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It's a time to acknowledge and honour the amazing seniors in our lives across the province.

This year's theme, Fit, Active and Healthy Seniors, focuses on helping older adults. We support them through programs that promote wellness, social engagement and education. These include:

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Seniors Community Grant Program – Funds local not-for-profit groups and organizations that reduce isolation and promote well-being.

Guide to programs and services for seniors – Provides useful information on health, finances, housing, transportation, and safety. www.ontario.ca/page/celebrating-seniors-ontario



Gary Huber Named 2025 Senior of the Year

The Town is pleased to announce that local resident Gary Huber has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario. The nominee must be over the age of 65 and have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community.

Gary, joined for the ceremony by his wife Claire and son Jon, received the award from Mayor Matrosovs and Council at the June 2 Council Meeting. "In every aspect, Gary Huber has made a difference in the Blue Mountains. His volunteer spirit, his kindness and his passion for service has inspired us all," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "Gary has been a cornerstone of The Blue Mountains since he and his wife Claire moved to Thornbury in 1996. For many years, Gary served as the Chief Pharmacist and owner of Pharmasave here in town, where he supported our residents with care, compassion and commitment. His continued dedication to the community in retirement truly stands out and makes him a worthy recipient."

Mayor Matrosovs continued: "Gary is an active and enthusiastic volunteer and a proud member of the Lora Bay Golf Community. Through his involvement with both the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club and St. George's Anglican Church, Gary exemplifies what it means to give back. Whether it's helping to organize popular community events like Lobsterfest, Fish Fry and the Plant Sale, or lending a hand with the Legion's Canada Day Breakfast, Gary is always ready to pitch in.

While you might see Gary at these events, perhaps it's his work behind the scenes that is most inspiring. Gary devotes many hours of his personal time driving patients to medical appointments and cancer treatments on behalf of Home and Community Services. This transportation can be multiple days a week, to locations as far as London and Toronto. Gary will drive the patient to their appointment and wait until they're able to be transported back home. This can mean full-day commitments making sure these individuals get home safely in his own personal vehicle."

A video of the award presentation is available on the Town's website. www.thebluemountains.ca



Tom Kritsch Receives the King's Coronation Medal

by Robert Burcher

I would like to share some noteworthy news about Tom, a respected individual in our community.

Many in the area know Tom for various significant contributions. Apple growers will remember him as the former owner of Golden Town Apple Products. Golf enthusiasts appreciate his generosity in establishing the Tomahawk Golf Course. Additionally, the lovely parkette on Bruce Street, across from the Bakery, exists thanks to his generous donation to the Town.

For those involved in local social services, Tom is particularly recognized as a dedicated activist and donor. Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) is among the organizations that have benefited from his support. His philanthropy extends nationally as well, with contributions to numerous Mental Health organizations. Tom's early career as a social worker in Toronto likely fostered his deep concern for the diverse health issues that affect our community.

Recently, Tom's significant contributions were acknowledged by the national organization, The Institute for Advancements in Mental Health and Brightshores Wellness and Recovery Center, which awarded him the King Charles III Coronation medal. The presentation took place on May 8th in Owen Sound during Mental Health Awareness Week. Beyond mental health, Tom is also deeply concerned about the well-being of caregivers, recognizing the significant emotional burden they carry and advocating for increased support. Furthermore, he is a strong advocate for addressing the concerning rise in male suicide rates.

During the award presentation, Tom was accompanied by his wife, Ruth, his children, Valerie and John, and his granddaughter, Maiah MacPherson, as Alex Ruff, the local MP for Bruce-Grey Owen Sound, presented the medal. The Coronation Medal program was created to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. It recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region or community in Canada, or attained an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to our country. Nominating partners include provincial lieutenant governors and territorial commissioners, provincial and territorial governments, members of Parliament, senators, the Canadian Armed Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and several other partners. In total, the medal will be awarded to 30 000 deserving individuals.





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Thank you

The family of the late Bill McMurray would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the community. With special appreciation to Dr. Remillard and the team at The Blue Mountains Health Center, Grey County EMS, and GBHS. Cindy Dillon for her dedication and support. Kandas McKittrick, The VON, Woodley Care, the palliative team at Care Partners, as well as Ontario Health at Home, Ferguson Funeral Home, The Marsh Street Centre, Bruce Wine Bar and The Cheese Gallery.

Weekly cleaning needed Fridays at cottage starting June 27th.

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Joanne Hart publishes her first book

It's never too late to pursue your passions. Joanne Hart has always loved storytelling starting with the bedtime stories she told her sons when they were young. She loves fairy tales herself and enjoys creating fun characters that get kids excited. One particular story grew into a lengthy generational tale that needed to be put to paper. After drafting a manuscript, Joanne let it sit on the shelf for several years before finally realizing how important it was to her that her sons have this story to share with their own children. It was time to find a publisher for this first-time author and so **The Wicked Spells of Hector** came to fruition. This fantastical story bewitches the imagination challenges readers with riddles and demonstrates a valuable lesson. It's a young reader's book suitable for ages 7 to 11 available locally at Jessica's Book Nook in Thornbury as well as local Libraries in Meaford, Thornbury and Collingwood. Pick up a copy and share it with your kids and grandkids.

Dear Meaford Hospital and Owen Sound Hospital Staff

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the efficient, professional, caring, and kind service I received during my recent unexpected visit at the hospital.

On the morning of Saturday, May 3rd, I had just started my day when a wee small voice said "go to the hospital". Despite initially dismissing it 3x, the feeling persisted, and I eventually asked a friend to drive me to the emergency room. Upon arrival, I mentioned experiencing a lot of gas and requested stomach x-rays. While the initial x-rays didn't reveal any issues, a doctor noticed air in the bowel which is not normal and which prompted a necessary CT scan. Although I already had a CT scan scheduled for June, the doctor contacted Owen Sound hospital and they arranged for me to come up immediately.

I arrived there around 10:30 a.m. After the CT scan, there was a two-hour wait for the information to be processed. Around 2:00 p.m., I was admitted, registered, given a hospital gown, and placed on a bed in the O.R. to await the doctor. I was informed that the operation would take place at 4:00 p.m. When asked if I had any questions, I said no, you look quite capable so I am in your hands. I woke up in recovery at 6:30 p.m. and slept well. By Sunday morning, May 4th, I was able to walk with assistance, and by Monday, May 5th, I was feeling good. I was discharged home on Tuesday, May 6th.

The reason for this letter is to commend the entire staff at both Meaford Hospital and Owen Sound Hospital for their exceptional care. I also want to extend a special thank you to Dr. Michella and their team for saving my life.

Finally, I would like to share a personal note: if you experience a strong inner prompting, please listen to it. I believe it was the voice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus watching over me.

God bless you all. Sincerely, Joan Gaudet



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Town Council Updates

Youth Golf Fees

Council waived the provisions of the Procedural Bylaw to allow consideration of the Notice of Motion regarding the Tomahawk Youth Fees. Council directed staff to waive the fees for Youth Under 16 for this season from the cost of \$17.50 (30% less than the adult fee) In previous years there has be no fee.

Building Division

The Building Division saw another major slowdown in 2024 Revenues and Building Permit Activity as compared to 2023. The Building Division collected a total of \$477,935 (2023 - \$870,806) in Building Permit Revenue in 2024. This was a result of issuing 456 (2023 - 565) Building Permits, with a total estimated Construction Value of \$121,434,657 (2023 - \$171,484,073).

The Building Division ended 2024 under-budget overall in Expenses. The main expense areas that ended the year under-budget were Salaries and Benefits, Administrative Expenses and Training and Travel expenses. The Overhead Costs for the Building Division, such as costs for the Town Hall facility were \$286,708 (2023 - \$295,383) in 2024. The Overhead Costs are allocated as per POL.COR.15.03 Interfunctional Transfer Policy. Overall, the Building Division ended 2024 with a deficit of (\$922,407).

This deficit was funded by the Building Division Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund. At December 31, 2024, the Building Department Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund had an unaudited balance of \$955,465.

Tennis Courts

At 130 King St. W. Council is looking to replace 2 outdoor tennis courts, formalize a recreational trail, parking and access.

