**Frazil Ice Proposal**

In July 2015, Council approved submitting a proposal to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to lower the water level in the Mill Pond with the expectation that it would be effective in stopping frazil ice from blocking the Beaver River thus alleviating flooding of private lands in Clarksburg. The MNRF has accepted the Town's proposal for a three year pilot project and is assisting the Town in preparing to lower the water level for the winter of 2015 – 2016.

In order to demonstrate that lowering the water level in the Mill Pond removed the conditions that lead to frazil ice blocking the Beaver River, the MNRF has asked that the Town prepare an Effectiveness Monitoring Plan. The goal of the Plan is to understand the conditions leading up to past blockage events and to determine if the same conditions happen again during the pilot period thus determining if the proposal worked. The Plan will also document what steps the Town will take to monitor the river upstream and downstream of the Thornbury Dam to watch for problems and take corrective actions.

**Local Student Heads to Queen’s Park!**

Congratulations to Sam Martin-Chase, a grade 8 student, who has been selected to serve as a Page for the Simcoe Grey Riding at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in Toronto. During their term of duty, Pages will serve as a messenger on the floor of the Legislative Chamber, meet key parliamentary figures and learn about Ontario’s parliamentary system of government. Each Legislative Page earned their spot in the program by submitting an application that included an essay outlining their achievements, involvements and suitability for the program. Each Page must study and learn the faces, names and locations of the 107 MPPs before arriving at Queen’s Park for their first day. During a typical day in the program, Pages arrive at Queen’s Park at approximately 8:00 a.m., dress in their uniforms and then prepare the Legislative Chamber for the morning’s debates. As the day progresses, Pages are involved in a number of activities including: delivering messages and water for the MPPs in the Chamber, taking classes in legislative process and mathematics, and meeting with key legislative players such as the party leaders and the Speaker of the House.

The Legislative Page Program is open to students in grades 7 and 8 who have an interest in current affairs, have an academic average of 80% or higher and get along well with their peers and adults. Applications for the Legislative Page Program are accepted for two deadlines each year: November 15th and June 15th. Grade 7 students are eligible for both deadlines. Grade 8 students may apply for the November 15th deadline only. For additional information regarding the Legislative Page’s involvement in this program, please contact the Legislative Page Program at 416-325-7457 or http://discoveryportal.ontla.on.ca

**Glamapalooza.ca**

*Thursday, November 26*

Four years ago, Casey Thomson, owner of the Cheese Gallery and Leslie Lewis, owner of Evolution Him & Her, were enjoying a free dinner at Bridges Tavern, as part of a “Ladies Eat Free” promotion, the brainchild of previous Bridges owner Meredith Brown. “Each Wednesday in the month of November, Bridges would have a restaurant packed full of ladies,” explains Casey. “We thought, maybe Thornbury business owners could capitalize on this.” In its first year, 12 local businesses joined and Glamapalooza was born. November, can be a trying month for retailers. Now, in its fourth year, over 25+ businesses have joined this annual celebration of downtown Thornbury businesses. Glamapalooza offers day and evening enjoyment and variety including open houses; special events and an all-around good time aimed at giving women a day off and a night on the town.

The organizing committee, designated the official Glamapalooza colour to be pink, and last year Glamapalooza teamed up with the Collingwood G&M Hospital, raising over $1200 for their digital mammography unit: a tangible return on investment for women of The Blue Mountains.

New this year, an après shopping dance party will be hosted at Rafe Resto-Lounge, followed by a Champagne breakfast Friday morning, at The Cheese Gallery. The Royal Harbour Resort and Westin Trillium House have signed up as accommodation partners, offering deep discounts, starting at $105/night plus tax. The full list of events, activities and updated schedule of events is available at glamapalooza.ca

**Events**

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

**Refugee Planning Meeting**

*Wednesday, November 4, 7:00pm*

L. E. Shore Memorial Library

A meeting to discuss whether it is feasible to host a refugee family in the Town of The Blue Mountains. If you are interested but cannot attend, please contact Sylvia Bell 519-538-2685, silverbell35@gmail.com

**In the Gallery: L E Shore Library**

*Saturday, November 7, 2pm-4pm*

Meet the Artists

Stepping Out: by Jill Bates & Eunice Van Wert

**Thornbury Community Theatre**

*November 5, 6, 7, Marsh Street Centre*

TCT presents “NANAS NAUGHTY KNICKERS” a comedy by Katherine DiSavino. Performances are Thurs Nov 5 @ 7:30pm, Fri Nov 6 @ 7:30pm, Sat Nov 7 @ 2:00pm and Sat Nov 7 @ 7:30pm. Tickets are $15.00 in advance and are available at Thornbury Pharmasave, Marsh Street Centre. Info call Bev @ 519-599-6785

