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## White Party on the Mountain:

### Brightshores Meaford Hospital Foundation's ER gala returns for a 3rd year

Georgian Peaks Club will turn white for a night on Friday, September 11, as the Brightshores Meaford Hospital Foundation hosts the third annual "ER An Evening of Revelry" under a new theme: White Party on the Mountain. Guests are invited to dress head-to-toe in white for an evening running from 7 p.m. to midnight, and includes a curated menu of appetizers, wine and cocktails, a silent auction, and live music from The Sherri Jackson Band, a genre-spanning act expected to keep the dance floor full all night long.

Behind the celebration is a pressing need. The Meaford, Thornbury and Blue Mountains region has grown almost 25 percent in population over the past several years — double the provincial average — placing steadily increasing demand on local emergency and outpatient care.

In the 2024–2025 fiscal year alone, Brightshores Meaford Hospital's Emergency Department handled more than 14,100 visits, with 94 percent of patients coming from Grey County. Over the same period, the hospital processed more than 587,000 lab tests, 10,000 radiology exams and 2,200 ultrasound exams — a substantial workload for a community hospital serving a fast-growing region.

Every ticket sold, along with the proceeds from the silent-auction goes directly toward the Emergency Department's revitalization. This year marks the second year of a three-year, \$1 million campaign: in 2024, gala proceeds secured a new C-arm digital-imaging unit, and in 2025 the event raised \$315,000 toward the current campaign. Organizers are hoping to match that success again this year.

This year's gala welcomes INDY Capital Partners as the Title Sponsor, joined by La Fenice Centre for Neuro-Integrative Health and Wellness as Presenting Sponsor. Organizers say both commitments reflect a broader belief among local businesses and residents that the hospital is central to the region's wellbeing.

Tickets are \$275 per person, which includes a \$150 charitable tax receipt, and are on sale now at [mhfoundation.ca](http://mhfoundation.ca)



## Redwing Bridge, 10th Line

The 10th Line Redwing Bridge at the 12th Sideroad is a concrete rigid frame/arch bridge. Rehabilitation works began August 4th for approx 4 weeks and is expected to include improvements to the guiderails, installation of warning signage and repairs to concrete. Recommended detour is via 10th Line, Sideroad 9, TBM/Euphrasia Townline and Grey Road 119.



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### INDOOR WALKING

Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury  
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**For 2026, household battery collection will occur between August 31 and October 1.**



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- Landscaping
- Odd Jobs
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- Heavy Lifting

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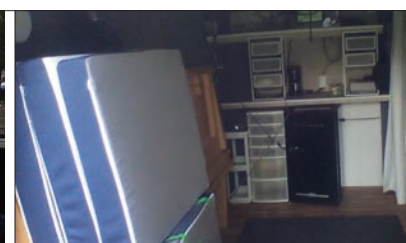
## Benefit Concert to Free Prisoner

The Amnesty International group in Thornbury has a friend in a prison in China. He is a Canadian citizen from the Burlington area but was taken prisoner when he was visiting family in Uzbekistan in 2006. His wife and 4 sons live here in Canada. He has never seen his youngest son.

Huseyin Celil is a Uyghur - a minority in Western China. He was an Imam in a small mosque in the early 1990s and because he spoke out for the rights of his people, he was arrested in 1994. He spent time in prison and was treated badly. Due to the persecution he faced when he was released, Huseyin fled into Uzbekistan and married a woman there. They travelled to Iran and Turkey where they received UN Refugee status. The young couple came to Canada in 2001 and became citizens in 2005. Huseyin was extradited to China while he was in Uzbekistan visiting relatives. He was sentenced to death but that was reduced to a life sentence.

The group in Thornbury has been writing letters to Huseyin and Chinese officials for 20 years. We are part of a network that supports the Celil family in Canada and we write regularly to Canadian parliamentarians as well. These actions require finances and awareness. The group has decided to have a community fundraiser to continue our work. We are grateful to have Brian Miessner and Melinda Camplin perform as a guitar and violin duo in a concert on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25th at the L. E. Shore Library from 2-4.

Please mark your calendar and watch for more details. For more information contact [norine.baron@gmail.com](mailto:norine.baron@gmail.com)



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## A Parable Of Forest Fires

"Breathe baby, breathe", a cry of freedom across the ages,  
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organs and flesh of our very frame.  
So when skies mottle with shards of yellow,  
and vistas gain chromes of sullied grey,  
And breeze, once fresh, now stilled with ashen flecks,  
carries a scent of conflagration,  
Then the air once freely given by Loving Nature  
is one we may cherish with respect anew.  
Trees braced to the orbit of seasons raise fronds to heavens,  
a willing host to lightning,  
Which then with crack and fork strikes undergrowth  
to kindle a hearth of contagion.  
Instinct and intellect of human compass explore  
Nature's message of death and rebirth,  
For fire's ignition, once the beauty of servanthood,  
then another, the horror of tyranny,  
Frames a fiery template for Civilization,  
our exclamation of human hope amidst chaos.  
Nature's clarion example compels,  
Nationalism a beautiful servant, a destructive master,  
Patriotism, a sinister servant, a beautiful master.

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## Seniors Matters Today

The Blue Mountains Seniors Information and **Active Living Fair** hosted by the Seniors Network-Blue Mountains, is just a few weeks away. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Wednesday, September 16th in the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury. This free community event brings together a wide range of services and resources available for seniors and their families in our own community.

Did you know that there is a **Disability Property Tax Exemption** that provides financial relief on a portion of a property's value if improvements were made to a residential home to accommodate a senior (65 or older) or a person with a disability.

Improvements may include renovations or modifications made to an existing residential home, construction of a custom-built home, or use of a temporary garden suite with a property-specific by-law or order under the Planning Act.

