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Water Everywhere - June 30th

Following an extreme amount of rainfall in a short period of time, many roads were covered in water and basements flooded across The Blue Mountains. As well many ditches and culverts were also compromised. Some areas of the municipality received over 3.5 inches in a three-hour period of time during the storm. Emerson Spalding checking out the damage on Duncan Street. When streets are covered in water, The Town asks drivers to slow down, drive with caution and do not drive on flooded roads. There may be debris or obstacles hidden in the water, and the water may be deeper than you think. 1st photo by Robert Burcher and 2nd photo by Ann Percival





Sun Everywhere - July 1stMany thanks to individuals and organizations for participating in the 17th Annual Canada Day Parade. Special thanks to Ryan Gibbons and Katie Love from the Town of The Blue Mountains for their support of this special event. photos by Robert Burcher













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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 Hagatha 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, the Book Hive in Meaford as well as local Libraries in Meaford, Thornbury and Collingwood. Pick up a copy and share it with your kids and grandkids.







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Thank-you

The members of the Thornbury/Beaver Valley Lions Club would like to thank the many loyal supporters who purchased tickets and our



Thornbury Beaver Valley Lions Club

commercial/corporate sponsors and promoters for their invaluable help in making this year's 22nd Annual Duck Race fundraising project a sellout again.

Thanks to Thornbury Pharmacy, Thornbury Foodland, Riverside Press, Thornbury TD Bank, Honey House, Sue Tupy Gallery and Beyond Framing. Thank you also to District A9 Zone Chairpersons Lions Katie and Tom Gillespie, Owen Sound who attended and helped out during the hottest and moist day of this year and the Lion's members and colleagues who helped sell, set up and take down. A prize board of \$1950 cash has been determined and the winners are

1st prize Nicole Ray 3rd prize Anne Frazer 5th prize Adele James Congratulations to all. 2nd prize Maxine Corea 4th prize Arnis Pukitis last duck Claire Huber

The net proceeds of approximately 2,500 plus will be allocated 100% back into local community to support youth/senior project needs or requests and/or to assist local individuals who may need help at their particular time.

Respectfully Lions Tom Kennedy, Treasurer TBVLC

Cabbage Rolls: Golompki by Alice Otrysko

Four people, including two of my neighbours, asked me how to make cabbage rolls! Golompki (phonetically) is the Polish name of this dish which is popular with Polish people and cuisines of much of Eastern Europe.

My mother made them once a month and we always looked forward to this delicious dish with much anticipation. It takes a bit of time but it's worth it.

The main ingredients are: a head of regular cabbage, 1 lb. of regular ground beef, 1 lb. of ground pork, 1 medium onion chopped, sliced mushrooms (optional), Uncle Ben's converted long grain rice—1 cup uncooked, (cook it according to directions which will make about 2 cups) 1 use spaghetti rose sauce but you can use 2 cans of tomato soup or regular pasta sauce.

Method

- Core the cabbage and put the whole head into a pot and boil it for about 20 minutes. Take it out and let it cool in a sieve.
- 2. Cook 1 cup of the rice in 2 cups of water according to directions. I microwave it. Set it aside to cool. (this can be done a day before)
- Chop the onion. (you may add garlic as well).
- 4. Into a large bowl put in the two meats.
- 5. Add the onion and garlic, salt and pepper and the cooked rice.
- 6. Now start mixing well until everything is combined.
- 7. Separate the leaves of the cabbage and lay them out.
- 8. Get a nice cover proof dish and put a bit of olive oil in the bottom
- 9. Hold a cabbage leaf in the palm of one hand and with the other hand grab a handful of the rice/meat mixture and stuff it into the cabbage leaf, close it up and lay it into the dish.
- 10. Continue doing this until the entire bottom is covered, then start a second layer.
- 11. When the cabbage and filling are used up, I chop up any remaining leaves and lay them on top.
- 12. Pour the remaining sauce over the cabbage rolls.
- 13. Cover and cook in the oven at 350 degrees for about 1 ½ hrs.
- 14. Take the dish out, put it on a heat proof surface, let sit and eat.

