



152nd Beaver Valley Fall Fair a Success



Rainy, cold weather didn't dampen attendance at the 152nd annual Beaver Valley Fall Fair. Sept 6 and 7. Friday night opening ceremonies introduced our new Ambassador, Lindy Kingston and Junior Ambassador Eva Hindle. "A record number of entries in the many Fair competitions was gratifying to see" said Serena Wilgress, BVAS president., and

"wrestling was another rousing success."

Saturday, brought many young families into the arena to enjoy Ronno - children's entertainer, taking practice shots into the AppleKings hockey team's nets, balloon art, face painting, Bee Busy facts and jokes, scavenger hunts, and showing off their Fair artworks, entertained them throughout the rainy day.

The EGR Grey Guard Medieval fighting group demonstrations were a new attraction at the Fair this year and captured the imagination of the fairgoers. An unexpected dual between the fire department and the medieval knights created quite a stir.

A special nod goes to Mike McGuire of Green Leaf Tree Spading and Landscaping along with Jake Cassidy of Clearlite for running the Excavator Challenge in the rain. This year's challenge had been expanded to have professional and amateur level competitions. Competition was fierce! Not to be overlooked were the Active K9 performers and their handlers at the Dog Agility shows who also braved the elements.

Live music from the Thirsty Boys & Ruthven Sisters throughout the afternoon and The Sherri Jackson Band during the sumptuous sold out roast beef dinner rounded out the day.

The Fair board salutes our dedicated volunteers who cheerfully re-arranged their schedules and wardrobes to accommodate changes in the days events and to navigate the rain bursts. A special acknowledgement also goes out to the volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes cooking up the roast beef dinner. We couldn't host a fair without their commitment.



With the support of our many wonderful patrons - Bruce Street Technologies, Goldsmith's Market, Reid Aquatics, Carquest, Bay-Mount Services, Dave Dick Real Estate, 13/Forty Landscape Supplies, Eagles Weed Control, Astec Industries, Tatham Engineering, No 1 Auto, Crozier Consulting Engineers, Scandinave Spa, and Riverside Press/The Blue Mountains Review, the Fair continues to be a very



affordable family friendly event in our community.

Did you have fun at the Fair? Let us know what you liked and what you'd like to see at the Fair; or if you'd like to volunteer.

Contact us at:
fallfairbeavervalley@gmail.com



Hey, Town of The Blue Mountains, it's your friends at Events for Life!

We are so lucky to have been chosen this year as one of the recipients of the Youth Climate Action Fund, from the Town of The Blue Mountains and Grey County. We are so grateful to have received \$6,000! Each month, from September to December, we will be learning about different climate topics!



In September we have been looking at Pollinators. We spent time with Arnis of the Butterfly Way Project! We learned pollinator gardens attract butterflies, bees, insects, and much more.

We also learned which wildflowers attract butterflies, Joe-Pye Weed and Milkweed were two of our favourites! These are not plants you would typically find at your local nursery BUT you can find them at Grey Heron in Meaford. In our photos our group is beside the pollinator garden outside L.E. Shore Library and a beautiful Monarch butterfly sitting on an Aster plant. So, what was the take-away from this beautiful day? Arnis was kind enough to give us some of our own wildflower seeds to dry out and germinate over the winter. The plan is to make a pollinator garden for everyone to enjoy.

What's next? We plan to take on GARBAGE in the month of October. We want to look at how much waste we produce and the effects of our waste. We will also be doing two community clean-ups! If you would like to join us on **October 10th at 11am down at the Thornbury Harbour OR October 16th at 11am starting at Lion's Park in Clarksburg.** We will provide bags and gloves.

Get involved! Each month we are challenging youth to a climate action act. We send these out the first of the month via our social media accounts. There are 6, \$50 gift cards up for grabs to the lucky winners. So, if you or someone you know is between the age of 15-25 and wants to help make change check out our Facebook @Events for Life OR our Instagram @eflthornbury. Your friends at EFL.





The Aura of Frost

Leaves once in anchor to limb of tree have bid adieu,
 In descent of fluttering wave, their float to the casket of soil
 Weaves a shroud, portrays a dimming rainbow
 of colours in rest.
 Fasten your eye to these fallen greeneries,
 Did not they once proclaim Maple's glory and glitter
 of Birch so silvered?
 Upon the bracken ground, the leaf makes its final testament,
 Declares submission to microbes and worms of soil's intent.
 Yet one more act in Nature's theatre is a beauty,
 beheld to eye and soul,
 The starlit heavens breathe an aura of frost across
 the earthly crust.
 The whitening brush makes smiling glitter of a silent stillness,
 'Tis a paradox of cold that warms hearts under all
 Nature's blessings.
 So may we speak into this Aura of Frost, one that covers
 our human foliage,
 For it glistens and embraces, brushes into every crease
 of our being,
 It melts, breaks down the knots of anger, reflects dawn's
 vestige of hope,
 Bilingual in love, a dictionary of harmony,
 its name is Kindness.

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Elmer Iseler Singers

Back by popular demand, The Elmer Iseler Singers will be returning to Grace United Church on Saturday October 26th for their third performance since 2019, led by Lydia Adams with virtuoso Shawne Grenke on Grand Piano. Tickets \$50

The Singers look forward to their visits to Thornbury and Georgian Bay and often remark, that the acoustic in this venue are some of the best they have played.

