



## Resurgence of the Bald Eagles

by Harvey Bodach, a nationally recognized award winning landscape and wildlife artist



By now everyone has heard the great news of a nesting pair of Bald Eagles on the Toronto islands and along the shores of Lake Ontario. Equally important are the encouraging reports coming from areas around the waters of Southern Georgian Bay, and specifically here along the Beaver River watershed.

Historically they were relatively common in southern Ontario, especially along the shores of the Great Lakes, but this population was wiped out

60 years ago. Farmers in their quest to protect their crops in agriculture began using the insecticide Dichloro-Diphenyl-Trichloroethane (DDT). It permeated the food chain of wildlife, including the Bald Eagle and affected the quality of eggs it was laying. The egg shells were very thin when forming and were breaking during brooding. With the Bald Eagle being added to the "Endangered Species List" in 1967, the banning of DDT in 1972, and the addition of rehabilitation programs, we are now seeing their numbers increasing and returning to historical ecological territories in both Canada and the US.

For me, a landscape and wildlife artist living in Thornbury, it has been a thrill to watch a pair of bald eagles make their home along the Beaver River. My observations of this pair of bald eagles over the past three and half years have revealed both disappointment and success as they settle in this watershed. In the spring of 2021, Canada Geese entertained themselves in the eagles' nest,



destroyed what was there and caused them to abandon their efforts.

There was anger as the pair chased after these intruders.

The following year they once again made another attempt and were successful this time in raising one eaglet as a result of both consistently guarding the nest. The eaglet learned to fly first by travelling from branch to branch within the nesting tree and now still frequents the area in which it was raised.

At the end of 2023 this pair of eagles once again changed their behavior by building another

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### APRIL 8, 2024

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby obscuring the view of the Sun from a small part of Earth, totally or partially. Such an alignment occurs approximately every six months, during the eclipse season in its new moon phase, when the Moon's orbital plane is closest to the plane of Earth's orbit. In a total eclipse, the disk of the Sun is fully obscured by the Moon. In partial and annular eclipses, only part of the Sun is obscured. Unlike a lunar eclipse, which may be viewed from anywhere on the night side of Earth, a solar eclipse can only be viewed from a relatively small area of the world. As such, although total solar eclipses occur somewhere on Earth every 18 months on average, they recur at any given place only once every 360 to 410 years.

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## What Is Earth Day?

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, April 22nd, when a United States senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies took place across the country and, by the end of the year, the U.S. government had created the Environmental Protection Agency. By 1990, Earth Day was an event celebrated by more than 140 countries around the globe.

Today, not only is Earth Day meant to increase awareness of environmental problems, but it is also becoming a popular time for many communities to gather together to clean up litter, plant trees, or simply reflect on the beauty of nature.

Celebrate Earth Day by appreciating and respecting the natural world. Here are some ideas to inspire you this year.

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nest in the same general area which is unusual. This spring they are both actively exchanging duties consistently sitting on the eggs, the female more so, with the male continuing to reinforce the nest. The eagle that was raised in 2023 has flown over the new nest, but has made no attempt to enter while the male parent sits perched nearby.

This spring a new Solo Art Exhibition of my work will be on display at The Meaford Hall Arts and Cultural Centre gallery starting on April 13 to May 12, with a reception from 1:00 p.m to 3:00 pm on April 13, 2024. There will be about 30 paintings, sculptures and drawings available for purchase.

Most works created are based on observations in the field, specifically, one of the new paintings depicting the conflict that occurred in 2021 with Canada Geese.

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1. Support Our Pollinators!  
Bring native bees and other pollinating creatures to your garden. One way to do this is by selecting the right plants this season with pollinator-friendly plants.

2. Clean Up in Your Neighborhood or Local Park  
Go on a walk with a trash bag and help to clean up any garbage that you find. Perhaps you know of a nearby ditch or drainage area around the corner that is polluted with trash!

3. Swap Out Your Kitchen and Household Products!  
Think 100% recycled aluminum foil, toxic-free parchment paper for baking, compostable bags made with potato starch, and even vegetable-based inks for their packaging.

4. Plant a Tree!  
We love our trees! They capture carbon, cool overheated places, benefit agriculture, support pollinators, reduce the risk of disease transmission, and boost local economies. Did you know that planting one oak tree brings in more insect and bird species than an entire yard of plants?

5. Use Wildflowers and Native Plants  
Wildflowers and indigenous species are not only beautiful but also attract native and beneficial insects that improve both pest control and pollination—meaning bigger flowers and better harvests. Try to simply add a couple of native plants to your garden each year, and you'll be amazed at the difference—they'll bring in pollinators as well as birds!

6. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle  
Caring about yourself and nature means being less wasteful and saving money, too.

7. Stop Pesticide and Chemical Use in the Garden  
Much of this is simply about focusing less on the plant and more on the health of the soil that supports the plant. If it's nutrient-rich with organic matter, plants thrive.  
You don't need chemicals to get rid of pesky garden pests: Companion planting, natural remedies, and attracting predators to your garden can save you money and also save your plants.

8. Conserve Water!  
Avoid watering your garden vegetables and plants from overhead, which invites fungal disease. Water at the soil level.  
For gardens, flower beds, trees, and other non-lawn areas, consider installing a drip irrigation system or hose with irrigation holes that puts the water right into the soil, where you want it. If you must use sprinklers, put them on timers.  
Harvest your rainwater from a roof, gutters, and sky with a rain barrel. If you have a low-lying area, consider planting a rain garden, which captures runoff, filters out pollutants, and provides food and shelter for butterflies, songbirds, and other wildlife.

9. Think About Your Diet!  
About one-third of the food that we produce every year goes to waste annually! Usually, this happens after we buy the food. How do we avoid waste in our own lives (and save money)?



10. Get Kids Involved!  
Pass down a love of nature and plants to kids. There are lots of opportunities for hands-on learning experiences outside.

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# In Memoriam

## SERAFINA (SERA) AGOSTINO (NEE ROTELLA)

Sera devoted wife to Vince, loving mother of Sabrina (Dan), and Silvano and cherished Nonna to Arya, passed away unexpectedly surrounded by her family on February 23 2024 in Toronto, at the age of 55 years.

Taken from us far too soon, she is survived by her loving parents, Michele & Elisabetta Rotella (Rondinelli), brothers Domenic & Adriana and Tony & Virginia. As well as her brothers and sisters in law, Len, Marianna & Noel, Mike & Shannon, her 15 nieces and nephews; Michael, Anthony, Maddalyn, Sebastian, Noah, Pat & Christina, Teresa & Kelly, Vanessa & Anthony, Luca, Matteo, Isabella, Julian, and her great niece & great nephew; Lily & Domenico. Sera will also be lovingly remembered in the hearts of her many uncles, aunts, and cousins with whom she shared an unbreakable bond.

Sera was a kind, generous, funny and loving soul, with a heart of gold. She brought joy and care to everything she did and everyone she touched. Whether it was caring for her kids at school, a neighbor, her family or her garden, Sera always managed to put everyone first. She will be forever remembered, loved and missed by all of her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family have requested donations in Memory of Sera be made to Sick Kids Hospital Foundation via <http://gofundraise.sickkidsfoundation.com/goto/Serafina> as that is a cause very close to her and her family.

## WILLIAM VAN ALLEN SMITH

1953-2024

It is with very heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather Van Smith. He was a kind and generous man who simply loved playing in one of his construction machines like the Caterpillar-312, digging foundations for the family company – Applevale Properties. Put him in a bobcat, backhoe or excavator and he was one happy man.

Van had a long association with various groups in Thornbury, mainly the Beaver Valley Kinsmen and the Beaver Valley Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Clarksburg. Ever the life of the party, he will be sorely missed by a great many friends in the area. Van was also known as the guy who would give you a helping hand when needed, he never asked for anything in return but if you offered him a nice cold beer “Labatt’s Blue” that would do.

Predeceased by his younger brother Thom, Van leaves behind a wife of 25 years – Lesley Ross-Sykes, his mother-in-law Elizabeth Ross and his Saturday morning errand buddy, his dog Digby. He also leaves his parents Ray and Wyn Smith, brother George (Nancy), sister Heather (Ian), ex-wife Rosi (Milan), daughters Natalie (Jeff), Ashley (Shaun), grandchildren to whom he was “Grumpa” - Sadie, Brecken, Avery and newly born Emilia, and several nieces and nephews.

