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Crunch time for Goderich Track Rebuild Committee to raise another \$200,000

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In need of resurfacing, the Goderich Track located across the street from GDCI has been deemed unsafe and may soon be torn up and replaced with a stone dust track.

For the last two and a half years the Goderich Track Rebuild Committee has been working diligently to raise the necessary funds needed to refurbish and replacing the Goderich track, and to avoid moving ahead with a stone dust track.

Aiming for an asphalt track, this type of track will offer advantages over stone dust tracks, making it a preferred choice for track and field athletes.

Asphalt tracks have a longer lifespan, provide better shock absorption, are more weather resistant, easier to clean and maintain, and are designed to enhance performance.

Although this property is in the ownership of the school board, GDCI must rely solely on donations and grants to support this refurbishment project.

“We’ve had a great summer fundraising with a lot of local businesses as well as individuals showing their

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Team ‘Wuerth Every Step’ was the second top fundraising team raising over \$4,000.

(GARY LLOYD-REES PHOTO)

Walk for Parkinson's in Goderich raises over \$28,000 for Parkinson Society

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Despite the windy weather, the Parkinson’s Walk in Goderich on September 6 was the most successful to date.

With a 25 per cent increase compared to last year’s walk, as of September 11, the fundraising event raised \$28,500 for Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario (PSSO).

The top three teams were Team Rosser (\$6,107), Team Wuerth Every Step (\$4,890) and Team Lloyd-Rees (\$2,840).

Top walkers included Paula Rosser (\$3,247), Kate

Lloyd-Rees (\$1,748), and June Corriveau (\$1,908).

The total from the walk day on Sept. 6 was \$25,386, and more money continues to be sent in online.

Funds raised will go towards support groups where people with Parkinson’s can discuss face-to-face about the disease and how it affects them. Funds will also be used to provide research money in hospitals and universities, while also funding quarterly conferences that bring together experts on the topic.

Upwards of 100 people attended the walk in Goderich to support the cause including Mayor Trevor Bazinet who recognized PSSO in his opening remarks for their tireless

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Crunch time for Goderich Track Rebuild Committee

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support,” expressed Corey Boyle, committee member.

There have been some major donations made throughout the last year, but most recently, SFM Wind donated \$5,000, MicroAge Basics donated \$5,000, 100 People Who Care donated over \$3,000, TPI Enterprises donated \$1,000 and the Mustangs ladies slo-pitch team donated \$750 to the campaign.

The GDCI track and sports fields were completed in the 1980s after its students participated in numerous walk-a-thons and other fundraising activities to help fund the campaign.

Now, nearly 50 years of use, the track and sports fields are in dire need of refurbishment.

In the 1970s the Physical Education Department Head Lynn Meyers had a vision. He believed the students of Huron County deserved a quality running track and athletic courts.

With refurbishment, the track and sports fields could provide students and the community a place for recreation and sport for the next 50 years.

Despite a year of community support for this project, the committee explains that



Members of SFM Wind providing a \$5,000 donation to members of the Track Rebuild Committee.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

currently they have \$220,000 from donations. To move forward with replacing the track, the committee needs to raise almost double to reach at least \$400,000 by end of October.

“The school board has deemed the track unsafe to use, and so it will be dug out next spring,”

Boyle explained.

“If we don’t have the money raised [by next spring], unfortunately they will have to move ahead with a stone dust track instead.”

Boyle further explains that because of the time it takes to get quotes from companies to replace the track, and contracts

to be drawn and signed, the committee stressed that it must have the bulk of the money raised by October 31.

“We’ve seen the magic this community can do and we’re really hopeful that everyone will come together and help us make this project happen,” added Boyle.

“Whether it’s a donation -small or large – or supporting one of our barbecues, bottle drives or other fundraisers. Every little bit helps.”

The committee has also created an initiative that has been growing, where groups of people pool together donations and sponsor one metre of the track rebuild at a cost of \$1,000.

If interested in supporting this campaign, the committee is hosting a fundraiser on October 15 at McDonalds in Goderich. A percentage of sales from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. will be donated to the track rebuild project.

Despite a tight deadline before the board makes a final decision, the Goderich Track Rebuild Committee must raise close to \$400,000 by October 31.

Grateful for the support received to date, the committee remains hopeful for continued support from alumni and local businesses during this crunch time.

To donate directly use the link for the committee’s CanadaHelps account: www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/132555

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Staff from MicroAge Basics presented a cheque of \$5,000 to the track rebuild project.



Members of slo-pitch team The Mustangs, presenting their second-place \$750 winnings from the year-end tournament to committee members.

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Habitat Huron County completes another home, continues supporting those in need of affordable housing

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

When Habitat Huron County nears the completion of building another home, the organization announces a key ceremony, to celebrate the qualifying family who buys the home.