This exemption offers financial relief to property owners, enabling seniors and persons with disabilities to remain in their chosen living spaces.

To take advantage of this exemption, property owners must submit an application to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). If approved, a portion of the property's value will be exempt from property tax. For more details, contact MPAC at MPAC.ca/contact or the MPAC Customer Contact Centre: Toll Free 1 866 296-6722 Mon - Fri - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT

It is still possible to renew or apply for the first time, for the **Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)** for the benefit year 2026-27. Please NOTE: This coverage has to be renewed every year. You can apply: through your My Service Canada Account, OR online, through Canada.ca/dentist, OR by phone at 1-833-537-4342, OR at a Service Canada office.

There are several information events for seniors and others that are scheduled for September & October.

September 24 – Powers of Attorney for Personal Care - the responsibilities

October 8 – Powers of Attorney for Property - the responsibilities

October 16 – Passport Clinic for new and renewal passports:

October 22 – Responsibilities of and Executor handling Estate Administration.

Details will be provided closer to the time of the sessions. For more information or to register: seniors@bvo.ca or 519 599 2577, ext. 6.



### A DECADE OF DRIVING CHANGE

Join us for our 10th Annual Golf Fore Kids' Sake! Since 2016, this event has rallied local businesses, community leaders, sponsors, and golf enthusiasts around one shared goal: helping youth thrive through the power of mentorship.

What started as a grassroots fundraising tournament has grown into one of our beloved signature annual events, providing vital support for free mentoring programs that help young people build confidence, resilience, positive mental health, and a sense of belonging across Grey, Bruce, and West Simcoe.

**Saturday, September 12th, 2026**

**11:00AM Registration | 12:00PM Shotgun Start**

**Sauble Golf & Country Club, 678 Bruce Ave., Sauble Beach**

This special 10th anniversary tournament promises to be the biggest celebration yet. Here's a snapshot of the day: Scramble format | 18 holes; Silent auction; Raffle; On-course games; Putting contest; Dinner to follow

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# In Memoriam

## PATRICIA 'PAT' JANE HARTLEN (NEE MEDD)

April 17, 1943 – July 5, 2026

Patricia 'Pat' passed peacefully in Collingwood on Sunday July 5, 2026, with family by her side, after bravely living with dementia in recent years.

Pat is predeceased by her husband Ron, and was the loving mother of Rebecca and Graeme (Chloe Stewart) and adoring Grammy of Emily and Alex Wood and Brody, Ryder and Chase Hartlen.

Pat was known for her exceptional memory, her love of caring for family and friends, her endless energy put toward volunteering, her passion for the outdoors (and the colour green!), and her love of choral music.

Born and raised in Toronto, Pat attended St. Clement's School, where she excelled academically and was appointed Head Girl in her final year. She went on to the University of Toronto, earning a BA in Modern Languages and Literatures. It was at U of T that she met Ron. The couple married in Toronto in 1965. After relocating to Nova Scotia, Pat obtained her Teacher's Certificate and taught at Dartmouth High School for several years. Her background in languages contributed to her love of cryptic crosswords and her keen eye for grammar.

The couple returned to Toronto where they raised their family. Pat stayed home with her two children and was a devoted mother. She loved all things homemade, including clothing, décor, and of course, food. Her salads with avocado and homemade dressing, her blueberry pancakes and her cookies were particular favourites.

Volunteer work was a thread that wove through Pat's life. She volunteered in every community she lived in, at her children's schools, as an official at competitive canoe and kayak events, and at various charitable organizations. Most recently, she was an active volunteer at the Beaver Valley Outreach for many years.

Her physical strength was admirable, and she particularly enjoyed cycling, kayaking and walking. Pat was the driving force behind the years of skiing the family enjoyed at the Toronto Ski Club through the 1970s and 80s. She also loved spending time outside working in her beautiful gardens and instilled this love of the outdoors in her children and grandchildren. Her physical strength remained through most of her journey with dementia and she continued to enjoy walking, both outside and inside Pretty River Residence.

Pat's beautiful smile, unmistakable dimples and infectious laugh will be greatly missed by all.

The family is most grateful for the compassionate care Pat received from the staff at Pretty River Retirement Residence, the palliative team at Saint Elizabeth Health Care, and her caregiver Michele.

A celebration of Pat's life will occur at a later date.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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## DAVID MORRIS

David Morris passed peacefully at Grey Bruce Hospice, Owen Sound on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, after a short illness due to pancreatic cancer.

Beloved husband of Elizabeth McKinlay of Owen Sound. Youngest son of the late Jim and Mary Morris of rural Niagara Falls; dear brother of (the late) Bob (MaryKay) of Picton, Wes (the late Claudia Elliott) of La Brash in rural Parry Sound, and Marjorie of rural Niagara Falls. Much-loved uncle of many nieces and nephews. Brother-in-law of James and Joan McKinlay, Ravenna, and of Rosemary and Ken Mitchell, Annan.

David attended University of Guelph, graduating in 1973 with a B.Sc. (Agriculture) in Crop Science, followed by a M.Sc. in Crop Science (1975). Between 1975-1994, David was employed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF), initially as an Assistant Agricultural Representative in Brant County, then as Soils and Crops Specialist with provincial specialty on corn. He worked in various OMAF branch offices: Ridgetown, St. Thomas, and Alliston. For the next 30 years, he was a self-employed consultant: authoring several reports and factsheets for the Federal "Green Plan" on topics such as technology transfer, field crop production and management, soil management, nutrient management, agricultural biotechnology, and agricultural pesticides.

David was an active volunteer in various organizations throughout most of his adult life. He served at various times on the Official Boards at United Churches in St. Thomas, Alliston, and Sarawak United in Georgian Bluffs. In his various leadership roles, David was valued for his wisdom, his non-anxious presence, his humour, his awareness of group dynamics and process which enabled groups to move toward solutions and action.

