



International Library Partnership Award

The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) and Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) have been recognized internationally for their exceptional collaboration supporting seniors, families, and early learners in The Blue Mountains community.

The non-profit Let's Move in Libraries will present BVO with a 2025 **I Partner with My Public Library Award** during a virtual ceremony on Fri. November 14, from 2–3 p.m.

BVO is one of just ten organizations and individuals across North America to receive this year's honour.

Nominated by The Blue Mountains Public Library, the BVO was selected for its outstanding partnership programs that strengthen



community connections, particularly for older adults. The Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) program combats isolation by offering engaging educational and recreational sessions via phone and Zoom. In-person, the New Territory4Seniors learning series at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library provides workshops on topics such as healthy aging, safety, financial literacy, and elder abuse prevention.

BVO also collaborates with BMPL on EarlyON and preschool programs, as well as the Little Free Libraries initiative, ensuring residents of all ages have access to learning opportunities, resources, and community support.

In addition to the award ceremony, the BMPL-BVO partnership will be featured on the Let's Move in Libraries website. More information about the award and the honourees can be found at LetsMoveInLibraries.org/partner-award.

"We are grateful for the nomination" said Carolyn Letourneau, Executive Director BVO, "the ways we can partner together resulting in mutual benefits not only to the programs and services we both offer, but the community at large! Our collective efforts go a long way in serving our community."

Learn more at www.LetsMoveInLibraries.org

Goldsmith's Farm Market & Bakery Opening Official Drop-Off Site for Jamaica Hurricane Relief Effort



Goldsmith's Farm Market and Bakery has been asked by the Jamaican Liaison Service — the government office responsible for supporting Jamaican agricultural workers in Canada — to serve as one of three official farm drop-off sites in Ontario for urgently needed relief supplies following the devastating impact of Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 storm that has caused catastrophic flooding, landslides, and severe infrastructural damage across Jamaica.

"This hits close to home for us," said Debby Oakley, Co-Owner and General Manager at Goldsmith's Farm Market and Bakery. "Many local farms - including ours - depend on Jamaican seasonal workers every year. They're part of our harvest, our community, and our extended farm family. We want to do everything we can to help their families back home rebuild."

The market will collect essential goods and supplies from November 5 to 11, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at its outdoor checkout hut located at 207600 Highway 26 in Thornbury. All donations gathered will be sent directly to Jamaica.

Goldsmith's is grateful to community volunteers for their partnership in providing volunteers to help receive, sort, and organize donations throughout the collection week.

Items Most Needed

- Batteries (new, sealed), flashlights, lanterns, ropes, and bungee cords
- Buckets with lids, collapsible water containers, heavy-duty garbage bags
- Hygiene products and personal care kits
- Heavy-duty gloves, hammers, sledgehammers, and other clean hand tools
- Helmets, hard hats, portable generators, portable flood lights
- Rain gear, safety vests, safety goggles, shovels, spades
- Hard-toe boots, water boots, wheelbarrows, axes
- First-aid kits and over-the-counter medical supplies (new, sealed)
- Blankets, towels, washcloths, mosquito nets
- Food storage containers, bottled drinking water (sealed), crank radios

All items must be new or like-new, clean, and in working condition. Goldsmith's can also coordinate supplier and industry donations and encourages agricultural and food sector partners across Ontario to get involved. For questions or to arrange larger contributions, please contact info@goldsmithsmarket.com.





30TH ANNIVERSARY SOIRÉE

Thursday December 4th 2025
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L.E. Shore Library

Step back in time with Ken Haigh, the first CEO of the L.E. Shore Memorial Library, as he speaks with current CEO, Jennifer Murley

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Lest we forget





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7, Mar. 8, Mar. 29

Ages 18+: \$3 per person

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Mondays: 10am - 12pm

Wednesdays: 10am - 12pm

Thursdays: 1pm - 3pm

Excluding: Dec. 24, Dec 25, Jan. 1,
Feb. 16

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Must be 18 years of age or older.

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Mondays: 12pm - 1pm

Wednesdays: 12pm - 1pm

Excluding: Dec. 24, Feb. 4, Feb.
16, Apr. 6

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Must be 18 years of age or older.
All skaters are required to wear a
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- Yard Waste is collected on your regular curbside collection day and must be curbside by 7:00 a.m.
- Yard Waste collected curbside is limited to 10 compostable bags or containers weekly
- Oversized yard waste is not collected curbside but can be delivered to the Landfill and Recycling Depot free-of-charge
- Oversized yard waste refers to any plant material that is too large to fit into a container or yard waste bag that is 89cm high x 41cm wide, or bags over the 10 bag limit

Learn more: www.thebluemountains.ca/yard-waste

Seniors Matters Today, November 2025

Home and Community Support Services of Grey-Bruce (HCSS GB) announced that its Transportation Department will be fully operational (as of October 15) including Social Rides. People can book safe, reliable transportation for personal errands such as hair appointments, grocery shopping, banking, visiting friends and family and other everyday needs. If you are registered with HCSSGB, to book a ride call (519)-370-0558: if you are not a registered client with HCSSGB, call their Central Intake at 1-833-659-5491.

Ontario's minimum wages increased as of October 1, 2025. Most jobs \$17.60/hour, Homeworkers \$19.35/hour, Students 17 & younger, \$16.60/hour.

New limits at Small Claims Court and the Landlord and Tenant Board. People can now ask for more money when they apply to Small Claims Court and the Landlord and Tenant Board. As of October 1, 2025, the limit is \$50,000. It used to be \$35,000. As well, for someone to appeal a final decision made in Small Claims Court, the amount of their claim must now be at least \$5,000. And judges can now decide cases that are under \$5,000 at a settlement conference. Both amounts are up from \$3,500.

Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) reached a major milestone with the arrival of its first-ever Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine. This is a key step in creating capacity by expanding services to meet the needs of the growing community. Collingwood MRI is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. The new MRI suite officially opened on October 15 and is part of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, providing patients with access to advanced diagnostic imaging closer to home.

Property Tax Relief – This is a program for Low Income Seniors and Disabled Persons. Both Town of The Blue Mountains and Meaford, offer this program. The application Deadline is December 31st, 2025. "This program applies to property tax increase from one year to the next, up to a maximum of \$500". For an application form for the Town of The Blue Mountains: tax@thebluemountains.ca or 519-599-3131 x 221. For Meaford, tax@meaford.ca or 519 538 1060. The Town of The Blue Mountains town hall will close at NOON on December 24th and will reopen on January 5th 2026. Applications are available now.



GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday December 2nd, 2025

Rooted in the community of the Town of Blue Mountains, guided by compassion, Events for Life (EFL) creates a welcoming inclusive environment where individuals with diverse abilities participate in engaging social, recreational and lifelong learning activities that foster connection, growth and community belonging.

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that takes place every year on the first Tuesday in December. It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good and give back! It serves as a counterbalance to the consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.