Music selections range from Johan Sebastian Bach to Tommy Dorsey and a selection of Celtic favourites. Anyone interested in exercising their voice, may join a workshop and sing with the Iselers from 4:30 to 6 pm in the afternoon led by Lydia Adams - \$20. Tickets available at, Thornbury Pharmasave, on line at graceunitedthornbury.ca or call the Church at 519 599 2438.

Launch of Tourism Strategy

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to announce that work is underway to develop the Town's first formal Tourism and Marketing Strategy. This strategy will help guide and manage tourism within the community. To support the project, the Town has engaged Bannikin, an external tourism research and strategy development consultant who will be responsible for guiding the development of the strategic framework and recommendations.

By developing a formal Tourism and Marketing Strategy, the Town aims to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the importance of tourism to the Town's economy and the pressures associated with being a tourism community. This project will engage residents, local businesses, community organizations, tourism industry members, and Town staff and Council. A mix of in-person and virtual engagement activities will be utilized, including a destination visit, a community session, tourism business roundtables, community roundtables, key informant interviews, and a partners' focus group.

To learn about the project and to subscribe for email updates, visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/TourismStrategy

For more information, please contact:

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WANTED - Vendors for a Craft Sale at the First Baptist Church, Thornbury
 Saturday November 2nd from 10am-2pm
 Please call Mae Lanktree 519-599-3886

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The Blue Mountains receives \$25.3M from the Ontario Government in Infrastructure Funding

On September 23rd Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey announced that the Ontario government is investing \$25,397,523.99 to enable the construction of new homes in the Town of The Blue Mountains. The funding is being delivered through the first round of investments under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, which includes \$970 million to help municipalities develop, repair, rehabilitate and expand drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. This funding will support Wastewater System Upgrades and Rehabilitation and will enable 2,078 units in the Town of the Blue Mountains.

"Simcoe-Grey is growing, and we know a major piece to responsible and sustainable growth is infrastructure," said MPP Brian Saunderson. This funding will allow the Town of the Blue Mountains to create critical housing for hundreds of families and people who want to make this beautiful part of Ontario home."



Beaver Valley Arena Public Skating

Saturdays: 12pm - 2pm; Sundays: 12pm - 2pm
Excluding: Oct. 26, Nov. 9-10, Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Dec. 28, Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Feb. 2, Mar. 1-2

Ages 18+: \$3 per person; Under 18: Free

Adult Skating

Mon: 10am - 12pm; Wed: 10am - 12pm; Thurs: 1pm - 3pm
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\$3 per person; Must be 18 years of age or older.

Stick & Puck

Mondays: 12pm - 1pm; Wednesdays: 12pm - 1pm
Excluding: Oct. 14, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, Feb. 5, Feb. 17

\$3 per person; Must be 18 years of age or older. All skaters are required to wear a certified hockey helmet.

Parent & Tots

Thursdays: 11am - 12pm, Free. Excluding: Dec. 26, Jan. 2, Mar. 13

New GBPH Dental Clinic Open

Grey Bruce Public Health will soon welcome patients to its new, brick-and-mortar dental clinic. The 1,380-square foot clinic, at 200 McNab St. in Walkerton, will provide a full range of dental services – from checkups to preventative care to treatments – for patients enrolled in the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and Healthy Smiles Ontario.

Prior to this project, GBPH's Oral Health team provided services at two permanent clinics – in Owen Sound and Markdale – and mobile clinics in Wiarton and Walkerton. In Walkerton, the team set up and dismantled a temporary clinic on each clinic day in a common space at a Bruce County-owned housing complex.

Grey Bruce Public Health received Ministry of Health funding to upgrade its dental clinics, following the launch of the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program, which provides dental services to eligible, low-income seniors aged 65 and older.

The funding was used to upgrade its Owen Sound and Markdale clinics and build a permanent clinic in Walkerton. The new clinic features two operatories, along with x-ray, sterilization, charting, and consult rooms, a reception area, waiting room, utility room, and lunchroom. The permanent clinic includes full dental amenities, allowing for weekly dentist clinics.

Contact Grey Bruce Public Health to request an application form by calling 519-376-9420 and press '8'

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In Memoriam

DR. FELICITY CHARLOTTE ANN COX

Dr. Felicity Charlotte 'Ann' Cox passed peacefully at Errinrung Retirement Home in Thornbury on September 24, 2024 at the age of 89.

Loving mother to John Willett (Edel), Tim Willett (Louise), Jane Jaggs (Jimmy), Paul Willett (Devon) and beloved grandmother to Audrey Willett (Praveen), Ross Willett, Matt Willett (Ivana), Taylor Jaggs and Sarah Jaggs. Ann was predeceased by her partner Vanda Kilpen (2019) and ex-husband David Willett (2022).

Ann was born on May 6, 1935 in St Albans, UK to parents Eileen and Gerald Cox. During WWII, she was evacuated from London to the countryside with thousands of other school children and spent the war years at a boarding school, which as an only child gave her the camaraderie she had always missed. She returned to London at the end of the war and attended St. Albans Girls School where she became inspired to study medicine. She achieved her A levels and attended university in London, where she qualified for Medical School and became a Medical Doctor.