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 \$5 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



July 2025:

- Watch for the Japanese beetle on your Asiatic Lilies, Roses, Rose
 of Sharon, Dahlias, Hollyhocks, and numerous other plants.
 Handpicking and squeezing, combined with a beetle trap, are the
 most efficient ways to limit these ravaging critters. Luckily, the
 little red devils don't eat Day Lilies (Hemerocallis)
- Watch for earwigs and Gypsy moth caterpillars. Spray plants with a 40:1 mixture of water and dish soap.
- Ants can also be a problem. The ant powder does not seem to work for me. Maybe the ants didn't read the instructions to take it back to their nest.
- Trim evergreens, cedar hedges, etc., NOW as needed, not later in the summer.
- Stake straggly annuals and perennials, or pinch them back to promote new growth and make them bushy and probably rebloom.
- Raise lawn mower blades for summer mowing. Grass should be at least 5 - 7.5 cm (2 to 3 inches) high to stay healthy and weed free.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs like Forsythia and Spirea after blooming. If you really want to be picky, remove individual spent lilac blooms.
- Water flower beds deeply and try a second round of weeding. Add mulch again to keep the weeds at bay
- Mulch your tomato plants. When a ripe tomato drops, it won't split or get muddy. Mulch holds moisture in too!
- Thin, hoe, weed and water vegetables as required. (This is why I stick to flowers)
- While there has been lots of rain, water lawns and beds as deeply as you can.
- Tackle weeds now before they go to seed. Save yourself from weeding their offspring next year.
- Stake tall perennials that may be weakened by too rapid growth or too much rain.
- Turn your compost pile regularly and keep it moist not too wet, not too dry - just right, like Goldilocks.

A big thank you to everyone who turned out for the Giant Plant Sale at St. George's, the Anglican Parish for the Blue Mountains, in Clarksburg. First, thanks for the generous plant donors who potted up and donated 1,242 plants from their gardens. Then to the many eager buyers who got great, high-quality plants at great prices, and finally to the many St. George's volunteers, and the 599 Garden Club plant experts who pitched in on Plant Sale Day. Total sales of over \$10,000 will support St. George's many philanthropic projects. It was a great success.



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In Memoriam

JANICE MARLENE MOWDER

It is with sorrow that we announce the death of Janice Marlene Mowder (nee Peacock) on May 21, 2025. Janice died peacefully after a brief illness at the Meaford General



Hospital at the age of 80. Born in Toronto on May 27, 1944, she was the daughter of Matthew Peacock who was killed in action on December 19, 1944, and Thelma Hampton. Janice was married to the love of her life, James Mowder, for 62 years. Loving mother of Jeanette Spiker (Ron) and Jeffrey Mowder (Noreen). Cherished grandmother of Kelsey (Drew), Baylee, Wilson and Finn. Loving sister of Donna Balayewich.

While Janice's death will be a profound loss to all who knew and loved her, her spirit and love of life will live on in lasting memories of her beaming smile and her unwavering commitment to her family and friends.

Janice was born and raised in the Riverdale area of Toronto and attended Central Commerce High School. Janice, who had always excelled at math, was hired by Royal Bank of Canada soon after graduation. Jim and Janice were high school sweethearts and married and began their family. Jim and Janice relocated to Innisfil, Ontario to raise their children away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Janice has fond memories of those years with a houseful of neighbourhood kids, bikes, life-long friends and pool parties.

When the children were teens, the family relocated to Thornhill where Janice furthered her education in accounting. Janice proudly accepted a position as Payroll Manager with the Royal Ontario Museum where she worked for almost a decade.

As empty nesters, Jim and Jan settled into life in the Beaches area of Toronto. Janice looked after her family with meticulous care with an always perfectly maintained home and garden. She loved walking the boardwalk and attending the many street and porch parties on Orchard Park Blvd. During the Pandemic, Jim and Janice moved to Thornbury, Ontario where they embraced Georgian Bay life in a new community.

Janice's favourite pastimes included time with her family and especially her four grandchildren, gardening and cruising with Jim, winters in Florida, reading, word puzzles and volunteering for the MS Society of Canada. Janice's family are grateful to the team at Meaford Long Term Care where Janice was a resident. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Society of Grey Bruce 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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GISELA MARIA KATHARINA RUST (NEE RUEHL)

September 12, 1933 - May 21, 2025 Gisela Maria



Katharina Rust, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2025, at Meaford Hospital after a short illness, with her husband and two daughters by her side. She was 91.

Born on September 12, 1933, in Frankfurt, Germany, to Barbara and Karl Ruehl, Gisela led a life marked by creativity, resilience, and adventure. She trained as a bookkeeper and, alongside her first husband Manfred Pfeiffer, co-founded a window and roll shutter factory while raising their three children: Michelle, Morrice, and Martina.

