritual opening, and unit leaders were introduced. Our enrolment theme was "The Guiding Path". The girls being enrolled followed a pathway through two gates.

At each, they were required to answer to a "guard", their promise or motto and the secret Guiding handshake. Their final stop was their unit leaders, who presented them with their enrolment pin and certificate.

In closing, each unit shared their good night song and the young were invited to have a small snack.

Those girls enrolled in to their units were, from left to right, bottom: Sparks Olivia Eagles, Adanna Ihejirika, Julie Lowe, Adele Herbert, Kenzie McQuarrie, Adalyn McKinlay, Georgia Woodcock and Elin Sheaves.

Middle row: Brownies Mackenzie Casselman, Callie Morrison, Ava Casey, Ava Saunders, Blythe Carter, Payton Lowe and Olive Elkins.

Top Row: Girl Guides Kate Wilding-Davies, Gemma Koo, Cheyenne Dickie, Ryleigh Cole, Savannah Loopstra-Oyegoke, Paige Cornell and new Spark Guider Lauren Chisholm.

Public Skating Schedule

Beaver Valley Arena

Schedule is subject to change. Helmets are strongly recommended for all skaters.

Adult Skating - $3 per person
Mon, Wed & Fri 10am - 12pm
No Skating - Dec 25, Jan 1, Mar 9

Parent & Tot Skating - Free
Wednesdays 1pm -2pm
No Parent & Tot Skating on Mar 9

Community Skating - Free
Saturdays 7pm - 9pm
Sundays 12pm - 2pm
No Skate Dec 26, Feb 7, 21, Mar 5, 6

Additional Community Skating
Monday Dec 28, 12pm to 1pm
Tuesday Dec 29, 1pm to 2pm
Wednesday Dec 30, 12pm to 1pm
Thursday Dec 31, 7pm to 9pm
Public skating cancellations are due to tournaments, festivals or holidays.

Refugee update

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to successfully support a refugee family in the community for a year a minimum of $30,000 is needed.

At this time, one unresolved issue that was discussed is securing an appropriate home for the family to live in. Some options have been investigated however this still remains the biggest need in the sponsorship plan. The low number of affordable housing units available in this community was discussed. Plans were made for a sub-committee to address and plan for housing as one of the next steps.

The meeting concluded with optimism and a set of concrete plans have been developed for the next steps. The group continues to fundraise money and donations are being accepted by the Grace United Church. Anyone wishing to donate to this important cause may make tax deductible donations addressed to the Grace United Church "refugee project" Box 219 Thornbury, N0H 2P0. If anyone has questions or would like to offer support Ruth McGee can be contacted at 519-599-6305.

Christmas Message

Hunter is a proud 5th Generation in Hindle's Clarksburg Hardware!! In 2015 we experienced some anxious times with high water in the spring but the exceptional summer and fall weather brought a bounteous harvest of tomatoes in our garden and a terrific apple harvest through the Valley.

Patricia enjoyed being pampered by Kay, Lucas & Stephanie in Alberta for a couple weeks and spent a few days with Joan in Barrie. With walking at the Community Centre and taxiing grandchildren she has kept busy. We enjoyed many local functions this year and thanks to all who took part in our April Country Dance in Owen Sound. It was a huge success. My Horticultural Conference in Niagara Falls was very rewarding and I had the privilege of doing some tree trimming on our old home farm in Osprey. Unfortunately we had a lot of visits to the funeral home this past year with the passing of dear friends.

Carol & Keith have kept dashing all year with baking and lawn maintenance. It is hard to believe Nelson & Cole will be off to high school next fall. Ila is part time restaurant kitchen duty and Kohl is an energetic lego builder. Anna is facing her challenges as a lovely teenager. Athena is busy at the O.S. Tim Hortons and Hunter has an infectious smile.

Doug did a fine job on the bridge flowers. We welcome back a local paper. Thanks, Linda!! We welcomed new business to the Village and especially a new generation for Code Red Salon, Nora Ellen. The people we meet and greet make up most of our enjoyment and our memories. Let us try to be a positive uplifting influence wherever we are. May our daily walk in the New Year of 2016 demonstrate the character of the One whose birthday we celebrate this Christmas, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Respectfully, Patricia and James

In Memoriam

Those we love,
don't go away,
they walk beside
us every day,
unseen, unheard, but always there,
still missed, still loved, still very dear!

WURR, LINDA LEWIS

It is with heavy hearts and sadness that our family announces the passing of Linda Wurr on October 27, at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, at the age of 68. Our fun loving, happy go lucky and adventurous Linda leaves us all with memories of fun times and unlimited kindness. She will be fondly remembered for her radiant personality and her generous nature by her sister Olga Fay (Stephen Fay Sr.), her brother Benjamin Wurr (Ruth) and her sister-in-law, Marilyn Wurr (William d.2007). Her laughter will forever be imprinted in the hearts of her nieces, nephews, extended family and friends whom she adored with all she had. Linda was the owner of Decades Antiques & Collectibles at Kings Court, Thornbury.