While Ann was a good student, she was also a keen athlete and played lacrosse for her school. She often said that her favourite school days were those in which there was either gym or games to participate in. She maintained this love of physical activity throughout her life and in later years could often be seen walking the Georgian Trail or around Thornbury Harbour with her walking poles in hand and a smile on her face.

Upon her graduation from medical school, Ann met David Willett who shared her dream of emigrating to Canada. She and David were married in 1960 and for their honeymoon travelled by steamship to Canada. Ann finished her Medical Residency in Montreal, after which she and David moved to Niagara Falls where she raised 4 children while maintaining a thriving medical practice. Ann was also active in the volunteer community and was instrumental in creating the first shelter for abused women in Niagara through her work with Niagara Women in Crisis.

After Ann and David divorced, she moved to Toronto and later to Thornbury to be with her partner Vanda and to continue her psychotherapy practice. Ann and Vanda spent a joyous 25 years together skiing, traveling, playing tennis, gardening and singing with the Sweet Adelines chorus.

Following Vanda's passing in 2019, Ann enjoyed hiking with her friends, practicing Tai Chi, book club meetings, and spending time with family including weekends at the farm in Kimberley, visiting family in Toronto and Campbell River B.C. and going on numerous vacations to visit her grandchildren in Australia.

Ann was a trailblazer in many ways with infectious joie de vivre. She will be greatly missed. Cremation has taken place and family and friends are invited to a celebration of Ann's life on Friday, October 11, 2024 at 1:30pm at the Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Doctors Without Borders/ Medecins Sans Frontieres. 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



PETER CHARLES TURTON

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Peter Turton, age 78, on September 2nd, 2024. He passed away peacefully at Owen Sound Hospital after a brief battle with Leukemia (AML) surrounded by his wife Sue and daughters Emily and Katie.



Peter was born on April 29th, 1946 in Southend-on-Sea, England. He immigrated to Canada in 1971 and shortly thereafter met the love of his life, Sue, through their mutual love of skiing. They were married in 1975 and together they shared 49 wonderful years together skiing, golfing and traveling the globe. Some of Peter's favourite trips were India, Vietnam, Egypt, Morocco (but not the camel rides), China, and Japan. Their last adventure was a transatlantic cruise from Brazil to Portugal.

Family was everything to Peter. He was always there to support and encourage his daughters growing up. He spent countless hours working as an official at their swim meets or racing from the ski club to the pool so they could ski race in the morning and swim in the afternoon. There were no math problems he wouldn't attempt to help solve, although he said calculus was not as he remembered. As they entered their own careers, he was a sounding board and provider of advice. Once his grandchildren were born, he took great delight in watching them grow up. He loved watching Emma's swim meets online when he couldn't get to a competition in person and was quite happy to head to the rink to watch Max and William play hockey or to the field to watch them play soccer. There were many family trips to Florida over the years, something the entire family looked forward to and enjoyed.

True to his English heritage, in 2012 Peter purchased a 1967 Morgan and joined the Georgian Bay British Car Club. Participating in GBBCC day trips and the annual Thornbury Canada Day parade were events he looked forward to throughout the spring, summer, and fall. His three grandchildren also enjoyed rides around Lora Bay with their Poppa and getting to honk the horn.

During the pandemic, Peter found a love for building models, and built a speed boat and sail boat, and most recently completed a WWII spitfire replica which he was too afraid to fly for fear of it crashing.

An engineer by trade, Peter spent the majority of his career working in the machine tool industry. Following his retirement, he continued as the Executive Director of the Canadian Machine Tool Distributors Association (CMTDA) for 13 years.

Those who knew him described him as a good man with a kind, gentle, and welcoming soul and as someone who was willing to help anyone who asked. He rarely had a bad word to say about anyone. Though he rarely showed his teeth when he smiled, his whole face lit up and he had a sparkle in his eye.

He is survived by his wife Sue, children Emily and Katie (Nik), grandchildren Emma, Maximus, and William and older brother Mike (Maggie).

Peter will be deeply missed by all those who knew him and loved him.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 12th at The Golf Club at Lora Bay from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society 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.

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BARBARA GREER

Mom died peacefully, on August 31, 2024, in Collingwood, having entered her hundredth year just three weeks before. Born to George and Jean Brooks in 1925, Barbara was the middle of three children. She was predeceased by husband, Paul F. Greer; and both her brothers, Peter and Robert. Mother of Richard (Janet Flynn), Mary (Wayne Brasseur) and Brooks. Grandmother to Kelly Flynn, Jennifer McManus, Alex Brasseur and James Brasseur. Great-grandmother to Beck McManus, Archer McManus, Maeve Truax and Frida Truax.

Barbara was educated at the Toronto Normal School, followed by Lawrence Park Collegiate and then on to the University of Toronto, where she got her B.A. Graduate school followed at U of T's School of Social Work, where she studied for and received her Bachelor of Social Work. Mom had a lengthy and distinguished social work career and was a champion for women's causes. Her work took her to various organizations, including Central Neighbourhood House and Sistering. She was a longtime volunteer at the Older Women's Network and did a year-long stint as Dean of Women at her alma mater, U of T's University College.

