



## Celebrating the Colour Turquoise! February 3-28



Every year, the Arts & Culture Council for The Gallery at L.E. Shore hosts an open invitation, salon styled show centered around a colour theme. Local artists are invited to submit artwork of that colour theme, and our Gallery is hung, floor to ceiling and everywhere in between, with art! This year, artwork will be centered around the vibrant colour of Turquoise.

## Seniors Matters Today

Income Tax Filing time is coming up and is really important for Seniors. It's not only about paying taxes that you may owe.

- If you receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) to your Old Age Security Pension, filing your tax return on time (by April 30th, 2024), is your reapplication to continue or to be assessed for the first time for that benefit.
- There are tax benefits and credits especially for seniors; they may put more money in your pocket. There are federal AND provincial benefits and credits.
- In order to apply for the new Canada Dental Benefit, your income tax must be up to date

There are options in our community for information and assistance. Of course they are in addition to your personal accountant.

**Wednesday, February 7th, at 2 p.m.,** BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) PHONE program, will offer a phone-in session, From a Maze to Amazing - Understanding Ontario's Personal Income Tax, Credit & Benefits. Jeremy Bertrand, Senior Program Advisory Specialist, Ontario's Ministry of Finance is the presenter. Phone 226 682 0701, passcode 852340#) to join the session

**Thursday, March 26th at 2 p.m ,** Jeremy Bertrand is booked for an SCWW New Territory4Seniors, IN PERSON presentation at L. E. Shore Library. It will include Understanding Ontario's Tax Benefits & Credits + Ontario's Medical Expense and Senior's Care at Home Tax Credit. Register to attend by calling 519 599 2577, ext. 126 or email seniors@bvo.ca.

**Information Sessions,** virtual and in person, about Canada's Income Tax Benefits & Credits are being organized with Canada Revenue. The dates will be announced when speakers are confirmed.

**FREE Income tax preparation clinics** -- the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is a joint effort of community agencies and Canada Revenue. Beaver Valley Outreach has been participating in this confidential service for several years. Trained volunteers complete income tax and benefit returns for eligible people. Call BVO's Office administrator, Catherine Sholtz. 519 599 2577, ext. 2.

## Grey County To Move Forward With Motel Purchase For Emergency Housing Program

Grey County will look to expand emergency housing access with the purchase of the Diamond Motel in Owen Sound. County Council directed staff to finalize an agreement of purchase and sale with the motel operator at a meeting of Committee of the Whole on January 25 at a cost of \$3,050,000. The property is located at 713 9th Avenue East in Owen Sound. To finalize the sale, a by-law will be presented to County Council on February 8. "Homelessness is a problem we see growing in communities across the province and Grey County is no exception," said Grey County Warden Brian Milne. "Investing in this motel is an investment in safety and security for the residents of our communities who are being left out in the cold."

## February is Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

The 2024 theme for Black History Month is: "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build". This theme celebrates the rich past and present contributions and accomplishments of Black people in Canada, while aspiring to embrace new opportunities for the future.

The theme aligns with the 10th year of the International Decade for People of African Descent and recognizes that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected. No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more about Black Canadian communities, and how they continue to help shape Canada.



## Council Public Meetings

The Town of The Blue Mountains will be holding Public Meetings on March 12, 2024, to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the following items:



- 2024 Draft Budget
- 2024 Proposed Development Charge Rates and Policies
- 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law.
- Consideration of Town Properties to be Surplus to the Town's Needs

### How do I submit my comments?

**Written Comments** – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2024, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed to townclerk@thebluemountains.ca. Any submitted comments become part of the public record, including names and addresses.

**Verbal Comments** – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber.

### Meeting Live Stream & Video Recording

Please note that the Public Meetings will be live-streamed on the Town website and posted as a video following the public meeting. Registration is not required to view the meeting on the Town's website [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)



### Enjoy walking year round at the Beaver Valley Community Centre

Monday and Thursday from 9-11am; no pre-registration or fee.  
Come whatever time you wish between 9-11am.  
Walking with poles (with rubber feet) and walkers is allowed.

### FREE SEWING CLASSES

are being offered beginning Tuesday, February 13,  
for 10 weeks. Located at First Baptist Church, Thornbury.  
Please use the Alice Street entrance.  
Maryann @ 519 599 2680 or Pat @ 519 538 0020.

### BID EUCHRE

Wednesday & Thursday 12:50-3:30pm; \$2.00 per day  
Small Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre  
Lessons Available - Bev 705-507-0563 or Dorothy 519-599-5044

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**2nd & 4th Sunday 9am** - Morning Prayer BCP

**5th Sunday 4pm** - Evensong BCP & Potluck Supper

**Ash Wednesday Pentecostal Service.**

**Wednesday Feb. 14th @ 3:00 PM.**

Rector Jeff Kischak, 519-770-7979



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## 68<sup>th</sup> Guiding Valentine Tea Renamed

Our Valentine Tea & Bake Sale is returning for the 68<sup>th</sup> year but with a slight change! It will be held Feb 24<sup>th</sup> this year, for the first time called the "Thinking Day Tea & Bake Sale". This name was chosen because Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> is World Thinking Day. It is the birthday of both Lord & Lady Baden Powell, who formed Scouting and Guiding. In celebration of that, members of Guiding think of other Guiding members all around the world on this day.