David was a founding Board member in 2015 of the Grey-Bruce organization committed to supporting and welcoming newcomers into our communities. *Welcoming Communities Grey-Bruce* was formally established in 2019, and David served as its first Chair for its initial six years.

He was an active member of the *Owen Sound Field Naturalists*, leading two or three yearly local nature hikes, and contributing mini presentations at the club's yearly "Members' Night". Over the past five years, he was a member of the OSFN Publications Committee which revised and re-published four books, with a fifth currently in the process toward publication. In early June, David was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership by the OSFN in recognition of his various contributions.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grey Bruce Cremation and Burial Services, Owen Sound where a full obituary is posted. David's ashes will be returned to the earth at various locations of special significance to him. If desired, memorial donations in David's honour may be made to Welcoming Communities Grey-Bruce, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, or Grey Bruce Hospice Foundation.

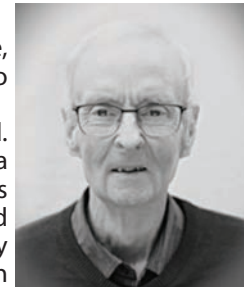
*All I have needed, Thy Hand hath provided, Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

## ROWE CROSKILL

Peacefully at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Thursday, July 23rd, 2026, Calvin Rowmayne "Rowe" Croskill formerly of Wingham passed away at the age of 95.

Devoted husband of the late Dorothy (Dunlop) Croskill who predeceased him in 1996. Loving father of Jeff & Lynda Croskill of Listowel and the late Jo-Ann Thompson (2017) and father-in-law of Dave Thompson of Bluevale. Grandfather of David Croskill, Julie Croskill & Mike Brohman, Lori Croskill & Joe Giles, Rob Anderson, Kyle Anderson and Janelle Anderson and great-grandfather of Callum, Aden, Alivia, Tyson and Kylie. Survived by sister Debbie Crosskill and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Grace & Bob Tipping and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Clifford & Alma (Howson) Crosskill, brothers Harvey Wallace and Gary Calvert, sister and brother-in-law Audrey & Bernard Charters, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Jane & Ralph Lipsett and granddaughter-in-law Lisa Anderson.

Rowe was born in Heathcote, and married Dorothy in 1955. Rowe joined the Ontario Provincial Police in 1957 and served in Sudbury, Noelville, Guelph, Wingham, Glencoe and Mount Forest. After his retirement they moved back to Wingham and enjoyed several winters in the sunny south. Rowe loved to garden, travel and watch baseball, hockey and curling. He especially enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as his nieces and nephews. He moved into the Sugarbush community in Listowel in 2020 and as usual made many new friends. A graveside service was held at the Wingham Cemetery on Wednesday August 5th, with Rev. Jeff Hawkins officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation or the Listowel Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.





## ELIZABETH "BETTY" MURRAY

November 24, 1925 – July 7, 2026

It is with sadness we share the passing of our Mother, Elizabeth Murray, at the age of 100+ years on July 7, 2026.

She will be remembered with love by Daughter Carolyn Leonetti, her husband Ernie and Daughter Karen Anderson and her husband Jim. Elizabeth is preceded in death by her husband John, who passed 30 years ago, and is still missed by family, her two brothers, and sister.

Elizabeth was born in England in 1925 and lived her early years in England through the war, while there she worked as a midwife in the nursing homes. She then met her husband John and got married.

In 1955 they decided to immigrate to Canada with the offer of a better life for the family. They started their new lives along with Carolyn in Toronto. Elizabeth worked for the T. Eaton Company for most of her active career. Then moved onto Kinney Canada working in the mail room.

When her husband passed away, she decided that she would move to Thornbury to be closer to family. She loved the town and lived here until her death. While in Thornbury, she joined St. Georges Anglican Church and was very active in the Women's axillary. She loved working in the kitchen especially at the annual Fish Fry. She also volunteered for the BVO for a number of years and was an active member in Beaver Valley Probus. Betty loved being busy.

Last year she was fortunate to hit the celebratory age of 100 and with a birthday party that was attended by family and friends.

Up until the age of 98 she was still living in her home and driving her car and working at the church. In the last year and half of her life she has been at Errinrunc LTC, it was her second home and enjoyed the activities including telling the staff how to bake bread...

A special thank-you goes out to all the staff at Errinrunc who our mother loved and for the extra special care they gave in the final few weeks. Our mom's laughter, generosity and love for her family & animals will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Cremation has taken place and ashes were scattered after a service conducted at St. George's Anglican Church on Friday, July 24. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the to the Georgian Triangle Humane Society or a Charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## PEGGY JUNE HOLDEN

Peggy passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family, at Grey Bruce Hospice 'Chapman House' on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at the age of 67. Born in Markdale on September 27, 1958, a daughter of the late Wilbert Russell Weatherall and Frances Helen (nee Carter).

Peggy was the treasured wife of Denver Holden. They were married on March 10, 1978 and began their life together. She was the amazing mother of Jeremy (Beth Reichert) and Robin (Amy Neilson), and was predeceased by her cherished daughter Becky on February 12, 2026. She was the proud grandmother of Finn, Cooper, Briden and Harlan.

Peggy will be missed but never forgotten by her siblings; Len, Sandra, Susan, and was predeceased by Wayne and Cindy. She will be remembered fondly by her step-mother, Suzanne Sloan and many nieces, nephews, and cousins in the Weatherall and Holden families.

Peggy and Denver moved to their current home in Thornbury in 1979. As they raised their family, they gradually started spending more and more time each summer in Nestor Falls, until it became a familiar summer home and eventually a permanent residence for both Robin and Becky.

