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Recognizing Black History

During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.

In 1978, the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) was established. Its founders, including Dr. Daniel G. Hill and Wilson O. Brooks, presented a petition to the City of Toronto to have February formally proclaimed as Black History Month. In 1979, the first-ever Canadian proclamation was issued by Toronto.

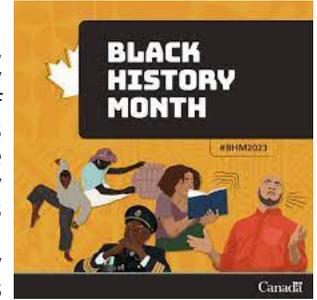
The first Black History Month in Nova Scotia was observed in 1988 and later renamed African Heritage Month in 1996.

In 1993, the OBHS successfully filed a petition in Ontario to proclaim February as Black History Month. Following that success, Rosemary Sadlier, president of the OBHS, introduced the idea of having Black History Month recognized across Canada to the Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by Dr. Augustine. The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month. It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and continued growth of this country. The 2023 theme for Black History Month is: "Ours to tell". This theme represents both an opportunity to engage in open dialogue and a commitment to learning more about the stories Black communities in Canada have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs.



Bill 23: What Will it Mean for Our Area?

Its Effects on the Bruce Trail, on Conservation Authorities, on Housing, and on Municipalities

from the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Winter Newsletter

The passage of Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act) in the Ontario Legislature in late 2022, drew most Ontarians' attention to the accompanying development plans in the Greenbelt in the northeastern GTA. This is natural, as the Greenbelt holds a central place in Ontario's planning framework. But Bill 23 is a wide-ranging one, amending no fewer than 10 different provincial Acts. One of these Acts is the Conservation Authorities Act.

Why Does this Matter to Us?

For hikers who are familiar with the Bruce Trail, conservation land is a common sight, though many hikers may not know exactly when they are passing over tracts that are owned by the local Conservation Authority (CA). In fact, the main Trail passes through watersheds of seven CAs and over no fewer than 122 different parcels of CA land, from Niagara to Tobermory – fully one-quarter of the Trail.

Conservation Authorities were initially formed under the provincial Conservation Authorities Act of 1946, but the disastrous Hurricane Hazel flooding of 1954 led to their mandate being expanded to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and to regulate land use generally, for the safety of the community. *cont'd*

Today, besides stewarding their properties, CAs assess the appropriateness of thousands of planning and development applications which are annually referred to them by Ontario municipalities for review, and they perform important erosion- and flood-control as well as natural heritage preservation functions in a watershed-based approach that is considered a model worldwide for such imperatives.

So what will the Bill 23 changes mean for local CAs, and how will that affect us?

The Bruce Trail Conservancy's public stand concerning some of the measures in Bill 23 underlined, for us, the gravity of some of the changes involved. But pinning down what has happened and what is likely to happen is difficult. So we decided to talk with local Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) CAO Tim Lanthier, in order to get a better fix on what to expect in the years ahead.

For those who know it, GSCA has a geographic range and set of responsibilities that are impressive. Many people know that 95% of Ontario's people live in a CA-managed watershed. But who knew that 35% of the Niagara Escarpment Plan area is within GSCA's watershed jurisdiction! Over 1100 development applications were referred to GSCA for assessment by various municipalities last year. And it is estimated that GSCA's land holdings provide \$72M in ecosystem services annually.

Housing

Lanthier decided to address first the most obvious concern – that CA lands in our area would be used to build housing developments.

Lanthier suggests that the process for the land inventory review pursuant to the new legislation will show that GSCA lands are not suitable for development. In addition, the availability of other lands in the areas where real demands for new housing are most pressing, is sufficient to meet the demand. Further, although some GSCA lands may have been secured in part with provincial grants, the remaining 50% may have come from private donors. There are multiple intricacies that would therefore need to be reviewed and considered in this process. Lanthier suspects that CA land was targeted in the Bill simply because CAs are, collectively, the province's second-largest landowner, and so CA lands seemed like a place to look for home-building sites. pressing, is sufficient to meet the demand. Further, although some GSCA lands may have been secured in part with provincial grants, the remaining 50% may have come from private donors. There are multiple intricacies that would therefore need to be reviewed and considered in this process. Lanthier suspects that CA land was targeted in the Bill simply because CAs are, collectively, the

province's second-largest landowner, and so CA lands seemed like a place to look for home-building sites.

Second, Lanthier suggested that the legislative changes would need to be re-assessed because, rather counter-intuitively, they would actually slow down, rather than speed up, the home-building process.

Ironically, says Lanthier, although the purpose of the bill is to increase the pace of new housing creation, the bill is likely to do the opposite by making it harder and more time-consuming for municipalities to conduct their reviews. Provisions of Bill 23 and the accompanying regulations issued to date include the following:

- Forbidding CAs to provide services to review or comment on "a proposal, application or other matter made under a prescribed Act," other than for natural hazards;

- The new regulations prescribe no fewer than 10 Acts under which CAs' services cannot now be provided to municipalities, including the Condominium Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Environmental Protection Act, and the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act;

- Permits may not be required within regulated areas (including wetlands) for activity that is part of a development approved under the Planning Act (a Ministerial decision);

- CAs are required to approve applications if the activity is "not likely" to affect "the control of erosion, flooding, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock" – no natural heritage considerations shall go into their analysis.

Natural heritage review is and has always been a municipal responsibility. Now CAs will no longer be available to municipalities to do critical parts of the assessment work that would allow them to fully assess the impact of a development application.

Where does this leave municipalities?

Most Ontario municipalities do not have, on their staffs, the broad range of expertise required to assess a given planning proposal or development's impact on the watershed's natural heritage elements at or near the site.

Thus, the bill, in restricting CAs' role and availability to municipalities, would slow down the development approval process as municipalities scramble to find other ways to deal with their new responsibilities related to natural resources, argues Lanthier.

Indeed, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) has opposed the removal of CAs from these functions, as it would "place new responsibilities on municipalities for natural heritage and natural resources" and also expressed "concerns with the removal of 'the conservation of land' and 'pollution' as tests for regulatory approvals."

Other Effects on Municipalities

Various intended and unintended consequences for municipalities could flow from the bill.