We are thrilled to be returning, our first since COVID. Please join us to make this the **68<sup>th</sup> Thinking Day Tea & Bake sale, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church** the best one yet! Tickets are available for \$4.00 from any member or available at the door. We also accept baking donations. These may be dropped off at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church between 10am & 1pm Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

For further information contact Shirley at 519-599-3968.

## A Celebratory Update from St. George's Project Safe Haven

### - The Sponsorship of the Hussain Zada Family from Afghanistan

It is with deep gratitude that the members of St. George's Anglican Church can report that, in August 2023, we welcomed three new residents into our Blue Mountains Community: the Hussain Zada family!

After a generous community-wide fundraising effort that raised \$55,000 to secure the financial obligations of this refugee sponsorship project, St. George's, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Huron Refugee Committee, was able to finalize the sponsorship process. This process took more than a year to facilitate, largely because three of the four members of the Hussain Zada family had been forced to flee to Pakistan, where they sheltered for two years before the Canadian Government chartered a flight to bring them to their new home in Canada. The fourth member of the family, the eldest daughter, had been fortunate to have been evacuated by Ukrainian military members in Kabul in 2021 during the violent government takeover by the Taliban. She had been targeted by the Taliban as a result of her involvement in advocating for women's rights within Afghanistan.

Immediately upon arriving in Canada in 2021, the eldest daughter accepted employment with the Blue Mountains Resort. This allowed her to get an early foothold in our community and to work with the refugee sponsorship team to source out a new home for their family. We are indebted to Stu Frith, Business Development Manager of Vacasa Blue Mountains, for helping us to find the perfect home for the Hussain Zadas, conveniently located in the Blue Mountains Village, where the two daughters are now currently employed.

For two years, the parents in the family were solely concerned with protecting their children and providing safety in a very difficult context in Pakistan, where there was much violence against Afghan Refugees. Now, the parents are able to shift their focus to a new future for their daughters in Canada. The father is currently working in Collingwood, and both parents are upgrading their English skills.

The day of their arrival was an incredibly emotional day, as, for the first time in two years, the three family members arrived from Pakistan to be reunited with their daughter. They were a family, together, again.

Words cannot express the heartfelt gratitude that the Hussain Zadas feel towards all those who helped to make their new life in Canada possible.

In the upcoming months, St. George's Refugee Sponsorship Community hopes to host a community dinner to share their story and meet many of their supporters. Thanks to all who make our Blue Mountains Community such an inclusive and welcoming place to call home. In a world that currently identifies over 30 million refugees, we are grateful that we've been able to find a happy ending for one more family.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott  
Rector of St. George's, The Blue Mountains.

## Proposed Apartment Building



A Public Meeting will be held February 13, 9:30am for a Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval in order to enable a mixed-use building consisting of two (2) commercial units and ten(10) residential rental apartment units at 178 Marsh Street. (corner of Clark and Marsh)

The proposal is seeking an amendment to Zoning By-law 2018-65 to permit: 1. An exterior side yard setback of 1.5m, whereas a minimum of 4.5m is required; 2. A rear yard setback of 2.01 m, whereas a minimum of 7.5m is required; 3. Dwelling units on the ground floor in a non-residential building; 4. The provision of 22 parking spaces, whereas a minimum of 24 are required.

The proposed building will be three (3) storeys and will have a footprint of 2,370 sf with a total gross floor area of 7,110 sf.

The two (2) commercial uses will be 697.5 sf and 653.39 sf in size and the residential units will include six (6) one-bedroom apartments and four (4) two-bedroom apartments ranging in size from 401sf to 693 sf. The proponent is also providing 2 affordable units within this building. The site will also include 22 parking spaces including 1 accessible parking space and ten (10) bicycle spots. An area on the south end of the site will provide an open gateway public space with landscaping for the gathering of people living and visiting Clarksburg.

## New Resident Parking Pass Registration System Launched

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that the resident parking pass program will be transitioned to a **new online registration** system for 2024.

The new system will allow 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.**

All residential property owners and residential tenants in the Town can register vehicles for free. Multiple vehicles, subject to proof of ownership, can be registered per resident. Registered vehicles can park for free at all Town-owned paid parking locations.

Photo identification, proof of residency and vehicle registration are required to register a vehicle, whether online or in person. Existing 2023 resident parking passes and vehicle registrations will remain valid until March 15, 2024. Vehicles not registered as of March 15, 2024, will be subject to a fine when parking in a paid parking lot location without paying. Residents must register their vehicles for parking on an annual basis.

Non-resident parking passes are available to residents of the Municipality of Meaford, Grey Highlands, Clearview Township and the Town of Collingwood for \$100.00 + HST.

To register your vehicle(s), complete the online registration form or visit Town Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To learn more about paid parking in the Town, visit the Parking webpage. [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

For more information, please contact: By-Law Enforcement  
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## THE BLUE MOUNTAINS 2023 ANNUAL WATER REPORT

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03, please be advised that the Annual Water Report prepared for the Blue Mountains Drinking Water System is available for viewing at Town Hall or by visiting [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)



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# In Memoriam

## RUBY PRISCILLA GREEN (NEE WILLET)

May 11, 1932- January 26, 2024

We are saddened to announce the passing of Ruby at the age of 91 on Friday January 26th.

