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County of Huron celebrates Nurses and Personal Support Workers in Long-Term Care

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National Nursing Week (May 12-May 18) and Personal Support Worker Day (May 19) were recognized by the County of Huron for outstanding contributions of healthcare staff.

“Our nurses and personal support workers are more than caregivers – they’re trusted professionals and empathetic advocates who make a meaningful difference every day,” said Jamie Heffer, Huron County Warden.

“Their compassion and commitment help create a safe and respectful environment for residents and peace of mind for their families.”

Both these observances provide an opportunity to recognize and thank Huron County’s many caring nurses and personal support workers, especially those working in long-term care homes such as Huronview and Huronlea.

Both these long-term care homes are home to more than 180 residents, each of whom relies on a skilled and compassionate team of healthcare professionals to meet their needs.

Nurses and personal support workers manage complex medical conditions, offer personal care and can be a comforting presence for the residents at Huron’s long-term care residents.

While the county celebrates the exceptional staff at Huronview and Huronlea, the County also extends its appreciation to nurses and PSWs working across all healthcare settings in the county.



Ross Field and Rosanne Barnett receiving the Rotary Pinnacle Service Award, the highest distinction the district can bestow for service to a specific program.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Goderich couple honoured with prestigious Rotary Pinnacle Service Award

EZRA SILVERTON

The Rotary Club

At the recent Rotary District 6330 Conference, long-time Goderich residents and Rotarians Ross Field and Rosanne Barnett were presented with the Rotary Pinnacle Service Award, the highest distinction the district can bestow for service to a specific program.

The couple was honoured for their remarkable, decades-long dedication to Rotary’s Youth Exchange (RYE) program—a cause that has become both a personal passion and a family legacy.

The Rotary Pinnacle Service Award is not given lightly.

It recognizes extraordinary, sustained commitment—typically over ten years—that transforms a program through innovation, leadership, and deep personal investment.

The award celebrates service that exemplifies Rotary’s values and stands out as truly exceptional, even among the most committed members.

In Ross and Rosanne’s case, “exceptional” may be an understatement. Since 1999, when Rosanne first volunteered to host the Goderich club’s inbound exchange student, the couple has gone on to host more than 40 students from over 15 countries.

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They've supported hundreds—if not thousands—of students across district, national, and international levels. Together, they've built a living archive of their contributions in what they affectionately call “The Spreadsheet,” a detailed record of the many young lives they've helped shape.

Rows of names on that spreadsheet represent real stories: students who still call Rosanne “Ma” on video chats, send wedding invitations from abroad, or show up in family photos from camping trips and Christmas mornings. The impact of their involvement extends beyond hosting.

As Youth Exchange Officers, District Chairs, Outbound Coordinators, Crisis Counselors, and conference presenters, Ross and Rosanne have helped shape the program at every level. In fact, Rosanne's work as a district Crisis Counselor was so impactful, it became a model for other districts across North America.

Both have also served as presidents of the Rotary Club of Goderich and have

been consistent voices at North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) conferences, where they've shared their experience and helped other clubs improve their programs.

“They've spent the last 26 years playing the long game,” noted a fellow Rotarian during the award presentation.

“They've influenced young people to be ambassadors for peace, to lead with empathy, and to embody Rotary's motto: ‘Service Above Self.’”

Now, their children and grandchildren continue to believe in the transformative power of Youth Exchange. What began as a volunteer hosting gig has grown into a multigenerational commitment to creating peace through understanding and connection.

For Ross and Rosanne, the recognition is deeply meaningful—but the real reward, they say, has always been watching young people grow, change, and flourish through exchange.

Their story is a reminder that peace begins with people—and that sometimes, those people are your neighbours.

Goderich Council continues to invest in supporting infrastructure rehabilitation

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Recently the Town of Goderich's 2025 operational budget has been approved for key capital projects.

At the April 28 Council meeting, decisions were made to remain committed to saving funds to support future infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement needs.

Treasurer Deanna Hastie proposed a one per cent tax increase to help balance the budget for the cost of major projects that Goderich Council has approved to improve infrastructure and continue to deliver services.

These projects include:

- Rebuilding Downtown Infrastructure Project (2-year project) \$5,533,945 for 2025
- Replacement of Water Control Centre and HVAC system at the water plant \$4,409,375
- Pollution Control Outfall replacement \$500,000
- Suncoast Drive Road Reconstruction \$2,556,191
- Other roadwork \$256,001
- Fire Rescue Truck \$900,000
- Bricking/cladding at the Maitland Recreation Centre \$525,000
- Replacement of the stairway to North Harbour Road \$600,000
- New columbarium for the cemetery \$45,000
- Renovations at the Maitland Valley Medical Centre \$215,000
- Facility work, equipment and vehicle replacements \$1,798,800

The 2025 budget includes \$22,362,226 in operating costs.

According to Hastie's report to Council, the proposed funding to keep the budget at balance would come from a

carry-forward of the 2024 surplus valued at \$253,447.

To further balance the budget, Hastie recommended a one per cent tax rate increase for residents to bring \$102,512 more in funds to the table.

Hastie reviewed the proportions of tax classes for the Town of Goderich to explain the impact on taxpayers.

Residential tax class is over 79 per cent of the Town's assessment, while commercial is valued at 15 per cent.

“The residential taxpayer really does bear the brunt of the tax needs in the budget,” admitted Hastie, who stressed that the Town of Goderich is also responsible for collecting taxes for the School Board and the County of Huron.

“We collect those tax revenues and pass them on to those two other organizations. When you receive your bill in the mail, you must remember it doesn't all go to the Town [of Goderich].”

Following much discussion on the state of aging infrastructure in the town, the necessary reconstruction needed, as well as the economic stress many municipalities and taxpayers find themselves under because of influences such as inflation, tariffs and trade issues, the fact the treasury department could find a way to keep a tax increase so low was applauded.

“I think for us to even consider a one per cent increase given everything we are doing is absolutely amazing,” admitted Councillor Randy Carroll.

Hastie applauded Council for their support in asset management, as it is ultimately Council's decision on what percentage increase is chosen or the needs of the community.

Previous councils had set a process in place to allow for savings through vari-

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Editorial

The Art of Listening: How One Quote Changed My Perspective

AMANDA MODARAGAMAGE

Times Reporter

Years ago, I came across a quote by public speaker and optimist Simon Sinek: “Listening is not the act of hearing the words that are spoken; it is the art of understanding the meaning behind those words.”

At the time, I was working as a nurse. I always believed I connected well with my patients, but this one quote transformed how I showed up for them and, ultimately, how I approach my work as a reporter now.

I consider myself a good listener; I love hearing stories and learning from others. The more people I speak with—across different ages, backgrounds, religions, and perspectives—the more I learn and connect with people I might never have known otherwise.

Sinek's words came at a time when the world was rapidly changing, and opposing views in my family and friendships began to surface. I've always considered myself a passionate believer in acceptance, and that conviction remains unshaken. But listening—truly listening—became the bridge that kept me connected to people I could have easily distanced myself from over conflicting beliefs.

Inspired by Sinek's TED Talks and books, I began to

understand that creating an environment where others feel genuinely heard is a skill that can be developed over time. I set out to do just that.

In my nursing practice, this meant listening to my patients' perspectives: how they saw the world, how they showed up in it, and what mattered to them. It made me a better nurse, a more empathetic person, and, I believe, someone people wanted to be around.

Sinek argues that listening is a learnable and practicable skill—one that improves with time and attention. Over two years, I cared for more than 300 patients, and the experience solidified this belief. I replaced judgment with curiosity and made an effort to understand why someone held a different viewpoint. Even when I disagreed or had knowledge that could challenge their perspective, I prioritized listening—not just to respond, but to understand.

Studies show that when we hear something we disagree with, our instinct is often to defend, litigate, or interrupt. We want to point out flaws in logic, but that reaction only builds walls. It's the opposite of what we want from meaningful conversation.

Sinek suggests that leading with an open mind and truly understanding someone's thoughts and feelings can transform interactions. He advises using three sim-

ple phrases: "Go on," "Tell me more," and "What else?" These prompts encourage deeper exploration and signal genuine interest.

He also emphasizes that effective conversations don't require both parties to be open-minded—just one person willing to create space for real dialogue. That person can be you.

Listening is the foundation of trust. It's how we find common ground amid opposition. As a reporter, I've realized that this is the ultimate goal. Whether covering small-town news, global events, or interviewing celebrities, the mission is the same: listen with an open mind, understand without judgment, and the person you're speaking with will walk away feeling truly heard and understood.

Hearing someone out doesn't mean you agree with them. It simply means you value their perspective enough to understand it. And sometimes, even if you don't change their mind—or your own—you've built a bridge instead of a wall. Maintaining relationships despite differing views isn't always easy, but I've found that the power of listening has allowed me to hold onto connections that might have otherwise been lost.

“Listening is one of the most remarkable skills anyone can learn; the power to truly listen.” —Simon Sinek

Goderich Council continues to invest

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ous reserve funds, and the current council continues to contribute to the future of the town.

Hastie explained that as a matter of process, other municipalities eliminate their prior year surplus by a regiment of different transfers, so they never carry anything forward and are always raising in the year what they need to fund all projects and services.

The Town of Goderich's process has always followed the Municipal Act, where you cannot carry surplus forward forever, and the town needs to use it the following year.

“We've always carried it forward but the level of that carry forward can vary,” explained Hastie.

According to Mayor Trevor Bazinet, each year during budget reviews, during the process, the number starts high, and Council usually sends a request for staff to bring it down.

This year, the number needed to balance the budget was originally assessed at close to \$900,000 and the treasury department was able to find ways to transfer funds from reserves to bring that number down to \$102,000, in addition to a tax increase.

“One per cent is definitely a lot more comfortable than six per cent,” explained Bazinet.

“Times are tough for everyone, and we have to be cautious about that.”

According to Hastie, who looks at other municipalities that are increasing taxes by three to six per cent, this budget in Goderich is sitting in a good place with the proposed one per cent increase.

Despite economic stress and uncertainty, several

council members suggested a two per cent increase in taxes in order to create a buffer for next year's budget with so many major projects already approved.

“Any additional contributions that we could make certainly would benefit the future, if not the taxpayers of today, but the taxpayers of the future,” added Hastie.

At the April 28 Council meeting, the initial one per cent tax rate increase proposal was voted down by majority of Council members.

A new motion was proposed that a two per cent tax rate increase would be implemented, and the extra one per cent collected be directed to the road reconstruction reserve for future uses.

With this increase, that means an average residential property will pay \$47.60 more for their 2025 property taxes.

For more information visit the Town of Goderich's website where detailed charts and reports can be found in the April 28 Council meeting agenda package.

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Measles outbreak grows across Ontario: Over 1,400 cases reported

AMANDA MODARAGAMAGE

Sun Correspondent

Ontario continues to experience a significant measles outbreak, with 1,440 outbreak-related cases and an additional 25 travel-related cases as of May 6, as noted in the Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Board of Health meeting on May 9.

This is an increase of 197 cases over the previous week and is occurring at 17 public health units across Ontario, said Medical Officer of Health Dr. Miriam Klassen.

“For context, in Ontario, between 2013 and 2023, there were 101 cases altogether over that 10-year period. And last year, in 2024, there were 64 cases,” said Klassen.

The outbreak has now been deemed stable but concerning, with 76.4 per cent of cases affecting infants, children, and adolescents, and 87 per cent of cases being unimmunized. Klassen said this number is expected to be much higher, as Public Health Ontario predicts several cases are not being appropriately reported to public health.

The outbreak pattern at this point is said to be stable but seems to be hopping from one region to the next, passing through unvaccinated communities, Klassen told the board at the recent meeting.

“Right now, we’re not seeing the same ‘up and down’ pattern, but rather the disease hopping from one community to the next,” she said.

A total of 101 hospitalizations have occurred, including eight in the ICU. Among hospitalizations, 80 cases were unimmunized, including 63 children, which Klassen says is very concerning.

“That’s a lot of hospitalizations, and this is not a trivial illness,” she continued.

“Public Health Nurses from the Anabaptist, immunization, and infectious disease teams have been supporting local families in our Anabaptist communities by providing MMR vaccinations and consulting with community leaders to contain the spread of measles in the communities,” read the report presented to the board at the May 9 meeting.

The immunization team at HPPH has now completed six measles clinics—three in-house and three in the community. Some of these clinics also offered additional vaccinations where clients were eligible.

Due to the significantly increased demand for the MMR vaccine, the immunization team is also supporting Mother and Young Child Clinics.

Vaccination remains the best strategy, as the disease is generally milder in vaccinated individuals. Primary care actively encourages immunization, and additional clinics have been launched to address the outbreak.

“What we continue to see is that [those who are vaccinated], on the whole, the disease is much milder and doesn’t tend to cause onward transmission. So, vaccination is still the best strategy,” noted Klassen.

“We continue to work away at it, assessing where risk might be, where we can add additional actions,” said Klassen. “If someone wants the measles immunization, they can still be immunized [by HPPH] or by reaching out to their primary care team.”