Later in life, Gisela found love again with her second husband, Juergen Rust. Together they designed and built their dream home in the countryside near Thornbury, where Gisela fulfilled her vision of running a luxury bed and breakfast. Her warmth and impeccable taste turned hospitality into an art.

Gisela was a woman of many passions. She travelled the world, adored opera, skied, played tennis, gardened, read widely, enjoyed needle crafts, and explored artistic expression through pottery and folk art painting. Her zest for life was matched only by her sense of fun - zipping around on her Honda scooter well into her senior years. Over the years, she was also devoted to her three much-loved poodles, who brought her great joy and companionship.

An accomplished cook, Gisela was never happier than when her family was gathered around the dinner table. She and Juergen were also enthusiastic patrons of the arts, hosting intimate classical music concerts in their living room for friends, family, and neighbours.

She leaves behind her devoted husband Juergen Rust; her children Michelle Pfeiffer, Morrice Pfeiffer (Christine Warner), and Martina Pfeiffer (Raymond Noel); her grandchildren Maya (Prashan de Mel), Max (Sarah Katarincic), and Olivia (Maddie Hornibrook); and her great-grandson Nolan. She is also lovingly remembered by her stepdaughters Kecia and Jessica Rust, and step-grandchildren Ezra Fleisch, Hannah Fleisch, and Reuben Fleisch.

She was predeceased by her beloved sister Heidemarie, with whom she shared a lifelong bond of love and laughter.

Gisela's vibrant spirit, generous heart, and boundless curiosity will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

A celebration of Gisela's life will be held later this summer. Details to follow. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at Meaford Hospital for their kindness, care, and compassion.

AUDREY LOLA CLARKE

Audrey Clarke passed peacefully on June 21, 2025 at the Brightshores Health System – Owen Sound in her 92nd year.

Audrey was the loving wife of the late Alvin for 72 years, loving and



supporting mother of Linda Holden (Barry), Judy Clarke (Victor Kelly), Carolin Panetta (Sergio) and was predeceased by her son Gary in 2005. She was the proud grandmother of Jennifer Shaw (Nigel), Karen Kollias, Gregory Holden (Kim), Torrie Skoczylas (Serg), Melinda Clarke, Giancarlo Panetta, Giuliana Panetta, eight great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

Born on December 17th, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Ira & Lola (nee McKean) Shaw and sister of Shirley Ferguson (Ron), the late Kenneth Shaw (Ruth), the late Edward Shaw (Muriel), the late Dennis Shaw (Lorraine) and Myrna Smart (Vern). She will be remembered fondly by many nieces and nephews.

Audrey grew up on a farm in Redwing and settled in Clarksburg where she lived for 63 years with husband Alvin. She was currently living in Thornbury. Audrey was a stay-athome mother and worked seasonally picking apples, packing apples at Clarksburg Cold Storage and in the kitchen at Blue Mountain Ski Resort until her retirement in 1989.

Alvin and Audrey were often seen attending local dances and house parties over the years. Audrey loved music and often joined her siblings singing at family gatherings. Audrey was an animal lover and enjoyed taking very good care of several cats over the years and offering dog sitting to new friends in her Thornbury condo building. Audrey enjoyed seeing friends but mostly seeing her family and following all the activities and accomplishments of her kids, grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family. As the oldest child to Ira & Lola Shaw, she was the cornerstone of the Shaw/Clarke family and always valued keeping family ties. Audrey will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank Dr. Barfoot and the staff at Brightshores Health System - Owen Sound Hospital for their attentive and professional care during her stay.

A private funeral service will be conducted at the Ferguson Funeral Home in Meaford with a service of committal and interment following at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

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

WILLIAM GRANT 'WILL' ALLEN

How does one describe such a full and vibrant life? How do you capture the essence of a person who approached life with such pride and passion? Tuesday, June 10, 2025 Will's life ended suddenly and ours



changed forever. In the wake of this tragedy, we struggle to find words to fill the space left behind.

Will was born February 12, 1986 and raised in Clarksburg. He was the loving son of Bill Allen and the late Lori (nee Jackman) Allen who predeceased him on April 1st, 2025.

He will be forever sadly missed by his wife Alex Allen, and by his children Piper, Fathom, Fisher and River. Will was the treasured brother of Kathy Allen, her husband Adam, and beloved uncle of Charli and Madi. He will be remembered by everyone who loved him and the many dear friends he has made in his lifetime.