According to the TBM's staff analysis, under Bill 23 municipalities will bear more of the burden of paying for the infrastructure costs of development in their area, for numerous reasons, meaning that the principle that "development pays for itself" may on uncertain ground. Bill 23 makes significant changes to the rules governing Development Charges (DCs) paid to municipalities by developers, including the following:

- Municipalities will be required to spend at least 60% of their DC reserves for priority services (e.g., water, wastewater and roads);
- Changes to DCs would reduce the DCs that otherwise would have



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been due from developers in the first five years; Municipalities would not be able to charge developers for the cost of certain studies; and

- DCs paid by developers would be reduced for rental units (buildings with four or more units); the bill would eliminate the DCs paid by developers in certain circumstances, as where some units are "affordable" (but the bill's definition of "affordable" would, in the TBM, include units priced at \$880K).

DCs matter disproportionately at the municipal level, and to municipal taxpayers, who will make up any shortfalls.

CA fees to applicants are frozen as of January 1, 2023

As noted above, the fees that CAs charge applicants are at cost, so the rationale behind freezing them is unclear. The AMO refers to the current service delivery situation as already the "most efficient."

Loss of Watershed Perspective

Under Bill 23, municipalities will lose the ability to choose to enter into agreements with CAs to complete certain natural heritage reviews. Necessarily this will also mean erosion of the watershed macro-perspective provided by CAs.

New Wetlands Definition

The Bruce Trail Conservancy and the CAs are involved in separate provincial discussions which are ongoing concerning wetlands management in the province. Wetlands are explicitly mentioned in Bill 23 as among the lands eligible for Ministerial development approvals under the Planning Act or other Acts. The current provincial proposals would change the process for determining whether a wetland is considered "provincially significant."

Lanthier's view is that if some of the provisions of concern in Bill 23 go ahead, and a significantly restricted definition of "wetland" is also put in place, it would amount to a "dismantling of ecological protections in the province."

Now What?

Development pressures in our area are growing – for both affordable and luxury housing – and there can be little doubt that the existing "green" quality of our area is a big part of the attraction. Development was the top issue in last fall's municipal election – how to sustain the local character of the area, address the slow loss of farm land, while providing for responsible growth?

Is Bill 23 on the right track to facilitate a green vision for our area? Or is it likely to result in a gutting of local expertise and authority in favour of luxury developments?

For further information: www.conservationontario.ca; www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/

The Beaver Valley Agricultural Society is in need of a Secretary

Beaver Valley Fall Fair has been an institution for more than 150 years. The Fair is an annual event that is supported by an active Board of Directors and General Membership.

In addition to attending meetings to record minutes, the Secretary is responsible for correspondence with outside organizations, assisting with updating the Fair Book and AssistExpo program and general secretarial functions.

Responsibilities include:

- recording and producing minutes at Director and General Membership meetings (approximately 15 meetings annually).
- Assisting with the updating of the Fair Book in AssistExpo (Fair program)
- running the Office at the Fair including intake of membership fees, exhibitor entry forms and providing general information.
- Ideally, candidates for the position must be able to commit to a 5 year term.
- The position is considered volunteer with a nominal honorarium. More information on the Society can be obtained from www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca.

Interested applicants should submit their letters of interest with resume to info@beavervalleyfallfair.ca or by mail; Beaver Valley Agricultural Society, Box 334, Clarksburg, Ontario N0H 1J0

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In Memoriam

MARTHA 'MARTY' LACEY

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Marty Lacey at her home in Slabtown with her family by her side on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at the age of 87.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Byron Lacey on March 6, 2021.

Marty was blessed with a beautiful daughter Linda, who was her pride and joy and who remained a shining light of love throughout Marty's entire life. She was the much-loved Godmother of Jana Kridlova (late John) and special Grandmother to Emily and Alex.

Born in Toronto on April 26th, 1935, Marty was a daughter of the late Rosa (nee Totilo) and Frank Dattilo. She had a loving close relationship with her big Italian family which included six brothers Domenic, John, Joe, Norman, Edward and Bill and her sister Lee, sister-in-law Jinny, and will be remembered fondly by her many nieces, nephews and their families.

Marty's nephew Dave was able to relocate and work from the area and tend to his aunt's health needs. Dave provided her with care and companionship, it was clear that he loved her with all of his heart and would do anything to honour her wishes to remain at her cherished home in Slabtown.

Marty was a successful career woman who for many years worked as an assistant manager at Loblaws in downtown Toronto, which was a very impressive achievement for a woman in the 1960's. In the 1970's, Marty and her husband Byron and daughter Linda relocated from Toronto to Bolton, Ontario to live in their beautiful "house on the hill". This home quickly became the heart of the Dattilo/Lacey family gatherings where years of joyful and memorable occasions took place, from birthdays and anniversaries and baby showers, to the simple pleasures of snowmobiling, tobogganing, swimming, playing cards and "Wahoo" and gathering together around the beautiful stone fireplace.

She successfully ran the Albion Bolton Community Center for almost 30 years and during this time Marty became the first woman in Ontario to be licensed to manage an arena and remained a well-respected and central figure in the community. In approximately 1999 Marty retired from the Bolton Community Center and she and Byron relocated once again to their home in Slabtown, where they instantly fell in love with the landscape and the community. It was here that Marty began the next exciting chapter of her life.

Marty was so appreciative at how quickly she was welcomed into the warm, friendly and inclusive community of Beaver Valley. For many years, Marty devoted tireless hours of volunteer service to the Marsh Street Center, Beaver Valley Outreach and Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary.

In addition to her volunteer work, Marty always enjoyed the social activities in the community, including her art classes with friend and teacher Michelle Fleming and her life-long friendship with her dear friend Sandra Mulvihill.

She gave selflessly to the amazing people and community that has cared for her in so many ways over the years.

A celebration of both Marty and Byron's life took place at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on Sunday, January 22, 2023

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach (Cheques Only Please) 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



Celebration of Life Notice

A Celebration of **Norman Reed Paterson's Life** will be held at St George's Anglican Church, Clarksburg on Saturday, February 11th at 1:00 pm.

