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Julian Hudson, Sue Diggins, Cathy Butler, Matthew Fields, Erin Wright

The Road to the Special Olympics World Winter Games has been a fantastic journey for Three Local Team Ontario Alpine Athletes

Three local Special Olympics Athletes, Erin Wright (Alpine Skiing, Blue Mountain Alpine Ski Team, Collingwood & Area Special Olympics), Julian Hudson (Alpine Skiing, Georgian Peaks Thunder Alpine Ski Team, SOO Meaford-Thornbury) and Matthew Fields (Alpine Skiing, Blue Mountain Alpine Ski Team, Collingwood & Area Special Olympics) will be joining Special Olympics Team Canada for the World Winter Games in Turin, Italy from March 8th-15th, 2025.

All three Athletes are part of Team Ontario and competed in Alpine Skiing at the Special Olympics National Winter Games in Calgary in 2024.

In order to prepare for the world stage, Matt, Erin and Julian have been doing dryland training together at the National Ski Academy in Collingwood ; a training camp at Nakiska Ski resort near Calgary in December, and a training camp in Quebec at the end of January. Julian has also been working out with local gym owner Bruce Young at Live Life Fit in Thornbury.

Of the 92 athletes representing Canada in Italy, 23 are Alpine Skiers, and 3 are from our area!

Julian, Erin and Matthew would like to thank their local training coach Cathy Butler and their World games coach Sue Diggins , who have been with them from the beginning of this incredible journey. Best of luck in Italy! Go Canada Go !!!



Exclusive Screening

Join us for a screening of BMFM 2024's People's Choice Award winners in support of our BMFM School Program! Your ticket helps provide local high school students with a unique opportunity to engage with thought-provoking cinema at the 4th annual BMFM.

Featured Films

- The Teacher Who Promised the Sea (Feature Film)
- Smoke Break (Short Film)

Tickets: \$25 + tax, Galaxy Cinemas, 6 Mountain Rd, Collingwood, Thursday, March 27th, 7:00 PM

Don't miss this inspiring evening of film and fundraising! Get your tickets now! www.bluemtnfilmfest.ca/passes-parties-ticket-packs

International Women's Day 2025 "Accelerate Action"

In 1908, the action taken was a protest by women in New York to improve their working conditions. That was a brave action for the times and was the birth of a National Women's Day in the USA. By 1910 it became a global movement to advocate for the right to vote. In 1975, the United Nations adopted International Women's Day and marked March 8 as the date. The COVID-19 pandemic years had a disproportionate impact on women. Domestic violence and sexual assault increased, job insecurity for women worsened, access to sexual and reproductive health services was eroded and girls' enrollment in schools reduced dramatically in many places. Many organizations around the world are taking action on these issues.

Amnesty International is one such organization. As Agnes Callamard, Amnesty's Secretary General has said. "The world's crises do not impact equally, let alone fairly. The disproportionate impacts on women's and girls' rights are well-documented yet still neglected when not ignored outright." The local Amnesty group has a display in the LE Shore library for March. For information about the group call Mike Coleman 705-444-2132. Drop by the library and see how you can Accelerate Action in 2025.



CANN Rain Barrel Earth Day Action

If there's one thing that can quicken the pulse, it's the word FREE. Well, that's what you get when you buy a CANN-sponsored rain barrel and set it up: FREE RAIN WATER. As water rates in The Blue Mountains go up, you can bring your own bill down with a \$65 investment in a rain barrel. Capture rain water and use it to fill a pool, wash your car, or water your garden.

On March 22nd the Climate Action Now Network of TBM (CANN) is launching an on-line sale of rain barrels in our community. They are easy to install—and we can help you if you're not handy! But don't take our word for how rain barrels help foster sustainability. Google it. You'll see all the benefits. It's one little thing you can do for Earth Day this year. Rain barrel pick-up will be April 26 at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. Free water couldn't be easier!

www.gogreenforblue.ca



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Public Notice Per section 162 of the RTA - this is notice of intent to dispose of the park model trailer located at 46 Admirals Trail in Thornbury. For any questions please contact Pinder at 416.749.6857 ext. 264.

DROP-IN BRIDGE

Monday 1-3pm; \$2 p/p; St. George's Anglican Church, Clarksburg

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Lessons Available -
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REDUCED LOAD

RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Where Axle Weight Restrictions signs are in place, in The Blue Mountains, the By-law is in full force and effect. Half-load restrictions may be extended beyond May 31, 2025, depending on weather and road conditions. Town Operations Department 519-599-3131 276.

Reduced load restrictions of 5 tonnes per axle will take effect on many Grey County-owned roads on March 1 to May 1. Roads are at their most vulnerable to damage in the spring. Load restrictions help to extend the lifespan of the road surface by minimizing damage from heavy vehicles. Dates may be adjusted depending on conditions of the year. Grey County Roads Depart roads@grey.ca or call 1-800-567-4739.

Matt's Millennial Support Companion Services

Need help with errands and stuff?

I have several years experience supporting seniors to live in their own homes; I drive and can help with errands & appointments; help with pet care; I am techy, and also can do outdoor/simple "handy man" work.

Call Matt 416-459-0178 or email matthew-r@live.com

Town Seeking Nominations for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award

Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains is encouraging residents, local service clubs and community groups to submit nominations for the Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award!

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario to recognize an outstanding senior who, after age 65, enriches the social, cultural or civic life of the community. The nominee must be:

- At least 65 years of age
- A resident of Ontario
- A living person who has made their community a better place to live
- Nominated by the Town of The Blue Mountains
- Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to any number of fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness and humanitarian activities.

Nominations can be made in the form of a letter, and must be submitted to the Town Clerk by Wednesday April 16, 2025 at noon. In the letter please include:

- Nominator's name and contact information
- Nominee's name and contact information
- Details on why the Nominee should be considered for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award for the Town of The Blue Mountains

Council will consider the nominations received at a closed session and the nominee selected will be presented with the Ontario Senior of the Year Award in the month of June.

Please contact the Town Clerk should you have questions regarding the nomination process:

Town Clerk: Corrina Giles (519) 599-3131 ext. 232

To learn more about the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3



Grey County Affordable Housing Action

A County owned site in Dundalk was identified for redevelopment as part of the Affordable Housing Action plan. The site is located at 130 Rowe's Lane in Dundalk, the current 11-unit building is being demolished. This site has approximately one acre of developable land.