A 2nd request for the potential of a 4 court tennis facility is being considered for Tomahawk and the former Tees Please property at Grey Rd 19 and 21.

A Long Term Care facility is also proposed for the Tees Please property.

Works Department

With the acquisition of 122 Hoffmann, the Town has three strategic properties to support the expansion of the Ravenna Roads and Drainage Facilities and strengthen operational presence.

1. Ravenna Facilities: Existing truck bays and infrastructure will be upgraded, providing approximately 8,962 m² of additional usable land and 515 m² of new shop and office space. Current structures will be upgraded as needed.

2. Clarksburg facilities (122 Hoffmann): The site and its facilities will be fully redeveloped, adding approximately 15,739 m² of usable land and 760 m² of functional building space. The existing structure will be retrofitted, and the site will be re-graded and secured.

3. Craileith Fire Station: Following the anticipated completion of the new fire station by January 2027, Operations and Community Services staff will relocate to this site.

By repurposing existing facilities rather than constructing entirely new ones, the Town is significantly reducing its environmental footprint. Avoiding new builds helps to lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with construction activities and materials, aligning with the Town's broader sustainability goals. Importantly, this expansion is being achieved within the original \$9.2 million budget, delivering three improved operational facilities while avoiding substantial additional costs.

Proposed New Town Signage Concept



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In Memoriam

BRADLEY EARL 'BRAD' WILLIAMS

On May 9th Brad passed away peacefully in the arms of his wife Kim at the Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital. He tried his best to recover from a stroke that led to a complicated open-heart surgery while in Naples, Florida.



Brad's Golden Retriever, Crystal came to the hospital for a visit. She jumped up into his bed and snuggled right in, giving him lots of kisses. Crystal was Brad's little girl. She occupied a huge place in Brad's heart.

Brad was a loving brother to his two sisters, Sue Williams-Dunn (Steve) and Karen Belanger (Alain) and his brother Bruce Williams (Michele). He will be fondly remembered by his many nephews, nieces, and their families. Predeceased by his mother, Betty Williams, and his father Glenn Williams.

Brad's nick name was "MacGyver" because he would always find a way to fix anything that really needed to be fixed! He loved helping others and sharing his knowledge.

Hobbies that Brad enjoyed throughout his life were skiing, boating on Georgian Bay, and golfing. During his married years his new joy was going out for a ride with his wife on their Harley Davidson Road Kings. Brad's most memorable ride was the one they did on Hwy.#1 along the California coast. More recently, the motorcycles were replaced with electric bikes, so the routes were much shorter but still lots of fun, with a nice lunch along the way! Brad also enjoyed spending his winters in Florida with the many friends he made at Reflection Lakes and at The Waves RV Resort.

Brad spent over 36 years in Real Estate in the Georgian Bay Area. Most of his career was spent working as a Broker at REMAX Four Seasons Realty in Collingwood where he retired in 2023. Prior to Real Estate Brad spent 8 years as a Paramedic within the same area.

Brad will be painfully missed by his wife, Kim Williams of 28 years. Brad was her partner, confidant, and best friend. She will always love you Brad.

A private graveside service for Brad's family will take place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery, with a celebration of life to follow in the near future. As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Georgian Triangle Humane Society would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

JENNIFER ANNE ROBERTS

Jennifer Anne Roberts passed away peacefully on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 8:30 p.m., with the sun setting and golden light flowing into her room. She was in palliative care at Princess Margaret Hospital. A true warrior in her fight against cancer, Jennifer was beloved by the nursing staff for her unwavering positivity and kindness. Even in her final days, she was seen lifting a five-pound weight in bed—her final words: "I'm so grateful."

Jennifer was a passionate mum, loving daughter, caring sister and aunt, loyal friend and inspiring colleague. In her words, her life was "very full but a little bit too short." Jen woke up every day excited, ready to take her beloved dog on a long walk through the Clarksburg trails. She was fueled by americano mistos (light water extra foam) with a piece of chocolate on the side. She fiercely loved the life she created and the people she got to share it with.

Jen loved play. She was iconically known for her silly dancing, contagious laugh, fabulous shoes, cooking incredible meals, hosting great parties and creating a warm, welcoming home. She found joy riding her bike, jumping in the lake, playing games and using her creativity to solve problems or design beautiful spaces.

Above all else, Jennifer was impossibly strong and kind. Her legacy of strength and kindness lives on in everyone who was fortunate enough to know her.

A celebration of Jennifer's life will be held on July 24th at 5 pm in Toronto (specific location to follow). In lieu of flowers or gifts, Jennifer requested that donations be made to Amani Children's Home, a cause close to her heart. She climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in their honor and lent support to them for the following 19 years. Donations to Amani Children's Home can be made online through this link: www.pledge.to/in-loving-memory-of-jennifer-anne-roberts



WILLIAM LEONARD 'BILL' BOWEN

William Leonard Bowen passed quietly at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood on Friday, May 30, 2025 after a brief fight with cancer.

He will be sorely missed by Donna Chappell-Bowen, their son, Dave Bowen (Jill) and his two granddaughters Clara and Jovie Bowen. Cherished big brother to Brenda (Roger) Hinksman. Bill was predeceased by his parents Bill Sr. and Mabel Bowen, brothers Vernon and Terry Bowen, and sister Diane Cornfield. Always remembered as "Uncle Bill" to his nephew and nieces Rod (Carrie) Willis, Robyn (Derek) Willis, Crystal (Andy) Tackaberry, Tracy (John) Arnold, Angie (Ian) Whitton and all their families. Also survived by brother-in-law Keith Cornfield and sister-in-law Mary Bowen.



Often found with an acoustic guitar in his hands, Bill was a lifelong musician who would always honour a request for songs like Dylan's "You Ain't Going Nowhere" or Neil Young's "Long May You Run." He relished every opportunity to play for people, whether solo or in a number of bands over the years, most recently The Thirsty Boys.

In addition to many hockey games, curling bonspiels and rounds of golf, Bill was truly at home on the ball diamond. From the Clarksburg Giants and Blues of the North Dufferin Baseball League, to the Hooters of the Thornbury Slo-Pitch League, he could always be counted on to catch just about anything thrown towards first base. Whether it was a post-game BBQ, a car show or mornings at the coffee shop, Bill lived for the gatherings. He was certainly never the first to arrive, but he was usually the last to leave. Bill's family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staffs at Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre, London University Hospital, Meaford Hospital and Campbell House for their excellent care and gentle compassion.

Following a private family internment at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery, a Celebration of Life will be held at The Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on June 8th at 3PM.

As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or Campbell House Hospice 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

DONELDA MARGARET HETU

Donelda passed away peacefully at Watford Quality Care Centre on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Edward (1993). Dear mother of Catherine Hetu (Colin Reid), the late Brian Hetu, Margaret Hetu and Leonard Hetu. Loving grandmother of Neill Johnson (Stephanie), Anne Johnson Washbern (Vance), Ross Johnson, Sara Meunier (Clint), Cory Hetu and the late Adam Hetu (2020), Wesley Hetu, Jesse Hetu (Chelsey) and Julian Hetu. Great-grandmother of Edwynn, Niles, Natalee (Jeremy), Cole, Briahna, Kaiyah and Morgan. Great-great-grandmother of Isla. Predeceased by parents Elbert and Catherine James, sisters Rowena Marritt (Howard) and Inez Plummer (Sandy). Arrangements entrusted to the McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 431 Christina St. N., Sarnia, 519-344-3131. Messages of condolence & memories may be left at www.mckenzieblundy.com



JUDITH ANN HART, April 14th, 1956 to May 10th, 2025

We lost a beautiful person on May 10th. It is with a very heavy heart that we announce the death of Judith Hart. Judith moved back to Ontario six years ago to live with Greg Aspin in Thornbury, and here, she became a loving and cherished neighbour to many on Cameron Street, and throughout the Town of the Blue Mountains.

Judith was a warm, engaging, free-spirited person who bravely fought cancer over the last year. Her optimism was unwavering. She loved nature, the outdoors, flowers, and long hikes. Judith was always smartly dressed and loved nice things, her beloved BMW was as clean and sparkly, inside and out, as the day she bought it.