In her younger years, Mom was a keen skier and tennis player. She was a voracious reader, and although she had broad taste, she favoured the modern British novelists (Orwell, Waugh, Powell, M. Amis, Barnes et al), biographies and travel books. She always kept a pile of New Yorkers and Penguin paperbacks on hand for anyone to scavenge.

She underplayed her cooking skills, but would also always produce a really good meal. Cheeky and irreverent, sometimes it was difficult to tell if Mom was teasing you. But she usually was. There wasn't much, if anything, that she wouldn't talk about, she was always very well informed and would offer considered opinions and advice – solicited or otherwise. She really was outstanding as a parent and friend, and was someone you could count on to be on your side.

There will be a celebration of Barbara's life at the Marsh St Centre, 187 Marsh St, Clarksburg on Saturday October 5 from 2 pm to 5 pm. If you would like to make a donation in Barbara's memory please consider the United Way or My Friends House in Collingwood.

Warm summer sun, Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind, Blow softly here.

Green sod above, Lie light, lie light.

Good night, dear heart, Good night, good night. - Walt Whitman

Seniors Matters Today

Last week's **Seniors Fair** in Thornbury, with its 44 exhibitors from around the area, drew a crowd of about 200. The Seniors Network Blue Mountains wants to thank everyone who participated.

It was a great opportunity to learn about lots of the options that make it possible to live an interesting and active life in this community. The Network received lots of feedback and suggestions and the Network members are looking forward to next year's event.

People came with lots of questions and that's resulted in some Network members creating information sessions to answer them.

For instance, this fall Jeremy Bertrand, a Senior Program Advisory Specialist from the Ministry of Finance will do an information session at L. E. Shore Library about Estate Administration Tax. A date will be set and if there is sufficient interest, the speaker will be able to attend in person. The option for a smaller group will be that Mr. Bertrand will attend by zoom. The audience will view him on the big screen; he will be able to hear the questions and answer people directly. If you are interested in attending this New Territory4Seniors (BVO)/L. E. Shore Library event, please let us know. 519 599 2577, ext. 6 OR e mail, seniors@bvo.ca

BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls phone program will start again in October. Some of last year's programs such as Chair Exercise & Stretching and Meet the Pharmacist will continue. Organizing an information session about immunization (flu, covid 19) etc. is a priority as we move into fall.

Call or e mail to register (519 599 2577, ext. 6 OR seniors@bvo.ca) Keep on enjoying this beautiful fall weather!



Pictured left to right: Dianne Hilliard, Joelle Adelson, Kevin Campbell, Bill McCreary, Vince Rogers

Bill McCreary Charity Golf Classic Donates \$80,000 to Meaford Hospital Foundation

In a remarkable display of community spirit and philanthropic commitment, the Bill McCreary Charity Golf Classic, co-chaired by former NHL referee Bill McCreary and Kevin Campbell, has made a significant contribution to the Meaford Hospital Foundation. The event has raised an impressive \$80,000, which will be directed towards the purchase of advanced Ortho Power Tools for the Meaford Hospital's orthopedic department.

The funds underscore the event's enduring impact and the co-chairs' dedication to improving healthcare in their community. Bill McCreary and Kevin Campbell, both long-time supporters of the Meaford Hospital Foundation, have once again proven their dedication to enhancing healthcare services in their area.

The \$80,000 donation will be utilized to acquire state-of-the-art Orthopedic Power Tools, essential for modern orthopedic surgeries. These tools represent a significant advancement in surgical technology, allowing orthopedic surgeons to perform complex procedures with greater precision and safety. The investment in these advanced tools will enhance the capability of Meaford Hospital's orthopedic team, ultimately benefiting patients through improved surgical outcomes and reduced recovery times.

The success of the Bill McCreary Charity Golf Classic is an example of the power of community involvement and generosity. The event saw a broad range of participants, from former professional athletes to individual donors, all coming together to support a noble cause.

Kevin Campbell highlighted the importance of community support, noting, "The support we received from everyone who participated in the golf classic, donated, or volunteered is what made this possible. It's inspiring to see how our community comes together."

With this substantial donation, the Meaford Hospital Foundation is poised to continue its mission of improving healthcare services in the region. The Foundation's efforts, bolstered by events like the Bill McCreary Charity Golf Classic, are crucial in ensuring that local healthcare facilities can offer top-tier medical care. For more information about the Meaford Hospital Foundation and how you can impact care close to home, please go to www.mhfoundation.ca.

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Happiness by Alice Otrysko

*"My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began; So is it now I am a man.
(William Wordsworth)*

Happiness is a complex and multifaceted emotion that encompasses a range of positive feeling, from contentment to intense joy. It is often associated with positive life experiences, such as achieving goals, spending time with loved ones or engaging in enjoyable activities. (Wikipedia)

Are you happy? Most people find happiness when they find pleasure in doing the things they enjoy. It is enhanced when others also take interest in what you do and you get to feel that what you do matters. Happiness involves feelings of fulfillment and brings inner peace and balance rather than what many consider makes one happy, for example wealth, possessions, power and success. All those probably make life easier but happiness is an enduring state of mind with a sense that one's life has meaning and that you are a valued person.

