



Grade 3 student Lily Summers, from Beaver Valley Community School, won 3rd place at the National level in the Legion's youth poster competition.

The Poppy Weeps

Amid bleak plains of human depravity, contempt, and lusting,
 While cruel shards of injustice mottle the grace of our earthly blessings,
 Stands weepingly, lonely, the Poppy in her fragile frame.
 Her petals bleed, nay, not with dew, yet in tincture of blood,
 As she surveys the metal of guns, missiles of hate, torrents of rage.
 Though Remembrance is garden and guardian of our nation's Poppy,
 We lay bare this human truth: ours to forget is birth to repeat.
 So let Remembrance be our call to arms, bearing medals of compassion,
 Clad our feet with peace, arm ourselves with burnished love!
 Then the Soul Of Canada shall be the Poppy's bloom,
 Her petals shimmer with the dew of hope, glory is her nectar.
 Of one creed we, one Canada, shall proclaim to us and legacy,
 "The Poppy weeps in hearts of Remembrance".

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley jeremy@officeinthebarn.com



Royal Canadian Legion Beaver Valley Branch

RCL Branch 281 held their annual Honours & Awards Banquet on Friday October 13th at the Legion Hall, in Clarksburg, hosting a full house of recipients and guests for a great roast beef dinner and a night of recognition for the many volunteers who support the Royal Canadian Legion and their mandate to support veterans and their families.



Guest of Honour was grade 3 student Lily Summers, from BVCS, who won 3rd place at National level in the Legion's youth poster competition. Her work will be displayed in the Parliament buildings in Ottawa and earned her a medal and a cash award. Branch 281 honoured her achievement and presented 'Challenge' Coins to her and her brother.

Twenty-seven Legion members received pins recognizing years of membership for varying terms up to Oscar and Ellen Yurik and Gary Huber, who received 40 year pins and Giles Poulin who celebrated an impressive 50 years of membership.

Nine members of last year's Branch 281 Executive, received bars recognizing their volunteer service.

Finally, Branch Service Medals, awarded for extended service to the RCL in a number of roles were presented to Comrades Joe Macdonald, Shawn McKinlay, Donna Smith, Debbie Knott, and Paul Venning.



The Remembrance Day Poppy Campaign has begun with numerous locations throughout town.

Remembrance Day Services

Sunday Nov 5, 10:30am; St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Monday Nov 6, 10:30am; Errinrurg Residence

Wednesday Nov 8, Thornbury Cenotaph

Candlelight Service 7:30pm. Meet at 7pm

Saturday Nov 11, Legion Cenotaph Services

Thornbury Cenotaph, 10:50am & Ravenna Cenotaph, 1:00pm



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We're looking for nominations from groups or individuals who made a positive social, economic or environmental impact in our community in 2023 - such as a local environmental initiative, a fundraising drive, or a refugee sponsorship program, for example. Get your group nominated or nominate yourself for a chance to win one of four \$1,000 awards. Visit bvo.ca

Fall Yard Waste Pickup

Curbside yard waste collection will begin on Monday, October 16 and run until Friday, November 17. Yard waste will be collected on your regular curbside collection day and must be curbside by 7:00 a.m. Residents are limited to 10 compostable bags or containers per week. Excess or oversized leaf and yard waste can be dropped off free-of-charge to the Town's Landfill and Recycling Depot anytime during regular operating hours.

Call for Applications to the The Blue Mountains Environmental Sustainability Fund

The Town of The Blue Mountains invites community organizations to apply for the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund.

This fund has an allocation of \$5,000 that will be split between the successful applications which demonstrate a clear goal of advancing environmental sustainability within the Town.

This year's fund builds on previous successful recipients. The most recent recipient has been Georgian Bay Forever, which hired two summer students to promote waste diversion and has been leading community shoreline cleanups across the Town. Tretrust TBM received funding for community tree planting initiatives in 2021 and for a local tree nursery project in 2020, and Thornbury Community Gardens and Beaver River Watershed Initiative projects both received funding in 2019. These projects exemplify how the Town and community organizations can work alongside one another and foster social vibrancy and environmental sustainability.

Interested community organizations wishing to apply must submit their application no later than **November 20, 2023**, at 11:59 p.m. ET. To learn more about the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund and to apply, please visit the Town's webpage.

For more information, please contact: Nicholas Cloet
Sustainability Coordinator (519) 599-3131 ext. 235

A Big Thank you to my family, friends and neighbours for cards, phone calls, flowers, visits, prayers and food dropped off over the past few weeks. This has been greatly appreciated and the bones are healing well. Thanks again. Linda Venning

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- Which side should a person wear a poppy for Remembrance day? a) left b) right
- What year did the Canadian legion become the Royal Canadian Legion ?
a) 1945 b) 1912 c) 1960
- What is the local branch in Clarksburg called?
a) Thornbury, Clarksburg Lemon Branch 218
b) Royal Canadian Legion, Beaver Valley Branch 281
- What was the name before The Royal Canadian Legion?
- Is there a separate Remembrance Day for Indigenous Peoples.
a) no b) yes
- Are there other colours of poppies other than red?
a) yes b) no

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Private Drinking Water Testing Drop-off Location Opened at Ravenna Hall

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that the Grey Bruce Health Unit has partnered with the Town to open a well water sample drop-off location in Ravenna beginning October 13, 2023.

Samples will be picked up weekly from Ravenna Hall at 10:00 a.m. each Friday. Samples must be dropped off within 24 hours of the pick-up time.

Water testing is free and part of a complimentary program offered by Public Health Ontario for residents on wells and other private systems. For more information regarding private drinking water testing, please visit the Public Health Grey Bruce website.

If you are connected to the Municipal Drinking Water supply and would like to have your drinking water tested, please contact the Water & Wastewater Division, (519) 599-3131 x 284 to arrange to have a sample collected.

2023/2024 Winter Parking Restrictions and Resident Snow Removal

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Winter Parking Restrictions come into effect on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act and Town By-law No. 2003-11, overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Winter Parking Restrictions will remain in effect until April 1, 2024.

In addition, residents are reminded that Town By-law No. 2014-65 prohibits the deposit of snow or ice onto a Town roadway, including the shoulder, sidewalk, walkway, boulevard, or ditch, without written permission from the Director of Operations.

Residents are also asked to remove items from the roadside, including basketball nets, hockey nets, boats and all trailers, landscaping items or any other items that may interfere with snow removal operations.

Winter parking and snow removal restrictions are necessary to help ensure that snow removal operations can be completed safely and effectively. The Town would like to thank all residents for their cooperation throughout the winter season.

For more information, please contact:
Operations Department
(519) 599-3131 ext. 276

TRIVIA ANSWERS, Questions on page 2

1. Which side should a person wear a poppy for Remembrance day?
The poppy should be worn with respect on the LEFT SIDE, over the heart.
2. What year did the Canadian legion become the Royal Canadian Legion? 1960
3. What is the local branch in Clarksburg called?
Royal Canadian Legion, Beaver Valley Branch 281
4. What was the name before the Royal Canadian Legion?
British Empire Service League
5. Is there a separate Remembrance day for Indigenous Peoples?
November 8th is Indigenous Veterans Day
6. Are there other colours of poppies other than red?
Red is worn for Remembrance of those who fought and or lost their lives in war.
White has been worn since 1933 to remember all victims of war. A commitment to peace and non violent solutions to conflict.
Black Rose was launched in 2018 to represent civilians, servicemen women of Black African, West Indian and Pacific Island Heritage who contributed in the war effort.
Purple poppy represents animals that lost their lives serving in the War.