At this time, Lesley and his family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Brightshores (Meaford) and Stratford Hospitals, as well as their family doctor Dr. Recoskie and Dr. Kaal. They would also like to send a big thank you to George Smith, Joe Macdonald and Scott Buchanan for all they did for Van. Thank you so very much. The family will hold a Celebration of Life for Van in the coming weeks. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to Diabetes Canada in Van’s name. [www.diabetes.ca](http://www.diabetes.ca)



## EDWIN FRANCIS ‘TED’ SANDELL

Ted never spent a day of his life in hospital. On February 28th, 2024, after a short and brave battle with cancer he passed away at home with his loving wife of 63 years by his side. A loving husband to Mary Elizabeth (nee Wagner), proud father of John (Karen Pattison) and Lesley (Brian Kulchycki) and Grandpa of four; Darienne, Jackson, Brianna, and Sarah. His stories and warmth and passion for life will be sorely missed.

Born in the Beach community of Toronto on June 11, 1936, Ted was a son of the late Edwin John and Marie May (nee Hately) Sandell. He was predeceased by sisters Audry and Adrienne (George Walker).

Ted spent cherished childhood summers in Del Bonita Alberta. Ted would spend all his preretirement years in Toronto as a lifetime educator. He left an indelible mark with so many children through his work with the Toronto School Board as teacher, vice principal and principal. He dedicated 32 years to classroom, school sports and life experiences. Away from the classroom Ted helped build not only a cottage, enjoyed for 40 years by family and friends at Cheer Lake, but the passing of life lessons and skill sets, not the least of which were fishing, a true passion for him.

Retirement saw Ted and Mary relocate to the beautiful shores of Georgian Bay, in the community of Thornbury, where he would spend his remaining years as an active member of the community and of St George’s Anglican Church parish. He treasured his time spent with the church choir where he lent his beautiful tenor voice. Retirement also allowed the time to revisit his love for painting and world travels. Cherished travel memories he captured on canvas and are now hanging in the homes of many loved ones.

Ted loved to tell stories about his childhood and lifetime memories, adventures, and passions which he captured in his published memoirs “Seasons Remembered”. Reflections were also made on the joys of his many hobbies and interests, working in the garden, watching hockey, cooking, fishing, woodcarving and caring for his many faithful dogs over the years.

He was the most loving, kind, and considerate gentle soul. Always giving and never asking. His faith was unwavering, and he often referenced to Psalm 23 which was taught to him by his grandmother. Coupled with his love for family and mankind, his true legacy will live on. He will rest in peace and worry free.

A celebration of Ted’s life will take place on Saturday, April 6th at 12:30 p.m. at St. George’s Anglican Church, Clarksburg. Family will receive friends for visiting from 11:30 until 12:30 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to gather in the parish hall to share further remembrances of Ted following the service. As your expression of sympathy, donations to Meaford Hospital Foundation or St. George’s Anglican Church, Clarksburg would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. Online condolences can be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home. [fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

## ELIZABETH ANNE ‘LIZ’ HOLBA

Elizabeth passed away on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 in her 94th year in Thornbury. Liz was born in Woodstock, ON March 30th, 1930. She is predeceased by her husband Stan (2022) & parents Wilfred and Bernice Dow. Liz is survived by her two sons Stephen Jefferson and Andy, daughter-in-law Shannon and granddaughter Mary Beth.

Liz was an old soul who gave her time generously and was rewarded for her volunteer work. She was a person of integrity and good character, overflowing with life, loved reading & playing cards, full of encouragement and advice. A University of Toronto alumni, she studied mathematics, physics and chemistry. Liz then worked for a Law firm in Toronto in the early 50’s. Stan and Liz were married in 1953. Skiing in the winter and fishing in the summer from her father’s homebuilt plywood boat, Liz was a fisher-person, birder, animal advocate and a very early (Harrowsmith) recycler. A life well-lived seems like an understatement for she and Stan, both were inducted as Lifetime members of the Toronto Ski Club. Cremation has taken place & family will celebrate her life at her favourite place on the Northern Bruce Peninsula.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the World Wildlife Fund would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## RONALD JAMES CUNDY

February 26, 1931 - March 8, 2024  
Ron left us on Friday, March 8th, 2024 after a brief illness in Owen Sound Hospital. He just finished celebrating his 93rd birthday and was so pleased to see old friends and enjoy a great family get-together.



Ron was the loving husband of Shirley (Sandbacka) Cundy for 69 years and leaves his children Linda Wykes (Brian); Ron Cundy Jr. (Kirsten); Deb Cundy; Bonnie Hammond (Thom) and Lisa Cundy; grandchildren Kari Vink (Darcy), Matthew Cundy, Katy Hammond, Scott Hammond (Emma) and 4 great grandchildren Isaac, Ellie, Teddy and Elaine. He is also survived by his brother Ted, and predeceased by his mother Carrie Cundy, father William Cundy; brother William and sister Margaret.

Ron and Shirley moved to Redwing in 1959 and purchased the local post office and general store. He brought a small printing press with him and in the first year of being in the area they produced the voters list for Collingwood Township. He did many types of jobs when first arriving including working at Teledyne, but eventually chose printing as his profession and in the late 70's he published the Valley Courier Newspaper. In the 80's he sold to the owner of the Review Herald and the paper continued as the Courier-Herald until it closed. Ron carried on with the printing business until his retirement.

Ron loved meeting new people. Always with a friendly smile, and an unlimited amount of witty remarks. Gardening was a passion for him over the years and he loved his greenhouse where he would grow beautiful geraniums over the winter for spring planting. Even though he is no longer with us, we remember how he lived his life with passion, curiosity, and a great love for his family. We are extremely thankful and will never forget.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund would be appreciated. Box 387, Thornbury, NOH 2P0.

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## MICHAEL EDWARD HAMILTON YOUNG

(October 18, 1935-March 30, 2024)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mike Young on March 30, 2024 after a short but severe illness. Survived by Liz (Elizabeth), who has been his partner in life from the age of fifteen. His children Andrew (Catherine), David (Susan) Jennifer (Tjeerd) and Sarah (Marc) are thankful to have had such a loving, strong-willed and loyal man who lived his life with joy, honesty and integrity. His grandchildren Emily, Hannah, Adam, Caitlin, Liesbeth, Anneke, Teda, Sam and Lucas will miss Pop who loved them deeply and showed them kindness and generosity. He was a dedicated older brother to his sisters Jennifer Cook (Bill), Penny Humphreys (deceased) and he was loved by his nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his cousins, who have remained connected to him over the years through a shared and beloved family cottage on Georgian Bay.

Mike was a civil engineer who started his career in the military and then transitioned into Survey Canada in Ottawa where he was on the forefront of digitalization of the topographical maps. His next professional accomplishment was the founding of Thirty Thousand Island Sailing Adventures, a learn to sail program for aspiring sailors on beautiful but sometimes treacherous Georgian Bay. His sailboat



## ANTHONY 'TONY' BAUER

After a rapid decline in health, Anthony "Tony" Bauer passed away peacefully in the early hours of March 22, 2024, to the sound of music he loved with caring people by his side in his 99th year.

Tony was born in Vienna, Austria in 1926, where he met his first wife Ilona (née Harrer) after he returned from being interned for several months in a Soviet Prisoner of War Camp in 1945. They spent 3 years in Switzerland and soon after returning to Vienna they emigrated to Canada – the land of opportunities – landing in Halifax in 1952. From there, with \$80 in their pockets, some luggage, and a baby they made their way to Toronto where they settled to begin their new life. Tony quickly learned English and after several jobs from working in a car wash to serving tables, he opened Bauer Custom Shirts in downtown Toronto. He discovered the Blue Mountains in the late 50's and built the family cottage in the early 60's. Tony loved the area – the clean air, mountains, and everything that Georgian Bay had to offer. He was hooked.

He spent his winters skiing in the early days of Blue Mountains and in the late 60's Tony was one of the sailing enthusiasts who formed the Reef Boat Club as part of the 1967 Centennial celebrations. In the late 70's, Tony made Thornbury his home where he became a tireless volunteer and an integral part of the community.