She was the much-loved mother of Ted (Sandra) Rob (Barb) Bruce (Kathy) Ira (Sandy) and Doug (Rhonda).

She was the dearly loved Grandma of 12 and great Grandma of 22. Ruby was predeceased by her husband Gerald and 7 of her siblings. She is lovingly remembered by her brother Doug Willet and sister-in-law Sandy as well as many nieces and nephews.

In keeping with her wishes, a celebration of Ruby's life will be held later this summer.

Ruby,

*We will...*

*Hold you close within our hearts*

*And there you will remain*

*To walk and guide us through our lives*

*Until we meet again*

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation 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.

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

## Groomed Winter Trails Now Open

### Municipal Recreation Complex

The groomed trails at the Recreation Complex are now open for public use from sunrise to sunset. The Town asks that members of the public maintain a one-way traffic flow to allow space for both cross-country skiers and general usage.

Please note that during the winter, the Recreation Complex is a paid parking location. Residents may display their 2023 Parking Passes until March 15, 2024, or register their licence plate online or at Town Hall to park for free.

### Georgian Trail

The Town will continue to groom the Georgian Trail throughout the winter season. The Georgian Trail is a multi-use trail for walking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, fat biking, and other eco-friendly activities. Due to limited space, there will not be set tracks for cross-country skiing on the Georgian Trail.

For more information on Town trails, please visit the Trails & Hiking page.

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

For more information, please contact:

Manager of Parks & Trails

(519) 599-3131 ext. 353



## ANTONIA SANTILLI

Antonio Santilli, 87, of Thornbury passed away peacefully on Jan. 10, 2024, at the Hospice Georgian Triangle in Collingwood, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on Dec. 26, 1936 to Pietro and Rosaria Santilli in Tocco Da Casauria, Pescara, Italy. He married Trudy Santilli (nee Brandner) on Dec. 8, 1965 and had two children, Marco and Lisa. Tony is survived by his wife Trudy, son Marco (Mahya) daughter Lisa (Mike) and grandchildren Brittney (Nick) and Joshua. Along with his siblings Domenic, Filomena, Ivan and Paul. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, and his four-legged sidekick Pearl.

For over 30 years he was a ski instructor at Blue Mountain and Georgian Peaks, known as "Tony the Tiger". He also loved tennis, camping, cycling, and walking with Pearl on daily excursions. You can hear him whistling on his walks and around the house.

Arrangements entrusted to the Chatterson Funeral Home, 404 Hurontario Street, Collingwood. Cremation has taken place. A funeral service was held at St. George's Anglican Church, 166 Russell Street E., Clarksburg on Saturday January 20, 2024, with visitation the hour prior to the service.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the ALS of Canada, Georgian Triangle Humane Society, or the Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation for Campbell House would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence or to share a memory of Tony, please visit [www.chattersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.chattersonfuneralhome.com)



## MYRNA ANN SANDELL

It is with deep sadness and much love that the family of Myrna Sandell announce her peaceful passing on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the age of 90. She is now in the arms of her beloved husband of 63 years, Ed (2017). Myrna was the loving mother of Mark (Lori) and Jeremy (Pippa) and proud Nana of Owen, Sam (Emily) and Jake. Born on Prince Edward Island on August 18, 1933, she was the daughter of the late George and Pauline (nee Mill) Garnhum. Although Myrna moved from the Island to Toronto in 1940, she remained close to her Islander family throughout their lives.

In 1951, Myrna met Ed while working at a Toronto FW Woolworth store, and so their adventure began. As an only child, Myrna embraced Ed's fun-loving Collingwood family, having many fond memories of their time at the cottage and farm. They were married on June 19, 1954 and as Ed's career progressed with Woolworth's, they lived in Toronto, Windsor, Vancouver, Richmond Hill and Montreal, before settling in Mississauga in the late 1960s. Never one to slow down, Myrna returned to school in the 1970s, graduating from Sheridan College's Business Program with a scholarship for academic excellence.

Myrna will be remembered for her love of the finer things in life, including vacations with close friends, dinner parties and cocktail hour with friends and family. She was an avid bridge player and creator of beautiful knitted designs.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the team at the PeopleCare Community in Meaford for their care and compassion. 'GSTQ'. At Myrna's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A celebration of Myrna's life will take place at a later date.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce 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. [fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

## DOLORES EVELYN McFARLANE

Dolores Evelyn McFarlane, loving daughter of Francis 'Frank' Henry Perry Loan (1969) and Iva May Tanner (1955), has died in her 91st year at Meaford General Hospital in Ontario surrounded by her loving family.

Predeceased by her husband Murray C. McFarlane (2011), and her former husband, Peter G. Lush (2014) and her brother Douglas M. Loan (2002). Survived by her two children Valerie (Bill) and John (Mani), and grandmother to Maris (Peter), Eliot (Evan) and Evelyn (Blake), and great-grandmother "GG", to Noelle, Annika, Emmy, Mae, Billie, and Haheepa. Born in Chatham, Ontario, settling in Burlington to raise her family and retiring to Thornbury, The Blue Mountains where she followed her love of golf, tennis and skiing at the Georgian Peaks Club.