Huron County Pride announces full slate of events for 2025 festival

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Huron County Pride has released a full slate of events for its third annual Pride Festival Celebration happening from June 2 until June 8.

With a ‘Once Upon a Pride’ theme this year, the event invites everyone to celebrate stories of courage, joy, resilience, and community.

Whether joining the festival for the first time or returning to celebrate again, Huron County Pride waits to welcome all who wish to attend.

The following is the full schedule for the week of June 2 until June 8:

• **Monday, June 2: Yoga and Sound Bath:**

Begin Pride Week with a calming experience. Join the team at The Den in Goderich for gentle yoga and sound therapy using singing bowls and other instruments.

It’s a chance to pause, breathe, and start the week with a clear mind.

The Den is located at 68 Courthouse Square in Goderich.

Admission is free, and this session runs from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

• **Tuesday, June 3: Dive Karaoke:**

Get ready to sing your heart out. We’re serving diva anthems, glitter, and glam. From Whitney to Cher, bring your voice and your sparkle for a night of fabulous karaoke.

Hosted at The Den in Goderich from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Admission is free.

• **Wednesday, June 4: Movie Night at the Museum:**

Join for a screening of ‘Are you Proud?’, a documentary that looks at the history and impact of the 2SLGBTQIA+ movement in the UK.

It’s a powerful reminder of how far we’ve come and how far we still have to go.

Held at the Huron County Museum in Goderich at 110 North Street at 7 p.m.

Admission is free.

• **Thursday, June 5: Cookie Decorating at Blake Street Bakery:**

Bring your creativity and your sweet tooth. We’ll sup-

ply the cookies and the icing.

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Hosted at Blake Street Bakery in Goderich from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

• **Friday, June 6: Happily Every Smarter – A Pride Trivia Night:**

Team up with friends for a night of queer trivia at Square Brew.

Test your knowledge, meet new people and maybe win a prize or two.

Hosted at Square Brew at 430 Parsons Court in Goderich at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$20 per team of four.

• **Saturday, June 7: Third Annual Huron County Pride Festival:**

Our biggest day of the week is back in Courthouse Square.

Enjoy live music, drag performances, an artisan market, community booths, and the Family Pride Area, sponsored by the Huron-Perth Children’s Aid Society.

Everyone is welcome and there is something for all ages.

Held at Courthouse Square in Goderich from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Admission is free.

• **Sunday, June 8: Pride Worship Services:**

Celebrate Pride in two inclusive worship services led by Minister Alex Jebson.

All are welcome as we reflect on the power of love, spirit and community.

Held at Blyth United Church at 430 Mill Street at 9:30 a.m. and also at Brussels United Church at 61 King Street at 11 a.m.

• **Sunday, June 8: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association Pride Walk:**

Join in the third annual Pride Walk. Meet at the pavilion in Clan Gregor Square at 11 a.m. for a walk along the Heritage Trail.

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AMDSB launches I AM Here campaign to encourage regular attendance at school

GALEN SIMMONS

Sun Correspondent

As the end of the school year approaches and students' minds turn to summer vacation and summer jobs, the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) has launched a new campaign aimed at underscoring the importance of regular attendance at school.

This new campaign, called I AM Here, is targeted at students, school staff, parents and caregivers, and the wider community, all of whom have a role to play in encouraging and supporting regular attendance. According to a press release from the school board, research shows that missing just 10 per cent of school, or two days a month, has a notable impact on student academic success.

"It's always something that's in the forefront of our minds," said Ed Havenga, systems principal of student success and pathways with AMDSB. "Coming out of COVID, it's now kind of in the rearview mirror and we just want to make sure we are engaging with our families and ensuring we have our students in classrooms so the teachers are delivering and the students are there to work with the teacher and to support the learning that's in the classroom. In order for that to happen, we need our students there."

The I AM Here campaign aims to raise awareness about the importance of regular daily attendance and to provide staff, students and parents/caregivers with the necessary tools to bolster attendance across Huron and Perth.

The campaign has four areas of focus:

- **For students:** I AM Here means they are present, on time and ready to learn each day.

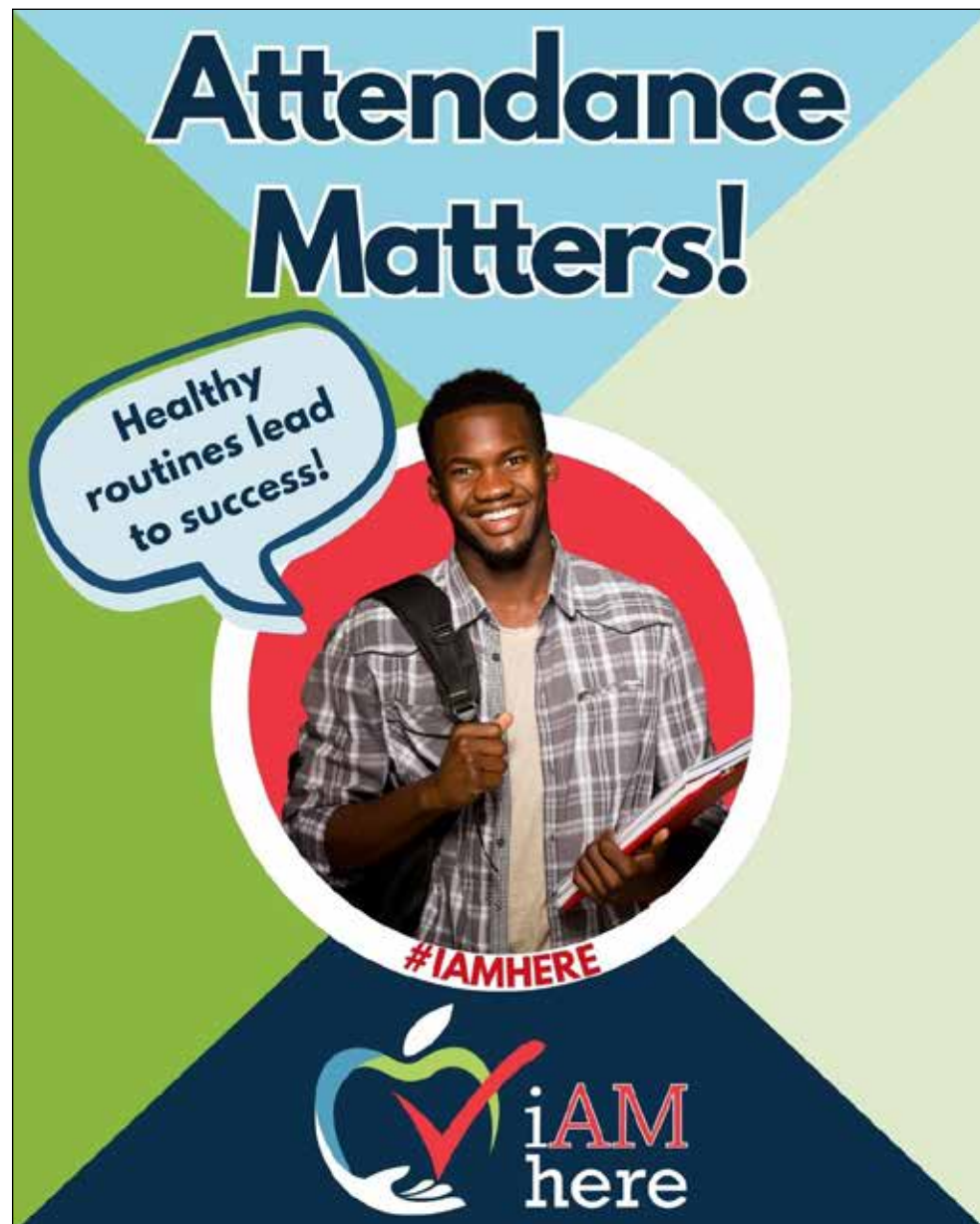
- **For school staff:** I AM Here means that they stand with their students. They are reliable, dependable, caring adults who facilitate a safe, welcoming classroom environment and are invested in each student's success.

- **For parents/caregivers:** I AM Here means they are engaged in encouraging their child's education and are ready to connect with school staff when necessary.

- **For the community:** I AM Here means the wider community supports and encourages children and youth by offering support – financial, physical, emotional, social – to ensure students can attend school regularly.

Regular student attendance will be supported by a team of professionals. AMDSB attendance counsellors work collaboratively, as needed, with the school board's mental health and well-being team, Indigenous education team, school administrators and community partners.

Trained staff provide students with techniques to reduce anxiety and stress through the use of healthy coping strategies. If necessary, they can also support referrals to alternative programming or to community resources. Working with parents and caregivers, they can support the development of a plan that encourages a full return to academic learning. Students and parents or caregivers should contact their school principal to access the support of an attendance counsellor.



An example of the positive messaging to be shared on social media as part of the Avon Maitland District School Board's I AM Here campaign. (AMDSB PHOTO)

one of our metrics that, as a school board, we're always looking to increase. We've actually created an attendance advisory council, so that council is just now collecting best practices from various schools in the district, and then we're going to share those ideas with all schools."

Part of the campaign, Havenga explained, is sharing positive messaging about the importance of regular attendance both in school and on social media through the school board and each individual school's social-media platforms. He said sharing the positive spinoffs of regular attendance has been

proven more effective than trying to scare students into attending school with the potential impacts low attendance can have on learning and their future career paths.

While the program is rolling out now as a sort of pilot before school lets out for the summer, Havenga said board staff will take whatever lessons are learned and the date collected to continue expanding on and improving the program going into the next school year and beyond.

For more information on the I AM Here campaign, visit amdsb.ca/iamhere.



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"Attendance is one of the pillars of the ministry's student-achievement plan," Havenga said. "We are constantly looking at our data for our attendance, so we're looking at students who have greater than or equal to 90 per cent attendance, so that's

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New business Together We Shine On to offer a new living concept for seniors

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

A new business is opening in Huron County that will provide a comfortable home for mature and like-minded individuals to live together in a space that promotes peaceful and healthy lifestyles.

Together We Shine On will offer a fully furnished bungalow in a quiet neighbourhood in Blyth on a park-like setting. This will offer four individuals the chance to come together and enjoy life and community.

At the age of 50, and after illustrious careers – a park ranger, French wine expert, mustard maker, retail specialist, and stay home Dad – Travis Kell is now embarking on a new vision of establishing a home where three to four like-minded souls can live together and shine.

Kell is currently studying for a Senior

Care Specialist diploma with an emphasis on Legacy Coaching and helping retired individuals realize their ongoing life potential through joys of food, music, nature and shared experiences.

“As an existing successful entrepreneur, I wanted to start my own legacy project, one where I could provide joy and give back to a sector of society I feel we tend to marginalize and not give proper attention or care to,” admitted Kell, who plans to open the home in mid June.

Shared in the home are the eat-in kitchen, three spacious sitting rooms, a movie viewing room and three washrooms, in addition to private bedrooms.

According to Kell there is no limit to how long tenants can stay at the home, however, he is unable to provide serious medical care or nursing.

Kell has established contact with local personal support workers qualified in



Together We Shine On will offer a fully furnished bungalow in a quiet neighbourhood in Blyth on a park-like setting.

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Blyth who could pop into the home on a rotating basis if required, but he doesn't plan to operate a nursing home.

“Residents will benefit from the human connection of sharing a lovely home together,” admitted Kell.

“They will be active in preparing meals. The view and settings are serene and peaceful, and the day-to-day life is one of harmony and calm, as opposed to other options that can feel too clinical or isolating.”

Together We Shine On is now interviewing for tenants in the mature adult shared residence for late spring 2025.

The home is looking for individuals who are interested in shared experiences and the company of others who enjoy activities, excursions and a happy, respectful living space.

This business venture is a new and wholesome concept to create a peaceful and positive environment for seniors in the area.

“I strive to find the right individuals to take the plunge and realize there is a better way to live life to-

gether with peers,” said Kell.

“Each day will bring happiness and positivity as being together and sharing experiences will make for an inspired life.”

Kell plans on hosting an open house on Saturday, May 31 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 285 King Street in Blyth.

For more information on this new concept in adult shared living in Huron County visit <https://togetherweshineon.wordpress.com>

Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. How far is a klick in military terms?
2. The region of Transylvania is located in what country?
3. How many popes have there been?
4. What is a male swan called?
5. The sport of two people engaging in combat with swords is?
6. Vitamin B12 helps your body to form what?
7. Cryogenics is the study of what?
8. Jack Daniel's whisky is produced in what U.S. state?
9. Who was the first winner on The Masked Singer?
10. What is the only mammal capable of true flight?

This week's answers are found on pg. 26



Public Health encourages preparedness for emergencies

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Taking a few simple steps can help prepare facing a range of emergencies, and Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) encourages the public to have an emergency plan.

Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada ran from May 4 until May 10, and this year's provincial theme is 'Plan for Every Season'.

"Every household is encouraged to have an emergency plan," said Dale Lyttle, Senior Public Health Inspector.

According to HPPH, it is important to know the risks, plan and make an emergency kit.

Although the consequences of various disasters can be similar, knowing the risks that may be relevant to your community and region can help you better prepare.

The types of emergencies that may occur in Huron and Perth counties include extreme heat, extreme cold, air quality concerns such as wildfire smoke, floods, severe storms, tornadoes, and infectious disease.

