



The U11 Georgian Shores Lightning win the Tier 3 Ontario Minor Hockey Association Championship, held in Kingston

From left, back row, Chris Parrish (head coach), Patrick Clancy (assistant coach), Sam Goodman (trainer), Luke Parrish (assistant coach). Middle row, Mason Hill, Jensen Parrish, Bennett Hustwitt, Ronan Hewgill, Brody King, Henry Allan, Declan Ward. Front row, Bradley Kerr, Davis Roach, Tobin Goodman, Baron Hensel, Gavin Sheridan, Easton Parrish, Elijah Silk, Hudson Carbert, Nick Traynor.

It was a thrilling weekend of hockey for the U11 Georgian Shores Lightning team as they travelled to Kingston to compete in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) championship — and emerged victorious as tournament champions.

The action kicked off on Friday (April 4) with a hard-fought 5-4 victory against the South Huron Sabres. Saturday saw the team face off against the Halton Hills Thunder, where Georgian Shores dominated to an 8-1 victory. Later that day, they faced off against the Bruce Peninsula Predators, where a tight match ended in the Lightning's favour with a 3-2 victory. That drive carried them into Sunday's semifinal, where they defeated the Bancroft Jets 3-1 to secure their spot in the championship game.

In the championship game, Georgian Shores squared off against the Huron Bruce Blizzards. Huron Bruce struck first with a goal in the second period, but Georgian Shores came alive late in the second with a stunning stretch pass to quick wheels and smooth hands to tie the game at 1. The momentum turned and the Lightning continued to crash the net and get 2 more unanswered goals, for a 3-1 victory.

The stands were packed with hometown fans and many supported from afar thanks to live streaming, the cheers echoed through the arena as the final buzzer sounded.

It was an electric finish to an unforgettable tournament, and the players were thrilled to bring the red hats — and the first Georgian Shores championship title — home to Meaford and Thornbury.

Town Recreation Facilities open May 5th

www.thebluemountains.ca/recreation-culture/fields-courts

Municipal Golf Course

Single rounds for the upcoming season will be \$25 per round for adults, and \$17.50 for children 16 and under. Beginning April 30, tee times can be booked up to five days in advance. To book your tee time, please call (519) 599-3131 ext. 350, email the golf course, or visit the starter shack. Tee times are booked every 10 minutes, with the first being at 8:00 a.m. and the last at 6:00 p.m. Please note that tee times are reserved on a first-come/first-served basis.

Staff will be onsite at the starter shack the week prior to opening (April 30 – May 4) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for season passes and to begin booking tee times. See below for membership options:

Membership Pricing Options

Residents – \$370

Residents (60+ years of age) – \$320

Non-residents – \$425

Non-residents (60+ years of age) – \$370

Pickleball Courts

The courts will open on Monday, May 5, and will be available for use free of charge with no booking required until Sunday, May 11, 2025. Seasonal outdoor pickleball bookings will begin on Monday, May 12. Any play before that date will be on a first come, first served basis on all courts.

As a reminder to pickleball players Court #1 is non-bookable (except for tournaments) and is open to play on a first come, first served basis. If any of the other courts are not booked, they can also be played on a first come, first served basis.

To book time on the Pickleball Courts, rental requests must be received five days prior to the rental date. To book your court, please contact Community Services - Facility Rentals.

Town Tennis Courts

The Town maintains three tennis courts across the municipality at Bayview Park, Boyer Park and Nipissing Ridge Park. A free play schedule for the courts is available on the Tennis webpage.

For more information, please visit the Recreation Complex webpage www.thebluemountains.ca or contact:

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Resident Parking Passes

All residents of the Town of The Blue Mountains are permitted to park for free at all paid parking locations owned by the Town by registering their licence plate online or at Town Hall. Town parking passes do not permit residents to park in privately owned paid parking lots. As of 2025, physical hanging parking passes will no longer be issued or accepted. Non-Resident Parking Passes are available to residents of the Municipality of Meaford, Grey Highlands, Clearview Township and the Town of Collingwood. The cost is \$100 +HST to register licence plates for the current year. License plates must be re-registered each year. Licence plate(s) can be registered by visiting Town Hall with photo identification, proof of residency and vehicle registration or online www.thebluemountains.ca. License plates must be re-registered each year.

Once upon a time, there were a couple of cool cats. Max, a big, black cat with a white star on his chest, is quiet, funny at times, and likes to cuddle. Pepper is shy and depends on Max. She is smaller in size but is also black with a white star on her chest. She is possibly Max's mother or sister. Both are neutered. This couple is looking for a home with patience, care and love. Respond if you are interested in these two cats. Please call 519 599-5584 between noon and 4pm, Monday to Friday.



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Town to Purchase 122 Hoffman Street \$4.5 million

Staff Report

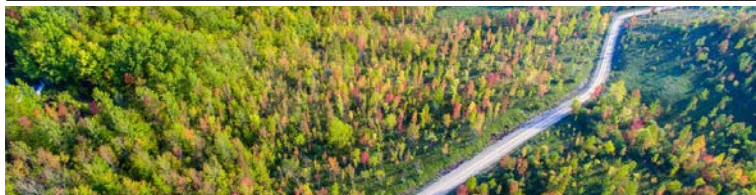
Preliminary estimates for a new Ravenna Public Works Yard range from \$15 million to \$30 million. Based on this assessment, staff have identified an opportunity to acquire 122 Hoffman Street (former Sam Dinsmore Trucking/Timberland property) to support the growth needs of the Roads Division at a cost that is significantly less than the preliminary estimates for redeveloping the yard at the existing site. In 2022, a budget of \$8.5 Million was approved and assigned to the redeveloping the Ravenna Works Yard for design and construction.

A staff report was presented to council at COW on March 17, 2025, providing a project update including the preliminary cost projections. (#1 New Building 14 truck bays \$29.8m; #2 Reuse of existing & New Building 8 truck bays \$14.8m; #3 New Building with 8 truck bays and space to expand \$23.4m)

Given the significant projected costs and the current financial state of the Town's reserves, staff recommend reducing the scope of the Ravenna Yard project and proceeding with the purchase of the property at 122 Hoffman Street. This approach will allow the Town to remain within the approved budget while meeting operational needs. The subject property consists of an approximately 5.17-acre parcel of land equipped with an industrial building containing approximately 8,800 square feet of area along with significant outdoor storage space. This site has the capacity to accommodate the department's operational need.

Once this property is acquired, the Road Operations team will relocate its day-to-day operations to this new facility. The existing Ravenna site will remain operational as a heavy equipment depot, primarily for housing graders and other large machinery. Capital improvements will be necessary to upgrade the existing office space at 122 Hoffman Street.