Proposed is a three story, 40 unit building consisting of 16 bachelor apartments and 24 one bedroom apartments be developed to meet the greatest need according to the Grey County wait list in Southgate. At the August 1, 2024 Community Services Committee meeting JPM Architectural Inc was awarded the architectural tender for the build in the amount of \$348,250 exclusive of HST. JPM Architecture Inc formerly Allan Avis Architects is a local firm out of Goderich. They have successfully completed over 50 affordable housing, long term care and medical service projects and have worked with Grey, Bruce and Huron Counties. JPM Architecture is familiar with the typical project requirements for affordable builds and working with staff to meet Provincial or Federal funding guidelines and schedules.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation announced a new funding program called the Affordable Housing Fund which provides up to 75% of the costs of a build through a combination of a loan and a grant. The grant is significantly higher than previous programs at 30% of the 75% in eligible expenses. This fund is available to organizations that have partnered with another organization or level of government and have secured some funding. To apply a Class B estimate must be included in the business case.



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Seniors Matters Today

We are now a few weeks away from the deadline for filing Income Tax returns for 2024. April 30th is the due date.

Beaver Valley Outreach's Seniors Centre Without Walls, is offering information sessions about both provincial and federal tax benefits and credits for Seniors. There will be 2 sessions at L.E. Shore Library with tax experts attending by Zoom. There will also be 1 phone webinar.

Tuesday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. Ontario Seniors Care at Home Tax Credi on Tax Talk, PHONE webinar. Jocelyn Lalonde, Ontario Ministry of Finance. Please register by calling 519 599 2577, Ext. 6. Call in to the webinar by dialing 1 866 261 6767, enter passcode 1371440#.

Thursday, March 27th, 1 – 3 p.m., Canada Tax Benefits & Credits, an in-person event with a Tax Specialist from Canada Revenue Agency. Please register by calling 519 599 2577, Ext. 6

Filing your income tax return on time (by April 30th) is essential if you receive benefits such as the Guaranteed Income Supplement, (federal), or Guaranteed Annual Income Supplement (provincial). It means that your benefits continue without a break. You don't need to reapply every year as long as you file your income tax by the deadline.

Dental Coverage and tax return filing. – If you are covered under the Canada Dental Care Program, (CDCP) you need to renew your coverage each year. It is a check to confirm that you meet all of the eligibility requirements. The deadline to renew is JUNE 1, 2025.

Once you have filed your 2024 tax return and received your Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency, you can renew your coverage. It can be done online, OR in My Service Canada Account OR through an automated phone service available 24hours a day, 7 days a week. You can renew after the deadline but there will be a gap in your coverage.

For more information call the CDCP contact centre at 1 833 – 537-4342, visit a Service Canada Centre (1350 16th St. E., Owen Sound or 44 Hurontario St., Collingwood) or check the website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan/renew.html>

There's still confusion about the new name for Ministry of Health services at home. These are usually covered by OHIP. The new name for Home and Community Care Services is **Ontario Health at Home**. Their services include Nursing, Occupational, Nutritional, and Physiotherapies, Personal Support Workers, Medical Supplies & Equipment plus Placement in Long Term Care Homes. The contact number remains the same 310-2222. healthcareathome.ca/region/south-west

Home & Community Support Services, Grey-Bruce, (HCSSGB) provides community based services include: Transportation, Meals on Wheels, Day Away program & Overnight Respite for people experiencing cognitive loss, Friendly visiting, Housekeeping. It is also the central sign-up point for many other support services in the area. (There may be a payment for some services; subsidies may be available) Call 1 833 659 5491, hcssgreybruce.com

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In Memoriam

DR. DAVID EDWARD PLANK

David passed away peacefully at the Meaford Hospital on Wed., February 19, 2025 with his wife and best friend 'Bethie' by his side. Born in Hamilton on March 16, 1943, he was a son of the late Arthur and Muriel (nee Groves) Plank. He loved sharing fabulous stories about his childhood in Hamilton.



David was predeceased by his wife Margaret Haney and his brother Donald Plank. Loved dearly by his wife of almost 38 years, Beth. He was the caring and devoted dad to his children, Jennifer Plank (Kevin Hartman) and Karen Qureshi, and was the proud grandfather of Nisa Qureshi.

David will always be remembered for his kind actions, patience and gentle supportive ways. His glass was always half full. David had a great sense of humour and never complained. He loved the outdoors; hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, and biking in his spare time, and passed on his love of sports. He was a loyal Hamilton Tiger Cats fan.

During University David portaged through Algonquin Park on numerous occasions and eventually bought a plot of land with his wife Marg, where they built a family cottage. David sold the cottage in Algonquin Park and enjoyed the cottage life at Beth's family cottage at 16 Island Lake in Quebec. He enjoyed working at the cottage building a cathedral ceiling with Beth. David loved being on the water and enjoyed every aspect of the wilderness. Dentistry was his life's work, and he enjoyed the challenges, and creativity it presented. He truly cared for his patients. David would often help others in need of assistance, he would provide free dental care to his patients in the nursing home.

In later years, David volunteered at the Errinrurg Nursing Home in Thornbury, he found great joy in helping make others' lives better any way he could.

David graduated from U of T in 1967. He had a dental practice in Hamilton for 30 years, and retired because of his arthritis. He was the President of Hamilton Academy of Dentistry; President of Hamilton Academy of Dentistry Study Club; President of International Dental Study Club; life member of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthetics; Member of Craigleith Ski Club, and a founding member of Beaver Valley Probus Club.

David loved life, loved dancing, and loved the people in his life. He will be dearly missed. His loving actions will be cherished and not forgotten. Rest in peace, we'll miss you.

A special thank you to the staff at the Meaford Hospital for the care and compassion shown to David and his family during such a challenging time.

Family will gather for a private celebration of David's life. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

MICHAEL ABERCROMBIE

Michael passed away peacefully with the assistance of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) following complications from mesothelioma.

Born in Toronto, Michael moved to Clarksburg in 1954 when his parents, Margret and Gerald Abercrombie, purchased Clarksburg Hardware. They later established Clarksburg Contractors, laying the foundation for what would become Michael's life's work. After completing his post-secondary education, Michael joined the family business and eventually assumed ownership, successfully leading the company until its sale in 2015.