Tony kept busy over the years; he opened Bauer Realty, co-founded the Thornbury BIA, was President of the Chamber of Commerce for 2 terms, co-founded the Georgian Triangle Development Institute, was a Rotarian for 30 years, co-founded the Georgian Sound Big Band Festival which later became Jazzmania and eventually morphed into Thornbury Jazzworks. The proceeds of the many concerts he arranged put close to \$30,000 into student music initiatives like the BVCS Music Department. He started the Lois F. Legge Music Scholarship Award in the early 2000's and most recently established the Doreen Norris Music Fund both of which benefit music students. In 2022 he was named Senior of the Year.

Tony was predeceased by his son Anthony "Tony" Charles (2012) and is survived by his son Peter and his daughter Sylvia, his 7 grandchildren: Anna (Paul), Lauren (Arlene), Nick (Vanessa), Tony (Erika), Fabian, Peter, Elektra and 7 great grandchildren: Liam, Dylan, Mia, Devon, Zekhari, Vera and August.

A celebration of Tony's life will take place on June 23rd, 2024, from 1 to 4 pm at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg.

Tony was grateful for the wonderful care he received in his last months and as such would ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Meaford Nursing Home Auxiliary (Cheques Only Please). Otherwise, donations to the Community Foundation Grey Bruce (Doreen Norris Music Fund) or the charity of your choice are greatly appreciated.

Donations may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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named Cameo was also a source of great enjoyment for family and friends over the years. He has formed many friendships through his love of sport – in minor hockey with the Ottawa West Golden Knights during their years in Ottawa, sailing out of Kingston and then Georgian Bay and golfing throughout his life.

He was thankful for his friendship with their neighbours Tom and Stephanie Sheridan. He will be missed by his golfing buddies at Cranberry Golf Club and the Leafs and Blue Jays have lost a battle-worn fan. Mike cared deeply about integrity in politics and about the future of our world and was never short on a strong opinion. He also loved to regale us with stories that made him laugh or warmed his heart (invariably about some good person that he had met).

Mike was never happier than when he was surrounded by his family and was deeply grateful for Elizabeth as his wife and mother of this family he so cherished. He lived a good life and we will try to live with the values and joy that he embodied.

Join us on Friday May 10, 2024 for a celebration of life (4-5 pm) and a reception (5-7 pm) at the Atoka House on the Cranberry Golf Course, Collingwood Ontario. Out of town guests who stay at Cranberry should indicate they are guests of the family of Michael Young.

If desired, please consider a donation to <https://righttoplay.ca/en-ca/> in lieu of flowers. Friends may visit Michael's online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com)

## HAZEL ETTA HARBOTTLE

The Harbottle Family share news of the peaceful passing of their precious Mom and Grami, Hazel Harbottle (Parkes) on March 29th, 2024. Hazel was mom of four children, Dianne, Dale, Deborah, and Dean.

She was also Grami to nine and Great Grami to four: the late Jason, Garrett and his son Jaxsyn, Sarah and her son Benson, Keila Roesner (Ben) and their children Eileen and Elwood, Callie McCullough, Madelene, Hillary, Scott, and Grant Harbottle.

With family by her side, Hazel left this world to reunite with her beloved husband Elwood, tiny daughter Dianne, the first grandchild Jason, and adored daughter-in-law Sharon in Heaven.

Born to Jack and Alice Parkes on July 18, 1934, and raised in Collingwood, Hazel is eldest sister to Gord (Pat) Bill, Kenny, Harvey (Terri) Donnie (Louise), Shirley (Fred) and Elenor. William and Laura Harbottle, Leslie (Muriel), Bernice Bell (Bruce), Verna Sheridan (Reg), Marie Armstrong (Lorne), and Donna Lekx (Fred) welcomed her into the Harbottle family. She was a much-loved aunt to her many nieces and nephews.

Hazel was an independent businesswoman operating her hair-dressing shop, Hazel's Beauty Salon, in Thornbury, where she shared many years and memories with the community, often years and memories with the community, often working late nights and early mornings to squeeze in any last-minute appointments, never turning anyone away.

Personable and cheerful, Hazel welcomed everyone she met with a smile, and was a trusted confidante, always encouraging, supportive and wise. Loving wife to Elwood Harbottle, she often shared the story of the day he taught her how to drive when she crashed his new car into a tree; he calmy talking her through it and she knew he was "the one." They were happily married for nearly 60 years until his passing in 2013. Elwood would always say, "There's no one in the world like wee-Hazey." Her loving attentive care amid his final years of failing health was a shining example of true love and devotion.

Together they proudly owned and operated Hazelwood Orchards for many years growing some of Beaver Valley's finest apples. Among their many other successful business pursuits was the Trillium Restaurant. Together Hazel and Elwood were unstoppable and an adventurous team: from the hairdressing shop to the farms, the restaurant, multiple real estate flips, to running a lodge up north on Shawanaga Lake. They loved to travel, enjoying and appreciating the foods, music and people of different cultures, always happy to return home with tales to tell. They left a legacy of hard work, independent thinking, integrity, give-you-the-shirt-off-their-back and "come in for dinner" is what they stood for.

Without question Hazel's greatest pride and joy was her family, she was always playful, loving, attentive, generous, often busy sewing and interior decorating. Barely 5' tall, she had a stubborn and strong streak, "like an ox", she knew her mind and wouldn't budge on her convictions under that unruffled exterior. Immensely proud of her children and grandkids, and their accomplishments she made every family get-together an epic event full of love, joy and of course so much food.

With Hazel firmly behind the wheel and Elwood with the map, Mom and Dad drove countless hours and miles often bone-tired to support and encourage, believing wholeheartedly in their young kids' musical dreams. For many years they'd drive across Canada to arrive unannounced at musical events having sensed "the kids are homesick" while on tour. Apples, homemade treats, gifts from home, and dinners out for the whole band were always a welcome relief. On one such trip, they retrieved a big ol' Tom cat (Freddy The Tree Loader) better suited to farm life than touring with the band. Grami never missed a grandkids graduation, piano recital, rodeo, school pick-up, or a last-minute meet-up for lunch. Her door was always open to friends, neighbors, family or strangers, as well as pets and stray animals - she was going feed you whether you were hungry or not! Busy baking pies, throwing on a roast, whipping up a pot of



chicken soup, or flipping pancakes- no one ever went hungry when Hazel was around! Her retirement was contently spent at Eugenia Lake (though she never retired from cooking up a storm). Hazel loved to swim, race the boat and wave runners, and lay in the sun reading a trashy romance novel; a fish fry was always in order followed by a well-timed skinny dip.

Her last ten months were spent in Errinrunc Long Term Care, adored by the staff for her sweet nature, gracious appreciation and sense of humour. The Harbottle family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the Errinrunc staff for the incredible care, compassion and kindness shown to Hazel and our family as well as thank Dr. Tim Remillard for his many years of care and quick response when in need.

A private family memorial service will be held with a celebration of life to follow at a later date. We will miss our Mom and Grami greatly, but there is peace knowing it was her time, she lived life to the fullest, loved and was loved deeply. There's comfort in knowing she is reunited with those she missed so dearly and has earned her Rest In Peace.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Errinrunc Resident's and Family Council (Cheques Only) would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

## ISABEL ANN WEALE (NEE CAMERON)

Isabel, born Dec 2, 1931 in Barrie, passed away peacefully on Thursday March 7, 2024 at Campbell House, Georgian Triangle Hospice. Isabel had lived for over six years at Balmoral Retirement Home in Collingwood, with most of her last month at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH).

Isabel was predeceased by her husband Albert H Weale, in November 2000, and most of her good friends and siblings. She will be greatly missed by her son Cameron Weale (Barbara), daughter Deborah Weale (John Hunter), her brother John Cameron, grandchildren Alyssa Grossman (Michael), David Weale, Andrew Weale (Hilary) and William Hunter, great-grandsons Benny and Kaden Grossman. Isabel will also be remembered by her brother-in-law Kent Weale (Sydney), nieces and nephews, friends, and their families, with fond memories of visits to Isabel's warm and open home/chalet at Beaver Valley Ski Club (BVSC).

Isabel and Bert raised their family in Port Credit, worked together at Standard Electric Armature Ltd, and skied together winters at BVSC. They travelled across Eastern Canada and beyond for waterski tournaments. Isabel spent summers with the other Moms and kids at the Toronto Water Ski Club on Lake Muskoka.