EFL is a Not-for-Profit charity located in Thornbury

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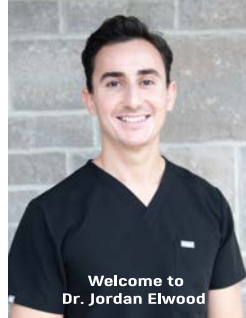
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Remembrance Day

Written by M. Elizabeth McKinlay



Lest We Forget

The Ravenna Cenotaph lists nine names of men from the former Collingwood Township who gave their lives for their country during World War II. Three of these men, namely, Harold Graham, Thomas Wright, and Lester Hoggard, were featured

in individual articles in this newspaper in November of 2019, 2022, and 2024, respectively. Eighty years after the end of World War II, it is increasingly difficult to find relatives, former neighbours, or acquaintances of these remaining six young men, most of whom did not have any children of their own. Thus, the remaining six are presented here with a short profile, gleaned from public records available through the Canadian War Graves Commission, Find a Grave, or other articles which make reference to them. Many decades ago, a display was created within the Ravenna Hall which featured the portraits of most of the young men from the local area who gave their lives in either WWI or WWII. Thus, the faces of these young men are included here to remind us of both their youthfulness and the strength of their resolve to serve their County.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

From a Poem entitled "For the Fallen" by Robert Laurence Binyon



B/64772 Rifleman David William Boynton was born on 6 September 1922 in Collingwood, Ontario, the son of John William and Margaret (Ferguson) Boynton of R. R. # 3, Collingwood (R. R. # 3 was the mail delivery route for the and Craighleith area). David left school at age 14 and farmed with his father until he enlisted with The Queen's Own Rifles in Toronto on September 11, 1941. After training, he arrived in England on March 29, 1942. After two more years of training in the

United Kingdom, he was in B Company in the first wave to land on Juno Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was killed in action that same day. He was 21 years of age. He is buried in Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, Revers, Normandy Region, in Northwestern France.

The inscription on his gravestone reads:

***FATHER IN THY GRACIOUS KEEPING
LEAVE WE NOW OUR LOVED ONE SLEEPING***



B/44344, Cyril Alvin Campbell, was born on April 26, 1921, in Guelph, Ontario, son of William John and Henrietta (Jotham) Campbell of Fergus, Ontario. He belonged to the 10 Field Park Company Division of the Royal Canadian Engineers.

He worked in construction, and when he enlisted in the army, he became a "sapper" (today called a combat engineer) in the Royal Canadian Engineers. On Aug. 8, 1944, Cyril was driving a bulldozer as part of a crew repairing a road in France so it could be used for the transportation of troops and supplies. He was killed when his crew was attacked by enemy bombers. (Information used with written permission from Ed Butts, Guelph, who presented this material on November 10, 2023, for the Elora/Fergus Today) Alvin is remembered with honour at the Bretteville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery Calvados, France.

It is not known what connection Cyril Alvin Campbell had with the Collingwood Township community, or the reason his name appears on the Ravenna cenotaph. His name also appears on the cenotaph at Belsyde Cemetery, Fergus. (Written permission received from Ashisha who posted the above photo on Cyril's profile on *Find a Grave*)



Ventura aircraft AE 729 had just taken off in poor weather conditions on October 26, 1942, for a flight to Goose Bay, Labrador when it experienced engine failure, stalled and crashed two miles east of the Dorval aerodrome, near Montreal. All 16 passengers and crew aboard perished, including Leading Aircraftman **R/123135 Keith Dooks Campbell**, who, along with seven others with the same title, had been assigned to Goose Bay as radio operators.

Keith was born on October 1, 1919, the son of John and Emma (Dooks) Campbell of Clarksburg. He was farming near Heathcote when he enlisted in the RCAF on 4 Aug 1941 in Toronto and trained at the No. 4 Wireless School in Guelph. He married Margaret Campbell of Parkhill, ON. Keith is remembered with honour at our local Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

His epitaph reads:

***HOPE TO SEE MY PILOT FACE TO FACE
WHEN I HAVE CROSSED THE BAR***



R/133754, Allan Keith Lawrence was born March 22, 1919, to Richard and Sarah Jane (Boyle) Lawrence of Clarksburg. His father was a farmer and fruit grower, and at the time of his enlistment, Allan named his own occupation as "apple picker and packer".

He trained at Camp Borden for one and a half years in the early 1940's, then left to join the R.C.A.F. where he served as an "air gunner" with his unit 405 (PFF) Sqn-Squadron Ducimus. Its motto was "We Lead".

Late on the afternoon of January 14, 1944, Allan and the other crew took off in an Avro Lancaster III from Gransden Lodge Airfield, 10 miles west of Cambridge, England, headed for their target city Stettin, Germany. Their plane was shot down near Osterode, Germany. There were no survivors. Allan is buried in the Berlin War Cemetery. Charlottenburg, Germany, and is also named on his parents' gravestone in the Thornbury-Clarksburg cemetery.



The caption on this portrait hanging in the Ravenna Hall reads: **T-Sgt Elwood J Brown** (U.S.A. Army Medical Corps); Died July 29, 1945, Hines, Illinois. No additional information has been found about him.

His name is listed on the Ravenna Cenotaph with those who died between 1939 and 1945. It is assumed that his name was added later than the other eight men, as his name is not listed in alphabetical order. It is not known what his connection to the (former) Collingwood Township was.



The newspaper clipping from the *Owen Sound Sun Times*, November 1944, provides a meaningful history of **B/158732 Private James Hilliard McAteer**. While the newspaper article cites October 24th as his date of death, official military records instead indicate October 16th, 1944.

He is remembered with Honour in the Bergen-Op-Zoom Canadian War Cemetery, in the Netherlands. He is also named on his parents' gravestone in the Thornbury-Clarksburg Cemetery.

His epitaph reads:

UNTIL THE DAY BREAKS

PTE. H. M'ATEER, CLARKSBURG MAN, REPORTED KILLED

CLARKSBURG, Nov. 10 — Mrs. George McAteer of Clarksburg received a tragic shock on Thursday evening when she received an official message informing her that her only son, Pte. Hilliard James McAteer, had been killed in Belgium or Holland on Oct. 24. Earlier an official message had been received stating that he had been wounded in action on Oct. 24, the same day on which his death is now reported to have occurred. No information was received between the time of the first message, which did not give the nature of his wounds, and the second message which stated he had been killed.



The young soldier's father is on a hunting expedition at Burton, in the Parry Sound district, and had not even been informed of the first message stating that his son had been wounded.

Pte. McAteer, who was 27 years of age, was born at Heathcote, but had resided at Clarksburg since he was a boy. He attended Thornbury Public and High Schools. In later years he had sailed the Great Lakes. At the conclusion of the navigation season last year he enlisted in the army and trained at Simcoe and Camp Borden. He was originally with the Armored Corps, but later transferred to the infantry. He went overseas in August of this year.

Pte. McAteer was not married. Besides his parents, he leaves to mourn his loss one sister, Muriel, who is married and is residing in Toronto.

Pte. McAteer was known as a crack rifle shot, he having been a member of the Clarksburg Rifle Club.

(If you have further information about any these six young men, please contact me at elizabethmckinlay@rogers.com)

Remembering by Alice Otrysko

We honour Remembrance Day in November. What is it that we remember? It's not so much the remembering as honoring and thanking and paying respect to the bravery of people who fought in Wars that kept the rest of us safe.

People my age most likely had parents or relatives or knew someone who was actually fighting in a War. My uncles did. My father did not actually fight as a soldier but he was part of the Red Cross Team which treated and saved a number of the wounded. My aunts served in the Women's Auxiliary and contributed to the recovery of many.

Why are there wars? It's a difficult question to answer because as children we are taught to make peace and not fight with friends and to be good—a good little boy, a good little girl.

However, the concept of Evil is universal. When we read the Bible, Cain kills Abel—his brother. Why? Jealousy.

When you study history or read the Bible, accounts of the worst and most evil people in the world point to their collective evil. They are responsible for deaths and the resultant misery of millions.

For me, Hitler, Stalin, Putin are prominent evil people. Stalin invaded my country Poland and forced my family to abandon their home and suffer in Siberia. God was on their side as only one, the youngest uncle, died at the hands of the Soviets in Siberia (he was tortured to death).

But wars continue. The two most outstanding ones now are between Putin and Ukraine and Israel and Hamas. Many, many people are dying, suffering and praying for the end to this horror. Some look away and deny and refuse to face what goes on.

When I read about wars, Genghis Khan, Caligula, Henry VIII, the Slave Traders, Ayatollah Khomeini, Drug Lords, the common criminals, all contributed and continue, to the misery of many people.