On a sunny day, Lori and her two children received the ceremonial keys to their new home and move in soon.

The special event brought Habitat ReStore staff and dignitaries including MPP Lisa Thompson, Mayor Trevor Bazinet, and Councillor Liz Petrie.

"It was a record turnout," said Bill Don, former Board Chair and recent recipient of the King Charles Coronation medal for exceptional volunteerism.

"Our Huron County community really cares about affordable housing."

According to Rob Evans, Habitat Huron County's new Executive Director, nearly 1,000 volunteer hours contributed to this new home build of a single-family home with an attractive front porch and garden.

Dozens of people volunteered, plus the ReStore contributed directly to staff the partnership, donation and building efforts.

"The Habitat Huron County Board recognizes our community's growing need for building many more quality affordable homes," Evans said.

"We're preparing to be building more."

At this moment, Habitat Huron County is not accepting new applicants. When the application process opens, Habitat looks for regular history of earnings, and the need for affordable housing as requirements prior to selected a family to purchase the home.

With a housing crisis lingering across Canada, the issues causing this are the same in Huron County, but perhaps worse, as Evans explains that the need for affordable housing in this region has doubled in five years.

Currently, there are 550 people on the waitlist, and that's only individuals or families signed up on Huron County's waitlist.



Lori and her two children receive the keys to their new home.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The lack of affordable housing also impacts local businesses' ability to fill jobs and retain talent, because 80 per cent of working individuals in Huron County earn less than \$25 per hour.

"At that rate, people can't afford to own," Evans added.

"Most can't afford to rent. There is a shortage of hous-

ing stock available in general, and the cost of living has gone up faster than people's income. That's where we can help."

For those interested in volunteering or making donations to Habitat Huron County, visit the website or contact Dave, the volunteer coordinator at volunteer@habithuroncounty.ca

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Parkinson's Walk in Goderich raises over \$28,000

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work in raising awareness and providing essential programs and support.

"To those walking today, whether you're walking for a loved one, walking for yourself, or walking simply because you care, you inspire us all," Mayor Bazinet said on social media, to celebrate the local efforts made in support of Parkinson's.

Over the last 30 years, Walk for Parkinson's has raised over \$10 million across southwestern Ontario and every dollar has gone directly back into programs that change lives.

According to PSSO, Goderich became a Walk community in September 2017, and between 2017 and 2024 has raised more

than \$110,000 in support of Parkinson's, which highlights the community's compassion and commitment.

"The big picture about the Walk is to raise as much money as possible," admitted Ron Corriveau, local organizer of the Goderich Walk.

"Our support group accomplished that and more. It was about family and friends getting together and supporting someone dear to them who has Parkinson's disease."

Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurodegenerative disorder, which affects both motor and non-motor functioning. PSSO's mission is to enhance the quality of life and care for people living with Parkinson's in Southwestern Ontario.

This progressive neurological disorder results from the loss of dopamine in a part of the brain called substantia nigra.

Dopamine acts as a chemical messenger, allowing nerve impulses to travel smoothly from one nerve cell to another. This enables transmission of messages to muscles in the body to begin voluntary movement.

According to the PSSO, as dopamine continues to decrease, muscle movements become slower and more rigid, tremors can develop, and reflexes become more impaired contributing to a loss of balance.

Some primary symptoms associated with Parkinson's include tremors, rigidity, akinesia (complete absence of movement) or bradykinesia (slowness of movement), pos-

tural instability, soft speech, writing problems and sleep disturbances.

Non-motor symptoms can include depression, anxiety, psychosis, dementia, memory problems and difficulty with communication.

According to PSSO, while symptoms typically begin to appear at age 55 to 60 years, 10 per cent of all people diagnosed with Parkinson's will be under the age of 40.

Funds raised at walks across southwestern Ontario help support education, research initiatives and support for those experiencing symptoms of Parkinson's, as well as for their families.

For more information on PSSO of Parkinson's disease, visit <https://pssso.ca>



Rosser Team was the top fundraising team of the event.

(GARY LLOYD-REES PHOTOS)



Ron Corriveau (MC) with Michele Bucholtz of Parkinson Society of Southwestern Ontario (PSSO).



Lily Roat, Ella Roat, Kate Lloyd-Rees and Julia Roat. The Roat family drove up from Niagara just for the walk in Goderich.



Bill and Paula Rosser at the walk on September 6. Paula Rosser was the biggest individual fundraiser for the Goderich Walk.

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Monthly mindfulness walks on Maitland Trail invite participants to slow down and breathe

ALEX HUNT

Sun Correspondent

Walking in silence along the Maitland Trail may sound simple, but for participants in Tanya McIntosh's mindfulness walks, the experience is both challenging and deeply rewarding.