Peggy worked at the Red and White grocery store, the Bakery and ran a home daycare for many years. During the summers in Nestor Falls she also worked as a cook and waitress. When their children were young and active in hockey and figure skating, she was a regular volunteer for the Beaver Valley Athletic Association. As the kids grew up and moved away, she continued to be an active volunteer in the community with the Breakfast Club program at the school and the Beaver Valley Outreach.

Peggy and Denver enjoyed many trips to several Caribbean destinations with her family and close friends. Other visits included Florida and Arizona. Most recently they enjoyed trips to the East Coast, Iceland and an Alaskan cruise. She liked to stay active and could be found during the winter months curling, downhill skiing or snowshoeing the trails in Slabtown. During the summer she could be found on the water on a paddle board or in a kayak or canoe with Becky, who was not only her daughter, but also her best friend.

Peggy will certainly be missed by her grandchildren, she looked forward to fishing and spending time at the beach with Briden and Harlan, and loved to watch Finn and Cooper at their hockey and lacrosse games.

A special thank you to the Oncology departments in Fort Frances and Owen Sound, for their care and support over the many years. Peggy's family is extremely grateful to the staff, volunteers and doctors at Grey Bruce Hospice 'Chapman House' for the care and compassion shown to both Peggy and her family during such a challenging time.

A graveside service was held at the Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery on Friday, July 24, followed by a celebration of Peggy's life at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. As your expression of sympathy, donations to Brightshores Oncology Department, Fort Frances Oncology Department or the Grey Bruce Hospice 'Chapman House' would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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## WILLIAM 'AUBREY' ALEXANDER WEIR



It is with great sadness that the family of Aubrey Weir announce his passing on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at the age of 89. Aubrey was the beloved husband of Linda (nee Carter), father of Wendy Weir of Feversham and Darryl Weir (Leanne) of Ravenna.

He was the proud grandpa of Megan, Erin and Jillian Priddle (Wendy's children) and Owen, Kort and Payton Weir (Darryl's children). Aubrey was a son of the late William and Belle Weir of Ravenna and always baby brother to

his late sisters; Freda McMurchy, Rhoda Ford and Verna Weir. Survived by brother-in-law, Doug Carter (Josette) of Owen Sound.

Born to farming roots and one of Ravenna's founding families, Aubrey carried on the family tradition as the 4th generation to continue working the family farm and was so proud that the Weir farm continues in the Weir name. To compliment his full-time farming career, over the years, Aubrey's knowledge of the "windiest and snowiest corner of the world (Ravenna)" came in very handy as a night-time winter Sander-operator for Collingwood Township and then the Town of the Blue Mountains; a job that he loved because of the many co-workers that became good friends over the years. With his perch on the hill and then the house location beside the Township buildings, Aubrey continued to keep a close eye on the comings and goings on at the township building and even in "retirement" looked forward to his visits with the "boys at the township".

A Farmer to the end, Aubrey continued to farm and work ground until well into his eighties. In his mind, "Retirement at 85 was just too soon", unfortunately he just couldn't manage to get into the tractor.

Aubrey was a hard worker but was never one to pass up some fun along the way too! From his early days spent in the Beaver Valley Junior Farmer organization, his days playing ball, his "courting and carousing" days visiting Linda in Meaford, his days on the farm, and right through to his final days at the condo in Thornbury, Aubrey loved to socialize and visit with the many friends he has made along the way. There was always someone dropping in for coffee or a chat. You could always count on him to be one of the last to leave a dance or a party in the Valley! Aubrey was someone who was always helping out others and would put his own duties and chores on a backburner to assist someone else in need. Pulling someone out of a ditch, doing fieldwork for a sick friend, lending out a few bucks, trucking a 4-H calf or blowing snow at 11pm on a Christmas eve, you could always count on Aubrey to help out his family, friends and strangers alike.

Lastly but not least, he was a very proud husband, father and grandfather. He took such great pride in the accomplishments of his family and as much enjoyment in their friends as if they were his own children. His caring nature, humour, wit, and ability to remember absolutely every detail while sharing a story will be greatly missed.

Aubrey's family thank the Meaford Hospital and the Meaford Nursing Home for the wonderful care and compassion shown to Aubrey and his family during a challenging time.

A funeral service was conducted at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury on July 27. A service of committal and interment was be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to Brightshores Meaford Hospital Foundation, the Ravenna Hall or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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## REFORD 'LARRY' GARDHOUSE

Larry passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Meaford Hospital on Monday, July 6, 2026, at the age of 79. Born in Weston, Ontario on September 1, 1946 to the late Reford and Helen (nee Williams) Gardhouse.

Larry will be forever loved and deeply missed by his wife, Beverley; his children, Corey Gardhouse (Tiffany), Sean Gardhouse (Amberley), and Sarah Gardhouse; and his stepson Scott Wood (Robin). He was a proud and loving "Papa" to Aiden, Ethan, Logan, Julia, Jeremy, Allison, Indigo and Teddy. Larry took a genuine interest in each one of his grandchildren; he took the time to understand their individual personalities and found great joy in watching them grow up.

He will be lovingly remembered by his sister, Carolyn McDonnell (Doug), his brother, Douglas, and his nieces, Nancy McDonnell-Lemaire (Marc) and Laurie Fuller (Jeff).

Larry spent his childhood at Aberfeldy Farms where the family raised prize-winning Shorthorn cattle. He studied chemistry at the University of Western Ontario and dreamed of being a doctor. But he eventually found a different way to help people through financial planning.

In 1984, Larry joined the life insurance industry and soon fell in love with his beautiful wife, Bev, while they were both working at North American Life in Barrie. Together, in 1986, they moved to Thornbury, were married, and founded GARDHOUSE + GARDHOUSE which is known today as Gardhouse Financial Counsel.

