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### **Go Fund Me for Darrell Dennis**

A message from Erin McIvor July 31st:

Darrell has made remarkable progress since his accident (almost) two weeks ago. His fractures (which include six ribs, clavicle, both orbitals, his nose and a significant skull fracture) are healing; the bruises and abrasions are slowly repairing as they should. The traumatic brain injury's process and progress is far less certain and linear.

In the coming days he will be physically stable enough to leave Sunnybrook and be transferred to a brain rehabilitation centre in Toronto for a stay of approximately 3-6 weeks. The work they do there is crucial to the process of brain healing which I'm told can take a year or even longer. With the funds raised here our family can have one less (significant) worry. We could not be more grateful to everyone for the love and support.

This experience has produced an extraordinary range of emotions for us. But at the core of it is this: life is precious and so frail, and we just can't manage without our community. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for showing up for us. Max and I quite simply would be lost without this support. We are in Toronto, downtown in high summer and it is insanely expensive. Your financial contributions have allowed us to secure accommodations through StayWell and find a home base from which to take a breath, unpack a little bit and make a plan.

### **Emergency Repairs to Library Public Washrooms** from staff report

A critical plumbing failure in the men's public washroom at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library has rendered the facilities inoperable and led to the full closure of the men's public washrooms. The disruption has significantly impacted service levels at the library. In the interim, staff have been required to redirect patrons to the family washroom and respond to related concerns, including persistent odors, which have affected the day-to-day work environment. Council endorsed the recommendation to move forward with emergency repairs, which will involve a complete rebuild of both washrooms. As part of this process, staff will look to incorporate accessible and inclusive design features and pursue external funding support.



There are immediate financial implications associated with the emergency rebuild, including demolition, design, construction, and potential temporary accommodations. However, by leveraging external funding sources such as the EASE Grant and the Enabling Accessibility Fund, the Town aims to offset a portion of these costs.

Investing in accessibility and infrastructure renewal now may also help reduce long-term maintenance expenses and avoid further costly emergency repairs in the future. A detailed cost estimate will be brought forward once design work is completed. At this time, we only have only completed rough project costing placing value of effort in the range of \$100,000 to \$350,000. It is proposed to fund this repair through the Town's Insurance Deductible Reserve Fund along with discussions with the Library on potential contributions from their reserves.

### Town to Begin 2025 Road Surface Treatment Work

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that surface treatment road work is scheduled to be conducted on various rural and urban roads beginning August 14, 2025. Partial lane closures will be in effect during construction. Work is expected to be complete within 2-3 weeks, weather and conditions permitting.

#### Road surface treatment will occur on:

Pretty River Road; Craigmore Crescent; Pioneer Lane; Laurie's Court; Tyrolean Lane; Kandahar Lane; Farm Gate Road; Heritage Drive; Pilsen Way; Arlberg Crescent; Kellie's Way; Brooker Boulevard; Liisa's Lane; Crossan Court; Settlers Way; 10th Line, between Grey Road 13 and 9th Sideroad 33rd Sideroad, between The Townline and west of Duncan Street

Residents are asked to reduce speeds on roads that have recently been treated to help lessen the disturbance of the roadway.

The Town utilizes surface treatment paving on many rural roads with low to medium traffic volumes as a more cost-effective and durable alternative to asphalt concrete paving. The maintenance of surface-treated roads occurs every 5-7 years between May and September.

For more information, please contact: Town of The Blue Mountains, Operations Department; (519) 599-3131 ext. 276

### **Seniors Matters Today**

**Seniors Network Blue Mountains**, will hold its annual Seniors Fair, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on September 17th at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, 58 Alfred St. W., Thornbury.

Enjoy live presentations & health demonstrations, learn about services and programs for seniors. Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long Term Care & Seniors Services, Grey County, will be one of the featured speakers, explaining the process of applying for admission to a Long Term Care Home.