On the last Saturday of every month, Tanya MacIntyre, founder of Red Roof Recovery and SMART facilitator invites the community to join her on a forest therapy mindfulness walk from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Walkers will learn to practice their breathing and use their senses to take in the forest environment which encourages the mind to stay in the present moment.

"We do a slow walk to the river which is twenty minutes, and we get to look out and talk about the experience, it's very difficult for people to walk together and not talk," said MacIntyre.

"It's challenging but it's very rewarding because it forces us to be present and focus on our breath, which is what we don't have time for, so taking 20 minutes of your day on a regular basis will bring a new level of serenity to life that we need."

MacIntyre said that each mindfulness walk begins with short, guided meditations. She noted the practice is designed with modern attention spans in mind, which studies show that only last an average of eight seconds.

MacIntyre introduces participants to mindfulness as the practice of staying present, observing thoughts without judgment, and letting them drift away 'like



Tanya MacIntyre at the Maitland Trail in Goderich.

(ALEX HUNT PHOTO)

clouds in the sky or leaves in a stream'.

As she works as SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training) facilitator, MacIntyre also works as a free agent through her Red Roof Recovery program in Goderich. The program allows one client at a time to stay with MacIntyre for a week.

Clients have full access to their own apartment unit which includes a bathroom, kitchen and bedroom. The program is geared to individuals who are willing to recover through a combination of behav-

ioral and recovery therapies, whether it be from addiction or mental health challenges.

"The program is intensive and exhausting. People say it's expensive but what's your addiction costing you, they must be willing to make the investment with themselves," said MacIntyre.

"What we practice grows stronger and we practice certain things that we resonate with. People must keep educating themselves and continue to search for what works for them. You fail fast and keep

looking."

MacIntyre said that many recovery facilities follow a one-size-fits-all model, where participants live and work together on the same grounds, instead of addressing root causes. She adds that programs often extend treatment times without long-term results.

"People just keep coming back," she said, noting she knows individuals who have gone through treatment three times in a single year.

"It's costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

"Recovery is about applying consistent efforts to help yourself and being admitted into these facilities where people are in group settings does not work, it is a broken system, we must fix it. There's too much bureaucracy."

MacIntyre started Red Roof Recovery in 2020 during the pandemic with a focus on individualized treatment as opposed to ground setting used in mental health and addiction recovery treatment centres and says that her clients end with a 100 per cent success rate.

"I hope to revolutionize the recovery industry because what we're doing is not working. It's just mired in so much bureaucracy and it's a mess," said MacIntyre.

"I'm a free agent, I'm not affiliated with any businesses, and I give out a six-page informed consent document to clients and encourage them to take it to a lawyer, the paper is for my protection. Clients must be willing to do the work and if you don't do the work, you're not going to have success."

This year "there be dragons," school trustee warns

CONNOR LUCZKA

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Amid rumours that the trustee-system will soon become a thing of the past, trustee Michael Bannerman, chair of the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB)'s board of trustees, warned that uncharted territory is before them.

"Mapmakers, when they created maps, they would have uncharted territory and they put all the design in the mountains and they would get out there and they usually draw a picture of a dragon and write 'There be dragons,'" Bannerman said. "... Who knows, right? Uncharted territory. And I feel like, as we go into this school year, there be dragons.

"We're heading into some uncharted territory. And it is an interesting climate to be a school board trustee."

Days after the return to school for students and teachers across the province,

Minister of Education Paul Calandra teased through various media channels the end of the trustee system. This was spurned by recent scrutiny into spending at the Thames Valley District School Board, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto District School Board.

In a statement posted to his Facebook page on Sept. 5, Calandra said that he has been clear: "The current school board governance structure is based on an outdated system that needs to be modernized. Our focus is to provide students with better outcomes and certainty, and we are looking to finalize governance changes as soon as possible."

At the AMDSB board of trustees meeting on Sept. 9, much of the conversation surrounded the fate of the trustee system, with many around the conference

table wondering where that left them.

Trustee Robert Hunking wanted to have a meeting before the next one scheduled on Oct. 28 so that trustees could discuss the matter at length.

"It's a provincial thing," trustee Sheila Armstrong-Marshall replied. "I don't understand what our role is to get involved with that ... Our hands are tied."

"I think the danger of a meeting like that is we're crossing over from our role which is public interest and discussing our personal interests," trustee Jospeh Cohen agreed.

Vice chair Patricia Smith argued that it was in the public interest.

"Having spoken to a number of parents who are very upset about it – and to the point where they're considering writing letters and protesting it, because they want their voices to be heard and that is one way trustees work is to ensure that the public's voices are heard," Smith said.