In addition, enhancements to the current facilities at the Ravenna Depot will be required, along with the removal of the leased office trailer, which is expected to result in operational cost savings. With these adjustments, the required capital improvements at both 122 Hoffman Street and the Ravenna Depot can be completed within the originally approved \$8.5 million budget.



Grey County Seeks Public Input On New Climate Adaptation Plan: Resilient Grey

The plan aims to increase understanding of how changing weather patterns are affecting our region - and how we can build more resilient communities today to protect our future.

Residents are encouraged to complete the Resilient Grey public survey by **May 20, 2025** at grey.ca/resilient-grey. The survey takes about ten minutes and covers topics such as extreme weather, infrastructure, environmental impacts, economic challenges, and community preparedness. Public input is vital to ensure the plan reflects local experiences and priorities.

Two public Climate Conversation Workshops are also planned:

Monday, May 5 (Virtual via Zoom) – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14 (In-person at Grey Roots Museum & Archives) – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As part of the broader planning process, Resilient Grey also includes community conversations, partner consultations, and technical assessments. The final strategy is expected in spring 2026.

Residents can also take part by hosting their own conversation using the Resilient Grey Conversation Kit—ideal for discussions with family, neighbours, coworkers, or community groups.

To learn more, complete the survey, or RSVP for a workshop, visit grey.ca/resilient-grey.

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In Memoriam

ROY SPIEGELBERG

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Roy Spiegelberg, 75, of Clarksburg, Ontario on April 9th, 2025. A beloved father and husband, Roy was born on February 10th, 1950 to Roy and Anne (Connaughan) in Kitchener, Ontario.

Roy loved the outdoors, whether spending summers on his boat, the Defiant, walking his dog, or in his own backyard, gardening. He was extremely passionate about social justice, and dedicated his life working in social services, fighting for equality and worker's rights. It was during this work he met his beloved wife, Susan Kachmar, before accepting the position of Director at Tracks Employment Agency, where he eventually retired. He will be greatly missed by his son Michael and his niece, Rebecca McMurdo and her partner Ivar Tamarin, as well as his sisters Jean and Wendy, and brother-in-law Michael Wannop. A celebration of life is planned for June 1st at the Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg from 1-4pm; Tributes at 2pm.

To sign Roy's Book of Memories, please visit
www.chattersonfuneralhome.com



LORI DARLENE ALLEN

Lori Darlene Allen, daughter of the late Terry and Shirley (nee Foster) Jackman passed away Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 due to complications from a very recent cancer diagnosis.

Lori was the much-loved wife of Bill Allen and the proud and cherished mom of Kathy Allen (Adam) and Will Allen (Alex). Special grandma to Charli, Madi, Piper, Fathom, Fisher and River.

She was the dear sister of Terry Jr. (Maxine), Denise, Tracy (Jeff), and will be fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews and their families.

Lori grew up in Clarksburg and enjoyed the small community life. She spent 25 years at the Meaford Military Base as the Health & Safety Officer and just recently retired, enjoying her much deserved time with her family. Lori was always first to offer help to anyone in need and was often referred to as 'Mother Hen'. She and Bill enjoyed great times with the Wasaga Beach Cruisers, attending various car shows and taking weekend road trips in her 2004 bright yellow convertible Mustang GT.

We will celebrate Lori's life this summer and she will spend eternity in one of her favourite places along with so many before and to come after her.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Owen Sound Hospital Foundation – Breast Screening Program would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR WALLY GABLER

You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the life of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, colleague, and friend, Wally Gabler, who passed away on February 9, 2025, after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

DATE:

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BONNIE JUNE ORME

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bonnie June (Leverre) Orme who peacefully departed this life on April 2nd, 2025.

Bonnie was born December 20, 1946 in Kirkland Lake to the late Harold and Alta (Pennell) Leverre. Bonnie was the beloved mom of Sarah Orme and Keith Orme. She was the dear sister of Gordie, Larry, Vicki and Penny, predeceased by her sister Debbie. And will be fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place at a later date. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation 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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Leap Beyond Barriers Foundation (LBBF) Fundraiser

Thursday May 22nd, 6:30 pm Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Leap Beyond Barriers Foundation is a not-for-profit organization seeking to raise funds to complete a critical Autism research study. This event will inform attendees of their important research plans! In addition, there will be fun fundraising activities in support of their goals.

Tickets at www.marshstreetcentre.com

Through our Non-for-Profit LBBF, we are raising funds for Autism Research in regards to Ion Cyclotron Resonance Therapy (ICR) building on the replicating results from the last two studies, the Italy study (Crescentini 2007) and Leaps and Bounds previous study (2024). Our initial study proved to be truly transformative for individuals with Autism, making profound changes in their lives in a remarkably brief period, surpassing the impact of existing interventions.

We saw in the first Ontario study how the treatment could transform the lives of children and their families offering a level of quality of life that might otherwise be unattainable. For further information or to support LBBF research please call 647-554-6543.

The research study and testimonials can be found at
www.leapsandboundsservices.com

Goal: Improve the soil to grow healthier plants



My garden is on the side of the Beaver Valley. It is all clay which provides important nutrients like calcium, magnesium and potassium but it is very compacted and dense. For plants to grow it needs organic matter to improve the soil structure. This allows water and air to penetrate the soil, to feed the roots.

To add organic matter to the soil I have a compost bin in the yard to break down my kitchen plant waste and a bin of red wiggler worms that eat vegetable scraps from my kitchen. I bury these under the soil and the worms eat them. They poop out worm castings which are collected in a tray under the bin. These will be added to the soil in my garden to improve the soil structure and feed the plants.

On **June 1, 2025** a special guest, Glenn Munroe, will join me at the library at 1:30pm via online link, to talk about how to keep red wigglers outside all year round in an insulated box. Come and meet our worms and bring your questions. See you there!

Anna-Marie Hafner; Families Go Green for Blue; CANN-TBM

Grey County Council Committee of the Whole

Grey County ended 2024 with surplus of \$4.4 million. Council approved a report directed staff to move the remaining funds into various other project reserves. This money will be available to fund projects in the future. Some factors contributing to the surplus include higher than expected new tax revenue from growth, additional funding from the Province for long-term care services and more.