She was raised in Parry Sound and often talked about how lucky she was to have had such a loving family and live in a beautiful part of Ontario. Here she fell in love with the beauty and splendour of Georgian Bay. In her younger years, Judith danced ballet, played the flute with grace, swam with strength and took to the ice as a figure skater. She even spent time as a model, embodying both her elegance and spirit.

She lived in Montreal, Toronto, London, Vancouver Island, White Rock, and Kelowna, but returned to Ontario to live close to The Bay over her last years. It was her happy place.

Judith knew how to be a friend. She kept her special friends from high school, continued her friendships with her B.C. gang, and quickly became a good friend to many in the Thornbury and Collingwood area. She was a lover of animals and even rescued her cat, Marble, from Mexico, another one of her favourite spots to soak up the sun. Judith excelled in whatever she took on. She worked in the hospitality business and became a very successful real estate agent in the B.C. condo market. Judith lived life on her terms and in her last few months took her final trip to Mexico to bask in the sun and visit with her great friends from B.C.

To Judith we raise a glass of fine wine. She will not be forgotten.

A Celebration of Life for Judith occurred June 1st at Meaford Hall. If you would like to make a donation in Judith's honour, please consider the Campbell House Hospice, Collingwood hospicegeorgiantriangle.com or the Georgian Triangle Humane Society gths.ca



JAMES 'MURRAY' LOUCKS

Murray Loucks passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the Meaford Hospital on Monday, May 19, 2025 in his 84th year.

Born in Meaford on June 16, 1941, Murray was the son of the late Donald and Isabel (nee Wilson) Loucks.



He will be missed by his beloved wife of almost 65 years, Jacqueline (nee Welstead) Loucks. Murray was the much-loved father of Lynne Preet (David), was predeceased by his son Jeffrey Loucks and will be remembered fondly by his daughter-in-law Barb.

He was the proud grandpa of Jason Preet (Patricia) and their daughter Sophia, Shawn Preet and his daughter Olivia, Krystal Dean (Ernest) and Samantha Loucks.

Murray was the dear brother-in-law of Ron Welstead, Norm Welstead, and Jean Bowser (late Roy), he was predeceased by his sister Dorothy Tippin (late Don), his sister-in-law Gail Peochman, and will be remembered fondly by Alf Peochman and by his nieces, nephews and their families.

Murray spent many years working as a Bank Manager for TD Canada Trust at various branches. He enjoyed his time with the bank but in 1981 they purchased Jacquie's family farm. Murray, Jacquie, Lynne and Jeffrey moved to the farm in Thornbury. Murray discovered that he loved working in the orchards and being part of the apple business; he quickly became very involved in the various associations within the local apple industry. This was work that Murray thoroughly enjoyed and many friendships were created and are treasured to this day. He and Jacquie loved travelling and looked at every vacation as an adventure.

They looked forward to experiencing the local culture and took in all the sights along the way. Time spent with family and friends was never taken for granted. Murray enjoyed his life and made the most of each and every day.

A special thank you to Dr. Hudson, Dr. Somerville and the V.O.N. team for their care and support.

Family received friends for a public visitation at the Ferguson Funeral Home in Meaford on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

A private graveside service will be conducted at Lakeview Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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HELEN MORGAN – (Nee KING)

NOVEMBER 18, 1935 – APRIL 28, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Helen Morgan, a beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Helen passed away peacefully on April 28, 2025, at the age of 89, with her two children by her side.

Helen was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, to Alex and Marjorie King. She was predeceased by her parents and her beloved sisters, Sandy King (Oscar Peterson) and Gail King (Bob Pugh). She is survived by her stepmother, Claire King, and her brother Bill King (Sylvie Lavoie). A graduate from Teachers College in Toronto, Helen found great joy in teaching Grade One. Later in life she had a successful career in real estate.

Helen was first married to Alan Empringham (Jan Empringham & son Zackary Empringham) and later married to Bob Morgan, who predeceased her in death.

Helen lived a vibrant and full life. She had a deep love for music, especially Jazz, and was a passionate follower of motorsport. She enjoyed tennis, skiing, reading and was an active participant in both book clubs and cinema clubs. Most of all Helen cherished the time spent with her many dear friends, whose lives she enriched with her warmth, and enthusiasm.

Helen was a proud and early member of the Georgian Peaks Ski Club in the 1960's and 70's. Later while living in Montreal, she continued to pursue skiing at Mont Tremblant.

Helen was an incredible mother and Nana. She was a true cheerleader in life, whether standing at the bottom of a ski hill watching races, sitting in a cold hockey arena, at a race track, or simply being present through the highs and lows of life. She showed up, again and again, offering unwavering love and support through her children's and grandchildren's accomplishments and struggles alike.

To her children, Helen was more than a mother. She was a teacher, a trusted advisor, and a person they turned to for guidance, wisdom, and unconditional love. She shaped their lives in countless ways and will be forever missed.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Lindsay Eaton (David Eaton) and her son David Empringham (Tracy Empringham). Her grandchildren, Cody Eaton (Kate Ryan), Dylan Eaton (Morgan Eaton), Matthew Empringham and Elise Empringham, each of whom she adored and supported wholeheartedly.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Jennifer Young, whose compassion, love and unwavering commitment to Helen's care was an immeasurable gift.

A special mention goes to Susan Langegger, and Jan DiRocco, for their love, friendship, and steadfast support – especially over the past year.

A private family gathering will be held to celebrate Helen's life. In Lieu of flowers, donations to the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital in Collingwood, would be greatly appreciated.



GAIL JOAN WHITBECK

January 28, 1935-June 1, 2025

Gail passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, with her family by her side at the Meaford Hospital.

Her daughter Lynn (Lawrence 'Larry' Kerst), sons Don (Bonnie Rose) and Chris, and her grandchildren Alex (fiancée Karly), Cady, and Lauren Eddy (fiancé Alex) were a constant source of pride for her, and she loved to listen to their adventures and encouraged them in their dreams.

After graduating from Wellesley College with a degree in Mathematics, she had a lengthy career in systems analysis and accounting. Her consulting jobs ranged from managing a warehouse in Toronto to teaching in Sierra Leone. She learned from them all and always had something positive and thoughtful to convey to her family and friends.

After travelling around Canada and the world, she settled in the Clarksburg area. She was involved with the establishment and fundraising for the Marsh Street Centre. She enjoyed using her professional skills and abilities to help the community including serving on the Thornbury Library Board.

Thank you to the Meaford Hospital nursing staff for their care and compassion.

A private celebration of Gail's life will take place at a later date.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice 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.

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Move for Freedom by Emily Robinson

The Ally Project, through Ally Global Foundation, speaks directly to the heart of what drives me as an advocate for children who are victims of human trafficking. Ally Global Foundation is a Canadian charity founded in 2019, dedicated to preventing sex trafficking and exploitation, and providing long-term care for survivors. Their mission aligns perfectly with my own deep passion to fight for the voiceless, especially children, who are being treated as commodities in a world that should be protecting them.

My journey into this work began years ago when I started selling shirts at concerts to raise money and awareness for different anti-human trafficking organizations. It was a small step, but one that connected me to a larger movement—a movement that said, loud and clear, children are not for sale. Over time, this cause has grown into one of the greatest passions of my life.

One of the most painful truths I've encountered in this fight is how trafficked children are branded by pimps—marked like property, to claim them and prevent others from "using" them. It's horrifying. In this dark world, the less a child has been touched, the higher their price, as if their innocence makes them more valuable to buyers. That reality should disturb all of us to action.

What fuels my advocacy is knowing this isn't a distant issue. Human trafficking is happening here. It's not just a problem in developing countries—it's a modern-day slavery epidemic that's thriving in our own backyards. Too many people are still naïve or unaware, and that ignorance allows the problem to continue unchecked.