This was a man who touched the lives of everyone he came across. A kindhearted soul who adored his family. A brilliant person and mechanical genius, Will was extremely talented and always jumped at the opportunity to help others. He loved all challenges thrown at him and if he wasn't 'the best' at something, he had a way of making you believe he was. His gorgeous workmanship on the thousands of projects he completed throughout the province will be a lasting tribute. A truly gifted man. He had a real knack for scoring amazing finds; always exactly what was needed. Will loved new experiences but never stopped looking forward to being on the river, rod in hand. His love of snowboarding had led him to many mountains, parties and happy years out west. His love for his oldest daughter led him home again, where he built a beautiful life for his family. Will was an amazing father and his children carry his many wonderful qualities forward as part of his legacy.

Our endless gratitude belongs to the people of this community Will loved so much, for surrounding us with support during this nightmare. Thank you.

All are welcome to gather to honour Will's wild and beautiful life at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on Saturday, July 5, 2025 from 2 until 5 p.m., tributes will be shared at 3 o'clock.

We all know Will was the ultimate storyteller but we are going to do our best. An opportunity to share the many memories, stories, share in laughter and tears... We can be certain that he'll be right there, over our shoulder having the last word.

As your expression of sympathy, Will's family have established a 'GoFundMe' account which you can donate to directly online. Please reach out to us if you are uncomfortable with that method and we will assist you at the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 (519-538-1320) to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

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The Family of Douglas Simpson

invite friends, family, and neighbours to his Celebration of Life.
This will take place on Saturday, July 12th, from 1 to 4pm at their farm, LionCrest, 067381 33rd Sideroad, Thornbury.
Tributes will be held at 2pm.
RSVP to lioncrest2012@gmail.com

For "Joan" written by Christina Foster

IN EVERY BLOOM

Not bound by blood, but bound by heart, YOU'VE been our anchor from the start.

With gentle hands and steady grace, you made this world a softer place.

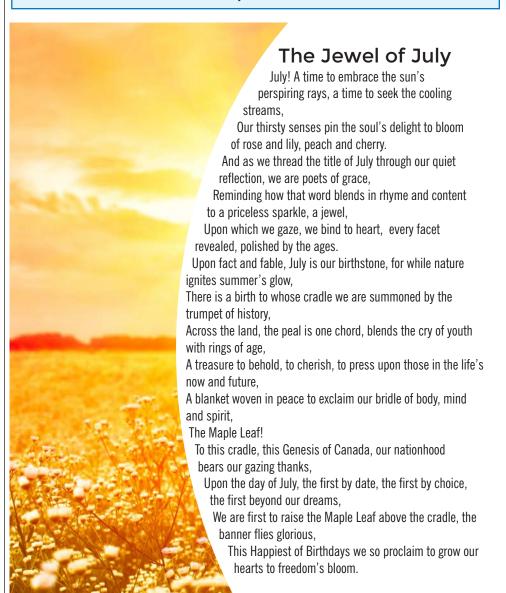
You showed up always, rain or shine with quiet strength and love that's kind.

You shared your stories, bees, and land – and left it all in loving hands.

Now in the garden we still hear, your whispered love so close so near.

And in each bloom, we see it shown – the endless gift of Gramma Joan.

LOVE Jason, Christina, Dreyden, Em, Addie and Colton Foster



Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley

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MARGARET "JOAN" GAUDET -

DECEMBER 15, 1934 THRU JUNE 11, 2025



It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Margaret "JOAN" Gaudet (McClung) on June 11th, 2025 at the age of 90. This incredible woman also known as "Crazy Gramma Joan" or "CGJ" by her loved one's that included many adopted children and grandchildren from many walks of life. Joan passed away suddenly & unexpectedly after an entire day filled with marching orders, laughter, prayer, stories, phone calls and visits with friends and family who loved her dearly. Joan always said "Cherie" my life is in God's hands, she never worried about anything as she knew he would look after her right to the end.

Joan is survived by her daughters Cheryl Gaudet and Catherine Gaudet, her grandchildren, Taylor (Winn Gaudet) Daymond, Justin and Jordan Wiens (their spouses and children), her youngest sister, Patti and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents, Stanley and Winnifred McClung, her sisters Beth, Barb and Doreen, and her son Robert "Bobby" Gaudet.