The 2024 budget required \$73,920,220 to be raised from taxation; the projected 2024 surplus represents 5.95% of the levy amount. The year-end surplus/deficit has been influenced by the following:

- Higher supplemental taxes and lower write-offs resulting in a \$1,059,000 surplus.
- Shortfalls in the budgets for WSIB and Weekly Indemnity for a combined total of \$508,500.
- The unbudgeted sale of CP Rail Trail lands resulted in a \$518,000 surplus within the Forestry and Trails capital budget.
- Long Term Care surplus of \$2,082,900 that is primarily the result of increased investments from the province that were announced during the year.
- County owned housing surplus of \$316,000 and \$299,000 from subsidy provided to nonprofit housing providers.

Council approved moving up a construction project on Grey Road 9 from the year 2026 to the 2025 construction season. This project will extend paving work already planned for Grey Road 9 and will reduce the overall cost compared to doing the projects separately. A tender of \$458,000 was awarded to Cox Construction Ltd.

Grey County will provide the City of Owen Sound with \$45,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to purchase land for affordable housing.

Grey County CAO Kim Wingrove announced Niall Loble was the successful applicant for the Deputy CAO position. Mr. Loble has several years of municipal leadership experience and is currently serving as the CAO of the Township of Georgian Bluffs. His first day with Grey County will be May 20. Warden Matrosovs recognized outgoing CAO Kim Wingrove for her 10 years of service to Grey County. Ms. Wingrove's last day will be Friday, May 2.

Seniors Matters Today

Another reminder about the newly established **Canada Dental Care Program**, (CDCP). Anyone who is covered by this plan, must reapply each year.

The deadline to renew JUNE 1, 2025. To reapply you will need Notice of Assessment after filing your 2024 tax return. That comes from the Canada Revenue Agency. You can apply to renew after June 1st, but there will be an interruption in your coverage.

Renewing your dental coverage can be done: ONLINE, OR in your My Service Canada Account, OR through an automated phone service available 24hours a day, 7 days a week. 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>

Property Taxes - One of the things that CoVid 19 interrupted was the regular cycle of MPAC, the Municipal Property Tax Corporation. Property taxes are based on that assessment of your property's value. The Ontario government has decided that:

Property assessments for the 2025 property tax year will continue to be based on fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values. For home owners this means that "...the assessed value and classification of your property as of January 1, 2016 will be used as the basis for calculating your 2025 property taxes."

If there has been a change to your property, you may receive a notice from MPAC. Those changes could include: change in ownership, the tax liability, value increase due to a change such as a new structure or removal of an old structure and other matters affecting value. For more details, check mpac.ca or phone 1 866 296-6722

Future Planning – the legalities. BVO's Seniors' Centre Without Walls will be hosting a series of workshops on the legal aspects of Advance Care planning including Powers of Attorney, substitute decision-making, the Executor's role and Wills. For more information and to register for these in-person sessions, contact BVO at 519 599 2577, ext. 6 or seniorscwwphone@bvo.ca.



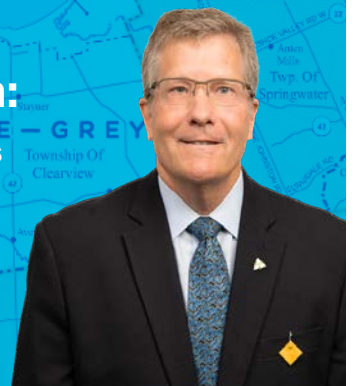
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Tree Trust TBM Seeks Volunteers for Native Tree Seed Collection Club

Tree Trust TBM is excited to announce the launch of a **Seed Collection Club** that will serve as a vital source of seeds for our native tree nursery, located at the Tomahawk Recreation Complex (on the 10th Line in Thornbury). The focus of the Seed Collection Club will be on selecting trees with a strong genetic potential to enhance resilience against the challenges posed by a warming climate, extreme weather events, pests, and pathogens. We will also explore the potential to expand the range of certain species to help establish urban forests that are well-adapted to future climatic conditions.

The Seed Collection Club will provide volunteer members with unique, hands-on learning opportunities that are essential for maintaining and enhancing our natural ecosystems. These include tree identification, seed collection, processes of seed stratification and germination, and methods for ensuring the successful transformation of seeds into strong, transplantable. If you love trees and want to see more robust, native trees across TBM, this is a great opportunity to learn and to contribute.

If you're interested in joining or learning more about the TBM Native Tree Seed Collection Club, please reach out to us at programs@treetrust.ca. Training and orientation sessions run by Tree Trust TBM experts will commence in May 2025. No experience is needed and there are no requirements to participate, other than your interest.

And an update on the TBM Native Tree Nursery:

The transfer of the **TBM Native Tree Nursery** to our new, expanded location at the Tomahawk Recreation Complex is almost complete. The new site has been tilled and fenced. All we need now is a 4-foot-wide gate. Donations are welcome! Several basswood, oak and


ironwood trees from the original nursery – all from locally-sourced seeds and saplings – have been transplanted to an emerging forest fragment at a site at 10th line and the Georgian Trail. Most of the remaining nursery trees have been potted up in preparation for transfer to our new location.

The TBM Native Tree Nursery offers a prime example of our community in action – local landowners offering sources of seeds and saplings, volunteers caring for the saplings at the nursery, more volunteers transplanting trees to a public site that all community members can enjoy, and Town staff providing support along the way.

Thank you to our donors, Town staff, and our dedicated volunteers. Together we are growing, planting, and caring for native trees, and helping to protect and expand our invaluable forests and natural ecosystems. TBM@treetrust.ca

Grey Road 119 Work is scheduled from June to the beginning of July. This project will include the overlay of a 6.9 km section of Grey Road 119 from Grey Road 2 to Grey Road 13. Total expected investment for this project is \$996,000. The road will remain open with intermittent lane closures with traffic control.

An information session is scheduled for the Grey Road 119 portion of the project on Tuesday June 3, 2025 at the Centre Grey Complex - Markdale Arena from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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Forage Expo 2025

The Ontario Forage Council (OFC) and Bruce County Soil & Crop Improvement Association are pleased to announce that Forage Expo will be happening in Bruce County this year.

The event will be held on June 26, 2025 from 10am to 3pm at Craig Trelford and family's Trelford Farms, 1342 Bruce County Rd 40, Paisley.

Forage Expo is the must-attend event for anyone serious about forage production. This year's demonstrations will feature top-tier equipment from the industry's leading manufacturers, giving attendees an exclusive look at the latest innovations hitting the market.

More than just a showcase, Forage Expo offers head-to-head field trials where you'll see the newest forage tools in action. From mowers and conditioners to rakes, tedders, mergers, balers, and more, every piece of equipment is geared toward one thing: helping producers harvest faster, smarter, and with better results.