I was reading and hearing about the October 7 attack by Hamas on an Israeli town of 1,200 residents who were "having an outdoor party". They were surprised by 150 Hamas gunmen ordered to kill as many Jews as they can. Armed, wearing bulletproof vests they kicked in doors shot and killed men, women, babies and took hostages. After two years, only now, those hostages who remain alive have been freed. The dead ones are still being discovered.

We have to remember, not just on Remembrance Day but every day that evil is present and we must fight it. We as human beings rely on others therefore cherish your family, your friends and pray for your enemies. Remembrance Day is every day.

I'll never forget the graves at Monte Casino where the crosses mark the dead who fought for freedom. We Poles have a song honouring those buried there and the red poppies that cover the graves.

As the month of November ends, we are looking forward to December. It is time to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. Christmas is on its way and with it comes joy and gratitude and sharing. Our towns will be decorated and festive in honour of a sacred day.

The battles and the stories of the gallant men and women who fought them are legendary but must never be forgotten. Evil must be opposed and goodness raised up high. It should all start at home.



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Ceremonial Presentation of First Poppy

On October 29 at the Thornbury Cenotaph, Mayor Andrea Matrosovs was presented with the first ceremonial poppy, by Royal Canadian Legion, Beaver Valley, President Eobhann Bruce and Steve Gorton, Chair of the Poppy Campaign heralding the start of their Annual Poppy Campaign..

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

SUN NOVEMBER 9TH, 10AM

AT ST GEORGES CHURCH WITH
GRACE UNITED CHURCH

TUES NOVEMBER 11TH, 10:45AM

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY,
JACK ACRES PARK CENOTAPH

TUES NOVEMBER 11TH, 1:00PM

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MON NOVEMBER 17TH, 10:45AM

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In Memoriam

SELEGEJ, NADIA 'DINA' (nee GUPALENKO)

November 15, 1937 – October 14, 2025



Nadia 'Dina' Selegej (née Gupalenko) of Christie Beach, Thornbury, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at the age of 87, surrounded by loving family and friends. Nadia faced her battle with endometrial cancer with remarkable courage, grace, and strength.

Born in Ukraine on November 15, 1937, Nadia's journey led her first to Caracas, Venezuela, and later to Hamilton, Ontario, where she built a life marked by resilience, generosity, and creativity.

She spent approximately 20 years at McMaster University in the Marketing and Graphics Department, where her professionalism and artistic flair left a lasting impression.

Nadia was predeceased by her beloved husband, George Selegej, with whom she shared many beautiful years and a deep love for travel and animals. Together, they explored the world—journeying by van, plane, and boat through South America, North America, Europe, and Asia—and rescued and raised countless kittens, giving them all a loving home.

She is survived by her cherished sister, Lidia of Toronto, and will be fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, their families, and an extended circle of friends who considered her a second mother and grandmother.

Nadia had a rare gift for turning the everyday into something extraordinary. A passionate seamstress, she sewed her own wedding dress and crafted beautiful clothing with skill and care. Her kitchen was a haven of delicious tradition—crackers delivered in a Nescafe jar with the famous yellow lid (which had to be returned for refills), handmade perogies, borsh soup, and elaborate Christmas cookie platters tied with ribbon and personalized with each recipient's name. Tea was always ready, the table always set with elegance, and no guest ever left hungry—or uncherished. Ray Price was often the voice heard singing in the background during a visit with Nadia.

Her deep love for animals, especially cats, reflected her gentle spirit, and her garden was a source of joy, where she grew and shared dill and tomatoes with neighbors. Nadia's warmth, hospitality, and social nature made her a beloved member of the Christie Beach community, where she and George built their home in 1978 and lived there for many years.

In the final days of her life, Nadia shared a poem about the Rainbow Bridge - a place where pet owners are reunited with their animals and loved ones in the afterlife. For all who knew and loved her, there is comfort in knowing she will be there, waiting with tea, a warm smile, and perhaps a few crackers in that yellow-lidded jar.

A celebration of Nadia's life took place on Saturday, October 11, in her front yard - a beautiful, sunny afternoon shared with friends and family while she was still with us. It was a fitting tribute to a remarkable woman who touched so many lives with her love, kindness, and unshakable spirit.

As per Nadia's wishes, cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nadia's memory may be made to the Owen Sound Animal Shelter or Brightshores Health System, causes close to her heart. Donations may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 (519-538-1320). For more information or to leave a message of condolence, please visit: www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

Forever in our hearts, and never truly gone - because anyone who ever spoke with Nadia on the phone knows, you could never say the last goodbye.

SANDY LOVELL

Sandy left us on Tuesday September 9th while doing what he loved—hiking with his wife Andrée and their dogs on the Bruce Trail near his home in Ravenna. He was 66. Sandy adored Andrée and was an amazing and ridiculously proud dad to Danielle, Cameron, and Evan.

After retiring from a career in the financial services sector, Sandy fully embraced country life while also taking every opportunity to pursue his many lifelong passions—from skiing, golfing, and travelling to sharing good food and great wine with family and friends, both at home and abroad.

Informal and humble, Sandy provided vitality to his community. He had a knack for bringing people together and bringing events to life. Famous for epic November "Birthday Bashes" and more recently "Barn Bashes", Sandy connected with people by connecting with people in a way that built an incredibly strong, loyal, and enduring circle of friends. That circle followed him and grew as he moved through life's phases, from his teenage years in Aurora, to his working life in Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, and Toronto, and eventually the Collingwood area.

Sandy's wry humour permeated his interactions with people, breaking down barriers and allowing people to open up and be their true selves. He was a coach and a mentor to many, helping others navigate the perils and joys of modern life as well as assisting in careers and life decisions. Sandy was always there as a friend when needed most, regardless of background or circumstance.

While Sandy, affectionately known as The Doon, will be profoundly missed, his legacy will live on in the difference he made to all those whose lives were enriched by his presence.

A private celebration of Sandy's life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Fawcett Funeral Home - Collingwood



KINGSLEY REID

Kingsley George Reid, born on February 15, 1955, in Rocksprings, Jamaica was sent to his eternal home on October 9th, 2025, after a long battle of Cancer. He was only 70 years young.

He was the beloved son of the late Birdie-Lynn and Uriel Arthur Reid.

Kingsley was a man whose energy was illuminated by his love for the arts, music, and nature. This love paralleled his spirit and gave him strength every day, even in his darkest moments. He will be greatly missed by his daughters, his family near & far, and by all of those who cared for him dearly. If there is one thing he left us to remember, it would be to always be true to ourselves and never stop fighting for "RESPECT", because we all deserve this regardless of where we are all from. One Love.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Kingsley on November 9th, from 2pm till 4pm at the Corner Cafe, 3 Bruce Street South, Thornbury with tributes at 3pm

Feel free to wear your colours of reds, yellows, blacks, or greens apparel, to share in the rastaman's farewell.

Donations in honour of Kingsley Reid can be made to support Jamaica in the wake of Hurricane Melissa that hit the island on Oct. 28th, 2025.

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DETLEV (MIKE) CLAUS ERNST KUSSNER

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Detlev (Mike) Claus Ernst Kussner at his home in Clarksburg ON on Saturday, October 25, 2025 in his 81st year.

Beloved husband and partner-in-life of Kristina Wichman for over 58 years; brother of Dietrich (Christine), Erhard (Irene), and Hartmut (Shirley) Kussner; brother-in-law of Monika (Tony), Rolf (Elizabeth), and Bert (Trudy) Wichman. His nieces and nephews Debbie (Wayne) Hotham, Denise (Agrim) Jajal, Bryan (Rebecca) Kussner, Amanda (Blair) Sorenson, Anna (Emmanuel) Minten and Rachel (Jon) Wichman, Christian (Nataly) Wichman, and Eric (Caitlin) Wichman. In addition, there are the great nieces and nephews – Jordan, Avery, Clara, Odin, Ellie, Stellan, William, Derrick, Leslie, Hannah, Jacob and great great-nephew Jones.