When I see a person smile, this small gesture has an impact on me and is addictive since smiling makes the other person smile. All of a sudden you feel happy even for a fleeting moment. Ignoring negativity and turning away from it to find joy actually works. How many times have you heard someone say: "Don't be so negative". I've been negative at times and I've been told that. The answer is to do something physical, like walking or gathering flowers for a bouquet or petting your cat. Zack gives me tons of joy. Just cuddling him is therapy for me. Animals do have a positive effect on humans and that makes them happy.

Get sleep. Don't you find you are crabby and in a bad mood if you haven't had a good sleep? Sometimes sleep is difficult for different reasons so you have to face them and try hard to get a "good sleep". A hot bath in Epsom salts and bubbles almost always insures good sleep for me.

To be happy you may have to break some habits and try a change. Don't resist change; it may bring a smile to your face. Choose a well balanced diet, exercise, get good sleep and limit alcohol. Alcohol is a depressant. It doesn't numb pain; it makes it worse. That's not a way to be happy.

Doing something nice for someone or just helping another person makes our days happier. Make the best of everything. Life isn't always good but try to see good in your life. Don't let little insignificant things steal your happiness. Enjoy what you have. Life is a journey and when you are happy, that journey is just great. Fight for it.

"DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY!" Celebrate life with the highs and the lows.

I'm not too happy at this moment. I just found out I have COVID.



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October 2024

After a warm, no, it was a HOT summer, plus some lovely summer days in September, FALL is definitely here with the risk of FROST.

There is much talk in the fall about "Putting Your Garden to Bed", I think they mean preparing your garden for the winter. There is an annual argument among gardeners as to whether you should cut back your perennials, ornamental grasses, etc., in the fall, or leave them tall for "winter interest", and to feed the birds. However, up here, most perennials are covered by 2+ feet of snow, so you can't see them anyway and there are no seedheads for the birds. Spring Clean-Up can be daunting. There may be wet weather, or a late spring. For these reasons, I am opting for a BIG FALL CLEAN-UP again this year to get a jump on next spring.

- It's time to trim back perennials and divide them as needed if your garden is crowded, or to give to your neighbours, or to pot them up now and put them back in the ground for the St. George's plant sale. When digging and potting up, always make sure it is a cool, cloudy day and add bone meal fertilizer to the pots, or to your new plantings.
- Remember, October is a great time to plant shrubs and perennials. They get a big jump on plants you might plant next spring.
- Buy and plant spring flowering bulbs NOW. Add a little bulb fertilizer, like bone meal, to the bottom of the hole and add water to the hole to get the bulb's roots started. Your efforts NOW will bring big dividends in April and May 2025.
- For a longer bulb bloom season, plant a variety of bulbs, each with different bloom date, like winter aconite, snow drops and crocus to start the season. You can also plant early, middle and late blooming tulips and daffs for a much longer bloom season.
- Place chicken wire just under the surface of the soil over any tulip bulbs you plant. The squirrels will hate you. Daffs should not need this protection.
- If there is an early frost warning this fall, cover tender annuals overnight with an old bed sheet. They should make it through the night and keep on blooming.
- Bring in house plants when the evenings start to cool down, or if you get a frost warning. First, give them a thorough spray with insecticidal soap, so that there are no unwanted hitchhikers coming into your home.
- Fertilize lawns with a "high" first number, no "second" number and lower "third" number, or advertised as a "Fall Formula" fertilizer. Don't use that fertilizer you have left over from the spring.
- Start cutting your grass much lower than in summer to avoid winter matted long grass next spring that you will have to rake out.
- Water shrubs, evergreens and trees weekly and deeply at least until frost.



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Province Unveils New Battery Storage Project in Southwestern Ontario

The Ontario government unveiled a new battery storage project in southwestern Ontario that will provide reliable and affordable clean energy to families and businesses. Once built, the Tilbury Battery Storage Project will store 80 megawatts of power equivalent to powering 80,000 thousand homes. Walpole Island First Nation has partnered with Boralex to advance this project, which will begin construction later this year and support over 150 local jobs.

"Battery storage is a critical component to support the responsible expansion of Ontario's clean and reliable grid that will provide affordable energy to Ontario families and businesses," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification. "I want to congratulate Boralex and the Walpole Island First Nation community in reaching this milestone achievement which, once connected to the grid, will attract new investments and reduce energy costs for Ontario's ratepayers."

The government launched the largest battery procurement framework in Canadian history earlier this year, which saw nearly three thousand megawatts of storage capabilities secured to expand Ontario's clean, reliable, and affordable energy grid. This project was awarded in 2023 as part of the government's first procurement for new clean energy storage resources and is estimated to be completed in late 2025.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has indicated that the province will need at least 60 per cent more energy in the next 25 years. To support the demand for more power, battery storage facilities will enable generated clean power to be stored and deployed when needed further advancing Ontario's clean energy advantage.

"Boralex is ecstatic to have reached this milestone for the Tilbury Battery Storage project, it is a testament to our team's skill, dedication, and hard work. Along with our equity partner, Walpole Island First Nation, we're proud to contribute to Ontario's clean energy future by providing reliable and stable capacity," said Adam Rosso, Boralex Senior Vice President of Development in North America.