Producers will also have direct access to trusted experts Ian McDonald and Christine O'Reilly from OMAFA, who will be on-site and in the field, offering insights, and answering questions.

Whether you're looking to improve efficiency, reduce harvest losses, or boost forage quality and profitability, Forage Expo 2025 is the place to see the future of forage production.

This is a FREE event and no registration is required. Lunch will be available for purchase on-site.

Looking to connect with a highly targeted, forage-focused audience? Forage Expo 2025 offers prime opportunities for trade show exhibits, equipment demonstrations, and event sponsorships. It's the perfect chance to put your organization front and center with producers from across the province who are ready to invest in the latest tools, technology, and solutions.

For more information about Forage Expo, please visit <https://onforagenetwork.ca/ontario-forage-council/forage-expo/>

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World Migratory Bird Day: May 10th

The second Saturday of May marks peak spring migration in Canada—a time to connect, admire, and advocate for these incredible travelers. As they journey across borders, we must ensure they have safe habitats along the way.

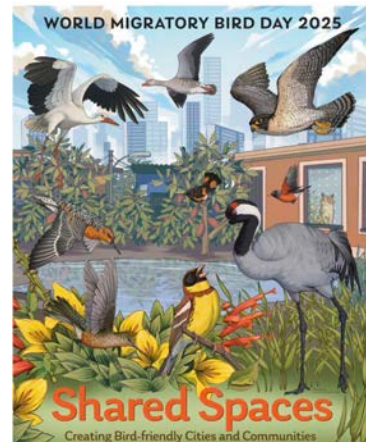
World Migratory Bird Day is officially celebrated on the second Saturday of May in Canada and the US, and the second Saturday of October in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. However, every day is Bird Day, and you can celebrate birds and host events any day of the year!

This May 10 we'll be welcoming our birds home by making our parks, towns, and cities friendlier places for them. Together let's reduce window collisions, protect habitat, and reduce pesticides. There's lots you can do in your community!

Each spring, environmental organizations and bird lovers across the country come together to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day as our feathered friends return. This year's theme, "Shared Spaces: Creating Bird Friendly Cities & Communities," highlights the importance of making urban areas safer for birds. With most Canadians living in cities, sustainable development, bird-safe design, and community engagement are crucial.

Join in celebrating and protecting migratory birds. Wonder at their incredible journeys, learn about conservation efforts, and take action to help them thrive in our cities, towns, and villages. Together, we can make a difference for our shared spaces and bird populations!

<https://www.migratorybirdday.org/>



Hello Intrepid TBM Cleaner-Uppers!

Thank you VERY much for braving the wind, the rain and the cold temperatures on April 26th to come out and help clean up our Town - your efforts are very much appreciated!

I am happy to report that we ended up collecting 70 pounds of garbage and 15 pounds of recyclables!!

The data you collected has been entered into the Ocean Wise Shoreline Clean-Up database.

Thanks again to our wonderful community partners:

- TBM Library (poster contest)
 - The Review (advertising)
 - Town of the Blue Mountains (advertising, logistics)
 - Georgian Bay Forever (grabbers)
 - BVO (prizes)
 - Thornbury Tim Horton's (cookies)
- Remember, every day can be a cleanup day.
www.gogreenforblue.ca



Cracked Manifold

On April 1, 2025, I was driving on Hwy 26 towards Owen Sound when I regained consciousness just as my car was veering across the highway, headed towards a three-foot ditch. I managed to regain control of the car just in time to avoid hitting it. Somehow, I steered the car onto the shoulder of the highway, although it was facing the wrong direction. When I looked up, I saw what must have been fifteen cars facing me. Writing about this incident causes me a great deal of anxiety, but I feel compelled to share my experience in order to prevent this from happening to other innocent people.

The two Good Samaritans who stopped to check on me, thank you. I will be forever grateful.

Shortly after the women left, two young OPP officers arrived. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Officer Brown and Officer Angel. They are truly angels. They moved me and my car to a local gas station and stayed with me for an hour until they were called away. Many thanks to my friends, Nick and Judy, for rescuing me.

Now, for the extremely important information being a Ford Escape owner: the problem with my car was a cracked manifold.

If you suspect any carbon monoxide in your car, immediately take it to a dealer. In the meantime:

- * Drive with the windows open.
- * Turn on your car seat heaters.
- * Close all interior vents.

Finally, insist that the mechanic drive your car with the windows closed for at least twenty minutes before checking the exhaust system with a Carbon Monoxide Detector in the car.

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June 5, 2025

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner will be provided.

Location:

Collingwood Library

55 Ste Marie Street
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RSVP:

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100+ Women Who Care South Georgian Triangle

A big thank you to all who joined us in person for our meeting on March 26th at the Legion in Collingwood. We had a fantastic turnout with over 100 women present

We currently have around 230 active members, which is a testament to the incredible impact we can make together (that's approximately \$23,000 raised in just one hour!).

As a reminder, our process involves members nominating non-profit organizations for funding. The steering committee then randomly selects three of these nominated organizations to present at our meeting for us to vote on.

1. The Women's Centre Grey Bruce has 3 core programs: the Violence Against Women Emergency Shelter, the Second Stage Transitional Housing Program and Studio Blue Youth Services for at-risk and trafficked youth. Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes worldwide, and sadly, our community is not immune. While the residence is in Meaford, it's important to note that the next closest shelter is in Ajax!
2. Glowing Hearts Charity, works to disrupt the cycle of poverty by providing programs that reduce barriers and support the mental health, growth, and development of school-age children and youth in Simcoe County.
3. Hope Haven Therapeutic Riding Centre highlighted the profound impact of Hope Haven's equine-based programs for individuals with disabilities and diverse needs, such as autism, down syndrome, cerebral palsy, cancer, anxiety and more.

Each charity gave a 5-minute presentation followed by a 5-minute Q&A. The membership voted and selected: Women's Centre Grey Bruce. *November Recipient* - Collingwood General and Marine Hospital. \$25,500 towards new mammography machines was the single largest donation in our chapter's eight year history!

Mark your calendars! **Our next meeting is Wednesday May 28th**
@ Royal Canadian Legion-Collingwood

Registration and Mingle: 6:30 p.m.; Meeting: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m

Grey Bruce Public Health - Measles Update

Ontario is currently experiencing a multi-jurisdictional measles outbreak. Between Oct. 18, 2024, and April 23, 2025, 1,020 measles cases have been reported in 15 Public Health Unit areas in the province. GBPH has been notified of six confirmed and five probable local measles cases since April 20, 2025. (Hanover and Markdale)

GBPH conducts thorough case management and contact tracing upon notification of probable or confirmed measles cases. If Public Health cannot reach everyone who was exposed to measles during a contact-tracing investigation, it will notify the public of potential community exposure location(s).