Dolores' unique character, sense of style and adventurous spirit lead her to employment in both retail fashion and human resources. She volunteered for the Junior League of Hamilton and the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada. Dolores' feminine strength and tenacity was admired by her peers and will be a pillar of resilience for her family and 6 great granddaughters as they grow and find their place in the world.

A funeral service at Christ Church Anglican in Meaford was held On Friday, February 2nd, at 2:30 p.m. A Celebration of Dolores' Life will take place at the Georgian Bay Club in May.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation 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. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## DONALD RODERICK (DUCKY) MacLEAN

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Don MacLean at the Meaford Hospital on January 11, 2024 surrounded by his immediate family.

He is survived by his beloved wife Catherine, his loving children Kevin (Sheila), Lisa (Rob Rennie), dearly loved grandchildren Jake, Tara (Sam), Julia, Luey, Conor, Declan, Ashlyn (Nate), Nicole, Jamieson, Kendall, Rachel, Julia, Connor, Ava and great granddaughter Elena. Lovingly remembered by Brian (Michelle) Edwards and Lynn (Brian Dueck) and brother-in-law Don (Wanda) Bick. Don will be deeply missed by his sisters Peggy Lister and Jessie Iwasiw and their families. Don was predeceased by his parents "Ducky" and Helen MacLean, sister Cathy, grandson Dono and brothers-in-law, Drummond Lister, Ed Iwasiw & Charlie Bick.

Don was the founder and Chairman of the Board of MacLean Engineering who had lifelong connections to the mining industry, having been brought up in the mining camps of northern Ontario and Quebec. Don started MacLean Engineering with a vision of improving safety in the underground mining industry and has over the past 50 years developed the company to the global mining presence that it has today. Don cared not only about the company but also about all the employees who helped him build it. He will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Georgian Bay Hotel, Collingwood, on Thursday January 18th. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle ([www.hospicegeorgiantriangle.com](http://www.hospicegeorgiantriangle.com)), the Salvation Army, Collingwood ([www.salvationarmycollingwood.ca](http://www.salvationarmycollingwood.ca)), Living Better with Parkinson's ([www.livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca](http://www.livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca)) or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.



## 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay Donates to Support Events for Life (EFL)

Opportunities for adults with special needs to build life skills, be engaged in recreational and social activities after their formalized high school experience ends are limited in the Southern Georgian Bay Community, particularly in the rural communities. Events for Life seeks to fill that gap by, among other things, offering a year-round day program that provides recreation, skill development, increased physicality, community orientation and lifelong learning. At its November meeting, the members of 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay chose Events for Life and donated \$10,597.44 to support its operations.

Events for Life began as a summer program in 2013 and has grown every year since. Today it has a reputation for excellence that stretches well beyond its Southern Georgian Bay Community borders; families from around Southern Ontario have moved into our community to allow their adult child to be part of their programming.

"We are pleased to support Events for Life and the great work they do to help the participants with special needs become more integrated into our community." Bob Hughes, Leadership Team Member, 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay. "The work performed by the Events for Life team, including some 30 plus volunteers, allows individuals with special needs to live, learn, work and enrich our community."

The funds being provided by 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay will be used to help EFL further develop their creative, visual, and performing arts programs. More specifically incorporating art therapy into the program and using art as a means of self-expression. Funds will also be used to help EFL produce an interactive music video using American Sign Language (ASL).

"We are so grateful for the support from the 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay. The generosity from this group of caring men is so wonderful for our community especially for charities like Events for Life. These funds will go directly into our program and help us develop new and interactive activities that the participants will really enjoy. The new video we will be producing will be sure to warm your hearts. Visit our website for more information [www.eventsfor.life](http://www.eventsfor.life)."

- Barb Weeden, Executive Director, Events for Life.

### About 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay

The Southern Georgian Bay area is one of the fastest growing areas in Canada and that growth brings with it increasing needs for support of local community causes and non-profit organizations.

100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay seeks to provide some of that support by bringing together 100 or more men to each contribute \$100 at each at its four yearly meetings to a local charity chosen by the Membership at each meeting. A small donation by many gives 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay the opportunity to make a real impact to the local Charities it supports.

<http://100menwhocaresgb.ca/>

## DORIS MARIE SQUIRES (NEE CHRISTENSEN)

It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear Mom, Nana and Gigi, Doris Squires in Collingwood, on January 8, 2024.

Doris said that she always wanted to live to be 90. Her wish came true, and she celebrated well with cherished family and friends on December the 19th.

Doris lived a full and wonderful life with her husband Ted (Toe) Squires as they entertained, traveled and raised their two children together. In her early days with Toe, Doris enjoyed skiing and sailing and pursued a love of tennis and golf. She was an amazing cook and gracious hostess to many, and nothing delighted her more than birthday and special occasion celebrations. Doris was an ageless Danish beauty and a true fashionista who had a passion for stylish clothes, and derived great pleasure in getting dressed up for any occasion. Thank you to Tigs in Thornbury for indulging her in her every whim.

After Toe passed away in 2012, Doris reconnected with an old friend Edmund McClay and together they shared a loving companionship that included many world travels. Devoted mother to Susan (Paul Daignault) and Ted (Katy Leighton). Very proud Nana to Alexander (Kamila), and Jeffrey (Jillian), Thomas (Maddy) and Meg, as well as adoring Gigi to great grandsons Finn and Theo.