Building energy storage facilities is just one part of the government's plan to meet growing energy demand and reduce emissions by expanding Ontario's clean, reliable, and affordable energy grid, including:

Nuclear Energy – Advancing clean, reliable, and affordable nuclear power through the largest pre-development work at Bruce Power in 30 years, four small modular reactors at Darlington and supporting Ontario Power Generation's plan for refurbishing the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station.

Hydroelectric Energy – Investing in existing hydroelectric stations, including a \$1 billion refurbishment program that the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station in Niagara Falls.

New Transmission Infrastructure – Designating and prioritizing transmission lines in Southwestern, Northeastern and Eastern Ontario that will power job creators, including EV and EV battery manufacturing and clean steel production.

Keeping Costs Down – Launching new energy efficiency programs on January 1, 2025, and building on the government's \$342 million expansion of existing energy efficiency programs which are helping families and businesses reduce their electricity usage and save money on their energy bills.

Additional Competitive Procurements – Launching the largest competitive procurement of clean energy resources in the province's history in addition to successfully re-contracting existing capacity resources at about a 30 per cent discount.

While Ontario already has one of the cleanest electricity systems in the world, the government is investing further in non-emitting forms of energy, including expanding and renewing its nuclear and hydroelectric fleet, with renewables able to compete in the largest competitive energy procurement launched last month. The government will harness renewable energy through Canada's largest energy storage expansion. Ontario will continue to support clean, reliable, and affordable energy.



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Game, Set, Match: Georgian Bay Serves Up a Vision for Year-Round Racquet Paradise



THE GEORGIAN BAY RACQUETS
INITIATIVE

Imagine a crisp winter day. While snow covers the ground outside, inside a modern facility, the sound of racquet sports fills the air. This vision of year-round play is at the heart of the Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative, a community-driven effort to enhance the region's recreational offerings.

A Community in Motion

The Town of The Blue Mountains and Collingwood are no strangers to growth. Census data paints a picture of a region on the move: a staggering 33% population surge in The Town of Blue Mountains and a robust 13.8% increase in Collingwood between 2016 and 2021. But it's not just the population that's expanding – it's the community's appetite for year-round recreation.

"Our region is now bursting with energy and potential," says Kev Rostami, the initiative's spokesperson. "We've got world-class skiing, hiking, and water sports. But when it comes to racquet sports, we're leaving opportunity on the table. It's time to change that."

From Wishful Thinking to Racquet Reality

The initiative isn't just about building a dedicated year-round racquets facility in the region – it's about creating a hub for health, social connection, and community vitality. And the timing couldn't be better.

Pickleball, often dubbed the fastest-growing sport in North America, saw a remarkable 159% increase in participation between 2019 and 2022, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. This trend is evident in Canada as communities embrace the sport. Tennis, with 87 million global players, continues to captivate audiences, while squash is experiencing a renaissance, with participation in North America up 66% since 2010.

"This isn't just about keeping up with trends," explains Dr. Rasha Tawfik, a local physician and avid tennis player. "It's about investing in our community's health and longevity. A 25-year study in the Mayo Clinic Proceedings found that racquet sports like tennis can add up to 10 years to your life. Ten years! That's not just recreation – that's something so much bigger."

Building More Than Courts

The vision goes beyond simply constructing a building with some courts. The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative aims to create a true community cornerstone.

Tom Kern, a local tennis pro with over 45 years of experience in the racquets recreation industry, believes this facility has the potential to make a significant impact. "Our region has the potential - and the necessary accommodation options - to host racquets tournaments that attract visitors from across Canada.

At the same time, we face challenges in nurturing young talent. Ontario currently lacks year-round facilities for young athletes to train and compete, but our area possesses all the elements needed to significantly transform that landscape. This initiative could truly be a win-win for everyone involved."

The Ball is in Your Court

The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative has launched an online survey (available at georgianbayracquets.ca until February 2025) to gauge community interest and shape the project's direction. Early response has been nothing short of electric, with more than two hundred respondents already voicing their support in just one week.

"The enthusiasm we're seeing is off the charts," Rostami says. "But we need everyone's voice to make this a reality. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner at your favourite racquet sport, everyone's input is crucial."

To learn more, register your interest, and participate in our community survey, visit georgianbayracquets.ca. The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative is an independent community group dedicated to exploring recreational opportunities in the South Georgian Bay area.



On Saturday September 7th, the Thornbury Yacht Club held a Night Parade at the Thornbury Harbour from 6 pm to 9 pm. The club anticipates that this event will become an annual feature at the harbour. Despite the unseasonal conditions all day of high winds and rain, 19 power and sail boats at the harbour lit up the night to celebrate the end of summer.

The tunes from the Rock Mills Band kept the harbour hopping and luckily by sunset, the rain had cleared, and the winds had calmed. Many people came down to the harbour and strolled past the festive vessels.

Plans for next year have already begun to make this event bigger and better for next year. The Club is hoping to add an Artists Tent and some opportunities for raising funds for the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund. If you would like to get more information about the Club or how you could help with this event next year, please email the commodore@thornburyyachtclub.com.