"So, if the trustees are not here, that is a loss. And so, if the people who were supposed to represent the parents are expressing that concern, to me, that automatically becomes a trustee interest."

Ultimately, the board passed a motion to allow the chair, vice-chair and director of education Graham Shantz to schedule a special meeting should the need arise. Until then, Bannerman urged the trustees to focus on their responsibilities.

"We are in our boat," Bannerman said.

"We can't control the wind, but we can adjust our sails. ... My challenge to us this year as trustees would be that we would focus on things we have control over. Let's be great trustees, let's remind our communities, the schools that we work with, that we represent, why trustees are important, why we are essential, why we do play an important role ... I think its going to be an interesting year."

"You think it'll be a year? Three months," joked Cohen.

AMGH Long Table Dinner raises \$200,000 for MRI campaign

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

In support of the \$6.5 million Magnetic Moments Campaign to bring a permanent MRI machine to the region, the AMGH Long Table Dinner officially reached its \$200,000 fundraising goal.

Held at the Goderich airport, the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) Foundation team offered a stunning night of fine dining, aviation history and classic car culture.

With antique planes parked beside rare and beautiful vehicles, including a convertible Rolls-Royce, a 1954 Jaguar, a 1990 collectible Porsche and some remarkable Model T's, the evening also created a sense of unity and purpose.

According to the Foundation, in the days following the dinner, as final donations were tallied, organizers discovered they were just over \$600 short of their \$200,000 target.

Mr. Ken McGee, long-time supporter of the Foundation, quickly stepped forward with a gift that closed the gap, ensuring the event reached its goal.

"It was a beautiful ending to a powerful night," admitted Kimberley Payne, Executive Director, AMGH Foundation.

"Mr. McGee's generosity was the final



The dining area waiting for the evening guests.

spark in what was already an incredible show of support from this community."

All proceeds from the Long Table Dinner are to help support the Magnetic Moments Campaign, which aims to bring a MRI machine to Goderich, enhancing diagnostic services in the area.

Another major gift was announced

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

from COAST, the development team behind the new neighbourhood in south Goderich.

Rob Wood, along with his siblings David and Kathy, who founded COAST, revealed a \$250,000 donation to the MRI campaign.

Guided by the belief that a true com-

munity is built on more than just houses, COAST's commitment is rooted in the values passed down by their parents Cam and the late Nancy Wood. Their legacy of giving back continues to shape COAST's work.

"Having experienced firsthand the importance of quality healthcare, we know how critical it is for families and individuals to have access to the services they need, close to home," said Rob Wood.

"This donation reflects our commitment to helping the Goderich community thrive, not just now, but for generations to come."

Laura Herman, Chair of the AMGH Foundation reiterated that the Magnetic Moments Campaign is about more than equipment for the hospital, but rather about access.

"It's about making sure people in our community don't have to travel hours to get the care they need," Herman added.

"Thanks to COAST, Mr. McGee and every person who attended the dinner, we're one step closer."

To learn more about the Magnetic Moments Campaign for a MRI machine, or to donate to the campaign, visit www.amghfoundation.ca



Above: Katrina McQuail (left) with Rachael Bridge (centre) and Ashley Anderson.

Left: Dr. Shannon Natuik, with Dr. Tamra Steinmann and Dr. Monique Renaud.

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Goderich Place celebrates 30 years in the community

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

After opening its door in 1994, Goderich Place has become a supportive home to many, where residents are safe and enjoy their independence while having access to care and community.

Goderich Place recently celebrated 30 years of providing a home to just over 100 residents, supported by the dedicated team of nearly 70 staff members.

Built, owned and operated by the Ger family, headed by Joe Ger, Goderich Place continues to be a family-owned operation, committed to the high standards and values which Goderich Place's team of trained service providers are committed to delivering.

To celebrate this milestone, Goderich Place hosted a big community celebration on September 6 that included entertainment, food and activities for all ages.

"It's not just about marking the years, it's about recognizing the lives touched here, the staff who've dedicated themselves, and the families who've trusted us," said Annette Gerdes RPN and General Manager of Goderich Place Retirement Residence.

"Thirty years is a milestone of stability, care, and community, and we wanted to share that joy with Goderich."

Without relying on government grants, funding for Goderich Place comes directly

from the residents' monthly rent and services.

Apart from successfully operating without government assistance, Goderich Place is also supported by the community whether it's through volunteering, attending events, or sharing positive experiences with others.

"Community support means everything to Goderich Place," said Joe Ger.

"Word of mouth is powerful in a town like Goderich, and community encouragement helps us thrive."

According to Gerdes, there are many benefits to living at Goderich Place. This includes access to nursing care, a full calendar of activities, outings, exercise classes, entertainment, and delicious meals prepared daily.