As a financial advisor, Larry always went above and beyond to help people. He earned the trust of countless clients and their families, many of whom became lifelong friends. He was a great listener and was well known for his kindness and unwavering honesty. Larry was never afraid to tell the truth and while he could be hilariously blunt, no one doubted his genuine concern for others.

Outside of work, many hobbies brought Larry joy, particularly sailing and skiing. He was an accomplished sailor and served as a past training officer with the Toronto Power & Sail Squadron. In 1986, he founded the Georgian Bay Sailing Regatta. He had a great appreciation for antique boats and spent many summers racing his wooden boat, Jill Dansk. In the winter months, he was an avid skier and spent time serving on the ski patrol. He was active in the community and volunteered for years with local Scouting groups and coaching baseball. Larry was predeceased by his two best buddies, Bob Gardiner and Albert Gobbo – together they were known as "The 3 G's". Larry will always be remembered for his humour, generosity, and thoughtful counsel. His advice was valued by family, friends and clients alike. Just weeks before his passing, Larry and Bev celebrated 40 years of marriage on June 20, surrounded by beloved friends and family. His legacy will continue to guide those who knew and loved him, and his memory will live on through the many shared stories and laughter.

A Celebration of Larry's Life will be held on his 80th birthday, Tuesday, September 1, 2026 in the Galleries at the Meaford Hall from 1 until 4 p.m., tributes will be shared at 2 o'clock.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Parkinsons Society Southwestern Ontario: <https://psso.ca/how-to-help/donate/>, and may also be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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The Meaford International Film Festival (MIFF) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year, screening six films at Meaford Hall, September 25-27.

The festival, which features international, award-winning films and special guest interviews, is a fundraiser for the Meaford Culture Foundation, which supports arts and culture programs in the southern Georgian Bay community.

This year's festival includes two Oscar-winning documentaries. In *No Other Land*, Palestinian activist Basel Adra films his community being destroyed by Israel's occupation. During his efforts, he builds an unlikely friendship with Yuval Abraham, an Israeli journalist, who joins his fight. The two men accepted the Best Documentary Feature Oscar in 2025.

Mr. Nobody Against Putin, the 2026 Oscar winner in the same category, will also be shown. The film is made by Pavel Talankin, a Russian teacher/videographer who is forced to document his school's delivery of the new government-mandated propaganda curriculum about the Ukraine war.

"I'm thrilled to be involved with MIFF for this milestone edition and grateful to be bringing these important films to our audiences," said Anna den Hengst, Artistic Director, MIFF. "This year's selection will make our audiences laugh and cry, and most importantly, think."

The other MIFF films are: the BAFTA-winning film *I Swear* which tells the inspiring story of notable Tourette's Syndrome campaigner John Davidson; *The President's Cake*, Iraq's official 2026 Oscar entry; Canadian film *Still Mine* starring James Cromwell; and Best Foreign Film Oscar winner, *Sentimental Value*.

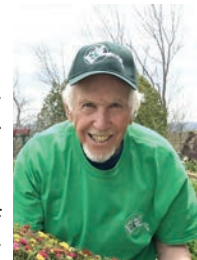
Part of what makes MIFF a unique film festival are the dinners hosted at Meaford Hall ahead of each evening screening. Brasserie Lovebird, Station 87, and The Nomad Home Chef are the three restaurants hosting this year's dinners.

More information about this year's MIFF – including the full film line-up, restaurant details and tickets – is available at [www.meafordfilmfest.ca](http://www.meafordfilmfest.ca).

## The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario.

For more information, or to obtain your own copy of the original 11" x 17" colourful calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



### Master Gardener Tips for August 2026:

We have certainly had the HEAT this summer, and some heavy rains, as well. The corn is high and the weeds too! If you have accomplished all my suggested tips so far this year, your garden should be looking pretty good. Congratulations! Now, what to do this month.

- Water well, and water deep! Start in the early morning and/or in the evening, (if your municipal water restrictions allow). For beds, I suggest putting a metal water soaker (or buy one) onto the end of your hose, turn the water on low and move the hose from bed to bed, every couple of hours.
- Top up your garden mulch. Make sure all bare ground is covered by at least 2 inches. It works to suppress weeds, keeps the soil cool and damp, and retains any rain that falls.
- Sow vegetable seeds now (or again) for a fall harvest of peas, beans, spinach, radishes and some varieties of leaf lettuce.
- Tidy up your plants and shrubs with a little judicious pruning, but early in the month.
- Stake tall perennials, like delphinium and New England asters against the wind.
- Cut your grass at least 2" high to keep your lawns from drying out.
- Check out spring bulb catalogues online. Order spring flowering bulbs now, before they're all gone.
- Finally, it's time to pull, or cut off the browned leaves of spring flowering bulbs and trim back iris leaves. My picky mother would use her best kitchen scissors to cut up one side of each iris fan and then down the other side to make a perfect arrow.
- Fill in any gaps in your flower garden with fall-flowering perennial plants, like mums and asters.
- Start drying flowers and herbs. Pick your lavender now for drying for sachets.
- Start to dig and divide daylilies when they have stopped blooming. Replant in those open spaces!
- Collect seed pods that have matured, but not yet fallen from the plants, like poppies and lupins. Once the pods have dried, store seeds in airtight containers in a cool location, or sprinkle them around your garden for colour next year.
- Sit back in the shade and take a hard look at your garden. Take pictures too! Then decide where there are empty spaces for new plants to plant this fall. Identify any plants that have not performed well, (or you can't stand any more), and plan to replace them with a fall planting program of shrubs and perennials in September and October.
- Early Fall is a great time to sow grass seed and plant new perennials, trees and shrubs. They will get a big jump on planting them next Spring!

The annual Grey County Master Gardener's fall plant sale will be held, Saturday September 12th, from 9am until noon. It's in Meaford again this year at the Meaford Rotary Harbourfront Pavilion, 1 Bumstead Way, down by the Bay.