Michael's adventurous spirit defined his life. From his early days riding ice blocks on the thawing Beaver River to racing boats in annual competitions, he embraced every moment with enthusiasm. His love for adventure manifested in long swims in the bay, cross-country motorcycle journeys, wilderness expeditions, and peaceful days on the golf course. A devoted family man, Michael shared 43 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Sheila Thorson. He was a proud father to his daughter, Bailey Abercrombie. Michael was predeceased by his mother, Margret, his father, Gerald, and his brother Dean. Those who knew Michael will remember him for his kindness, helpful nature, and indomitable spirit. He approached life with an unwavering dedication to living each day to its fullest, leaving behind a legacy of adventure, family devotion, and genuine compassion for others.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations in Mike's memory may be made to My Friend's House, Salvation Army Collingwood Food Bank or the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital

Arrangements entrusted to Fawcett Funeral Home - Collingwood



FRANCES JEANNE 'FRAN' MURRAY

Frances Murray passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family at Chapman House Hospice in Owen Sound on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at the age of 81. Born in Owen Sound on October 6, 1943, she was a daughter of the late George and Audrey (nee McCallum) Morrison. Frances was predeceased by her beloved husband Wayne Bruce Murray on June 17, 1992, her daughter Mary Lisa on February 20, 2004, and her brother Ted on June 7, 2014. She is survived by her step-daughter Marcia (Keith Coleridge). Frances will be missed by her brother Dennis Morrison (Lynn), sister Sandra Tymcik (Steve), and sister Doris Robinson (Ken). She will be remembered fondly by her grandchildren, nieces, nephews and their families.

Frances enjoyed reading and music. She sang in the church choir and was very active member at St. George's Anglican Church in Clarksburg. She was an active member of the Rebekah Lodge in Thornbury for many years. Both Frances and Wayne were proud volunteers with St. John's Ambulance. Frances worked in the nursing field and at Amerock, but found her passion for sewing working at the Handy Shop in Clarksburg. She owned her own business "A Stitch in Time" until she semi-retired. Frances loved to sew, knit and make quilts. Anything that Frances did, she did well. She was a very talented woman and loved to help others. She will certainly be missed, but not forgotten.

A funeral service celebrating Frances's life will be conducted at St. George's Anglican Church in Clarksburg on Thurs., March 20, 11am with a reception following.

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Wallace Fredrick Gabler III

June 9, 1944 - Feb 9, 2025

Wallace (Wally) Fredrick Gabler III passed away peacefully on February 9th, 2025 at his farm in Beaver Valley after a courageous battle with brain and prostate cancers. Wally was born in 1944 in Royal Oak, Michigan, son of former Oakland County Commissioner Wallace Fredrick Jr. and Carolyn Mae (Hagelstein) Gabler, brother to John Howard and Carolyn Esther Gabler. Raised in the family bakery business, Hagelstein's Bakery Inc., combined with an upbringing rich in politics and the United Methodist Church, Wally learned the value of hard work, leadership, humility and service. Wally's drive, determination, and strong people skills steered his later successes as a professional football player, television colour commentator, high school teacher, investment advisor, and Bay Street executive.



Wally's football career began at Royal Oak Kimball High School and at the New Mexico Military Institute. After being selected as a Junior College All-American football player in his freshman year, Wally returned to his home state to play for the University of Michigan, and by his senior year started at quarterback for the Wolverines. While at Michigan, Wally earned his B.A. and Teacher's Certificate and notably played in the 1965 Rose Bowl when the Wolverines were victorious over Oregon State.

At the conclusion of Wally's senior season in 1965, he was invited to play in the Blue Gray All-Star Game in Montgomery, Alabama where he was recruited to play professionally for the Canadian Football League's (CFL) Toronto Argonauts. Wally's time in the CFL from 1966 to 1973 coincided with the 'heyday' of professional football in Canada when teams played to packed stadiums and when CFL television viewership rivaled that of the National Hockey League. Wally started as quarterback and was a strong, confident and consistent performer for the Toronto Argonauts, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and Hamilton Tiger-Cats. During his five seasons in Toronto, Wally ranked 8th in career Argo passing yards, completions and attempts, and 10th in passing touchdowns. Wally was a highly competitive, motivated and committed athlete, a natural leader, and a humble, thoughtful and generous teammate and friend.

After retiring from professional football, he built a successful second career as a salesperson, manager and senior executive with Bongard and Leslie Co., Nesbitt Thomson Bongard Inc., Nesbitt Thomson Inc., and Bank of Montreal Nesbitt Burns (BMONB). A founding member of the Bank of Montreal's Private Wealth business, Wally was an excellent partner and his work with merger integration, the recruitment and hiring of new investment advisors, and strengthening organizational culture were instrumental in being a major contributor to the Wealth Management Group. Wally was a dedicated professional and a respected colleague whose contributions left a lasting impact on the organizations he worked for and all who had the privilege of working with him. Known for his enthusiasm, his ability to motivate, and his positive attitude, Wally always had his ear to the ground, with a deep understanding of the sales force and the street. His professionalism, integrity and friendship were hallmarks of Wally's leadership.

During his football and financial service careers and into his retirement, Wally's philanthropy and service stand out. Numerous charities and boards have benefited from Wally's contributions. One of Wally's proudest achievements was his early work for his CFL colleague and pastor, Bob Rumball's Foundation for the Deaf and Camp for the Deaf. More recently, Wally served on the Board of Directors of the Meaford Hospital Foundation, and along with his wife

Carole Cushing, were benefactors of the Hospital and instrumental in raising funds for a state-of-the-art Cataract Surgery Suite. One of Wally's greatest gifts to the world was his love for his farm and the Beaver River in Grey County, Ontario, including the environmental farm plan he implemented and the forest he planted. Wally was happiest on his tractor caring for the land. Indeed, many of the charities Wally supported like the Atlantic Salmon Federation and Trout Unlimited had a conservation focus. Wally was a member of Credit Valley, Lora Bay, and Lost City Golf and Country Clubs, serving in leadership positions on the boards of Credit Valley and Lost City.

Wally's love of golf and fly fishing, among other interests, immersed him in wonderful communities in the Greater Toronto Area, Grey County, St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia, and Atlantis, Florida in which lifelong friendships were created. Moreover, a lifelong learner and voracious reader, Wally was frequently found in his favourite chair at the farm with a book in hand.