Isabel and Bert later took up sailing and crewing, and then bought the ISCADEBE, a 42' wooden motorsailer. It was their "townhouse in the city" as well as taking them on adventures to Florida, Bahamas, Inland waterways from Georgia to Georgian Bay. After Bert passed away, Isabel moved to her Applejack townhouse where she continued adventuring and living independently for 14 years. She enjoyed hosting family holiday meals, skiing and travelling with her friend Spiro Vozoris, dogsitting Sapphire, and being involved in Probus.

Isabel chose Balmoral Retirement Home to move to once the Applejack stairs became too much. She was one of the first to move in when it opened, Dec 2017. Isabel had a lovely suite, enjoyed the activities, and being on the food committee. The pandemic took its toll on her, being isolated and less active. Two years ago she moved to the assisted living floor. She still played bingo, took bus outings, went to singalongs and had old friends to visit and share meals with.

Many thanks and blessings to the staff at Balmoral and Chartwell/Balmoral, Dr Sauriol and staff for her guidance, the nurses and doctors at CGMH. A heartfelt thanks to the staff at Campbell House for lifting Isabel and her family up at the end of her life.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date, which will be posted on the Chatterson Funeral Home Collingwood obituary page.





## EFL Arena Café a Huge Success!

It started with the fall fair, then came hockey tournaments and games, our lunch time regulars including the arena guys, curling, figure skating and lunch visits from school groups. THANK YOU!

Thank you to our manager Abbey, all our volunteers, participants and supporters, each of you is appreciated. We would not be celebrating this success without you.

This year we were able to be more involved with our community by working with the grade 7 classes from BVCS who were raising money to reduce the cost of their yearend trip to Niagara Falls. With 2031 bags of popcorn sold, the classes were able to raise almost \$3000! Significantly reducing the cost of their trip. Congratulations!

The EFL Arena Café really is a place for Friends to Gather in our community.

We are now closed for season. See you in the fall.






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## Local Guiding Units Thank you

The Thornbury Guiding Units would like to thank every person that assisted with our 68<sup>th</sup> Thinking Day Tea & Bake Sale Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. From the parents who baked, worked the kitchen, sat at the door, served tea, assisted with clean or those attending as a guest – every little bit was appreciated! As a community, you supported Guiding and made this year's event a resounding success!

Having a four year break due to COVID restrictions and a name/date change, we were not sure what to expect. We did not need to worry. The community had our backs! See you next year!

Pictured are the Fall Fair Ambassador, Cassie Ward and Guide Cambrian Smith.



Our spring Girl Guide Classic Cookie campaign is now underway. These are the half chocolate/half vanilla box. Cost is \$6.00/ box. Girl members will be selling in their community. We are planning to hold a Cookie Drive Thru Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Pharmasave parking lot from 11am to 2pm. Cookies will also be available at 14 Louisa St E. Thornbury. If there is a cookie sign outside, I am home with cookies to sell! Pop around anytime. Cookies also available at the Review Office, 206 Marsh St., Clarksburg M-F 10-5.



A big THANK YOU to all of my wonderful friends and family for my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. I was so happy to see and chat with everybody on my St. Patrick's Day birthday bash. The cake and pie were great - the company even better! A big thank you to my family and the staff at Beaver Valley Community Centre for all of their help. P.S. Jackson, sorry you couldn't make it, but I will have a doggie treat for you when I see you soon!!!

Love Katherine Reekie



On March 3rd, I celebrated my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Marsh Street Centre and I would like to thank all those who attended and especially those who participated in planning the party.

So very much appreciated.

Judy Shield



*Happy 65<sup>th</sup>  
Carol and John*

## Artists Helping

The Marsh Street Artists from Clarksburg are pleased to introduce an exciting new Program for The Errinrung Long Term Care & Retirement Community, 67 Bruce St. S, Thornbury.

Twenty or more Artists donated one of their beautiful paintings to residents of Errinrung. Residents each chose a painting which will be hung in their room. This program was first introduced in January 2024. Residents were thrilled that they had been gifted a painting.

Marsh Street Artists collected more paintings in February and donated to Errinrung at a March 22nd party.

Kristina Marquis, the Program Manager at Errinrung, had arranged an afternoon party for the residents, the artwork was displayed and residents chose a beautiful painting. Kristina said that she loved seeing their happy faces.

A Special Thank You to the Artists, and Robert Burcher, photographer. Pattie Harper, who is an Artist at the Marsh Street Centre, hopes to share this idea with other Artists Groups...so simple and fun for all involved.



*Pattie Harper, Marsh Street Painters and from Errinrung Shiba Birungi, and Kristina Marquis*



## Spring by Alice Otrysko

When the last snow melted, I roamed around outside and in my front garden where I planted them in The Fall, crocus was blooming.

How exciting for me as Spring is my favourite season. I don't mind winter as much as I used to, but there is something fresh, new, dewy and bright about Spring. It's also a time for renewal. It's a time to get things done outside .

Springtime is also highlighted by recent sightings around my house.

I saw the first red-winged blackbird the other day at my bird feeder and sounds of geese flying above me, took me to the nearby river where they landed and were picking at the grass which at this time



of the year is moist and fresh. I am looking forward to the annual hatching of goslings and seeing the "families" feeding together.

I am also anxious to be seeding and planting and I already began by adding lettuce seed as I can start the first crop very soon. After that I do the lettuce on a timetable so that we can benefit by its deliciousness as long as possible. Surprisingly, I am already picking my parsley and chives. They survived this winter well.

With Spring comes clean up. I learned from my mother that house Spring cleaning is done after Christmas so that's what we did again this year. Bit by bit, room by room, we went through and washed curtains, windows, sorted and dumped and polished and even managed to give certain items to charity. On the milder days, we opened up the doors and let the house air out. Now it's just maintenance and regular housework.



Today I decided that our deck will be stained once the weather gets warmer. I went and picked out the stain and arranged for a painter to meet with me. But, in the meantime, the outdoor furniture and soft seating needs a good power washing which will be done when it's warm.

No more snow out there so we swept and wiped and tidied up outdoors in case it becomes warm enough to sit outside. Zack has been spending more and more time lying on the deck watching the squirrels and the birds. Last Fall we made a "bird sanctuary" of sorts. There is a cedar collection at the back which is quite dense. We trimmed and cleaned it out as much as we could and hanged up several bird houses. I watched though the winter and, sure enough to my delight, birds have occupied every one of them. Soon I can sit there and pretend I am in the woods.

I don't mind snow as much as I used to but when it melts and exposes the greenery and the temperatures rise, it is indeed a welcome change.

Spring is fresh and new and an awakening of the Earth after it rested all winter. Animals are happy, we are happy and nature is ready to begin all over again growing and producing what will be harvested in Autumn.



## New Resident Parking Pass Registration System

Currently the new system allows residents to register vehicles directly through the Town website. Vehicle registration can also be completed in person at Town Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The traditional rearview mirror parking passes are no longer available and will not be mailed to residents. 2023 Parking Passes will remain valid until May 1, 2024. Beyond this date, residents must register their vehicles to park for free at all Town-owned paid parking locations. Residents can register any number of vehicles, provided they have the corresponding vehicle registration and proof of residency. [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)



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### Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW)

### April 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>This calendar includes: ALL SCWW Phone Programs + IN PERSON New Territory4Seniors presentations &amp; Community Events involving BVO. Please <b>**REGISTER for In-Person Events.</b> <a href="mailto:seniors@bvo.ca">seniors@bvo.ca</a> or 519-599-2755, ext. 126</b>					
<b>Michelle S.</b>	1 2pm What's Up Around the Bay 2:30 BINGO!	2 10am Ontario's new Lieutenant Governor Honours Seniors	3 10am Chair Exercise & Stretching 1pm IN PERSON-NEW Dental Program for Seniors - Service Canada	4 10am Mindful Meditation with Michelle	5
<b>John Hetherington-Master Gardener</b>	8 2pm What's Up Around the Bay 2:30 BINGO!	9 10am McMaster Optimal Aging: Promoting Brain Health	10 10am Chair Exercise & Stretching	11 11am Spring Gardening - John Hetherington	12
<b>Sandra Hong-Alzheimer Society Grey Bruce</b>	15 2pm What's Up Around the Bay 2:30 BINGO!	16 1:30pm Dementia: Understanding, Coping & Supporting, Sandra Hong	17 10am Chair Exercise and Stretching 4pm-7 pm Volunteer Fair @Beaver Valley Community Ctr (BVCC)	18 10am Mindful Meditation with Michelle	19
<b>Shannon Fry Pharmacist</b>	22 2pm What's Up Around the Bay 2:30 BINGO!	23 10am Spring Cleaning: History, Tips and Recipes	24 10am Chair Exercise and Stretching	25 11am Meet the Pharmacist-Shannon Fry	26
	29 2pm What's Up Around the Bay 2:30 BINGO!	30			