Mike's love of teaching carried on beyond his 31 years of teaching at Toronto's Monarch Park and Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute high schools. He started his Physics, Science, and Mathematics teaching career at Monarch Park Collegiate in September 1969. He ended his teaching career at Danforth Collegiate where he enjoyed teaching of gifted math students immensely. He was an admired teacher from the beginning loved by the staff and students and led to some students becoming teachers themselves (Tom Evagelou). In the 1970's he coached many successful basketball teams. Mike was an avid athlete himself. He played hockey, basketball, and soccer at a high level. His years at the Balmy Beach Club squash courts included many legendary games against Tom Otis, Alec Parley, Todd Reynolds, and Bobbie Dann. His teaching days lead to a number of enduring friendships.

Mike was an avid cyclist and spent the summer of 1974 cycling in Europe with Todd Reynolds. He loved cross country skiing for many years, often with his dog Baggins running between his legs. Later he changed to downhill skiing every week day morning and became known as the "green machine" which was the colour of his ski outfit.

He enjoyed his live music nights in Toronto usually with Dave Ross. No one enjoyed the performances of Wayne Cochrane and the CC Riders like Mike. Dave Hodge and the Hockey Night in Canada crew who were in the audience told him that "you made this night wonderful..." and he did. His enthusiasm was contagious.

Mike was a great student of science, astronomy, building skills, and anything requiring analysis. He shared his passion for puzzles with his nephews, nieces and other family friends' children who were blessed with his constant challenges.

Retirement revolved around the hobby farm and he and Kristina were great hosts for the many family and friends' gatherings there. His many nieces and nephews also vacationed there and were treated to activities such as mushroom hunts, gator or Datsun bush rides, scavenger hunts, detective theatre, croquet, horseshoes, long walks, playing cards and board games following house rules and interacting with many farm animals. He enjoyed German and Swedish traditions at home, his and Kris' heritages. New practices such as taking the children shopping for candy and dipping in his coin bucket made great memories. His enthusiasm for board games is fondly remembered. He loved to cook for his family creating many memorable meals. He always had the time to share what he knew and truly cared about his family. He loved living at the farm and made fast friends with many of his country neighbours (Ernie Bristow, Dennis Ouellette, Ron Cundy, Bob Prywata).

His enthusiasm for life, sharing fun activities such as treating guests to rides down the country roads in his flashy, red sports car, teaching math skills, his life-long romance with Kristina, his devotion to family and friends made great memories for us. He will be missed by all of us. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada [natureconservancy.ca](https://www.natureconservancy.ca) or Georgian Bay Humane Society gths.ca. Online condolences, memories, and photographs may be shared at www.amgfh.com.



Blue Mountains Curling Centre Hosts Successful Annual Golf & Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser

The Blue Mountains Curling Centre is thrilled to announce the success of its first Annual Golf and Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser, held on Oct 2nd 2025 at Duntroon Highlands Resort. The event brought together BMCC Members and Friends supporting the ongoing growth and development of the Curling Centre and its community programming.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, participants enjoyed an outstanding day of friendly competition, delicious local food and drink, and a fantastic prize table.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the businesses that made this event possible: Squire John's Woodbloom Mushrooms, Georgian Hills Vineyard, Motiv Pilates, Ashanti Coffee Roasters, Roost Wine Company, Duntroon Cider House, Lemonade Collective, Par Physio, Surf and Turf, and ReVive.

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward continued efforts to make curling accessible to all in our community.

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and cheered us on. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Blue Mountains Curling Centre Fundraising Team



Golf Winners:
Alice and Lloyd Luckock
Heather and Colin Young



Pickleball Winners:
Janicke Ziemer
Tara Pencak



Georgian Triangle Humane Society Launches 50/50 Lottery - \$25,750 to date

Every ticket is a chance to fetch a win and give back to pets in need

The Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) is thrilled to announce the launch of its first-ever 50/50 Lottery, running from **October 1st to November 30th, 2025**. Supporters

across the region have the chance to win big while helping local pets in need.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the GTHS Holiday Open House on December 4th, adding even more excitement to one of the most festive events of the year.

Tickets are available at three price points: 5 tickets for \$10, 20 tickets for \$25, or 75 tickets for \$50, making it fun and affordable for everyone to get involved. With every ticket purchased, participants not only get a shot at the grand prize, but also help provide vital care for pets in South Georgian Bay at a time when support has never been more needed.

For more information, including how to purchase tickets and rules, visit <https://gths.ca/gths-5050>

Thornbury Turkey Trot



Community Gives Back at Rotary's Thornbury Turkey Trot

Runners and walkers of every age and stage enjoyed the annual Thornbury Turkey Trot in support of the Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club, Saturday October 11th. The event attracted over 1000 participants, and is a major fundraiser for the Club. Proceeds from the annual event supports the many needs of the local community along with a variety of international aid projects.

The evening's rain ended and blue skies rolled in as the opening ceremonies began. The free kids run was a huge success with just over 300 energy filled children running with parents in tow around the fields of Moreau Park. Lots of smiles as they crossed the finish line to receive their medals. Some more serious youth runners challenged themselves in the timed 5km run, bringing in some impressive results.

Runners and walkers from near and far gathered to tackle the 5K run/walk, 10K or Half Marathon routes through the fall colours of the Beaver Valley. The Thanksgiving run is enjoyed by locals and is destination event with guests from all over the province and beyond, enjoying the region's specular fall scenery. With music pumping and the cheering crowd, some wearing their roasted turkey hats, participants got their gobble on to begin the race. The competitive running crowd brought in some impressive results while many families enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving dinner stroll.

The Rotary Club of Thornbury Clarksburg gives thanks to our community for supporting this event and others.

A special thank you to all of our community sponsors who helped make the Thornbury Turkey Trot possible! See you next year, same gobble time, same gobble place!

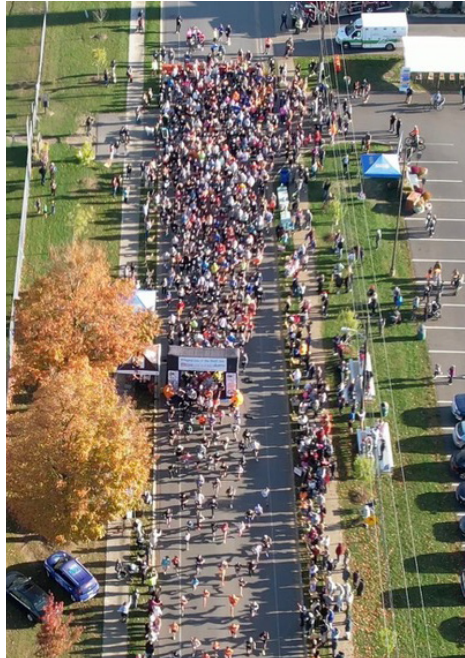


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Congratulations to our overall winners!