McMURRAY, ELAINE

Elaine Patricia McMurray of Grey Highlands, daughter of the late Steve and Annie (née Fisher) Rose, died suddenly and tragically as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Tuesday November 10 at the age of 73. She is remembered as the loving wife of Bill McMurray of Grey Highlands and the dear mother of Sean of Owen Sound and devoted grandmother of Nicholas, Grace, Owen and Elyse. Elaine was a dear sister of Marion Ostrom and Margaret Wood and was predeceased by a sister Jean Stephens.

ALEXANDER, DR. ROBERT LORNE

After a lengthy and valiant battle with Parkinson's Disease, Bob passed away peacefully in Thornbury, on November 12, just shy of his 80th birthday. He will be sorely missed by his wife of 56 years, Kathi (Steele), his 3 daughters and sons-in-law, Shelley and Jeff Parr, Sue and Stewart Ash, Sydney and Dr. Scott Taylor. Beloved Grampa of Nicolas and Michael Parr, Palmer and Paige Taylor and Robbie Ash. Fondly remembered by his sister Carly (Alexander) and her husband Skip Stellfox. His enthusiasm for life and family was contagious and impacted all he touched in his gentle way.

SHIRLEY MARIE YOUNG (nee Dawson)

Shirley passed away November 12, peacefully with family at her side, after courageously enduring Pulmonary Fibrosis for two years. Born July 29, 1934 Shirley was born in Leamington and married to Fred Young. They raised three children and shared with them their passion for adventure, travel and skiing. She was a dedicated mother to her children and grandchildren, a primary school teacher for 20 years, and devoted many hours volunteering and caring for others -- always providing encouragement, kindness and love. Shirley is survived by Fred, her soulmate for 60 years; her children, Laura (Andy), Libby (David) and John (Nancy); her grandchildren, Iain (Tanis), Katie, J.P., Jocelyn, Victoria and Nick.

TANNER, HELEN ELIZABETH

Born in Brampton, a daughter of the late Harry and Grace (née Sanger) Bridle, Helen, a resident of Thornbury, passed away at University Hospital in London on Sunday November 22, at the age of 77. Helen was predeceased by her beloved husband George Edward Tanner in March 2006. She will be recalled with fondness by her friend and companion Norm Lane of Blue Mountains. Helen was the much loved mother of Barbara Ann Murphy and her husband Darin of Brampton and will be remembered as the devoted Grandma of Faith Ann. She was a dear sister to Dennis Bridle and his wife Susan and Carol (late Charlie) Jessop all of Mount Forest and a special aunt to her several nieces and nephews and their families.

2016 Proposed Budget

For information on the 2016 Proposed Budget please visit the Documents Library page at www.thebluemountains.ca. Committee of the Whole Budget Meetings are scheduled for January 18 and 20.

2016 Grants & Donations Program

The Town of The Blue Mountains Council welcomes not-for-profit organizations and Business Associations servicing The Blue Mountains to request funding or subsidization of Town-owned facility space through this process.

The deadline for applications is Friday, December 18, 2015. For info call 519-599-3131 ext 227

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Royal Canadian Legion Beaver Valley Branch 281

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revealed some areas we should focus on and we will consider your feedback as part of the strategic planning process. The Business Retention and Expansion Study is complete and an event to share the results will be held on December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. We've also invited funding and support agencies from federal, provincial, county and local sources to help answer any questions businesses have about the resources available to them.

The Planning and Development Services and Infrastructure and Public Works departments have both been restructured to provide more efficient and effective service. Feedback from residents and businesses indicates that we are moving in the right direction. As a Council, we look forward to delivering a Strategic Plan and budget that will allow us to improve customer service, preserve and enhance our infrastructure, support economic growth, facilitate communication and build a healthier community.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank the many residents who have taken the time to share their thoughts with us, the many business owners who have chosen the Town, our staff who managed significant growth this year, and the many volunteers who make us a community. We are grateful for your efforts. Happy Holidays everyone.

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Mutable Arts

Georgie Donais is the creator of Mutable Arts. She trained at The School of Toronto Dance Theatre and holds a Fine Arts degree with a major in dance performance from York University. Projects included a reconstruction of Doris Humphrey's Two Ecstatic Themes: Circular Descent. She has trained with such renowned teachers as Peggy Baker, Julia Sasso, Pat Miner, Anna Blewchamp, Sarah Chase and Michael Trent, and has taken workshops with luminaries Irene Dowd, Christine Wright and Risa Steinburg, to name a few.

Her musical training and experience is varied and extensive. She also sang the soprano part in Pergolesi's Stabat Mater as accompaniment to her own choreographic work, Mother Was Standing. Georgie's training in aerial arts has included workshops with Elsie Smith-Fornichon of New England Center for Circus Arts and Fred Deb' of Cie Drapes Aeriens. Sabrina Pringle of Femmes Du Feu was her first aerial arts teacher.

Georgie spent a decade creating design and layout for Canada's national dance magazine The Dance Current, and is associate art director of OUR HOMES magazine.