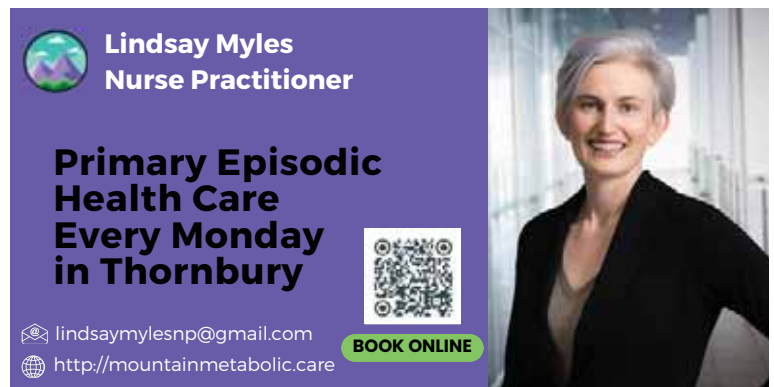
Above all, Wally was a loving husband and a committed father. Wally met his wife Carole through business at BMO Nesbitt Burns. They enjoyed many years of working together, worldly travel including a treasured trip to Africa, and spending cherished time with family and friends at their farm and homes in St. Margaret's Bay, Forest Hill and Atlantis. Wally was a dedicated and proud father/stepfather and uncle, and an even prouder grandfather. He loved his son and daughter-in-law and daughters and sons-in-law and had special relationships with each of them. And as in football and business, Wally was an enthusiastic and optimistic life coach and loyal friend to his wife and children supporting their dreams and goals in all aspects of their lives. Wally leaves a wonderful and well-deserved legacy involving his hard work, leadership, humility and service.

Wally was predeceased by his beloved father Wallace Fredrick Gabler Jr. and mother Carolyn Mae Gabler, his brother John Howard Gabler, and his extraordinary 'Aunt Tootie' Delores Janette Hagelstein. He is survived by his loving wife Carole Cushing and his step children, Ethan Fleming Cushing and his wife Michelle and their two children Hamish and Oliver, and Andrew and Luke Taylor; his devoted son and daughters and spouses, Wallace Gabler IV (Alison Horton), Tamara Gabler (Michael Leskovec), and Melissa Gabler (Patrick Cooke); adored grandchildren Camille Horton-Poole, Elliot and Eva Gabler, Ella and Elias Leskovec, and Hazel and Lily Cooke; his dear sister Carolyn Esther Gabler; and his special niece and nephew and their families Sarah (Gabler) Kolar (Michael) and John Gabler Jr. (Cheryl) and children, Michael Jr. and Margaret Kolar and John III and Madison Gabler.

The family is grateful to Dr. Carla Murphy and the Clarksburg Medical Group, Nurse Melissa Farley McGuire, Meaford Hospital, Dr. Sunit Das and the Neurosurgery and Trauma team at St. Michael's Hospital, and Adrienne Wood and the nursing team at Right at Home, Collingwood.


There will be a small service for immediate family members and a celebration of life to follow in the spring of 2025.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Wally's memory can be made to the Meaford Hospital Foundation and the Canadian Concussion Centre, UHN Foundation or call 416-603-5300. Wally's philanthropy continues after his death, donating his brain to the Krembil Brain Institute at Toronto Western Hospital (UHN) for medical research.




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In Appreciation

Last June, when Ginny Sedik and Maureen Scott were cleaning up the Hospital Gazebo after the volunteer gardeners' plant sale, a gentleman walked in. His name was Wally Gabler. He asked 'What are you ladies up to?'

Ginny and Maureen explained that we were raising money to make the patio off the patient rooms wheelchair accessible. That meant reinforced concrete and that required selling many many plants.

On the spot Wally offered a generous donation. He had one condition only. When the shovel was in the ground, he would deliver his cheque. He did. The donation from Wally and his wife Carole not only made the patio possible, but we were also able to buy lovely new furniture, and a new safe and accessible exit door. Thank you dear friend. You will be remembered.

Odin Quartet with special guest Daniel Vnukowski

Grace United Church, Thornbury is pleased to announce the Odin Quartet with Daniel Vnukowski will perform on Saturday April 5, 3pm. Tickets \$40 available at Eventbrite, Thornbury Pharmasave, graceunitedthornbury.ca or call 519 599 2438.

Passionate about Chamber Music, the Toronto based Odin Quartet represents the diversity and promise of youth in Canada. Named after the one-eyed Norse God, the Odin Quartet explores the role of classical music in modern day story telling. Since 2015 the ensemble is also dedicated to making classical music accessible to a new generation of listeners by promoting modern Canadian compositions. The Quartet has recorded numerous film scores both locally and internationally and is regularly featured in musical projects by other Toronto artists.

Hailed as "a pianist to watch" by New York classical Review. Daniel Vnukowski has performed throughout Europe, North and South America and Asia in prestigious concert halls. Daniel makes his home in Collingwood and has been the announcer of Classical Juke box on the new Classical 102.9 FM since 2021.

Happy 20th Year Anniversary!

Dr. Mike Budrewicz would like to thank Dr. Lance Burnham, his wonderful team and the community in celebrating Thornbury Dental's 20th year providing great dental care.



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Blue Mountain Pony Club

Does your kid love horses?

Maybe they'd be interested in joining Blue Mountain Pony Club! BMPC is a local branch

of the Canadian Pony Club, an organization dedicated to teaching young people about horse care and riding.

In Blue Mountain Pony Club, members meet once a week for riding meetings through the summer, and twice a month for "Stable Management" sessions while school is in. Stable Management includes non-mounted lessons on feeding, veterinary care, tack, training and many, many more subjects.

Development of skills and knowledge is a pillar of the organization. Pony Club has an internationally recognized curriculum where members can choose to test through levels to achieve accreditation for their stable management and riding abilities.

On top of education, Pony Club also delivers fun competitions in a wide array of disciplines – show jumping, dressage and eventing are the pillars of the organization, but members can also try their hand in mounted games, Le Trec, and Tetrathalon. For those without horses, (or who just enjoy testing their knowledge), Quiz is one of the most popular regional events of the year. Members take part in three phases of a knowledge based competition: a written phase, an object identification phase, and a team based games phase. Yes, kids study, give up their Saturday to write tests, and travel from as far as Windsor to Walkerton to compete against each other! Although these competitions initially take place at the Western Ontario Region level, members have the opportunity to qualify on to Zone, National and even International competition!

While competition and testing is exciting, most of the year is spent learning and hanging out with horses and friends. BMPC meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at varying locations in the Thornbury, Redwing, Meaford and Markdale areas. Members do not need to own a horse or have any prior horse experience to join the club. It is requested that they come ready to learn, and prepared to meet the time commitment of attending meetings! If your child is interested in getting involved, please reach out to Heather Kehoe at 519-599-7022 or heatherkehoe@aol.com. You can also check out the BMPC website: www.bluemountain.ponyclub.ca

South Georgian Bay Writers' Connection – 2025 Literary Festival



Are you passionate about books? Do you dream of becoming a writer? Eager to connect with local authors and discover fresh voices in the vibrant Ontario literary scene? If so, we want you to join us! The South Georgian Bay Writers' Connection is on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers to help with our exciting second annual CollingWord festival in 2025. This exciting non-profit Author and Reader's Convention will take place from October 18 to 19 at the Collingwood Public Library, located at 55 Ste Marie Street, Collingwood.