**Ugandan Jewellery Sale - Nov, 6, 7, 8**

Holy Crow Beads, 355380 Blue Mt. Grey Highlands Town Line. (near Duncan) Come and enjoy a show and sale of stunning beaded jewellery from Uganda. All proceeds go to our Ugandan Beaders. Sale runs Fri., Sat., Sun., Nov. 6-8 from 11-4 each day. Follow the African Jewellery Sale signs south of Thornbury. Call Bev 519-599-5697

**Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 281**

*Church Service - Grace United Church Sunday, November 8, 10:30am*

**Remembrance Day**

*Wednesday, November 11*

Parade from St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church 10:55 am

Cenotaph Service Jack Acres Park 11 am

Parade at Ravenna Hall Park 12:55 pm

Cenotaph Service Ravenna Hall Park 1 pm

Fellowship and food in Ravenna Hall
JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

**THE APPLE VALLEY YOUTH CHORUS**

**“WELCOME CHRISTMAS”**

**Friday, November 27, 7:30 pm**

St. George’s Anglican Church, Clarksburg. Musical selections include ... It’s Beginning To Look Like Christmas, The Christmas Hippopotamus, The Candy Cane Twist, The Grinch and more. Admission by donation. Contact Ann-Marie or Karen at 519-599-7506

**STOP THE SABOTEURS AUTHOR TALK BY**

**PAULA HOPE**

**Saturday, November 28, 1pm - 4pm**

L.E. Shore Library Gallery

Do you have saboteurs that hurt your brand? Ready to do something about them? Stop the Saboteurs author Paula Hope discusses her book. There is no registration for this program.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Sunday, November 29, 5pm - 8pm**

All are welcome. By donation. Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg 519-599-7837

**20TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING GALA**

**Friday, December 4, 7pm - 11pm**


**CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOW**

**Saturday, December 5, 9am - 2pm**

Marsh Street Centre. Come and get your Christmas shopping done. Fabulous vendors and a cookie bar. 519-599-7837

**BRUNCH WITH SANTA**

**Sunday, December 6, 11:30am - 1:00pm**

Marsh Street Centre; $5/person - under 12 free with parent. Advance tickets only Visit our website for information. There will be entertainment after the brunch. Bring an unwrapped toy or some new socks to help support BVO Kids. Laura Goddard, 519-599-7837

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**St. George’s Anglican Church, Clarksburg**

Induction of The Rev. Grayhame Bowcott as the new Rector of St. George’s, Friday, November 20, 6pm. All are welcome to meet Grayhame, his wife Jacqueline, and daughter Alyvia. Supper following in the Parish Hall.
MARLEAU, LUCILLE EVELINA

Born in Kenyon Township just north of Cornwall, a daughter of the late Donat and Aleda (née Levac) Vaillancourt, Lucille passed away peacefully at the age of 87 at the Meaford Hospital, Thursday, October 26th. She will be remembered as the beloved wife of Lionel Seguin, the devoted mother of Michael Seguin and his wife Cathy of Thornbury, and as a grandmother to Willow and Sam. Lucille was predeceased by her first husband Lionel Seguin. She remarried Rheal Marleau in 1990. Lucille was an adored father and dear friend to his children, Scott and his wife Brenda (née Murray), also of Walkerton, who predeceased him in 1990. Brian was an adored father and dear friend to his children, Scott and his wife Hollie of Chatham, and Luke of London. Brian cherished being a grandfather to Willow and Sam. He is also survived by his partner, Maureen Shaughnessy of Thornbury. Brian was a dear brother to Ronald and his wife Lynda of London, and to Kenneth and his wife Carol of Mississauga.

He was a special uncle to his niece Jennifer of Mississauga. A sister, Shirley Becker, predeceased Brian. He will be lovingly remembered by his extended Pilgrim, Sparling and Murray families.

MARTIN, MARJORIE ROBERTA (née LONGWILL)

Marjorie R. Martin passed away peacefully at the age of 85 at the Meaford Hospital, Thursday, October 22nd. She will be remembered as the beloved wife of William of sixty four years and will be sadly missed by her children Judy and Scott, and by her grandchildren Nicholas (Diana), Jessica (Devin), Alexandra, Katie, Tyler (Penny), and Joshua (Lisa), and by her great grandchildren Layne, Natalie and John. She will be remembered fondly by her sister Marion and her nieces, nephews and their families and by her many friends. Marjorie was predeceased by her son John, her brother Sam and her sister Pat.