Choose from unique perennials and lots of native and pollinator plants at reasonable prices. Cash, Debit, Credit. Arrive early for the best selection!



### Thank You for Making Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a Success!

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Host families come in all shapes and sizes. They can be Rotarians or non-Rotarians, and may include young children, older children, or no children at all.

The Rotary program is distinctive because it is operated completely by volunteers from around the world. Our local club sends a student abroad for a year, and in turn, hosts an incoming student. In August our Outbound Student will go to Finland for 11 months! In late August, the Thornbury-Clarksburg Club is hosting a young woman from Thailand. She will attend GBCS in Meaford.

The club is looking for host families for a duration of 12 to 16 weeks. If you would like to make a valuable contribution to a young person's life, as well as bring some added culture into your own home, please contact us! For more information, please email our Youth Services Chair, Heather Walton at [heatherofford77@gmail.com](mailto:heatherofford77@gmail.com).



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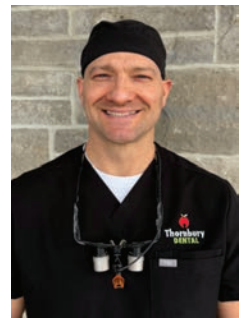
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## Keeping the Family Cottage: How to Plan Ahead

In May, I wrote about the tax bill hiding inside most cottages: at death, Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) generally treats the property as sold at fair market value, and potential decades of appreciation in value land on one final return. Since I published that article, the question I have heard is: how can families plan ahead?

Planning matters, especially in our community where four in 10 dwellings in The Blue Mountains are seasonal, and many permanent residents own a getaway somewhere else — Muskoka, Haliburton, or the family camp passed down through generations. Wherever the property sits, the same clock is running.

Most families have thought about succession. The piece that's easy to miss is liquidity: an estate can be rich in property and short on cash. If the tax comes due and the money isn't there, the property may have to be sold to cover the bill. That's not really a tax problem — it's a cash-flow problem, and it's solvable years in advance.

In my experience, the tax is rarely what derails these families anyway. Even in close families the conversations about the fate of the family cottage can be difficult. You may need to decide between a child who is at the cottage every weekend and one who dearly wants the place but may not be able to carry the costs. Those conversations don't get easier with time, especially if they're not resolved before you're gone. .

The good news is that the wealth planning toolbox is deep, and each tool solves a different problem. **Transferring** the property during your lifetime can address the growing gain. Structuring a sale, sometimes within the family, can ease the tax bill.

A **family trust** can hold the property across generations, though it comes with its own set of considerations, including a deemed disposition every 21 years. **Insurance** can fund the bill outright, though it becomes costlier, or unavailable, as owners age. And the choice of which property to designate as your **principal residence** may shift the outcome meaningfully. Much has been written on the trade-offs, and your tax and legal advisors are the ones to advise you on which structure works for your situation.

I work with families to understand the full picture, running the numbers, and coordinating the specialists who put the plan in place.

If your family's up at the cottage over the next few weekends, consider having the conversation while everyone's at the same table. Then call me, and we'll turn it into a plan.

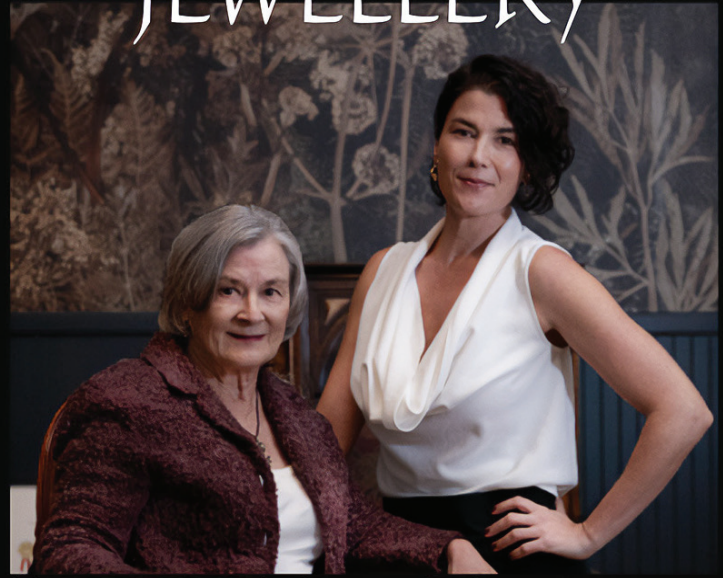
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**Bearable:** I would watch this show again if someone paid me. Here are three shows that you might find interesting this month:

### M: Uncorked

This movie is about a young man torn between what he wants to do (wine sommelier) and what he feels obliged to do (take over his family's restaurant business). His father is played by Courtney B Vance who is probably the most well known of the cast. I liked the way that they portrayed how difficult it is to tear away from your family's expectations and obligations and yet still maintain a close relationship with them. There is also a sub-plot about the role of money in making it easier or more difficult to explore your options.

### W: The Lincoln Lawyer (Netflix)

This show is based on the book of the same name by Michael Connelly. It suffers from comparison to the movie of the same name. Partway through watching, I noticed that one of its producers was David E. Kelley of commercial television fame (think LA Law, Chicago Hope, Picket Fences etc, etc). The sensibility that drifts through all of these programs is part of The Lincoln Lawyer as well. It results in quite predictable, safe drama.

### B: Marlowe Murder Club (PBS Passport)

This is a conventional cozy British murder-mystery set in a lovely little town where everyone knows everyone else within two degrees. If you like Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot, you will like this show. It is based on a book by Robert Thorogood. If you are interested in more recommendations, my blog address is <https://sosscreenviews.blogspot.com>. Enjoy your screenviews!