Joan was born in Midland, Ontario on December 15th, 1934 in the middle of a snowstorm. She started her life on the farm with her parents and sisters, living with animals, working hard and getting her hands dirty "in bare feet" in the garden – which were all the things she lived her life loving to do. Although they did not have money, she described her family as "rich" as they had things many people don't have - a home, food on the table, and a loving family. Joan was married young, worked hard in the family business and raised her family in Virgil, Ontario. She always did the best she could with what she had, she loved us, laughed with us, she taught us good work ethics, honesty and always tried to make everyday fun... thanks MOM! As we grew older...Joan caught the travel bug and developed a caring nature - determined to see the several parts of the world while touching the lives of others... no matter where she went.

She began her volunteer journey at the age of 10 years old at the YMCA Camp Kitchekewana and over the 80 years that followed she had volunteered in several countries (Medical Missions) including Honduras, Mexico, U.S.A., Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Haiti and of course, Canada. Joan also worked in several places doing several jobs, all over the map. Her most cherished career was working as a Tour Hostess that toured the USA and Canada. She shared many stories over the years of the places she saw, the people she met and the fun they had.

There was only one place that Joan ever settled down in,

a place she felt safe in and made her official home for almost twenty years, the longest she had ever remained grounded. This place is the small town of Thornbury, Ontario. Joan's home is surrounded by beautiful flower gardens, vegetable gardens, trees and her favourite barn. Her door was always open, welcoming all who crossed paths with her into her life and home at any point in time.

To Joan – Thornbury was not just her landing spot, it was her sanctuary. It is where she built her community, and where she felt at peace. Joan spent her years here dedicating her time to the community, volunteering her time at many local events, looking after other's dogs, and most prominently...working with the BVO. Joan loved to dance, loved to smile and laugh, be social, be kind, help others and talk to every single person she came across. She attended many events throughout the Town of The Blue Mountains, and there were very few where her bright smile wasn't seen and infectious laugh couldn't be heard. It didn't matter who they were or where they came from, Joan showed people kindness and was always happy to listen to their stories. Out of all the people she was fortunate enough to meet in her lifetime, her most cherished as stated by Joan, were her "children and grandchildren." She was proud to speak of their successes and boasted about them to her community and friends.

The life of Joan is quite literally impossible to capture in an obituary's length of words. Guaranteed, Joan's life story could surpass the record of the longest book ever written with the rich full life she had lived. Her stories live on through the mouths of those she touched around her. If there is one thing anyone learned from Joan it was to "NEVER BE AFRAID OF HAVING TOO MUCH FUN"! A true legend, she was. Gone but never, ever forgotten! "Catch Ya Later Miss Muffet"...many a saved voicemail!!!!

Cremation has taken place and as Joan didn't want a Celebration of Life as her 90th Birthday Celebration was the cat's meow to her...so instead we will be hosting:

"Joan's Barefoot
Dance Party In
The Garden"
Wed. August 6th
167 Napier St.W.
Thornbury from
1:00-5:00pm –
come and share
a memory, enjoy
Mom's gardens
and raise a glass
to Joan!

Tributes to Joan will be at 2:00pm but come when you can!

In lieu of flowers,

Memorial donations could be made to the Meaford Hospital Foundation for the exceptional care they gave her, the BVO where she was a volunteer since 2006 or plant a tree or flower in her memory!

See you on August 6th ... "Dance till you drop" & "Smile always..."

Sometimes LIFE really does give you a box of chocolates and in the words of Forrest Gump's Mother 'you never know what you're going to get'

unless
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loving each
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or not

a twinkle in the eye and a story to 'beeeee' told

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finding an
entire
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chocolates
filled
with
gold

xoxo Buzzzzzz



Advancement Night

June 4th was our final Guiding night for this year. Advancement Night is where girls moved from one level of Guiding to another.

Sparks had one girl advance to Embers. Skylynn Newmann. She was presented with badges earned and welcomed into Embers by a current member.

There were 5 girls moving from Embers into Girl Guides: Lillian Bedford, Naomi Currey, Harper Bloomfield Olivia Goodison and Laelynn Bowcot. Each was individually presented with their badges, congratulated by leaders and accepted into Guide unit by current members.

This year only one moved from Guides into Pathfinders. As Guiders, we were excited that Alyvia Bowcott not only moved from Guides to Pathfinders, but she did so having completed her Lady Baden Powell Award! To complete this



award, Alyvia had to independently search out service projects and other activities of her choice to meet certain requirements, then report back to the Guiders. These were over and above the program done with the unit. Alyvia recited a few of the poems she had written as one element.