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**Back Row:** Sam Elkins, Reid Adair, Head Coach: Tyler Rennie, Parker Yaskovitch, Cullen Ladly, William MacArthur, Spencer Stroud, Tobin Goodman, Trainer: Jess Elkins, Assistant Coach: Eric Ladly, Assistant Coach: Kyle Adair **Front Row:** Colton Winch, Nixon Woodhouse, Max Rennie, Jake Boyd, Bentley Kenyon, Baron Hensel, Nick Traynor

## Climbing Mountains: U11 Georgian Shores Rep Team Makes History and Sets Sights on Provincial Championship

The U11 Georgian Shores rep team made history on March 19th in Thornbury to a crowd of supporters by becoming the first team in Georgian Shores' history to not only compete in tier one but also be crowned champs. This small group of hardworking kids started the season in tier three, and with dedication and a lot of hard work, earned their way into tier one for playoffs. Although the coaches and players knew this was going to be an uphill battle to win in tier one, they adopted the mantra "to be the best, you have to play the best", and with a decisive 5-1 win against Oro, they did just that.

There's no rest for this team as they get back to work to prepare for the OMHA's provincial championship tournament on April 5th-7th in Kingston, where they will face off against other tier one winners from across Ontario. The team's Head Coach, Tyler Rennie, had this to say: "We are extremely proud of this group of young players. They have overcome many obstacles as a small center that has moved up throughout the year to compete against much larger centers. Our players have worked hard and deserve everything they have achieved so far. Their success comes from hard work and a team-first attitude. As a coaching staff, we feel lucky and honored to have had the opportunity to coach them. We aren't done yet. We have one more mountain to climb and will be gearing up for provincials in April. A special thank you to those in the community who have come out to games, and to the many supportive parents. Their success is your success."



Norine Baron, centre, is shown with Lt.-Gov. Edith Dumont and Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. photo supplied

## Norine Baron Wins Ontario Senior Achievement Award by Karen Chisholm

Norine exemplifies humanity on many levels. Her work over the past 40 years in the Grey County community, nationally and globally has impacted countless numbers of individuals. As a founding member of the Beaver Valley Outreach organization, Norine has made a profound impact on senior's programs, food security, poverty reduction, truth and reconciliation, access to transportation and advocacy for human rights nationally and globally.

Underlying her work is a concern for the environment which has propelled her involvement in several other organizations such as Climate Action Now Network, the Green Team at Grace United Church and the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Norine works to raise awareness of international concerns through her participation in the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign, Crossroads International, Amnesty International and hands-on work in East Africa.

Norine's dedication to these initiatives and her personal donations of home accommodation, time, energy and role modeling demonstrate her good citizenship and the encouragement she provides to all. She is respected by the community, her peers and her vast array of friends and family. Local, national, international and environmental communities as well as the individuals in them would not have the same quality of life without Norine Baron.

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# Grace United Church, Thornbury Sets New Marriage Policy

submitted by Mary Lou Gignac, Board Chair, Grace United Church

Marriage is the fullest expression of love between two people. As such, it should be celebrated without discrimination and reservation for any two people who love each other regardless of sexual and gender identity. For this reason, the United Church congregation in Thornbury is making it clearer through a new marriage policy that its doors and hearts are open to all people including people who are two-spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, intersexed, asexual, and of other sexual orientations (2SLGBTQIA+).

### **The policy statement is powerful in its brevity and inclusivity:**

Grace United Church will welcome and marry couples of all gender combinations who love each other.

This new marriage policy stands out at a time when people continue to be bullied, discriminated against, persecuted and even killed because of their gender and sexual identities.

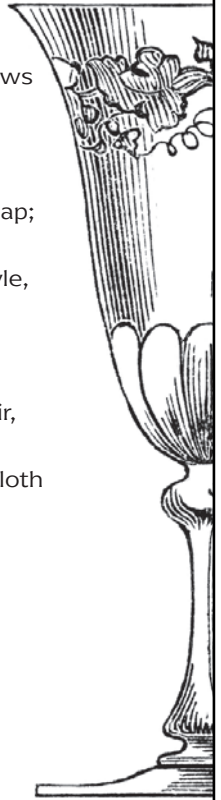
The new marriage policy is framed in the values of the United Church of Canada and the liberal theology of the Thornbury congregation. At our annual congregation meeting in March, the members of the church expressed that they value each person as a unique, loved creation of God. This value along with our focus on social justice is what compelled the congregation to adopt a new inclusive marriage policy. Our commitment to justice and equity includes a commitment to safe space and offering of full participation in the church for people of all social or cultural backgrounds, all ages, all races, all abilities, all spiritual backgrounds, all sexual orientations, all gender identities and gender expressions.

We view the new marriage policy as an exciting step towards being formally recognized by Affirm United as a congregation that understands sexual and gender identities and expressions and provides a safer place for all.

Grace United Thornbury welcomes members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community who are seeking to be married to contact the church office to explore marriage services.

## THE CUP AND THE GOBLET

Winter's cup drains its lingering message  
of frosted buds and greenery,  
Seeks to spite lengthening days, casts shadows  
upon portals of sun's warming rays.  
Yet by calendar alone, though also in sight of  
snow's recession from vale and dale,  
Tis' ours to place Spring upon her victorious lap;  
she has the baton in firming grasp!  
The table of hope and daffodil is, banquet style,  
set before us, seating for all,  
And the Muse of Winter clears the cups,  
once filled with frigid opprobrium,  
Into which we too release our toxin of despair,  
the person of loneliness, even grief.  
This table now sets with the glisten of tablecloth  
and silver, conversing to match,  
Seats set back with grace to welcome  
happy throngs of human revelry,  
A wine of joy, a cake of breathless adoration,  
morsels of delicious enticement.  
So we by soul, by spirit, with all the font  
of humble intent, make our springly vow,  
To wit, we abandon to Providence Divine  
the stains and wounds held to human cup,  
Raise up our Goblet of Truth to brim  
with blessings of Spring's glory and love.



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### Notice of Public Information Centre Bay Street East Reconstruction

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of an upcoming virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) that has been scheduled regarding the Bay Street East Reconstruction project. This PIC is being held to gather initial input on the project from stakeholders and residents. The meeting will include a public comment and question period. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. Pre-registration is required.

**What:** Virtual Public Information Centre (Microsoft Teams)

**When:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To register, please visit the project webpage:  
[www.thebluemountains.ca/BayStreetEast](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/BayStreetEast)

#### What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains needs to install a secondary sanitary forcemain from the Mill Street Pumping Station to the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant (TWWTP) to service growth in the west portion of the municipality. The secondary forcemain will begin at the Mill Street Sewage Pumping Station and follow Bay Street East to Grey Street, and then proceed south on Grey Street to the treatment plant.

The Town's Asset Management Plan indicates that the sanitary sewer and watermain on Bay Street is in poor to very poor condition and is approaching the end of its useful life. Considering that Bay Street will be significantly disturbed from Mill Street to Grey Street for the installation of the secondary forcemain, this provides a good opportunity to reconstruct the entire road to ensure that the watermain, sewers and stormwater systems are updated and adequate for the next 50-75 years. The project will also see the installation of a new outfall pipe on Grey Street from the TWWTP to Georgian Bay.

The Town hosted a Neighbourhood Meeting on Saturday, December 2 at Bayview Park. The Town's project team was able to illustrate some of the challenges they face based on existing conditions, and residents were able to share their concerns and thoughts on different elements of the project including active transportation options, impacts to trees, traffic calming measures, road alignments and drainage and stormwater management.