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In Memoriam

NANCY JOAN SHERWIN



Nancy Sherwin passed away unexpectedly at the Meaford Hospital on October 5th, 2023 at the age of 57.

Born in Durham, ON February 20, 1966, Nancy spent her

summers working at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac, which led to the realization that she wanted a job working with children.

She graduated from the University of Toronto in 1989 with an arts degree. A job at Bethune House in Gravenhurst led to a teaching job at the Bethune Medical College in Shijiazhaung, China. It was here that she first met, Ken Haigh, who would later become her husband.

After returning to Canada, Nancy enrolled in Teacher's College at U of T and her first job was teaching for a year at Taylor's College in Malaysia. While in Malaysia she travelled to Singapore, Vietnam, and Borneo. Back in Canada she worked as a high school teacher at Barrie North Collegiate and at Collingwood Collegiate Institute where she served as an English teacher, ESL teacher and school librarian. She retired from teaching in June 2023.

Nancy loved to swim, and she read a book a day. She also loved to sing and act, performing in several choirs and amateur theatricals. Nancy was an adventurous soul who loved to travel and was always curious to learn something new. Her family was the most important thing in her life, and some of her fondest memories were of time spent together at the family cottage on Moira Lake. Nancy is survived by her husband, Ken Haigh, and her three children: Rachel, Brendan and Joshua.

Friends were received at the Ferguson Funeral Home in Meaford on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 5 until 8 p.m.

A funeral service and interment will be conducted at the Eldad United Church in Solina, Ontario with a date to be announced in the near future.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the MS Society or a charity of your choice 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

JEAN FRASER GAUTHIER

Jeannie Gauthier peacefully passed away at her home in Clarksburg on October 16, 2023, at the age of 84. She was born in the Almonte hospital on February 28, 1939, to the late William and Anna (nee Rose) Findlay of Carleton Place, Ont. Jean was the beloved little sister to Bill (Betty Ann), Cate (John Fraser) and Peter (Sue).



In 1966, Jean married her love, Rene, and together they built a life centered around music, adventure, travel and family. Jean was a dynamic and involved mother and good friend to her children Joel, Abby (Scott Whitton), and Fraser (Erin Carty). She was also a beloved Granny to Athia, Findlay, Desmond and Spencer, providing them with granny advise and a place for a sleepover.

Jean was educated as a public school teacher and was an entrepreneur, starting the local Granary Health Food Store. She also worked at the Courier Herald and gave much of her time volunteering at the BVO.

Jean's legacy extends beyond her immediate family, touching the lives of many nieces, nephews and their families. Her incredible network of loving friends and their families, as well as the friends of her children who often regarded her as a second mother, will always hold a special place in their hearts.

Jean embraced the past with elegance, class and grace, providing a connection to the beauty of yesteryear and bringing her calm and practical demeanour to every situation. She was so active, always had a trip planned and a canoe or pair of skis at the ready.

She was the cool mom that you could always rely on for rides, good advice without judgment and became a part of every group.

One of Jean's remarkable qualities was her enduring vitality and youthful energy, which often left those around in awe at her zest for life. Her laughter and insatiable thirst for life were gifts she generously shared with all she encountered.

In remembering Jean, we celebrate a life well lived, filled with love, joy and countless beautiful memories. She will continue to inspire and comfort those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Jean's family received friends at the Ferguson Funeral Home in Meaford on Friday, October 20, 2023. 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

DIANE IRENE PURSER

Diane Purser passed away on October 17, 2023 after a spirited and determined battle against cancer. She won round one when she beat breast cancer in 2017 but the 40+ month fight with ovarian cancer proved to be just too much.



She is now at peace with her parents, Eric and Irene; and loving the greeting she got from Mikki, Maggie, Teeny, Tippy, Neeko, and Lola – all six of our dogs who passed earlier.

Diane leaves behind her husband and partner of 34 years, Keith Barber; and her loving son (and pride of her life) Kyle. Fred (the last of the rescue dogs that she insisted on saving) and Melia (her first grand "fur" baby rescued by Kyle). She will also be missed by her sister Suzanne, brother-in-law Russ, and favorite nephew Matt. All of Keith's sisters and their families – Donna/Morley, Louise/Monty, Shirley/Mario, and Margaret/David will also miss Diane very much. She will also be missed by her many, many friends from all stages of her life – childhood/school (Oakville), career (Steelcase & Inscape), dog rescues/transport, various book/wine clubs, and the gangs from Aurora Montessori and St Andrew's College in Aurora.

There was not a dog in the world Diane didn't love or want to rescue, so they too have lost a crusader.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to Southlake Hospital in Newmarket for getting Di through her breast cancer, then the combined and persistent efforts of Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie and Brightshores Health Services (Meaford Hospital) for their treatment, support and gentle palliative care at the end.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our friends who gave us unconditional, unlimited support in so many ways during this challenging journey.

Cremation has taken place followed by a private family service of interment at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

All were welcome to gather at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg to Celebrate Diane's life on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Meaford Hospital Foundation, Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Southlake Hospital in Newmarket or the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (or any other dog rescue you may prefer), directly or through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

BRYAN ANDREW CROOK

With heavy hearts we share the passing of Bryan Andrew Crook of Thornbury, Ontario. Bryan passes away at the London University Hospital surrounded by family on September 18th, 2023. He will be missed more than our words can describe.

Bryan was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia on December 22, 1953 to his parents Barbra (Dougill) and Andrew Crook. He is survived by his partner Debbie Boyle, children Heather Crook (Davies) and Kyle Crook (Sneha Jani). He will be terribly missed by his grandchildren, Hadley, Hank, Raya and Aleena. Bryan is also survived by two loving sisters, Anne and Christine (Peter Merritt) as well as an arsenal of nieces and nephews whom he held a special bond with each and every one.

Always one to stop and appreciate the beauty surrounding him, Bryan lived his life with empathy and love for everyone he encountered. A jet setting traveler, Bryan left no stone unturned in his adventures and effortlessly built groups of friends in every corner of our planet.

As a commercial and private airline pilot, Bryan was able to fly around the world with his tennis racquet at his side. No matter the continent, he was always able to find a match and share his love of the game. Bryan never failed to find the "lesson" within the experience even in his last days.

Our Captain has taken his final flight. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, save a life and register your intent to be an organ donor.



Orleen Anderson and Lorraine Sutton thanking the piano player Katrin Veski and beside her the flute soloist Joan Marsden with gift baskets of apples. Photo by Robert Burcher

Amnesty International 40th Anniversary

There was a full house at the Library recently when Group 82 of Amnesty International held a concert by Katrin Veski and Joan Marsden to recognize the Group's 40th Anniversary.

The audience heard case studies about wrongly imprisoned people and many wrote Amnesty International postcards to specifically seek the release of a Canadian citizen Huseyin Ceilil held in prison in China.