21K OVERALL FEMALE

1	Brianna Cavan	Owen Sound	1:26:48
2	Shannon Miller	Thornbury	1:31:20
3	Mikaela Brewer	Barrie	1:32:28

21K OVERALL MALE

1	Ryan Ackerman	Wasaga Beach	1:20:55
2	Jochen Tilk	Thornbury	1:30:18
3	Benjamin Drainville	New Liskeard	1:33:06

10K OVERALL FEMALE

1	Julia Costanzo	Meaford	40:33
2	Jessica Bryce	Toronto	40:50
3	Andrea Hong	Thornbury	45:36

10K OVERALL MALE

1	Jordan Cascagnette	Collingwood	34:19
2	Eric Hong	Collingwood	38:11
3	Alex James	Kettleby	38:40

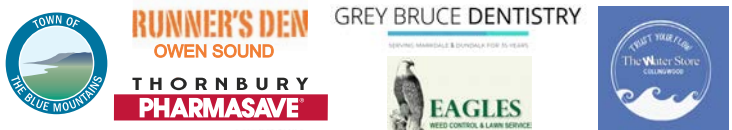
5K OVERALL FEMALE

1	Emily Shuell	Collingwood	20:20
2	Alexandra Glover	Toronto	22:11
3	Madelyn Moores	Owen Sound	22:23

5K OVERALL MALE

1	Aidan Whelan	Toronto	18:02
2	Jack Ward	Toronto	18:03
3	Oliver Lo	Toronto	18:52

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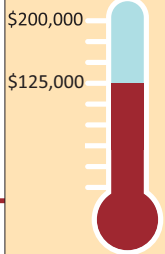


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The Real Story of Women and Investing

Women in the Blue Mountains have long been part of building this community—managing businesses, raising families, and making financial decisions that last. That practical, steady approach shows up in investment results, too.

Women consistently outperform men as investors. University of California, Berkeley analyzed 35,000 households and Warwick Business School did a similar study—female investors earned roughly 1–2% higher annual returns. Over decades, that difference compounds into a powerful advantage. This pattern is repeatable and data-backed, extending across individual and professional investors alike.

Among professional managers, the same results appear. A 2022 analysis by Investment Metrics of 90 global equity portfolios found women-led teams lost just 2.6% in a down market versus 5.9% for male-led teams—a significant difference in asset protection. Goldman Sachs Asset Management reported female-managed funds are 10% more likely to outperform benchmarks compared with male-managed funds. Gender-balanced private equity management teams achieved up to 20% higher returns, according to the International Finance Corporation and World Bank than male dominated ones.

Despite these outcomes, women remain underrepresented in financial decision-making. In my work with families across South Georgian Bay, I've noticed that in many households, the male partner still takes the more active role. Professionally, women portfolio managers have been decreasing and account for just 11% (Morningstar) in the US. This is despite women getting better results.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada reports women underestimate their financial knowledge by 23.5%, despite having strong results. And nearly 90% of Canadian women will manage finances on their own at some point—three-quarters as widows, often by their mid-50s (Vanier Institute, 2024). Confidence before that moment matters far more than making up for lost time after it.

Here in the Blue Mountains, women already lead with clarity and perspective—the same traits that sustain long-term success in investing. I'm hosting a Women and their Wealth Virtual Seminar to explore the data, share practical strategies to build financial confidence, and open a conversation about better decision-making.

RSVP today to join the discussion and learn how informed, confident investing can drive meaningful results—for yourself, your family, and your future.

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Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund is a registered charitable public foundation with an endowed fund held with Community Foundation Grey Bruce. Donations are invested with the earnings going towards community projects.

www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca

Escarpment Corridor Alliance Conference

by Robert Burcher

A big conference was held last month presented by the **Escarpment Corridor Alliance**. A sold-out crowd of over 300 came together at the Osler Bluff Ski Club to hear about efforts to develop an uninterrupted nature corridor along the escarpment. The keynote speaker at the event, Dr. Jodi Hilty President of the Yukon to Yellowstone corridor told of their successful work following the backbone of the Rocky Mountains. The fact that it includes at least five National Parks that were established in the 1800s made it quite an easy process. Whereas here in Ontario the ECA will have to fight huge developments, the aggregate industry and the insane land prices if they try to buy anything.

The ECA which started out to fight Castle Glen and Talisman developments has morphed into a softer wholistic wild nature positive group. The big announcement of success announced at the conference was that ECA has become a registered Land Trust and has just secured their first property. That is an expansion of twenty-four acres of the Kolapore Uplands Management area and this group joins other local groups working to save our environment. for eg

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The Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy established in 1997 now has 24,800 acres under its land trust agreements, spread over 250 nature preserves along the escarpment including 80 kms of public trails!

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The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation (the Watershed Trust), Ontario's first watershed trust, was formed in 1994 to protect natural areas in Collingwood and the Blue Mountains from development pressures of many kinds. Their area of interest totals approximately 50,000 hectares.

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The Bruce Trail Conservancy manages connection between people and nature through their 1,300 km of trails.



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Baseball by Robert Burcher

"It was the best of times it was the worst of times!"

– Charles Dickens

Yes, indeed a well fought epic World Series! Weeks of hope and excitement to end with that squeaker of defeat.

The Corner Café on Saturday night was the prime spot to see the last game. Loud and boisterous. But the new little cozy bar on the Bruce St. hill, Hometown Hall was a more intimate location where you could see and discuss the game with your table mates. Regretfully I put away my Blue Jays hat until next April.

But it's November now and we can all be depressed together with the baseball loss, the weather, the time change making for early dark evenings and then too there is the state of the world to be concerned about. But Remembrance Day is coming. Get out there to honour the veterans and the peaceful country we have all lived in since the last war. Then the Christmas season begins! YIKES!



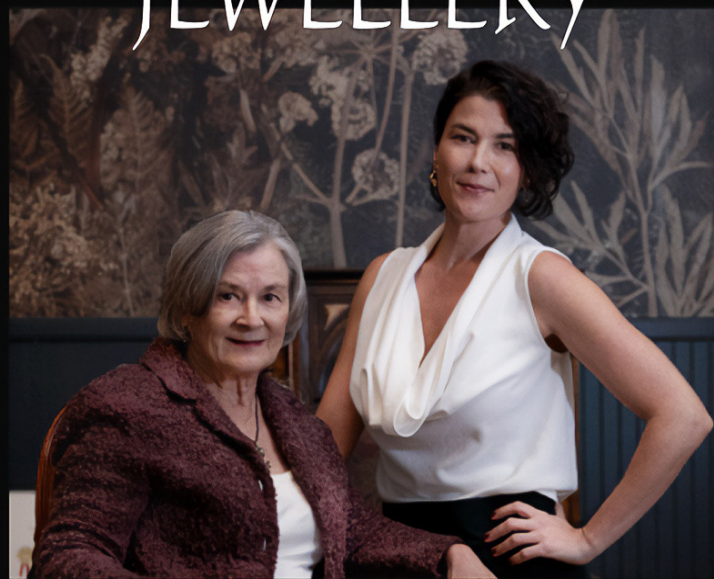
Halloween 2025

Events for Life (EFL) hosted their annual "Warming Station" at the L. E. Shore Library on October 31st. Over 300 children came by with family members to warm up, have some hot chocolate and get a few more treats. We even had a group come in to perform a "flash mob" dance to MJ's "Thriller"! What a great night!

Thanks to the community for their support and to those who donated candy! Also a big thanks to the L. E. Shore Library team, the OPP auxiliary officer, Tim Hortons Thornbury and to all our parents, participants and volunteers who came out to help! See you next year!



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Picking The Right Charity –

Choosing a charity that reflects your values

By Laurie Fox, the Will Power Campaign

With so many charitable organizations doing important work, deciding where to give can feel overwhelming. Laurie Fox, director of the Will Power campaign, answers some of the most commonly asked questions about charitable giving — from how to evaluate a charity's effectiveness to including one in your will.

What are the best charities to donate to? Large or small? Local or national?

There is no "best" charity – this is about your story and your values. It all comes down to what resonates with you. If you're unsure, a great place to start is with charities you or your family already have a connection to. Maybe you've volunteered, donated before or even benefited from their work. If you can, narrow it down to three that feel meaningful so you have options to work with.

How do I know if a charity is legitimate and will be around for the long run?