Internationally renowned geophysicist, Norman Paterson and his company, Paterson, Grant & Watson led the way in the development of instruments and the discovery of mineral mines in Canada and around the world from the 1970s onwards. He ended his career in his eighties as a consultant for the UN, CIDA, World Bank etc in discovering and developing mines in developing countries. In retirement he wrote three light mystery novels set in the Georgian Bay area where he resided since the 1990s. Finding Mildred, The Case of Mary Rose and Amateurs. After his long good marriage to Sally with whom he raised four children ended with her death from cancer in 1918, Norman wrote the important book on the history of Canadian Geophysicists published by CMI. In 2020 he became the tenant and beloved companion of novelist Dorris Heffron. They hiked the trails, swam and wrote, living in happy accord in their country home. Norman had just completed his last short book, Climate Change Explained, when he died of heart failure a month short of his 97th birthday.

Most of his many friends around Georgian Bay never knew of his illustrious career. In an Escarpment magazine article on him in 2019, he described himself as "just a normal guy who likes a good conversation".

KERRI (KYRE) TRAFFORD

November 28, 1973 - November 8, 2022

I never expected you to be spending your 49th birthday in heaven. I know you are running thru the garden of daisies, smelling the sunflowers, being Snow White to the animals and singing a song! Rest in sweetest peace! Love you always, your mom, Marg Trafford. 519-373-4656.

A celebration of life is planned for the spring.



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MARY JEAN KEELING

It is with deep sadness that our family announces the passing of Mary Jean (Brown) Keeling on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at the age of 85 after a stoic and hard-fought battle with cancer.

Mary leaves behind her husband Ken of Sarnia (married 61 years), her daughter Wanda Keeling Walter and husband Dennis of Otterville, and her son Greg of Sarnia.

Born in Collingwood, Ontario on October 16, 1937, Mary was the daughter of the late Ivan and Jean (Vickers) Brown of Thornbury. She was the oldest sibling of Wanda Winters of Thornbury, the late Fran (Don) Johnston of Collingwood, and the late Marg Reid of Clarksburg. Fondly remembered by brothers-in-law Bob Winters and Bob Reid.

Mary was predeceased by her in-laws Elgin and Mary (Fenton) Keeling of Owen Sound and Ken's siblings Jim Keeling of Bognor, Lois Slumskie of Owen Sound, Elg Keeling of Owen Sound, June Smith of East Linton, Mike Keeling of Thunder Bay, and Alex Keeling of Owen Sound. She is survived by sisters-in-law Pat Waugh, Shirley Copping, and Lois Ann Armstrong, all of Owen Sound and Marj Doyle of Thunder Bay. Mary will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Shaw's Business School in Toronto, Mary had the opportunity to work as a secretary in Toronto and Owen Sound before coming to Sarnia in 1962 where she worked at Polymer in the Chemical Valley.

Ken and Mary enjoyed numerous vacations throughout the years, with her favourite being their 22 casino trips to Laughlin, Nevada. She could always be found in front of the TV whenever Curling tournaments were being aired. An avid reader, Mary passed on her love of reading to both her kids.

A heartfelt thank you to all the medical staff in Sarnia and London that supported Mom over the past 3 1/2 years. Your kindness, care, and compassion will never be forgotten. A huge thank you to Dr. Lori Kolano and team for all their years of care, to Dr. Allison Crombeen for mom's end-of-life care, and to Lori Stavely whose many cards always brought a smile to mom's face.

The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life in Mary's honour in the Spring. Sympathy may be expressed through donations to Lambton County Library or St. Joseph's Hospice, Sarnia either online or through Smith Funeral Home. Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.smithfuneralhome.ca



CATHERINE ELIZABETH DALRYMPLE

Catherine 'Cath' Dalrymple (nee Atkins) passed away peacefully at the age of 84, on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 with her family by her side.

Catherine was born January 29, 1938, the eldest of two children, to the late Gladys (nee Currie) and Melville Atkins.

Catherine was predeceased by her husband, Desmond Dalrymple in 2019.

She was the much-loved mother of Scott Dalrymple (Ruth Hitchcock) and grandmother of Alyssa and Emily Dalrymple. Catherine is survived by brother Michael Atkins (Margaret Atkins) and will be missed by her niece and nephews, Karen, Albert and Chris. She will be remembered fondly by her sister-in-law, Barbara Dalrymple, her niece, Libby and nephew, Brian. Catherine was born in Collingwood and raised on a farm at Victoria Corners (between Clarksburg and Ravenna). After attending university and working briefly in Toronto, Catherine moved to Deep River, Ontario to work as a teacher. It was there that Catherine met and married Des. When their only son, Scott, started grade school, Catherine changed careers, partnering with a friend to open "Sew & Save", a small retail store selling sewing and craft supplies. Over twenty years, the business grew steadily and was renamed "Atkins" after the partner sold out and moved. In 1993, Des retired and Catherine sold the business. They traded their house for a 5th wheel trailer and a ¾ ton pickup truck. They set out on an eight-month lap of North America, after which they settled in Thornbury, Ontario to be closer to their son and to Catherine's family. Des took up golf and Catherine opened a new business called "Ashtons Blinds Draperies Shutters". A few years later Catherine was joined by her niece Karen James (Atkins) who eventually took over the business.

Retired for the second time, Catherine became active in local clubs and as a volunteer for Grace United Church. She became a grandma to Alyssa and Emily in Collingwood and part time property manager for her son.

In 2015, Catherine and Des moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, following their son and his family. Shortly after their move, Des had a debilitating stroke giving Catherine the additional challenge of living alone while visiting and supporting her institutionalized husband. During this time, her health slowly declined and she was burdened with depression and fatigue.

In 2021 she moved back to the Georgian Triangle area, first living with her brother and his wife in Meaford, then settling into Balmoral assisted living center in Collingwood for the final year of her life.

A funeral service celebrating Catherine's life was conducted at Grace United Church in Thornbury on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to Campbell House - Hospice Georgian Triangle 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



MABEL CONSTANCE 'MAE' ALMOND

Mabel Almond of Meaford passed away peacefully at the Wiarton Hospital on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at the age of 94.