Thanks to Orlean Anderson, Karen Veski, Joan Marsden, Group 82 members and the library staff for making this event successful.

Province Lowering Age Eligibility To Receive Publicly Funded Mammograms

The Ontario government is connecting significantly more people to breast cancer screening by lowering the eligibility age of self-referral for publicly funded mammograms through the Ontario Breast Screening Program from 50 to 40 beginning in fall 2024.

This historic expansion will help more than 305,000 people connect to important screening services to detect and treat breast cancer sooner. It is estimated that this will add an additional 130,000 mammograms that can be completed per year.

"Nearly 12,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and we know early detection and increased access to care saves lives," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "That is why our government is taking this important step today to expand the Ontario Breast Screening Program to connect more than 305,000 additional people to the services they need to ensure timely diagnosis and access to treatment as early as possible."

Research has shown that regular screening, including mammography can help detect breast cancer before it has the chance to spread. By lowering the age of self-referral for mammograms, eligible Ontarians aged 40-49 who don't have a primary care provider will be able to connect to screening more easily by self-referring through any OBSP site. <https://www.cancercareontario.ca>

It also encourages more woman to have conversations with their health care provider about their risk factors and benefits of screening to determine if it is right for them.

As part of Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government is connecting more people to the services they need, when they need it. Screening is offered at 241 OBSP sites across the province.

- When found early, many people survive breast cancer, with a 100 per cent, five-year relative survival rate for those diagnosed at stage 1. However, the survival rate drops to less than 30 per cent for those diagnosed at stage 4. Early detection is critical.
- With Your Health, the Ontario government invested \$18 million in community and surgical diagnostic centres last year to add over 49,000 hours of MRI and CT scans and over \$39 million to add 49 new MRI machines in 42 hospitals across the province.
- Through the \$61 million investment to expand the Learn and Stay grant, and with new As of Right rules, the province is historically growing the health care workforce, adding new nurses and medical laboratory technologists for years to come.

Remembering Kyre (Kerri Trafford)

Saturday, November 18th

2-4pm and 7-9 pm

So quickly, almost a year has flown by since my daughter Kyre has passed and is no longer with us. It would mean a lot to me if you were able to come

and join in this Remembrance at

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They will be treasured. Marg Trafford



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DAVID LESLIE REEKIE: WWI VETERAN: (1896-1957)

Seventeen (17) letters written by David Leslie Reekie (born March 2, 1896), one of Collingwood Township's First World War veterans, are preserved at Grey Roots Archives.

These beautifully hand-written letters were mailed to the Rendall sisters, Mary and Annie, during the 28 months that David was overseas. The Rendall sisters, who lived at Lot 27, Con 7, were his neighbours from "back home" in the Sandhill community, south-east of Thornbury. David's parents were both deceased, thus he valued having regular contact with Mary and Annie Rendall, both to send news and more importantly to receive the "news from home".

David served with Unit #147 (Grey) Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in England, France, and Belgium. Following training in Canada, he sailed to England from Halifax in Nov. 1916. His initial letters, sent monthly, were from Shoreham Camp by the Sea, in Sussex, directly south of London, England, close to the English Channel. His letters tell of adjusting to the long training marches, the endless mud, horrible food, a very difficult Sergeant "who uses us like dogs", boredom, and a desire to get to the Continent "to fight the Hun".

We haven't had very hard work since coming here at least not as hard as I expected, altho' we get some tough night marches. I always heard that they had all the spirit worn out of men before they left England. So, if we get to France soon we can consider ourselves lucky. Our stay in Amherst encouraged the men to show spirit in marching (so much street parading) and we get lots of physical drill here so we will be in pretty good shape when we leave. Quite different to the men returning from France. They look broken down and spiritless, and not anxious to go back. (Dec 30, 1916)

On April 22, 1917, David and his Battalion landed in France. Two weeks later, he wrote:

I am just out on a shell crater basking in the sun so felt like writing. Just enough shells to keep us in mind that there is a war on (somewhere in France), but they are mostly gas shells, so a fellow must keep his respirator handy. Fritz kept things moving here last night though and three men and a horse are lying in a shell hole of few yards away, but I was 40 feet below ground so altho' we could hear a constant rumble and knew what

it meant to those in it....

It sure is an interesting life, not many comforts and sometimes you wonder what will happen next but there is always a funny side to everything. We see what war really is and what it costs while in Canada you buy the paper and read "nothing to report". (May 7, 1917)

The war dragged on, comrades were injured or killed, and David noted again

and again throughout his letters how important news and "care-packages" from home were to him.

I'm just huddled in a funk hole and writing this on my knee so you will have to excuse me if this letter is rather short on the other end. I was highly pleased with the box of pork and biscuits which reached me OK last night. The pork came fine, and I assure you it was a treat and quite a contrast to the usual issue of bacon which always figures in our breakfast....The only thing we long for is Canadian mail and peace and both always seem far away. There is nothing like plenty of home letters to make the boys happy. (July 7, 1917)

Sometimes it was from letters from home that David learned of the death of comrades. *"Sorry to hear of Art Mackey's death. I had not heard anything of him... so it was quite a shock when I got your letter. Too bad. Art was a good fellow and was well liked ... The best boys are the ones who are casualties every time." (Art Mackey, age 20, of Thornbury area was killed October 2, 1918, just 40 days before the Armistice was signed.)*

Of the eight who used to live in a tent together in Borden (Ontario), I am the only one who has been continuously with my Unit. There has been one killed, two in Canada wounded, three in Blighty (slang reference to England) and the other fellow has returned from hospital after being sick. So, we were pretty lucky considering everything, I think. (November 20, 1918)

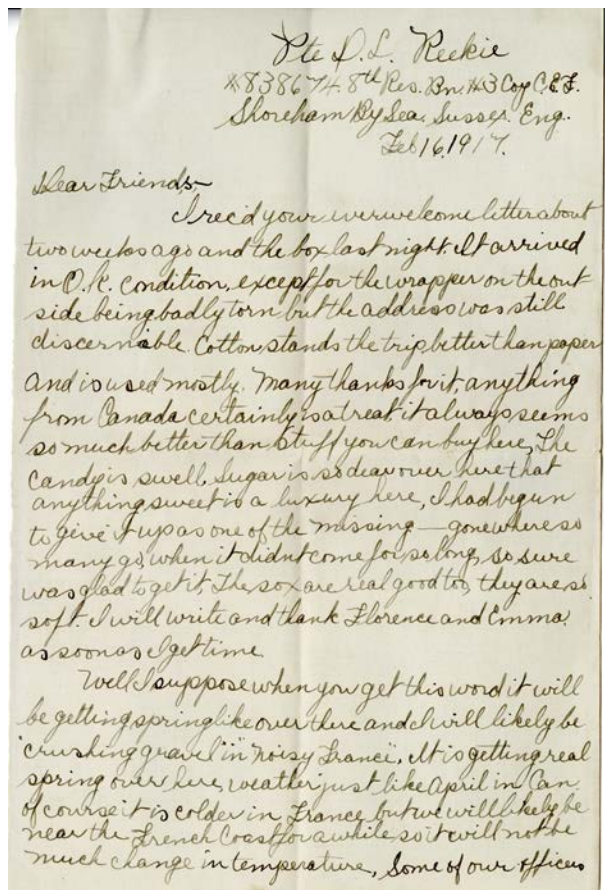
The war had ended nine days earlier when David wrote his letter, and besides his fallen comrades, his thoughts are on returning home. *The only thing anyone is interested in now is "when will we get home" but it looks more like Rhineland than Canada for awhile at least but I've seen all I want of Europe. I hope they send us back shortly.... We get good billets now too. At present we have a room lighted and heated by gas so are in luck. Quite different to a couple of months ago after the Cambrai scrap when all we had was old trenches and no cover during a lot of wet weather. But the days of hardship are nearly over.... Just think how much of the fun I've missed. But I guess there is time to make up for a lot of it yet, eh?*