Doris is survived by her dear brother Bud (Susan) Christensen, sister-in-law Wendy (Murray) Hall, brother-in-law Larry (Anne Marie) Squires and many nieces and nephews. Doris is predeceased by her parents Sigurd and Christine Christensen, and siblings, Sonja, Chris, Bill, Inga and Howard. Doris' loving devotion towards her family will be truly missed. A Celebration of Life will be held when the Spring flowers bloom. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital. Friends may visit Doris's online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com)



# BMRA Presentation to the Provincial Budget Consultation Panel - January 11, 2024

I'm Jim Torrance, President of the Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association. Our association's focus extends beyond typical planning issues to include Town and County infrastructure development, budget management and housing strategy.

Blue Mountains is the second fastest growing community in Ontario. If our growth is to be sustainable, we require investment - in infrastructure, and most critically, in attainable housing. However, our Town's ability to make those necessary investments is compromised, and there are three specific factors that we are hoping can be addressed.

## The first has to do with our County tax levy.

Currently, the Blue Mountains represents 15% of Grey County's population, and based on our higher assessed home values, carries over 28 % of Grey County's tax load. Our big concern is that when updated Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) assessments are applied over the next few years, our contribution will likely increase into the mid to high 30% range, if this lower tier tax model is not changed (this reflects the fact that the County applies one mill rate across all Grey Municipalities, and our property values have risen to a much greater extent than the others). That would result in our Town sending millions more tax dollars to the County - money that our growing community needs. We urge the Province to reform this tax model.

## The second relates to the manner in which MPAC fees are charged.

The Province defines how MPAC costs are allocated - based on the number of residences surveyed, not their assessed value. Municipality MPAC invoices are sent to their Upper Tier Government for redistribution. In our case, Grey County allocates the charges to its municipalities based on assessed value, not following the Provincial formula. We request the Province instruct MPAC to send billings to, and collect payment from municipalities on whose behalf the work is done, and who are responsible for tax collection. For residents of the Blue Mountains, this would result in a sustainable tax reduction of over \$120,000 per year.

## The final issue has to do with accountability and transparency.

Blue Mountains, with the lion's share of new development in Grey

County, desperately needs the reinvestment of our Development Charges that are collected by the County back into our Town.

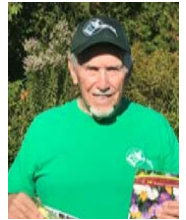
However, prior requests to the County for detailed reporting of the sources of capital funds, how they establish spending priorities, and the proportion of investment by municipality, have not been fulfilled. Instead, we have been instructed to make a special exemption request to County Council to access that data. Our position is that County residents are the ultimate source of those funds, and the information should be shared openly with us.

Given this situation, we ask that Provincial rules, regulations and practices be updated, requiring full disclosure of all sources of development charge revenue, and that the funding application be mandated to address the needs for which they were raised, not to unrelated projects.

Finally, we look to the Province for much needed leadership in ensuring that all levels of government live up to their obligations to their constituents, and provide broad, transparent financial disclosure.

## The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in and for your garden each month, taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc.



For more information, or to get your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, + postage, call John Hethrington 519-599-5846.

### Things to do for - or in - your garden in - February 2024

- The warm pre-Christmas weeks into the first 2 weeks of January were over with a ten below bang. The snow was really here. There was lots of snow cover too. But, before we get a February thaw and refreeze, mound up all the available snow and any new snow that falls, around tender plants like roses.
- If you have a few boughs left over from your Christmas tree, put them over tender plants to catch the snow. It is the freeze/thaw cycle that kills plants, not just the cold.
- Start planning your garden projects for 2023. Make a list for the Spring, then you will know what you didn't get done when you check it in June. I have mine done and I am tired already. Luckily, a garden is never finished!
- Go online and order up Spring Catalogues. I just got mine from Botanus in British Columbia, packed with spring and summer plants like dozens of colourful Dahlias, beautiful Begonias, lovely lilies and Achilleas. Check them out at [www.botanus.com](http://www.botanus.com)
- Start propagating stem cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias, etc. by the end of the month.
- Plant slow germinating seeds for the spring inside now, like impatiens, peppers, eggplants, etc.
- Don't over-water house plants. Wait till the soil in the pot is dry down at least an inch before adding more water. Then water well and wait until it's dry again.
- As the weather warms, you can start pruning shade trees, fruit trees and shrubs, if you can get to them through the snow. Leave trees that "bleed" like maples and birch until after the sap runs and the leaves appear in the spring.

You can forget about the big garden shows again this year. Canada Blooms and the Peterborough Garden Show have again been defeated by fears of COVID, etc.

But, to get a WHIFF OF SPRING, plan to take in the **Barrie Spring Garden & Home Show, March 9 & 10, 10am to 4pm** at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery in Springwater, on Hwy 90, just west of Barrie. Hear special guest presenter, Frankie Flowers - 1pm Saturday and Sunday. It's worth the drive to Springwater.

It may be early, but if there are any students out there interested in garden work after school this spring and all summer too, please get in touch now. There are lots of jobs available. Contact John Hethrington at [casacarolejohn@gmail.com](mailto:casacarolejohn@gmail.com)



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### BEAVER RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE

Brook trout and brown trout require COLD, clean, highly oxygenated waters to both thrive and spawn. One of the ways we gauge our success in the work we do at BRWI is to collect data on water temps, waters for nitrate, phosphates and fecal coliform levels, electro fishing as well as brook trout habitat.

