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The Blue Mountains Public Library Marks 30 Years of Stories, Culture, and Community

The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) is celebrating its 30th anniversary, honouring three decades of community connection through arts, heritage, and lifelong learning.

To mark this milestone, the BMPL will host a series of events throughout the fall and winter, exploring themes at the heart of GLAM (Gallery, Library, Archive, Museum) institutions: democracy, intellectual freedom, Truth and Reconciliation, digital literacy, books, and our shared history.

Highlights of the celebrations include the launch of a limited-edition colouring book created by local artist Beverley Smith, Chair of BMPL's Arts and Culture Council, and the artist behind the beloved Story Tower murals at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library & Gallery. The festivities will culminate in a December soirée featuring special guest Ken Haigh, the very first CEO of L.E. Shore. The BMPL's full event schedule will be announced by the end of August. All events will be free and open to the public.

A Community Legacy Since 1995

BMPL's main branch, the L.E. Shore Memorial Library in Thornbury, officially opened on Saturday, December 2, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. following a historic community effort, led by former Collingwood Township Councillor and Library Board member Peter Moureau. The Shore Foundation contributed \$1.5 million, and residents raised an additional \$400,000 to furnish the new library with books, equipment, and furniture, much of which is still in use today.

The grand opening was a festive community event. Local caterers provided refreshments, Georgian Triangle Apples Limited donated cider, and Jessica's Book Nook hosted a "Christmas Book Raffle." Just over a year later, the building received the Ontario Library Building Award at the 1997 Ontario Library Super Conference, affirming its place as a cultural gem in the province.

About the Library

The library was named in honour of Leonard Eldon Shore, a local-born architect and WWII veteran who helped design schools and hospitals throughout the region. After his passing, the Shore Foundation was created to fund a legacy project in his name—one that would enrich the lives of future generations in the Blue Mountains.

Today, BMPL is much more than a library. It is the community's GLAM institution, incorporating the Craigeleith Heritage Depot, museum, art gallery, and archives. Together, these services support creativity, literacy, learning, and cultural preservation across the municipality.

Modernizing for the Future

BMPL's current priorities are focused on addressing space needs and modernizing its facilities and services to better serve a growing and changing population. From reimagining spaces to ensuring accessibility and digital equity, BMPL is actively planning for the next 30 years of public service. For more information about upcoming events and the history of BMPL, visit www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca or subscribe to the BMPL e-newsletter.



Thornbury Yacht Club's 2nd Annual Night Parade

Sunday Aug 24 from 7-9pm, is the night the Thornbury Yacht Club will light up the harbour with boats of all sizes festooned with coloured lights, and if last year is anything to go by, you'll also find fun-loving crew members draped in lights as well. There'll be food trucks and music by local band - The Thirsty Boys. "We're building on last year's success," says Commodore Glenn Hayworth, "expecting a couple of dozen boats. It's really lovely to see them throughout the harbour with all their colours lighting up the docks and harbour waters."

Peel Street North Reconstruction

MTE Consultants has completed the detailed design and tendering for the Peel Street North Reconstruction Project. This will include the full reconstruction of Peel Street North from Highway 26 to Georgian Bay, and Bay Street West from Peel Street to the Little Beaver River. The project has been tendered and the construction contract has been awarded to Walker Construction Limited. Work is expected to be completed before the end of November. Learn more about the project and sign up for construction updates on the project web page.

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Temporary Lane Restrictions

Temporary lane restrictions will be in place on Bay Street East, from the dead end at the Beaver River to the Elgin Street North intersection, and at the intersection of Bay Street East and Grey Street North in Thornbury beginning in August. The work is expected to take approximately 4 weeks. This is to allow a contractor to complete the installation of new hydro poles and lines in the Phase 1 area of the Bay Street East Reconstruction Project.



With the story tower rising on the Bruce St. side, the Leonard E. Shore Memorial Library is beginning to take shape. Work on the building is expected to continue through the summer and into autumn. Both Thornbury and Collingwood Township, accepted an agreement to establish a new library board.



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Join us for an autumn celebration at the Beaver Valley Fall Fair, where the spirit of the season comes alive. Discover a variety of attractions, including engaging entertainment and shows, a charming petting zoo, farm-grown exhibits, arts and crafts, delicious food, and live music. Bring your family and friends to experience the warmth of community and the joy of fall's magic. It's a day of festivities, laughter, and shared moments that you won't want to miss!

2-day pass at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students

1-day pass at \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and

Complimentary entry for elementary students.

For an even more immersive experience, become a valued Fair Member by acquiring a \$10 membership, which not only grants you exclusive perks but also includes entry for both days. Support the Fair and become a part of the community celebration!

Beaver Valley Fall Fair Events and Activities

September 5th, 5-9 pm

9am-Noon Community Centre opens to accept registrations
and entries

1 pm Judging begins on exhibit entries

6 pm Fairgrounds, Beer Garden and Food Trucks open

Official opening of the Fall Fair by 2025 Fall Fair President
and Mayor Matrosov

Senior and Junior Ambassador Competition announced

Viewing of Fair Exhibits in Arena

7 pm Classic Championship Wrestling Show and Meet & Greet

September 6th, 9-4pm

10 am Fairgrounds open, Pet Show

All Day Petting Zoo, Antique Tractor Display, Inflatable Obstacle
Course, Mini Excavator Challenge, Balloons by Roxanne &
Face Painting, Micro Excavator Challenge, Grey Egr Guard
Combat Demo, Touch a Truck

10:30am Active K9 Performance Team

11 am Beer Garden Opens

11:30am Ronno - Children's Entertainer

12 Noon Draft Horse Demonstration, Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

1 pm Live Music by The Thirsty Boys with the Ruthven Sisters

Apple Peeling Competition, Active K9 Performance Team
Light Horse Show

1:30pm Ronno - Children's Entertainer

3 pm Active K9 Performance Team, Ronno Children's Entertainer

4 pm Pick up of exhibit entries and displays

5-7 pm Roast Beef Dinner

5-8 pm Live Music by The Sherri Jackson Band
Beer Garden

There will be plenty of Food Vendors to satisfy your appetites and loads of Vendors selling their wares and offering information. Please stop by and say hi, some even offer opportunities to win!



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How about volunteering at this year's Beaver Valley Fall Fair!

There are numerous openings that need to be filled in order for our annual Fall Fair to run smoothly. Please consider helping out with admission gates, gate support and roving monitors!

www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca

Questions? Contact

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*You're invited to a
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Bill Kirkham's
80th Birthday
Saturday, September 13th
1pm-4pm
at
The Marsh Street Centre
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Arts Walk

A very successful Clarksburg to Thornbury Arts Walk was held on July 12th, hosted by the Clarksburg Village Association.