That's why I support the Ally Project. It is a powerful force for awareness, prevention, and healing. Every child deserves freedom, and I will keep fighting until that becomes a reality. Join me on Saturday, July 12 at 3:30 for a 10km bike ride and swim. Beginning at Old Lakeshore Road and Camperdown at the Georgian Trail to Thornbury Harbour. moveforfreedom.ally.org/p/emily-robinson
robinson40@gmail.com

Thornbury/Beaver Valley Lions Club Annual Dog Guide Walk 2025

The Thornbury/Beaver Valley Lions Club hosted a revived, Annual Guide Dog Walk, following a 10 year absence, on May 10/25 at the Chamber of Commerce location in Thornbury, chaired by Lion Bud Powney. The route was planned to walk west for 3 kms on the Georgian trail, to the 10th line intersection, and return – a total of 6 kms. There were rest/water stops along the way.

A BBQ pea meal on a bun was also hosted, following completion of the walk. Including the online donations to the Thornbury Lions walk, a total of \$11, 215 was received by the Lions Foundation of Canada (Oakville Dog Guide Training facility) to date. Note: It requires approximately \$40,000 and 2 years to train a single dog and match to a compatible specific owner.

The Lions club would like to thank the Town of the Blue Mountains for the supply of the registration locale (C.O.C. parking lot) and the provision of the picnic tables at the lot and 3, stop/rest areas. Thank you also to Foodland, A1 Toilet rentals, the walkers and their pets, Pet Valu for their presence and the gift bags, and, to the Lions members who volunteered their Saturday to Serve. A special thank you to a local dog walker (Ms. Lyn Ronald) whose dedication and fund raising enthusiasm generated most of the funds, on line, for this walk. Hopefully, next year the local dog owners will come out and support this very worthwhile, healthy and fun event. (and, also enjoy one of the Lions' famous BBQ'd pea meal on a bun sandwiches).

Respectfully, Lion Tom Kennedy Treasurer, TBVLC



Maple Leaf Rifle Club

The Maple Leaf Rifle Club held its annual banquet May 4th in Owen Sound.

The club recognized Bill Hammond at the awards night for his many years of service to the club. Bill took over the secretary position from his father Doug and has been involved with the club for close to 70 years.

High average went to Mike Mackey of Meaford. Mike also won high score of the year at 93 points. Rookie of the year was Connor Caswell of Meaford, and sportsperson of the year went to Charlotte Woodhouse.

The Maple Leaf Rifle Club has been in existence for 110 years. Originally started before World War 1 to familiarize young men with the operation of a firearm should they be called into service for our country.

Over the years the club has evolved to become more of a social outing to compete for the title of best marksman. One thing that hasn't changed is the emphasis the club places on gun safety and the respect of a firearm.

Many members are direct of the original founding members of the club such as the Mackey's, Hammond's, and Dinsmore's.

We welcome any new members who want to improve their shooting skills or even learn the basics of handling a firearm. Interested parties can contact Stan Wilson at swilson357218@gmail.com



Maple Leaf Rifle Club

back row - A.J. Hammond, Jackson Haines, Walter Andrus, Dave Cook, George Phips, George Mackey, Arthur J. Mackey, Holly Wheatley, Alex Latirnell, John Mackey, Fred Montgomery
centre - A.R. Mackey, James White, George McCausland
front row - John Knowles, Herman McCausland, Clifford Dinsmore, Bert Barrett

Living a Good Life by Alice Otrysko

Living well means living healthy. That is where we start.

Staying active daily even doing simple things like chores around the house, gardening, walking, will help you feel good.

Food is very important as that is what nourishes your body but also your mind. Eating a healthy balanced diet and drinking plenty of water are simple ways to prevent toxins from building up in your body and the nourishment will give you energy. As far as food: limit sugar, eat more plants, limit salt, cook fresh, drink lots of water. Learn to cook simple, healthy meals instead of "take out" food. Those are fine once in a while but fresh, home cooking, simple meals are your best friends. I learned how to cook healthy because my mother cooked "from scratch". We didn't "go out to eat" as kids – it was too expensive and considered a waste of money. She cooked and I observed (she didn't realize that as I sat at the kitchen table doing my homework, I was keeping an eye on her).

Sleep is extremely important for many reasons so get enough.

Don't smoke, don't do drugs, don't drink alcohol. Those three are basic principles for leading a healthy life. My mother smoked. All her family smoked. They learned to smoke in Siberia because when you smoked you got time to rest. She died of a heart attack at 70. Both her sisters died of smoking related diseases.

When indoors do simple stretches, yoga, meditation.

It's very important to get outside daily. Spend time outdoors even just sitting in a lounge chair. It's best if you can take walks or do outdoor chores. Embrace nature. I love walking or just watching a river flow, geese on a pond, listening to birds.

Mental attitude is extremely important. Stay mentally active. Reading is a good way. Taking a course, volunteering, talking to people, challenging yourself to solve problems or just simple puzzles—all good things.

Reading daily is a great way to keep your mind healthy and either be entertained or learn something. If you discovered an author you like, read all the books that you can by that person.

Connect with others either in person or phone (which is becoming a lost thing), email or talk to your neighbours.

Plan your day well and have a purpose each day. Above all, start now, don't wait. Think big and be positive. Listen to your body.



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Book Launch by Robert Burcher

Twice in a month, Mental Health is on my mind. In this charming little town, we ignore/avoid/forget/ about the mental health casualties that exist here. By attending a book launch at the library for Karen James, I was again thrust into the awareness of personal troubles that exist and never get talked about. But a courageous Karen laid it all out for us in stark detail of the 28-year history of having a daughter, Ruth, diagnosed with schizophrenia.

The struggles in the family, with doctors and mistaken diagnosis, and then a remarkable breakthrough occurred when the local Rotary group softly encouraged the "Mumma Bear Karen" to take her daughter to Hope Haven, the local therapeutic horse-riding centre in Markdale. From there, a spark of hope gets fanned into the beginning of a new direction in her daughter's life.

This delightful children's book, *One Million Times I Love You*, written and illustrated by Karen, is a wonderful gift from a mother to her challenged child and a gift that anyone could bestow on their child or grandchild.

photo - Karen on the right with her parents Mike and Marg Atkins and her son Roland.

Buckle Up For Tango Nuevo

L.E. Shore Library Gallery, Sunday June 21 at 7:30 pm.

For tickets visit: tangotrio.eventbrite.ca

What better way to celebrate the official start of summer than by attending a concert on Sunday, June 21st. One that promises heat, and delicious musical flavours for the audience to savour! In the first half, a stellar trio will warm us up with some short, spicy pieces, with the second half devoted to the celebrated -The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires by renowned composer Astor Piazzolla.

Inspired by The Four Seasons of Vivaldi, Piazzolla composed over a six-year period (1964-70) four tangos and published them as The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires. Each tango is a unique blending of the syncopations of the dance, Bach-like counterpoint, touches of Romantic and Impressionistic music, and jazz. Originally, the pieces were conceived as separate compositions rather than one suite, but Piazzolla himself established the practice of performing them as a unit. Led by European trained violinist **Lucia Barcari**, the trio also features pianist **Mindy Eng** and cellist **Kerri McGonigle**.

Lucia Barcari is the concert master of the Georgian Bay Symphony and plays regularly with other orchestras and ensembles as well as doing solo engagements.

Kerri McGonigle, a Thornbury resident, was just appointed cello chair of the GBS. She teaches, plays all over the province and is mentoring Sweet Strings, a new community string ensemble in the area under the Sweetwater Music Festival umbrella.

Pianist Mindy Eng is based in Toronto and will tickle the ivories at the L.E. Shore Library Gallery on the wonderful grand piano. Her resume and more info about her and the other members can be found at tangotrio.eventbrite.ca

The region is rich with outstanding music and musicians who live here or love to visit the area to share their talents. Seeing them perform in an intimate setting is truly a treat not to be missed.

You've Been Named Executor: Now What?

Being named executor (estate trustee) in Ontario is a serious responsibility. Your role is to settle the deceased's affairs and distribute assets according to their will, but the process is often complex and time-consuming.