David returned to Halifax on March 16, 1919, on SS *Carmania* and was discharged on March 19, 1919. Several years later, he married Elsie Heslip, a young woman from Clarksburg, with whom he had seven children, two of whom are yet living: Zoe Foster-Hodgkinson and Ann Currie-McKean both of Collingwood. Following Elsie's death in 1938, David married Margaret Lyness. David died in a Toronto hospital on December 6, 1957.

The original seventeen letters can be viewed at Grey Roots within PF416, the Sandy Stevenson Collection, Box #1. Sandy Stevenson purchased the Rendall farm in 1981 from the estate of Ed Rendall, a nephew of Annie Rendall. During the years Sandy lived at the farm, she read these letters, cared for them, and in 2011, chose to donate the collection to Grey Roots. *"I really felt the need to protect all of the family history material that was left at the farm. It seemed that Grey Roots was the ideal place to protect it."*

In the Fall of 2021, as an occasional volunteer at Grey Roots, I transcribed each of the 17 letters to make them more accessible to the public. Besides the original and transcribed letters at Grey Roots, there is a copy of the transcribed letters in the local history section at the Craigeleith Heritage Depot. In January 2022, in consultation with Grey Roots, I sent copies of the transcribed letters and images of each original letter to the Canadian Letters and Image Project at Vancouver Island University. Thus, David Reekie's letters, written over 100 years ago, are now accessible virtually at www.canadianletters.ca/search/site (insert his name in Search box)

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Ontario Helping to Build More Rental Housing

The Ontario government is taking steps to remove the full eight per cent provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on qualifying new purpose-built rental housing in order to get more rental homes built across the province.

The removal of the provincial portion of the HST would apply to new purpose-built rental housing such as apartment buildings, student housing and senior residences built specifically for long-term rental accommodation, that meet the criteria. The enhanced rebate would apply to qualifying projects that begin construction between September 14, 2023 and December 31, 2030, and complete construction by December 31, 2035.

Since fall 2022, Ontario has called on the federal government to remove the HST for certain purpose-built rental housing. Ontario welcomes the federal government's decision to listen to Ontario. Together, the provincial and federal actions would remove the full 13 per cent HST on qualifying new purpose-built rental housing in Ontario, helping to get more housing built. Ontario will continue working closely with the federal government to implement this new measure.

The government is also working on the development of a comprehensive modular home strategy. This strategy includes exploring the use of a Request for Qualification process that will transparently identify and pre-qualify companies that contribute to modular housing construction on the scale Ontario needs. The government is also working to leverage surplus provincial lands and partnering with municipalities to leverage surplus municipal lands in order to help reduce the cost of building attainable homes, including modular homes.

- Currently, the Ontario HST New Residential Rental Property Rebate is equal to 75 per cent of the provincial portion of the HST paid, up to a maximum rebate of \$24,000. The enhanced rebate would be equal to 100 per cent of the provincial portion of the HST, with no maximum rebate amount.
- In the example of a two-bedroom rental unit valued at \$500,000,

the enhanced Ontario HST New Residential Rental Property Rebate would deliver \$40,000 in provincial tax relief. When combined with the enhanced federal GST New Residential Rental Property Rebate, this would amount to \$65,000 in tax relief.

- To qualify for the enhanced HST New Residential Rental Property Rebate, new residential units must be in buildings with at least four private apartment units or 10 private rooms or suites, and have at least 90 per cent of residential units designated for long-term rental.
- Eliminating or reducing tax disincentives to housing growth is a recommendation in the Housing Affordability Task Force report.

Ontario Strengthens Emergency Preparedness to Keep People and Communities Safe

www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government

The Ontario government is investing \$5 million to ensure communities across the province have the resources and equipment they need to prepare for natural disasters and emergencies. The government is now accepting applications for the new Community Emergency Preparedness Grant to help communities and organizations purchase critical supplies, equipment and deliver training and services to improve local emergency preparation and response. Deadline November 30th, 5pm

Funding will ensure communities can respond to any type of emergency and will be tailored to their unique needs. It can be put towards purchasing equipment such as sand bagging machines and generators or investing in emergency management training and awareness.

The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant is part of the \$110 million the government earmarked over the next three years to strengthen emergency preparedness in Ontario. The investment builds on the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan's vision to enhance the resiliency of local governments.

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Young Producer and Researcher Wins International Dairy Federation's Award

Hannah Woodhouse, from Heathcote, and a young dairy producer and University of Guelph PhD candidate, is the latest notable Ontario award winner at the International Dairy Federation's (IDF) World Dairy Summit, which took place in Chicago, Oct. 16 to 19.

Woodhouse is studying free fatty acids (FFA) in milk and attended the conference to present a poster on her research.

Her poster, "Identifying the major on-farm factors contributing to increased free fatty acids in bulk tank milk" won the Animal Health and Farm Management category and was selected as the overall poster winner of 89 poster submissions in seven categories and more than 20 countries.

Woodhouse also represented the Canadian dairy industry on a young producers panel at the summit for a "Future of Dairy Farming Around the Globe" discussion where she shared what Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) is doing to improve sustainability, young producer involvement and consumer awareness of high-quality dairy products.

Woodhouse's award comes on the heels of Lactanet Canada and Semex, which received the prestigious Dairy Innovation Award: "Innovation in Climate Action", from the IDF for developing Canada's methane efficiency genetic evaluation. It is the world's first official genetic evaluation that helps dairy producers genetically select animals that will contribute to reduced methane emissions from dairy cattle, without impacting production levels. In addition, DFC's "Net Zero by 2050 - We're In" campaign won in IDF's Innovation in Marketing & Communication Initiative Building Dairy category.



Tim Oliver Preparing for Standup Paddleboard (SUP) World Championships

Tim Oliver, of Thornbury, is continuing his preparations for competing in the upcoming International Canoe Federation (ICF) Standup Paddleboard (SUP) Championships in Thailand Nov.15-19.

Tim recently took part in the Quebec Downwind SUP Championships Oct. 14 and 15 on the St.Lawrence River at Isle D'Orleans, east of Quebec City, winning the long-distance race and placing second in the technical (shorter looped course with multiple turns) race.

Tim has one more lead-up race in Tennessee on Oct. 28, which along with his daily training paddles at home in Georgian Bay should help him be in race-ready condition by mid-November.

Tim has been receiving much-appreciated support through a "GoFundMe" campaign in recent weeks, with donations received from 17 supporters to date.