The feedback gathered from the Neighbourhood Meeting, along with regulatory requirements, the Town's Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan and Engineering Standards has been used to inform the preliminary design alternatives and prepare for this first Public Information Centre.

#### Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact one of the people listed below.

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#### Project Timeline

- Design and Engineering - Completed Q4 2024 (est.)
- Construction - Beginning Q2 2025 (est.)
- Completion - Q4 2026 (est.)

#### Public Consultation

A Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to gather input from stakeholders and residents. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The meeting will include a public comment and question period.

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024

Start Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Platform: Microsoft Teams

Registration for the meeting is mandatory to receive a link to attend the virtual meeting. Please visit the project web page to register for the meeting and to sign up for notifications as project updates become available.

#### Where do I find more information?

A dedicated project page has been added to the Town's website at: [www.thebluemountains.ca/BayStreetEast](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/BayStreetEast)



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### Town Seeking Nominations for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award

The Town of The Blue Mountains is encouraging residents, local service clubs and community groups to submit nominees for the Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario. The nominee must be over the age of 65 and have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community. Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to any number of fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness and humanitarian activities.

To be considered by Council, all nominations must be submitted to the Town Clerk by Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at noon. Please contact the Town Clerk at the information below for nomination instructions and details.

Town Clerk: Corrina Giles, [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)  
Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 232

To learn more about the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please visit:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3>

### Town Names Winners of Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to recognize the winners of the Volunteer Recognition Awards and extend sincere gratitude and appreciation to the countless volunteers who devote their time and effort to support the community.

The following Volunteers and Community Groups are this year's recipients:

- **Arts and Culture Award:** Judy Shield
- **Heritage Award:** Royal Canadian Legion Beaver Valley Branch 281
- **Sustainability Award:** Barry Tatchell & Stella Presthus Juhasz
- **Sports and Recreation Award:** Jessica Elkins
- **Good Neighbour Award:** Sarah Beveridge
- **Blue Mountains Community Builder (Adult 26+):** Linda Wykes
- **Outstanding Community Group Award:** The Marsh Street Centre

In partnership with The Seniors Network, The Town will host a Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony and Volunteer Fair to honour the recipients on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury.

Members of the public are invited to attend the Volunteer Fair from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm with a break at 5:00 pm for the Awards Ceremony. The Volunteer Fair provides the opportunity for the public to meet with various community groups in the area to learn about volunteer opportunities. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the Volunteer Recognition Awards, please visit: [www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteer](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteer)

### Notice - Natural Heritage Study Open House #2

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise that Open House #2 for the Natural Heritage Study & Natural Asset Inventory will take place on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Town Hall and virtually via Microsoft Teams. This session will present and seek feedback on draft project outcomes. Results of the Natural Asset Inventory and draft targets, criteria and recommendations for natural heritage management will be presented.

Registration is required by visiting [www.thebluemountains.ca/natural-asset](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/natural-asset)

# The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's Master Gardener's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846 or e-mail to [casacarolejohn@gmail.com](mailto:casacarolejohn@gmail.com).



There are lots of things to do in your garden in – April 2024

Make sure you have done everything you were supposed to do on the March MG List, or ask for a new copy. See email above. Spring had already arrived on many days in March, but then the late snow and cold. Spring came in like a lamb and out like a lion.

Do stretch and bend exercises every time before you start in the garden. I find skiing muscles have nothing to do with gardening muscles. Take it easy. There are a lot of gardening days before the next ski season.

## A NEW PROGRAM FOR SPREADING TRIPLE-19 FERTILIZER.

I have learned from the Guelph educated Agronomist at the Huron Co-Op in Markdale that you should NOT spread 19-19-19 general purpose fertilizer over the snow on all your flower beds and shrub borders. You will lose the Nitrogen. So, after the snow has gone, you should spread it on the damp ground in your flower beds, but before plant leaves appear, so they will not be burned.

Triple-19 fertilizer is available now at the Mid-West Co-Op, south of Markdale on Hwy 10.

- Organize your compost pile for the new season. Start a new one with the top foot of compost material from last year's pile as a base.
- As the weather warms and the ground dries, prune back perennials and ornamental grasses to 1" to 2" from the ground. Collect the dead material and put it on your new compost pile. Shred it, if you can.
- Push any plants that the frost has heaved, back into place.
- Prepare garden beds for planting. Dig in compost, and/or manure, and/or other organic material around each plant. Remove any weeds that have come through from last fall. When you have cleaned up the beds, ADD 3" TO 4" OF MULCH to control weeds this summer.
- Remove rose protection. For Hybrid Teas, prune back to 6" or 8" and apply dormant oil spray before the buds break.
- Apply dormant oil spray to shrubs like euonymus that may have suffered from scale last year. Do it before the buds break.
- Prepare your vegetable garden with a good digging. Add compost and manure, if you have it. Mid-month, plant the seeds of cool-weather vegetables like peas, spinach, lettuce, onions, beets. Plant seeds of frost resistant annuals like larkspur, sweet peas and calendulas.
- When you can't see your foot prints in the lawn, it is dry enough to rake it vigorously to remove any thatch. Then repair damage with weed-free topsoil. Add grass seed to bare spots. Keep moist.
- Fertilize your lawn with slow-release high nitrogen fertilizer (the first of the 3 numbers on the bag). Slow-release urea costs more, but it's worth it, as it should last until the fall.
- Apply crabgrass pre-emergence herbicide to your lawn, if required.
- When spring finally comes, plant trees, shrubs, perennials and biennials in your garden. No need to wait until May 24th for perennials, that's for annuals. Up here, June 1st is a better date to start planting frost-tender annuals safely. If there is a late frost forecast, cover annuals with a bed sheet.
- Re-fill your pots and planters with compost. But first, put empty plastic bottles with tops on at the bottom of large pots. You will need less soil and they will be lighter and easier to move. Add slow-release plant food to the top 4 inches.
- You can plant frost-resistant pansies NOW for a little early spring colour.
- Start mowing your lawn only as needed. Keep it long to crowd out any weeds.



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The Beaver Valley Figure Skating Club has been in operation for over 50 years. They are a registered Skate Canada club and offer a variety of programs for children of all ages, such as CanSkate, StarSkate and CanPower Skate. Whether it is your first time on the ice, or if you have been skating for years, the Beaver Valley Figure Skating Club is a terrific club to be a part of where children can learn while having fun and making new friendships. On, Monday March 25th the skaters presented their End of Season Exhibition organized by Coaches Karen Verbrugge and Erika Engel. Photos by Robert Burcher. [www.bvaa.ca](http://www.bvaa.ca)



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## Sunshine List 2023

The number of public sector workers in Ontario who earned over six figures surpassed 300,000 in 2023, and included at least 1,700 employed in Grey-Bruce.

The annual public salary disclosure document known as the Sunshine List has been released by the Ontario government, shining a light on the province's highest earners among workers paid with tax dollars.

The Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act was enacted by Mike Harris' Progressive Conservative government in 1996, and requires organizations that receive funding from the province to report the names, positions and earnings of those who make more than \$100,000.

The more than 300,000 names on the list for 2023 was up from 267,000 names in 2022.

Ontario Power Generation CEO Ken Hartwick topped the list, earning \$1.9 million last year.

Brightshores Health System, 383 employees, up from 232 President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Sims, \$336,106.

Ontario Court justices Julia Morneau, Valerie Brown, and Kevin Sherwood, who each earned \$356,021.

Grey Bruce Public Health, 12 employees on the list Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra \$325,051

Former physician consultant Rim Zayed \$235,513

Bluewater District School Board, 549 employees, down from 568 Director of Education Lori Wilder \$257,000

Superintendents of Education Keith Lefebvre and Lauren Penner Lipsett earned \$185,000, as did former superintendent of business services and treasurer Robert Cummings.

Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, 157 employees, up by 1 Director of Education Gary O'Donnell \$182,763.

Superintendent of Education Alex Van Wieringen \$146,244

Superintendent of Business and Treasurer Alecia Lantz \$146,244

Superintendent of Education Karyn Bruneel \$146,194.

Huron-Bruce MPP and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson \$165,851

Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Rick Byers, \$133,217.

Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson, \$133,217.

Premier Doug Ford, \$208,000

### Grey County

102 employees listed for 2023, up from 98 in 2022.