Gerdes explains that residents benefit from the social side as much as the care side, bringing companionship, new friendships and opportunities to try new things.

For many, it's a chance to enjoy retirement without the stress of cooking, cleaning, or worrying about safety.

"We offer short-term stays and respite," added Gerdes.

"This is great for families needing a caregiver break, or for residents who are in post-surgery, who just need some time to recover."

Goderich Place provides a balance of independence, safety and community,

and according to Ger, families know their loved ones are cared for, treated with respect and dignity, and there is always something happening to keep life vibrant.

"Our location in 'Canada's Prettiest Town' also adds to the appeal," Ger added.

"Residents can enjoy the beauty of Goderich while knowing everything they need is right here."

Goderich Place offers private suites in different sizes, including studio and one-bedroom layouts. There are some two-bedroom suites with two baths, including shower and a bathtub.

According to Ger, suites can be furnished or unfurnished depending on the residents' preference, as many choose to bring their own furniture to make it feel like home.

Privacy for residents is always respected, but residents can always join in group activities when they wish.

Residents have access to scheduled transportation to leave Goderich Place to shop, make appointments, or social outings, and group trips are often organized.

Goderich Place also offers 24/7 nursing staff, along with personal support workers (PSW). Medication management, assistance with daily living if needed, and co-ordination with outside healthcare providers for specialized services is provided to residents.

There is also a secured memory care

unit, designed specifically for those living with dementia, offering both safety and dignity.

"There's often an image of retirement homes being cold or institutional, but Goderich Place is nothing like that," Gerdes explained.

"Our environment is warm, friendly and vibrant. Residents have choices, privacy and freedom, but also the reassurance that help is there when they need it. We focus on living life to the fullest, not on limitations."

For those interested in learning more about Goderich Place or to schedule a tour, call the office or visit the website.

During the visit, families will be taken on a tour to see firsthand what life is like at Goderich Place, and during visits accommodation options and costs are discussed openly.

According to Gerdes, the atmosphere at Goderich Place is friendly, welcoming and family-like. Staff and residents know each other by name and there is a real sense of belonging.

"Many residents say moving here was the best decision they made because of the companionship and support," added Gerdes.

"I commonly hear 'I should have don't this years ago'."

For more information visit www.goderichplace.ca



Annette Gerdes with Joe Ger at the 30th anniversary of Goderich Place held on Saturday, September 6.



Many gathered at the event to celebrate Goderich Place. (L-R): Jason Mercier, VP Operations (head office), Trevor Bazinet, Mayor of Goderich, Joe Ger, Founder and CEO of Retirement Life Communities and Goderich Place, Susan Radun, Executive VP of Marketing and Design, and Annette Gerdes, RPN, Executive General Manager of Goderich Place. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

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Education programs offered at Alzheimer Society Huron Perth this autumn

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Join Alzheimer Society Public Education Coordinators, Jeanette Sears and Christy Bannerman, to explore important topics about brain health and living with dementia, through free and accessible on-line programs.

World Alzheimer's Day on September 23 kicks off with the Professional Lunch and Learn series. Starting at 12 p.m., this free, virtual series including three engaging one-hour sessions, is designed to help community professionals build confidence and improve communication when supporting those with cognitive changes.

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Free education hour programs offer one-hour Zoom sessions designed to inform and support the community.

The popular Dementia Basics Series returns on October 20, with both afternoon and evening options available. This series answers common questions and provides practical insights into living with demen-

tia. Topics include 10 Warning Signs, Types of Dementia, Communication Tips, and more.

Beginning November 18, we're offering a new four-week program: Care-Partners: Dealing with the Feelings. This series is designed for those in caregiving roles and will explore the emotional aspects of caregiving, including stress, role changes, and coping strategies. Register today at www.bit.ly/ASHPEducationHour.

Join the Annual Fall Dementia Education Night – Featuring Dr. Sharon Cohen. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Dr. Sharon Cohen, neurologist and Medical Director of the Toronto Memory Program, will present New Directions in Alzheimer Diagnosis and Treatment. This free event offers valuable insights into the future of dementia research.

Reserve your spot today at <https://bit.ly/DementiaNight2025> – space is limited! Stay tuned for more details.

For more information and registration links, visit the Education Hour banner on our website: www.alzheimer.ca/huronperth. Contact the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth office at 1-800-561-5012 or email jeanettes@alzhp.ca.

Maitland Trail Association seeking volunteers with a passion for the outdoors

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Since 1975, the Maitland Trail Association (MTA) has maintained over 80-kilometres of public-use trails in and around Goderich.

This non-profit, volunteer-driven organization works to ensure a safe and enjoyable hiking experience for all, while educating visitors about the area's rich natural and cultural history.