Growing up on a farm in Camperdown outside of Thornbury, Mae, as she quietly preferred to be called, learned the importance of hard work and determination but also developed a love of nature, family and music. This, combined with her deep faith in God, sustained her to the age of 94 on a farm overlooking Georgian Bay. She was always busy—somehow finding the time while raising five kids to paint, draw, play the piano, compile family history and plant trees. Mae loved trees, having planted and nurtured hundreds over her lifetime. Her arboretum on the farm is a testament to this devotion. Being a teacher at heart, she taught children in local one roomschools, at Sunday School, at the piano, and anywhere there was a desire to learn. Mae is survived by her husband of 66 years, William 'Bill' Almond, and her sons Daryl, Greg, Blair and Brent. She was predeceased by her daughter Jane, who shared her creative spirit and love of music. Mae will be missed by her cherished older sister Muriel Reekie. She was predeceased by her siblings Alice, Harvey and Allen. Her grandchildren Stefanie, Clément, Mathéo, Connor, Max, and Philippe will deeply miss 'Maime' and their time sitting beside her at the piano learning to play and being part of her joy of music. A private family service will be held in the coming days. In the Springtime, a celebration of Mae's life will be held amongst the budding trees and Spring flowers.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital or the Trans Canada Trail 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



VALENTINE FOREVER, WHEREVER

*The wonders of love make display, an Aurora Borealis in our wintery travel,
That while cold and snow are companion to our fatigue of daily toil,
(Tho still for some such weather is encryption to the joy of sport!)
The Day of Valentine is our oasis, a place to refresh, a time to bloom.
Of Ars Amatoria we make our paeon, which ignites by Valentine,
Yet is the lasting ember in the hearth of our affections, a flame for the ages.
This orbit of worldly scorn, revenge, and powers that delight in lives despised,
Needs the reshape, the mouldings of compassion and affection,
Whose roots are tendrils of love risen from the timeless reserve of human souls.
As we gaze with glossy romance amidst rose, chocolate and verses,
Let us be the estuary of these outflows into humanity and Nature's domain.
This Day of Valentine shall then not be a day but a lasting banner,
That flutters on hopes when peoples will treasure the chords of accord.*

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley, jeremy@officeinthebarn.com



Girl Guides: Canadian Brownies to be renamed 'Embers'



The Girl Guides of Canada (GGC) said the new name will help to create "a more inclusive space where all girls in Canada can feel welcome and proud to belong in Girl Guides". Girls aged seven and eight will now become "Embers", as the new name is phased in over the coming months and fully adopted by September, the GGC said.

A name change is nothing new in Guiding. Originally the girls 7 and 8 years old in Guiding were called Rosebuds. The girls did not like this name and asked Lord Baden Powell to change it and they became Brownies.

The decision came after input from current and former members, who said that the previous name "caused harm and was a barrier to belonging for racialised girls and women. Embers are full of potential and when they work together, they can ignite a powerful flame!" the Girl Guides of Canada (GGC) tweeted on Wednesday.

The GGC says that the new name should be used immediately, but it will take until September for it to be fully adopted in merchandise and gear.

The Embers (ages seven to eight) will join the other GGC branches, including the Sparks (ages five to six), Guides (ages nine to 11), Pathfinders (ages 12 to 14) and Rangers (ages 15 to 17).

Our local group will continue to do what we can for the girls but we need leaders in the Spark and Ember age groups at the present time. If any females are interested in helping out be it full-time or part-time please let us know – we have several girls who want to join but due to the shortage of leaders we are unable to take them in. For membership, registration or general inquiries you can call the toll free phone number for Girl Guides of Canada 1-877-564-6188 or the email address is info@girlguides.ca or our contact Guider is Valerie Crowe at 226-668-4439 after 4:30 p.m.



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Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common disorders among young people. It affects attention span and concentration and can also affect how impulsive and active the person is. Most young people are, at times, inattentive, distractible, impulsive or highly active. They may have ADHD if such behaviours occur more frequently and are more severe than is considered average among young people of the same age or developmental level. A diagnosis of ADHD might also result if the behaviours persist over time and negatively affect the person's family and his or her social and school life. The symptoms of ADHD fall into two main groups: inattentive behaviours and hyperactive and impulsive behaviours. Young people may be diagnosed with ADHD if, for the past six months or more, they have displayed six or more symptoms of either inattentive behaviours or hyperactive or impulsive behaviours.

Assessment

There is no single medical physical or genetic test for ADHD and ADHD cannot be diagnosed accurately from brief office observations, as an individual with ADHD may not always exhibit the symptoms of ADHD. ADHD rarely occurs alone and research has shown that more than two-thirds of people with ADHD have one or more co-existing conditions. The most common include depression, anxiety disorders, learning disabilities, eating disorders and substance use disorders.

Nurse Practitioner, Melody Fox, will complete a detailed and thorough ADHD specific interview during the first assessment. The second assessment will involve the following:

- Focused physical exam, height weight and vital signs;
- Feedback on assessment findings;
- Discuss and initiate treatment options, non-pharmacological and pharmacological.

Please call 226-665-2200 or e-mail Melody directly at melody@melodyfoxnp.com to book an ADHD assessment.

Why Shrove Tuesday and Pancakes on February 21st This Year?

Shrove Tuesday (Confession Tuesday), or Pancake Tuesday, or Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday from the French) are all the same event, only the date changes every year. The date this year is Tuesday, Feb 21st. It is the 41st day before Easter, this year, on April 9th. The forty days in-between are the 40 days of fasting during Lent. But why pancakes?



Pancakes are traditional in a number of European countries. They are made with eggs, sugar, and fat, commonly forbidden during the Lenten fast. People wanted to use them up so they would not go to waste during Lent. No refrigeration or freezers back then. What resulted was a festival where people drank, feasted, danced, and partied before the abstinent and somber period of Lent began.

Mardi Gras is said to have made its way to North America in 1699, thanks to French-Canadian explorer Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville. He settled down near present-day New Orleans and brought the "Fat Tuesday" tradition with him.

This year, St. George's Anglican Parish of The Blue Mountains and the Blue Mountains Firefighters are teaming up to offer, a Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday feast of succulent sausages and pancakes, dripping with local maple syrup. It's a Fundraising Dinner, by donation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Firefighters chose this year's charity: Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) in celebration of their 40 years of dedicated community service to the Valley.

The event will be held Tuesday February 21st at the Community Centre from 5 to 7 pm. There will be Firefighters flipping pancakes on BBQ's outside behind the arena, others frying up the sausages inside. Volunteers from St. George's and BVO will welcome everyone and serve the dinners. The Grace United Green Team will handle the clean-up. Proceeds from the dinner will go to BVO.