Join us for a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of literature! Our mission is to create an engaging and enjoyable experience for readers and writers of all ages while introducing them to introduce you to a world of literary opportunities and the valuable resources offered by local libraries.

Don't miss out on this chance to contribute to an unforgettable event—visit <https://forms.gle/9nWlvrFUirqSNcdS8> to discover the thrilling volunteer opportunities waiting for you!

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Grey Ag Winter Course Programs!

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 or contact Grey Ag Services at: 519-986-3756, info@greyagservices.ca Certified Crop Advisors will be able to obtain CEU credits for some of these courses.

Grey Ag Services - 206 Toronto St S, Markdale

For the Home Gardeners - Weeds, Friend or Foe?

Presented by: Grey County Master Gardeners.

Tues. Mar 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. In-person course: at Grey Ag Services

Getting Out Alive – A Pathway Through the Lambing Season

Presented by: Dr. Chris Buschbeck, Markdale Veterinary Services.

Wed. Mar 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course:

Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Why Farm Insurance Matters: A Crucial Investment”

Presented by: Representatives from Trillium Mutual, Howick Mutual, and Edge Mutual Insurance Companies.

Thurs. Mar 20, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Take My Breath Away – Conditions Affecting the Equine Respiratory System”

Presented by: Dr. Tee Fox and Dr. Marika Van Schaik, Markdale Veterinary Services.

Tues. Mar 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Crop Plans for Success, 2025”

Presented by: Deb Campbell, Agronomist, Agronomy Advantage and Carrie Davenport, Agronomist, Georgian View Ag Services Ltd.

Thurs. Mar 27, 1:30 - 4:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Considering Renting your Farmland? Collaboration on Farmland Rental Agreements for Farmers and Landowners,”

Presented by: Bruce Kelly, Farm & Food Care Ontario.

Tues. Apr 1, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Webinar: Attend on Zoom.

“Keep Excellent Farm Records with MS Excel”

Presented by: Emily McKague, Grey Ag Services.

Thurs. Apr 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. In-person: at Grey Ag Services Markdale

“Working and Training Livestock Guardian Dogs”

Presented by: Anne Poirier, EMCA.P, IAABC.ADT, CTDI, CCFC, SDJ, AACE, Peartree Animal Wellness Centre.

Sat. Apr 5, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Design of Beef Cattle Handling Facilities and New Barn Construction Workshop”

Presented by: James Byrne, Beef Cattle Specialist and Rajan Niraula, Senior Engineer, both of OMAFA. Barn tour location to be announced.

Wed. Apr 9, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. In-person course: Grey Ag Services

“Canva Kickstart”

Presented by: Rebecca Vito, Grey Ag Services.

Wed. Apr 9, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Canning Kitchen Calamities”

Presented by: Martha Rogers, The Valley Preservery.

Thurs. Apr 10, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. In-person course: Grey Ag Services.

“Farm Theft Prevention”

Presented by: Krista Linthorne and Robert Hann, Grey Bruce OPP. Wed. Apr 16, 1 - 2:30 pm. In-person course: at Grey Ag Services Markdale

69th Thinking Day Tea & Bake Sale a Success

Pictured are the Jr. Fall Fair Ambassador Ava McKinlay & Guider Marianne Reid.

We would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to everyone in the community who attended and

support our local Guiding units by once again making our event so successful! Our attendance climbs each year and we appreciate it! World Thinking Day is a celebration of 10 million girls in Guiding worldwide every February 22nd since 1926. Feb 22nd was chosen as it is the birthday of both Lord & Lady Baden Powell, the founders of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. It remains a day for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

The Beaver Valley Fall Fair Jr. Ambassador, Ava McKinlay, assisted us by serving beverages for our girl members to deliver to guests. Her bright smile and presence of a past Guiding member was a wonderful addition. Girl members delivered beverages and goodies to our guests and were excellent ambassadors for Girl Guides. Working with them was a pleasure.

The bake table did a brisk business, keeping Guiders busy. Thank you to every parent who donated baking for both the bake table and the tea. Without your support we would be lost. Special thank you to those who assisted in the kitchen and at the door. Your help was invaluable. Coffee was donated this year by the Believer Coffee Company. Thank you for your support!

Our units are being treated to a special trip the year. We are travelling to Toronto the end of April to see the “Lion King” at the Princess of Wales Theatre. Some of this year’s proceeds will go towards that.

We are still looking for new Guiders for next year. If you know of any woman interested, please ask her to contact Shirley at 519 599 3968 or Valarie Crowe 226-668-4439. New girl members are also welcome too!



VON Community Support Programs

The VON Bereavement Support Program offers group support to help family members and friends of deceased loved ones share feelings or just be in the company of others who have experienced loss.

Grief is a personal journey and we are here to help.

VON Grey Bruce is pleased to share that we are now offering monthly In-Person Drop in Support in Owen Sound and Hanover. ‘Together in Grief’ is an opportunity to receive informal support in a safe and compassionate place.

If you feel that support would be helpful, please reach out.

519-376-5895 (ext. 2)



Looking Ahead: What's in Store for 2025?

The end of one year and the start of another is a great time for reflection, it is also a great time to review your financial plan and investments.

Reflecting on market performance, 2024 saw significant movements in the stock markets. For the full year, the U.S. market was up just over 36%, and the Canadian market was up a little over 22%.¹ How did your portfolio do?

These market performances, whether directly reflected in your portfolio or not, provide valuable context for evaluating your own financial position. They offer insight into broader economic trends and can help you gauge the effectiveness of your investment strategy.

What about risk, do you have too much, too little? What about asset classes, are you in the right ones? Should they be rebalanced or changed? What about economic opportunities and challenges, is your portfolio agile or appropriately aligned? Have your financial circumstances or objectives changed since last year?

Sharing insights, with local business leaders recently, I had the privilege of delving into these topics during an economic update seminar. The event provided a platform to discuss current market trends, economic indicators, and strategies for navigating the financial landscape in 2025.

Macroeconomics play a role in portfolio analysis. The extent of their role depends on the portfolio manager, some are strictly concerned with individual stocks, whereas others want to look at the bigger picture.

Whether you're a seasoned investor or just starting your financial journey, staying informed is crucial.

If you are interested in learning more about how recent economic developments might impact your financial plan, please reach out.