MTA's volunteers work tirelessly to preserve both the trails and their surrounding ecosystems.

The organization is now seeking more volunteers who share a passion for the out-

doors to join the team.

Volunteers can get involved in roles such as a hike leader, a trail ranger or maintenance crew member, a special events volunteer to help with events like the Candlelit Walk or the El Camino, or volunteer to help add native plants along the trail.

The MTA is seeking individuals with skills or interest in trail maintenance, social media skills, website management, finance or book-keeping, environmental stewardship or experience being part of a board of directors.

For those interested in joining the team of volunteers for the MTA, visit www.maitlandtrail.ca or contact the MTA via email at mta@maitlandtrail.ca

Huron Health System celebrates National Healthcare Environmental Services Week

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From the handrails touched by countless hands to the chairs where patients and visitors sit, every surface is meticulously disinfected to prevent the spread of infection before it starts.

Huron Health System (HHS) celebrated National Healthcare Environmental Services Week from September 14 until September 20 at Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) in Goderich.

It was an opportunity to recognize the members of the hospital's housekeeping services teams for the essential role they play in keeping the hospitals safe and clean.

"Quality care is never the result of just one person," explained Jimmy Trieu, President and CEO of HHS.

"It takes a coordinated team working together to support patients. That includes the vital work happening behind the scenes, which deserves to be recognized all year round."

Waste is removed to maintain cleanliness and ensure uninterrupted opera-

tions, while fresh linens are consistently replaced to provide both comfort and care to every patient.

These actions go beyond routine, as they are critical measures that help ensure safety and health at AMGH.

"Whether it's preparing a room for a new patient, or ensuring high-touch areas are sanitized, these team members are a critical part of every care story that happens at our hospitals," added Trieu.

"Often, their work happens quietly in the background, but its impact is seen in every patient's journey. We're proud to bring their essential role into the spotlight and say thank you."

Through their daily, behind-the-scenes practices, healthcare environments are kept clean and maintained to create spaces that feel cared for at every step.

During the week, giveaways and activities were planned at AMGH. It was a week-long opportunity for the teams to come together, to enjoy shared moments and acknowledge the valuable contributions they make each day at AMGH.

Tony McQuail from Huron County seeking NDP Leadership

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

A Huron County farmer and longtime New Democrat, Tony McQuail is seeking the leadership position of the NDP.

According to McQuail, he is not hearing politicians address the issues that are concerning for the future of Canada.

"I see the symptoms of a collapsing ecosystem on my farm and a collapsing social system in the news," said McQuail.

Planning to emphasize representation, regeneration, redistribution and redesign in his campaign, McQuail says Canada needs a truly representative democracy with a proportional electoral system.

McQuail explains that if Canada uses the first past the post voting system, the Greens and Progressives need to work together to offer voters a unified option and stop splitting the vote.

"At its best, democracy helps us find our collective wisdom, but for it to work, everyone has to be at the table," McQuail explained.

"We need to regenerate the earth's ability to heal and thrive, we need a redistributive system that is equitable. Our current economic and tax system has been very good at concentrating the wealth of society in a few

hands.

"Finally, we need to redesign how we do things so that we use less energy and materials while creating more satisfaction and joy."

After first running in the 1980 federal election, McQuail has also run seven times as a candidate for the NDP – five federally and twice provincially.

He served three terms as an elected trustee on the Huron County Board of Education during the 1980s.

McQuail also served as the executive assistant to the Hon. Elmer Buchanan, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in the early 1990s.

In addition to his political experience, McQuail and his wife Fran ran Meeting Place Organic Farm, a 100-acre regenerative farm, for over 40 years before selling it to their daughter.

He and his wife still live on the farm, helping with the farm and their grandkids.

McQuail's application was submitted on August 28 and must be vetted before he can proceed with the application process.

Part of the process is paying the NDP \$125,000 raised from supporters and getting a minimum of 500 signatures to nominate him as a candidate for leadership.

For more information contact McQuail: tonymcquailgreenprogressive@gmail.com

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Goderich Forest School program combines outdoor learning with interest-based education

ALEX HUNT

Sun Correspondent

Children in Goderich are swapping desks for dirt and trees one day a week, thanks to At Last Forest Schools, where hands-on, inquiry-based learning is paired with social, physical, and mental development.

“Our main goal is to complement traditional and homeschooling learning,” said Christine Brown, principal and operations manager at At Last Forest Schools.

“Kids who attend one of those two learning methods come to use one day a week every Wednesday. It’s more of a holistic approach of things, it’s very much interest based, and we don’t have a set curriculum.”

Brown says that educators and staff go off student’s passions through inquiry-based learning. There’s a strong focus on building confidence, advocacy and resilience that will complement their curriculum learning in traditional school or homeschool settings.