BRWI has been working for many years to rehabilitate the Beaver River to improve these measurements. This work is very slow and tedious due to dense bush and fallen cedars but the immediate results of this methodical approach have been fantastic.

We received great news from Bradley Mulligan and Jack Imhof who just completed their yearly spawning survey in January on a 2km section of the Beaver River. They have been compiling this information since 2009. The results of the survey have been stunning with the average redds (area female creates to lay her eggs) increasing 100% from 34 (2009-2018) to now 62 redds (2020-2023)!!! All the new spawning took place in the newly rehabilitated sections of the Beaver River!! This is a huge win for the Beaver River Watershed and all of us who love it SO much!

Renew or Become a Member of the Beaver River Watershed Initiative! Membership is only \$25 or \$35 for Family Membership Fees payable by E-transfer: [BRWImanagement@gmail.com](mailto:BRWImanagement@gmail.com) Please contact [www.brwi@gmail.com](mailto:www.brwi@gmail.com) with any questions about making a charitable donation to our Project Fund.

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Special Olympics Canada Winter Games

# CALGARY 2024

Jeux d'Hiver d'Olympiques spéciaux Canada



### Special Olympics Team Ontario – Alpine will compete in the Special Olympics National Winter Games being held at Winsport, Calgary, Alberta from February 27 to March 2

Representing Team Ontario at the National Games are racers who qualified at a Special Olympics Provincial Alpine event held at Blue Mountain Resort last winter. They are Robin Shuter, Erin Wright, Matt Fields, Kevin Lachance, and Eddie Bunkowsky - Collingwood; Cameron Oliver, Barrie; Jamie Hall, Angel Blainey, & Julian Hudson, Thornbury; Carter Simpson, Niagara on the Lake; Ryan Sorley, Milton and Ben So, London.

The 2024 Games is the Athletes' chance to compete at the National stage, and potentially represent Canada at the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

#### Athlete Oath:

"LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CANNOT, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT".

Blue Mountain Resorts is supporting Special Olympics Team Ontario Training Squad with Day-Passes while they train at Blue Mountain Resort on January 21st, February 4th & 11th. Family, friends & spectators are welcome to come and experience the joy of these participants as they practice with their team.

For further information visit the Special Olympics Ontario website:  
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### Notice of Public Meeting: Considering Town Properties to be Surplus to the Town's Needs

Date of this Notice: January 12, 2024

March 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to receive comments from the public regarding the potential declaration of the following properties to be surplus to the needs of the Town and to provide the Town the ability to consider disposing of or selling any of the properties. Each property will be reviewed separately.

Maps of the properties can be reviewed on the Town website:

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=19059>

Please note that the properties listed will not be declared surplus, disposed of, or sold at this Public Meeting.

Property Locations:

1. Cedar Street Road Allowance between 95 and 101 Bay Street East (Thornbury)
2. Leming Street Road Allowance between 103 and 107 Leming Street (Thornbury)
3. Clark Street property south of 150 Clark Street (Clarksburg)
4. CON 8 W PT LOT 9 south of 495927 Grey Road 2 (Ravenna)
5. Cameron Street property between 214 and 216 Cameron Street (Thornbury)
6. Margaret Drive Road Allowance south of 135 Margaret Drive (Craigleith)
7. 424200001711105 property southeast of the Arthur Street Parking Lot (Thornbury)
8. Bruce Street/Alice Street West Laneway behind 74, 78 and 80 Bruce and 9 Alice Streets (Thornbury)
9. Corner of Huron Street and Elma Street east of 46 Huron Street West (Thornbury)
10. Grey Road 19 property between 796397 Grey Road 19 and 108 and 112 Pioneer Lane (Craigleith)
11. Plan 1119 Block 25 between 104 and 110 Salzburg Place (Craigleith)

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this topic has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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#### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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#### How do I submit my comments?

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Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca).

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 5, 2024**.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber. Those providing their comments in person, are required to follow the Public Health Guidelines of the Town, as recommended by the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

#### Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Fax: 519-599-7723 [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)


#### Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer 519-599-3131 ext. 234 or [cao@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cao@thebluemountains.ca)





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### Town of The Blue Mountains Public Appointment to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications, in the form of letters of interest, from members of the public for appointment to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board. The Board appointment will be in place for the 2022-2026 term of Council:

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board:

- 5-member Board, 3 Board members have been appointed (2 Members of Council, 1 Public Appointment). The 1 Provincial Appointee seat is currently vacant)
- 1 additional member of the public being sought.

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board is currently a 3 Member Board. Starting April 1, 2024, the Community Safety and Policing Act will be in place across Ontario. This means a change for The Blue Mountains Police Services Board as it will increase Board Membership from 3 Members to 5 Members, one being an additional Council Appointment and one being an additional Public Member Appointment. The Town of The Blue Mountains Council appointed Councillor Gail Ardiel as the additional Council Appointment on October 30, 2023.

Applicants are encouraged to include background information and any special qualifications or interest related to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board.

Information regarding the Board is available on our Town's website at: [www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/council-committees/committees-council/police-services-board](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/council-committees/committees-council/police-services-board)

**NOTE:** Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains. The successful applicant will be required to complete a background check.