Guider Marianne Reid presented her with her certificate and award, while Guider Shirley Woolner gave Alyvia a gift bag, then proceeded to present various "gifts" to fill it. Each gift represented challenges to remember the gifts Guiding gave to her. For example a star, represented reaching for the stars and bubbles represented making the most out of life, as things disappear all too quickly. We then gave her a bouquet of flowers to mark this special occasion.

Completed program badges were given to the other girls in the unit. Alyvia also received the "Most Prepared Guide" award, chosen for this by her fellow Guides. Alyvia Bowcott & Avery Hanes then led all the girls in a "campfire". Families were invited to join in to end the evening singing "Taps", Girls received cupcakes from our "Advancement" cake as they left for the evening.

We are excited to see what the girls choose to explore as a unit next year! Anyone interested in joining Girl Guides as a girl member or adult are encouraged to contact Shirley at 519-599-3968.



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Notice of Public Information Centre for Intersection Improvements on Highway 26

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of an upcoming Online Public Information Centre (PIC) hosted by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) regarding a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for intersection improvements on Highway 26 within the Town of The Blue Mountains.

The study will include, but is not limited to:

- Installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 26 and Grey Road 2;
- Replacement of Structural Culvert 473;
- Illumination at the Highway 26 and Grey Road 113/10th Line intersection; and
- Georgian Trail Realignment at Highway 26 and Grey Road 2.

The purpose of the PIC is to present the study process, outline the existing conditions, the preferred alternative, and receive input on the proposed improvements within the study area. Please note that there is no formal virtual meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to review the PIC materials available on the project website, and submit their comments during the 30-day comment period, which runs from July 3, 2025 to August 1, 2025.

To learn more about the project, view the PIC material and provide comments, please visit the project website at www. highway26andgreyroad.com.

Operations Department, (519) 599-3131 ext. 276

Update Regarding peopleCare Long-Term Care Home

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to provide the public with an update regarding the partnership with peopleCare Communities to build a new long-term care (LTC) home in the Craigleith area on a section of the former Tee's Please property.

The press release issued by the Town on May 14, 2025, indicated that a report with details of the purchase and sale agreement would be presented at an open session of Council in June 2025. The Town would like to assure the public that the project is on track, but that additional time is required for site analysis to be completed before the report and agreement details are presented.

The importance of increasing access to LTC in the Town is a long-standing community priority that Council remains committed to. Details regarding the report will be posted on the Town website and project webpage.

As a reminder, after the land sale is finalized, peopleCare will submit a planning application and undertake the planning process, which includes amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw, and opportunities for public engagement through open house meetings and a formal public meeting. Once these public processes are concluded, the home will be subject to Site Plan Control before a building permit is issued.

A project webpage, including an FAQ document, has been launched to provide transparency and information related to the project. For details, visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/LTC

Playground Improvements underway at Bayview Park







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The English Country Dances had a delightful finale on June 8th at the library.

New dancers welcome this Fall at the L.E. Shore Gallery beginning Sunday September 14.

English Country Dance is a form of folk dance which originated in England in the 17th century but also contains elements of the European court dances of that period.

This European influence adds charm and elegance as the dancers move in time to the hauntingly beautiful melodies. Why dance? For fun and social interaction

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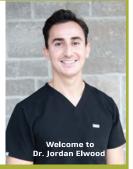
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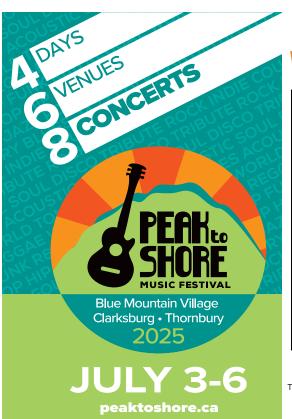
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² CRA – T4002: Chapter 6 – Capital gains

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EXHIBIT OPENING: Our Bundle, Our Medicine

Opening Reception, Saturday July 5th 2pm - 4pm; The Gallery, L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St 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. 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! Exhibit will be on display for the month of July.



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SATURDAY July 12th

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SUMMER EVENTS



COUNTRY FEST

JULY 11 - 13

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SYMPHONY ON THE POND

Enjoy an unforgettable evening with the Toronto Concert Orchestra, joined by vocalist Emily Power, performing Taylor Swift forvourites alongside timeless classics. Sook it all in from one of five pondside patios as the music diffi-ocross the water.