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¹ <https://www.cibc.com/en/asset-management/insights/markets-and-economy/2025-market-outlook.html>



The woven leaf flows as northern wind blows
The symbol of our Kin
The answer to aggressive foes
Shows glowing hearts within

Our visions aren't of bursting bombs
and rocket's blood red glare
But of Love and laughter for all mankind
And the freedom we all share

We are the north, true, strong and free
Our flag of hope is rising
Where difference does not breed contempt
But new-light on the horizon

So, to the mighty maple leaf
Our star that shines so bright
Your song of hope sings through the snow
You are the northern light!

 A Laurence

Welcome

Dr. Mike Budrewicz and Dr. Frank Gigone would like to welcome Dr. Jordan Elwood to Thornbury Dental. Dr. Elwood graduated from Western University's Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, with Distinction. Prior to attending dental school, Dr. Elwood completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, while also competing for the NCAA men's varsity hockey team. He is a member of the Ontario Dental Association and the Canadian Dental Association.

Through various volunteering efforts, Dr. Elwood has been afforded the opportunity to work with a diverse patient base. He has travelled to Whitehouse, Jamaica, to provide free dental care to the community during an outreach trip. He has also travelled to Moose Factory, Ontario, where he provided free dental care to members of the Moose Cree First Nation at the Weeneebayko General Hospital.

These efforts have provided Dr. Elwood with valuable experience in a wide range of general dentistry - including working with children. He is involved and treats in all aspects of general dentistry.

Dr. Elwood lives in the Blue Mountains with his wife and their black Labrador retriever, Moose. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing, biking, golfing, and spending time at the many beaches the Georgian Triangle has to offer.

Dr. Elwood joined the practice in October 2024 and is seeing patients on a full-time basis. He is accepting new patients as he looks forward to meeting many new people and being an active member of our wonderful community.


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PEACE OF MARCH

The turnstile of March threads our seasonal voyage from the trappings of icicles,

Foretastes the covenant of Spring where bluebell shall consort to the budding Maple.

In preparation we trim the garments of winter, take solace from the sun's rising rays,

Exchange spade for shovel, rake for ice pick, a sneaker for a boot, a smile for a frown.

Yet March receives its title from that ancient deity of Roman lore, Mars of Wars,

Therefore to the higher calling we shall exalt the muses of peace crowned by Nature.

Warriors we be in our assembly of Pax Canadiensis, a triangle set within three oceans,

A Passchendaele of victory beats within our hearts, stand above the trench of despair.

Our confiding strength raises us March-like with no garment of war, only with laurel,

And as a battalion our march is of unison and sovereign scope, a tranquility of pride.

Bayonets bloom carnations, laces bind our feet to the ringlets of peace, courage loves,

The line stands still, the quiet drowns the crackles of angry envy, a new March begins.

For *O Canada* makes the plaintiff plea,
"We stand on guard for thee", patriots we be,

And those centuries past, John Milton rippled such echoing metre with eternal truth,

"They also serve who only stand and wait".

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Call for Volunteers to participate on the Family Physician Recruitment Working Group

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications from members of the public for appointment to the new Family Physician Recruitment Working Group.

The Working Group will play a pivotal role in actively tackling key challenges and developing strategic solutions for Family Physician recruitment. Its primary objective is to attract new physicians, supporting the local community's needs by utilizing the Town's municipal authority to address healthcare access.

The mandate of the working group includes:

- Conducting detailed analysis and strategic planning
- Developing programs and partnerships
- Enhancing intergovernmental collaboration
- Exploring funding strategies
- Leading advocacy and policy development
- Engaging with and supporting the community

The Working Group will consistently update Town Council on its progress and present well-considered recommendations for Council's action.

The membership will comprise representatives from Town staff, Directors from the North East Grey Health Clinics, four public resident members, and one designated Council member who will chair and lead the Working Group's efforts.

Applicants are encouraged to complete the Application Form and include a resume, cover letter or any other background information and any special qualifications or interests related/applicable to the mandate of the Working Group. Shortlisted applicants will be confirmed on Monday, March 24, 2025 and will be invited to participate in an informal interview on either Thursday, March 27 or Friday, March 28, 2025.

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

All Applications should be submitted no later than **Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:00 pm to:**

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

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

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Applications due **March 31, 2025**

For more info, or to apply: thebluemountains.ca/YCAF

DOG LICENCE REMINDER


Don't forget to licence your pet!

All dogs must be licensed within the Town. The licensing requirement applies to all residents including those that stay in the community full-time or seasonally.

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Notice

Pursuant to Section 295.1 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c.25, please be advised that the audited 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Corporation of The Town of The Blue Mountains have been received.

The Financial Statements can be accessed on our website at www.thebluemountains.ca/financial-reporting or, upon request, from the Finance Department at 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310, Thornbury, ON, N0H 2P0.

Monica Quinlan
Director of Corporate and Financial Services
Treasurer

The Blue Mountains 2024 Annual Water Report

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

Rob Gilchrist, Water Supervisor
Thornbury Water Treatment Plant



COUNCIL CAFÉ

Residents are invited to join Mayor Andrea Matrosovs and members of the Council for an open and informal 'meet and greet' from 8 am to 10 am to discuss topics of interest for the community.

Coffee, tea and breakfast snacks will be provided.

Meeting Date

March 28, 2025, Marsh Street Centre

www.thebluemountains.ca

Volunteer Recognition Awards and Fair

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025
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Nominations for the Volunteer Recognition Awards and applications to have a booth at the fair will be open until March 14, 2025.





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Notice of Public Meeting: With regard to amendments to Fees and Charges By-laws 2022-14 and 2014-18 related to Planning Matters, Engineering Services, and Building Services

Date of this Notice: February 14, 2025

A **Public Meeting** to consider amendments to By-Law 2022-14 and 2014-18 being By-Laws for fees and charges related to Planning Matters, Engineering Services and Building Services has been scheduled for **March 11, 2025 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 Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law 2022-14 associated with applications under the Planning Act and other related planning applications, engineering technical review, works fees, and other related engineering matters.

The Public Meeting will also provide information to the public and allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to By-law 2014-18 for Building Services Fees in accordance with Section 7 of the Building Code Act.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws are linked herein and are available through the Town's website, www.thebluemountains.ca/PDSFeesReview

Where do I find more information?

Please visit the Town's website at www.thebluemountains.ca/PDSFeesReview

Or come visit us in Planning Services, 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 Fees and Charges By-law.

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 proposal and any comments received, Town staff will bring recommendations on this Fees and Charges By-law to a future council meeting.

Want to be notified of a decision?

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

Questions? Want more information?

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 263 or
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Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca

A Note about information you may submit to the Town:

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website, and/or made available to the public upon request. This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable upon request.