Submitted by John Hethrington

Grey County Council gives first approval to 2023 budget

Grey County residents and businesses will see stability in service levels in 2023 as County Council give first approval to the draft 2023 Grey County budget. Council met on January 27 for a special budget meeting. Staff presented the \$225.1 million operating and capital budget, highlighting significant projects and major investments that will benefit the Grey County community. Council also discussed several factors impacting the cost of services, such as inflation, changes to Provincial funding levels, insurance premiums, and other factors.

"Maintaining service levels without adding additional stress to taxpayers was the focus of Council with the 2023 budget," said Grey County Warden Brian Milne. "With inflation sitting above 6%, we've made tough decisions that will keep the County tax increases to a minimum without jeopardizing the quality of the valuable services we deliver to our community."

In total, \$67.9 million needs to be raised through the County levy. This is a levy increase of 1.48% compared to 2022 after factoring new growth. Included in the 2023 budget are investments in important infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, buildings, and equipment. Grey County is also taking important steps forward in key areas such as climate action, supportive housing and affordable housing, and business support and economic development.

To keep the levy requirement stable, some anticipated projects have been deferred to future years.

"Several factors impact the cost of providing services. Most of these factors are outside of the County's control," explains Warden Milne. "We need to understand our financial reality and that means we can't take on every project we would like to. As a Council, our job is to prioritize what is most important and will have the greatest impact. I believe that's what we've done with this budget."

The Grey County budget supports the delivery of several services that provide care for vulnerable people in our community. Around 41% of the levy directly supports people through services such as affordable housing, long-term care, Ontario Works, early learning and child care, and paramedic services. Investments in Grey County roads and road maintenance accounts for another 33% of the levy.

The full 2023 budget details and summary can be found online at www.grey.ca/budget.

The draft approved budget will be brought forward to County Council for final approval on Thursday, February 9th. www.grey.ca



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Upcoming Grey Ag Courses

Each winter, Grey Ag Services offers courses of interest to producers and rural residents of Grey and Bruce Counties and beyond. Course details and registration information can be found on the Grey Ag website – www.greyagservices.ca. Certified Crop Advisors will be able to obtain CEU credits for some of these courses.

www.greyagservices.ca

Or contact Grey Ag Services 519-986-3756,
info@greyagservices.ca

Improving Biosecurity Concepts for Swine and Poultry Presented by: Al Dam and Steve Beadle, OMAFRA.

Monday February 6th 1:00 - 2:30 pm, on Zoom.

Social Media Tips for your Farm

Marketing Presented by: Kelly Ward, OMAFRA & panelists: Amy Kitchen, Sideroad Farm; Julie Higginson, Higginson Farms; RJ Taylor, Springhills Fish Farm.

Wednesday February 15th 1 - 3:30 pm.
Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

Family Farm Continuity: New Opportunities to Help You Start Today!

Presented by: Bryan Huck, BDO; and BDO A&A/Tax Partner TBD.
Thursday Feb 16th 9:45 - 2:00 pm at Grey Ag Services.

Weed ID Workshop Presented by: Kris McNaughton, U of G, Ridgetown College.

Tuesday Feb 21st 1 - 3 pm at Grey Ag Services.

Advanced Grazing Systems - Paddock Design Workshop

Presented by: Dean Cober, Cobercow Hay & Cattle.
Monday Feb 27th 1 - 5 pm at Grey Ag Services.

Sheep Body Condition Scoring for Monitoring Feeding Programs

Presented by: Delma Kennedy, OMAFRA.
Wednesday March 1st 7:00-8:30 pm at Grey Ag Services.

Get to Know Your Cow-Calf Business & Production Information

Presented by: James Byrne, John Molenhuis, and Steve Duff, all from OMAFRA.

Thursday March 2nd 9:45 am - 2:45 pm at Grey Ag Services.

The Wild and Wonderful World of Vegetables

Presented by: Grey County Master Gardeners.
Thursday March 2nd 7:00 - 9:00 pm, at Grey Ag Services.

Success with Pair Raising Calves

Presented by: Marlene Paibomesai, Tom Wright from OMAFRA.

Tuesday March 7th 1:00 - 3:00 pm on Zoom.

Starting a Farm in Ontario

Presented by: Erich Weber, OMAFRA.

Crops Night: Thursday March 16th,

Livestock Night: Thursday March 23rd,

Direct to Consumer: Thursday March 30th. Pick one or attend all.

Each evening is from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, on Zoom.

Networking session for all participants follows on Saturday April 15th at the Rocklyn Community Centre, 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Elevate your Grain Storage Game

Presented by: James Dyck, OMAFRA.

Wednesday March 22nd, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, on Zoom.

Learning the Costs on Ontario Dairy Goat Farms

Presented by: John Molenhuis and Marlene Paibomesai, from OMAFRA.

Wed March 29th, 12:30 - 3:00 pm, on Zoom.

Accelerated Lambing – Critical Components for Making the System Work

Presented by: Delma Kennedy, OMAFRA, and panelists TBD.

Wednesday April 5th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, on Zoom.

Feeding the Performance Horse

Presented by: Jessica McCoag, Purina.

Wednesday April 12th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

2-day Intensive Food Preservation Workshop

Presented by: Martha Rogers, Master Food Preserver.

Friday April 28th & Saturday April 29th, 8:45 am - 4:00 pm each day at the Rocklyn Community Centre ***Please note that the April course is full for this course, but we are accepting names on a waiting list for a possible second course offering.



Join Us In Building An Elevated Farm Cooperative

You're invited to the Public Open House to learn more about Thornbury Acres, Ontario's First Human-Scale Farm Cooperative.

Thornbury Acres Public Open House

February 9th, 2023 (Thursday)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

L.E. Shore Memorial Library,
173 Bruce St S, Thornbury, ON, N0H 2P0

www.thornburyacres.com
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Town of The Blue Mountains Public Appointments to Volunteer Recognition Awards Sub-Committee

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 Volunteer Recognition Awards Sub-Committee. The committee appointment will be in place for the 2023 year:

Volunteer Award Selection Committee:

5-member Committee, 3 Committee members have been appointed (Council members)
2 additional members of the public being sought.