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In Memoriam

JEAN-MARC PAGÉ

Jean-Marc Pagé, beloved husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend, passed peacefully at home on July 18, 2025, with his family by his side after a short battle with cancer. Survived by his wife Ann Dyer, daughter Jacinthe (Andrew), her mother Denise, son Jason (Rachelle), daughter Carolyn, brothers Pierre, Daniel (Mimi), Yvon, sisters Jeannine (Maurice), Gisele, and many sisters and brothers in law, nieces and nephews, and their families.

Jean-Marc was born in Montreal as one of 12 children where he spent the first 40 years of his life, after which he moved to Mississauga with his wife Ann. He spent 37 years in financial services rising from messenger to Vice President/Director Global Custody overseeing administration and client services.

The two most important things that defined Jean-Marc were his love of family and his desire to give back to his community either raising funds for his son's scout troop, driving patients to cancer treatments in the GTA, volunteering at Marsh Street Community Centre, Beaver Valley Outreach, and the Royal Canadian Legion Beaver Valley Branch 281. Most recently Jean-Marc expanded the Bottles for BVO program by arranging for collection points at various condos in town and pickups at local restaurants and a winery. This resulted in approximately \$30k raised annually for BVO.

Jean Marc loved fishing with his friend and neighbour, the late Bruce Osborne, traveling the world with his wife and friends Terry & Joanna McLeod, and the Caribbean sailing adventure with the Chill-Out Crew. He will be missed dearly by his family, friends, neighbours, and all who loved him.

The family would like to thank Dr. Tim Remillard and the Care Partners nurses, Carrie, Laura, Michelle, Andrea, Maddie for their care and kindness throughout this difficult time.

A celebration of life will be planned announced in the near future.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Brightshores Health System Owen Sound or Royal Victoria Regional Hospital Foundation <https://www.rvhkeeplifewild.ca/donate> 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



GARRY CARDWELL GRAHAM

February 11, 1939 – July 19, 2025

Garry Graham, beloved husband and father, passed away peacefully at the Meaford Hospital with his family by his side on Saturday, July 19, 2025 in his 87th year.

Born in Flesherton on February 11, 1939, Garry was a son of the late Victor and Mae (nee Lougheed) Graham.

Garry was the beloved husband of Patricia Graham (nee Myles) of Thornbury. He was the dear father of Christopher Graham and Stefanie Graham, both of Barrie.

Garry was predeceased by his sister, June Tattersall of Langley, B.C. and his brother Bruce Graham of Calgary, AB.

Garry grew up on the family fruit farm on the Beaver River near Slabtown, where the family harvested apples and cherries. As a young man, Garry left the farm and pursued work out west. This began an eight-and-a-half-year journey of travel and work around the world which included stops in New Zealand, Australia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. Upon returning home Garry acquired his machinist ticket and found work locally at Teledyne Mining products and eventually the Collingwood Shipyards.

Later with the closing of the Shipyards, Garry took over his father's metal supply and fabrication business, Thornbury Steel Fabricators, which he owned until his retirement.

In retirement Garry returned to his love of travel as he and Patricia often wintered with their RV in Texas, Arizona and Mexico.

Private family arrangements at this time.

As your expression of sympathy, and if so desired, 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



HAROLD JAMES ABBOTTS

With heavy hearts, the family of Harold James Abbots announce his passing on July 26, 2025 in Sylvan Lake, Alberta at 76 years.

Born in Thornbury on July 12, 1949, he was the son of the late Harold and E. Louise (nee Chrysler) Abbots.

Harold will forever be lovingly remembered by his two daughters Melissa and Kristen (Mike); grandchildren Lincon, Tatum, Nixon and Farrah; his former wife of 54 years Beth Abbots; brother Bill Abbots (Sue); and sister Jill Reekie (Harvie); and nieces and nephews Joseph, Jennifer, Caroline, Billie-Jo, Melanie and John.

Raised in Thornbury, Harold went on to earn his Chartered Management Accountant degree from McMaster University. Over his 40+ year career at Blue Mountain Resorts, he held various positions that would lead him to become the Vice President of Finance.

Harold was also President and involved with the Ontario Ski Resort Association for many years.

When he wasn't working with numbers, Harold was a jack of all trades and enjoyed building and fixing about anything. In his spare time, he enjoyed many hobbies that included skiing, camping, baseball, squash, running, windsurfing and golfing.

Particularly, his motorcycle adventures with his gang "The Wild Hogs" were always cherished.

Harold was a man of few words and showed his love and affection through his actions.

When you needed help, Harold was the one you knew to call. Harold will be dearly missed.

Please join us for a toast in celebration of the life of Harold Abbots on Friday, August 15, 2025 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Collingwood Ski Club located at 796466 Grey County Road 19, The Blue Mountains.



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KAREN LUCY HAMMOND

Karen passed away peacefully at Chapman House Hospice in Owen Sound on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 with her daughters by her side in her 79th year.

Born in England on November 6, 1946, she was a daughter of the late Hartley and Ailsa (nee Mapley) Jones.

Karen was predeceased by her beloved husband David Hammond.

She was the caring mother of Kelly Hammond Mackey (Mike) and Jennifer Hammond.

Proud Nanny to Blair and Hunter Mackey, Nana to Justice and Elijah Hammond-Franco, and Grand Nan to Parabellum.

Much loved sister-in-law of Margaret Kelly, Jim Hammond (Sandra), Bonnie Hammond, Gary Hawes, and predeceased by brother John Jones, brother-in-law Mike Hammond and sister-in-law Libby Hawes.

Karen will be remembered fondly by her cousins Irene Webster and Hartley Jones (Diane) and by many other cousins, nieces and nephews.

Karen and Dave were a wonderful team and enjoyed life together. She was a behind the scenes helper and would do whatever she could to support her family and friends. Karen was strong willed and determined, even when things were challenging. She had a wonderful attitude about life and always made the most of any situation. The cottage in Huntsville was definitely her happy place. She enjoyed many summers up there with the grandchildren, and in the winter looked forward to snowmobiling.

Some of her favourite activities over the years have been; skiing, curling, broomball, and motorbiking. She and Dave loved to travel with their friends John and Joan McDonald.

After Dave passed, Karen and her cousin Irene Webster travelled and had many adventures. Irene was more like a sister than a cousin, they were like 'Thelma and Louise' and made the most of their time together. Karen will be missed but will never be forgotten.

A public Celebration of Karen's Life will take place at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 from 4 until 7 p.m., with tributes shared at 5 o'clock. A private service of committal and interment will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to Chapman House - Hospice Grey Bruce 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



JEAN ELIZABETH VAMPLEW

Jean Elizabeth Vamplew passed away at PeopleCare Meaford on Tuesday, July 29th, 2025 at the age of 93.

Jean was married to the love of her life, the late Eldon Vamplew, for 67 years. Loving mother of Linda Grant (Don), Terry Vamplew (Noreen) and Sharon Menicanin (Paul).