"Taking action to ensure you and your family are prepared for emergency situations throughout the year can help less-

en the impact and stress of these events," added Lyttle.

HPPH stresses that a plan will help individuals or families know what to do in case of emergency.

The public are encouraged to think about the unique needs of a household, such as young children, older adults, and individuals with medical conditions. Also consider your pets.

HPPH advises to keep the plan in an easy to find place, perhaps with an emergency kit.

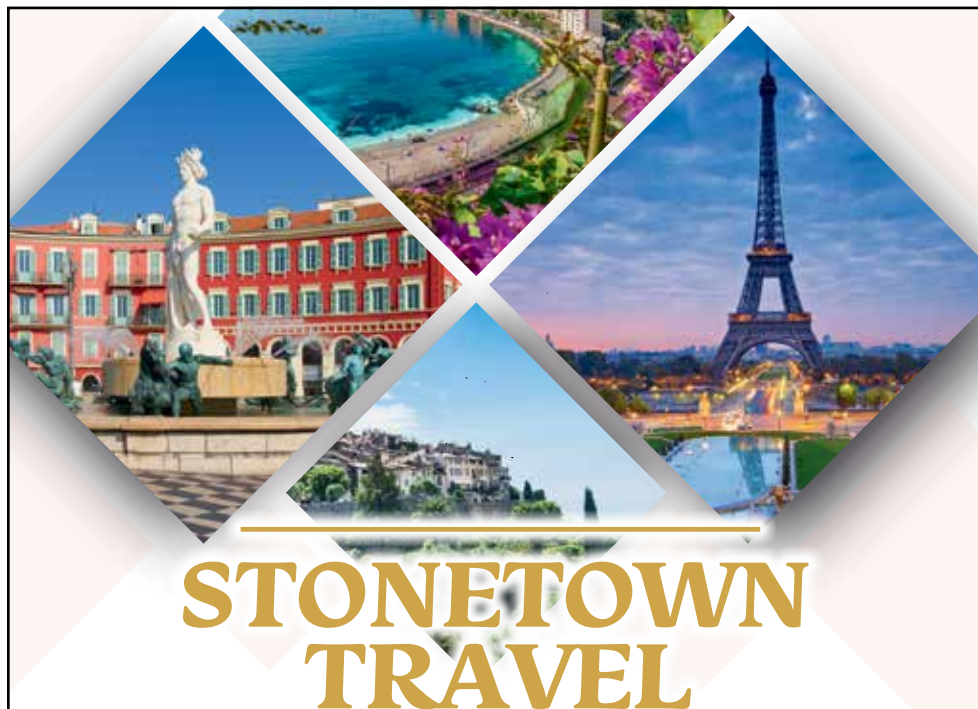
Putting together basic supplies, including bottled water, non-perishable food, hygiene items, a flashlight, radio, first aid kit and cash can be helpful ahead of an emergency.

During an emergency, power or tap water may be unavailable. Prepare to take care of yourself and your family for at least 72 hours.

With an emergency plan in place, and supplies at the ready, ensure everyone in the household knows where the kit is stored.

For more information on how to build a kit visit www.getprepared.gc.ca

Visit www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency for more resources to help prepare for all types of emergencies.



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Huron Chamber advocates for expansion of REDI program

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A program designed to help support regional economic development in smaller communities by improving access to immigration pathways for international workers is a relatively new provincial initiative.

Huron Chamber of Commerce is calling for support from local councils, businesses, and community leaders with a request to extend and expand the Regional Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) program.

According to the Huron Chamber, REDI is active in only four communities across the province.

With ongoing changes to the federal immigration system, employers have recently struggled to retain workers. Expanding REDI to communities in Huron County could provide support, particularly for the hospitality sector where challenges remain acute.

According to the Huron Chamber, Huron County consistently has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the province. With a limited labour pool, maybe employers cannot find enough workers to fill available positions.

Huron Chamber has made delegations to the Huron County Council requesting support and have also sent a formal letter to the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and to the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs and MPP of Huron Bruce.

"Our advocacy on the REDI program is rooted in what we are hearing directly from local employers – and our commitment is to work alongside them to find practical solutions," explained Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

This advocacy to request an expansion of the REDI program began earlier in the year when a Huron Chamber member in the hospitality sector raised concerns about how immigration program changes were affecting the ability to retain staff.

After a Local Impact Briefing panel discussion, more employers across the county have expressed interest.

"This is exactly the kind of issue the Chamber is here to address," admitted Carmichael.

"When members of our business community bring concerns forward, especially concerns that have county-wide implications, we take action."

Carmichael stressed that the Chamber is not advocating for changes to the federal immigration system, but rather on expanding a provincial program – already operating successfully within the existing federal framework – to help smaller communities access and retain international workers.

The Huron Chamber's goal is to help hospitality businesses across Huron County address workforce shortages and remain competitive, supporting not just Chamber members, but the broader economic vitality of the area.

For more information visit <https://huronchamber.ca/>

Goderich Lions Club celebrate Arbor Day

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Arbor Day was celebrated on April 25 with the Town of Goderich's Native Tree Initiative.

This event, facilitated by a generous donation from the Goderich Lions Club, provided native trees at not cost to residents who applied through the program.

Native trees from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority were purchased because of financial support from both the Lions Club and through the John Grace Memorial Environmental Fund.

According to the Town of Goderich, this initiative aims to enhance Goderich's

urban tree canopy, while promoting biodiversity and contributing to a healthier environment for the community.

Lions Club members Don Edward, John Maaskant and Peter Shephard joined Nathan Feagan, Town of Goderich Parks/Cemetery Supervisor in distributing native trees to those who applied for them.

Cooperation and collaboration between the Town of Goderich and the Goderich Lions Club stands as a cornerstone in the relentless pursuit of environmental preservation.

By supporting initiatives like this, the Town of Goderich commits to fostering a sustainable future.

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Police Reports

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) investigation results in charge

On April 20 police investigated a matter involving intimate partners in Goderich.

As a result, Huron OPP learned the involved suspect had allegedly committed a criminal act against their partner.

A 42-year-old individual from South Bruce was arrested and charged under the Criminal Code with Mischief Under \$5,000.

The accused was processed, held for a bail hearing, and later released with a court appearance scheduled at the Ontario Court of Justice – Goderich on May 11.

Victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) are not alone.

If you or someone you know needs support, there are local resources available to help. One organization you can contact is Victim Services of Huron at www.victim-serviceshuron.ca or by calling toll free at 1-866-863-4108.

Mischief in Goderich results in arrest

Huron OPP charged an individual from Huron County following a mischief to a home under construction in Goderich.

On April 20 officers were contacted regarding damage to a home on Elgin Avenue East. The investigation revealed that someone had thrown rocks at the building, causing approximately \$1,000 in damage.

The suspect was identified by police and arrested around the area of the crime.

The 29-year-old man from No Fixed Address was charged with Mischief Under \$5,000 and Fail to Comply with Probation Order.

The accused was processed, held for a bail hearing, and later released from custody with a court appearance scheduled for May 12.

North Huron individual charged with assault

On April 22 members of the Huron OPP investigated a matter involving intimate partners in North Huron.



New Huron County OPP Detachment Commander Laura Lee Brown. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

As a result, OPP learned the involved suspect had allegedly committed a criminal act against their partner.

A 45-year-old from North Huron was arrested and charged under the Criminal Code with Assault – Spousal, and Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm.

The accused was processed and later released from custody with a court date on June 9.

Assault investigation results in criminal charge

On April 23 members of Huron OPP responded to a report of an assault in Huron East.

As a result, a 27-year-old suspect was arrested and charged under the Criminal Code with Assault.

The accused was processed and later re-

leased from custody with a court date on May 12.

Mischief to vehicle results in charges

Huron OPP charged an individual following an incident that took place in Central Huron on April 23.

Just after 9 p.m. police were contacted to investigate damage to a vehicle caused by an individual who was still at the scene on Albert Street in Clinton.

Police attended and located the individual who was arrested shortly after for the offence of Mischief.

During their arrest the 43-year-old resisted arrest but was eventually taken into custody.

The accused was charged with Mischief Under \$5,000 and Resist Peace Officer.

The accused was processed and later re-

leased with a court appearance scheduled for June 2.

Mischief in Goderich results in arrest

Huron County OPP charged a 42-year-old individual from No Fixed Address following a mischief to property on Kingston Street in Goderich.

On April 25 police were contacted regarding damage to a seating bench on Kingston Street. The suspect was identified and arrested shortly after.

The accused was charged with Mischief Under \$5,000 and Fail to Comply with Probation Order.

The accused was processed, held for a bail hearing and later remanded into custody with a court appearance scheduled in Goderich on a later date.

Huron County OPP announces new detachment commander

Huron OPP has added a new face to their detachment, recently promoted Inspector Laura Lee Brown, who was appointed to the position of Detachment Commander at the Huron Detachment in Clinton.

Inspector Brown has worked in various roles in Perth County, Wellington County, and most recently at West Region Headquarters in London.

She brings a wide range of experience with her and is looking forward to working with the members of the Huron Detachment to ensure operations continue to run smoothly.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Huron County as your detachment commander," said Brown.

"It is my privilege to support the incredibly hardworking members of the Huron OPP Detachment and to foster the positive relationships we share with so many community partners."

Brown explains that a collaborative approach to crime prevention and community safety is what strengthens communities, and she is thankful to be part of it.

Gear first-time campers will want to take along to the campsite

MC— The natural beauty of the great outdoors compels millions of people to incorporate nature into their daily routines. Whether it's a morning walk around the neighborhood, an oceanfront weekend spent with toes in the sand or an afternoon lounging on a lake, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

Camping is a wildly popular way for outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy nature. Spending daylight hours in a wooded area or forest may not be unusual for outdoor enthusiasts, but camping under the stars at night can be intimidating for first-timers accustomed to comfortable, climate-controlled bedrooms. The right gear can calm any nervousness first-time campers may have, and the following are some items to take along.

- **Tent:** A tent is obviously a must-have when planning to spend the night under the stars. Shelter protects campers from the elements, insects and wildlife, so it's

imperative that first-time campers bring along enough tents to accommodate everyone on the trip. Novice campers may be overwhelmed by the assortment of options available when they look to buy a tent, so it's best to visit a local outdoor retailer for advice. Share the specifics of the trip, including how long it will be and how many people will need to be accommodated. Such information will help to determine the best tent for your trip.

- **Sleeping bag, pad and pillow:** A sleeping bag is another necessity, but it's also important to bring along a sleeping pad. Temperatures drop at night, so a well-insulated sleeping bag can keep campers warm at night. A multi-season sleeping bag can be an especially useful investment that helps campers prepare for fluctuating temperatures. No matter how comfortable a sleeping bag may seem, the hard ground does not typically increase the chances of a good night's rest. That's why a sleeping pad is vital,

particularly for first-time campers unaccustomed to sleeping in anything other than a bed. Round out your sleeping must-haves by bringing along a pillow.

- **Chairs:** Of course, camping trip comfort isn't all about sleeping. A comfortable and foldable chair for everyone in the party is another essential. Chairs should be sturdy and ideally not too heavy, particularly if the campsite is a long walk from the car.

- **Kitchenware:** Cooking is a fun part of camping, especially when campers remember to bring along the appropriate kitchenware. A camp stove with two burners can make it easy to whip up just about anything. A single burner stove might suffice for small camping parties, but the double burner stove enables cooking more than one item at once. In addition to a sturdy stove, bring along some forks, knives and plates.

- **Bug spray:** Bugs won't get the hint that campers don't want them around

the campsite, so don't forget to pack some bug spray to repel these unwanted guests.

- **Sunscreen:** Even if you're staying in a wooded area or forest with ample shade overhead, you'll want to apply sunscreen to avoid skin damage. Even a mild sunburn can make sleeping in a tent for the first time more difficult, so apply sunscreen early and reapply as directed on the bottle.

- **Miscellaneous items:** Lighting to augment light coming from a campfire, toiletries to ensure bathroom breaks are as comfortable as possible, garbage bags and containers to secure trash and reduce the risk of attracting wildlife, and a few books or magazines to read while resting at the campsite are some additional items first-time campers won't want to forget.

Camping is a fun activity that's even more enjoyable when campers remember to pack the right gear.

AMGH celebrates its everyday heroes

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

National Physicians' Day (May 1) is an opportunity for a community to reflect on the dedicated doctors at Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH).

These doctors not only play a crucial role in the well-being of the community by providing expert care and heartfelt support, but they are the heart and soul of the healthcare system.

"Our doctors go above and beyond, delivering exceptional care and support that enriches the lives of our patients each and every day," stated Jimmy Trieu, President and CEO at Huron Health System (HHS).

"Their presence brings peace of mind in times of uncertainty, offering comfort and reassurance during life's most precious moments. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their dedication and the profound impact they make on our community."

Observing National Physicians' Day at AMGH highlights these doctors' dedication and compassion; while inviting residents to express their gratitude for the tireless efforts they invest each day to ensure every patient receives the highest standard of care.