All Applications should be submitted no later than **Wednesday February 28, 2024 1:00 pm** to:

Town of The Blue Mountains  
Attention: Town Clerk  
32 Mill Street  
Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0  
[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

For any general inquiries please contact:  
Clerk's Office  
519-599-3131 ext. 306  
[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.




## Overnight Winter Parking Restrictions

Overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. These restrictions remain in effect until April 1, 2024.



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### Save the Date! Volunteer Fair and Awards Ceremony

The Town of The Blue Mountains' annual volunteer fair and recognition awards ceremony returns on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury!

The Town's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards event aims to celebrate and honour outstanding residents, community groups and organizations who work to enhance the quality of life in The Blue Mountains.

#### VOLUNTEER FAIR - 4:00 – 7:00PM

The volunteer fair is a free event featuring groups and organizations from the community with a focus on highlighting the important services they provide to residents. The volunteer fair is also a great way to learn about local volunteer opportunities and how you can help give back!

To learn more about the fair or to register as a vendor, please visit [www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards)

#### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY – 5:00PM

The Volunteer Awards Ceremony was started to celebrate and honour outstanding residents and organizations that have helped shape and build the local community.

Awards will be presented for the following seven categories:

1. Arts & Culture Award
2. Blue Mountains Community Builder (Youth under 26)
3. Blue Mountains Community Builder (Adult 26+)
4. Good Neighbour Award
5. Heritage Award
6. Outstanding Community Group Award
7. Sports and Recreation Award
8. Sustainability Award

If you are thinking of someone or know of a local community group or organization you would like to nominate, please complete the online nomination form by visiting the Volunteer Recognition Awards webpage on the Town website. Award nominations will be accepted until Wednesday, March 6, 2024.



## Resident Parking Registration

The Town has launched a new Resident Parking Pass System. For more information, visit: [www.thebluemountains.ca/parking](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/parking)



# Notice of Public Meeting

## With regard to the 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget

March 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format

In-Person AND Virtual/Online

### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the 2024 Draft Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes as well as the 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, intends to adopt the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for all departments of the Town for the year 2024 and intends to adopt the 2024 Water and Wastewater Budget.

Copies of the 2024 Draft Budget and the 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget will be available through the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca).

### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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# Notice of Public Meeting

## With regard to the 2024 Development Charges Background Study and By-law 2019-17

March 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.  
Hybrid Format  
In-Person AND Virtual/Online

### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting pursuant to *The Development Charges Act, 1997*, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied throughout the Town. It is proposed that enactment of a development charges by-law by Council would occur on a date subsequent to the public meeting.

Development charges are levied against new development, and are a primary source of funding for growth-related capital expenditures. The 2024 Development Charges Background Study relates to the provision of all eligible DC Services (i.e., Public Library, Fire Services, Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, By-law, Solid Waste, Road & Related, Water and Wastewater Services).

Council is required under *The Development Charges Act, 1997*, to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2024 Development Charges Background Study, related staff reports and the proposed development charges by-law.

A copy of the 2024 Development Charges Background Study was made available on the Town's website [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca) on Friday, February 2, 2024. A copy of the draft development charges by-law will be made available on the Town's website on or before Tuesday, February 27, 2024 (two weeks in advance of the Statutory Public Meeting).

### Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

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### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the Development Charges Background Study and By-law has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the Development Charges Background Study, By-law and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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# Notice of Public Meeting

**With regard to amendments to By-law 2023-14 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, amendments to By-law 2023-16 for the Solid Waste Management Fees, and amendments to By-law 2023-15 for the Imposition of Water Charges and Sewer Charges.**

**March 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.  
Hybrid Format  
In-Person AND Virtual/Online**

## What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law.

It is proposed that Council will consider enactment of these revised By-laws at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws will be available through the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca).

## When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the By-laws has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the By-laws and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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## Dr. Jeff Young, Animal Planet, Alice Otrysko

I discovered Dr. Young, veterinarian, about a year ago when flipping through the channels and came across him on Animal Planet.

Since then I have watched his show almost every day and the more I watched it, the more I learned not only about animal care but about a man whom I grew to admire greatly. He is not just a vet but a person who truly cares for each and every animal and is extremely concerned about their welfare in the world.

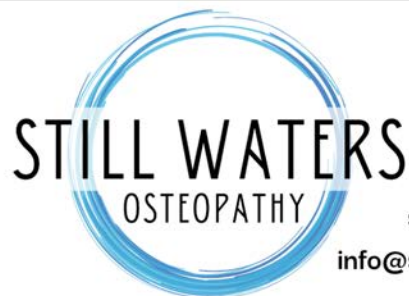
His vet clinic, which is very large and serves thousands of animals, has a big staff and he also goes out into needy communities to spay and neuter either for free or for a small fee and even travels to other countries such as Mexico to help animals.

Jeff is a huge proponent of spay/neuter as a preventative measure for future suffering because of overpopulation or lack of resources to treat and care for dogs and cats primarily. There is a sign outside his clinic which states his philosophy.

I've always had pets and the first thing I do is spay/neuter them. It is the responsible thing to do with your pet. Of course the other necessary precautions are: vaccination, deworming, parasite control and a micro chip. 5 easy things to remember but so easily and readily often neglected by owners.