Meet with dozens of senior friendly exhibitors from our area. Free transportation to the fair and back home is available. Phone 519 599 2577, ext. 6 or e mail seniors@bvo.ca to arrange. Refreshments are provided and there will be draws for prizes during the Fair.

#### Preventing Abuse of Older Adults ---

Financial: Some of the latest scams claim to be from Service Ontario. They may appear to be from the provincial government BUT are NOT. For example:

The ongoing scam about the Ontario government collecting unpaid parking ticket fines. Another is text messages about speed camera ticket violations in Ontario. It claims that you were caught on camera speeding. It threatens "a court date" and other penalties and talks about the provincially approved automated

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#### **INDOOR WALKING**

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speed camera program that exists in some areas.

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The Government of Ontario will never contact you directly to: - ask for personal information (for example, Social Insurance Number (SIN), bank account information, health information) -- offer you money or a reward -- sign you up for a rebate program

Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Pathway -- A new partnership between the Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network and Community Connection will provide 24/7 elder abuse support in Grey-Bruce through the 211 helpline. Thanks to the efforts of Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention, 211 has trained navigators and a specific 'pathway' for seniors needing support and help if they are involved in or know about an abuse of older adults situation. The trained resource staff at 211, can provide information about counseling, support and shelter programs for older adults experiencing or at risk of abuse or violence.

Canadian Dental Care Program (CDCP) which provides dental coverage for seniors over the age of 65 and over, is open for applications for those who meet the eligibility requirements:

- 1. You don't have access to dental coverage through employment or retirement benefits or have coverage through a private plan.
- 2. You or you and your spouse/common-law-partner (if applicable) have filed your tax returns in Canada so that your family income can be assessed for the previous year
- 3. Your adjusted family net income is less than \$90,000
- 4. You're a Canadian resident for tax purposes

Applications are open: apply online (Canadian Dental Care Plan) or phone: Service Canada 1-833-537-4342. For TTY, call 1-833-677-6262. You will need:

- Social Insurance Number (SIN), & date of birth
- full name, home & mailing address
- · list of dental coverage through government social programs (if applicable)
- proof that you and your spouse or common-law partner filed your tax return in Canada for the previous year (2024) and have received your notice of assessment.

## Joint message from Bruce and Grey County Wardens regarding Public Health membership

In recent days municipal representatives on the Board of Health received letters from the Chair advising of the termination of all municipal appointees to the Board effective August 6, 2025.

Supporting healthy communities is a long-standing priority for the councils of Bruce and Grey counties. Public Health plays an important role in the wellbeing of the thousands of residents who call Bruce and Grey counties home, and the millions who visit each year. Bruce and Grev County want to support the public health needs of our residents. We want to work collaboratively with the Ministry on the best solutions for residents. We understand and share the public's concern and as we learn more about these decisions, Bruce and Grey counties will be transparent with the public.

Andrea Matrosovs, Grey County Warden Luke Charbonneau, Bruce County Warden

The board's municipal representatives from Grey County included Georgian Bluffs Mayor Sue Carleton, West Grey Mayor Kevin Eccles, Meaford Deputymayor Shirley Keaveney and Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs.

Bruce County municipal representatives included Kincardine Mayor Kenneth Craig, South Bruce Peninsula Mayor Jay Kirkland and Bruce County Deputy

The board's four provincial appointees remain: chair Nick Saunders, a recently re-elected councillor of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation; Bruce County representative Chad Richards and Grey's two representatives, Beverly Wilkins and Helen-Claire Tingling.

#### Fire Ban in Effect for the Town of The Blue Mountains

The Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department would like to advise the public that a total fire ban has been implemented across the municipality as of Thursday, August 14, 2025. The ban will remain in effect until further notice.

The ban includes all fires, fireworks, and open-air burning, including small personal fires for cooking or warmth previously allowed under the 'high risk' fire hazard rating. Residents may continue to use gas and propane barbecues.