Digital-Only Parking Passes

Grace period ends February 3, 2025, for residents to register their vehicle licence plates. Town parking passes are fully digital and physical hanging parking passes will no longer be issued or accepted.

For more information, visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/parking

Grey County Pursuing Land In Feversham for New Paramedic Base



Grey County is working to acquire land in Feversham from the Municipality of Grey Highlands for a new paramedic services base. A base is needed in the area to enhance response times and meet the increased and projected demand for paramedic services. Feversham was identified as an expansion location in the 2023 Paramedic Services Comprehensive Service Review.

"When an accident or medical emergency happens, Grey County residents and visitors should be confident help will arrive quickly," said Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs. "Grey County is investing in our paramedic services not just to meet the needs of our community today, but for years to come."

Grey County is working with the Municipality of Grey Highlands on a land transfer of municipal property beside a salt dome in Feversham. Grey County previously owned the salt dome and transferred it to Grey Highlands as surplus land in 2021, prior to service review. There is no purchase cost expected. Some site studies are required to determine if the proposed lands are appropriate for the base as currently designed.

The total cost for the new base is estimated at \$1.6 million. The project was included in the 2025 budget and construction is expected to begin this year pending the site studies and tender process. The building would include two ambulance bays, an office, wellness room, storage, and staff space.

The Paramedic Services Comprehensive Deployment Review provided projects for the years 2023-2033. The data projected a 68% increase in call volumes over the 10-year period.

The Feversham base is one of four additional bases in Grey County's capital and operational plans. Grey County is committed to improving rural response times through the addition of bases. New builds are being considered for Ayton in 2026, Thornbury in 2027, and Cobble Beach in 2028. The design of the base in Feversham will be used again for future locations.

In addition to the new bases, Grey County is currently redeveloping the paramedic base in Durham. The new building is located near the hospital and adjacent to the site of the future West Grey Police building. Grey County is also increasing staffing in high volume areas including Owen Sound and Hanover.

Grey County staff are also investigating the relocation of the paramedic base in Dundalk. The current facility is shared with the Dundalk Fire Department. Based on growth in the Dundalk area, the Fire Department will require more space to support future operations.

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



Things to do in and for your garden in March 2025

WOW! What a winter! Feet & Feet of snow! No January or February thaw. But, it's not all bad. When it finally melts, there will be lots of much needed moisture deep in the soil.

- After the 15th you can start tuberous begonia & caladium corms in pots, or in a tray of peat moss. Keep it moist, but not soggy.
- Plant brassicas, like kale, turnip and radish seeds plus hardy annual seeds indoors for late May planting outdoors.
- Start tomatoes, lettuce and other fast-growing vegetables from seed in late March to early April.
- Make a list of spring garden chores in the order they should be done, if you haven't already done so.
- Order summer flowering bulbs & plants. Try www.botanous.com.
- Order or buy flower & vegetable seeds NOW for summer planting to get the best selection!
- Check, repair and sharpen your gardening tools on a snowy day.
- Apply combination dormant oil spray to fruit trees & pest-prone shrubs when above-freezing weather permits.
- Bring Spring indoors. Start forcing branches of spring-flowering shrubs like Forsythia, if you can get through the snow to get at them.
- If you can find them, buy Narcissus bulbs and grow them in gravel with water for spring flowers indoors.
- Prune summer-flowering shrubs and vines late in the month.
- When the snow is finally gone from your garden beds (maybe in April) and they are still damp, but before new plant leaves emerge, buy and apply triple-19 agricultural fertilizer liberally, but only to your garden beds. It's available now at the Midwest Co-Op on Hwy 10 south of Markdale.
- Plan to plant a few native shrubs that have berries for the birds, plus pollinator perennials for the bees and butterflies.
- When the snow finally goes, loosen up and dig-in any packed winter Mulch, and press perennials that have heaved, back into place.

Think about your garden and make a list of the perennials you could dig, divide and donate to the St. George's Annual Plant Sale in Clarksburg, Saturday May 24 2025. Donate 15 or more plants and get a tax receipt for the value your plants sell for.

If there are any students out there who are interested in garden work after school this spring, plus during all the summermonths as well, please get in touch now. There are lots of jobs available.

Contact John Hethrington casacarolejohn@gmail.com



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Contact Seniors' Chair Bruno Scaturchio – 416-347-0621

Or Dist E Sec/Srs Lit Co-Chair Betty-Jean Murray – 705-528-9292

The Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network

The Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network (GBEAPN) and Community Connection in Collingwood have collaborated to create an elder abuse response system in Grey and Bruce Counties.

The GBEAPN is a group of organizations dedicated to increasing the community's capacity to respond to elder abuse. Elder abuse can include but is not limited to neglect and physical, financial, sexual, emotional, and psychological mistreatment of older adults.

Community Connection is the service provider for 211 in Grey-Bruce and surrounding areas. 211 is staffed 24/7 with navigators who help callers find the services they need.

The GBEAPN has created a pathway for 211 navigators to follow. The navigators will connect people with services in the pathway to address elder abuse situations. The organizations in the pathway have committed to responding to elder abuse concerns.

This pathway has been created to address the findings of an environmental scan of elder abuse resources in Grey-Bruce completed by the GBEAPN during the past two years. The GBEAPN discovered that seniors in Grey-Bruce do not know whom to call about elder abuse.

The GBEAPN has worked with Community Connection to create one point of access for elder abuse support by calling 211. This allows seniors, and those concerned about the well-being of seniors, to know who to call for help when they need information and community supports to address abusive situations.

Elder abuse is an important issue in Grey and Bruce Counties. Seniors are the fastest growing group in Grey-Bruce. Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people aged 65 and older in Grey-Bruce grew by 19%.

Recent national research found that 10% of seniors in Canada experience abuse every year. That equates to approximately 4500 seniors in Grey and Bruce Counties going through abuse each year. The number of seniors experiencing abuse in Grey-Bruce could be higher because elder abuse is often not reported.

Elder abuse affects health. It can lead to hospitalization, and even premature death. Calling 211 and finding supports for seniors experiencing abuse could save someone's life.

For information, contact Angela Yenssen, Chair of the Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network 519-370-2200, ext. 33



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Saturday, March 8, 12-2pm
Wednesday, March 12, 1-3pm
Sunday, March 16, 12-2pm

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Monday to Friday



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MARCH 8-16

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& INFO



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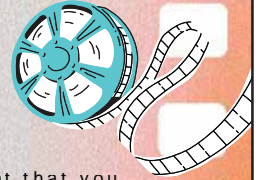
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FREE - DONATIONS WELCOMED
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Looking for a FREE March-Break event that you
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Join us on Wednesday March 12 for
refreshments and a movie!