According to the HHS, being a healthcare professional in a close-knit, rural community means more than just provid-

ing medical care. It also means becoming a trusted partner in the lives of the residents.

The doctors of AMGH are not only healthcare providers, but also neighbours, friends and mentors.

The work done by doctors at AMGH exemplifies the power of human connection and personalized care, underscoring a shared commitment to health and well-being throughout the county and surrounding municipalities.

When it comes to expressing gratitude for the healthcare offered in Goderich, Mayor Trevor Bazinet explains that no words could ever express how grateful he is for the dedication and high standard of

care offered at AMGH.

Recently, on March 31, Mayor Bazinet's wife, Jill, suffered a stroke.

"I rushed her to the emergency department at AMGH," he explained.

"The care and quick response that she received from the doctors and nurses in the emergency department is the reason she is still alive today. Please take the time to thank all our healthcare physicians when you have the opportunity. My family is forever grateful for all of them."

While National Physicians' Day is a special occasion to acknowledge doctors, it is important to remember that their dedication deserves recognition every day.



Staff at AMGH with Mayor Bazinet (L-R): Gwen Devereaux, Physician Recruitment, Dr. Shannon Natuik, Dr. Tiffany Kittmer, Dr. Stan Spacek, Dr. Hilary Watson, Dr. Paul Gill, Dr. Tiberiu Nicolae, Mayor Trevor Bazinet, Dr. Tamra Steinmann, Dr. Aaron Daters, Lynn Higgs, Chief Nursing Executive/VP Clinical Services.



Dr. Tamra Steinmann (left), with Dr. Shannon Natuik (middle) and Dr. Hilary Watson.



Dr. Kim Spacek (left) with Lynn Higgs, Chief Nursing Executive/VP Clinical Services (middle) and Mayor Trevor Bazinet.



Dr. Mike Dawson (left) with Dr. Julie Moore.

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Goderich Kinsmen and Kinettes continue to support Menesetung Bridge project



Goderich Kinsmen have generously donated proceeds of \$40,000 from their television auction to the Menesetung Bridge Restoration Project. Thirty-four years ago, the Kinsmen held their first TV auction with the money raised going toward saving the bridge. The Bridge Association is grateful for their assistance once again, helping save this iconic, historic structure. Accepting the cheque are Mike Dawson and Marian Lane, presented by Ron Smith, President of the Kinsmen and Bill Pollock.

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The Goderich Kinettes Club also generously donated \$5,000 in support of the Menesetung Bridge Restoration Project. Members of the community, the Bridge Association and the many tourists who walk the bridge and hike the trails appreciate the Kin Club of Goderich for their support in preserving the bridge. Pictured are Amanda Collins, Christy Alcock, Tammy Volland, Patti Lamb, Janet Wunnink, Marita Taylor, Sherry Alcock, and Bernadine McDonald.

(HEATHER ZAPLE PHOTO)

Rotaract Princess Project provides students opportunity to borrow dresses for special events

SAMANTHA HAMILTON

Sun Contributor

The Goderich Rotaract Club hosted a fashion show on April 10, dedicated to raising awareness and funds for the Princess Project.

This program provides students with the opportunity to borrow gently used dresses for special events such as prom, semi-formals, and graduations. This program aims to empower students to attend school events and feel confident and beautiful without the financial burden.

The Gala showcased a stunning array of fashionable dresses, highlighting the importance of inclusivity, sustainability, and community support.

Attendees enjoyed an evening of entertainment, supporting a cause that helps makes dreams come true.

The at-the-door donations help Rotaract with ongoing costs including mending and dry cleaning.

Rotaract is thrilled to have amazing student volunteers from GDCI, St. Mary's, St. Anne's and SHDHS. These students graciously modeled dresses with enthusiasm, lighting up the runway.

Businesses and individuals also came forward to sponsor some new dresses for the Princess Project.

Rotaract is grateful for the generosity of Pickell and Ferguson Law, Hill Hair and Makeup, Councillor Liz Petrie, Parrish and Heimbecker, and an anonymous donor for each sponsoring a new dress from the Old Mill.

Compass Minerals also sponsored a new collection of eight dresses, and the Old Mill not only provided Rotaract with



All models of the fashion show and the Princess Project committee members (Front, L-R): Tori, Kenzie, Destiny, Maggie, Aubrey, Ginger, Mara, Addison. (Middle, L-R): Megan, Eden, Emma, Kara. (Top, L-R): Committee members Emma Bartz, Sam Hamilton, Chandal Bradley, Jenna Pentland, and Amy Boyce.

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a discount on dresses purchased as sponsorships, but they further sponsored a collection of 22 new dresses.

Support from the community is what makes this program remain successful. From donations to sponsorship, support in person and on social media, the support appears endless.

Both Colborne Lakeview Photography and Reflections Photography by Natasha provided a discounted rate and beautiful pictures of the fashion show gala, while Olive and Rose Flower Studio lent the evening some artificial corsages.

Furthermore, NJS Design: Event and Party Rentals provided the evening with discounted décor, Twisted Genius Designs provided the girls with jewelry for

the show, and The Livery Theatre provide a discounted use of their venue.

AM ETFO covered the remaining costs of the evening.

Huron County Museum allowed Rotaract to use their mannequins on the night of the event, and Emme Bartz provided a monetary contribution, while local musician Maggie Grace modeled in the show and performed two songs for the crowd.

It took a village to pull the gala off and Rotaract members are grateful for the support from the community.

Heading into prom and graduation season, the Princess Project will host some pop-ups at local schools to promote the program.

Currently, the Princess Project hosted a

lunch hour pop-up at GDCI on May 8 and will host another one at CHSS on May 16.

For those interested in, or those who know someone who might be interested in borrowing a dress for prom or grad, please check out Facebook and Instagram accounts (Rotaract Princess Project) or visit <https://rotaractgoderich.wixsite.com/home>

Samantha is a Rotaract Club Member, and Princess Project Committee Member



Eden modeling one of the dresses available through the Princess Project.

STEAM night at St. Mary's celebrates creativity, curiosity and imagination

ERIN VAN DIEPENBEEK

Sun Contributor

The recent STEAM night event at St. Mary's School was a tremendous success, bringing together families, staff and community members in a joyful celebration of creativity, curiosity and imagination.

The school was buzzing with excitement as families explored how science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) are used in important ways every day.

Inside the school, visitors were impressed by creative and interactive sta-

tions set up by Mark Gilmour, Garrett Hunt, Lauren Jones and Steve Mindsor of Compass Minerals.

Other stations were set up by Mark Van Diepenbeek, and Mark Yule of Vestas Canadian Wind, Eric Van Wyk, owner of Van Wyk Electrical, Bethany Davidson of Bethany Ann Art, Mel Craig from Heubner-Ridder Veterinary Hospital, Kristen Sheardown from Medical Imaging at AMGH and Mark Flanagan from the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship and High Skills Major programs.

Keith King brought his knowledge of

Stage Lighting and Brendan Couture used his skills as a Sound Technician to fill the gym with fun lights and great music.

Under sunny skies, families met with First Responders Jamie Stanley, Amanda Smith, Spencer Vail and Katelyn Little. The chance to see the OPP cruiser, ambulance and fire engine up close was a highlight for guests of all ages.

Staff served a delicious pizza dinner, and everyone enjoyed a free ice cream cone, generously donated by Mardelle King of Cakes, Cookies and Coffee.

Parent council thanks Steve Regier of

Lakeshore Construction who donated his time and used math and engineering to construct a gigantic Gaga Ball pit. This new addition to the school yard was broken in on STEAM night and will be enjoyed for years to come.

A big thanks also goes to the rest of parent council members for their house spent planning and hosting, and all the other volunteers who made this night such a wonderful community building event.

Erin Van Diepenbeek is a member of parent council at St. Mary's Catholic in Goderich



Kristen Sheardown.



Paramedic Amanda Smith.



Lauren Jones of Compass Minerals salt mine.



Bethany Davidson, local artist at the easel.

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HOME IMPROVEMENTS 2025

Birch Creek Greenhouse and Florals offers home grown products

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Birch Creek Greenhouse and Florals is a family run garden centre along the shores of Lake Huron.

Owned by husband-and-wife team, Andy and Claire, the greenhouse was built from the ground up and opened in April 2019.

Both born and raised on family farms in Huron County, Andy and Claire are no strangers to hard work, patience and perseverance while working with the rhythm of nature.

With Andy as the grower, inspector and all around handy-man, Claire balances the team with her creative intuition, passion for design and vast greenhouse experience.

Andy bought the 68-acre farm in 2015. After the pair were married in 2016, Andy and Claire decided to start the journey of opening a business together.

With Andy's farming experience and Claire's floral and greenhouse expertise, Birch Creek is a true culmination of a greenhouse and flower shop.

"I love that our business is a reflection of ourselves," admitted Claire.

"It's what we are talented at. We truly feel that we were brought together to be the ultimate team. Bringing joy to our customers and playing a very small role in helping beautify this earth is truly a blessing."

Birch Creek has nearly 10,000 square feet of growing area that Andy, Claire and their seasonal staff fill to the brim each spring.

Birch Creek offers annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, along with planters and hanging baskets. Claire also designs custom pots for customers.

In addition, Birch Creek is an events florist offering pre-booked flower arrangements.

Creating an inviting environment that screams beauty is something Andy and Claire strive to provide and this is what retains loyal customers.

Andy and Claire take pride in their creative displays and unique plant products.

"Our product is also home grown, which a lot of people don't realize," Claire explained.

"If not grown on site, it is all Ontario grown from the best suppliers around."

Birch Creek begins prep work in February, while planting small plugs, seeds, transplanting and trimming is all done before May.

With these homegrown products, Birch Creek has everything needed to make your outdoor space beautiful, with annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees as well as bagged soils and mulch.

The greenhouse also has a nice selection of indoor succulents.

By shopping at Birch Creek for your outdoor or indoor renovations, you are supporting more than just local, but a young family that works hard at growing beautiful, healthy products.

"You are supporting a small business that also gives back and participates and supports the local community," added Claire.

Andy and Claire admit that starting a business and seeing success within five years was an initial goal. Now they are motivated to expand their business while being good role models for their young children and their community.

In addition to building something beautiful together, Andy and Claire also strive to give back to the community that has been so good to them.

Birch Creek supplies donations to organizations each year including the Goderich Kinsmen/Kinnette TV Auction, the AMGH Long Table Gala Event, as well as various community event donations.

The last two years Birch Creek supported the Goderich Free Little Pantry with food donations.

Further to all the hard work and years of experience, coupled with passionate attention to detail, Andy and Claire are grateful for their valued customers and amazing season staff. Without them, Birch Creek wouldn't be where it is today.

Visit Birch Creek to help beautify your events, your outdoor renovation projects or for your greenspace needs with a beautiful experience paired with knowledgeable customer service and a warm, welcoming environment.

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Huron Hurricanes fundraising for the Goderich YMCA

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Editor

Huron Hurricanes Aquatic Club (HHAC) is celebrating its 35th anniversary by launching a community-focused initiative to upgrade the starting blocks for the swimming pool at the Goderich facility.

According to HHAC this project will not only benefit HHAC athletes but also local high school swim teams and the Special Olympics swim team.

Raising funds to upgrade the starting blocks will enhance opportunities for youth development across Huron County.

"The club is looking to raise \$33,000," admitted Carmen Armstrong of the HHAC.

"This important upgrade will benefit HHAC swimmers, and local high school swim teams."

The project is entirely spearheaded by the HHAC, and the total project cost to upgrade the starting blocks is \$43,000.

Recognizing the unique challenges of operating a rural swim club, HHAC are seeking sponsorships to help cover essential costs and ensure swimming remains accessible to all.

In addition to seeking sponsorships, HHAC is also looking for support from community partners to help share their story, raise awareness, and celebrate the positive impact the club has on local youth.



The Huron Hurricanes Aquatic Club (HHAC) is seeking support for their project to replace and upgrade the starting blocks at the Goderich YMCA pool.

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The HHAC is a community-driven, non-profit swim club committed to providing inclusive programming for swimmers of all ages and abilities, promoting fitness, personal growth, and sportsmanship.

"The HHAC offers a positive, supportive environment where youth develop fitness, personal growth, sportsmanship, and teamwork," added Armstrong.

"HHAC provides inclusive and affordable swim programming for all levels, from beginners to provin-

cial or national competitors, helping youth build resilience, confidence, leadership skills, and community spirit that extend far beyond the pool."

Sponsorship levels and recognition varies depending on the amount donated to the project.

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MC – The benefits of exercise for seniors are innumerable. In order to get the physical activity they need, many older adults are turning to pickleball. Pickleball combines elements of tennis, wiffle ball and ping-pong into an activity that is drawing new enthusiasts every day. Fans often say that pickleball is the most fun racket sport they have played. With a smaller court than tennis and a lighter ball, pickleball is ideal for seniors who won't have to worry about the sport being too high-intensity. The Medical University of South Carolina says pickleball is the fastest-growing sport today, particularly among seniors. The 2023 Sports & Fitness Industry

Association Report on Pickleball says pickleball has attracted 8.9 million U.S. players of all ages and fitness levels. The SFIA report notes that the 65+ age group accounts for the second highest number of participants.