In an emergency, always dial 9-1-1. For non-emergency situations, or for more information, please contact:

The Blue Mountains Fire Department, (519) 599-3131 x101

### Regarding peopleCare Long-Term Care Home

The Town of The Blue Mountains has entered into a significant partnership with peopleCare Communities to enable the development of a new long-term care (LTC) home in the Craigleith area on a section of the former Tee's Please property.

Through the partnership, peopleCare will purchase three acres of the 18-acre Town-owned land to build the new LTC home, which will provide care and services for up to 192 people.

This collaboration is a positive step towards fulfilling the community's long-standing need for increased access to LTC to meet the needs of local seniors and their families. This project has been made possible through Council's commitment to work with peopleCare to identify potential sites and paths forward to build a LTC home. The Town is committed to ensuring full transparency through the land sale and planning process for this development.

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 longstanding 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

For more information, please contact: Adam Smith, Interim Chief Administrative Officer (519) 599-3131 ext. 246

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# Ontario Taking Next Steps to Build East-West Canadian Energy Corridor

On August 7th, the Ontario government issued a request for proposals (RFP) to conduct a feasibility study exploring how best to establish a new economic and energy corridor. This corridor would include new Alberta-to-Ontario pipelines, bringing Western Canadian oil and gas to refineries in Southern Ontario and tidewater ports including a new deep-sea port on the coast of James Bay. These new pipelines, built entirely within Canada using Ontario and Canadian steel, would help achieve energy security by ensuring ongoing access to Canadian oil and gas for Canadian homes and businesses while also creating good-paying jobs across the country.

"The last few months have shown that Canada can no longer rely on energy infrastructure that lies outside of our borders and can be shut down at a moment's notice by another country," said Premier Doug Ford. "It's time for us to build cross-Canada infrastructure within our borders so we can protect our energy security, find new markets for Canadian energy and resources and create new jobs and opportunities for Canadian workers. Together, we're building a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy."

New East-West pipelines would, if approved, help protect Canada's economy, workers and energy security by making it easier to transport oil and gas from Western Canada to Ontario and reduce Canada's reliance on the United States. Pipelines are the safest and most cost-effective way to transport critical fuels. As this and all energy and trade infrastructure projects move forward, Ontario will continue to honour and fulfil its duty to consult with Indigenous



communities and to advance economic reconciliation.

"In the face of unprecedented tariffs from the United States and increasing geopolitical instability, Canadians must work together across governments to build the energy and trade infrastructure we need to unlock new markets domestically and protect jobs," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "Through our focus on new nation-building projects and partnerships, we are seizing a generational opportunity to bring sustainable prosperity to our northern communities and strengthen both Ontario and Canada's economy."

The feasibility study will also explore the practicality and benefits of a new port outlet on James Bay, Hudson Bay and the Great Lakes, as well as consider the viability of a new or expanded refinery along the pipeline route. This expanded capacity would provide additional opportunities to export Canadian energy outside the country, while creating new jobs and opportunities for Canadian workers in the petroleum refining sector.

The feasibility study will also consider the financial and commercial tools necessary to derisk a pipeline project, provide strategies to achieve Indigenous equity participation and consider the benefits of establishing a Canadian Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Canada is one of the few International Energy Agency member states that does not maintain a federally administered strategic petroleum reserve, which leaves Canadian homes and businesses exposed and vulnerable to cross-border pipelines disputes, extreme weather disruptions, geopolitical supply shocks and other disruptions in energy supply. This reserve would be an emergency stockpile of petroleum that the province can utilize in emergency situations to minimize service interruptions to the flow of oil.

"Saskatchewan exports 70 per cent of all we produce, and so having access to international markets is essential to the health of our economy along with contributing to global food and energy security," said Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe. "By advancing important projects such as pipelines, rail connections and critical-mineral processing capacity, we are safeguarding thousands of jobs, strengthening our energy security and fostering sustainable growth."