SPARLING, BRIAN WILLIAM

Brian Sparling passed away peacefully at Grey-Bruce Hospice in Owen Sound with his family by his side on Thursday October 8, at the age of 66. Brian was born in Walkerton on July 1, 1949, the son of the late Richard and Eileen (née Pilgrim) Sparling. He was married for many years to his beloved wife Brenda (née Murray), also of Walkerton, who predeceased him in 1990. Brian was an adored father and dear friend to his children, Scott and his wife Ella and Noel of Victoria, B.C. Sisters Audrey and Paul (Heather) of B.C. and to his nieces and nephews by his first husband Lionel Seguin. He remarried Rheal Marleau in 1990.

He will be lovingly remembered by his extended Pilgrim, Sparling and Murray families.

BISTRETZAN, SILEVESTRU “SAM”

Sam passed away on Wednesday, October 28 in his 93rd year. He was born in Crystal Hill, Saskatchewan on March 8, 1923, a son of the late Gregory and Dominca (née Brilean) Bistretzan. He married the former Florence McNichol on December 7, 1946 and the couple were longtime residents of the Beaver Valley area where his beloved wife Florence still resides at Ravena. He is also remembered as the much loved father and ‘Dad’ of Kenneth Bistretzan and his wife Janet of Fergus and Gerald Bistretzan and his wife Sherry of Ravena. He was the devoted and cherished ‘Grampa’ of Phil and Lisa of Morocco and their children Mateo and Toby; Jessica and Cam of Cambridge and their children Angus, Seraphim and Synnova; Sara and Jeff of Elmira and their children Olivia and Nathaniel; and Paris and Matthew of Clarksburg. Sam was a dear brother to: the late Dan (late Mildred) of Ravenna, Nick (Jean), Steve (late Barbara) of Alberta, John (Mary), late Anton ‘Tony’ (Rita), Eli (late Edna) of Saskatchewan, and Paul (Heather) of B.C. and to sisters: Helen (late John) Jonescu, Eva (late John) Kostron, Mary (late John) Vilcu, Rae (Bob) Nurse, Softa (Bernie) Bazarsky, late Ann (Dan) Stojan and Vicky (Alfred) Satler all of Saskatchewan. Sam is also survived by a sister-in-law Evelyn (late Hugh) Parks of Ravenna. He will be a fondly remembered uncle of his several nieces and nephews and their families.

PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE

Beaver Valley Arena

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Helmets are strongly recommended for all skaters.

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- Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10am - 12pm
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Parent & Tot Skating – Free

- Wednesdays 1pm - 2pm
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Community Skating – Free

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Town Reviewing New Foodland Sign

The Grand Opening for Foodland, owned by Brian Leduc, is scheduled for some time in February 2016. The new store will be 3x’s the size of the old... from approx. 9800 to 30,000 sq ft. and will go from 50 employees to over 125.

The sign, as shown, has been approved by the Town, however the electronic portion in the centre has not, since it contravenes the sign bylaw. At the October 26 Committee of the Whole meeting, Councillor Martin provided the following notice of motion, that will be included on the November 9 Council Agenda for Council consideration:

THAT the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains rescinds the September 28, 2015 decision of Council to refuse the application for Sobey's to allow an electronic sign within their approved pylon sign

New digital sign technology has improved over the past few years. Foodland’s plans for the use of the digital sign will be to promote the store as well as community programs. This would assist in informing our community of the many fundraising events organized by volunteers in our community. In the past few years the letterboards available for this type of promotion on Hwy 26 have decreased. For this reason The Blue Mountains Arts and Culture Group would like to ask for public support on behalf of Foodland. You can email or call the Mayor’s office with your comments. mayor@thebluemountains.ca or 519-599-3131 ext 9. by Nov 7th.

A Winter Run Through

The 4” of snow that blanketed the Run Blue Mountains courses on Sunday, October 18th, didn’t deter the hundreds of runners registered to compete. They came and they ran anyway. The runners accepted it as an extra challenge and the huge number of volunteers who helped with water stations and acted as road marshalls along the courses just dressed for winter and stayed warm.

Billed as a “run through apple country”, Run Blue Mountains has become a major fundraiser of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club. A good portion of funds raised are used to support healthy lifestyle activities among children and youth as well as local health care. The event has benefitted from its signature sponsor, Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley and CIBC Wood Gundy since its inception, and many other individuals and companies have thrown their support behind the run.

Results of all races, as well as over 100 photos of the race are now posted on the Run Blue Mountains website -- www.RunBlueMountains.ca. The warm chili that greeted the runners on completion of their races was a HUGE hit! Also popular were the free samples of Blue Mountain Lager provided by Thornbury Beverage Company. It seemed to be a winning combo. The race committee is already hard at work planning for the 4th Annual Run Blue Mountains -- Sunday, October 16, 2016. They’re just hoping that the weather next year is not quite as “interesting” as it was this year!

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