The number of potential measles exposure locations linked to a single measles case underscores the importance of staying home when sick, particularly if experiencing measles-like symptoms.

Measles is an airborne illness that can live in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours. People with measles can be infectious from four days before to four days after a rash begins.

Visit GBPH's website for a list of community exposure locations as well as recommendations and eligibility for measles vaccination.

519-376-9420 publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

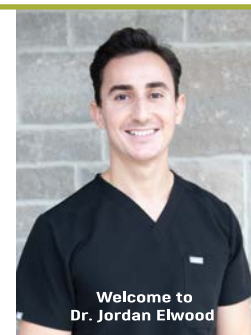
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Town of The Blue Mountains Explores Indoor Tennis Facility Options

The Town of The Blue Mountains has long lacked a dedicated indoor tennis facility, leaving local players with limited year-round access. The nearest dedicated year-round tennis facility is in Midhurst (north Barrie).

In 2021, the Town commissioned the Leisure Activities Plan—at significant cost to the taxpayer—which identified securing indoor tennis as a short-term priority. Despite this, the Town has not yet been able to make progress on this objective. In response, a volunteer-led not-for-profit group, Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative (GBRI), was formed in 2024 to facilitate discussions and provide community-driven input on an indoor racquet facility, offering its assistance to help the Town deliver on this much-needed public asset.

Delivery Models for Indoor Tennis

As part of its advocacy, GBRI is focused on promoting a town-provisioned model as the most equitable and sustainable approach to indoor tennis—a model that ensures affordability and broad community access. For context, various delivery models exist for indoor tennis.

Private Facilities: Private indoor tennis clubs typically require significant land acquisition, construction costs, and development charges. This inevitably leads to initiation fees exceeding thousands of dollars and annual memberships in the thousands. For example, a four-court facility—recommended by Ontario's tennis associations for economies of scale and programming options—must span around 30,000 to 35,000 square feet. While these private clubs can provide high-quality amenities, the financial model may restrict access for families, juniors, and seniors

Town-Provisioned Public Facilities:

Many Ontario municipalities have successfully implemented town-owned indoor tennis centres—a delivery model actively promoted by Tennis Canada and supported by grant funding. GBRI strongly endorses this approach because it aligns with the Town's goal of accessible, community-based recreation. Although the Town of the Blue Mountains is still assessing its options for an optimal delivery model, potential approaches include:

- A Town-Owned & Operated Facility, similar to the Keith Davis Tennis Centre in Newmarket
- A Town-Owned & Leased Model, in which the Town owns the facility but leases it to a year-round operator
- A Seasonal Bubble Model, where the Town owns outdoor courts (usually a bank of at least four courts) and leases them for winter use to a bubble operator—an approach seen in Midhurst that allows for affordable, year-round play while protecting municipal assets from winter conditions.

The appropriate model eventually chosen by the Town will depend on funding availability and the Town's long-term recreation strategy. All town-provisioned models are revenue generating for the Town.

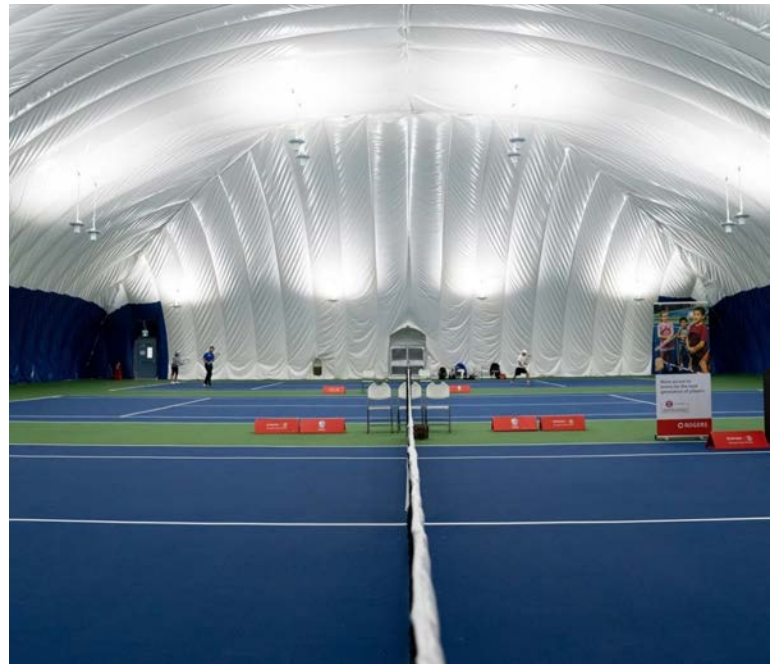
Where Is the Town Up To Now?

Town staff are conducting a preliminary assessment of possible locations, with a staff report expected by the end of May outlining potential sites for Council review.

In addition, GBRI has identified provincial grant funding that could potentially cover up to 70% of this project's cost as a municipal recreational asset. GBRI believes this grant represents an incredible opportunity for the Town to secure a much-needed community asset at minimal cost to taxpayers, which also generates an ongoing revenue for the Town. Although the Town is still considering its eligibility for the grant, if secured, this funding would significantly reduce financial barriers. A condition of this provincial grant is that the project must be demonstrably deliverable by March 2027, and GBRI states that this further incentivizes timely planning and execution.

Clarifying GBRI's Role in the Process

The group exists solely as organized representation of the local



tennis community to support the Town in delivering on its own goal of creating this year round public asset. GBRI's role is to serve as a liaison between the Town and local tennis players, ensuring that community interests remain at the forefront of discussions.

GBRI seeks no financial compensation, future employment, or commercial gain from this project—now or in the future.

To further demonstrate broad community backing, GBRI has secured letters of support from Tennis Canada, the Ontario Tennis Association, local schools, and several other organizations. In addition, hundreds of tennis players responded to the organization's own racquets survey in 2024, underscoring the persistent, widespread demand for an indoor tennis facility.

Year-round tennis offers significant physical, social, and mental health benefits, and as discussions around facility options continue, GBRI remains committed to working with the Town to identify the best pathway for delivering an accessible, town-provisioned indoor tennis facility.

For more information, visit georgianbayracquets.ca or contact hello@georgianbayracquets.ca.