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Goderich Ringette Volunteers: Every role matters

MEGAN FRAYNE

Sun Contributor

CORRECTION: Unfortunately, due to human error, this article celebrating the wonderful volunteers of Goderich Ringette missed being in the feature for Volunteer Week.

When you think of Goderich Ringette, you might picture the excitement on the ice – the fast plays, the cheering fans, and the friendships built through sport.

Behind every game, practice and team celebration is something even more powerful – our volunteers.

Goderich Ringette is entirely run by volunteers.

From the dedicated executive team to the coaches, bench staff, team managers, fundraising coordinators, and the people who organize fun events, none of it would be possible without the time, energy, and heart that volunteers pour into

the organization.

The impact of these efforts goes far beyond the rink.

Volunteering builds community. It brings parents, families and players together.

It shows young athletes the value of teamwork, commitment and giving back.

It ensures that ringette in Goderich isn't just a sport, but an experience, a family and a source of pride.

Without volunteers, Goderich Ringette would cease to exist. Every role matters.

Whether you're making hot chocolate at a fun day, helping behind the scenes, or stepping up to coach. Your time and support create the environment where kids can grow, compete, and love the game.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to all who give their time to make ringette in Goderich possible. You are the true MVPs of the season.



Laurie Hakkers, Amy MacDonald and Lyndi Meriam, coaches of the Fun 2 team.



Left: Becky Meriam, a member of the executive.

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Right: Nora Frayne, Emma Greidanus, Megan Ridder, and Julie Henriques volunteering on Ringette Day.



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Rotary Club supports local youth and business at Goderich Waterfront

EZRA SILVERTON

Sun Contributor

As a long-standing service club in the Goderich community, the Rotary Club of Goderich is proud to partner with the Town of Goderich to help enhance and develop the beautiful waterfront.

Our shared goal is to make the beaches of Goderich not only more appealing to visitors but also a vibrant and welcoming destination in Ontario.

As part of this initiative, the Rotary Club has taken over the operation of two key waterfront facilities – the Main Beach Hut and the Rotary Cove Wheelhouse.

These popular summer spots are now hubs of activity and opportunity – especially for local youth.

All profits go toward community projects, such as the soccer shed and fitness trail.

Since 1992, the Club has employed local students to staff and manage these locations throughout the summer.

The Beach Hut opens each year on the May long weekend and runs through to Labour Day in September.

The Wheelhouse opens a bit later in June, once the weather becomes more consistently warm.

In total, the Club employs approximately 20 students over the summer season. Operating hours are 11 a.m. to dusk, seven days a week, weather permitting.

At the Beach Hut, visitors can enjoy Shaw's Ice Cream, locally made hamburgers from Shanahan's, Lake Huron perch and other summer favourites.

Down at the Wheelhouse, offerings include Shaw's Ice Cream, New Orleans Pizza, candies, chips and pop.

In addition to supporting youth employment, the Rotary Club is committed to supporting local businesses by sourcing many of its products from area suppliers.

These include Shanahan Quality Meats (fresh-made burgers), Out of the Blue (Lake Huron yellow perch), Horton's Dairy (ice cream and dairy products), H.O. Jerry (paper products and environmentally friendly cleaners), Food Basics (fresh product and condiments), West Coast Distributing (candy and confectionary treats), and New



Ellen Gundy and Megan Deighton at Rotary Cove Beach Hut.

Orleans Pizza (served at the Cove Wheelhouse).

These partnerships help strengthen the local economy and highlight the best of what our community has to offer.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this program is providing students with their first job experience. Many are hired with little or no prior experience and receive full training from the Club.

Through this opportunity, they gain valuable hands-on skills in areas such as food service, inventory management, scheduling, customer service, and business operations.

Students frequently express how much they enjoy working with friends, learning new skills, building confidence – and, of course, working at the beach.

The experience also fosters a strong sense of camaraderie and pride in their accomplishments.

Rotary members play an active role throughout this season, especially during busy weekends. They assist by running supplies, tidying the area, and engaging with

beachgoers – offering directions, sharing information about local events, and enhancing the overall visitor experience.

In addition to operational support, Club members provide mentorship and training in small business management.

Student managers are introduced to hiring and interview practices, food preparation certification, inventory control, public relations, workplace safety, cleanliness protocols, and leadership.

They also complete a specialized course in personal safety and conflict resolution when dealing with the public.

This program not only enhances Goderich's waterfront amenities but also builds future leaders by giving young people the tools and confidence to succeed in the workplace, and beyond.

The Rotary Club of Goderich is proud to invest in the future of our community by supporting youth employment and helping make the waterfront a place we can all be proud of.

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Rotary Beach Hut.

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GDCI takes the shore with Lake Huron Coastal Centre

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Students from Goderich District Collegiate Institute (GDCI) recently had the chance to use Lake Huron as their classroom through a shoreline tour with local environmental experts.

Guides shared the impacts of historical bluff erosion, discussed sustainable agricultural practices, toured engineered protection structures and participated in hands-on restoration of dune vegetation.

Lessons learned were important across a broad range of career paths, including environmental science, tourism, landscaping, politics, and law as they highlight the need for awareness and innovation to create balance between human needs and the power of nature.

This shoreline tour took place on April 30 and was initiated by GDCI Science teacher Melanie Ball and coordinated by Cassie Greidanus of the Ausable Bay-

field Conservation Authority (ABCA).

Presenters included the Lake Huron Coastal Centre (LHCC), Ben Woodward, a master's student at University of Waterloo's Coastal Research Group, Nathan Scholier (ABCA Stewardship, Land and Education Manager), and Daniel King (ABCA Water Resources Engineer).

Many topics discussed on the tour will be offered through the Lake Huron Coastal Centre's youth education program.

Returning to Goderich this summer, the Coastal Conservation Youth Corps will be held from July 21 until July 25.

Funding from the McCall MacBain Foundation supported this program, enabling it to be free for the students aged 14-19 years. This program provides the opportunity to build skills and gain valuable experience while earning volunteer hours.

Learn more and register at lakehuron.ca/ccyc



Special High Skills Major (SHSM) students explore coastal dynamics as they tour from Goderich to Grand Bend.

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Invasive Plant of the Month: Yellow Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)

RENEE SANDELOWSKY and

HELEN VAREKAMP

Sun Contributors

You may be just one person, with one yard and one garden, but if you can eliminate the invasive plant species in your yard, you've taken a giant step to help the ecosystem.

If you can educate your neighbours about the dangers of invasive plants, you've taken an even greater step to help wildlife, the environment and the planet.

Invasive plants have little or no value for insects, birds or other wildlife. In fact, they cause harm, and invasive plants cause harm to our economy and human health as well.

Let's educate people, just as we did with smoking and seatbelts.

Be patient with yourself and others, take your time, focus on getting rid of one or two invasives and then replant with non-invasive plants, or replant with natives to restore the health of the ecosystem, and bring back pollinators and other wildlife.

Yellow Iris is a perennial aquatic plant native to Europe, western Asia and North Africa. It was first introduced to North America in the 1800s as an ornamental plant for ponds and water gardens.

The plan has since spread to many waterways, including those in parts of southern Ontario.

Yellow Iris can grow in both treed and open wetlands, along river and lake edges, and on floodplains.

The plant spreads by seeds and by underground stems known as rhizomes that send out new shoots above the ground and roots below.



These rhizomes can develop into thick mats, consisting of several hundred plants.

Fragments of rhizomes that break off can also form new plants.

Impacts of Yellow Iris:

The dense stands of very thick mats of rhizomes and dead leaves can displace native plants and change wetlands to much drier environments.

The drier environment reduces habitat available for wildlife, including native fish habitat and bird nesting and rearing sites.

The dense mats can also block water flow in irrigation and flood control ditches.

Yellow Iris is poisonous to both humans and animals if eaten, and its sap can cause dermatitis.

How to Manage Yellow Iris:

Start with prevention.

Yellow Iris is still sold in nurseries. Do not buy or share this plant. Managing Yellow Iris is challenging but achievable with persistence and a multi-step approach.

Manual Removal:

Efforts are most likely to succeed when patches are small.

Start by removing all flowers and seed heads to deplete the seed bank. Dig up and remove plants including rhizomes to control spread.

Continue to monitor for re-growth as this process may take several years.

Caution – all plant parts can cause skin irritation. Ensure gloves, safety glasses and long-sleeved clothing is worn during any work with this plant.

Do not put plant material in the compost or municipal green waste.

Smothering:

Smothering or tarping is affecting for populations growing on land of water.

Start by cutting or mowing plants back, then cover with heavy PVC pond liner. Make sure you extend liner or at least one metre beyond the infestation and secure it.

Monitor regularly for re-growth, remove the barrier when rhizomes have turned dark brown and mushy.

Pond liner will likely need to be in place four to six months for success. Place all plant material in garbage for disposal.

Herbicide Treatment:

There is currently no chemical control available in Canada for Yellow Iris.

After removal, replant the area with regionally appropriate native plants. This step is essential to prevent reinfestation and to restore ecosystem health.

Native plants will also attract pollinators and wildlife, improving biodiversity in your garden.

A good alternative choice would be Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*).

Education is key to combating invasive plants. Learn to identify invasive plants and choose native or non-invasive alternatives for your garden.

Focus on managing one or two invasive plants at a time and be patient.

For more information visit www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca or www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/resources/best-management-practices

Renee Sandelowsky and Helen Varekamp are volunteers for Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation

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Seaforth's Commercial Hotel: The Handsomest Building the County

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Sun Contributor

The Commercial Hotel, which stands on the east side of Seaforth's Main Street, is one of the most imposing buildings in the area.

Since 1895, the three-storey structure has hosted thousands of weary travellers and continues to provide first-class accommodation.

The Commercial Hotel is also one of the area's most storied buildings.

The original Commercial Hotel was built by Thomas Knox in 1860. Knox sold it to Thomas Sharpe, in 1866, who in turn sold it to Alex Davidson who owned it in the early morning hours of April 17, 1895, when fire destroyed the hotel.

Undismayed, Davidson rebuilt an even grander three storey brick hotel in under six months at the considerable cost of \$7,450.

According to the Huron Expositor, Davidson spared little expense in making his hotel as comfortable as possible.

Pipes brought water to the hotel's bathtubs where there was one on each floor, electric lighting was installed throughout the substantial building while "beautiful tapestry" carpeting decorated the third floor.

A large livery stable with an attentive groom was also a major hotel asset.

The grand exterior had a second-floor verandah running the building's 100-foot street-length of the building would have been an impressive site for travellers arriving at the main entrance by train or stage.

The raised brick on the front proudly announced the new building as the Commercial Hotel. Advertised rates for accommodation were \$1.00 per night for room, supper, breakfast and hay for the horses, according to a former employee, Dorothy Butt.

The Expositor pronounced the new Commercial Hotel as "one of the most homelike and attractive hotels in this country."

As with all hotels named Commercial, Seaforth's Commercial Hotel attracted a variety of salesmen, medical quacks, phrenologists, palmists and, perhaps, less reputable professionals.

Travelling salesmen who sold everything from wigs to fine chinaware to millinery wares often visited the Commercial where they would rent a sample room to display their goods.

Before Eaton's catalogue, travellers sold products that could not be purchased locally. Besides the medical charlatans, there were genuine specialists and dentists who rented rooms to provide much needed relief to suffering patients.

One wonders, however, about the treatment rendered by the chiropractors who held regular office hours at the Commercial who advertised electric shock treatment.

The Commercial hotel housed a barbershop until 1960 where travelling men could get a shave and a haircut before greeting the public.

With so many farm and livestock auctions taking place on the premises, the hotel also had a 'Farmers Bank.'

From 1895, an express and telegraph office occupied the premises at the Commercial. With its proximity to the railroad, the travelling public could check into the hotel, send or receive telegraph wires and forward packages through the express agency located in the hotel.

The Commercial was also a way station on the stagecoach run, and, later, bus routes that went through town.

Locally, the Commercial hosted many of Seaforth's clubs, societies and fraternities. The Freemasons, Oddfellows and, later, the Lions Clubs held dinner meetings at the Commercial (The Lions hold meetings at the Commercial).

Many of Seaforth's sporting teams like the Cricket, Lawn Bowling, Baseball and Hockey Clubs held their organizational meeting over dinner meetings at the Commercial.

In 1896, at the behest of the Dominion Government, the aged veterans of 1866 Fenian scares were asked to attend an important meeting to determine their eligibility for the Fenian Raid medal.

During the Great War, A. A. McLennan, the Commercial's proprietor held Red Cross fundraising and other events to support the war effort. During the Great War, the Commercial, like other hotels across the country, experienced a noticeable drop in business.

In March 1920, McLennan closed the hotel to the public. The Huron Expositor lamented that the Commercial's closure "rather badly handicapped" Seaforth.

Fortunately for Seaforth, the Commercial was sold in Janu-



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)
Above: The Commercial Hotel as seen from the north. It is one of Seaforth's most substantial buildings.

Left: Iron Horse Heads on the north side of the hotel was added by Klaver but suits the old hotel as a stagecoach stop.

charged and convicted of selling illegal liquor but was acquitted on appeal by a sympathetic judge.