Key Obligations and Responsibilities

Your responsibilities begin with arranging and paying for the funeral from estate funds, locating the will, and securing the deceased's assets. You must obtain multiple copies of the death certificate, notify beneficiaries and creditors, and apply for probate if required. Managing estate accounts, filing all necessary tax returns—including the deceased's final return and any estate returns—and obtaining tax clearance certificates are also essential duties. Executors are required to pay all outstanding debts, maintain detailed records, and ensure assets are distributed according to the will. In some cases, your duties may extend for years, especially if trusts are involved, new assets or debts are discovered, or if the estate faces legal claims. Clear communication with beneficiaries and careful record-keeping are crucial to avoid disputes and ensure a smooth administration process.

Personal Liability and the Right to Decline

Executors can be held personally liable if they mismanage estate assets, fail to pay taxes, or breach their legal duties. This means you could be sued or required to reimburse the estate for losses caused by negligence or errors. If you feel unable or unprepared, you have the right to decline the role before taking any action. Renouncing early avoids personal liability and allows another suitable person to step in.

Final Thoughts

Given the complexity and risks, it's crucial to consider factors like time commitment, emotional readiness, organizational skills, and financial literacy when deciding whether to accept or when selecting an executor. If you do accept, seek professional guidance as needed and approach your duties with care, diligence, and transparency to fulfill the deceased's wishes and protect yourself from legal risk.

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Thank You Letter to The Players and The Sponsors

The Thornbury/Beaver Valley Lions Club and The Blue Mountain Historical Group, would like to express their sincere thanks to our 100+ Trivia players and our invaluable sponsors for supporting a fun and entertaining fundraising Trivia night at the Marsh Street Community Centre recently.

Thank you to our MC Rob Robertson, and his partner (Kayla) the Thirsty Boys and Ruthven Sisters, the Marsh Street venue and facilities.

Special thanks to the following sponsors:

Thornbury Tim Hortons, Mindbridge, Bruce Street Technologies, Alex Maxwell, Georgian Lawn and Garden, Eagle Adventures, Blue Mountain Fruit Co, Thornbury Pharmacy, TD Canada Trust, Blue Mountain Berry Co, Country Boy Hauling and Landscaping, Thornbury Foodland, Robert Brown, Shelby Van den Bosch.

The winning team Harold Ardiel and the Ruthvens took the Trophy home, along with the bragging rights.

It is planned that this will be an annual event. We invite you back next year for another chance at winning the Cup.

Best regards, Lion Tom Kennedy Treasurer, TBVLC

The Master Gardener's Corner

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

JUNE 2025 GARDEN TIPS – IT'S SUMMER!



- Summer is really here! Lots of sun and much needed rain. Get your annuals & veggies planted now. Add a little general-purpose fertilizer and water-in well.
- Fertilize perennials, roses, shrubs and vegetables using a balanced fertilizer - not the one for your lawn, it has too much nitrogen. Pull back the mulch (that should already be there) a little from the perennials. Dig the fertilizer in lightly around each plant (or, if you have it, use well-rotted manure) and replace the mulch.
- Start cutting your lawn higher/longer and leave cuttings on the lawn as fertilizer.
- Prune spring blooming shrubs and trees (forsythia, lilac) after they have flowered.
- Prune evergreens and hedges now, not later in the summer.
- Finish removing all daffodil and tulip flower stems. Leave the leaves to mature and feed the bulb for next year's bloom. Only remove the leaves when brown. Add a little bone meal around bulb clumps to promote bulb growth for next year.
- Stake or cage tomato plants, dahlias, gladiolas, peonies & delphinium plants.
- Thin vegetable seedlings and plant successive crops. (Plant a second crop as the first is maturing e.g., lettuce, spinach, radishes.)
- Seed flowering cabbage/kale into garden rows for later transplanting.
- Plant seeds of fast-growing flowers such as cosmos, marigold, calendula, etc.
- If desired, move houseplants outside to a protected area.
- Deadhead (cut off) faded blooms on plants such as petunia, rose, verbena, Shasta daisies etc. This will promote continuous blooms & bushier plants for blooms later in the summer & fall.
- Weed and water garden beds as needed. But water deep.
- Add mulch to suppress weed growth and hold on to moisture. At least 2" deep.
- Cut back, by a third, late bloomers such as mums and asters. This will make the plants bushier and give them a mounded shape and more blooms in the fall.
- Turn compost regularly and check moisture level, not too wet, not too dry, just right, like Goldilocks.
- Take cuttings of perennials, shrubs, roses, etc. for rooting, for plants next year.



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Strategies to Save and Grow Your Wealth

With tax season behind us, now is the perfect time to reflect on how to optimize your financial plan for 2025. Amid economic uncertainty, controlling what you can — like reducing taxes, keeping investment costs low, and aligning investments with your goals — is crucial. Here are some timely strategies to consider:

Deductible Investment Counsel Fees - Did you know that fees paid for managing non-registered investment accounts may be tax-deductible? These are classified as "carrying charges" by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). I can help you determine eligibility help you maximize this often-overlooked deduction.

Trusts for Minors - Trusts can be a powerful tool for saving on behalf of children. In certain situations, income splitting may be possible. For instance, capital gains may be able to be taxed in the child's hands, potentially reducing the family's overall tax burden.

Make Charitable Donations - Consider gifting appreciated securities directly to charities to avoid capital gains taxes while still receiving a full donation credit.

Leverage Registered Plans - Take full advantage of registered accounts like the TFSA, RRSP, RESP, RDSP and the new FHSA. These accounts offer tax-sheltered growth and can play a critical role in achieving long-term goals. I can help you determine which account will give you the best after tax return.

Tax planning isn't just about April—it's a year-round process that can significantly impact your financial future. Contact me today to review your portfolio and explore strategies tailored to your unique goals. Together, we can ensure your investments are structured efficiently and help you keep more of what you earn.

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SUNDAY: 12PM-4PM

MONDAY: CLOSED

Seniors Matters Today *by Seniors Network Blue Mountains*

Let's clear up confusion about the Canadian Dental Care Plan. (CDCP) All information below is copied from [Canadian Dental Care Plan - Renew your coverage - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan/renew.html)

At this time, everyone covered by the plan, must renew each year. (This is a way to make sure that each person who is covered by the plan, continues to meet eligibility requirements)

The deadline for renewal was JUNE 1, 2025. However, anyone covered by the plan may apply to renew after June 1st. A late renewal may mean that there will be an interruption in coverage but your membership can be renewed

You can apply for renewal after you have filed your 2024 tax return and received your notice of assessment.

The information that you will need to provide when renewing is: Social Insurance Number; CDCP Member I.D.** (on your CDCP card); mailing and home address; marital status; phone number; e-mail address; any other government social programs with dental coverage under which you have coverage

Renewing can be done in several ways;

- Through an automated phone service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 1- 833-537-4342,
- ONLINE, <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan/renew.html>
- Through your My Service Canada Account
- Visit a Service Canada Centre (1350 16th St. E., Owen Sound or 44 Hurontario St., Collingwood)

Once your renewal application is completed, you will receive a letter confirming whether you remain eligible under the plan with

coverage effective from the renewal start date to June 30, 2026. If you remain eligible, you will use your current card; no new card will be issued.

If you are no longer eligible, your coverage under the CDCP will end on June 30, 2025. BUT you can still renew.

If you renew after the June 1, 2025 deadline, your coverage under the CDCP will end on June 30, 2025 and there may be a gap before your coverage is renewed.

Please note that BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls, is available to help you with renewing or applying. (seniors@bvo.ca or 519 599 2577, ext. 6)

Future Planning – the legalities. In June, BVO's Seniors' Centre Without Walls will be hosting a workshop at L. E. Shore Library, on legal aspects of Advance Care planning. Thursday, June 26 from 1 pm to 3 pm – Powers of Attorney for Personal Care and M.A.I.D. (Medical Assistance in Dying)

For more information and to register for this in-person session, email seniorscwwphone@bvo.ca or phone at 519 599 2577, ext. 6.

BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) will be operating on summer hours from June 1st to September 15th. It will offer fewer phone/zoom based activities like many SCWWs in Ontario. Warmer weather changes people's activities. Answers4Seniors, the confidential service for individual seniors and their families needing assistance will continue uninterrupted. BVO will also be distributing a survey across the community to learn more about seniors interests and priorities. The responses will guide program plans for the autumn and winter.



The Meaning of June!