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Notice of Public Information Centre Recreational Development of 130 King Street West



The Town of the Blue Mountains is exploring potential recreational uses for the 130 King Street West property in Thornbury. The property is 2.9 acres and is currently home to two outdoor tennis courts.

The current Official Plan designation of this property is Primary Settlement Area and the zoning is Community Living Area. Possible recreational uses could include parkland, recreational facilities or a combination thereof. Prior to any development, an appropriate Official Plan Amendment and or Zoning Bylaw Amendment request will need to be passed for the use of the land.

Public Survey

A public survey was made available on Friday, April 11, 2025. The survey's aim is to gather input from residents on future potential recreational uses for the property. The survey will close on May 2, 2025. A link to the survey can be found on the Town's dedicated project page at:
www.thebluemountains.ca/130KingStreetWest

How Do I Get More Information?

If you wish to add your contact information to the project mailing list, or if you have any questions regarding the project, please see the Contact Information section of this notice. A dedicated project page has been added to the Town's website at:

www.thebluemountains.ca/130KingStreetWest

This notice was originally issued on April 17, 2025.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact:

Town of The Blue Mountains

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Director of Community Services
directorcs@thebluemountains.ca
(519) 599-3131 ext. 281
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Project Timeline

Public Survey Closing Date

May 2, 2025

Follow-up Staff Report to Committee of the Whole

May 26, 2025

Public Consultation

A Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to gather input from stakeholders and residents. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The meeting will include a public comment and question period.

Date: May 8, 2025

Start Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

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Notice of Watering Restrictions

June 1, 2025 - September 1, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Watering Restrictions are implemented annually from June 1 to September 1.

Stage 1 Water Use Restriction

- Residents may water between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- Properties with odd numbered addresses can water on odd numbered calendar days
- Properties with even numbered addresses can water on even numbered calendar days

Lawn Watering and Tips to Conserve Water

Water only when necessary and according to the Town's Water Use Restriction guidelines.

A brown lawn doesn't always indicate a dead lawn. Brown lawns can recover their green colour after rainfall or cooler weather.

- Avoid frequent watering. Watering too often can cause your turf to develop shallow roots
- Promote a healthy lawn by aerating and mowing no shorter than 7.5cm
- If most of the lawn looks green, only water the dry spots
- When reseeding or planting, consider drought-resistant grasses, which are often more resistant to insects and disease
- Use a rain barrel
- Program irrigation systems to water deeply but infrequently and within Water Use Restriction guidelines
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn after mowing
- Check for leaks in your garden hose

For more information contact:

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Blue Mountains Run Club (BMRC): Building Community One Step at a Time

Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., (for approx 1 hour) runners meet at Lemonade Collective (LC) for the Blue Mountains Run Club—a free, all-levels group built to bring people together through movement and connection.

The idea for the Run Club sparked when Hope, an LC team member, recent arrival to the community, and leader of the BMRC pack, went searching for a local run group and couldn't find one in the Blue Mountains. Inspired by her search—and building on the success of Lemonade Collective's long-standing Friends Who Walk program (set to return this spring)—the team decided to create a new way for people to connect, move, and feel at home.

"We wanted to create something welcoming and low-pressure," says Melissa of Lemonade Collective. "It's not about how far or fast you go—it's about showing up and being part of something."

Whether you're training for a race (cough cough the Turkey Trot), easing back into running, or just looking for a fun way to stay active, there's a place for you.

Each run starts and ends at Lemonade Collective, with rotating routes through the scenic Blue Mountains. It's completely free and open to all—no membership or sign-up required.

Join the Blue Mountains Run Club on Strava and follow @lemonadecollectivebm on Instagram to stay in the loop. Come run with us—your Wednesdays just got better.

FAMILY FINANCES IN AN UNCERTAIN ECONOMY

While today's economic environment—shaped by tariffs and policy decisions—may feel different from past market corrections, each downturn has its own cause. We saw the tech bubble in 2000, the housing crisis in 2008, and the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Despite their differences, the emotions they bring—uncertainty and concern for our families—are always the same. No matter what's going on in the markets you need to be able to plan for your life events.

According to the latest Statistics Canada census, one in five households in The Town of The Blue Mountains includes children.¹ As a local parent of a toddler, I know how wonderful our community is for raising kids—and how important it is to help secure their future, regardless of what's happening in the economy.

Smart financial planning starts with the basics. A Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) is one way to save for your child's education.

Beyond education, trust funds and permanent insurance create the opportunity for tax efficient wealth. These tools can assist in providing long-term financial security for your children and even grandchildren.

It's also crucial to protect your family's current lifestyle. Term life insurance and disability coverage can offer safeguards, assisting your loved ones with maintaining their standard of living if something unexpected happens.

Whatever the economic climate, planning ahead gives you confidence and control. As a fellow parent, I'm passionate about helping Blue Mountains families navigate these decisions and build lasting security.

To learn more about how to build a foundation for your family join us on June 5th at 5:30pm at the Collingwood library for an educational seminar and meal. Call for information.

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Pope Francis *by Alice Otrysko*

Francis came from Argentina, the land of the tango. He was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936 and led the Catholic Church from 2013 until 2025. Francis died on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025. He was sovereign of the Vatican City State during that time.

He was the first Jesuit pope and the first from the Americas.

His family was Italian in origin. His father's family left Italy in 1929 to escape the fascist rule of Benito Mussolini. He was the eldest of five children. At 21 years of age, he survived a life threatening pneumonia and had part of his lung removed.

His chemical technical diploma helped him work in a food laboratory. He also worked as a janitor and a bouncer.

A priest inspired him, during confession, to enter the Society of Jesus and he officially became a Jesuit in 1960.

He was ordained in 1969 and became archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and created a cardinal in 2001.

Francis loved the poor and chose to reside in less formal apartments in Domus Sanctae Marthae guesthouse rather than the papal apartments used by previous popes. His vestments were also simpler rather than the ornate ones used by previous popes.

Inclusivity was one of his goals and he blessed same sex unions. That was a first in the Catholic church.

The death penalty was unacceptable to Francis and he wanted it abolished worldwide.

He is often referred to as "the Pope of the Poor" and supported the plight of refugees. He wanted all wars to end condemning them for creating migrants besides deaths of the innocents. As a result, certain world leaders did not respect him and wanted nothing to do with him.

The progressive stances he held drew significant criticism from conservative elements within the College. (the Catholic Church is steeped in traditions and resistant to change those views).

Known for his humility, Francis chose to be buried in a simple wooden crate instead of an elaborate coffin. As I was watching the funeral, I thought that crate was beautiful with a big cross on top.