Anyone willing to help can go to "www.GoFundMe.com", and look for "Help Tim Oliver go to SUP World Championships".

Good luck Tim !



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Community Gives Back at Rotary's Thornbury Turkey Trot



Runners and walkers of every age and stage enjoyed the annual Thornbury Turkey Trot in support of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club, on Saturday October 7th. The event attracted over 700 participants, and is a major fundraiser for the Club. Proceeds from the annual event supports the many needs of the local community along with a variety of international aid projects.



The rain held off and blue skies rolled in as the opening ceremonies began. The free kids run was a huge success with just under 200 energy filled children running with parents in tow around the fields of Moreau Park. Lots of smiles as they crossed the finish line to receive their medals. Some more serious youth runners challenged themselves in the timed 5km run, bringing in some impressive results.



Runners and walkers from near and far gathered to tackle the 5K run/walk, 10K or Half Marathon routes through the fall colours of the Beaver Valley. The Thanksgiving run has become a destination event with guests from all over the province enjoying the region's specular fall scenery. With music pumping and the cheering crowd, some wearing their roasted turkey hats, participants got their gobble on to begin the race. The competitive running crowd brought in some impressive results while many families enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving dinner stroll. The Rotary Club of Thornbury Clarksburg gives thanks to our community for supporting this event and others. A special thank you to all of our community sponsors who helped make the Thornbury Turkey Trot possible! See you next year, same gobble time, same gobble place!

Thornbury Turkey Trot



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3. Rob Gowan, Owen Sound, 1:27:21

Females

1. Brianna Cavan, Owen Sound- 1:26:51
2. Saree Sasson, Huntsville, 1:32:43
3. Stephanie Zammit, Orangeville, 1:41:39

10K Overall Winners

Males

1. Jordan Cascagnette, Collingwood, 34:36
2. Eric Hong, Collingwood, 37:50
3. Benjamin Shepherd, Clarksburg, 41:26

Females

1. Steph Hong, Collingwood, 42:20
2. Sarah Usher-Jones, Toronto, 44:00
3. Gigi Rabnett, Toronto, 45:56

5K Overall Winners

Males

1. Ryan Ackerman, Wasaga Beach, 17:43
2. Keith Hargreaves, Thornbury, 19:37
3. Mark Laing, Toronto, 19:54

Female

1. Sarah Beirsto, Collingwood, 18:58
2. Shannon Miller, Blue Mountains, 22:13
3. Jessica Wood, Flesherton, 22:44



Too Good To Be Through!

The newest shop in town is at the Dump. Tired of watching perfectly fine things going into the dump, the crew there have created an Emporium of rescued objects. Profits from sales go to the Town's Grants and Donations Fund. Open Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 8am - 4pm; 788090 Grey Road 13, Phone: 519-599-3131 ext.490
photo by Robert Burcher



Trees to be Marked for Removal

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform the public that trees slated for removal within the boundaries of the Thornbury West Phase 1B Reconstruction project are scheduled to be marked this week.



The Town's project team will be posting notices on all trees that will be removed. The marked trees will be removed through the winter to avoid conflicts with nesting birds. A contractor will be secured through the Phase 1B construction tender which is expected to be awarded in late 2023 or early 2024. An inventory and health assessment of all trees within the project boundaries was completed by an arborist in February of 2021, and health and conditions have been monitored since that time. Deterioration has been noted amongst multiple trees located in close proximity to properties that have seen significant renovations, new builds or service pipes replaced.

Over the past year, the Town has committed additional time to thoroughly evaluate the design of Phase 1B with Tatham Engineering. Through these efforts, opportunities to retain existing mature trees within the project boundaries have been identified. However, significant tree removals will still be required throughout this area due to tree health, grading, road cross sections and conflicts with drinking water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer services. Updates regarding the removals will be posted to the project page on the Town's website and sent to project email subscribers.

For more information regarding the Thornbury West Phase 1 Reconstruction, or to subscribe to the project email list, please visit the town site www.thebluemountains.ca
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OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW



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#1 - Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture & Parks

Saturday, November 4, 9:30am - 12:00pm

#2 - Infrastructure, Transportation, Commercial & Indigenous Engagement

Thursday, November 16, 2:00 - 4:30pm

#3 - Growth, Density, Housing, Height, Character and Community Design

Thursday, November 30, 2:00 - 5:00pm

Drop-in Sessions - registration not required

Ravenna Hall - Wednesday, November 8, 12:00 - 4:00pm

Marsh Street Centre - Saturday, November 18, 12:00 - 4:00pm

Craigleith Community Centre - Saturday, December 2, 9:30am - 12:30pm

For more information, and to register, visit tbmbblueprint.ca





The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Update

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that staff report FAF.23.171 regarding the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) was presented and considered by Council on Monday, October 30, 2023.

The recommendation of the staff report was for Council to formally release The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation of the responsibility to repay the first and second amending operating loan of \$744,671 as Council has decided not to transfer the 171 King Street property to the Corporation. In addition, the staff report recommended that Council approve the continuation of the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation with a refocus on renewing and re-establishing the Down Payment Assistance Program and the Secondary Suite Incentive Program with potential funding coming from the new Community Improvement Plan.

Town staff have met with the Chair of the BMAHC and had subsequent meetings with other BMAHC Members. Through these meetings, the BMAHC has provided Town staff with all relevant information and summaries relating to the historical expenditures, specifically from 2018 to the present, the financial commitments and obligations as well as any pending or future liabilities that are currently attached to the BMAHC.

The financial information noted that the costs related directly to staffing for BMAHC (2018 to March 2023) were \$534,254. This reflects 71% of the total spent from the current \$744,671. These costs are directly related to staff specific to the BMAHC.

Town staff have begun the initial review process regarding the development of a Comprehensive Housing Needs Study and have just received the Draft Housing Needs Assessment that will be brought forward to Committee of the Whole later in 2023.

The future of the 171 King Street property was briefly touched on during the discussion about the resolution, no decisions were made about what to do with the property.



Grey Bruce
Public Health

Latest COVID-19, flu vaccines now available to everyone aged six months and up

Grey Bruce Public Health is encouraging residents to get a publicly funded COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot as soon as possible this respiratory illness season.

As of Oct. 30, 2023, the general public can receive the most recent, XBB-containing COVID-19 vaccine and this year's influenza vaccine from their primary care provider or at a participating pharmacy. Residents facing barriers to getting vaccinated can also book an appointment to receive the vaccines at a Grey Bruce Public Health clinic.

GBPH encourages residents who have a primary care provider to book an appointment as soon as possible to get their COVID-19 and influenza vaccines.

Residents can book an appointment at a GBPH clinic by visiting ontario.ca/book-vaccine. Vaccines also available at Thornbury Pharmasave and Blue Mountains Community Health Centre.

Individuals aged six months and older are considered up to date on COVID-19 vaccines if they receive a dose this fall. The Ministry of Health recommends that individuals who have been previously vaccinated against COVID-19 receive a dose of the XBB.1.5-containing COVID-19 mRNA vaccine if it has been six months since their previous COVID-19 vaccine dose or known COVID-19 infection. Individuals who have not been previously vaccinated may also receive the XBB.1.5-containing COVID-19 vaccine to initiate the series.