After Huron County repealed Prohibition in 1959, the Commercial was again licensed again and Fanny Dungey made extensive renovations to the Commercial.

Mayor Edmund Daly and Fanny cut the ribbon officially opening the Commercial which had been renovated from "top to bottom" according to the Huron Expositor.

Hundreds came to the open house to see the new upper floor bathrooms and new wall-to-wall carpeting in the licensed "Highland Room" lounge.

The renovations did not revive the hotel's clientele as the Dungey family sold the Commercial in July 1964 to John Chernes who then sold it to Joe and Mary Czerwinski.

In 1976 Rene Dupuis took over the ownership of the Commercial. In 1979, Dupuis spent \$100,000 enlarging the lounge area and adding a modern kitchen.

Dupuis recalls the hotel having 36 rooms upstairs with about 15 regular weekly renters. However, the licensed lounge room with live entertainment is where the money was made.

ary 1922, to Charles and Fanny Dungey.

The Dungey's had been hotel keepers in Mitchell since 1911 and, perhaps, no other family name is more associated with the Dungey's whose over 40-year proprietorship of the hotel revived the Commercial's importance as an important regional destination.

The Dungey's completely renovated the building. Gone were the spittoons in the dining room and the hallways and the rooms were furnished on a "parity with the King Edward Hotel" in Toronto, according to the paper.

The second-floor verandah was removed in the late 1920s due to safety concerns.

In 1937, Charles Dungey died,

at age 58, leaving his wife, Fanny, and three children to operate the hotel.

The Commercial continued to be an important social and economic centre but since 1914, in Huron County, the hotel business had to contend with the Canada Temperance Act, which made the buying and selling of alcohol illegal.

The Commercial's barroom had been licensed prior to 1914 but during the 'Dry' decades, Prohibition seriously handicapped all hotels.

Although, in 1923, it did not stop the Commercial's tavern keeper, John Hawthorne, from selling bottles of liquor outside the hotel's back door.

In September 1922, he was

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Music enrichment program launches this spring

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A new enrichment program is providing new opportunities for creative youth in Huron County.

'Banding Together' enrichment program will provide youth from grades 7-9 from across Huron County with opportunities to learn a variety of instruments over the course of six weeks.

"We are excited to offer this program to young people because studying music instills discipline, creative thinking and collaboration in young people," said Spencer TenHag, coordinator and music education student.

"It is important for youth to have these foundational skills because they apply to life."

The intensive program will teach all young students how to play brass, woodwinds, violin, cello, percussion, and more.

"The experience students can gain

through making music is valuable not just for life but also for employment," added TenHag.

The cost for 'Banding Together' is \$60, led by TenHag, a Bachelor of music education student at Western University, Savannah Rutledge a Bachelor of Child and Youth Studies student at Brock University and CHSS Music teacher, Aaron Neeb.

"It is important for young people to have creative outlets," said Savannah Rutledge, coordinator.

"It is incredibly valuable for young people to cultivate meaningful relationships with each other prior to and during high school. Our hope is that we can help build these positive relationships through creating music."

The program will run on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. from May 15 until June 19 in the Central Huron Secondary School (CHSS) music room.

Students who wish to register for this program are encouraged to contact huronhonourband@gmail.com



Mr. Cam Bowman (left) demonstrating bowing to Hannah Hewitt (Cello) and Jalyssa Martin (Violin).

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Seaforth's Commercial Hotel

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Dupuis said, with 13 employees, business was good until the more stringent Drinking and Driving laws came into effect in the 1980s.

In 1988, Dupuis sold the hotel to Maurice Hamouth. Over the next decades, the Commercial went through a series of owners and business ventures such as the Lager House in 2006. Despite extensive renovations, outdoor patio and live entertainment, the pub no longer operates.

In 2008, Peter Klaver purchased the Commercial Hotel from Jason Wheatley.

A great deal needed to do to the old hotel, Klaver said. He replaced the two buildings' two leaky roofs and remodeled the hotel's 36 rooms into 17 apartments.

Klaver restored 8,000 square feet of

the 17,000 square foot interior's original flooring. He also added architectural flourishes of his own including two iron horse heads on the building's north side; wrought iron fencing across the front; and adorned with metal sculptures of Klaver's own craftwork.

Throughout the past 130 years, the Seaforth Commercial Hotel has been at the centre of the area's social and business life. Designated part of the town's Heritage District in 1984, like Cardno Hall, the Commercial Hotel is one of the county's signature buildings.

Seaforth is almost impossible to visualize without the grand hotel standing proud astride the east side of Main Street. The Commercial Hotel remains one of the "handsomest buildings in the County."

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Fear's latest mystery novel inspired by Lake Huron

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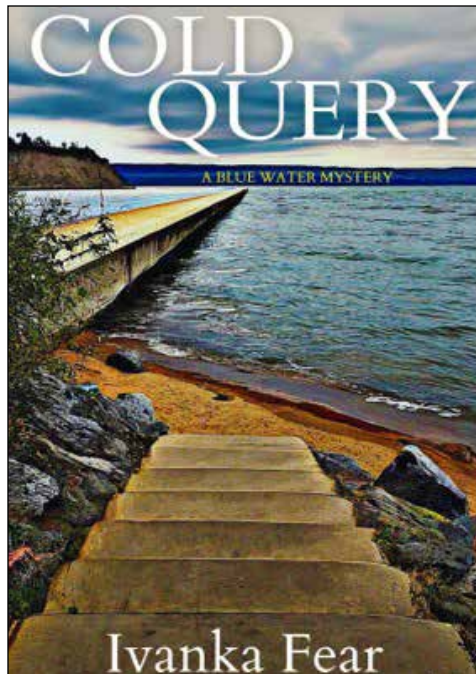
Ontario author Ivanka Fear sets her mystery novels in fictional locales based on places she loves, inspired by the natural beauty of Ontario.

Fear has released her third book 'Cold Query', which follows the life of Ivy Rose, who is part of the literary community in Port Ripley.

Port Ripley is a dreamy postcard town, a charming spot nestled along Blue Water's beautiful shoreline, the perfect place to live – except a killer lurks amongst the residents, blending in like a chameleon.

"The concept is as brilliant as it is chilling, and Fear presents it in a tense and suspenseful manner that keeps you turning the pages anxiously to the very end," Kelly Young said, author of the Travel Writer Cozy Mystery series and the Haunted and Harassed Paranormal Mystery series.

For the last 11 years, respected school-teacher and mystery writer Ivy Rose,



who left behind her traumatic past, has enjoyed a quiet life in the pretty town with picturesque sunsets over the lake.

When the body of a fellow book club member washes ashore, the first in a series of suspicious deaths, the town becomes immersed in murder, forcing Ivy to come to terms with the dark secrets that haunt her.

Detective Scott Evans, once Ivy's best friend and sleuthing partner, joins the local police to investigate.

The detective finds Ivy, the woman he has always secretly loved, living under and assumed identity.

They become reacquainted and Scott discovers each of the victims has a tie to Ivy and the literary community in which she is involved.

As more people Ivy knows end up dead, it looks like she's either the prime suspect or the main target.

"In her latest book Cold Query, author Ivanka Fear again takes readers on a compelling journey, full of twists and turns that will keep them hooked and guessing until the final page," said Daphne Silver, Agatha Award winning author of the Rare Books Cozy Mystery

Series.

"This story is perfect for those who enjoy puzzles, intrigue, and unexpected surprises, even in a seemingly charming Canadian town. I couldn't put the story down and can't wait for future tales in the Blue Water series."

Although this is the fifth novel written by the author, it is the book that finally resulted in a contract with a literary agent and a five-book publishing deal.

Books four and five of the series, also set along the shores of Blue Water Lake, inspired by Lake Huron, will be released in March 2026 and March 2027.

Fear will be visiting Indigo stores in the southwestern Ontario area in the next few months to meet readers and sign copies of her books.

Besides Indigo, you can find her books on Amazon, Kobo or inquire at your local bookstore.

For more information on Fear and her novels visit <https://www.ivankafear.com> or <https://www.levelbestbooks.us/ivanka-fear.html>

Goderich Duplicate Bridge Club Results

On April 15 the club had six and half tables directed by Bob Dick:

- 1st – Doug Elliott and John Archbold – 65%
- 2nd – Garth Sheldon and John Davies – 60.91%
- 3rd – Shirley Thomas and Tom Rajnovich – 60.46%
- 4th – Greg Bowman and Michele Hansen – 57.73%
- 5th – Brenda Blair and Pat Lewington – 56.82%
- 6th – John Legate and Stephen Jacob – 55.46%

On April 22 the club had seven and half tables directed by Bob Dick:

- 1st – John Archbold and Doug Elliott – 66.35%
- 2nd – Margaret and Murray Blackie – 59.30%
- 3rd – Tom Rajnovich and Shirley Thomas – 55.77%
- 4th – Stephen Jacob and John Legate – 54.81%
- 5th – Penny Peters and Bob Dick – 53.85%
- 6th – Pat Lewington and Brenda Blair – 53.52%

On April 29 the club had seven and half tables directed by Bob Dick:

- 1st/2nd – Mary Lynne Telford and Paul Spittal, with Marian Lane and Barb Howe – 61.86%
- 3rd – Shirley Thomas and Tom Rajnovich – 59.30%
- 4th – Bob Dick and Joyce McIlwain – 58.65%
- 5th – Brian Reeves and Graham Yeats – 56.09%
- 6th – Rose Marie Young and Susan Morrison – 50.64%

On May 6 the club had seven and half tables directed by Bob McFarlane:

- 1st – Brian Reeve and Graham Yeats – 70.19%
- 2nd – Garth Sheldon and John Davies – 56.41%
- 3rd – Greg Bowman and Michele Hansen – 55.45%
- 4th – Brenda Blair and Pat Lewington – 54.81%
- 5th – Doug Elliott and John Archbold – 53.52%
- 6th – Bob Dick and Keith Allen – 53.27%

The Goderich Sectional Tournament will be held on June 7 and June 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 390 Parsons Court in Goderich.

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Daniel Lanois Trio announces rare and intimate Goderich performance

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A rare and intimate performance by the Daniel Lanois Trio will take place on August 19 at the acoustically sound Historic Livery Theatre in Goderich.

This newly added stop on the Trio's 2025 Ontario Tour is sure to bring an experience of soul-stirring harmonies from this powerhouse group.

"The original instrument, that being the voice, is alive and well in this trio," said Daniel Lanois, whose groundbreaking work with artists such as U2, Bob Dylan, Peter Gabriel, Neil Young, and Emmylou Harris shaped the sound of modern music.

Lanois will be joined on stage by his acclaimed trio including Jermaine Holmes on drums and vocals, and Jim Wilson on bass and vocals.

This special concert will provide an experience for the audience to enjoy an up-close evening with one of music's most celebrated producers and performers.

The Trio creates an immersive live sound featuring rich three-part harmonies and emotionally resonant arrangements.

With limited seating at The Livery, this intimate performance is expected to sell out quickly.

Tickets went on sale on May 8 via [Ticketscene.ca](https://www.ticketscene.ca).



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The Daniel Lanois Trio will be at The Livery on August 19. The Daniel Lanois Trio will hit the stage at 7:30 p.m. on August 19.

For more information on Lanois visit www.daniel-lanois.com

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All that Sustains Us: A unique exhibit at the Goderich Co-Op Gallery

CAROL MCDONNELL

Sun Contributor

Using an unusual method, batik and watercolour on paper, Cambridge, Ontario artist Carol Walthers has made designs with wood blocks and string dipped in wax and stamped onto Asian mulberry paper.

Watercolour is then applied, and the process is repeated by applying more designs in wax and layers of colour to produce patterned artworks in rich co-

lour.

Carol demonstrated her unique methods on Saturday, May 3 to an enthusiastic audience at the Co-op Gallery artists' opening.

Walthers is the first Visiting Artist since our recent annual Exposure 2025, Community Exhibition.

During May, Carol will be celebrating clean water and bountiful harvests in a show labeled "All that Sustains Us".

The exhibition asks - Can we still protect our groundwater and ensure our

essential resources against relentless encroachment of industry?

Ten per cent of the sales of her artwork will go to Friends of the Ball's Bridge and Little Lakes.

An award-winning graduate of Ontario College of Art, Walthers achieved signature status with Pastel Artists of Canada, Toronto Watercolour Society, and Colour and Form Society.

Walthers has exhibited in over 50 juried shows in York Region, Waterloo Region and Toronto.

Visit <https://www.carolwalthers.com> to see a more of her current work.

Look for Goderich Co-op Gallery members at the Farmers Market this season promoting their own and the gallery's creations.