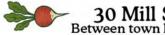
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JULY 19 - 20

Turn back the dial and turn up the volume! Rewind at Blue is lurn back the dall and turn up the volume! Rewind at But your weekend soundtrack of feel-good throwbacks and unforgetfable covers. Catch HOLLY CLAUSIUS headlining Saturday and RIDIN' THE PINE bringing the Sunday vibes. Dance, sing, and relive the hits that never go out of style.

Thornbury Farmers' Market

SUNDAYS 10AM-2PM







BROADWAY AT NIGHT: A WHOLE NEW WORLD

JULY 23

Take your seat under the stars for Broadway at Night: A Whole New World—a spectacular tribute to Disney legend Alan Menken. Featuring Broadway-calliber talent, this unforgettable evening brings bonic songs from Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, and more to life on the Subaru Stage.



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JULY 25 - 27

Feel the rhythm rise at Blue's signature summer celebration. Featuring live sets by 3-time JUNO Award winner KIRK DIAMOND, LAZO, KING CRUFF, and more! Plus an island-themed scavenger hunt and feel-good vibes all weekend long.

See more at bluemountainvillage.ca/events





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Robert is cleaning out his storage locker of fine art.

ARTSWALK - JULY 12, 11:00 to 4:00

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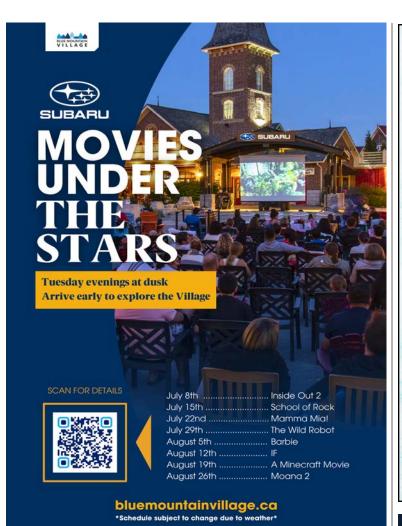






THORNBURY CLASSICAL MUSIC - Dmytro Garbovskyi an Ukrainian baritone opera singer is renowned for his performances at the Mariinsky Theatre in Saint Petersburg and his charitable work supporting Ukrainian children affected by the war. He has performed alongside acclaimed artists such as Plácido Domingo and Ferruccio Furlanetto and is actively involved in fundraising for Ukrainian orphans and children impacted by the conflict.

Dmytro's personal journey, having grown up in an orphanage near Kharkiv where he discovered his singing talent in church, deeply inspires his dedication to this cause. He later graduated from the Kharkiv National University of Arts with a degree in classical opera. For over a decade, he was a soloist at the prestigious Mariinsky Theatre and has performed at other top opera houses globally. His concerts often focus on raising funds and awareness for Ukrainian orphans and children affected by the war. He recently established the Pure Heart Global Mission, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children in need worldwide. **The concert in Thornbury will be held at Grace United Church on Sunday, July 13th, 2pm. Tickets on eventbrite or at the door \$30**





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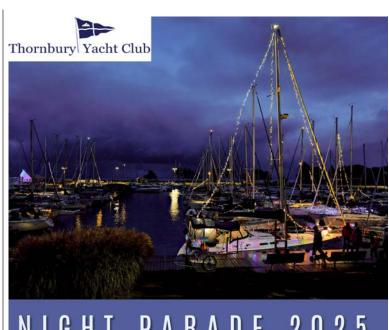








The 153rd BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR will be held Friday, Sept 5th and Saturday, Sept 6th at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury. This year's program and prize list copies are available at the LE Shore Library or on their website beavervalleyfallfair.ca



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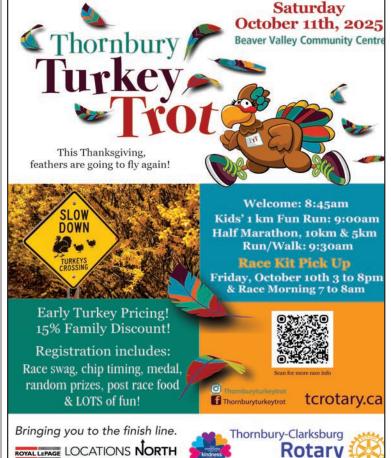
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