Individuals aged six months and older can receive a COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot at the same time, reducing the need for multiple visits or appointments.

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Georgian Bay Home Share

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The Declaration of Human Rights Article 25 states that housing is a human right.

Georgian Bay Home Share is an outreach program of Grace United Church in Thornbury. It addresses two social justice issues in the southern Georgian Bay area: the lack of affordable housing for modest income earners and seniors who live alone and want to age in place but need help to maintain their homes. The Home Share concept is for home seekers and home providers to share living space within a home.

The benefits of this arrangement are a mutual sharing of talents and abilities, culture, family and friends, interests and activities and the support and encouragement for each other. There is a sharing of household work and expenses with an exchange of services in lieu of some rent.

Georgian Bay Home Share will offer one way of alleviating the housing crisis in the southern Georgian Bay area, by matching compatible home providers with home seekers. We are currently in the process of interviewing home seekers and home providers in the Town of The Blue Mountains and Meaford area. We look forward to assisting you. 519-378-4734 www.georgianbayhomeshare.ca georgianbayhomeshare@gmail.com



Consideration of Declaring Municipally Owned Lands Surplus for the Purpose of Disposition FAF.23.173

During the 2023 Budget deliberations, Council provided direction to staff to bring forward a list of Town owned properties that staff considered opportunities for potential sale through a formal process that would deem the listed properties as surplus to the Town's needs and proceed with selling these properties in 2023 to provide revenue for the Town. In July 2022, Council approved Staff Report FAF.22.109 and set a formal moratorium on any new requests to consider the sale of Town owned land.

Town staff suggest that the process being proposed in this report does not go against the existing moratorium on the sale of Town owned land as these properties are being recommended by Town staff and not being driven by requests being received.

Consideration has also been given to whether any of the specific properties could be considered as potential telecommunications tower locations as was previously noted at the April 18, 2023, Public Meeting relating to a proposed telecommunications tower project in the Craighleith area. From a process point, staff suggest that where a property is an unopened road allowance, staff will undertake the due diligence to determine whether the road allowance needs to be stopped up and closed before being disposed of. The stopping up and closing of an unopened or open road allowance requires a formal public consultation and notification process.

Revenue collected from the sale of land, and/or the provision of land that provides attainable housing opportunities and or the potential of using revenue from the sale of properties to pay off long-term debt.

Report to be presented at the COW Meeting Nov 6th.

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 tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.




Things to do in your garden in November

- While we have had some rain in October, I would suggest a little last-minute deep watering to trees and shrubs before the frost.
- Look for discounted bulbs on sale. Buy them and get them in the ground. Your extra efforts will bloom in the spring.
- Remove annual plants from the garden and from pots or other containers. Dump plants and soil onto your compost pile. Clean pots thoroughly and store them.
- There is an annual discussion among gardeners as to whether you should cut back your perennials, grasses etc., in the fall, or leave them long for "winter interest". Up here, most perennials are covered by 2+ feet of snow, so you can't see them anyway. With no fall clean-up, spring clean-up can be daunting. It can be delayed by wet weather, a late spring or there can be instant summer. That's why I am opting for a BIG FALL CLEAN-UP to get a jump on spring 2024. Suit yourself.
- Dig up and bring in dahlia tubers, tuberous begonias and gladioli corms when the leaves turn yellow. Remove the soil and wash the tubers. Remove little cormlets from glad corms for more plants next year. Cure the tubers and corms for 2-3 weeks in warm dry place. Place in trays and cover with dry compost, peat moss, sand or perlite. Store at about 5C in a cold-cellar, or a slightly heated garage.
- Try potting up some spring bulbs like amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus and force them into bloom for Christmas and/or for late winter indoor colour. Different bulbs will require various lengths of cold storage in your frig or cold cellar to flower, so read the product packaging carefully.
- Complete winterization procedures for plants and containers; drain hoses and clean all other garden equipment. To be a perfect gardener, sharpen your tools and put linseed oil on wood handles. Paint small hand tool handles RED so you won't lose them in the garden next spring.
- Protect young trees and shrubs from rodents by using wire collars or plastic protectors.
- Hill up your hybrid Tea and Floribunda roses with 10+ inches of compost covering the stems, or use a metal or plastic "Rose Collar" and fill it with compost before the ground freezes.
- Create one or more Winter/Christmas urns using a variety of evergreen branches. Find branches with berries and add colour with red dogwood stems and dried hydrangea blossoms.
- Check mulch levels in gardens. Pull mulch back 3" to 6" from around shrub and tree trunks to discourage rodents. Add more compost or leaves to beds if you have them. It provides winter homes for pollinators and other insects.
- Order seed catalogues for next spring.


I usually recommend that you stock up on Triple-19 fertilizer, so it is ready to put on your flower beds in March, after the snow has melted.

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Balance in Branch Poppy Trust Funds as of October 1, 2022		\$18,435.40
Income from Campaign and all other sources	\$17,204.72	
Sub Total	\$35,640.12	
Campaign Expenses and Youth Education Program	\$2,053.03	
Donations from Fund	\$21,330.00	
Total Expenses & Donations	\$23,383.03	
Closing Balance as of September 30 2023		\$12,257.09

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Grey County Council met on October 26, 2023, in the Council Chamber and virtually on Zoom. The meeting was immediately followed by a session of Committee of the Whole. Recordings of the meetings can be found on Grey County's YouTube Channel.

Committee of the Whole

Council heard a presentation and received a report on the **Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy**. This strategy aims to balance the potential economic and tourism growth of the Beaver Valley with the need to sustainably protect the natural area. Grey County partnered with Grey Highlands, Blue Mountains and Regional Tourism Organization 7 on the strategy creation. The strategy recommends collaboration between partners and supporting the growth of the tourism industry in the area. County Council voted for staff to bring back a report with more details and a draft memorandum of understanding to a future meeting. The strategy will be presented to both Grey Highlands and The Blue Mountains councils in November.

Council supported a memorandum of understanding with the Blue Water District School Board to deliver the Agriculture Specialist High Skills Major Program out of Grey Roots for one semester beginning in January.

Grey County will reappoint Principles Integrity as the **County's integrity commissioner** for another five-year term. The integrity commissioner provides independent support to council members and other local board members for duties under the Municipal Act. The role provides advice and education and can support the resolution of conflicts when required.

Council received an updated terms of reference for the **Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee**. Recently the City of Owen Sound asked to join the committee. The terms of reference has been updated to add two additional members to support additional representation.



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1st row: Cam Grummett; far left

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3rd row: Barbara Donner, A. Rice, Marian?, Mary Mitchel, ?, Patsy Carfe

back row: Miss Johnson, John Hethrington, Marv Dunner, ?Chamberlin, Jamie Huston, Peter Stransky, ?, ?Chamberlin



Pollinator Pathway Partnership

Hey, why is there a canoe filled with plants?! Wondering the same thing? This article may shed some light on what is going on in Thornbury with new wildflower gardens.