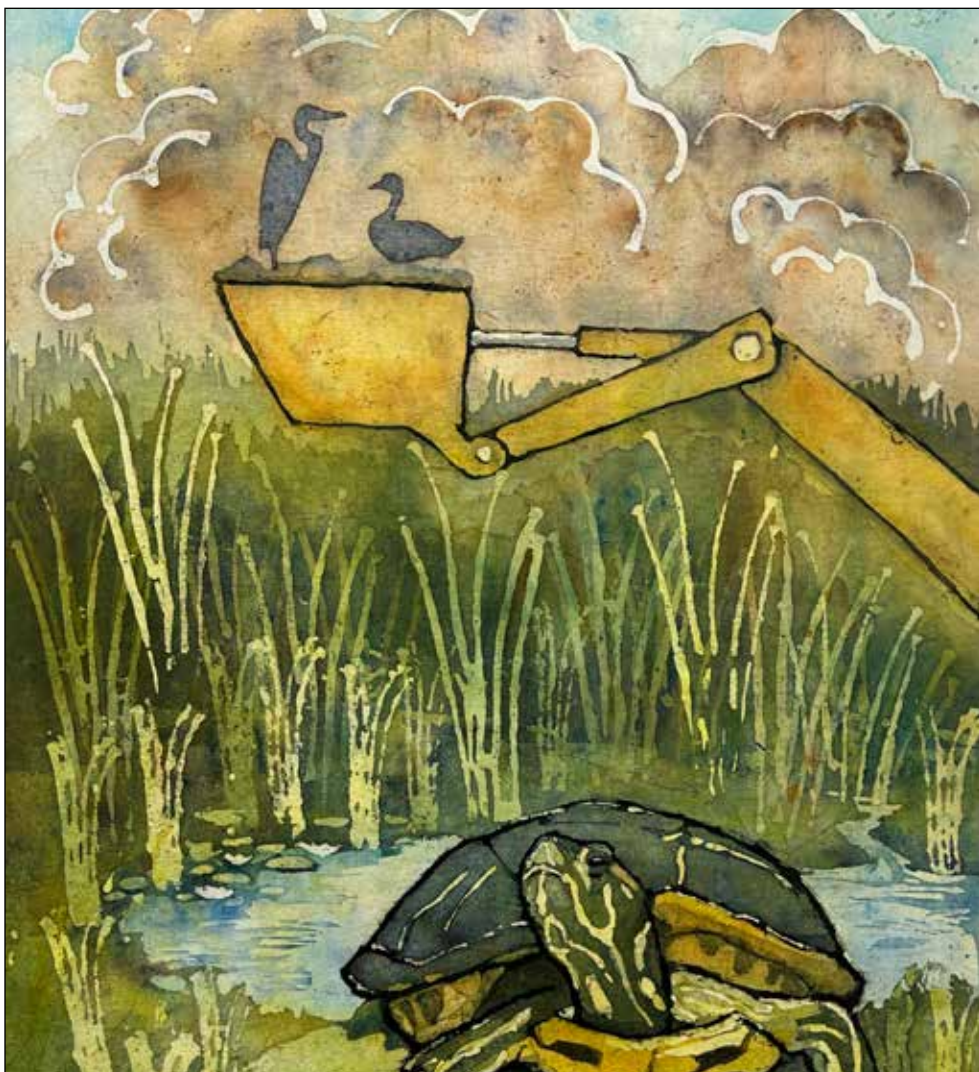
Come by to see the members' and consignees' work as fresh Canadian, local art is always available. Downstairs at 54 Courthouse Square and online www.gcgallery.ca. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates.



Carol Walthers is the May artist at Goderich Co-Op Gallery.



Carol Walthers demo.



Left: 'Forsaken' by Carol Walthers.

Above: 'Dancing on the Current' by Walthers.

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A Livery production to make you laugh until it hurts

VICTORIA MAKCROW

Sun Contributor

Mark your calendars if you're yearning for a dose of side-splitting chaos.

Goderich Little Theatre is thrilled to present the hilarious sensation *The Play That Goes Wrong* at The Livery Theatre running from June 5 until June 15.

Everything that can go wrong does in the valiant, yet spectacularly inept, efforts of the Cornley Drama Society as they attempt to stage their ambitious production of 'Murder at Haversham Manor'.

What unfolds is a masterclass in comedic catastrophe, a delightful descent into theatrical anarchy that will leave the audience gasping for breath between fits of laughter.

Imagine a set that seems to have a mind of its own, actors who miss cues, forget lines, and engage in accidental (and increasingly desperate) physical comedy.

Add in slamming doors, collapsing scenery and a leading lady who may or may not be conscious for the entire performance, and you've got a recipe for theatrical pandemonium that has audiences roaring with laughter.

The Play That Goes Wrong isn't just funny, it's a brilliantly crafted piece of physical comedy that pays homage to the best of slapstick while adding a uniquely theatrical twist.

Our talented local cast and crew have embraced the mayhem with gusto, promising an evening of unforgettable experiences that will leave you in stitches.

The original production has been running since 2012 and is the winner of many theatrical awards throughout the UK and countries such as France, Hungary, Turkey and the United States.

Don't miss your chance to witness this critically acclaimed comedic masterpiece. It's the perfect antidote to a long week, a fantastic night out for the whole family (recommended ages 8+) and a wonderful way to support your local arts in Goderich.

Join Goderich Little Theatre on June 5 for our Opening Night Gala.

After the performance, stay and enjoy some snacks and see how the set goes back together.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Cast of *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Back, L-R): Leigh Anne Van Aaken, Laurie Hayden, Bruce Williamson, Jesse Gill (Front, L-R): Will Kernohan, Isaac Van Aaken, Lisa Hood and Ian Rutherford.



Meet Paul, our incredible set designer and builder, chat with our amazing director Nina Reynolds and hang out with our ridiculously talented cast.

We're keeping the bar open late to keep the fun going. Your ticket to the show is your ticket to the after party on opening night.

The Play That Goes Wrong is by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields of Mischief Theatre, will

be directed by Nina Reynolds with Set Design and Construction by Paul Cook.

Performances at The Livery Theatre on South Street in Goderich run on June 5 -7 and June 11 - 14 at 8 p.m. with two Sunday matinees on June 8 and June 15 at 2 p.m.

Get your tickets at www.thelivery.ca or at the Box Office beginning May 20, or by calling 519-524-6262.

Victoria Makcrow is the Production Manager for upcoming June play at The Livery

How to take a pause from the daily grind

Stress affects just about everyone. The American Institute of Stress estimates 80 percent of adults in the United States experience stress on a regular basis. Worldwide, the World Health Organization reports that more than 75 percent of adults experience stress at some point in their lives.

Health woes, employment, politics, and negative news all can contribute to people feeling stressed. So can engaging in a daily routine that elicits the "Groundhog Day" effect, or when each day seems like a carbon copy of the one before. Finding ways to take a break from a daily routine can help individuals become happier and healthier.

Think about a new job

If work obligations are eating into personal time and responsibilities are growing exponentially, it might be time to seek a new path that offers a better work-life balance.

Focus on self-care

People need to dedicate time for activities that help them unwind, such as meditation, yoga, reading, or taking a walk outside. Just a few minutes of self-care each day can help. Individuals can incorporate some deep-breathing exercises into a lunch hour or use time after dinner to stroll the neighborhood with the dog or family to decompress.

Make time for hobbies

Individuals can treat hobbies and other interests just as they would personal or work obligations. Add time for

hobbies to your daily calendar and assign them the same significance as work-related tasks.

Prioritize exercise

The Mayo Clinic says exercise can alleviate stress and release endorphins, which can improve mood and reduce anxiety. Exercise also can clear the brain by helping a person focus on movements instead of worries. Make exercise a non-negotiable component of daily life. Taking the stairs, walking to work or school, parking further away from stores in parking lots, and doing little bursts of activity several times a day can ensure exercise becomes part of the routine.

Utilize personal and sick time

Many people are letting their vacation and other personal days go to waste. A 2023 survey released by the fintech lending firm Sorbet found that 62 percent of American workers with personal time off (PTO) did not use it all. Plus, 5.5 percent did not take any time off the previous year. Fears of falling behind and pressures to appear dedicated are driving these behaviors. According to the invoicing company Skynova, the average American takes 14 days off from work a year while Europeans take 24 days. Using all personal time is definitely a way to take a break from the daily grind.

It is important to take breaks from routine to recharge and enjoy a different outlook on life.



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Applications will be received in confidence by the undersigned until

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GeoReach program increases monitoring at locations on shoreline

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Goderich Council recently approved the use of, and installation of citizen-science camera stands at locations on the waterfront for monitoring.

Council approved the location of the CoastReach stations to be installed at the Main Beach, Rotary Cove (North), Rotary Cove (South) and south of the Rotary Cove dog park area.

The purpose of the GeoReach program is to increase the monitoring of dynamic landscapes through a citizen science-based image submission platform.

Continuous photographic monitoring at a location creates a timelapse of coastal erosion and recovery processes, increasing the understanding of coastal dynamics taking place at each site.

According to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) these stations exist in a number of places in Ontario and across Canada.

Each station comes with an interpretative panel, affixed either to the post or directly nearby. These panels will contain a QR code, allowing visitors to scan their cameras and be taken directly to the CoastReach homepage.

Each panel will contain a link to the GeoReach site, allowing visitors to both learn about the GeoReach program, and submit photos following the visit, under the event of limited Internet access.

Additionally, interpretive panels have the added benefit of teaching visitors the importance of coastline monitoring, and how their pictures help further the understanding of coastal dynamics.

The GeoReach program is a collaboration between the University of Waterloo (UW) and various municipalities, conservation authorities and national and provincial parks across Canada.

This program allows researchers to delineate the shoreline position and measure change through a series of images over time.

Researchers and conservation authorities

can also use these images to inspect biodiversity, monitor invasive species or examine algal blooms.

Through the installation of these four sites on the coastline of Goderich, these locations can attract significant contributions by citizen scientists due to accessibility and place-

ment along popular areas.

Municipal and MVCA staff will benefit from the submitted images, using them as a substantial asset in broadening the knowledge of coastal dynamics and erosion.

For more information visit <https://geo-reach.ca/coastreach/>



Example of a Coast Reach stand installed at Point Pelee National Park. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

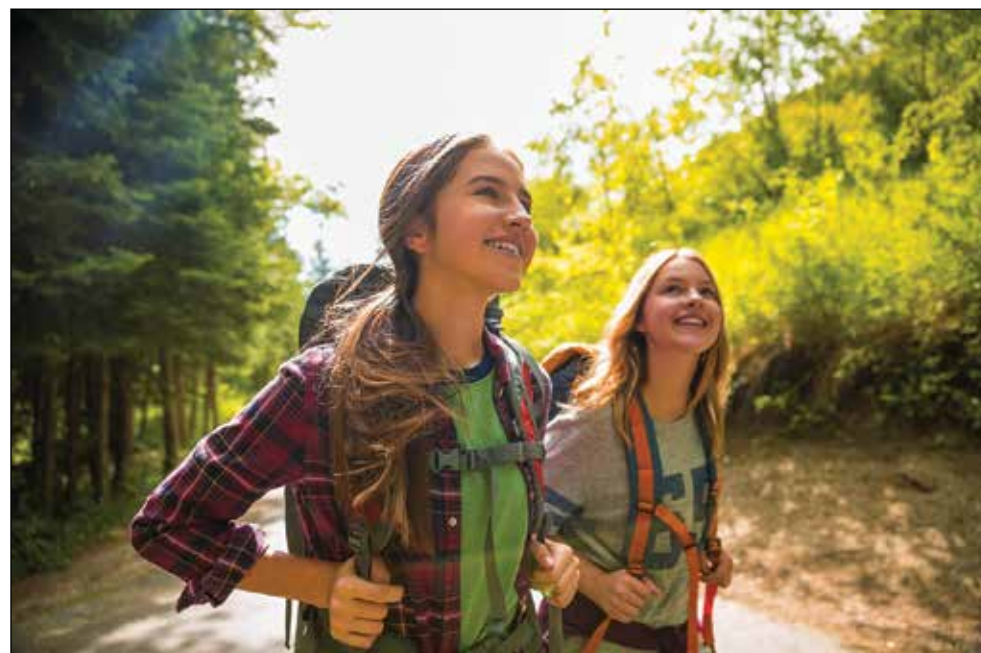
Safety tips for outdoor enthusiasts

MC – The beauty of nature is undeniable. That beauty draws millions of people outside every day. From hiking to kayaking to surfing, there's no shortage of ways to spend a day in the great outdoors.

Though there's plenty of reasons to get outside, it's important that safety is prioritized when spending time in the great outdoors. The following safety tips merit consideration for any nature enthusiast, including novices and seasoned outdoorsmen.

- Let others know your plans. Nature is unpredictable, and conditions can change in the blink of an eye. So it's important to share your itinerary with loved ones back home before entering the great outdoors. That's particularly vital for those who intend to visit remote spots to hike, fish or engage in another activity. Provide your precise location, the hours you plan to be outside and your intended return time so people know when to alert authorities if you haven't returned in time.

- Get to know your destination. The global environmental nonprofit organization The Nature Conservancy urges outdoor enthusiasts to research their desti-



nations so they can assess the conditions and identify any challenges and amenities prior to their arrival. Such homework can help people sufficiently prepare for their time in nature, providing insight about what to bring, the appropriate attire (in-

cluding footwear), the precise location of where they will be, and additional details that might be exclusive to a given destination.