June! Ours to greet, the pastels of Spring with abandon suffused into summer's glow,
Daylight spreads her wings with mothering ease, exclaiming nature's verdant hues.
Rains as tears of Heaven have done their washing, slaked the thirst of birthing buds,
Lands, gardens, hedgerows, hills of forest flanked, the lonely crack in stubborn rock,
These shall be the orchestra of bloom, led by harmony of warmth and caressing light.

Vistas hold nature's expression, to human optics such abundance breeds our wonder,
Yet eagle and swallow are blessed with swoop and sweep of sky-breadth sighting,
With gaze pinned to prospect foods and nesting fabric, a picture of freedom's logo.
Take up their imagination in heart, O human soul! Their landscape has no boundary,
They of feathered pinion view contours of tiles, etched with human intercession,
A portrait of tapestry without rank, a cornucopia of wheat, forest, water and life,
Indeed ribbons linked in length without breadth to form one mosaic, our Canada.

Lines 'twixt tiles are hallmark to our nationhood, they connect, cannot divide,
Our mosaic boundless to the graceful swallow is true, free, glorious and ours.

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley

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TBM Tree Seed Collection Club: Education Event June 19

Tree Trust TBM will be launching a Tree Seed Collection Club this year, including a free education program open to anyone interested in expanding our native tree canopy.

Participants will learn how to collect and germinate native tree seeds for planting on their own properties, or for donation to the Tree Trust Native Tree Nursery for eventual planting in parks and other public and natural spaces across our Town.

Tree Trust will be hosting educational sessions to orient participants to the timing of seed production, how to identify healthy and suitable trees from which to collect seeds, and how to successfully germinate collected seeds. Tree Seed Collection Club members will learn how to collect and nurture seeds on their own schedule.

An outdoor education session and forest walk will be held at Clendenan Dam Conservation Area, 10th Line, Clarksburg on June 19, 6pm. No experience is necessary. To learn more or to register for upcoming educational events, reach us at programs@treetrust.ca

TRAFFIC:

by Robert Burcher

I hate to be the doom-speaking "Bad Traffic Prophet," but it is already underway. The Anti USA - Stay in Canada

mood will increase traffic on our roads this summer. More people/ more traffic/ = more accidents!

Two accidents in May on County Road #40 illustrate the problem. Local apple farmer John Ardiel was hit at the intersection of #2 when a person stopped but then drove into him, probably assuming it was a four-way stop: no injuries but a destroyed truck for John.

The other accident at #13 (the Beaver Valley road), which was more serious with some injuries happened when a local worker on his way to work eastbound on #40 did not even brake or slow down as he sailed through the stop sign at #13—that despite an oversized stop sign and a flashing red light. The person who got hit driving a Mercedes Sprinter van was driving south on #13 and could not see the impending issue because of the dense row of cedars along #40 that blocked the view to the west. In the process of traffic engineering of intersections, there are mandated distances for sight lines. The term is called "daylighting," if you Google it, you can go down an amazing rabbit hole about physics, speeds, visibility stopping distances, and the rules of the road.

I contacted Grey County Roads about these intersections and was told there is a plan for a roundabout at County Road #2 because of the number of accidents (some fatal) that have happened there. But not for the other intersection at #13. I complained about the lack of sightlines; apparently, they are up to code!

Almost everyone who lives in Slabtown and passes this intersection daily has had a close call or an accident there.

So what can I advise? You have to be your own best safety advocate, knowing the history of these two intersections. Drive slowly through these intersections, and if you have the right of way, don't trust anyone. Have your foot hover over the brake pedal, ready to jam it down. We must be the best defensive driver practitioner possible.



Beaver River Watershed Initiative (BRWI)

On May 23rd the BRWI hosted a networking meeting sponsored by the Lake Huron Community Action Initiative called, "Protecting Fish and Water". Despite the cool rainy weather there was an excellent turnout (28 people) with representatives from 3 Conservation Authorities, the Federal Great Lakes Program Office, MOE C&P, Grey Highlands, MNRF, Freshwater Conservation Canada, and the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

The group then convened at the L.E. Shore Library for presentations and discussions; then 10 folks lunched at Justin's Oven. After lunch a group toured some stream rehabilitation work completed by the BRWI. Everyone was very enthralled with the day and the work of the BRWI to protect and preserve watershed.

Remember to renew your BRWI membership or become a new member. Membership fees (\$25 or \$35 family) payable by e-transfer to BRWImanagement@gmail.com or cheque made out to GSCA/ BRWI and mailed to BRWI, Box 307, Clarksburg, N0H 1J0.

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As summer approaches, many parents and grandparents in The Blue Mountains are looking for meaningful opportunities for the young people in their lives. Insert this PROVEN program designed to foster creativity, confidence, and real-world skills: the Passion to Purpose Youth Empowerment Program.

Designed for youth aged 10-18+, Passion to Purpose is more than just a summer activity; it's a comprehensive coaching program built for families to work on together throughout the entire year. It guides children and parents step-by-step to uncover passions, develop essential skills, and turn ideas into action. Through this program, young people can learn communication, critical thinking, creativity, and resilience – crucial for their future.

Led by Award-Winning Educator, Social Entrepreneur, and local parent Jessica Flynn, the program offers 12 months of support. Families receive monthly live coaching calls, providing personalized advice, support, and a sense of community. With four easy-to-follow modules, training videos, and dynamic workbooks for both parents and students, the journey of lifelong learning and personal growth is made accessible and engaging.

Give the youth in your life the tools to dive into new projects and create a lasting impact on their personal and academic journey. Learn how to transform passions into purpose this summer by visiting www.theYOUPowerProject.com.



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A New Vision for High School Education: The Academy of South Georgian Bay Set to Open in September 2025

The educational landscape in South Georgian Bay is evolving with the exciting announcement of The Academy of South Georgian Bay, a new alternative high school dedicated to preparing students for a dynamic future. Set to open its doors in September 2025*, The Academy offers a fresh, innovative approach to high school education, moving beyond traditional models.

"The future of high school education is here, and it's personalized, modern, and deeply connected to our community," says the school's Co-Founder Jessica Flynn.

The Academy's curriculum for Grades 9-12 emphasizes project-based learning, empowering students to forge their own paths and create real-world impact. This includes a unique collaboration with Georgian College's Social Innovation department and their impactful #ChangeTheNow initiative, fostering changemakers right here in our region.

The Academy of South Georgian Bay believes in breaking free from traditional constraints, offering a holistic approach to future readiness that equips students with essential skills for an ever-evolving world. If you're a family seeking an educational experience that truly sees and nurtures your child's unique potential, The Academy invites you to explore its vision.

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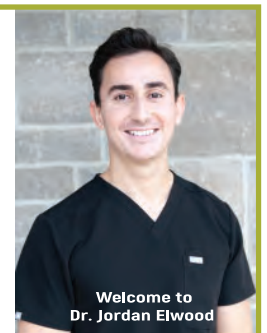
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Launch of Corporate Strategic Plan Project and Community Open House

Press Releases: June 3, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains proudly announces the launch of the Corporate Strategic Plan project, Our Path Forward: The Blue Mountains Corporate Strategic Plan, which aims to define long-term goals and strategically allocate resources to guide the Town's future development.

To introduce the project, a public open house has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall. The meeting is open to all residents, and pre-registration is not required. The meeting will begin with a presentation and will include an open question-and-answer session, followed by an informal opportunity for residents to share feedback and learn about the project. The presentation and question-and-answer session will be recorded and posted on the project webpage.

To lead the project, the Town has engaged StrategyCorp, a leading strategic management consultant for Canadian municipalities. StrategyCorp provides strategic advisory services, including government relations, strategic communications, and management consulting, to organizations operating in complex, highly regulated, and scrutinized environments. The project team is led by Sabine Matheson and Stacy Hushion, both with extensive municipal and government experience across Canada.

By updating the Town's Corporate Strategic Plan, Council aims to reaffirm the Town's vision, mission, and values, while setting strategic priorities for growth. The plan ensures alignment between Council and the community and addresses the Town's financial and operational needs amidst current social and economic challenges.