Cherished grandmother of Shannon (Tim), Melanie (Nate), Jodi (Vic), Stephanie (Tim), Emily (Jeff), Josiah (Erica) and Sadie. Great-grandmother to Ben, Charlotte, Sam, Wes, Imogen, Georgia, Ella, Jagger & Frankie.

Born on August 30, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Russell and Jessie Adams (nee Doran) and sister of the late Walter Adams (Blanche), the late Ivan Adams and the late Earl Adams (June). Sister-in-law to Dorothy Ormsby (Ivan). She will be remembered fondly by many nieces and nephews.

Jean grew up on a farm near Woodford and settled on the Collingwood/St. Vincent Townline where she lived until 1973 with husband Eldon.

They then moved to the Clarksburg's 10th line where they lived until 1988. Then they moved into Thornbury. Jean was a stay-at-home Mom and worked seasonally picking apples and packing apples at Binkley's until her retirement.

Jean was an accomplished cook, and was never happier than when her family was gathered around the dinner table. Care packages of leftovers were often sent home afterwards.

She enjoyed being part of many community groups - Maple Leaf Sewing Circle, Tenth Line Ladies, Bella Goodfellow Guild and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

She enjoyed hiking, skiing, board games, knitting, sewing, crocheting, gardening and baking. Jean's vibrant spirit, generous heart, care and compassion towards others will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

The family would like to thank the staff at People Care in Meaford for their attentive and professional care during her residence there. Dining room companions Marilyn, Audrey and Dorothy brought special joy, as well as previous next door neighbour Doreen.

A funeral service will be conducted at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 11 o'clock with a visitation the hour prior and a reception following. A private service of committal and interment will take place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice 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



A Treasure Hunt Awaits in Thornbury

For 35 years, the Thornbury Antique & Vintage Show has been a beloved summer tradition for collectors, decorators, and curious treasure hunters alike. This August 9th and 10th, the doors open once again at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, welcoming visitors to explore timeless pieces and hidden gems from 25 trusted dealers from across Ontario.

From Canadiana pine furniture to mid-century modern finds, vintage clothing to rustic farm tools, automobilia to delicate china, every booth holds a story waiting to be discovered. Some come searching for the perfect piece to finish a room. Others come for the thrill of finding something they didn't know they needed: a forgotten family heirloom, a record that brings back a memory, a piece of history they can hold in their hands.

This year promises fresh faces alongside longtime favourite dealers, ensuring there's something for seasoned collectors and first-time visitors alike. If you love the past or simply enjoy a good treasure hunt, this is the show to wander, linger, and strike up a chat with passionate experts who know their wares inside and out.

Last year, over 1,500 visitors came through the doors. This year, we can't wait to welcome you too. Come for the antiques, stay for the stories.

Mark your calendar: August 9th & 10th at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury. Hours: Saturday 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–4 PM. Admission: \$5 at the door with part of the proceeds supporting the Georgian Triangle Humane Society. Children under 12 are free. Free parking available.

THORNBURY ANTIQUE & VINTAGE SHOW





Thank-You To All Our Wonderful Volunteers

The President and Executive of RCL Branch 281 Beaver Valley would like to publicly acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our many volunteers. We are a very small branch but with an active membership whose volunteers help us to thrive and contribute to the local community. A huge thank you is due, in particular, to all those who helped out with the pancake breakfast on Canada Day – a great success and a popular community event.

There were too many volunteers to name and not everyone made it to the photo but please know that your hard work was greatly appreciated. A big thank you is also due to our volunteer bartenders who serve both within the Branch and at community events such as the Fish Fry and Corn Roast. Finally, a special vote of thanks goes to those who volunteer to host our regular Friday barbecues and winter lunches which are popular with members, guests and many local residents.

Members of Branch 281 have consistently stepped up to help out when needed and we hope that the same spirit of volunteerism will, once again, come to the fore during this years Poppy Campaign. We'll be signing up volunteers for poppy duties from mid-September so drop in to the branch and see what we need.

The Humanity Of August

Calendars script their month of eight by reflection of Caesar Augustus Octavian,
While we do mortally reflect how seasons of heat and humid entourage bless our lands.
For across the nations of harvest, from Peloponnesus to Palisades, crops mutely ripen,
Away the till and plough! Farmers lend hands afresh to scythe and rake, basket and silo,
Soon breads rise with newly minted grains, while tomatoes, peaches, carrots embrace,

Our frame of choice yields its boundaries to the cornucopia of these earthy birthings.
Herein we find another choice, for our rural blessings restate our harvest of humanity,
For as the gardener and farmer gaze over the scope of their handiwork, thoughtfully,
So may we to our bodily selves apply this examination, consider the yield of our heart.
We recall the times of cultivating our mortal garden, wildly planting the seeds of hope,
Yet still the daily grapple with weeds, perhaps the inclemency of weather and despair.

We see how early blooms withered, how strident stems forgot their duty to bear fruit,
And our hearts sparkle, when in the remote extension of life a brilliant crop stands.
Let us graft our sinews to Nature's calling, cultivate hybrids of hope and kindness,
Sprinkle our soil of soul with waters of courage, peace, patience, the raw Canadiana,
Thus peoples far and wide may treasure this human harvest, feeding freely to their full.
Our yield is a blessing to give, our cost is our delight, our harvest is Love.

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley jeremy@respectonomics.com

The Blue Mountains Adopts Up-dated Building Fees By-law

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform residents, builders and developers that Council has formally adopted an amendment to By-law 2014-18, Being a By-law under the **Building Code Act Respecting Permits and Related Matters**. The updated By-law was adopted at the July 14, 2025, Council Meeting, with all changes set to take effect on September 1, 2025.

The updated By-law, including the revised fees schedule, can be found on the project webpage at www.thebluemountains.ca/PDSFeesReview.

At the same meeting, Council deferred a decision on the proposed changes to By-law 2022-14, Being a By-law for fees related to **Planning Matters and Engineering Services**, directing staff to prepare a subsequent follow-up report that incorporates incremental increases as well as future projections for the next two years. This report is expected to be presented at the September 16, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Both By-law updates are part of a comprehensive review of Planning and Development Services fees. In 2024, the Town retained Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. to conduct a detailed analysis of development-related fees, with the goal of supporting full cost recovery while maintaining competitive rates compared to similar municipalities. A Public Meeting was held on March 11, 2025, to present the proposed changes and gather input from members of the community and Council. Following the meeting, Watson prepared a comprehensive report outlining the legislative context for the changes, the cost recovery model and recommended fee schedules.

The proposed revised fees are designed to improve the sustainability of the Town's development services, ensure financial responsibility in the delivery of services, enhance predictability in fee structure and support ongoing investment in the community.

For more information, please contact:
Building Services Division
(519) 599-3131 ext. 239

Walking Through the Fire:

A Visual Album

Film Screening and Q&A at The Blue Mountains Public Library

The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL), in partnership with Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) and Amnesty International Group 82, is proud to present a screening of *Walking Through the Fire*, a powerful visual album created by Sultans of String in collaboration with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists.