- Leave wildlife alone. Encounters with wildlife are not uncommon at many out-

door destinations. While wildlife can be awe-inspiring, outdoor enthusiasts should never confront wildlife or infringe upon animals' space. Keep a safe distance between yourself and wildlife. That's vital year-round, but particularly important in spring, when The Nature Conservancy reports many species of wildlife give birth to young, and parents may prove especially protective of their babies during this time of year.

- Protect your body. It's important to protect your body when spending time in the great outdoors. Apply sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 prior to going outdoors, and liberally reapply sunscreen if you're sweating a lot or spending several hours outside. It's important to apply sunscreen even on cloudy days. It's also important to bring along water and healthy snacks. Dehydration can set in quickly and make it hard to keep moving, while snacks can provide energy and help to account for calories expended during physical activity.

Safety strategies can ensure a day spent in the great outdoors is enjoyable and memorable for all the right reasons.

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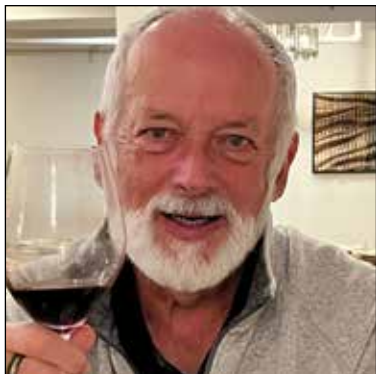


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OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: A region offering dozens of mini-vacation opportunities



PAUL KNOWLES

Sun Contributor

I have lived in southwestern Ontario all my life. Over the past few decades, as my journalism career has focused on travel writing, my appreciation for this region and what it has to offer has only grown stronger.

Today, with many of us deciding to avoid travel to the United States, the benefits of our extended neighbourhood are even more apparent because there are many years' worth of short-drive travel destinations at our doorsteps. One of my favourites is Niagara's wine country.

I realize that the number-one attraction in that area is Niagara Falls. In fact, Niagara Falls will usually appear in the top-10 bucket list destinations in the world! However, I am a bit embarrassed to admit that I almost never make it to the falls because there are so many great places to stop on the way – and yes, I do mean wineries.

We made our early spring visit to wine country a week or so ago and didn't get past the Beamsville area, home to some of the finest wineries on the Niagara Peninsula.

The experts have divided the Niagara Peninsula into two regions: Niagara Escarpment and



Ridgepoint Wines.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTOS)

Area and Niagara-on-the-Lake and Area. Our stops this time were all in the escarpment region, all within about 10 minutes of each other.

Would you believe there are now 61 wineries in this region alone, and another 41 in the Niagara-on-the-Lake district for a total of 102 along the Peninsula. Incredible.

I probably should be more adventurous and try to explore new wineries – and I shall – but for our first wine-country venture of 2025, I also wanted to revisit some of my favourites. I was not disappointed.

I have a special affection for smaller, independently owned wineries. A visit to any of these will probably be a little unpredictable because they are, by definition, small operations with limited staff, which contributes

significantly to their charm.

For instance, we dropped into Ridgepoint Wines on Cherry Avenue where I know we are guaranteed some tastings of superb, Italian-style red wines. It was lunch time and there was a big bus in the small parking lot.

When we entered, I heard the voice of owner and dedicated farmer Mauro Scarsellone addressing the folks in a crowded tasting room. His right-hand person, Avril, bustled by, explaining breathlessly that she couldn't really talk right now and the dining room was temporarily closed.

Like I said, unpredictable. So, as she turned to cart more open bottles into the crowded tasting room, we told her that we would come back in a couple of hours. "Great," and she was gone.

Two hours later, all was at peace. We relaxed at the tasting-room

bar, chatting with Avril, getting hugs from Mauro and sipping a superb 2020 Ripasso. That kind of personalized attention makes the necessity of a return visit more than worthwhile.

We found the same laid-back atmosphere when we dropped in at Fielding Estate Winery on Locust Lane. Because it was a weekday in early spring, there was a small staff on hand. By small, I mean one in the tasting and sales room, at least.

But she was bubbly (the server, not the wine) and full of information, and managed to chat with us and other customers, never leaving us feeling ignored. Meanwhile, there were two gentlemen seated at a table in the middle of the room, clearly enjoying a relaxing afternoon out, and in no hurry to be anywhere else. Unlike at some of the big, industri-

al wineries (my term, not theirs), this kind of leisurely visit was entirely acceptable. In fact, at Fielding there are Muskoka chairs on the front patio and picnic tables on the lawn between the winery and the vineyards. Fielding is all about relaxing.

Our third visit was to Megalomaniac Wines, right next door to Ridgepoint. It's a bit bigger, perhaps, but I love the name, the view (one of the best in the region) and the excellent, inexpensive wines produced by this independent winery, owned by John Howard (who also owns wineries in France). All the wines here have tongue-in-cheek names ("Pompous," "Narcissist" and "Sonofabitch" among others), but that doesn't mean they can't be taken seriously as fine wines.

Many of the wineries in this area also now have restaurants or dining patios – including Ridgepoint and Megalomaniac – but we opted for a brewery instead – Bench Brewery on King Street where the central building is an old school. The menu was surprisingly sophisticated considering the fact we were dining in a brewery. But this was several steps above pub food; between us we had a burrito power bowl and pork souvlaki, both terrific.

That leaves us with exactly 99 more wineries and several dozen fine restaurants for future day-trips or weekends away. If you are looking for alternate travel opportunities this year, you need look no further than the Niagara Peninsula.

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Fielding Estate Winery with its comfortable Muskoka chairs.



The folks at Megalomaniac never lose their sense of humour.

Riddles

- Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?

Because he was stuffed!
- What do you call a sleeping bull?

A bulldozer!
- Why don't eggs tell jokes?

Because they'd crack each other up!
- Why did the banana go to the doctor?

Because it wasn't peeling well!
- What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear!
- Why did the math book look sad?

It had too many problems.
- What did one wall say to the other wall?

"I'll meet you at the corner!"
- Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?

Because she'll let it go!
- What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree!
- Why was the broom late?

It swept in!
- What's a pirate's favorite letter?

You'd think it's R, but it be the C!
- How do you make a tissue dance?

Put a little boogie in it!

Sudoku

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Featured Pet



TUCKER

This is Tucker! He is a coonhound/ beagle mix aka the sweetest and craziest dog in the world. Tucker is almost 5 years old and has been the best addition to our family since day one. He loves the company of other dogs, his spikey pill toy, kibble and nice long walks to get out that beagle energy he carries. After his long days he enjoys cuddling up with you on the couch to watch tv before bed. I don't think I could ask for a better dog!



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OBITUARY



ROSEMARIE EVANS

November 11th, 1934 - May 5th, 2025

On May 5, 2025, Rosie passed away after a life of elegance, spirit and impact. Huron County born and bred, Rosie was a rooted, involved and valued member of the Goderich community. Born November 11, 1934, in Colborne Township, she studied at Western University and completed her nursing education at St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ontario. Rosie spent her professional life looking after the community as a public health nurse. She finished her career at London's Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI) in the Parent Infant Program, and she loved every minute of it. While Rosie was interested in sports, politics, world events, her family was her passion. She was a loving, proud, dedicated mother to Mary Jo and Jennie. A welcoming, caring and warm mother-in-law to Darren and a kind, generous and doting grandmother to Jackson and Charlie. Her outgoing personality caused her to be an active member of the Catholic Women's League, a volunteer fundraiser for Alexander Marine General Hospital and a committed bridge player. She was an avid golfer and long-time member of the Maitland Golf and Country Club. She prolonged her golf season, by spending 25 winters in Florida. Rosie did not just enjoy sports, she was a good sport too – always ready for a good story or adventure. When her daughters learned to downhill ski, so did she, travelling across North America in the quest for family adventures and good snow. Rosie spent her last morning with her much-loved family: daughters Mary Jo and Jennie, son-in-law Darren De Jean, and grandsons Jackson and Charlie. We picture her now, reunited with her beloved Jack, who predeceased her in 2007, catching up as young loves, golfing and chatting with old friends. Donations may be made to the Goderich Hospital or to the Verspeeten Family Cancer Clinic at the London Health Science Centre. Special thank you for the incredible medical care that she received over the years from Dr. Stan Spacek and her oncologist Dr. Michael Sanatani. A funeral mass will be held at St. Peter's Church, Goderich at 11:00 a.m. on June 14, 2025. Please arrive for eulogy at 10:45 a.m. Reception to follow at 38 St. Vincent Street, Goderich. Family and friends may sign the book of condolences at www.mccallumpalla.ca.

OBITUARY



PAUL WILLIAMS

December 19th, 1936 - May 4th, 2025

Paul Williams passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at the age of 88 on May 4th, 2025 in Goderich, ON. Paul is the beloved husband of Joyce Crowther for 61 years of marriage. He is the father of Carolyn Brown (Richard) and late son, Glyn Williams. He was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas Griffith Maurice Williams and Florence Dora Hughes and his brother, David Williams. Paul worked as a research scientist at Nortel in Ottawa, ON for over 29 years retiring in 1999. Paul cherished his time spent with family and friends. He was a loving, loyal husband, colleague and friend who was always willing to lend a helping hand. He spent his time building furniture, model engines, clocks and RC sailboats. Many days, you could find Paul at the local park sailing his boats on the pond. He enjoyed talking on his ham radio to people all around the world. He followed Formula 1 motor racing right up to the end. Paul was a lifelong member of the Live Steamers of Ottawa until he moved to Goderich to be closer to his daughter in 2022. Visitation was held at McCallum & Palla funeral home in Goderich on Wednesday, May 14th at 1pm with a service of remembrance at 2pm in the chapel. Donations in Paul's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Society. Family and friends may sign the book of condolences at www.mccallumpalla.ca.

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PROHIBITION, PIRATES AND LIGHT-HOUSES WITH LARRY WRIGHT

On Thursday, May 15 at the Huron County Museum from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Join in at the museum theatre to hear about the history of lighthouses and the lesser-known stories of bootlegging and smuggling on the Great Lakes with presented Larry Wright. Wright is a national Gold Medal award-winning photographer and pharologist who has been involved with lighthouse preservation since 1991.

He has co-written give books about light-houses on the Great Lakes and has sold nearly 50,000 hard copies and 10,000 soft covers. Included with regular admission at the museum. Free with your Huron County Library card or Museum Membership.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO NIGHT

On Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

ART UNPLUGGED

On Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Huron County Museum.

EUCHRE NIGHT

On Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at East

Street Cider Co.

LA CRIBBAGE

On Friday, May 16 and Friday, May 23 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Goderich Legion.

WEEKEND EVENING SENSATIONS

On Friday, May 16, Saturday, May 17, Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Paddy O'Neil's.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

On Friday, May 16 from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Goderich Library.

CATCH THE ACE DRAW

On Friday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at Goderich Legion.

BP IDOL: ROUND 3

On Friday, May 16 and Friday, May 23 (Round 4) at 8 p.m. at Boston Pizza.

BIA FARMER'S MARKET

On Saturday, May 17 and Saturday, May 24 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in downtown Goderich.

MACKAY CENTRE BOOK SALE WITH BOOK CAFÉ

On Saturday, May 17 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the MacKay Centre.

LIVE MUSIC: DARREN STECKLE

On Saturday, May 17 at Square Brew from 2

p.m. until 5 p.m.

MEAT DRAW FEATURING THE DAVES I KNOW

On Saturday, May 17 at Goderich Legion from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

LONG WEEKEND PARTY: DJ SPIT-FIRE ENT.

On Saturday, May 17 at Joe Friday's from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

This is a 19+ event.

DAVE MOUNSEY MEMORIAL RUN AROUND THE SQUARE

On Sunday, May 18 at 7 a.m. in downtown Goderich.

BIA SUNDAY MARKET

On Sunday, May 18 and Sunday, May 25 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in downtown Goderich.

BANKING FRAUD SEMINAR

On Wednesday, May 21 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Goderich Place.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

On Wednesday, May 21 at Square Brew at 7 p.m. Hosted by Zach Zell.

BIA THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

On Thursday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in downtown

Goderich.

IG WEALTH MANAGEMENT WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

On Saturday, May 24 at 9 a.m. at GDCI Registration is at 9 a.m. Walk starts at 10 a.m.

EAST STREET CONCERT SERIES: YOLA BERU

On Saturday, May 24 from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

FASHION SHOW AT GODERICH PLACE

On Tuesday, May 27 from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Goderich Place.

This fashion show will featuring Classie Casual Boutique – Women's Casual Clothing and Accessories.

Fashion show will be 30-45 minutes long and shopping time until 4 p.m.

AUTHOR TALK: TANYA MACINTYRE

On Wednesday, May 28 at Goderich Library from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

This peer-led group meets once a month at Bayfield Library on Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. Up-coming dates are April 26, May 24 and June 21.



Deadline: Friday prior at 3 p.m.
Contact: info@goderichsun.com

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- The Community Calendar is for non-profit organizations to promote their free admission events at no charge. Event listings can include your event name, date, time and location as well as a phone number, email address or website.
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A beautiful sunset on Mother's Day taken from Lighthouse Park on Sunday, May 11.

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