“There’s a huge physical component

to the school. We are giving them seven hours to communicate and socialize,” said Brown.

“As we all know, the key thing we all need going through life. From building a fort, they are asking questions and it’s a very hands-on, social and collaborative experience for the students. This encourages the kids to problem solve and communicate with each other.”

Goderich Forest School accepts up to 14 children between the ages of 4 to 12 and runs year-round. The Goderich branch is affiliated with At Last Forest schools that specializes in our learning, with 13 locations across Ontario.

Brown says that the school runs a low student ratio to hone in on a student’s interests, which wouldn’t be possible in a larger group setting. Smaller numbers allow valued communication with each child as much as possible on an individual basis.

Brown adds from parent and teacher testimonies that students diagnosed with ADHD tend to show less symptoms in a classroom setting when they attend for-



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Students participate in several outdoor activities within various environments promoting skills such as hand eye coordination and problem solving which are critical practices within the brain of a developing child.

est school during the week.

“There is worry that grades are going to drop but both parents and teachers have seen the complete opposite,” said Brown.

“Students are able to concentrate more and have the confidence to participate and step out of that comfort zone and excel in school.”

Brown says that the school practices a holistic approach to education, empha-

sizing social and communication skills alongside a strong focus on mental health.

Spending time outdoors is a key part of the program, helping students improve hand-eye coordination, vision, and overall physical development.

Studies show that even half an hour to an hour outside each day can benefit mental health, and the school’s students spend up to seven hours immersed in nature, multiplying those benefits.

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Benmiller Park revitalization with new playground coming soon

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Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) recently announced the upcoming revitalization of Benmiller Park with the installation of a brand-new playground, an accessible path, and a safety barrier fence.

“We’re excited to get this project started,” said Glen McNeil, Mayor of the Township of ACW.

This project represents a significant investment in recreation and community spaces for residents and visitors.

According to the Township of ACW, the new playground will feature modern, accessible equipment designed to encourage active play, imagination, and outdoor fun for children of all ages and abilities.

There will be an addition of an accessible path, which will ensure barrier-free movement throughout the park. A safety fence will provide a secure play environment for families.

“Benmiller Park is an important part of our community, and these updates will make it a fun, safe and welcoming place for everyone for years to come,” added McNeil.

According to the Township of ACW, these enhancements align with the Township’s Parks and Recreation 10-Year Strategic Plan and the recently developed ACW Park Concept Plans, which identify Benmiller Park as a key location for revitalization and enhanced community use.

This project has been made possible through the fireless fundraising efforts and dedication from the Benmiller Community Hall Committee.

Additional funding support was provided through the Huron County SLED Grant and the AccessSled Grant, supporting both the park’s growth as a community destination and its accessibility.

Construction is expected to begin this fall. The Township encourages residents to follow updates on the project through its website and social media channels.

Sponsors needed to help sparkle up Christmas in Bayfield

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As the Village of Bayfield begins preparations for one of its most magical traditions – Christmas in Bayfield – organizers are seeking more sponsors to help sparkle up the three-day event in November.

Over three festive days from November 14 until November 16 thousands of visitors will experience the sights, sounds and sparkle of the season, and the Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce is inviting the community to help make it shine even brighter.

Celebrations begin on Friday, November 14 at 7 p.m. with the beloved Lighting of the Lights in Clan Gregor Square, where Santa will be at the Gazebo, creating cherished memories for children of all ages.

On Saturday, November 15 the Santa Claus Parade kicks off at 11 a.m. The village opens its doors for a full day of festivities including shopping at charming boutiques, warming up by fire pits, indulging

in food and beverages, enjoying free, horse-drawn carriage rides, live entertainment and a

chance for children to meet Santa.

The festive spirit continues into Sunday, November 16 with another day of horse carriage rides, cozy fire pits, delightful food offerings, and captivating entertainment throughout Bayfield.

According to the Chamber, this year hopes to add more magic with special light displays and expanded activities.

To make this possible, the Chamber is seeking additional support from individuals, families and businesses willing to become sponsors at any level.

“Christmas in Bayfield is all about community spirit and welcoming visitors to experience the magic of the season,” said Wendy Vasco, Marketing Manager for the Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce.

“Every contribution – large or small – makes a difference, and we would love to see more individuals and businesses join us in making this year unforgettable.”

Sponsorship dollars go directly toward making the event possible, from the lights in Clan Gregor Square to the parade, entertainment, and family activities.

Last year, an incredible 99 per cent of sponsors returned, which is a true testament to the value of being part of Christmas in Bayfield and the pride the community takes in keeping this traditional alive.