To learn about the project and to subscribe for email updates, visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/Our-Path-Forward

For more information, please contact:

Adam Smith

Interim Chief Administrative Officer
(519) 599-3131 ext. 246

Tim Hendry

Director of Strategic Initiatives
(519) 599-3131 ext. 282

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:

www.inquiries@thebluemountains.ca

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Notice of Public Meeting: Proposed Property Standards By-law

Date of this Notice: June 2, 2025

Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The proposed Property Standards by-law will repeal and replace the current 2002-18 By-law to better address property standard and maintenance issues across the entire municipality.

Key changes include:

- Expansion to cover all areas of the municipality
- Inclusion of natural gardens, naturalized properties and Town-owned lands
- Enhanced buffering requirements for Commercial and Industrial Zoned properties
- More detailed standards for the maintenance of grading and drainage systems
- Introduction of standards for Heritage properties

Additionally, the current infraction process under the Provincial Offences Act (POA) will transition to the Town's Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPs).

For more information, visit

www.thebluemountains.ca/property-standards

The Staff Report and Proposed By-law are also available on the Town website.

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the Proposed Updated Property Standards by-law and Proposed Updated Administrative Monetary Penalties has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing Staff Report CS.25.016 and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Debbie Young, Manager of By-law & Licensing

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 242; Email: dyoung@thebluemountains.ca

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How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **9:00 a.m. Friday, June 20, 2025**, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to (519) 599-7723, or emailed townclerk@thebluemountains.ca.

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments **virtually** are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments **in person** at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Fax: (519) 599-7723

Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca



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Colliers Project Leaders to Provide Project Management Services on Moreau Park Revitalization and Craigleith Community Park

Press Releases: May 28, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to announce that Colliers Project Leaders has been contracted to manage two major community parks projects – the revitalization of Moreau Park in Thornbury, and the development of the new Craigleith Community Park.

Colliers will be working with staff to facilitate conceptual designs and preliminary budget for Moreau Park based on the results of the public survey that was completed in 2023. Construction on Moreau Park is currently anticipated to begin in 2026, with completion in 2027. A preliminary budget has been approved. Once the design is completed, a final budget will be presented to Council based on the elements included.

Colliers will also lead the procurement of the design team for the Craigleith Community Park design process, ensuring that the results of the 2024 public survey are taken into consideration. Construction of the park is estimated to begin in 2026, in coordination with home construction on the Blue Vista site.

“We’re excited to be taking the next steps in these projects,” said the Town’s Director of Community Services, Ryan Gibbons. “The community has shown a great amount of support and interest in these projects, and we want to keep that engagement and momentum going through the final design and construction process.”

The public will have additional opportunities to provide feedback on the designs of both parks before they are finalized. To learn more about each project, and to subscribe for ongoing project updates, please visit the Town’s dedicated project web pages.

Background

Moreau Park Revitalization: The Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club approached Town Council in September of 2022 with the concept of revitalizing Moreau Park in Thornbury under the theme, “Kindness at Play.” The elements proposed by the Rotary Club included a new skate park for all ages and abilities, a year-round paved walking path, a sensory garden and an accessible playground. Council directed staff to include this project for consideration as an addition to the 2023 Town budget.

Craigleith Community Park: Over the past several years, the Town has strategically acquired six hectares of parkland in Craigleith from Windfall, Second Nature, and Blue Vista development sites. This

land was gained through the parkland dedication included in each development agreement. The intent is to transform the land into a regional community park for all to enjoy.

For more information, please contact:

Ryan Gibbons

Director of Community Services
(519) 599-3131 ext. 281

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Your Estate, Your Legacy: Planning for the Future

Hosted by:

Lindsay Rowe, CIM, CFP
Investment Advisor
BMO Nesbitt Burns

Panelists:

Sue Noorloos
Director of Estate Planning
BMO Private Wealth

Ben McNabb
Lawyer and Partner
Baulke | Stahr | McNabb LLP

June 26, 2025
12:00 - 1:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church Lower
Hall, 200 Maple Street, Collingwood

Lunch will be served!

RSVP to Lindsay.rowe@bmo.com



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Strawberry Drive-Thru!!!

Friday June 13th

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Errinrurg Long Term Care
67 Bruce Street South
Thornbury

In celebration of seniors month, Errinrurg will be hosting a strawberry treat drive thru.

If you are a senior, come by Errinrurg (Alice Street Entrance) on June 13th to enjoy fresh local strawberries and pound cake, topped with whipped cream!

Thornbury Farmers' Market



SUNDAYS 10AM-2PM



30 Mill Street
Between town hall and BVO



In the Name of Pride: Town and Library Partner for Pride Celebrations in The Blue Mountains

The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) and Town of The Blue Mountains have a series of events lined up this Pride Season, all in the name of celebrating 2SLGBTQIA+ folks, the freedom to be yourself, and the power of community.

Flag Raising and Proclamation

Join us for the official Pride Flag Raising on Tuesday, June 10 at 9am. at Town Hall, followed by a formal proclamation from Mayor Andrea Matrosovs, declaring June 10 – 17 as Pride Week in the Town of The Blue Mountains. The public is welcome to attend.

Pride Crosswalks - Vibrant Community Spaces

Celebrate visibility and inclusion at one of these Pride Crosswalks:

- Beaver Valley Community School Crossing (Bruce Street South)
- Bruce Street North and Highway 26
- Jozo Weider Boulevard and Village Crescent

Community Activities and Library Programming

Throughout June, a variety of events and initiatives will take place across the town and at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library in Thornbury. Highlights include:

- Rainbow Dance Party with Tyler Boyle
Saturday, June 28 from 11 am- 1pm, L.E. Shore Memorial Library
Free | All Ages | No registration required.
- Kids Can Cook: Rainbow Graham Cracker Treats at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library
Free | for Children & Teens | Registration is required.
- Read with Pride
Explore inclusive displays, educational materials, and a curated Read with Pride booklist, highlighting 2SLGBTQIA+ voices, stories, and history.

Message of Unity

"We are proud to partner with the Library to recognize Pride," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "This is a time to stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and celebrate the strength that comes from diversity."

"This year, we are especially grateful to the Grey Bruce Community Foundation for funding support," added BMPL CEO Jennifer Murley. "Together, we are creating safe, inclusive spaces for all who live, work, and visit our community." For more information, please visit: www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca

Pride Season spans June to September and celebrates the resilience, talent, and contributions of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.

THORNBURY^{EST 1833}

The Thornbury BIA
welcomes you to join us at our
Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall
32 Mill Street South, Thornbury

www.thornbury.ca

[@experiencethornbury](https://www.instagram.com/experiencethornbury)



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L.E. SHORE LIBRARY
173 BRUCE ST. S. THORNBURY

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CANVAS ART WORKSHOP

WITH WILD AND GLORIOUS



Join Wild and Glorious, an Indigenous-owned local small business, for a fun and creative hands-on workshop for all ages! Make your own canvas wall art using naturally dyed fabrics, no experience needed, just your imagination.

TUESDAY JUNE 17TH AT 3:30PM

Register: www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca



Blue Mountains CHAIRMAN OF COMMERCE

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS



TICKETS

THE BMCC 60TH ANNIVERSARY

GOLF

TOURNAMENT & AFTER PARTY

JUNE 18 - 2PM

TOMAHAWK GOLF COURSE

\$60 PER PERSON, \$25 FOR JUST THE PARTY
RAINDATE - JUNE 19




Crafts Workshop
with Cindy Blakey
@ St. Paul's Church,
165 Russell Str.

Date: Wednesday 18 June 2025
Time: 6:30pm
Geared to Mature Crafters
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\$20
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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Writers' Club



1ST MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 18
AT 4PM
L.E. SHORE LIBRARY
173 BRUCE ST. S.