This 82-minute film explores truth, healing, and cultural relationship-building, and responds directly to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 2015 Calls to Action, which asked artists to work together across cultures to chart a new way forward.

The community is invited to L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St. S. Thornbury on **Friday, September 12. Doors open at 6:00 pm**, followed by the film screening and a virtual Q&A with musician Chris McKhool of Sultans of String and Elder Dr. Duke Redbird of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. Light refreshments will be served.

Admission is free, but please register in advance.

Register online: www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca or call 519-599-3681 ext. 145

As a public library and archive, at the BMPL, we know we have a responsibility to support Truth and Reconciliation in real and lasting ways. Libraries are keepers of stories, and that means we have a role in amplifying Indigenous voices, facing our shared history, and creating space for learning and healing.

We're proud to support this event, which reflects and strengthens our ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. It's a journey, and we're honoured to share it with our community.

In keeping with BVO's vision to be an engaged and inclusive organization that enhances the well-being of families and individuals in our evolving community, we are proud to support this opportunity. As part of our ongoing commitment to reconciliation education, BVO has hosted two workshops over the past two years for Board, staff, and volunteers, led by an Indigenous educator from the Orillia area.

Amnesty International Canada has long supported actions in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This includes advocacy related to mercury poisoning in Grassy Narrows and land rights concerns raised by the Wet'suwet'en Nation in opposition to pipeline development.

This event is open to all and part of the ongoing community conversation around truth, reconciliation, and the arts.



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Rock Union Church

The 127th Anniversary Service of Rock Union Church was held on Sunday afternoon, July 13th, 2025. Following the words of welcome by Trustee Kim Chagnon, Steve Glogowski, a member of the church's Local Planning Committee, offered the following words of reflection:

As we begin this service, let us look around at the building we're sitting in. The sign outside says built in 1898, but a log church in this location even predates that. Let's think about the small group of families who built this, the hardships they faced and isolation they felt.

They were a diverse group in their religious affiliation: Quaker, Methodist, and Presbyterian, with family names including McKinlay, James, Johnson, and Buchanan. They knew that in order to survive, they had to depend on each other for their strength when their load was too heavy, for their nurturing when they were sick, and for others' support when it was needed. In other words, they needed a community around them, partly out of necessity, but largely because of the human need for fellowship and love.

This building was built without the use of bulldozers or mechanical devices. Each stone was brought from the fields and laboriously lifted to the height necessary and mortared into place. They were creating a meeting place, a place where they could worship together despite their denominational differences, where, on Sunday afternoons at the Rock Union "Sabbath School", they could teach their children the biblical stories, parables, and lessons epitomizing their strongly held values. Did they know that over 127 years later, this building would still be standing and used by some of their great grandchildren? Maybe not, but as we worship, each in our own way, whether through prayer or silent contemplation, let us think of those qualities that are exemplified by this building which represents a monument to hard work, integrity, charity, and the love of one another. And let us hope, that with our help, its message will last another 100 years.

Music was enlivened by the strong voices of the guest quartet from the Heritage Community Church in Collingwood. This was the first time in living memory that hymns at Rock Union were sung unaccompanied by a piano or pump organ, yet the singing was strong and lively, leading to toe tapping, and hand clapping.

Sisters Carolynn and Sylvia Wilson of Collingwood were guest worship leaders and co-presenters. Carolynn acknowledged the importance of an anniversary as a time of remembering, celebrating, and offering thankfulness for those who brought us to this time and place. Sylvia placed a stone on the pulpit, then recounted the story of Joshua's leadership of the Israelites into the Promised Land, after the death of Moses. With stones of remembrance, the Israelites built a monument to commemorate their crossing over from their former life in slavery into the new in the Promised Land. This pile of twelve stones, gathered from the Jordan River, reminded Israel of what God had done for them—that God cared for them, God kept promises to them, and went before them in victory to conquer the land of their inheritance.

Carolynn and Sylvia are co-owners of the Sheffield Park Black History

and Cultural Museum, located just east of Clarksburg. They fulfil the vision and hope of their late uncle Howard Sheffield, by telling some of the story of early Black pioneers and settlers in Simcoe and Grey Counties. Like Joshua's stone monument, this Museum serves to keep this history alive for generations to come.

Harriet Lewis, also a member of the Local Planning Committee, offered words of Benediction.

After the service, James and Joan McKinlay welcomed everyone to their Silver Springs Farm, which has been in the McKinlay family name for 140 years. A late afternoon potluck picnic and time of visiting were enjoyed under the shade of the maple trees along the farm's laneway.

Submitted by M. Elizabeth McKinlay, Secretary of Rock Union Church

Thornbury by Alice Otrysko

When we moved from Toronto to our horse farm near Walters Falls, I started going for yoga in Thornbury. This was 2001. Thornbury looked a bit different at that time but it offered me many things.

I went to the town at least twice a week. There was Foodland for groceries, a drug store, my doctor, hardware store which I used quite frequently and restaurants, coffee, clothing, dentist, optometrist and other necessary conveniences.

The library was one of my favourite places to not only get a book but to just hang out and relax with a magazine.

Over the years Thornbury has grown to provide even more.

I remember when I drove down from my farm with a girlfriend to Thornbury, I said "This is where I want to live". There was something about the flavour or atmosphere that happens when you descend from the Walters Falls area towards the town.

Thornbury has a blend of old and new. I love the old more even though the new is a necessity in certain aspects. I live in a new build and it's the first of the 4 houses my husband and I own that didn't need renovations. This one was move in although we did certain "things" to it to make the house more suited for us.

In Toronto we renovated extensively each of the two houses and then the farmhouse saw a lot of work. Thornbury provided us with a house we customized but didn't have to tear and rip to suit us.

The churches in Thornbury take into account various ways of worship. Each is beautiful and worth just going in and taking a look.

Clarksburg, which abuts Thornbury is a gem in itself with the art galleries, wellness services, clothing shops, a print shop, a charming hardware store and a well used community centre.

As far as attracting tourist, Thornbury has no problem and many seek accommodations in the beautifully restored Penny's Motel where you can sit down with a plate of oysters or a slice of pizza.


We love to drive down to the water and walk along where the boats are moored looking for the eagle which many people come to see.

This is now our home probably forever as we age. That's another thing Thornbury has: a place to go to live out the final days.

My son brought his grandmother here so she could be cared for with us close by.



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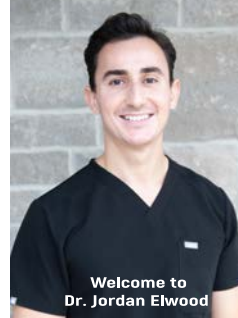


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\$49,900 OTF Grant from the Province Drives Growth in Ontario Track3 Adaptive Programs across Grey and Bruce Counties

Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-Grey recently met with the team at the Ontario Track3 Adaptive Sports Association to learn more about the impact of a \$49,900 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

"I want to extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to the team at the Ontario Track3 Adaptive Sports Association for their commitment to creating inclusive sporting opportunities for children and youth with disabilities," said MPP Brian Saunderson. "Track 3 certainly put this funding to good use, by successfully increasing their volunteer base, which will in turn allow for more opportunities for young people to develop skills and increase their resilience. I am especially grateful to the staff and volunteers, both past and present, whose passion and commitment have continued to change lives and helped to build a stronger, more diverse community."