Pollinate The Blue Mountains is a local grassroots community-based environmental action group that has been active in our community since 2021. Consisting of volunteers from this area, their objective is to make The Town of the Blue Mountains (TBM) a pollinator friendly community by planting a series of gardens that attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects. This initiative has flourished with support of local residents, but also due to the tremendous support of the Town of Blue Mountains. The Town is incorporating native pollinator plantings as part of some new public landscape projects.

Pollinate TBM works with the David Suzuki Foundation's Butterflyway Project which links community plantings across the country with the aim to reimagine our gardens, lawns, roadsides, parks and schoolyards. This plan is in direct response to the fact that insect populations have declined dramatically due to pressures of development and clearing natural habitat. The big picture goal is to connect with other local Butterflyway plantings linking Wasaga

Beach, Collingwood, Thornbury, Meaford and Owen Sound creating a large pollinator corridor surrounding Southern Georgian Bay.

Initial *Pollinate The Blue Mountains* projects involved establishing canoe gardens filled with native perennial wildflowers that bring back bees and butterflies to our town. You may have noticed them at: Clarksburg Medical Group, Beaver Valley Community Centre, Craighleith Depot and along the Georgian Trail. Each year TBM has agreed to adding additional canoes as well as provided soil, mulch and water containers to ensure first year survival of the plants. *Pollinate TBM* volunteers arrange canoe donations, plant specimens, and take care of all the details to get the canoes planted and growing. Signs are added to help educate residents on the environmental benefits & the need for bee/butterfly friendly sustainable gardens. All together we now have 13 canoes growing and modelling small planting that help our insect friends in town.

The butterfly pathway initiative is growing with exposure and support from local residents and even businesses. The resident association at Applejack have installed and maintained a canoe and about 11 local household gardens have been accredited as butterflyway projects. Grey Heron nursery on Hwy. 26 is hosting a canoe, and this summer Blue Mountain Resort installed two canoes in prominent areas that summer visitors have enjoyed and learned from. The L. E. Shore Library and Beaver Valley Community School also have added canoes to their front entrances to illustrate the beauty of pollinator plants and educate the public on how they too can change their gardening practices. The idea of helping nature and bringing back pollinator habitat is growing!

The Town undertook a big public planting project in 2022 by dedicating a garden beside the new public parking lot on Arthur Street as a demonstration pollinator flower bed. Town staff prepared the site with soil, mulch, decorative fencing and a watering reservoir.



Pollinate TBM installed plant material, as well as printed signs that give information about the gardens and how to plant one at home. A flower bed at Council Beach also offers the same public information opportunity. This year two planting beds in the new parking lot at the Beaver Valley Community Centre and Arena are being converted to pollinator gardens. TBM staff are embracing the chance to support these stewardship opportunities introducing native plants

in some of their new projects. This partnership between TBM and *Pollinate TBM* illustrates how giving back to nature can become part of the way we do things. Supporting our native species and pollinators is a journey, and one part of the continuum of fighting climate change and supporting our local ecosystems to thrive now but also for generations to come.

When you travel through our amazing town and see the growing number of public, private, and business naturalized gardens, think about how you too can participate next time you are undertaking a gardening project.

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Home Sweet Home *by Alice Otrysko*

The Living Room is exactly what the words suggest: a room for living. This is the most important room in the house because this is where you will be spending most of your time and this is where you will receive your guests.

This room should be attractive, homely, inviting—a room where you can relax and a room in which your guests will feel comfortable.

My living room is my second favourite room in my house. I spend a lot of time there resting, watching t.v., reading and entertaining.

The furniture in my living room consists of two couches which are attractive and comfortable. The main couch is L-shaped and covered with a soft, dark blue material and accommodates normally myself (lying down) and Zack (my furry friend). Zack has his spot on the short part of the L. The other couch is a dark brown leather and can seat 2 easily.



Each couch is enhanced with decorative pillows and throws. In the centre is a substantial coffee table made of reclaimed wood and holds two large drawers where I keep the remote, my glasses etc. A large screen t.v. is opposite the blue couch mounted above a very simple gas fireplace. On either side are shelves displaying my collection of antique duck decoys and a few candles and statuettes from Mexico and other travels. (careful here not to clutter). The floor is hardwood partially covered with an imitation black and white cow hide (I would never use the real thing).

I have a large antique mirror and an oil painting on one wall and behind the couch an antique large cabinet showing off my Art Deco glassware.

Above that is an original acrylic painting and antique mirrors. The lighting consists of a lovely large chandelier and three antique lamps.

The idea of keeping the space simple allows for easy movement and transition from one part to the next.

Mixing textures, having interesting lighting, adding vintage or antiques, displaying original or antique art, lovely cushions on couches, putting up quality drapes (no vertical blinds), are some of the ways to make the living room unique and homely.

When you are planning your living room lay out, sketch it out on a piece of paper first. Put in all the furniture you intend to use and shift it around until you are pleased with the set up. Make sure there is a walking pattern around the space.

Decide on the wall colour, the lighting and the window coverings. No slats allowed here. The curtains should be beautiful as they frame your windows which are part of the décor.

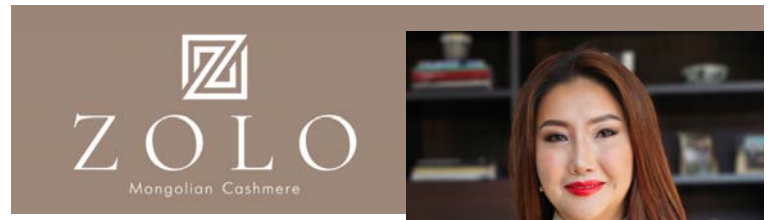
The living room is for you to use and love and when you have visitors, they should love it too.

Because of the open area home (which I absolutely don't enjoy), my living room is next to the kitchen, which I discussed in the last article.

Therefore, sitting in the living room subjects you to the clatter, the smells, and the total distraction of the kitchen. No wonder open area concepts are now going out of style.

I am trying to figure out a way of closing up at least part of the kitchen by making a partition between it and my living room. I don't mind kitchen/dining being together but not any other room. I find it very frustrating.

In summary, if you are uneasy how to set up and decorate your living room, look at decorating magazines, ask people with good taste to help you with ideas and best of all, if unsure, hire a decorator.



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15 Collisions Involving Deer In 7 Days Prompts OPP to Offer Tips to Avoid Incidents

Provincial police across Grey Bruce report an upsurge in collisions involving deer over the past week after responding to 15 in the past seven days.

Fortunately, no injuries were reported in any of the incidents, but after the series of crashes between the evening of Oct. 23 and the morning of Oct. 30, police want to remind motorists of some tips to help reduce the chances of hitting a deer.

They urge motorists to be attentive from sunset to midnight and during the hours shortly before and after sunrise, which are considered high-risk times for deer-involved collisions.

Police advise motorists to reduce their speed and increase their alertness while driving in regions where deer are known to roam, noting the animals rarely travel alone.

"Slow down. The slower you go, the more time you have to react should you encounter a deer," the police noted.

Use high-beam headlights when driving at night if there is no oncoming traffic. "The high beams will better illuminate the eyes of deer on or near the roadway," OPP stated.

Police say if you notice a deer, brake firmly in or near your path but stay in your lane. "Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control of their cars," they explained.

Additionally, motorists are encouraged to not rely on devices like deer whistles, deer fences, and reflectors to deter deer.