This energy corridor stems from a recent Memorandum of Understanding among Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan which commits these provinces to identify areas of future collaboration that would protect Canadian workers, including new energy and trade infrastructure, and to continued cooperation in advancing the development of nuclear energy to meet growing energy needs.







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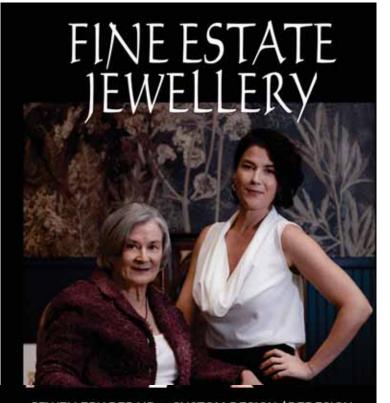
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# Commemorative Veteran Banners

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.





### Tomorrow's Hospital, Today's Heroes: A Story of Survival & Hope

As a young real estate agent in Wasaga Beach, Matthew Zuccarini is no stranger to busy days and long drives. But one afternoon, a routine trip through Collingwood took



Amanda & Matthew with their children, joined by Dr. Mike Randazzo, Chief of Internal Medicine at CGMH photo by Kimberly Vincent Photography

a terrifying turn. Overcome by sudden nausea and disorientation, Matthew knew something was wrong. He called his wife, Amanda, sounding confused and repeating, "Something's wrong. I need help."

Unable to pinpoint his location, Amanda tracked his phone then called 911 and rushed out the door with their two-year-old son. Paramedics initially suspected a panic attack, but when Matthew's heart rate spiked to 278 beats per minute, the situation escalated rapidly.

At Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH), Chief of Internal Medicine Dr. Mike Randazzo made a critical call: "I think we're going to have to shock him." Moments later, Matthew flatlined.

What happened next felt like something out of a dream. Matthew recalls watching the scene unfold from above. He recalls seeing the medical team working urgently and hearing Amanda answer questions about his medications, but one detail eluded her. In that moment, Matthew saw his late father, who gently guided him back to his body. As his vitals returned, Matthew spoke his first word: the name of the missing medication.

Matthew spent two weeks in the ICU. It was the longest he'd ever been away from his son. Understanding the emotional toll, the ICU nurses arranged a special visit in the hospital courtyard for Matthew and his son. That visit gave Matthew the strength to keep fighting.

Just one month after returning home, life offered another surprise: Amanda was expecting their second child. Thanks to the care he received, Matthew was there to welcome their daughter into the world.

Matthew and Amanda are deeply grateful to the first responders, Dr. Randazzo, and the CGMH ICU team. "I should not have survived," Matthew says. "But because of them, I did."

In May, they invited Dr. Randazzo into their home to say thank you. After their heartfelt conversation, Matthew shared this on Instagram:

"Meeting Dr. Randazzo at my house to thank him for saving my life. I got to hear his side of the story today. It was a very emotional day. This is the man that revived me from the brink of death and allows me to be a father today to two children. I owe my life to this man. He's my angel on earth." @zuccarinirealtygroup

This story is a powerful reminder of the extraordinary care CGMH staff and physicians provide every day. The care that saves lives, even in a hospital that has outgrown its space.

Now, imagine a future where wait times are shorter, emergency care is faster, and families receive treatment in a modern facility designed for our growing community. That future is coming.

**Tomorrow's Hospital** will be centrally located on Poplar Side Road in Collingwood. At four times the size of the current CGMH, it will offer expanded medical, surgical, and intensive care services and bring world-class care closer to home for patients, families, and healthcare professionals. Construction is expected to start in 2028 and will take approximately four years to complete.

Your generosity will help build Tomorrow's Hospital, a place where people like Matthew can continue to receive lifesaving care. Thanks to a matching gift from the **Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach**, your impact will be doubled, up to **\$23,400**.