The grant funds were used to support a focused volunteer recruitment and training initiative aimed at rebuilding Track3's volunteer base in Grey and Bruce Counties. This included developing outreach materials, attending local events and markets, hosting volunteer information sessions, and enhancing training resources to ensure safe, inclusive, and effective program delivery. The project was instrumental in increasing volunteer engagement and expanding our capacity to serve more children and youth with disabilities through adaptive snow sport programming.

"The support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation has been truly transformative for Track3," said Tracy Collier, Executive Director, Ontario Track3 Adaptive Sports Association. "This grant allowed us to rebuild and strengthen our volunteer network in Grey-Bruce, directly impacting the number of children and youth with disabilities we're able to serve. We're incredibly proud of this growth and deeply grateful for OTF's role in helping us build a more inclusive and accessible future on and off the slopes."

"Non-profit organizations across Ontario deliver programming that makes a difference," said Stan Cho Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Gaming for Ontario. "That's why funding that my ministry is providing through the OTF is so important. Our government wants to ensure that these spaces remain the heart of communities across our province."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit www.otf.ca to learn more.



Sail Georgian Bay Coaches awarded OPP Commissioners Citation for Bravery

In July 2024, members of a local sailing school in Meaford bravely rescued an elderly woman who accidentally drove her car into the Meaford harbour. The woman was pulled from the sinking car unharmed, thanks to the quick actions of the sailing school coaches who dove into the water and smashed the car window to extract the driver. *Nathan Brand, Griffin Dauphinee, Ilian Halbertsma and Kyle Gilas*

Each year during the months of July and August you will see the dinghies out in the Meaford Harbour and the sounds of children having a great deal of fun. Not only are they learning to sail, they are learning the value of teamwork, fair play and hard work to achieve a goal. The school follows the CANSail program, developed by Sail Canada, and currently offers all Levels, 1 through 6.

A racing program runs one night a week for students who want to try competing in a fun and supportive environment.

www.sailgeorgianbay.ca



BRIAN SAUNDERSON
MPP, Simcoe-Grey

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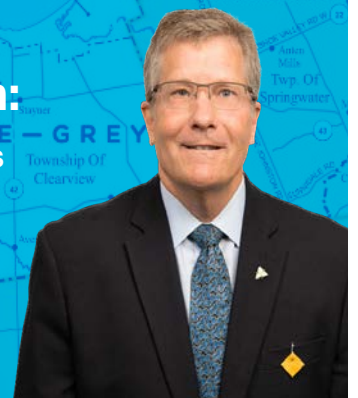
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Notice of Public Meeting: Stop Up & Close Portions Of The Railway Street Unopened Road Allowance

Date of this Notice: July 22, 2025

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

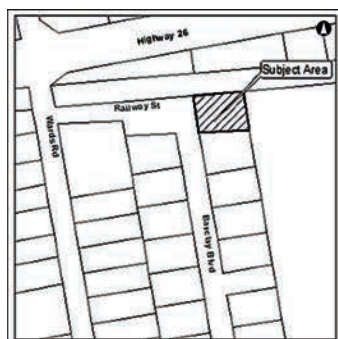
What is being proposed?

The Town has received a request to consider “Stopping up and Closing” a portion of the Railway Street unopened road allowance located in the area shown on the map below. The purpose of the application is to consider the transfer of some or all of the portion of Railway Street to the landowner to the east. The lands would be used for a driveway(s) to provide direct access and frontage to the open and maintained portions of Railway Street / Barclay Boulevard.

This request is connected to the former zoning by-law amendment application for Blue Birch. The Ontario Land Tribunal’s settlement decision on that application contemplated providing access to the lands from Railway Street.

Where do I find more information?

Additional information regarding this proposal is available on the Town’s website or by scanning the QR code.



www.thebluemountains.ca/BlueBirch

Or come visit us in Planning Services, Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or contact the planner for this file.

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this topic has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, Staff

will bring its recommendations on this project to a future council meeting.

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 **Friday September 5, 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 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 2, 2025**.

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

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

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Diksha Marwaha, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, (519) 599-3131 ext. 262 or planning@thebluemountains.ca

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



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Notice – Town of The Blue Mountains Council Passes By-law to Adopt Official Plan Amendment, Next Steps for Official Plan Review

Date of this Notice: June 25, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that during the Council Meeting on June 23, 2025, Council voted to enact By-law 2025-35, being a By-law to adopt a new Official Plan Amendment.

This milestone comes after several years of collaboration between Town staff, Council, and project consultants, who worked closely with members of the community in workshops, drop-in sessions, and open houses to shape policies that address key topics regarding development in the community. Most recently, Town staff have spent several months revising the final draft of the Official Plan document to adequately address concerns such as Affordable Housing, Height, Density, Parkland Dedication, the Georgian Trail and Tree Protection.

“The final version of this plan marks an exciting step towards shaping the next generation of development in the Town,” said Shawn Postma, Manager of Community Planning. “Through thoughtful collaboration and public input, we have introduced meaningful improvements, particularly in areas like housing and environmental protection, while laying the groundwork for future updates. While there is still more work ahead, I am proud of our progress and grateful to everyone who contributed to this process.”

Next Steps

With the enactment of By-law 2025-35, the Town Clerk may now submit the Official Plan Amendment to the County of Grey for final review and approval. This process is expected to take approximately 4 months. Once approved by the County, the Official Plan will serve as a critical document to guide all future land-use decisions in the Town, including residential, commercial and other forms of development. For more information or to subscribe for project updates, please visit the project webpage or contact:

Shawn Postma, MCIP RPP

Manager of Community Planning
(519) 599-3131 ext. 248

Notice

Pursuant to Section 295.1 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c.25, please be advised that the audited 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Corporation of The Town of The Blue Mountains have been received.

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

Monica Quinlan

Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer
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The Blue Mountains Historical Society has partnered with the Royal Canadian Legion, Beaver Valley Branch, to arrange for the display of banners commemorating the service of our Veterans.

In common with many Ontario municipalities, these banners will be displayed on lamp standards throughout our community in the few weeks leading up to Remembrance Day.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a banner commemorating a family member or friend who has served in the Canadian or Allied Armed Forces is invited to contact the Beaver Valley Legion. Call 519-599-3555 or email rcl281beavervalley@gmail.com for more details.



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Investing is moving beyond looking at performance as a measure of success, to also include Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors. This isn't just a niche trend; it's becoming mainstream, with global ESG assets reaching \$3.5 trillion in 2024. The numbers are reflecting this: over the past five years, sustainable funds have actually outperformed traditional funds by a median of 4.7% (**Morgan Stanley - 2024 Sustainable Funds Performance**).