The Volunteer Recognition Awards Sub-Committee will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating the submitted nominations and selecting the winner(s) for each of the award categories. Applicants are encouraged to include background information and any special qualifications or interest related to the Volunteer Recognition Awards Sub-Committee. Information regarding the Volunteer Recognition Award Selection Committee is available on our Town's website at: www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards

NOTE: Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains.

All Applications should be submitted **no later than Thursday February 9, 2023 1:00 pm** to:

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

For any general inquiries please contact:
Community Services Department
(519) 599-3131 ext. 254
csadmin@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.

2023 Town Budget Update

The 2023 Proposed Town Budget was released on Friday, January 13, 2023 for public review and input. The proposed budget includes a three-year operating budget, a five-year capital budget, and proposed Fees and Charges. The purpose of the proposed budget is to serve as a starting point for budget discussions with Council and members of the public.

To review the 2023 Proposed Budget, please visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/budget

The budget will be reviewed and deliberated by Council at a series of special budget meetings scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 3, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, February 6, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (if necessary)

The special budget meetings will be conducted in-person and will be live-streamed with a recording posted to the Town website following the meeting. Following review and direction from Council through these meetings, revisions to the budget may be made, and the updated budget will be posted to the Town website on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Following the release of the updated budget, the Town will hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The public meeting provides the opportunity for residents to address Council directly or to submit an email or letter that will be read aloud by the Town Clerk.

Following the public meeting, Town Staff will then bring a report to the Committee of the Whole on Monday, March 13, 2023, outlining the public's comments from the Public Meeting. Following this meeting, any further changes will be incorporated into the 2023 Draft Budget for Council approval, which is expected to occur on Monday, March 27, 2023.

Residents are encouraged to participate and share feedback with Council throughout the budget process. To learn about how to participate at a meeting or how to provide comments, please contact the Town Clerk or visit www.thebluemountains.ca/participate.



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Application for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Site Plan Control, and Plan of Subdivision

Property Location: 209806 and 209808 Highway 26, Craigeleith (Part Lot 151, Plan 529, Collingwood Part 2 16R2129; The Blue Mountains and Part Lot 150 & Part Lot 151 Plan 529, Being Part 1, 16R2128)

Applicant: Pinnacle Building Corp.
File No. P3228
Roll: 4242 000 003 03401

Public Meeting: A Public Meeting to consider these applications has been scheduled for February 14, 2023 at 9:30 AM Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual/Online)

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
OR Virtual - Online format using Microsoft Teams

What is being proposed?

The proposal is to construct seventeen (17) multi-residential units within four (4) individual buildings developed as townhomes. Access is proposed through the existing entrance located on Highway 26. Full municipal sewer and water services are available at the property frontage.

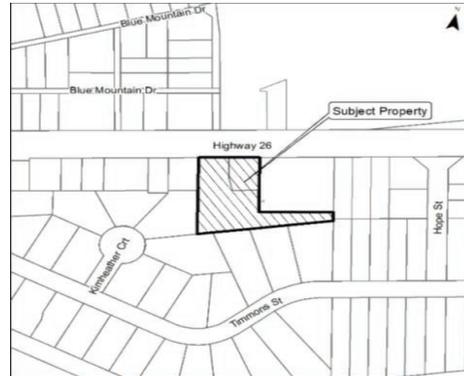
Where do I find more information?

The Town's website contains background studies, reports, plans and drawings that are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca. You may also contact the planner for this file by phone at (519) 599-3131 ext. 308, by email at afrazer@thebluemountains.ca, or by visiting Planning Services at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

What happens at the Public Meeting?

The public meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. You may also speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendments.



Key Map

Where do I submit my comments?

Your written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk:
By Mail or in Person:
32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0
Fax: (519) 599-7723
Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the application and any comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future council meeting.

Want to be notified of a decision?

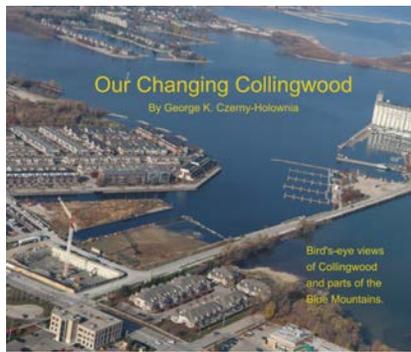
You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

Your rights to appeal a decision:

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Town of The Blue Mountains before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Town of The Blue Mountains before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

This notice was originally issued on January 26, 2023. Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), The Corporation of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted on the Town's website and/or made available to the public upon request.

Czerny-Holownia recently launched his latest book "Our Changing Collingwood"



It's not often – perhaps never – that a newly-published book is dedicated to a hospital and a hospice. But that is the case with the publication of "Our Changing Collingwood" which is dedicated to both General and Marine Hospital and Hospice Georgian Triangle/ Campbell House.

Author-photographer George Czerny-Holownia draws a parallel between the exploding growth of Collingwood and nearby Blue Mountains Resorts area – parts of both areas featured in aerial photographs in his book – and the ever-growing workload on both the local hospital and hospice.

"The staff at both our hospital and our hospice deserve tremendous credit for the work they do," said Czerny-Holownia adding "and with my book dedication, my aim is to draw attention to both of these important, community facilities". An aerial photograph showing the hospital and the hospice is among the 125 photographs and 88 pages of "Our Changing Collingwood".

George has been taking aerial views of the southern Georgian Bay region of Ontario since the late 1970s. In that time, manufacturing concerns have come and gone and residential development -- especially in the Collingwood and Blue Mountains areas -- has exploded in this popular region. George, brings to your fingertips photographs of the Collingwood Shipyards, once an economic powerhouse locally and an industry which closed in 1986.

Collingwood still has industries but residential growth has taken this waterfront community to a population of 22,000 from the 10,000 population of the 1970s. "If you can't find your house in my Collingwood photographs, you will likely be able to pick out a bird's-eye view of your neighbourhood," said George adding "This book is a conversation starter. The content outweighs the size of this book".

Other aerial photographs, show areas of Blue Mountain Resorts before the popular "Village at Blue" was built and since. Some of George's most-recent photographs of Collingwood and the Blue Mountains' area were taken November 3, 2022.