I've been to the Vatican and observed its riches and understand why Francis was opposed to the extravagance. He believed in simplicity in every aspect of life.

Now we await the Conclave. Coincidentally the movie is playing at an opportune time to learn more about the choosing of a new pope. We will be looking for the white smoke in the chimney.



Congratulations Joe

Comrade Joe Macdonald (left) is congratulated, on the award of his life membership, by Branch 281 Beaver Valley President, Comrade Eobhann Bruce. During his 37 years of service, Joe has held many executive positions, most recently as branch Past President and always been a staunch supporter of the Royal Canadian legion and the local community.



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Congratulations Julian

On April 8th, Special Olympics Meaford-Thornbury really had something to celebrate! Local Alpine Athlete, Julian Hudson, had the privilege and opportunity to represent Team Canada at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin last month. He came home with a GOLD medal in Slalom as well as 2 BRONZE medals in Giant Slalom and Super G. We were honoured to have in attendance for this celebration Mayor Andrea Matrosovs, all of Julian's SO World Winter Games Coaches, Sue Diggins (Team Canada Coach), Cathy Butler (Training Coach), Bruce Young (Live Life Fit Personnel Trainer), his fellow athletes/teamates, friends, family and supporters of Special Olympics Meaford-Thornbury.

It indeed took a Village with all the support and encouragement to get Julian to compete on the World Stage and bring home medals for our community as part of Team Canada. That is something we can all feel proud of. As Mayor Matrosovs said "We are a Town of Champions, and I can't wait to see who will be next to join Julian on the podium."

A HUGE THANKS to Maureen Munden, Cathy Butler and The OPP Blue Mountains Detachment for organizing such a wonderful event.

Let's Glow

The bell at the Old Clarksburg Schoolhouse may not be in service, but the positive influence of Illuminated Learning's supportive learning journeys rings loud and clear, all year long. As this current school year approaches its final bell – now is the time to consider whether your child needs a different approach to learning.

Clarksburg's historically nurturing environment is home to Lib and Ali Kennedy's Illuminated Learning. The specialized educators apply their expertise in learning, and learning difficulties for children as young as 5, teenagers, and adults. Their evidence-based programs teach students how to learn in a way that meets their individual needs. Beyond traditional learning, they provide mindfulness and meditative techniques – something unique to the area, and valuable tools for all ages.

Far from a playground activity, the 'summer slide' is a phenomenon where students lose a large portion of the learning they achieved in the previous school year. In addition to one-on-one instruction in reading, spelling, writing, comprehension, and math – Illuminated Learning offers summer programs like Camp Firefly for emerging readers; A Reading Adventure with stories of global cultures and customs; and The Stars Within, an astrology camp for those with delightfully curious minds.

The need for specialized learning comes down to facts. Dyslexia affects 20% of the population; and 80% of those with learning disorders have a reading impairment. Fact is, reading difficulties have an impact on self-esteem and mental health. The Kennedys stress early invention as key to bridging the gap between performance and potential especially for those struggling and/or with significant gaps.

Is your child bored, or struggling? A Learning Evaluation Assessment is the first step in identifying academic strengths and weaknesses. From there, a holistic program is designed for individual needs and challenges. It's an investment with lifelong benefits.

Want to talk summer learning? Let's glow! For questions or to book a consultation, 226.665.8880 or office@illuminatedlearning.ca

The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's Master Gardener's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846 or e-mail to casacarolejohn@gmail.com



There's lots to do in your garden In May, now that spring is finally here!

- If not done already, clean up winter debris in the garden as soon as the soil is dry enough to work. Cut off dead plant stocks. Dig in manure or compost around perennials and shrubs and weed well. An extra hour weeding now, will save three days later in the summer.
- Use a line to cut sharp straight edges for your beds. For curved edges, run hot water through a hose to soften it up and lay out a smooth curve. Watch you don't chop the hose!
- Take coloured pictures of your spring bulbs in each of your gardens so you will know where there are gaps and where the bulbs are when you order and plant more bulbs in the fall. Save the pictures in a safe place.
- Plan now to plant early blooming bulbs like snowdrops and crocus in the fall at places close to where you come in and out of the house. It's nice to be greeted by early signs of spring.
- Add three-to-four inches of mulch to flowerbeds and shrubs to conserve moisture and discourage weeds. Shredded cedar bark is best, but expensive.
- Don't walk on or roll lawns that are still wet and full of water. If you can see your footprint, stay off the lawn. You will compact the soil.

- If your lawn is already compacted, rent an aerator to dig out small plugs. Let the plugs dry and rake them back into the lawn as a top dressing. Add grass seed to bare patches.
- When dry, rake lawns vigorously to remove dead grass and thatch.
- Spread weed-free topsoil on thin patches in your lawn. Apply grass seed, roll and water with a mist setting. Keep seeded areas moist, but don't flood.
- If you find moss in your lawn, the soil is too acidic. Apply dolomite lime before a rain. You may need a second application.
- If you have pots or planters that are very big or deep, put some empty plastic water bottles with lids in the bottom of the pot to take up the space the roots will never get to. It makes the planter or pot lighter and easier to move.
- Prepare containers and pots for planting. Fill with a mixture of compost and potting soil. Add peat moss, or better still, coconut coir to retain moisture.
- Place pots with culinary herbs close to the kitchen door for easy access.
- Harden-off seedlings for at least a week before planting outside. Google the last frost date for your area (June 1 in the Blue Mountains) and allow at least 1 week more before planting tender transplants such as annuals and tomatoes.
- Walk around your garden and look for perennials that should be divided, are in the wrong place, or you don't like any more. Pot them up for spring plant sales at least three weeks before the sale. Add compost, not garden soil to the pots. To be really fancy, add a little bone meal to the pot before you put in the plant. Add plant labels with the name (Botanical and/or common), colour, sun exposure, height, bloom time, etc. Water well and keep in the shade.
- The giant annual St. George's Plant Sale is May 24 this year on the church grounds in Clarksburg. It starts at 8 a.m.



Branch 281
Beaver Valley
202 Marsh St. Clarksburg
www.legion.ca

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\$900 for specific support to a local veterans.
\$5,500 to the District Hospital Trust
\$3,500 to Homeless Veterans
\$3,500 to Caribbean veterans
\$3,500 to Service Dogs for PTSD assistance
\$3,500 to Kids Camp for children of veterans
\$2,000 to Veteran support programs
\$2,000 to Quilts of Valour – recognizing veterans' service
\$1,255 to Youth Education
\$2,000 to Ontario student bursaries
\$2,000 to Ontario Command Charitable Foundation

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Call BVO at 519-599-2577 Ext 6
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To Participate in a session: Dial: 1-866-261-6767
Enter the Passcode: 1371440 then # and wait to be
admitted into the session.

Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW)

MAY 2025

Yellow – IN PERSON RED - PHONE	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Ross Hart- Hearing Care Counsellor from the Canadian Hearing Services	29	30	1 10:00 PHONE Mindful Meditation 1pm LE SHORE LIBRARY Hearing Care with Ross Hart	2
Shannon Fry - Pharmacist and Owner Pharmasave	6 10:00 PHONE What's up around the Bay Chat 10:30 PHONE BINGO!	7 10:00 PHONE Chair Exercise and Stretching 10:30 Phone Education Education – McMaster Optimal Aging – Promoting Brain Health	8 10:00 PHONE Mindful Meditation 11:00 PHONE Meet the Pharmacist with Shannon Fry	9
John Hetherington Master Gardener	13 10:00 PHONE! Gardening Tips –John Hetherington 10:30 PHONE BINGO	14 10:00 PHONE Chair Exercise and Stretching 10:30 Phone Education McMaster Optimal Aging - Making a plan to retire from Driving	15 10:00 PHONE Mindful Meditation	16
Dylan Lalonde- Executive Director of Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre	20 10:00 PHONE What's up around the Bay Chat 10:30 PHONE BINGO!	21 10:00 PHONE Chair Exercise and Stretching 10:30 Phone Education – Brain Xchange – Approach to pain when aging	22 10:00 PHONE Mindful Meditation 1pm LE SHORE LIBRARY Presentation- Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre	23
	27 10:00 PHONE Gardening Tips-John Hetherington 10:30 PHONE BINGO!	28 10:00 PHONE Chair Exercise and Stretching 10:30 Phone Education – Brain Xchange - The Cognitive Kitchen: A Culinary Health Intervention for Dementia Risk Reduction	29 10:00 PHONE Mindful Meditation	30



A new exhibit is coming to
The Gallery at L.E. Shore,
Saturday, May 3rd 2-4pm
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Thornbury Walk for Dog Guides Saturday, May 10, 2025



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(Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce building)

For information and donation forms contact:



Thornbury/Beaver Valley Lions Club.

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Thursday May 15th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Register by May 9th: \$50 per person - lunch included

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-grey-bruce/events/professional-advisors-lunch-learn-2/
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**Exploring Inter-generational Wealth Transfers in Rural
Canada: Ryan Gibson, Libro Professor in Regional Economic
Development at the University of Guelph**

This presentation will explore how philanthropy could play a huge
role in sustaining rural communities and how professional advisors
could be part of the solution.

**Canada's Will Power Campaign -
an introduction and update:**

Laurie Fox, Director of the Will Power Campaign

Fourteen charities in Grey Bruce are involved in the Will Power
Campaign! Learn more about this important national initiative and
how you can be a part of it.

**AMT and Capital Gains Inclusion Rates -
update: Steve Lowe, Chartered Accountant
and Entrepreneur in Wealth Management**

Changes to Alternative Minimum Tax and capital
gains inclusion rates are proposed or being
implemented. Learn what rules are in effect,
what further change is anticipated and how
these could potentially impact your clients'
philanthropy, financial and estate plans.



Break & Lunch By
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SPARKLE AND STORIES

Bedazzled Book Night

Thursday May 15
6:00pm
L.E. Shore Library
Registration required



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WALK
THIS WAY

BOOK Talk

Local author Sheila Balls will discuss her
published works and the stories behind them.
Includes live music and social hour.

Friday May 16th at 2pm

L.E. Shore Library 173 Bruce St. S. Thornbury



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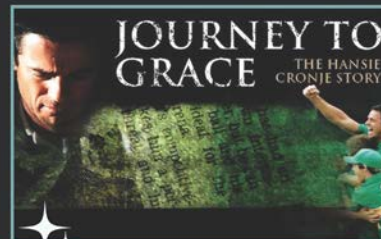
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We would be delighted if you would join us for an Open House on Tuesday, May 20th, 1-5pm 788277 Grey Road 13, Clarksburg. This special occasion marks Kerry O'Neill's return to her childhood home, the original Kerry's Place to celebrate her 70th birthday



As many of you know, this very residence is where Kerry's Place first began in 1974. It started as a groundbreaking pilot project dedicated to raising awareness about autism and demonstrating that individuals with autism could thrive within our communities, rather than being confined to institutions. For ten impactful years, the pilot project at the farm witnessed many significant milestones and created lasting change, enhancing countless lives thanks to the positive and inclusive spirit of the residents of Clarksburg, Thornbury, Meaford, and the surrounding areas. Kerry's Place has since grown into Canada's largest provider of services and supports for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, celebrating 50 years of success last year. Please join us to celebrate Kerry's birthday and the remarkable journey of Kerry's Place. The afternoon will include refreshments, tours of the home and property, and opportunities to meet and chat with some of the clients, staff, executive team, and family members. We also encourage you to wear walking shoes and follow the trail from the house to the beautiful Beaver River that borders the property. kerrysplace.org

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May 22, 2025

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Book Launch

One Million Times I Love You
with Karen James

Saturday May 24 at 2pm
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173 Bruce St. S.

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Join us at L.E. Shore for a special book launch with local author Karen James and hear the heartfelt story behind the story.

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MAY 27TH AT NOON
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The Bracket of Summer

Brackets, open and close, feed the undergrowth to life's mighty equations, While Newton, Einstein, Pythagoras, wove brackets into theorems of revelation. The humble bracket, alone, connected, inclusive, exclusive, is our daily compass, Ours to discern and navigate, sometimes to dwell in the bracket, sometimes discard.

So with Nature, her rolling presentation opens brackets for life and consideration, Gently and violently, sourly and sweetly, servant and lord, graceful, demanding, We are now at the opening bracket to summer, the month of Lady May.

Into this bracket, plays the sweet smell of lands tilled to receive planting anew, A cloak of green begins its annual tapestry with breaking buds and blossoms, Grasses, once recumbent and tangled, strengthen their limbs to meet warm rays, "Vita Animalia" consorts in play and flight in its genesis of nesting and birthing.

Our bracket of life may image the guidance of Nature, replete in happy hopes, Tilling out the vestige of hardened heart, resetting a vision of greening and bloom, Offering into this bracket a passion for noble intent, a groundswell of dignity, So that our harvest will glow with times of family furrow, a commune of plenty, Our living bracket is filled and fulfilled.

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley
jeremy@officeinthebarn.com



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