This approach fits our community perfectly. The Blue Mountains has established ambitious climate targets including reducing municipal greenhouse emissions by 40% from 2005 levels by the end of this year and achieving net zero by 2050 (Community Sustainability Plan: The TBM Future Story). To highlight a local business, the Blue Mountain Resort is making big strides, like removing single-use plastics and planting trees (**Blue Mountain - Environmental Initiatives**). When your investments support companies doing similar things – like reducing their carbon footprint or using renewable energy – you're essentially putting your money where your values are.

Selecting ESG investments can be complex, as it requires navigating diverse criteria, evaluating sustainability metrics, and aligning choices with personal values and financial goals. That's where I come in. My job is to help you find investments that align with your values and financial goals. We'll work together to build a portfolio that not only aims for solid returns but also supports a more sustainable future.

Let's chat about how your investments can do well by doing good. It's about making your financial future as vibrant and sustainable as our beautiful community.

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Events for Life High Tea & Hats!

It was a sold out success with 120 guests attending the 5th EFL "Meet me in Paris" High Tea and Hats event on July 24th. The fun hats and fascinators were out on full display. The tables were set up in an Arch de Triumph fashion, many French sweets and delights were handmade by committee members and of course the tea came out HOT on demand. The delicious egg salad triangles were donated by the Thornbury Foodland, M&M's Collingwood donated their amazing lemon bars, Cobs in Collingwood donated amazing scones, Gluten Free & Me donated mini quiche and lemon squares and C. Higginson sponsored our mini quiches! Local resident Daphne Peacock took home the winning prize tea gift basket for her outstanding royal blue outfit from 'hat to purse to dress to shoes.' Our two youngest guests were two months old and our superstar Charleston dancer closing in on 93 years young got an honorable mention. It was truly a community event planned and orchestrated by an army of volunteers and attended by so many supportive community members. Many thanks to the BVAA and BVCC staff team for all your help from start to finish. The 50/50 draw brought in over \$1,000 with \$800 donated back to Events for Life by the winner. For more photos, follow us on Instagram @eflthornbury or visit our Facebook page.



More EFL news.....

Lilypad Spa Porch Pop Up

for women's new or gently used clothing will be having it's final close-out-sale the last two weeks of August. Stop in to get some amazing deals on women's summer clothing, sportswear & accessories. Thanks to Liz and her team at the spa for supporting Events for Life this past year and to all the ladies who came in to shop in support of EFL!

Did you know...that EFL has over 40 participants and runs out of two locations? **Many thanks goes out to the Hutchings family at Beaver Creek Farms and the Blue Mountain Community Church in Thornbury.** Two groups have been operating out of the farm this summer and one group uses the BMCC. Many thanks to Mike and Alicia, Pastor Jeff, Jen and the Board of Directors for their generous support!! EFL will be returning to the St. Paul's Presbyterian church on Monday's in September. Look forward to some fun community events this fall! The EFL participants will be going in to local businesses to interview staff and owners about what community means to them!

Mark your calendars...

August 29th and 30th EFL will be hosting a gigantic yard sale AND **December 6th** will be the Christmas Craft Sale, both at EFL Beaver Creek Farms. 067547 Side Rd 33, Thornbury

May 2nd, 2026 - It's coming back to the BVCC! EFL Women's New & Gently Used Clothing Sale Event!!! Clothing drop off dates coming in the next issue of the BMR!

For updates, more information or to make a donation, visit www.eventsfor.life or email: info@eventsfor.life

Around Town

Varlin, 156 Jojo Weider Blvd, Blue Mountain Village has recently opened, where Turkish tradition is reimagined for the modern, soulful shopper. Founded by a husband and wife team with deep roots in Turkey, Varlin brings together centuries-old craftsmanship and a refined bohemian sensibility. The collection includes handwoven Turkish rugs, mosaic lamps, ceramics, towels, jewelry, and natural cotton clothing, all made by skilled artisans using traditional techniques. www.varlin.ca



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115 Swiss Meadows Blvd, Unit A513, Ravenna

Summitview Mountaintop Family Barbeque

Blue Mountain takes "dining with a view" to the next level with Summitview, a mountaintop dining experience at the top of the mountain. If you choose to park at the top, you can enjoy the flexibility of accessing Summitview with a short walk from the parking lot (P6). Please note that you will require a valid reservation or pass to gain access to the top of the Mountain. www.bluemountain.ca

The former White House on the Hill and recently the Dam Pub at 53 Bruce St. S. Thornbury has been demolished and an 8 room boutique hotel is planned for this location.



Hometown Hall, has recently opened at 49 Bruce St. S. and features a selection of local craft beers, organic non-alcoholic drinks, and soon - hard seltzers on tap. Cozy and welcoming, it's also home to classic hot dogs to satisfy your cravings.



Plans are underway to reopen the former Orchid Restaurant 81 King Street East, Hwy 26. Thornbury under new management and a new name to be announced in a few weeks.

Marsh Street Centre has invested in upgrading their patio including a new bar, bbq area, seating and washroom. It will be great for all kinds of outdoor activities - weddings, celebrations of life, concerts, birthday parties, etc. Seats up to 100 (licensed) plus an additional 50 with the back gates opened. www.marshstreetcentre.com



Metamorphosis Home and Decor

has recently opened at The Shed, 158 Clark Street, Clarksburg. Metamorphosis offers a beautifully curated collection of jewelry, home decor, accessories, clothing, and so much more — a fresh new spot to explore in Clarksburg Village!



Next to the Shed is **Vara Studios** owned by Vanessa Aragona. Offering private pottery and ceramic lessons as well as workshops. Signup through her website www.varastudios.com

Hugo's Ice Cream has a new home at 174 Marsh St #4 and is open Wednesday-Sunday 11am-5pm. Serving artisan style ice cream with unique flavours like Chocolate Dipped Strawberry and Wild Blueberry Lavender, you can't help but get excited to try something new!



Flyway Chic is a women's fashion boutique in Clarksburg, offering elegant, modern styles imported from Europe. Discover linen, silk, and cotton pieces from Italy and Poland, plus unique accessories and jewelry. Alicja specialize in flattering fits, affordable luxury, and friendly service. New arrivals weekly. 174 Marsh St #4 Unit 3. Open Wed-Sun, 10am-5pm and by appointment 437-318-1391

Next to Flyway Chic in Unit 2 is **Sofie Caap Training** a Pilates studio (705) 994-3935; Mon-Fri 7am-5pm. Sophie leads one on one and semi private sessions. She is a certified personal trainer and Pilates teacher.