The last thing you want is to invest in a charity that doesn't feel reliable. There are ways to make sure your chosen charity is the real deal. Look for:

- a solid online presence (i.e. websites, social media and active communication)
- clear contact information that works
- transparency about mission, achievements and finances
- track record — organizations that have been around a few years and have a supportive community
- check Canada Revenue Agency's charity listings to confirm good standing
- visit www.willpower.ca to view profiles of charities local to Grey Bruce

How do I know if a charity is effective?

Here's the scoop: charities don't run the same way as a typical business. Their impact isn't measured by ROI or how low they keep their costs per dollar raised. Websites that rank charities in this way don't tell the full story.

Instead, focus on the heart of it. Is this charity achieving the goals it set out to accomplish? Look at their mission, their impact and their testimonials. This can usually be found in their annual reports. Are they making the world a little brighter in the way they said they would? That's what counts.

What percentage of my donation goes to the cause? Are administrative costs low?

Let's bust this myth, here and now. Low administrative costs do not necessarily mean a charity is effective. Running a charity takes people and resources. Administrative costs are what keep the lights on and pay the staff that are doing the good work.



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Instead of zeroing in on percentage, ask yourself: is the charity fulfilling its mission effectively? Are their programs creating real, measurable change? If the answer is yes, trust that your money is going to a good place.

Choosing a charity that aligns with your passions and including it in your will is a simple, powerful way to make a lasting impact.

How to include a charity in your will

Step 1: Pick a charity (or two) that aligns with your passions. Ask how your gift could be used, they can give you the right wording for your will.

Step 2: Decide on the gift. You can leave a specific amount, though many people leave a small percentage of their estate to charity.

Step 3: Wrap it up with a professional. A lawyer, notary or online will service can add a simple clause to your will that outlines your wishes. Loop your financial advisor in. Tax incentives can help your gift do more and save you money.

Can I leave a gift and still provide for family?

This is one of the biggest questions people have. And the answer is, yes, you can absolutely support a cause you care about and provide for your loved ones. Leaving even 1 percent of your estate to charity can make a meaningful difference, while 99 percent still goes to family.

Pass something meaningful on to the people in your life. A gift in your will is a powerful way to model generosity and giving back, one that can inspire family and friends to carry those values forward.

Laurie Fox is the director of the Will Power Campaign. She has made it her mission to show all Canadians the power they have to do more simply by giving in a different way. Learn more at www.willpower.ca.



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The deadline for designs to be submitted is Monday, November 10th 2025 by 5:00pm. Artwork can be dropped off to either of my constituency offices at 162 Mill Street, Unit 3, Angus or 503 Hume St. Unit 4 Collingwood; or sent electronically to Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca. PLEASE PROVIDE ARTWORK ON A 8 X 10 PIECE OF WHITE PAPER.

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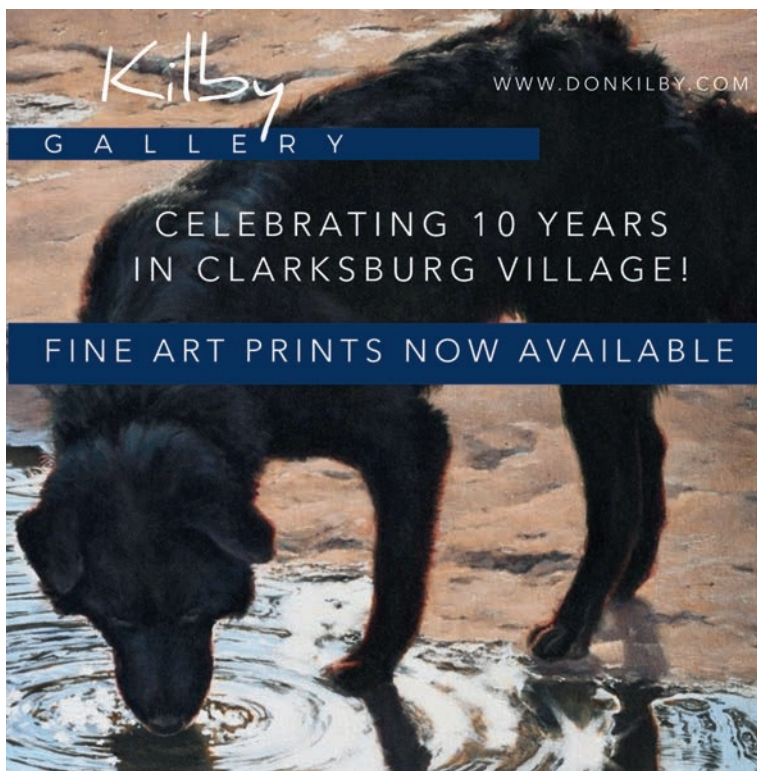
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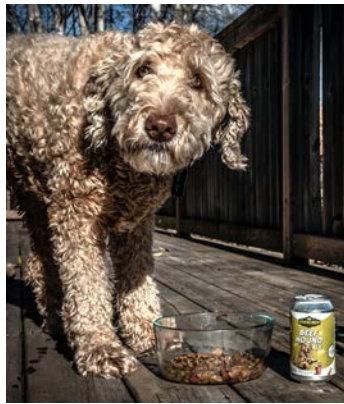
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Doggie Beer by Robert Burcher

As a starving writer I can't afford to own a dog, but I have a nice side hustle of taking care of dogs when their owners are away. So, I have met many dogs over the years and all of them are special. All special in their own ways. But the most special dog (whose owner I won't identify) refuses to eat dog cookies, dog kibble or anything with the name dog on it. I had to learn how to disguise dog food with a layer of human foods. I have noticed that



there is a new perfect product to fool that picky eater DOGGIE BEER!

This is not a joke! It does exist and sold in the Market on Marsh. There is no alcohol involved but I am told that is as addictive as the real thing. Made from beef marrow and brewed in Minden, it is the brainchild of a new local entrepreneur Kourtney Spang.

I'm running out right now to get a case so that my next doggie house guest will be well served.

Two flavours from the company called Barking Brew – Beef Hound Ale and Peanut Butter Pilsner. <https://barkingbrew.ca/>

Construction Notice Bay Street East Reconstruction



On behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, WT Infrastructure has completed the detailed design and tendering for the reconstruction of Bay Street East and Grey Street in Thornbury.

The project has been tendered and the construction contract has been awarded to Arnott Construction Limited. Work is expected to begin in early November, with completion prior to the end of March 2027. Work will begin with site preparation throughout the entire project area, including tree protection, erosion control and required tree removals. Excavation work is expected to begin at the intersection of Mill Street and Bay Street, and progress eastwards.

Project Scope

- Installation of temporary one-way roadway between Elgin Street and Grey Street to allow for hydro pole relocation
- Reconstruction of Bay Street East to a one-way cross section; including sanitary force main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and watermain
- Reconstruction of Grey Street to the Town standard local urban 20m right-of-way (no parking) cross section; including a 2.7m multi-use trail, sanitary force main, storm sewer, watermain and treated effluent outfall
- Replacement and/or installation of storm, sanitary and water service laterals to each property line
- Restoration of disturbed areas including tree planting on private property where deemed appropriate along the property frontage

Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden in November.

Taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Master Gardener Emeritus



- Look for discounted bulbs on sale. Buy them and get them in the ground now. Your extra efforts will bloom in the spring.
- Remove annual plants from the garden and from pots or other containers. Dump plants and soil onto your compost pile. Clean pots thoroughly and store them.
- There is an annual argument among gardeners as to whether you should cut back all your perennials, grasses etc., in the fall, or leave them long for "winter interest". Up here, most perennials are covered by 2+ feet of snow, so you can't see them anyway. With no fall clean-up, spring clean-up can be daunting. It can be delayed by wet weather, a late spring or there can be instant summer. That's why I am opting for a BIG FALL CLEAN-UP this year to get a jump on spring 2026. I'll leave a few tall perennials with seeds for the birds, but suit yourself.
- Dig up and bring in dahlia tubers, tuberous begonias and gladioli corms when the leaves turn yellow. Remove the soil and wash the tubers. Remove little cormlets from glad corms for more plants next year. Cure the tubers and corms for 2-3 weeks in a warm dry place. Place in trays and cover with dry compost, peat moss, sand or perlite. Store at about 5 C in a cold cellar, or a slightly heated garage.
- Try potting up some spring bulbs like amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus and force them into bloom for Christmas and/or for late winter indoor colour. Different bulbs will require various lengths of cold storage in your refrigerator or cold cellar to flower, so read the product packaging carefully.
- Complete winterization procedures for plants and containers; drain hoses and clean all other garden equipment. To be a perfect gardener, sharpen your tools and put linseed oil on wood handles. Protect young trees and shrubs from rodents by using wire collars or plastic protectors.
- Hill up your Hybrid Tea and Floribunda roses with 10+ inches of compost covering the stems, or use a metal or plastic "Rose Collar" and fill it with compost before the ground freezes.
- Create one or more Winter/Christmas urns using a variety of evergreen branches. Find branches with colorful berries and add red dogwood stems and dried hydrangea blossoms.
- Check mulch levels in gardens. Pull mulch back 3" to 6" from around shrub and tree trunks to discourage rodents. Add more compost or leaves to beds if you have them. It provides winter homes for pollinators and other insects.



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Notice of Public Meeting: With regard to the 2026 Draft Budget

Date of this Notice: October 21, 2025

Monday, November 10, 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 Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the 2026 Draft Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025, intends to adopt the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for all departments of the Town for the year 2026.

Copies of the 2026 Draft Budget will be available through the Town's website, www.thebluemountains.ca.

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the 2026 Draft Budget has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 2026 Draft Budget and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole 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 **9:00 a.m. Friday, November 7, 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 **Monday, November 3, 2025**.

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

Want to be notified of a decision?

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

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk
Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Fax: (519) 599-7723
Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Monica Quinlan, Director of Corporate & Financial Services

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 231; Email: directorcfs@thebluemountains.ca

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Notice of Public Meeting: With regard to amendments to By-law 2025-10 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, amendments to By-law 2025-12 for the Solid Waste Management Fees, and amendments to By-law 2025-11 for the Imposition of Water Charges and Sewer Charges.

Date of this Notice: October 21, 2025

Monday, November 10, 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 Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law.

It is proposed that Council will consider enactment of these revised By-laws at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws will be available through the Town's website, www.thebluemountains.ca.

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the By-laws has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the By-laws and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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Notice of Public Meeting: With regard to Stop Up & Close Portion Unopened Road Allowance

Date of this Notice: Oct 31, 2025

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Stop Up & Close Portion Of 15th Sideroad – Unopened Road Allowance

What is being proposed?

The Town has received a request from the Bruce Trail Conservancy to consider “Stopping up and Closing” a portion of the 15th Sideroad in the Town of The Blue Mountains.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is interested in acquiring a portion of the 15th Sideroad unopened road allowance to secure a portion of the Bruce Trail Optimum Route, and to allow for the construction of a staircase to facilitate rerouting of the Trail. The purpose is to secure a safer and more pleasant hiking experience for Bruce Trail users while helping to avoid any potential land use conflicts.

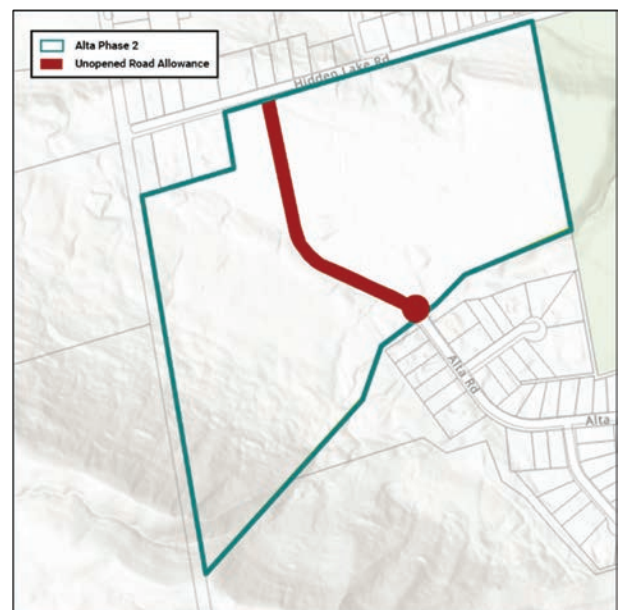


Stop Up & Close Portion Of Alta Road – Unopened Road Allowance

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Where do I find more information?

Additional information regarding these proposals is available for viewing at the Planning Services Department, located at Town Hall, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Alternatively, you can contact the Planning Services Department directly by phone and email.

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 263; Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca



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Environmental Sustainability Fund Accepting Applications

Date of this Notice: October 14, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains invites community organizations to apply for the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund.

This fund has an allocation of \$8,000 that will be split between successful applications that demonstrate a clear goal of advancing environmental sustainability within the Town. There is a maximum of \$5,000 available for any single project, meaning the fund will have at least \$3,000 remaining for one or more smaller projects if the highest-scoring proposal receives \$5,000. To better support smaller projects, applicants no longer need to cover 80% of the project's value from other sources, with a minimum funding request of \$1,000.

Past recipients have included Beaver River Watershed Initiative, Beaver Valley Community School, Climate Action Now Network, Georgian Bay Forever, Pollinate TBM, Thornbury Community Gardens and Treetrust TBM. Their projects have included a wide range of project types including education programs, pilot projects, waste diversion initiatives, tree plantings, shoreline cleanups and public events, exemplifying how the Town and community organizations can work alongside one another to foster environmental sustainability and build community connections.

Interested non-profit organizations and community groups wishing to apply must submit their application no later than **December 9, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. To learn more about the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund, including final reports from previous fund recipients and application templates, please visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/ESF.

For more information, please contact:

Nicholas Cloet, Sustainability Coordinator,
sustainability@thebluemountains.ca | (519) 599-3131 ext. 235

Remembrance Day Town Hall Closure

Town Hall will be closed on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025** and will reopen with regular hours on **Wednesday, November 12**. Curbside waste collection, including yard waste collection, will occur as usual on Tuesday, November 11, and for the remainder of the week. All essential services will continue to operate. Online services are available 24/7 on the Town website. The Blue Mountains Public Library will also be closed for Remembrance Day, reopening on Wednesday, November 12.

Corporate Strategic Plan Public Information Sessions

- **Wednesday, November 12:** Public Information Session #1 (5-7 pm)
- **Saturday, November 15:** Public Information Session #2 (11 am – 1 pm)

All meetings are at Town Hall. The Public Information Sessions will provide the public with an opportunity to provide input and participate in a Q&A session following a presentation at the beginning of the session. The Presentation and Q&A will be recorded and posted to the Town's website.

For more information, visit

www.thebluemountains.ca/OurPathForward



Overnight Winter Parking Restrictions

Overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. These restrictions are in effect between November 1, 2025, to April 15, 2026.

Over 125 Students Gather for Fourth Annual Youth Climate Action Conference

On October 28, over 125 elementary students and more than 27 educators from 24 schools across Grey and Bruce counties gathered at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound for the fourth annual Youth Climate Action Conference (YCAC). The event provided a platform for students, educators, and community organizations to come together, learn, and collaborate on climate action initiatives.