The movie 'The Wild Robot' will be shown for kids.
BOTH movies will be shown simultaneously and supervision will be provided.



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CREATE, INSPIRE & REPEAT

MONDAY MARCH 10 @ 11AM

PAINT JAM WITH TYLER BOYLE (AGES 12+)

TUESDAY MARCH 11 @ 11AM

SHAPES AND CANVAS ART (AGES 8+)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12 @ 11AM

MOSAIC SUNCATCHERS (AGES 8+)

THURSDAY MARCH 13 @ 7PM

THE LOST MASTERPIECE ESCAPE ROOM (AGES 13+)

FRIDAY MARCH 14 @ 11AM

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The Gallery
at L.E. Shore

Garden Stories

The world as seen through your garden....
EXHIBITION MAR 1 - APR 2 (reception March 15, 2-4pm)

I would like to invite you to an exclusive free seminar "Mastering Your Retirement", March 15th, 2:00 to 3:30pm, Boardroom at Lora Bay Lodge.

You will learn:

- Proven strategies to maximize retirement income while minimizing tax
 - The secrets to optimizing CPP & OAS while preventing clawbacks
 - Techniques to protect your wealth against inflation and market volatility
 - How to calculate your "magic number" ensuring your savings last a lifetime
 - 7 Common pitfalls that could derail your plans and how to avoid them.
- Plus, we'll answer the 4 most pressing retirement questions and dive deep into crucial topics like smart withdrawal tactics, building tax-efficient portfolios, leveraging income splitting, and slashing those pesky portfolio fees.

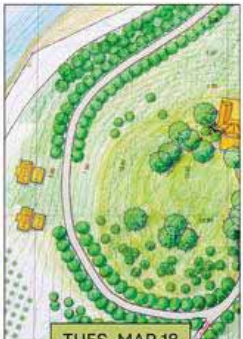
Why attend?

Gain valuable insights and practical tools to plan your golden years. As an attendee, you'll receive a 65-point retirement checklist and have the option for a complimentary one-hour consultation to ask questions or to help you calculate your "magic number". Don't miss this opportunity! Seating is limited to 35 people. R.S.V.P to Elliot.Sinukoff@IG.ca .



GREY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS PRESENT

THE A-Z OF STARTING YOUR GARDEN



TUES, MAR 18

PART 1

KNOWING WHAT YOU HAVE & WHAT YOU WANT

- Build a dream board
- Evaluate your space
- Learn design guidelines



TUES, APR 15

PART 2

TURNING IDEAS INTO REALITY

- Garden with a budget
- Your growing calendar
- Build a plant list



TUES, MAY 20

PART 3

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR GARDEN

- Plant selection
- Succession planting
- Keep them alive

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March 15th, 2025
90's Winter Dance Party

Bigtime 90s



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Kings of Leon
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Finger Eleven
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U2
Red Hot Chili Peppers
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90's WINTER DANCE PARTY

MARCH 15, 2025

Doors: 7:00pm - Show: 8:00pm

Tickets: \$30 Advance - \$35 at the Door

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MARSH STREET CENTRE



World Down Syndrome Day



SAVE THE DATE

EFL'S ANNUAL SOCK HOP

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Thursday, March 20th, 2025

4:30 - 6:30

Beaver Valley Community Centre
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Friday March 21st, 2025
11am
L.E. Shore Library
173 Bruce St. S. Thornbury



TBM Repair Café

140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Saturday, March 22nd
9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair
and enjoy a snack.

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EARTH HOUR: March 22

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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- ◆ Earth Hour is one of the largest, positive, global grassroots movements aimed at environmental change
- ◆ The smallest change can have the biggest impact!
- ◆ Let's stand together to make real change to help combat climate change
- ◆ Earth Hour is not just about switching off our lights for one hour – it's a symbol for hope that collectively we can make a positive impact on our wonderful Town and planet.

**Please, join TBM Families on
March 22, by:**

- Turning off lights and stepping outside to enjoy the stars
 - Using candles to light up your evening meal
 - Discussing what more we can do and what changes we can make
 - Checking out CANN's website and social media for tips and ideas on how to reduce carbon pollution
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Sat. March 22nd

8:00 PM

A 90-minute show of laughs featuring:



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Show 8:00 pm

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Residents are invited to join
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the Council for an open and informal
'meet and greet' from 8 am to 10 am to
discuss topics of interest for the community.

Coffee, tea and breakfast snacks will be
provided.

Meeting Date

March 28, 2025, Marsh Street Centre

www.thebluemountains.ca

Exhibit : It All Starts with a Scribble
Sat Apr 5th 2:00pm - 4:00pm
The Gallery at the L.E. Shore Library

Beverley Smith presents a new exhibit that
dives into the excitement of creating and
experimenting. Featuring vibrant mixed
media works that fuse woven beadwork,
paints, markers, and a whole lot of
energetic scribbling. The show runs from
April 5-30, the opening will be on April 5
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Human Molecular Neurogeneticist, Senior Scientist,
The Hospital for Sick Children, Genetics & Genome Biology
Full Professor, University of Toronto, Department of Molecular Genetics

Topic: Dynamic Mutations of Tandemly
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– Refreshments will be served –
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or Contact Sarah Rody (705) 607-6933
Recommended Donation \$20

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Saturday April 5th, 3:00pm

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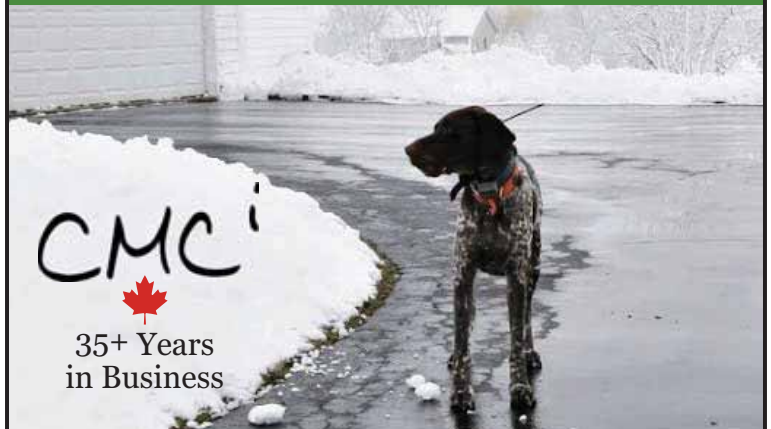
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