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### **TOWN NEWS & NOTICES**

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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 NOH 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

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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 <u>in person</u> 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

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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 (519) 599-3131 ext. 231



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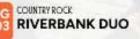


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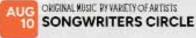
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#### AUGUST LONG WEEKEND

AUGUST 1 - 4

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### BLUES & JAZZ

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#### BEST OF BLUE

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See more at bluemountainvillage.ca/events



# SUNDAYS 10AM-2PM



30 Mill Street Between town hall and BVO



# COMMUNITY CORN ROAST



SATURDAY, **AUGUST 16TH** 

5-7PM

166 RUSSELL ST.E CLARKSBURG

FREE CORN, HOT DOGS, & POPSICLES

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# Summer Kids' Camp



Blue Mountain Community Church

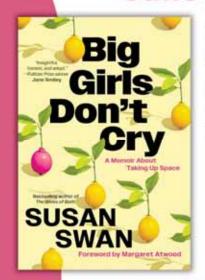
9 am - 12:30 pm August 18 - 22 Cost \$10 Register with QR code



## An Afternoon with

# Susan Swan

# Featuring Julie Mannell



Join authors Susan Swan and Julie Mannell for readings, conversation, and audience Q&A.

Book sales by Jessica's Book Nook and signing to follow. Light refreshments

FREE, ALL ARE WELCOME

#### RSVP:





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



2025

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Friday, August 22 7 - 10 Saturday, August 23 10 - 5 Sunday, August 24 10 - 4

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### Artists -

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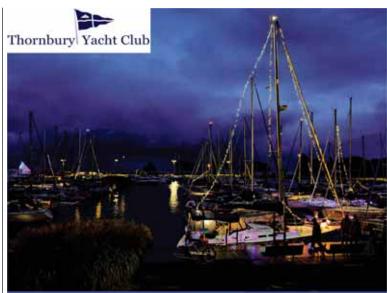












# NIGHT PARADE 2025

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

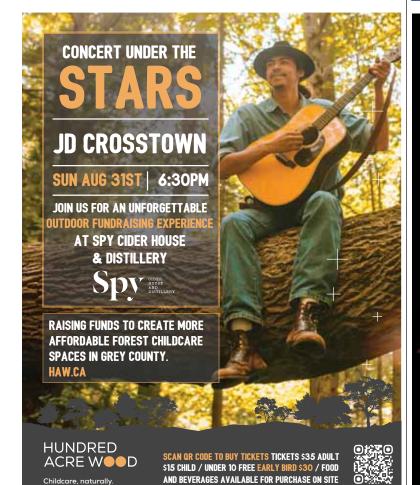
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#### **Welcome to the Beaver Valley Fall Fair**

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 Matrosovs

Senior and Junior Ambassador Competition announced

Viewing of Fair Exhibits in Arena

7 pm Classic Championship Wrestling Show and Meet & Greets

#### 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 Enertainer

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!





# SENIORS FAIR



# WED, SEPT 17 | 10:00 - 2:00 BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, THORNBURY

Enjoy refreshments and learn about local senior services, recreation & enhanced well-being.

Featuring presentations, health demos, and senior-friendly exhibitors.



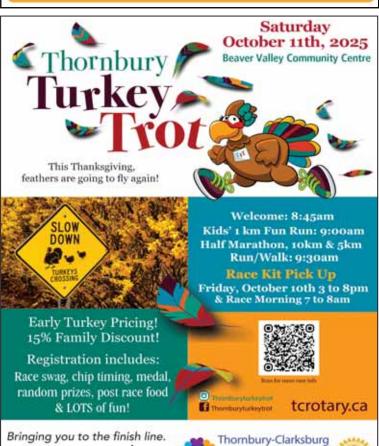
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### **Crochet Basics with Patti** Saturday September 20th 1:00pm - 3:30pm

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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- Sleep issues & fatigue
- Headaches & jaw tension (TMJ)
- Digestive concerns
- Injury recovery & post-surgery care
- Chronic pain, inflammation & stiffness
- Scar tissue, nerve pain, and more