## How Did Fireworks Begin? Alice Otrysko

We just experienced fireworks on Canada Day and the USA on July 4 marking the 250 years of America. Fireworks originated in China in the second century B.C. That's a long time ago.

The earliest firecrackers were discovered by accident when bamboo stalks were thrown into fires causing the trapped air and moisture inside the wood to expand and cause a loud pop. It was believed that this would scare away evil spirits.

Around the 9<sup>th</sup> century, Chinese chemists mixed sulfur, charcoal and potassium nitrate to create the first black powder, gunpowder, and by packing it into hollow bamboo shoots then igniting them, fireworks were made.

This "technology" spread to Europe in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Italian pyrotechnists further advanced this art form and in 1830's introduced metallic salts to create the vibrant colours we see today. Originally they were one colour, orange/yellow. There were no elaborate sparkles, no many colours as today and nothing more than explosions in the sky. Until the 1830's there were no colours.

Fireworks were run by firemasters and their assistants. They wore leaves to protect themselves from sparks. It was a dangerous position being the lighter and injuries and even deaths occurred through malfunctions.

The debate over banning fireworks revolves around weighing cultural celebrations against safety, environmental and animal welfare concerns. Several communities in Ontario have implemented complete bans on the sale and discharge of fireworks. I applaud them. However banning them is sometimes seen as impeding cultural celebrations.

There are very good reasons for this ban: danger of injury, accidental property fires, threat of forest fires, noise pollution, air pollution and human, animal and environmental welfare.

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### A Proven Leader for Town Council

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For the past three decades, Sean has operated as a successful entrepreneur, mastering the art of cost control, operational management, and delivering measurable results. His financial acumen was proven early in his career when he spearheaded the consolidation of accounting operations for nine distinct Loblaws branches into a single, highly efficient system. Beyond the boardroom, his decade of experience as a single parent has grounded him with a deep, practical understanding of the economic pressures facing modern families today.

### Strategic Vision for TOBM

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- **Asset optimization:** Maximize the utility and revenue potential of TBM assets, including the marina, sports parks, arena and surplus lands.
- **Strategic collaboration:** Tap into the deep well of local talent by actively consulting resident business leaders, healthcare experts, builders, and urban planners.
- **Action-oriented governance:** Prioritize immediate safety and infrastructure needs, taking decisive action on the Bruce Street and Highway 26 intersection.
- **Benchmarking success:** Study and adapt the successful strategies of comparable municipalities to avoid common pitfalls and replicate proven wins.

Known for his uncompromising dedication to getting things done, Sean is not afraid to ask tough questions or step on toes to achieve the right outcome. He is a tireless worker and a supportive neighbor who approaches public service with zero ego. If elected, he will deliver transparent, common-sense leadership and ensure that every taxpayer dollar is treated with the utmost respect.

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## Paying Too Much Tax?

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Retirement income may come from Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS), pensions, RRIFs, investments and, for some, a corporation. How those income sources are coordinated—and where different investments are held—can have a significant impact on how much tax you pay over the next 10, 20 or even 30 years.

The challenge is that retirement planning is often approached one decision at a time. RRIF withdrawals are taken because they're required. Investments often remain in the same accounts they've always been in. Tax returns are filed every year, but there is frequently no long-term strategy to reduce taxes throughout retirement.

Good retirement tax planning isn't about finding one new deduction. It's about coordinating withdrawals, investments,

pensions, government benefits and estate planning so they work together efficiently throughout retirement. Small improvements made consistently over many years can make a meaningful difference.

**Retirement isn't just about growing your investments. It's about keeping more of what you've earned.**

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## NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION – October 26, 2026 INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

### WHO MAY VOTE?

Any person who on election day (October 26, 2026) meets the following qualifications is eligible to vote:

1. Is a Canadian citizen;
2. Is at least 18 years old on election day;
3. Resides in the municipality or is the owner or tenant of land in the local municipality, or the spouse of such a person;  
Non-residential commercial or industrial property electors are not entitled to vote for school board trustees but are entitled to vote for other municipal offices or questions.
4. Any person not prohibited by law from voting.

### WHAT SCHOOL BOARD DO I VOTE FOR?

Electors are entitled to vote for school boards if their qualifying property is residential. Each eligible elector may vote for school representation once in a school board jurisdiction.

The following is a list of the School Boards for which qualified electors will be entitled to vote unless there are acclamations.

1. **Bluewater District School Board** (anyone can support)
2. **Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board** (must be Roman Catholic)
3. **Conseil scolaire Viamonde** (must have French Language Education Rights)
4. **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence** (must be Roman Catholic and have French Language Education Rights)

### VOTERS' LIST INFORMATION

Until August 12, 2026, voters are encouraged to confirm, register or amend your voter information via Elections Ontario, [www.RegisterToVoteON.ca](http://www.RegisterToVoteON.ca).

From September 1, 2026, to October 26, 2026, voters may contact the Town of The Blue Mountains, Clerks Office to confirm, amend or be added to the Voters' List.

### INTERNET & TELEPHONE VOTING

There will be no advance poll or proxy voting, as both Internet and Telephone Voting allow voters to cast a ballot anytime between Friday, October 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, October 26, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. Voter Information Letters will be mailed to electors at the beginning of October and will include voter credentials and instructions on how to vote.

During the Voting Period, October 16, 2026 to October 26, 2026, the Election Help Centre will be available in the Town of The Blue Mountains, Town Hall. At the Election Help Centre, Electors can:

- Ask questions
- Register to vote
- Receive voting assistance or vote independently

For more information, please contact:

Town of The Blue Mountains  
Corrina Giles, Town Clerk  
[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)  
[www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)  
519-599-3131 ext. 232  
Toll Free: 1-888-258-6867

Cet avis est disponible en français en communiquant auprès du bureau du Secrétaire des élections/Greffier municipal.