Chief Administrative Officer Kim Wingrove \$233,979

Deputy CAO Randy Scherzer \$189,587

Director of Legal Services and County Solicitor

Michael Letourneau \$187,160.

### Grey County Lower Tier Municipalities

Owen Sound, 85 employees up from 79 in 2022.

The employees included 40 members of the city's police department and 24 members of its fire department.

Police Chief Craig Ambrose at \$204,413

City Manager Tim Simmonds at \$198,668

Police Sergeant Pat Rawn \$165,588,

Inspectors Dave Bishop and Jeff Fluney \$164,944

Fire Chief Phillip Eagleson earned \$164,834.

West Grey, 26 employees, up 24 from 2022

Police Chief Robert Martin \$191,315

Former CAO Laura Johnston \$168,254.

The Blue Mountains, 25 employees, down one from 2022.

CAO Shawn Everitt earned \$228,214.

Hanover, 17 employees, up 3 from 2022.

Police Chief Chris Knoll \$190,612

CAO Sherri Walden earned \$155,148.

Meaford, 10 employees for 2023, up 6 from 2022.

Former CAO Robert Armstrong earned \$194,547.

Southgate, 8 employees, up 2 from 2022.

CAO Dina Lundy earned \$180,566.

Grey Highlands 8 employees, unchanged.

CAO Karen Govan earned \$195,176.

Georgian Bluffs, 7 employees, up 5 from 2022.

Former CAO Cynthia Fletcher \$194,652

Current CAO Niall Lobley \$152,773

Chatsworth, 2 employees, unchanged

CAO Patty Sinnamon earned \$159,862.

The complete searchable list can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/public-sector-salary-disclosure/2023/all-sectors-and-seconded-employees/>.

## 100 Years of Service

April 1st, 2024 marks 100 years of service for the Royal Canadian Air Force as a distinct military element. The Centennial milestone places the RCAF in a unique position to honour its distinct heritage; recognize its

tremendous people today; and generate excitement for its bright future. The RCAF 2024 Team are curating a year-long program that includes International, National and Regional events, such as the RCAF Run, RCAF Gala, Legends of the Sky, and allied air demonstration team participation in Air Shows across Canada, as well as activities to Inspire future generations of Canadians through STEM initiatives, such as the RCAF Gaming Tournament.

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## Community Improvement Plan 2024

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that the 2024 intake period for applications to the Town's Community Improvement **Applications will be accepted until Friday, April 19.**

The Town has two Community Improvement Plans:

- **The Town Wide Revitalization Community Improvement Plan** encourages private property improvement and revitalization.
- **The Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan** facilitates the development of attainable housing.

Interested applicants are encouraged to arrange a pre-application consultation with Town Staff to discuss and confirm application requirements. Following the consultation, applicants must submit a completed application form, including supporting documentation, for evaluation. For information contact the Community Improvement Plan Administrator 519-599-3131 x 269

## Circular Economy

The Town is undertaking a project to make important progress on the Town's sustainability plan, TBM Future Story, Bold Action 14: Develop a Circular Economy Recommendations Report. Circular Economy activities can include maintenance, reuse, refurbishment, remanufacture, recycling, and composting. Broadly, a circular economy tackles climate change and other global challenges, like biodiversity loss, waste, and pollution, by decoupling economic activity from the consumption of finite resources.

This project aims to help identify opportunities for local businesses and other waste-producing organizations in The Blue Mountains to reduce and divert waste, and find collaborative waste solutions. Recommendations may help businesses avoid waste-related costs, improve customer and visitor experiences, and improve the sustainability of business practices. Recommendations may also assist the Town in managing waste diversion and landfill services.

On March 5th, 2024, the Town of The Blue Mountains hosted a Circular Economy Workshop. The purpose of this event was to engage local stakeholders on opportunities and challenges related to waste management and to collaborate on circular economy solutions.

The following was covered:

- How the circular economy supports the town's community sustainability plan, the TBM Future Story.
- Key concepts and features of a circular economy
- What's happening in the Town including challenges and opportunities
- How we can work together to advance circularity
- Next steps and milestones related to this project



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# Grey County Strategic Plan Charts

## Four-Year Path

Grey County has a roadmap to 2027 with the adoption of a new strategic plan. The strategy, titled Working Together for Success, builds on Grey County's belief that residents are best served through collaboration and coordination of municipal services. The plan draws on various studies, strategies and reports from recent years and was approved by County Council at the March 28 meeting.

Grey County delivers programs and services to more than 100,000 full-time residents, 12,000 businesses and 3 million annual visitors. County services include social housing, childcare, Ontario Works benefit administration, paramedic services, three long-term care homes, maintaining the county road network, land use planning, and administration of Provincial Offences court. Grey County also supports regional economic development and tourism and helps preserve local history through Grey Roots Museum and Archives.

Grey County's vision is a county where people feel genuinely at home and naturally inspired, enjoying healthy active living and economic opportunity. Grey County is committed to the coordinated delivery of cost-effective and responsive services that strengthen the economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of the community.

**The first priority area is the continuous improvement in operational efficiency and service delivery.** The goal is to contain spending and improve service access and quality through innovation.

**The strategy's second priority area is building communities for the future through infrastructure, programs and services that are future ready and sustainable.** Grey County's goal is to collaborate with member municipalities and upper levels of government to create and implement plans, programs and infrastructure investments to support resident quality of life and business success.

**The third priority area is internal workforce development with a focus on municipal workforce attraction, retention and skills development.** Like many sectors, Grey County is facing a labour shortage. Grey County's goal is to develop the skills and experience of existing staff to meet current and future needs of the county.

**The final priority of the strategy is improving access to housing for all residents of Grey County.** The goal is to increase the availability of housing options and housing types to meet the current and future needs of our growing population.

“Grey County is committed to the priorities and goals identified in the strategy. These will form the basis of our work planning and budgeting and will be incorporated into performance plans to ensure accountability to Council and the community,” explains CAO Wingrove.

Quarterly updates will be provided during the CAO Performance Evaluation Committee and annual strategic plan reports will be presented to Grey County Council.

For details about the Plan, visit [www.grey.ca/strategic-plan](http://www.grey.ca/strategic-plan).

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You are invited to join the artists, Craig Sealy, Heather La Rue, Heather Smiley, Jennifer Nemes and Marion Bartlett, for the launch of their show on Saturday, April 6 between 2-4pm at the L.E. Shore Gallery. Show runs for the month of April.



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- Cheezed Blue Mountain, \$13 take-out; Blue Mountain Village, Mon - Thurs 11 - 8, Fri - Sat 10 - 9, Sun 10 - 8
- Culinary Designs Catering, \$13 take-out; 68 Arthur St. W., Thornbury, Tues - Sat 10 - 5
- Georgian Hills Vineyards, \$19 dine-in; 496350 Grey County Rd. 2, 11 - 5 daily
- Gustav Chophouse & Bar \$19 dine-in; 10 Vacation Inn Dr, Collingwood, Mon - Sun 12 - 5
- Heavenly Cafe, \$13.00 take-out; 10 Keith Ave. Unit 301, Collingwood, Tues - Sun 10 - 5
- Kaytoo Restaurant & Bar, \$19 dine-in; 176 Jozo Weider Blvd. Blue Mountain Village Mon - Sun 12 - 5
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- Thornbury Craft Co. Cider & Brew House \$19 dine-in; 90 King St. E., Thornbury Sun - Thurs 11 - 6, Fri - Sat 11 - 7
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## The Blue Mountains Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony and Volunteer Fair

Visit the Volunteer Fair to learn about local volunteer opportunities in the Town of The Blue Mountains from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

All members of the community are welcome to attend and celebrate at the awards ceremony starting at 5:00 p.m.