Across the corner at 175 Marsh Street, **Active Arts** is continually striving to bring their love of dance, movement and creativity to our area. They offer dance classes for all ages in a variety of skill levels and styles, camps, birthday parties, wedding choreography, youth and adult events/dance parties. Registration is open for the fall. www.activeartsmtt.com



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Clothing shops in Clarksburg featured a fashion show at the Blue Mountains Art Walk, July 12th

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 TO OBTAIN YOUR OWN COPY of the original 11" x 17" colourful calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.

August 2025: We have certainly had the

- Water well, and water deep in the early morning and/or the evening, if your municipal water restrictions allow.
- Top up your mulch. Make sure all bare ground is covered by at least 2 inches. It works to suppress weeds, keeps the soil cool and damp, and retains the rain.
- Sow vegetable seeds now (or again) for a fall harvest of spinach, radishes and some varieties of leaf lettuce.
- Tidy up plants and shrubs with a little judicious pruning, but early in the month.
- Stake tall perennials, like delphinium and New England asters against the wind.
- Cut your grass at least 2" high to combat drying out your lawn.
- Check out spring bulb catalogues on line. Order spring flowering bulbs now, before they're all gone.
- Finally, it's time to pull, or cut off the browned leaves of spring flowering bulbs. Trim back iris leaves. My picky mother would use her best kitchen scissors to cut up one side of each fan and then down the other side to make a perfect arrow.
- Fill in any gaps in your flower garden with fall-flowering perennial plants, like mums and asters.
- Start drying flowers and herbs. Pick your lavender now for drying for sachets.
- Start to dig up and divide daylilies when they have stopped blooming.
- Collect seeds that have matured, but not yet fallen from the pods, like poppies and lupins. Once the pods have dried, store seeds in air tight containers in a cool location, or sprinkle them around your garden for colour next year. Early Fall is a great time to sow grass seed and plant new perennials, trees and shrubs. They will get a big jump on planting them next Spring!
- Take a hard look at your garden. Take pictures too! Then decide where there are empty spaces for new plants to plant this fall. Identify any plants that have not performed well, (or you can't stand any longer), and plan to replace them with a fall planting program of shrubs and perennials.
- Look for the annual Grey County Master Gardener's fall plant sale, Saturday September 13th, from 9am until noon. It's in Meaford again this year at the Meaford Rotary Harbour Pavilion. Choose from unique perennials and lots of native and pollinator plants at reasonable prices. Cash, Debit, Credit. Arrive early for best selection.



Why Women Leave Their Financial Advisors

After the loss of a spouse, many women find themselves making financial decisions—often for the first time. Yet too often, they realize their advisor had been focused primarily on their partner, leaving them feeling sidelined, undervalued, and unheard.

According to CNBC, *up to 70% of widows choose to change their financial advisor within 12 to 18 months following their spouse's death*, a powerful reflection of unmet emotional and financial needs. But this isn't just an issue for widows. Many women—regardless of relationship status or life stage—report feeling excluded from financial conversations, disconnected from decision-making, and unsure whether their goals are truly being considered.

What women seek isn't just performance metrics or technical jargon—they want peace of mind, clarity, and a genuine partnership. True financial guidance begins with trust: putting your priorities first, explaining things in plain language, and offering steady, compassionate support through life's changes, big or small.

Whether you're navigating a new chapter or seeking a local advisor who genuinely understands and respects your financial goals, I offer free consultations and personalized guidance tailored to what matters most to you. You deserve to feel seen, heard, and supported in your financial journey.

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SUMMER EVENTS

AUGUST LONG WEEKEND

AUGUST 1 - 4

Celebrate the peak of summer with a weekend that hits all the right notes. From laid-back afternoon sets to lively evening headliners, the Village comes alive with performances by AVERY RAQUEL, DEAN JAMES, and THE ONTARIANS on the Subaru Stage.



BLUES & JAZZ

AUGUST 8 - 10

Let the blues roll and the jazz sway as the Village comes alive with soul. Catch live sets by SOULSTACK, WHISKEY DELTA, FLORIN CLONITA, and more all weekend long. With smoky flavours in the air and cold pints in hand, the rhythm is impossible to resist.



BLUE MOUNTAIN ROCK FEST

AUGUST 15 - 17

Turn it up for a three-day tribute to all things rock. From guitar solos to iconic anthems, the Village comes alive with wall-to-wall sound. Don't miss weekend headliner, AEROFORCE, North America's top Aerosmith tribute, live on the Subaru Stage.



BEST OF BLUE

AUGUST 22 - 24

Celebrate the sounds of the region with a weekend of live music from local favourites. Featuring homegrown heroes JOHN EATON & DEREK MCCLEAN, MIKE MCCARTHY BAND, SHERRI JACKSON BAND, and more, this is your soundtrack to summer.



SUMMER SUNDOWN

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1

Send off summer in style with Summer Sundown, a high-energy long weekend of live music, headlined by CORY HOTLINE and BERNADETTE CONNORS. One last chance to dance, dine, and celebrate the season where it peaks: at Blue.

See more at bluemountainvillage.ca/events

2025 Music in the park



AT THE SPY CIDER HOUSE
808108 Sideroad 24, Clarksburg

SUNDAYS 6-8 PM

August 10 - British Invasion

August 17 - Strange Potatoes

Rain location posted on website by 4pm
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Refreshments on site. Cash Bar.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH; 7-9pm
NIGHT PARADE AT THE HARBOUR
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Music by the Thirsty Night Boys



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SUNDAYS 10AM-2PM



30 Mill Street
Between town hall and BVO



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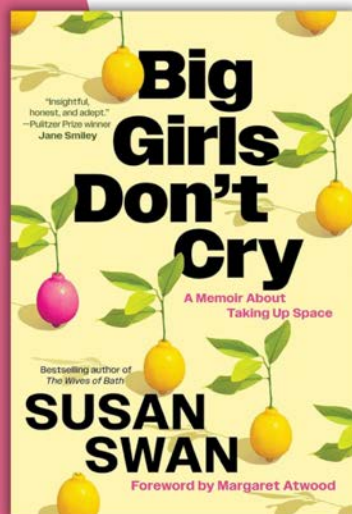
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2-4 PM**

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173 Bruce St. S. Thornbury, ON



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Kids Ages 5 - 12



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THORNBURY FLOWER MARKET

LOCAL VENDORS

Saturdays

August 23

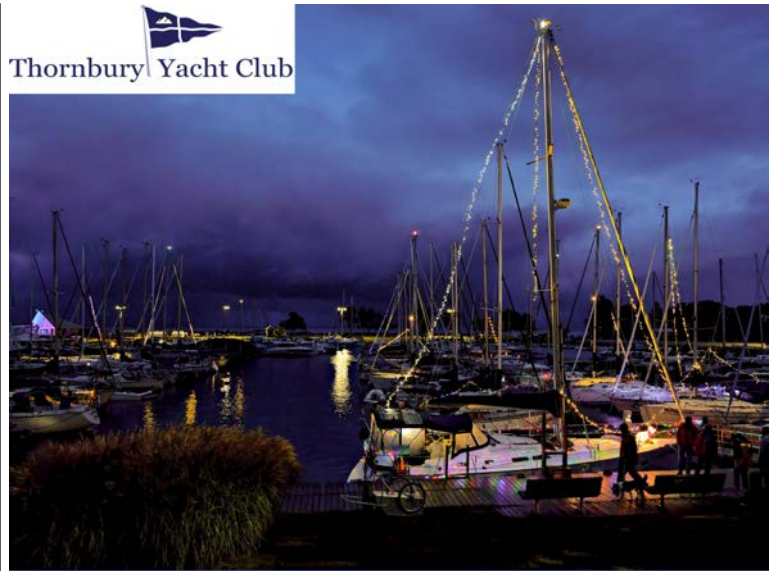
September 20

10 AM - 2 PM

Hester Street Parkette
Bruce Street South

THORNBURY18

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NIGHT PARADE 2025

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025
7 - 9 P.M.