In addition to his aerial photographs in "Our Changing Collingwood", George includes historically-important ground-level photographs of such things as spectacular side-launchings at the Collingwood Shipyards. The shipyards closed in 1986 and the land on which this industry operated has been redeveloped with condominiums. You can see before and after views in "Our Changing Collingwood". There is nothing like "Our Changing Collingwood" when it comes to comparing various aerial views of parts of Collingwood and Blue Mountains, featuring development through the years, says George who last June self-published a separate, aerial-views book "Come fly with George". That book, says George, features aerial views of Collingwood and the Blue Mountains but without a strong emphasis on the "now and then" aspect. "Our Changing Collingwood" is about half-and-half old photos and new photos, he said.

George has eleven books, including his latest, for sale at www.blurb.ca/b/11393194-our-changing-collingwood. He also has a book about democracy and voter apathy, "Kiss The Ground You Walk On, Canada!", which he published in 2019, at www.volumesdirect.com. George is a retired newspaper publisher/reporter-photographer who continues to write and take photographs both from the ground and from the air.

For more information, or sample "then and now" photos, contact: George Czerny-Holownia, 705-293-1569, georgianblue@rogers.com

Service Ontario improvements saving people time and money

The Ontario government is making it faster, easier and more convenient for people and businesses to access driver's licences, health cards, birth certificates and other services.

An enhanced appointment booking system at ServiceOntario is now available at 64 of its busiest centres. Customers requiring in-person visits can book multiple services in a single appointment on their smartphone or computer or book a single appointment for the whole family. Ontarians will also have the option to identify accessibility needs ahead of the appointment so services can be provided to meet their individual needs efficiently and effectively.

ServiceOntario is also enhancing the customer experience through a number of pilot programs including virtual services. Eligible Ontarians who may find it difficult to visit a ServiceOntario centre in person can book virtual appointments to have their health cards renewed through live video calls. For those phoning the Contact Centre, new technology is rolling out to cut down the time callers spend on the line with quicker interactive responses or call-backs.

"Our government continues to modernize the way we deliver services, using data and technology to design programs that put customers first," said Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery. "Ontarians are already benefiting from our improved services that are easy-to-use, more accessible and digitally enabled. They can choose to access services in person, by phone, or online – taking advantage of more than 55 online services available anywhere, anytime, any day."

New online services are being added regularly and these include renewal of health cards, licence plates and other government identification and permits. Convenient renewal reminders by email, text or phone call help Ontarians keep their important documents up to date. Almost all transactions related to Accessible Parking Permits are online.

As part of the work to provide customers with more online delivery options, in the coming months, soon-to-be-married couples can apply for a marriage licence online through a new secure portal in participating municipalities. As well, by spring, digital dealership registration — providing on-site registration of vehicle purchases at dealerships — will be expanding to trade-ins and used cars.

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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 to get 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 for - or in - your garden in – February 2023

- Finally, after 3 weeks of warm, no-snow weather, there is lots of snow cover. 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 from your Christmas tree, put them over tender plants to catch the snow. It is the freeze/thaw cycle that kills plants. It's 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. A garden is never finished!
- Start propagating stem cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias, etc. by the end of the month.
- Plant slow germinating seeds inside, like impatiens, peppers, eggplants, etc.
- 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 they have leaves.
- Visit local nursery greenhouses to smell the coming spring. Stop by the Garden Gallery just west of Barrie on Hwy 91 on the way to Angus to just inhale the SPRING.
- You can forget about the big garden shows like Canada Blooms and the Peterborough Garden show this spring, they have all been cancelled. Think Spring 2024.

IMPORTANT: You should be thinking ahead about spreading heavy duty triple 19 fertilizer on your flower beds. I used to recommend putting the fertilizer on the snow in mid-March. However, having discussed this at length with the Crop Specialist (a graduate of Guelph) at the Mid-West CO-OP, she recommended waiting until the snow is gone, the ground is still wet and new leaves are not yet showing, to sprinkle the triple 19 fertilizer on your beds. She says it should last all summer long. They currently have a limited supply of 19-19-19 fertilizer available at the CO-OP on Hwy 10 just south of Flesherton at \$37.40 a 25 KG bag.

Women's Wednesday Health Clinics through February and March!

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Valentine's by Alice Otrysko

*"It was many and many a year ago,
In a kingdom by the sea,
That a maiden there lived whom you may know
By the name of Annabel Lee:
And this maiden she lived with no other thought
Than to love and be loved by me..."* Edgar Allan Poe



This is my favourite love poem.

We celebrate Valentine's Day which I look forward to as it's a day to think about love amidst all the badness and hatred we read and hear about all the time especially if we follow the news. A respite comes for one day and it should be given more attention than it gets and be a happy day for everyone.

It comes in the middle of February. The 14th is half way down the shortest month with only another month and a half left of winter and the dark days. In February the days get noticeable brighter and longer and we begin to anticipate Spring, new life, renewal and love.

Saint Valentine was a 3rd century Roman saint. From the High Middle Ages, his day has been associated with a tradition of courtly love. He is also a patron saint of asthma and beekeepers.

On February 14, around the year 270 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome, is said to have been executed. Emperor Claudius persecuted the church at that time and prohibited marriage as unmarried soldiers fought better. Valentine secretly married couples and was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured to death for performing marriages against the command of Emperor Claudius. Valentine became known as the patron saint of lovers.

We recognize love on Valentine's Day and give one another flowers, chocolates and cards expressing that love.

It's a wonderful day to take the time to do this.

In school I remember children giving each other Valentine Cards and those who were left out by some or didn't get as many cards as others, felt very sad. When I was a teacher, I encouraged cards be given to everyone in the class so no one felt unloved. It's amazing how not getting a card made the kids cry. Adults may give or send cards but flowers especially roses, and/ or chocolates are more the standard.

I like flowers. At my age I can do without chocolates.

The red rose is a popular flower to give and typically represents love and romance and has been a powerful symbol for many cultures. It was sacred to a number of goddesses including Isis and Venus and Aphrodite. Pink roses and the colour pink also stand out for Valentines.

I also like to make a breakfast of pancakes which I fry up and cut into heart shapes and scatter cut up strawberries on top with "snow" (icing sugar). In the mix I add dried cranberries for more colour and taste.

Whether one gives anything to someone on this day is a personal choice but I think we should try and be happy and do something nice for another especially on Valentine's Day. It should be a day of smiles and kind words and even good deeds. One small deed means the world to most people. Kind words can make someone's day. It doesn't cost anything to be nice.