My present pet, my wonderful Zack whom I got from the Collingwood shelter, had all the above done when I got him and we diligently treat him against parasites every month and we get him vet checked and updated with vaccines once a year and provide him with the best that we can. Why else would you have a pet?

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## Dinner of The Month

The Rotary Clubs of Thornbury-Clarksburg and Meaford have teamed up to offer the 2024 Dinner of the Month Draw! Tickets are only \$25 or 5 for \$100, and offer the buyer 24 chances to win a \$250 or \$100 gift card to many of the area's fabulous restaurants. "We are very excited to work together to bring this event to the communities of Thornbury-Clarksburg and Meaford, who have been so supportive of Rotary and our projects over the years," said Dean Rutty, Committee Chair for the Draw. "I think almost everyone enjoys an evening out with friends or family, especially with such high quality dining options in this community."

Time is running out to get your tickets before the first draws in March. They can be purchased by emailing [dinner@tcrotary.ca](mailto:dinner@tcrotary.ca), or at The Review office, 206 Marsh Street, Clarksburg.

"Only 900 tickets are available, so best to act quickly as we expect to sell out," said Dean. There will be two draws per month, one at each Rotary club, beginning in March 2024 and running through August.

Draw dates times can be found at [tcrotary.ca](http://tcrotary.ca) or [meafordrotary.ca](http://meafordrotary.ca).

Proceeds from the draw will help the Rotary clubs to continue to provide support for many community projects in Thornbury-Clarksburg and Meaford, such as Hope Haven, Events for Life, Beaver Valley Community School, Meaford Rotary Thrift Shop and Meaford Rotary House to name just a few.



## The EFL Arena Café

The EFL Arena Café has been an amazing opportunity for Events for Life and our participants to be involved in our community. The Café is open for the Georgian Bay Applekings hockey games, hockey tournaments, skating events, curling events and lunch, Monday – Friday. The Café has been an integral part of our work experience program at Events for Life. Some of our participants have transitioned from being there as part of our program, to working there on evenings and weekends. What a tremendous achievement.

The Café has become one of "the" places to meet and grab a bite! Great company, food and prices. New this week, you can purchase our very popular handmade cards as well as our soup and cookie mixes. The most perfect and thoughtful of hostess gifts. So much dedication and pride goes into each and every one.

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## Beaver Valley Branch 281 Announces the launch of fundraising for the **CENOTAPH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**



This \$35,000 project aims to install two new monuments, adjacent to the current cenotaph, commemorating each branch of the armed forces and first responders.

Branch 281 is grateful to St. George's Anglican Church and The Blue Mountains Fire Department, who have agreed to donate the proceeds of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13th, 5-7pm, Beaver Valley Community Centre to kick-start this fundraising effort.

Donations by cheque, payable to St George's Clarksburg, with 'Cenotaph Enhancement Project' on the memo line, will be eligible for an official tax receipt. Donors contributing \$200 or more will be recognised on a donor plaque to be installed at the cenotaph site in Jack Acres Park.

Sketches of the proposed Cenotaph Enhancement will be on display, in the Legion display cabinet, and at the L E Shore Library during the month of February.

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# DINNER of the MONTH draw

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#### Meaford:

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Towa Restaurant

#### Thornbury:

Bruce Wine Bar  
The Corner Cafe & Grill  
Fabbrica  
The Bistro at Lora Bay  
The Mill Cafe  
Winifred's English Pub

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Members of Thornbury-Clarksburg  
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## EFL ONLINE RAFFLE

DRAW: FEB. 10, 2024 - 7 PM

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### DRAW PRIZES



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## 2024 REGIONAL

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## Local Trivia

1. In November 2023, 3 Llamas went on a wander and eventually were captured and returned home. What were the llama's names? Bonus question what was the name of the last Llama captured?

- a) Lloyd, Lewis, and Texas
- b) Llama, Lewis and Tod
- c) Louis, Lollipop and Tulipa

2. The first settlement of importance in Collingwood Township was called Williamstown. What is its name today?

- a) Thornbury b) Slabtown c) Heathcote d) Ramadan

3. The Mary Ward, ran aground on Milligans Reef in 1872 and is approximately 2 km. off shore from what area?

- a) Collingwood b) Craigleith c) Wasaga Beach

Answers on following page

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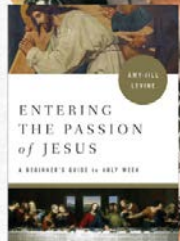
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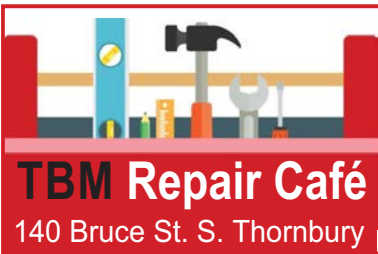
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What armour then shall we bear, what shield,  
to stand against such malice?  
For in standing we make ready to draw the arc  
of sword upon this foe!

Our armour is Love, our shield the noble Rose,  
her thorns our sword.  
Darkness must yield to the dawn of Love, petals  
of Rose streak the heavens,  
Thorns, harpoon-like, bind lover to lover,  
yet - like swords - pierce the foe.

Upon our day of Valentine, may Love and her loyal  
attendant, the Rose,  
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