The day opened with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Drummers and a land blessing, followed by remarks from Saugeen First Nation Chief Conrad Ritchie and Chippewas of Nawash Acting Chief Jessica Keeshig-Martin. Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs introduced the keynote presentation by St. Mary's High School teacher John Watkins and students from the Green Industries program. Watkins and his students shared their experience designing, installing, and planting several new community garden spaces at their school with support from the Town of The Blue Mountains Youth Climate Action Fund.

Over the course of the day, students participated in hands-on workshops that explored water, land, and energy themes, facilitated by organizations such as Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Coastal Waters Monitoring Program, and local community changemakers.

Through one workshop, students planted a mini forest of 160 trees and shrubs on the Bayshore property. Students also participated in a Changemaking 101 workshop, where they explored what brings them joy, their superpower, and what's needed in the world to help them come up with an action project.

"Grey County is proud to support this initiative and see YCAC continue to grow and inspire young people across our region," said Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs.

"Both student participants and the student leaders are developing the skills and passion needed to drive meaningful climate action for years to come."

The day concluded with students sharing their project ideas in an energized session at the end of the day including creating pollinator gardens and starting a school composting program.

While students were in sessions, teachers participated in a full day of professional development on how to connect climate to their curriculum, led by Learning for a Sustainable Future.

The conference was organized by The Sustainability Project, with support from Learning for a Sustainable Future, Grey County, City of Owen Sound, Bluewater District School Board, Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, local climate action teams, and financial contributions from over 10 community organizations.

The conference supports the work of Grey County's climate change action plan, Going Green in Grey. To learn more about Grey County's Climate Action Plan, Going Green in Grey, visit www.grey.ca/climate-action. For more information on the conference or to learn about becoming a year-round school mentor for student action projects, visit www.ycac.info.



Pollinators in the Kitchen

In preparation for Canada Day celebrations, eco-gardening advocates Pollinate the Blue Mountains, were invited by Tori Rooney, Sustainability Analyst, to collaborate with Blue Mountain Resort and their Executive Chef Oleg Bozovic to create gardens featuring native plants that could be used in the kitchen. Three raised beds were built from repurposed old stair treads from the conference space at Blue Mountain Resort. These gardens were placed in front of Summit View Restaurant to showcase some of the options for native plant use in the kitchen while enhancing habitat for local pollinators.

Ben Caesar, owner of Fiddlehead Nursery, worked with us to supply as many native edibles as possible.

Once those were identified, native plants known for their medicinal properties were added to the gardens and with the space left, more traditional herbs and vegetables were introduced.

Executive Chef Oleg Bozovic was very interested in creating a garden that showed off alternates for a kitchen garden while also exploring the possibility for a future dining experience at the resort that could provide examples of fresh, local food alternatives that also contributed to expanding pollinator habitat. Examples of native plants used in the project included Nodding Wild Onion, Woolly Blue Violet, Sweet Cicely, Chives, Self heal and Yarrow.



In late June, with all plants selected a group of hardy volunteers from Blue Mountain Resort and Pollinate the Blue Mountains met at the Summit View Restaurant to plant the gardens. The heavy rain did not deter the enthusiastic group, and the planting was completed and conveniently watered.

The gardens thrived over the summer and fall months and are now tucked away for the winter season. This collaborative project is an example of how we can make a difference and change the impact of human activity to one that supports the well being of our environment.



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Ann-Marie McDairmid Receives June Callwood Outstanding Achievement For Voluntarism

Named in honour of the late author, social activist, and journalist, this award recognizes up to 25 individual volunteers, organizations and administrators for their outstanding leadership, innovation and contributions.

Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-Grey was honoured to issue a celebratory scroll to recognize Thornbury resident Ann-Marie MacDairmid, who was recently named as one of 15 remarkable individuals who received a 2025 June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism (JCOAAV).

The Ontario government recognized 15 remarkable individuals and four organizations for their exceptional contributions to their communities and the province. This year's recipients have dedicated their time to a range of community causes including youth advocacy, health care and mental health, the arts, environmental sustainability, and work with vulnerable populations.

Ann-Marie MacDairmid has led the Shoreline Chorus in Owen Sound for 25 years. She founded the choir in 1999 and has managed it entirely as a volunteer. Her leadership has created meaningful opportunities for community engagement through concerts supporting local food banks, therapeutic riding programs, and church outreach initiatives.

"Ann-Marie's leadership and generosity embody the true spirit of voluntarism," said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. "Through her commitment to music and community, she has brought people together and enriched countless lives. I want to extend my sincere thanks to Ann-Marie and to all volunteers whose selfless contributions strengthen our communities and make Ontario a better place for everyone."

During local ceremonies, held across the province, recipients received an award statue and a certificate signed by Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Graham McGregor. Anyone can submit a nomination for the JCOAAV.

Since 2002, 414 individuals and groups have received the JCOAAV. Applications close on December 5 each year.



Empowered Planning for Women 60+

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When the pieces fit, peace of mind follows. You'll know your income is built to last, your savings are protected from unnecessary taxes, and your estate will pass smoothly to those you love. You'll also have the flexibility to adjust as life changes - whether that means helping family, downsizing, or finally taking that dream trip.

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This November is Financial Literacy Month - a time to talk openly about money and make empowered decisions. If you're ready to take control of your financial future, let's start the conversation. Feel free to call me at (226) 665-0764 for a complimentary consultation.

Reach out today. Your future self will thank you.

Elliot Sinukoff, B.A., B. Comm, PRP, CEPA
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Saturday, November 15, 2025
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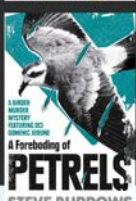
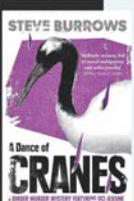
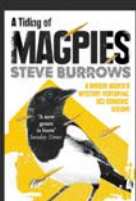


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BEAVER RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE

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We welcome BRWI members and non members to attend our AGM to learn about the current BRWI activities and elect our management team members. Your attendance will help support the Beaver River Watershed Initiative and our mission:

"To work with the community, agencies and organizations that share our vision to develop, promote and facilitate projects which will conserve, protect and enhance the ecological and social health of the Beaver River Watershed."

Brad Mulligan, Project Coordinator BRWI, will present a review of BRWI projects, both current and future.

Fred Dobbs, former Stewardship Manager of the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority will be our guest speaker. Over his ongoing 37-year career, Fred has worked with many conservation partners and funders to restore stream and floodplain habitat in the Nottawasaga Watershed.

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The bark is Nature's revelation, 'tho crinkled the etching is nameplate to its genesis,

Binds firmly to rings of contours annual, protects, flows nutrient from root to crown.

This tells a mighty story, as we hear how in Spring green shoots would drink the sap,

How blossoms, leaves, fruits and thorns would follow in royal train, a goblet of canopy,

How the twilight of Fall signals the flutter of falling leaves, they retire to Mother Earth.

We of human frame ponder upon our tree, recall the glory of summer's adornment,

Now gaze at the naked bark, dark and gnarled, knowing leaves are lives departed.

In this our Remembrance, trees of youth and family have shed foliage to nationhood,

Obedient to duty's season, a sacrifice that knew no earthly crown, we pause to bless.

And this we do with humble hope, we take our quest under the crust of living bark,

There we behold a cuticle of green, a covenant of hope, leaves of glory shall return.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN
VILLAGE



**LIGHT
TRAIL**
Every
Evening
at Dusk

HOLIDAY MAGIC

AT
**BLUE MOUNTAIN
VILLAGE**

**November 15th
to January 4th**

FEATURED WEEKENDS



THE MAGIC BEGINS
Saturday, November 15 at Noon



SNOWDOME COCKTAIL GARDEN
Fridays & Saturdays from
4-8 pm until December 20



CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
December 5-7



**A BLUE CHRISTMAS:
ELVIS PRESLEY TRIBUTE**
December 13

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