April 17, 2024 at the  
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FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024 - 7:30PM

An evening of jazz piano trio music  
featuring songs associated with  
the late great Bill Evans



BRIAN DICKINSON - Piano

BARRY ELMES - Drums

PAT COLLINS - Bass

**ADMISSION \$30**

PROCEEDS SUPPORT STUDENT MUSIC EDUCATION  
[www.thornburyjazz.com](http://www.thornburyjazz.com)

Purchase tickets by email - [thornburyjazz@gmail.com](mailto:thornburyjazz@gmail.com)

or at these locations

Thornbury Pharmasave, 45 Arthur St. W., Thornbury

Gabriele Photography, 133 Hurontario St., Collingwood



## LUNCH BUNCH 4th Tuesday

Tuesday, April 23rd at 12:00

Come for lunch and bring a friend

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury

## Cruise and Connect

A Grey & Bruce Networking Event

**APRIL 25** Join local Grey & Bruce professionals to network, cruise and connect!



### ALL ABOARD for a Grey & Bruce Business Networking Event!

On Thursday April 25th, we're setting sail aboard the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun to cruise and connect! Grey County and Bruce County Economic Development departments are partnering to offer a unique evening of networking. Whether you are a professional, a business owner, or interested community member, this is your chance to make those networking connections that you didn't know you needed.

- Boarding - 6:30 pm; Cruise on Georgian Bay - 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
- Free Professional Portraits by Life Directions.
- Facilitated networking with Heather Travis, marketing strategist, public relations expert, and small business branding coach.
- Live music by Amber May and Tandem.
- Business Casual Signup at [www.grey.ca](http://www.grey.ca)

# Earth Calling

Thursday April 25th  
L.E. Shore Library

- Inner Yogies 10:30 -12:30pm
  - Live Life Fit 1:00-2:00pm
  - Inner Yogies 3:00- 4:30pm
  - Willow Weaving 6:00 - 7:30pm
- with Mayor Andrea Mastrosovs



L.E. Shore Library | 173 Bruce Street, South  
TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca | 519-599-3681  
[libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca)



### Cookie Drive Thru

Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Pharmasave parking lot from 11am to 2pm.



### TBM Repair Café

140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.

Go Green for a better Blue!

[www.repaircafetheluemountains.ca](http://www.repaircafetheluemountains.ca)

CLARKSBURG VILLAGE

# Annual Spring Clean-up!



SATURDAY, APRIL 27 @ 10-12  
Join us for a fun, satisfying morning!

MEET AT LION'S PARK PAVILION

GARBAGE BAGS SUPPLIED  
PLEASE BRING GLOVES

QUESTIONS CONTACT STELLA 519-599-2173

KIMBER VALLEY FARMS

## SPRING FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 11am-4pm

236087 Beaver Valley Road | Kimberley, ON, NOC 1G0

You are invited to come and enjoy:

- Meeting and supporting 30+ local, artisanal farmers & makers.
- An assortment of farm fresh, organic and hot foods, including:
  - Baked goods · preserves · organic meats · maple syrup · cheese · more!
- A selection of curated artisans selling hand-made one-of-a-kind items such as jewelry, art, home décor, herbal blends, and health and wellness products.
- The sounds of live music against the backdrop of the beautiful Beaver Valley!
- Our Photo Booth. Enter our contest to win a great prize!



Learn about our Icelandic sheep and the many activities that take place year-round at Kimber Valley Farms:

Fibre Workshops · Off-Grid Cabin Stays · Sheep Sponsorships  
Farm Tours · Special Events

For the health and safety of guests, our pets and livestock, no dogs are permitted.

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## EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Registration NOW OPEN

CALLING ALL FAMILY, FRIENDS AND BUSINESSES!

Meet us at The Blue Mountains Town Hall at 2pm

- PRIZES for MOST WEIGHT COLLECTED
- FUN Family Event: Clean-Up BINGO Cards, Maps, COOKIES and more!
- Materials & 'Pitch-In' Bags Provided

Date and Place

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Thornbury

CONTACT  
[CANNBTM@gmail.com](mailto:CANNBTM@gmail.com)  
for more info!

Join US...



SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024

# CANADIAN BIG BAND

## "To Your Health"

A Fundraiser for the Meaford Hospital Foundation



The 17 piece Canadian Big Band is a professional big band whose membership includes some of the most talented musicians in Canada including former members of the Grammy award winning Rob McConnell's Boss Brass

You can expect a very entertaining evening of jazz!



Location: Meaford United Church, 7 Boucher St. E., Meaford  
Time: Doors Open @ 6:45 Concert @ 7:30 Tickets: \$50.00  
For tickets and information go to [www.ticketscene.ca/toyourhealth](http://www.ticketscene.ca/toyourhealth)  
Scan the QR code, or call (705)440-6755

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JAZZ WORKS

# SPRING CANDLE POP-UP

@ GOOD GRIEF IN THORNBURY

Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

featuring: The MOM collection

FUN signature scents curated for Mother's Day that represent your mom's unique personality



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## Tree Trust Tree Talk, Monday April 29

### The Role of Mature Trees in our Communities

Tree Trust TBM is thrilled to announce the second installment of its Tree Talk series, to be held on Monday, April 29th, at the L.E. Shore Library in Thornbury.

The focus of this Tree Talk will be on the many invaluable roles played by mature trees in urban and rural settings – everything from providing critical ecological benefits in our changing climate to making our communities healthier and more beautiful.

Attendees will learn about why our mature trees are so important, and how they are protected and cared for, typically extending their natural lives for many decades.

The Tree Talk will feature case examples of mature, established trees in the Blue Mountains that have been assessed and cared for by professional arborists with specialized expertise.

Tree Trust arborist team members from Arboreal Tree Care will explain the life-extending techniques required for mature tree care. Braedon Witt, graduate of the University of Toronto Masters of Forest Conservation Program, will provide an overview of the TBM Tree Inventory he led in 2023, the first comprehensive assessment of our tree canopy.

This will be followed by an open Q&A session, where attendees can "ask the experts" about tree protection and care.

Please join us on April 29, 7-9pm, at the LE Shore Library, for this special Tree Trust Tree Talk. Attendance is free. For more information contact [programs@treetrust.ca](mailto:programs@treetrust.ca)





Events for Life

# MAY 11, 2024

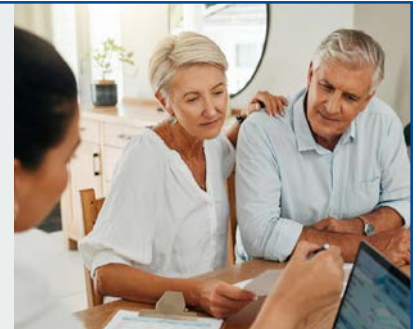
# CLOTHING SALE

NEW AND GENTLY USED  
WOMENS SEASONAL  
CLOTHING  
AND ALL ACCESSORIES  
8:30 TO 12:30  
BVCC



CIBC PRIVATE WEALTH

## PLANNING YOUR ESTATE



Come hear from our panel of experts on how to maximize your wealth transfer and avoid common mistakes.

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Huron Club Lounge  
94 Pine St, Collingwood, ON

Light snacks and refreshments included.

Please RSVP to  
[fraser.willson@cibc.com](mailto:fraser.willson@cibc.com)  
or 647 588-4344



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# SPRING LICIOUS

APRIL 2 - MAY 17

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Featuring specially Curated prix fixe menus



Scan Here For Menus



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[bluemountainvillage.ca/springlicious](http://bluemountainvillage.ca/springlicious)

Don't Forget Chicken too!



# LOBSTER FEST

Lobster, BBQ Chicken, Bun Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert

TAKE OUT

Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury

SATURDAY MAY 25

Tickets \$80.00 per person

For information and to order tickets

visit [www.lobsterfestblue.ca](http://www.lobsterfestblue.ca)

or call 519-599-3345

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## Calling all Canadian Artists and Film Enthusiasts!

The Blue Mountain Film + Media Festival is thrilled to announce our poster design contest, offering you the opportunity to showcase your talent and contribute to the festival's visual identity.

We invite Canadian artists aged 18 and above to participate in a captivating opportunity to showcase their artistic prowess and contribute to the festival's visual identity. Embodying the theme "See the World Through Blue," the chosen artwork will serve as the official poster for the Blue Mountain Film Festival. The winner will receive a \$1000 cash prize and tickets to the Opening Film & Party. <https://bluemtnfilmfest.ca/contests/>



Join us on Sat, May 25, 2024

IG Walk for Alzheimer's

Thornbury, ON - Bayview Park Pavillion

9:00am Registration - 10:00am Opening Ceremonies

REGISTER AT:

[www.walkforalzheimers.ca](http://www.walkforalzheimers.ca)



Alzheimer Society  
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Who are YOU

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All funds raised will assist families living with dementia in Grey-Bruce

Call our office for more information: 519-376-7230

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