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The Open Fields Farm Tour gives the public an opportunity to visit five local producers in the area, where they can learn about modern farming practices, meet the individuals who have dedicated themselves to agriculture, and explore the process of bringing food from farm to table. This free, family-friendly event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Each Open Fields location will provide a different experience. Educational tours, workshops, demonstrations, live entertainment, family activities and vendors are some of the offerings available to attendees.

The participating locations are:

1. **Ardiel Acres** – Apple Orchard
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5. **Spy Cider House & Distillery** – Orchard & Distillery
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Open Fields is a free, rain-or-shine event that is open to all members of the public. For more information on Open Fields and the participating locations, visit www.exploreblue.ca/openfields



Craigleith Heritage Depot - Brief Closure to Enhance Collection & Research Services

The Craigleith Heritage Depot will be temporarily closed to the public from October 28-November 25 to reorganize and revitalize the collection.

“The outside of the building has recently been restored, and now the collection is our focus,” says the Museum’s Curator, Alessia Farris. “This brief closure will allow staff to address storage and accessibility issues, complete a comprehensive inventory of objects and records, and implement new collection management procedures to better serve the community.”

During this time, the facility will also undergo minor enhancements, including the installation of security cameras.

“Thoughtful planning went into this decision, and we strategically selected a time during the off-season and while we had grant-funded special collections technician to assist with the work,” says Library CEO Jennifer Murley. “The Museum staff have spent most of the year overseeing exciting public-facing projects like the REEL Film Festival, the Town of The Blue Mountains Cultural Map, fossil cracking, and launching new exhibits, and while closing the building is a hard decision, we believe it is in the best interests of both the public and the staff”.

While the Museum is closed, residents and visitors will still have access to virtual exhibits, online local history films, virtual research assistance, free wireless internet outside of the building, and library and information services at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library. The outdoor book drop at the Museum will remain open for patrons returning library materials, but Library user holds will be redirected to the L.E. Shore Memorial Library branch for pickup. The Museum will continue to accept donations and staff will arrange pickup/delivery for donors.

For more information, please contact:

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After the philanthropic goals have been defined, the next step is to devise a plan of how to maximize the strategic benefit, both to the cause and to you. There are a lot of options to consider here, gifts during your lifetime, legacy gifts, estate gifts, private foundations, donor advised funds, and more.

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- There are potentially additional tax benefits for donations through a corporation.
- Using life insurance can provide a large donation with a relatively small cost.
- Strategically planning to make maximum use of the donation credit during higher income years.

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As a practical work experience and paying job for some, EFL is running the Arena Café again at the Beaver Valley Community Centre through the hockey & skating season. Starting October 28th, the cafe is open for lunch Monday through Friday 11am to 1:00pm and on weekends to support the Applekings hockey team and other clubs. Come our for a great meal at the cafe and support our participants who love to serve you.

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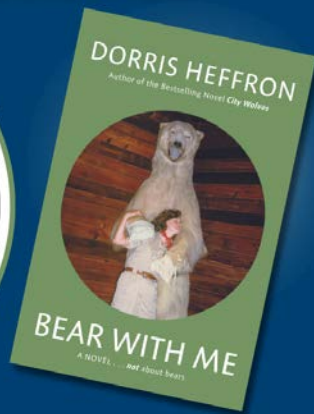
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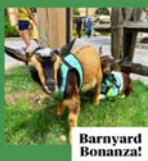
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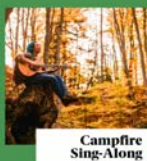
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Mark Handelman BA,LLB, MHSc. (Bioethics)

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- Complimentary cake, coffee, tea while supplies last
- Alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase
- Custom Toronto Ski Club swag will be available for purchase
- Time Capsule: Accepting small Toronto Ski Club memorabilia for the 100 year time capsule (pins, lanyards, photos, badges)

The TSC was formed in 1924, and grew steadily through the 1920s and 1930s. By 1940 it was the largest local ski club in the world, with over 7,000 member skiers. The home base for the TSC was at Summit, which was then on the northern edge of Toronto, but the club had also developed facilities at Dagmar, Caledon, and eventually at Blue Mountain.

1908-1912: First reference to the Toronto Ski Club in a 1912 Montreal publication "Ski Runner in Canada" stating "the club was formed in 1908 with 6 members and by 1911 had a membership of 44... all of whom were correctly outfitted".

1922-23: Telemark Ski Club members enjoyed skiing at High Park and Rosedale Golf Club. A metal badge was created for passing 1st



TORONTO SKI CLUB

100th Anniversary



Saturday, October 19th



12PM - 4PM (Speeches start at 1PM)



Free to attend and all are welcome *(all ages, general public & members)*

No registration required - Open house style event



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class test and a felt badge for 2nd class test. They were emblazoned with the logo of crossed skis, diagonal letters and single pole which was the logo used until recently.

1924: Dissenting members of the Telemark Ski Club in January 24, 1924 create a different club and changed the name to Toronto Ski Club. By March 1924 there were 84 members & numerous committees. Initiation fees were \$1 & annual dues were \$1. The Toronto Ski Club was registered on October 20, 1924. Its purpose –

“To encourage, develop and practice among amateurs ski-running in all its branches, including touring and jumping tests and competitions, and the promotion of good fellowship.....”