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THURSDAY, 19TH JUNE

FOREST WALK

Learn about species identification, forest ecology, and how this connects to seed collection

⌚ 6:00PM

📍 Clendenan Dam Conservation Area
(meet at the parking lot)



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SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND
Beaver Valley Community Centre
58 Alfred St. W., Thornbury 10am-2pm

**HANDS-ON
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**MORNING &
AFTERNOON
SPEAKERS**

**LOCAL
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and
MUCH MORE!**

11:30 - 12:30 p.m. - Keynote Speaker
Dr. Anthony Lang OC, MD, FRCP, FAAN, FGAHS, FRSC,
Director of the Edmond J. Safra Program in Parkinson's Disease,
the Rossy Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Program and
the Morton and Gloria Shulman Movement Disorders Clinic,
Toronto Western Hospital and the University of Toronto.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Spinning Wheels Tour - Pedalling for Parkinson's Team
Hear the teams compelling story including a slide show of
how they completed their journey last September.
After cycling 10,000 kms across Canada - through all ten provinces plus the
Yukon and North West Territories - cyclists who are living with Parkinson's and
their supporters ended their ride with a celebration in Ottawa!
The team will also share what is in store for this summer's tour.

Welcome from local dignitaries
Healthy snacks, lunch and beverages will be provided.

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**SUNDAY,
JUNE 22, 3PM**

Lions Park

Clarksburg

Tickets \$5.00

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4th \$100 • 5th \$50 Gift Card

6th Special Draw

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Sunday, June 22 2025 10-3

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Don Buchanan, piano, tenor saxophone



Stephen Wood, drums



Ken Kelley, guitar

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9am-Noon
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July 26 September 20

10 AM-2 PM
Hester Street Parkette
Bruce Street South

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RAINBOW DANCE PARTY

In the name of PRIDE

Saturday June 28, 2025
L.E. Shore Library
173 Bruce St. S.
Thornbury

A FREE event for the
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11:00AM - 1PM

Featuring

- Dance Jam with Tyler Boyle
- Arts & Crafts
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Saturday July 5

2:00 - 4:00pm

The Gallery, L.E. Shore Library,
173 Bruce Street S., Thornbury

Hailing from Saugeen Ojibway Nation 29, Robert J Henry brings his latest exhibition, *Our Bundle, Our Medicine*, to The Gallery at L.E. Shore.

A bundle is something we gather over time—tools, that help us live in a good way and support us through life's more difficult moments. Robert once asked an Elder, "How do I start my bundle?" The Elder chuckled and replied, "You already carry your bundle: your brushes." After a devastating accident, a profound healing journey began to unfold for Robert. His brushes—his bundle—became an essential part of that process.

Join us for the opening reception on July 5 from 2:00–4:00 PM. Meet Robert, explore his powerful new body of work, and reflect on what might be in your own bundle. This event is free to attend and no registration is required. All welcome!

About the Artist

Ojibway Artist Robert J Henry was born in 1979 in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, and currently resides in Saugeen Ojibway Nation #29. His journey with acrylics started in 1995.

A self-taught artist, his inspiration comes from many First Nations artists and master artists of the past. He uses both traditional painting techniques and his own methods learned from trial and error. Robert is of the Bear clan. His spirit name is "Sagajiwaygeezhig."
"Coming from the sun."

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30am

Royal Canadian Legion

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FACE PAINTING 9-11am

MUSIC WITH BORED OF EDUCATION 10-11am

PARADE 11:00am

Parade leaves Clarksburg to Thornbury

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Marsh Street Centre

THORNBURY

BRUCE STREET, 11am-2pm

Music by Strange Potatoes & Face Painting

PARADE ARRIVES 11:15am

BIRTHDAY CAKE Noon

BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Noon-1pm; Parade Participants are invited to finish at the BVCC for a BBQ & Music

BLUE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

12-5PM Stilt Walkers

12-6PM Big Block Fun Zone

2:30-3:30PM Birds of Prey Demonstration

3-3:45PM Groove Dancing with Tyler Boyle

4:45PM Beaver Tail Eating Contest

5-8PM Live Music: Miranda Journey

4:30-5:30PM Magic Show with Sawyer Bullock

7:30PM Live Music: The High Loves

8:45PM Live Music: James Blonde

10:15PM Fireworks Over the Mountain



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JULY 3-6

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Friday, July 4, 8pm E.T. RHINO; ADAM WEBSTER

The Corner, 5 Bruce St S, Thornbury

Saturday July 5, 2pm JAYDEN GRAHLMAN

Thornbury Craft, 90 King St E, Thornbury

Saturday July 5, 3pm JESSE MURPHY

Blue Mountain Village, 156 Jozo Weider Blvd.

Saturday July 5, 8pm CONOR GAINS

Blue Mountain Village, 156 Jozo Weider Blvd.

Sunday July 6, 11am EMILY POWER & RICK FAIRBURN

Blue Mountain Village, 156 Jozo Weider Blvd.

Sunday July 6, 2pm COURTNEY BOWLES

The Alphon, 209881 Hwy 26, The Blue Mountains

Sunday July 6, 6pm LULU'S BAND

Music in the Park at Spy Cider & Distillery, 808108 Sd 24, Clarksburg



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July 13 - Smokewagon Blues Band

July 20 - Quisha Wint

July 27 - Toronto All Star Big Band

August 3 - Green River Revival

August 10 - British Invasion

August 17 - Strange Potatoes

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Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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In support of the Meaford Hospital Foundation

SATURDAY JULY 12 2025

9:00 a.m.

- Early Bird Pricing \$45 until April 30th
- Regular Pricing \$50 until July 10th
- Race Day Entry Fee \$60
- Youth 18 & under \$40
- First 400 registrants for the 5K receive a FREE iconic t-shirt

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Children's 1K Fun Run FREE! (ages 10 & under) Starts at 8:30 a.m.



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Meaford Hospital
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Ants Walk

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It's tick season in Grey-Bruce, and Public Health is reminding people to take steps to prevent tick bites

Grey Bruce Public Health is reminding residents and visitors that blacklegged ticks – capable of transmitting bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause potentially serious diseases, including Lyme disease, in people – are primarily active in the spring and summer and are present in the area. Public Health encourages people to take steps to prevent tick bites, particularly when walking, hiking, cycling, or spending time in outdoor areas where ticks typically live, such as in and near areas with trees, shrubs, tall grass, or piles of leaves.

- When spending time outdoors, people can prevent tick bites by:
- Using bug spray with DEET or Icaridin (always follow directions);
 - Wearing closed-toe shoes and covering exposed skin (tucking pants into socks and shirts into pants); and
 - Walking on cleared paths or trails (this includes keeping children and pets from wandering off established paths).

It's also important for people to check themselves, family members, and pets for ticks after spending time outdoors. Promptly removing any attached ticks is critical to preventing potential infection as ticks must be attached for at least 24 hours, in most cases, in order to pass onto humans the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

- People are advised to:
- Wear light-coloured clothing while outdoors, so it's easier to spot any ticks that may have climbed onto them;
 - Use a sticky lint remover before getting back into their car to remove any ticks that may have crawled onto shoes or clothing;
 - Perform full body checks for ticks upon returning home and take a shower/bath;
 - Check pets for ticks;
 - Put clothes in a dryer on high heat for at least 10 minutes to kill any ticks.

Blacklegged ticks, which are about the size of a sesame seed, can carry the bacterium B. burgdorferi, which, if transmitted to humans via a tick bite, can cause Lyme disease. Ticks can also carry

the parasite that causes babesiosis in humans as well as the viruses that cause anaplasmosis or Powassan Virus in people. In 2024, about 2,330 Ontarians contracted Lyme disease, while there were 160 cases of anaplasmosis, 4 cases of babesiosis and 1 case of Powassan Virus.

Each spring, Public Health Ontario releases an Ontario Lyme Disease Map, which identifies Estimated Risk Areas – locations where blacklegged ticks have been identified or are known to occur and where people could come into contact with infective ticks.

A significant section of Grey-Bruce is now considered an Estimated Risk Area. However, it's important to note that blacklegged ticks can be found throughout Ontario as they feed on and are transported by migratory birds. Early Lyme disease symptoms can include fever, headache, muscle/joint pain, fatigue, and a bull's-eye rash. Residents should consult a doctor if experiencing these symptoms.

If left untreated, Lyme disease can lead to recurring arthritis, neurological problems, numbness, or paralysis. Public Health follows up with all individuals diagnosed with Lyme disease. If caught early, Lyme disease can be treated effectively with antibiotics.

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