Dated: August 4, 2026





(519) 599-3131



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## Notice of Public Meeting:

### 192 HIDDEN LAKE ROAD ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**Public Meeting Details: September 1, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**

Hybrid Format (In-Person AND Virtual/Online)

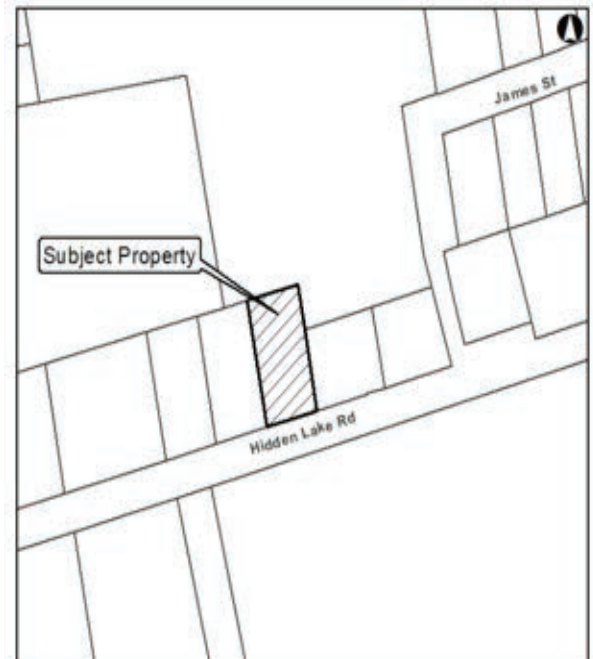
Town Hall (32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0)

## What is being proposed?

The subject lands are currently zoned Residential “R1-1” and Hazard “H”. The purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone the Hazard “H” portion of the lands to Residential “R1-1” to permit a proposed septic system.

The proposed septic system would service the expanded single detached dwelling and attached two-storey garage, located within the existing Residential “R1-1” Zone.

The legal description of the subject lands is PLAN 772 LOT 19 CON 4 PT LOT 25.



## Where do I find more information?

To view the complete Notice of Public Meeting, learn more about the project, or subscribe for updates visit [www.thebluemountains.ca/HiddenLake](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/HiddenLake) or scan the QR code.

Alternatively, visit the Planning Services Division located at Town Hall during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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## Notice of Public Meeting: PROPOSED COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE POLICY

**September 1, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

### What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking to develop a Community Safety Zone Policy. The purpose of the proposed Policy is to establish a transparent framework for evaluating and designating Community Safety Zones ensuring requests are assessed consistently using warrant criteria. The Policy is being brought forward in response to increasing resident concerns about road safety. The purpose of this Public Meeting is to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed Community Safety Zone Policy.

### Where do I find more information?

Additional information can be found in

OPS.26.038 Community Safety Zone Draft Update .

Or come visit us in Operations, 2nd Floor, Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### What happens at the Public Meeting?

The Public Meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. 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 August 28, 2026, 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 also be faxed to 519-599-7723 or emailed [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto: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 August 25, 2026.

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

### 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.

### 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 [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

### Questions? Want more information? Ask the Manager!

Jim McCannell

Manager of Roads & Drainage

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 271

or Toll Free (888) 258-6867

Email:

[managerroadsdrainage@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:managerroadsdrainage@thebluemountains.ca)



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**Saturday, August 15**  
MARSH STREET CLOSED TO TRAFFIC  
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**SATURDAY AUGUST 22  
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ENJOY LOCAL  
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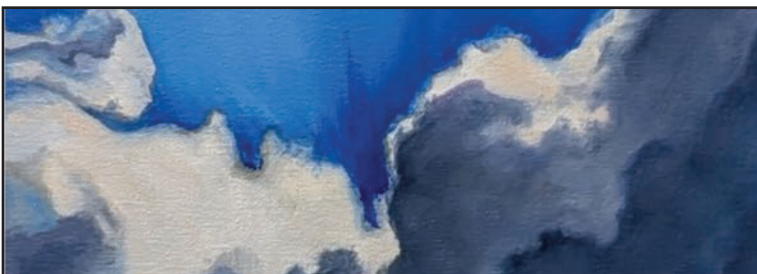
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TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca | 519-599-3683  
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**08  
28-30**



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Sat. Aug 29 10 - 5  
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**SEPT 11 & 12**  
2026

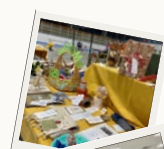
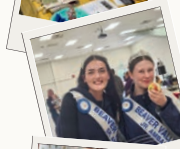
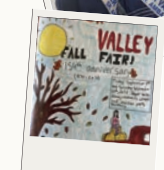


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**FRIDAY SEPT 11**

- CCW Wrestling
- Beer Gardens
- New: Arm Wrestling

**SATURDAY SEPT 12**

- Live Music
- Stone Carver
- Inflatable Attractions
- Games/Activities
- Grey Guards
- Horse Drawn Carriage
- Circus Johnathan
- Face Painting
- Food Vendors
- Beef Dinner

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**Friday, September 11, 2026**

**The Georgian Peaks Club**

**7:00 pm to Midnight**

**\$275/ticket\* (\$150 tax receipt)**

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Next Workshop:  
Seed Collection and Tree Identification

Saturday, September 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Local trail/woodland TBD

Email [seednetwork@tree-trust.ca](mailto:seednetwork@tree-trust.ca) to join.



Funding for this project  
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Herb Walk with  
Barefoot Brian  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
September 16



**SAVE THE DATE**

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WED, SEPT 16 | 10:00 - 2:00



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9am-Noon

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Kids' 1 km Fun Run: 9:00am  
Half Marathon, 10km & 5km  
Run/Walk: 9:30am

**Race Kit Pick Up**

Friday, October 9th, 3 to 8pm  
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