1931: Toronto Ski Club leases farmland in Caledon and membership reaches 2000! Due to the size other areas in Dagmar, Newmarket and Collingwood were utilized.

1933: Floodlights are purchased and installed by the members to improve skiing day and night at Summit. Al Wilson and “Putty” Putman concoct local ski wax from pine tar, salt, turpentine, resdan and animal fur named “High-Speed”, “Wet-Sno”, “Clog-sno”, “Dri-sno” and “All-sno”.

1934: Ontario Champion Ski-Jump held at Thorncliffe Ski Jump on Feb. 10, 1934 on a jump built by TSC. Thirty members of TSC competed with three top 10 finishes and 10,000 spectators. Due to a thaw, 100 tons of shaved ice from the local skating rink had to be trucked in! Also, TSC was the first club to run ski competitions and timing cross-country races. Sam Cliff retired as President and Fred Hall took over TSC which was the largest club in Canada at the time.

Blue Mountain: Meanwhile, in the 1930s, local enthusiasts became the first to use the escarpment here at Blue Mountain in the fledgling sport of downhill skiing. They climbed up and skied down the hills of what were then the Carmichael, Doherty and Goodchild farms. These pioneers formed the Blue Mountain Ski Club (the predecessor of the Collingwood Ski Club) in 1935. During the first years, they rented a room at the rear of the Goodchild farm and used it as a clubhouse. In 1938, the club bought the neighbouring Doherty farm for the princely sum of \$1,200.

The early trails were reportedly quite treacherous. Rocks, stumps, ravines running across the middle of trails, and some trails that ended in the middle of a forest - all of these were apparently common things to encounter. During those early years, the TSC provided needed technical assistance to many ski clubs in southern Ontario, including the Blue Mountain Ski Club.

BMSC (1940) INC: The two clubs Toronto Ski Club and Collingwood Ski Club engaged the services of a Swiss ski instructor by the name of Fritz Loosli, to organize the improvement of the trails, and to provide instruction. During these years, an arrangement developed whereby the TSC would pay Loosli, and second his services to the Blue Mountain Ski Club in exchange for ski privileges for TSC members, at the facility owned by the Blue Mountain Ski Club.

Much of the labour for the trail cutting was performed by unemployed workers assigned to the job by the Town of Collingwood, which administered a relief program for higher levels of government.

During the late 1930s, the Granny, Schuss and Kandahar trails were developed, and they remain the principal trails in the north end of the resort to this day.

In addition to owning the land on which the trails were established, the Blue Mountain Ski Club had access to some talented workers at the Collingwood Shipyard and the Collingwood Grain Terminals. With their expertise the first “lift” was built, and installed on the Schuss in 1937. The Red Devil, as it was named, was reportedly an unreliable and sometimes dangerous piece of equipment, but it served as the main method of uphill transportation on the trails for almost 20 years.

By **1948**, Jojo was determined to secure the long-term stability that he needed to develop the resort. He arranged what was a vitally important meeting with the Blue Mountain Ski Club (1940) Incorporated, and his powers of persuasion prevailed. He emerged from that meeting and the subsequent negotiations with a commitment for a 999 year lease, and the basis for building his resort development. The rest, as they say, is history. And since that time, Blue Mountain Ski Club (1940) Incorporated has not played any operational role in the resort, but it remains a significant entity, not only because of the ownership of the land, but also because of the pivotal role that the founders of both of our clubs played in the development of Blue Mountain Resorts and in the development of skiing on the escarpment.

1956: The Toronto Ski Club erects a club house on their current location.

1958: A handful of Toronto Ski Club members help form the Craighleith Ski Club.

1960: A handful of Toronto Ski Club members help form Georgian Peaks Ski Club

1963: The club divests of its interest in Dagmar.

1971: The club purchases and then sells for profit, a 50% share in Hockley Valley

1973: The club does not renew its lease at the Summit Golf Club

1999: Toronto Ski Club celebrates their 75th anniversary

2010: The Club was renovated into the building you see today sitting at the North end of the Blue Mountain Resort.

The Club is continuing its legacy of developing snow sports enthusiasts and athletes for life. A common sight during the winter is seeing multi-generational families actively enjoying winter together, whether that be at the lunch table or on the slopes.

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Bring garden gloves and wear gardening type footwear if you would like to pitch in. If you are not the gardening type, then just come out and cheer us on and show your support for trees. For more information, you can contact programs@treetrust.ca. Hope to see you there!



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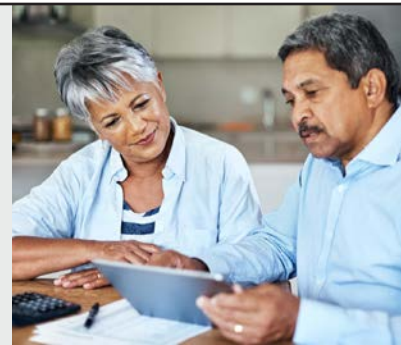
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Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development David Piccini said over 935,000 workers in Ontario are expected to benefit from this raise. The announcement was first made in late March.

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