Marsh Street Painters Play Dominos With Art

by: Karen Miller, Marsh Street Artist

Twelve artists from the Marsh Street painting group had fun playing Dominos with their paintings. On October 24, they experienced many surprises as they unveiled their version of "The Domino Effect" on art. The project, which began back in March, took seven months to complete.

How do you play dominos with art? It's simple! Initially, an original image was chosen by an independent artist and given to the first painter. Only the first painter viewed the original inspiration image. She then kept it hidden until the reveal.



Artist number one, Kathi Alexander, then took the original image and painted it. Once she completed her painting, she took a digital photo of her painting and sent it on to the second artist, Nancy Jackson, founding member of the Marsh Street Painters. Using Kathi's painting image, Nancy then proceeded to paint her version using Kathie's painting. This process of interpreting the previous artist's work, continued through ten more participating artists, Karen Miller, Brenda Woodburn, Michael Martin, Liz Van Ryn, Colleen Wilson-Dick, Deanna Sager, Sue Turton, Erna Scholz, Cathie Gellatly, and Joan Pearson. Each artist only seeing the digital image of the painting passed onto them from the previous artist. The remaining eleven artists never had a chance to view the original image until October 24, at the reveal.

The reveal for the twelve painters brought moments of laughter, fun, and surprise. The "domino effect" resulted in the first and last painting evolving and changing substantially. Some paintings were watercolour and some



acrylic. Some had rocks, some didn't, some had mountains, some didn't, and some had waterfalls and some didn't. What "great fun" were the responses of the artists.

The participating artists invite you to drop and have so fun viewing their artworks and "the domino effect" at the Marsh Street Centre. Each of the 12 paintings is currently on display and can be viewed at the Marsh Street Centre, 187 Marsh St., Clarksburg.

Art Exhibit Reception: Duotone



The Gallery at L.E. Shore is pleased to soon launch "Duotone", featuring Kim Collins and Eric Tremblay!

At the intersection of illustration and design, this exhibition features a variety of works from the creative careers of a character illustrator and a graphic designer. Pieces range from full-colour spectrum landscapes, inspired still life, detailed character illustrations, abstracted fabric art and recycled

content sculptures - truly a mixed-media symbiosis.

Stop by The Gallery at L.E. Shore on Saturday, November 4 between 2-4pm for this show's open reception. Mingle with arts enthusiasts, ask the artists your pressing questions and enjoy the open bar and refreshments!

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOPPING SPREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

On **Saturday, November 18 (10am-4pm)**, stop by the Gallery at L.E. Shore for our annual Christmas Craft Shopping Spree! The Gallery will be filled with artwork and crafts from local artists and artisans – browse original artwork, handcrafted jewelry and pottery, naturally dyed fabric products and more! A perfect stop on your holiday shopping adventures. Featuring Jennifer Wabegijig, Katrina Prav, Marilyn Hammer, Judy Scopes, Tanya Zaryski, Kathleen Heithorn-Althoff, Judith Moore and former students of artist Carol Hahn! Additional vendors to be announced!

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Please be advised of the Annual General Meeting of the Beaver River Watershed Initiative (BRWI) which will be held November 25th at 10am - Noon at the L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St. S, Thornbury.

We welcome BRWI members and non members to attend our AGM to learn about the current BRWI activities and elect our management team members. Your attendance will help support the Beaver River Watershed Initiative and our mission:

"To work with the community, agencies and organizations that share our vision to develop, promote and facilitate projects which will conserve, protect and enhance the ecological and social health of the Beaver River Watershed."

Brad Mulligan, Project Coordinator BRWI, will present a review of BRWI projects, both current and future.

Stacie Howe, owner operator of the Kimberley General Store, and champion of the Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship (BVDS) approach, will present the concept of this initiative which is "all encompassing and broad: everyone in the community is a steward of the valley, protecting the very qualities that make us a unique destination;

Also presenting (remotely), Jonathon Tourtellot, a journalist and Fellow with National Geographic. Jonathon runs the nonprofit Destination Stewardship Center, successor to National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

<https://explorer-directory.nationalgeographic.org/jonathan-bernon-tourtellot>

The management team of the BRWI is looking forward to seeing you on November 25th.



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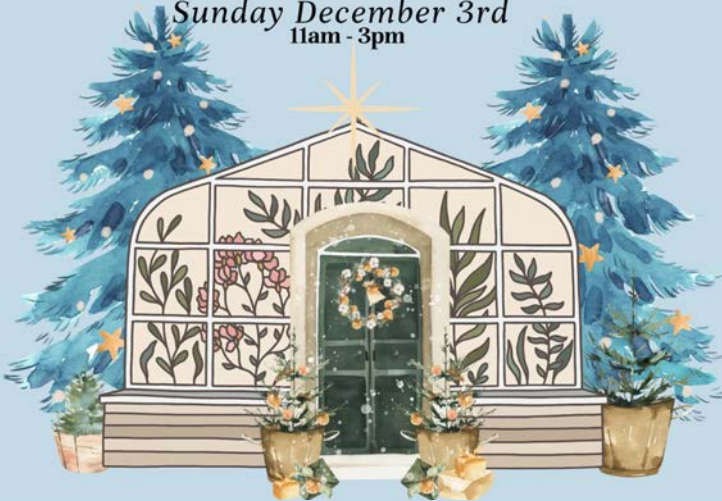
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Vandalism at Clendenan Conservation Area

10th Line, Clarksburg

Staff at Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) are shocked and perplexed after being informed by a resident that the new wayfinding signage at Clendenan Conservation Area in the Town of the Blue Mountains had been vandalized. Many of GSCA's properties will be getting new wayfinding signage to help visitors safely navigate the trails. Clendenan Conservation Area was prioritized following an incident where a group of people became lost on this property and after several complaints of trespassing from neighbouring landowners. GSCA staff and Town of the Blue Mountains' Mayor and staff met on site following these complaints and determined that trail signage would be a positive step forward.

The vandalism involved the destruction of six wayfinding signs and posts, which were ripped up from the ground, broken, and pieces thrown into the forest and river. Unfortunately, this is not the first act of vandalism at Clendenan Conservation Area. Yellow trail blazes have been painted over, signs reminding visitors to keep their dogs on a leash have been destroyed, and a trail counter that was installed to

help estimate property usage has been consistently tampered with, limiting its effectiveness.

GSCA's Manager of Conservation Lands stated that "GSCA staff are feeling very defeated with the news that these brand-new wayfinding signs were vandalized or outright stolen. Implementing this project was truly a team effort, between design, printing, and installation. An event like this is a major blow to morale."

GSCA would like to remind people that Authority-owned properties are privately owned, but visitors from both near and far are welcome to enjoy them respectfully. Property taxes and many of the capital improvements including signage is paid for using self-generated revenue from parking fees. Clendenan Conservation Area does not currently have any fees associated with its use.

GSCA has reported the vandalism to the OPP and will be working with them to prevent unlawful activity on this property. If you have any information about this crime that might help identify those involved or if you witness vandalism on any GSCA property, please contact the OPP.

For more information: Rebecca Anthony
 Manager of Conservation Lands r.anthony@greysauble.on.ca
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