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Events for Life Arena Cafe

by Barb Weeden, Executive Director

GOOD NEWS! You have a new place to go for a coffee break or lunch! Enjoy a muffin after pickle ball or after a morning walk around town with your friends or go for a nice lunch or pick up a lunch on-the-go to take back to work. The participants at Events for Life (EFL) are excited to serve you! The Events for Life Arena Cafe is open Monday to Thursday 11 am to 1:00 pm and Fridays from 9:30 to 2:00 pm.

The new EFL Arena Cafe is run by the staff at Events for Life and is a work experience opportunity now integrated into the daily program for the participants. Generally, 3 participants, a staff and a volunteer or parent work the daily shift together. The participants don their uniforms, help to set up the cafe and then get ready for the customers. You will be greeted with friendly faces and big smiles as they practice their customer service and serving skills.

Delicious muffins, cookies and sandwiches are served fresh from the Thornbury Bakery and roasted coffee from Good Grief Coffee Roasters is brewed fresh every day. There are assorted cold and hot beverages and lots of snacks along with chili and a soup of the day. On Fridays the fryer is going so chili fries or poutine along with a hot dog is a fun Friday lunch for the participants to prepare.

These partnerships along with the support from The Town of The Blue Mountains have enabled EFL to get their new cafe up and running at the Beaver Valley Community Centre arena in Thornbury. EFL extends a special thank you to the Marc Anthony Venere Family Foundation for their generous donation to help with startup costs. All the proceeds from the cafe go directly back into the EFL program.

This work experience gives the participants purpose! They can't wait to put on their team uniform, a T-shirt and hat, and find out their first task for the day. That might be re-stocking the drinks in the refrigerator, helping to make coffee or getting the front counter set up.

The EFL program integrates a work experience component into their curriculum. Local businesses have helped to provide some of these opportunities. As an example, Goldsmith Family Market has supplied pie and cookie boxes that need stickers placed on the lids. The participants have taken great pride in meticulously placing the stickers on over 6,000 boxes!! If you have a task that you think the program could help your business with, please email EFL and they will make it happen.

Events for Life (EFL) is a local Not-for-Profit charity that provides day programs for 35 adults in The Town of the Blue Mountains and surrounding areas that have special needs. The program focuses on social, recreation and life-long learning skills. Eight staff along with a network of over 30 volunteers are giving these individuals and their families events and experiences that are changing their lives.

If you would like to help support the Events for Life program by making a donation, please go to the website www.eventsfor.life

If you would like to give your time and join our volunteer team, please complete an application form found on the website and return to info@eventsfor.life

For assistance, please call 519-270-1538




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Local Residents Applaud The Blue Mountains Council Support for Protecting Green Spaces

Council voted unanimously to work with regional partners and the province to enhance local land conservation through a formal collaboration process.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS – Local residents and environmental advocates were thrilled to witness a 5-0 vote by The Blue Mountains Council to move forward with a proposal to increase the collaboration between stakeholders in order to protect the green spaces along the Niagara Escarpment.

The motion, put forward by Councillor Alex Maxwell, goes beyond The Blue Mountains and requests that staff collaborate with neighbouring municipal and regional councils and other stakeholders to create planning processes that incorporate natural environment protection and sustainability as guiding principles. The motion acknowledges the importance of our natural environment to all aspects of our regional economy, combatting climate change, and maintaining healthy ecosystems for generations to come.

The Motion for the Protection of Green Space received strong community support from residents who wrote letters and spoke at the January 23rd Council meeting. Local resident and Escarpment Corridor Alliance (ECA) Director George Knowles informed council members at the meeting that, “we can’t solve all the problems around the world, but it’s up to us to do what we can, where we are, right here, right now, in the Town of The Blue Mountains. And we know that nature doesn’t pay attention to political boundaries, so we need to work in concert with Grey Highlands, Collingwood, and Clearview. As the saying goes, we need to think globally and act locally. This motion offers a chance to act big locally, right here, at home.”

The ECA is a coalition of local residents, businesses, and organizations who are alarmed plans to turn key parts of the brow and prominent slopes of the Niagara Escarpment into mega-developments. The ECA is encouraged by The Blue Mountains Council’s strong leadership and support of the motion and hopes that it will help municipalities to reconsider inappropriate developments such as the proposal for Castle Glen that would replace over 1,500 acres of forest and ecologically-sensitive wetlands with 1,600 homes, hotels, three golf courses and 54,000 square feet of retail space.

“Kudos to Town of The Blue Mountains Council for making the right decision and voting to pass this motion recognizing the true value of our natural heritage,” said ECA President Bruce Harbinson. “Land conservation principles don’t necessarily align with political boundaries which is why this motion and having collaboration across all of our region’s municipalities is so important and timely.”

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Great Lakes Local Action Fund

The Ontario government is investing \$44,000 in plastic pollution reduction projects on Lake Huron through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund that will help build healthier communities while protecting and improving the health of the Great Lakes and their connecting waters.

The Lake Huron Coastal Centre (LHCC) says that plastic pollution is posing a significant risk to coastal ecosystems, water quality and the health of wildlife in Lake Huron. For more than 10 years, LHCC has held many successful shoreline clean-up events, engaging hundreds of volunteers of all ages to reduce plastic pollution in their communities. With the help of the Great Lakes Local Action fund, LHCC will expand on their plastic pollution reduction projects in 2023. They will conduct microplastic research, install beach clean-up stations and stormwater catchment basin filters, and host 13 beach clean-up events from Sarnia to Georgian Bay.

Alyssa Bourassa, Program Coordinator and Coastal Stewardship Technician with the Lake Huron Coastal Centre said, “When creating plastic pollution reduction strategies, it is important to consider both short and long-term solutions to this complicated issue.

This program has both short term action and long-term solutions to ensure sustainable beaches for wildlife and for coastal communities now, and in the future.”

This project is among 38 community-based projects to receive \$1.9 million in funding from the Great Lakes Local Action Fund.

The Lake Huron Coastal Centre is a non-government charity dedicated to supporting a healthy ecosystem through education, restoration, and research.

Information about how to volunteer for a shoreline clean-up event will be posted to www.lakehuron.ca/ volunteer, and @coastalcentre on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter in the coming months.



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7pm-10pm
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