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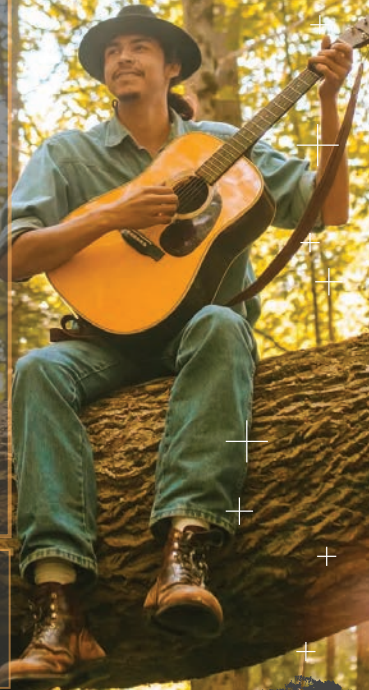
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RED VISIONS BVFF

BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR
September 5th - 6th

Featuring AN EXCLUSIVE ARTIST TALK



Emily Kewageshig, "Blood Ties," 2025.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

11:00AM | L.E. SHORE LIBRARY GALLERY | 173 BRUCE ST SOUTH

Alongside the Beaver Valley Fall Fair remounting of Indigenous-led exhibition *RED VISIONS*, the L.E. Shore Library hosts an exclusive artist talk with one of the featured artists. Explore *RED VISIONS* at the Beaver Valley Fall Fair, September 5-6, featuring a selection of 8 Indigenous artists' works first displayed at Casa Loma.



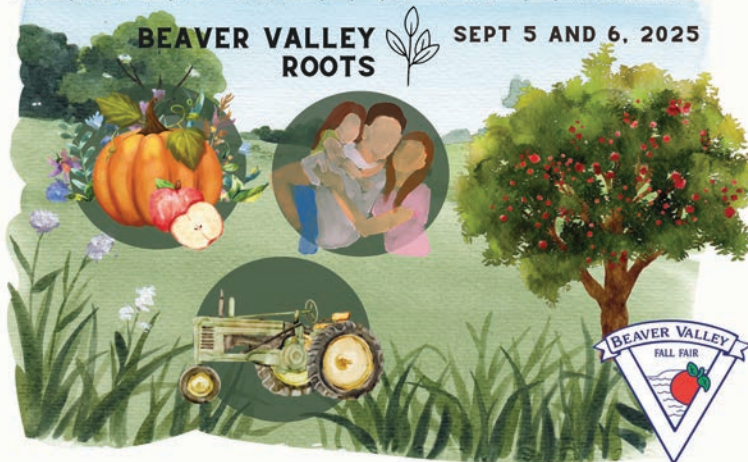
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SEPT 5 AND 6, 2025



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
DOORS 6:00PM, FILM 6:30PM

Following the 82-minute screening, stay for an engaging
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Crochet Basics with Patti

Saturday September 20th 1:00pm - 3:30pm

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

This beginner-friendly class is the perfect way to start your crochet journey! You'll be introduced to the foundational skills and tools needed to begin crocheting with confidence. Cost is \$26.00. All materials are included. Whether you're brand new to crochet or just need a refresher, this class is a great place to begin. Ages 13+ Registration is required. Spaces are limited. 519-599-3681



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Welcome to 89.3 The NEW CFOS FM

85 years ago... The February 28th 1940 edition of the Owen Sound Sun Times stated Grey and Bruce Counties to be covered by a new 100-watt radio station; CFOS at 1370 on the AM dial.

"NOW we begin the next 85 years!" stated Peter McKeown, GM of Bayshore Broadcasting on Friday morning, August 1st at 8:10 am when CFOS FM was launched at 89.3 on the FM dial based out of Owen Sound. McKeown went on to say..." Bayshore Broadcasting is adapting and investing to continue that commitment to you... our listener. Our tradition of helping Grey Bruce, telling its stories and working with the business community ...is ready for lift-off!

About CFOS FM 89.3

CFOS FM is the region's heritage radio station playing the classic hits you want along with award-winning local news, weather, sports and talk shows. Same great personalities, and long running features including Open Line; a program that has aired for 55 years. Much time and effort has been put into freshening our musical database with Classic hits from the 60's to the 2000's. New this year is home and away games with the Owen Sound Attack with Matt Hermiz. CFOS-FM is part of the largest newsroom and sports gathering media in Grey Bruce.

About Bayshore Broadcasting.

Bayshore Broadcasting Corporation began as a single radio station, CFOS, which signed on the air March 1, 1940 in Owen Sound, Ontario. More than 85 years later, Bayshore has grown into a successful independent private broadcasting company, now operating ten FM signals throughout Grey, Bruce, Simcoe, Dufferin, and Huron Counties, as well as the District of Muskoka.

Grey, Bruce and Dufferin Transit Project

Residents, businesses, and visitors across Grey, Bruce, and Dufferin counties can look forward to rural transit enhancements over the next five years. The three counties, in partnership with Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART), will receive up to \$9.5 million from the province through the Ontario Transit Investment Funding (OTIF) to develop a unified regional transit network.



Thornbury Turkey Trot

This Thanksgiving, feathers are going to fly again!



Welcome: 8:45am
Kids' 1 km Fun Run: 9:00am
Half Marathon, 10km & 5km Run/Walk: 9:30am
Race Kit Pick Up
Friday, October 10th 3 to 8pm & Race Morning 7 to 8am

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Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Welcomes its First MRI Machine

MRI Suite on Track to Open This Fall, Bringing Advanced Diagnostic Care Closer to Home

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This milestone was made possible thanks to the Ontario Ministry of Health and the incredible generosity of the South Georgian Bay community. Through the efforts of the CGMH Foundation and local donors, over \$5 million was raised – a powerful show of support to bring MRI services to life at CGMH.

In the coming weeks, CGMH will complete equipment installation, testing, and commissioning. A skilled team of MRI technologists and radiology professionals will ensure the unit is ready to deliver safe, high-quality care as soon as possible.

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