If interested in sponsoring the event, contact socialmediabacc@gmail.com

Student Nutrition Programs ensure children are well-nourished and ready to learn

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VON Canada is a highly trust charity that delivers home and community support services to more than 10,000 people in Ontario to help clients stay healthy, live well and remain active.

As students across the province have returned to the classroom, VON’s Ontario Student Nutrition Program (OSNP) reiterates the vital role school food programs play in supporting student success.

“As we begin a new school year, we are calling on our community to join us,” said Danielle Findlay, Supervisor of Community Relations with VON’s ONSP.

“Whether it’s donating funds, volunteering time, or spreading the word, every contribution makes a difference. Together, we can ensure children are well-nourished and ready to learn.”

Every day, thousands of students across southwestern Ontario begin their school day with access to healthy meals and snacks made possible through OSNP.

These programs address disparities in food access, ensuring each child, regardless of circumstances, can

learn and thrive equally.

According to OSNP, by offering welcoming, inclusive spaces where students can gather and share food, student nutrition programs contribute to student well-being, foster belonging and affirm that each child is important.

“These programs are foundational to learning,” added Findlay.

“When students are nourished, they are better able to focus, participate and succeed in school. Food programs also go further – they build community, reduce stigma and help students feel included and valued.”

According to VON, research shows that reliable access to nutritious meals improves concentration, attendance and classroom engagement, while promoting mental health and a sense of belonging.

These positive impacts are possibly through the generosity of community support. Each year, volunteers dedicate their time to prepare and serve food, while donations keep the program running and able to reach more children.

To learn more about VON’s ONSP or to volunteer or donate, please visit www.osnp.ca

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Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. What famous actress married baseball player Joe DiMaggio 1954?
2. What is the name of Roger dalmatian in the Disney movie ‘101 Dalmatians’?
3. Which country is Madrid the capital of?
4. What is the most expensive spice in the world?
5. Who directed the 2018 movie ‘A star is born’?
6. What is Prince William the duke of?
7. Who wrote the dystopian novel '1984'?
8. Roughly how long does it take for the sun’s light to reach Earth?
9. Animals that eat both vegetables and meats are called what?
10. What was the robot's name from Interstellar?

This week’s answers are found on pg. 26

Goderich Legion helps seniors and families connect through coffee, classes and conversation

ALEX HUNT

Sun Correspondent

From tech workshops to health talks, the Goderich Legion has become a hub for learning, connection and community engagement.

Still going strong, Cafe 109 started a year ago running Monday to Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Goderich Legion branch saw it as an opportunity to invite all community members to come in, sit down with a \$2 bottomless cup of coffee and connect with locals from around the area.

Additionally, the legion runs an abundance of weekly programs ranging from their popular guest speaker series, along with tech mentoring camps, Bingo, line dancing, singing and other engaging activities.

“For our Wake Up Wednesday, where we have community guest speakers that come in on a regular basis has really started to take off within the cafe,” said Randy Carroll, president at the Goderich Legion.

“Our speaker series discusses topics such as fitness, health, fire safety measures, as well as AI tech talks. We also show seniors who are struggling with technology how to use their cellphones and take photos.”

Carroll explains that the legion has partnered with Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health, where workers



Nyden Greenfield, research assistant at Gateway Center of Excellence in Rural Health mentors. Goderich resident Sharon Pengelly on technology navigation.

(ALEX HUNT PHOTO)

will come to the legion and mentor seniors who are struggling with technology navigation.

Carroll says that the classes allow seniors to build confidence in tech use and provide the relief that they are not alone on the subject.

“The most interesting comment I had was from a lady that came in who was

having problems with her cellphone and after some mentorship she became comfortable,” said Carroll.

“She was relieved to know that she was not alone with learning current technology. Other people in the community come for the same help and it’s nice to come out and not feel that you’re on an island all by yourself.”

Carroll said that feedback on tech classes has been received with the legion continuing to run the program. However, he adds that the Legion is facing a temporary challenge as Gateway students return to their post-secondary studies.

Seniors who have been mentored and comfortable with technology are focused on helping their peers if people are seeking assistance.

“We are also trying to help seniors who are going through isolation,” Carroll said.

“When they come out and meet each other, they build connections that are going to continue, and we have a good group that comes out on a regular basis just to sit down and chat. We also welcome the broader community, such as families and younger individuals as well.”

Carroll explains that the legion used to be a closed membership, where people had to be a member to attend.

Over the years, the members have shifted the branch to fill the role of an open community hub, encouraging the message that everybody is welcome. People no longer have to be a member to attend the events.

“We do a lot of fundraising with 70 per cent of all the proceeds that we bring in go back to the community,” said Carroll.

“It is all a community effort to allow us to do what we do. We are not for profit. We make sure we bring in enough money to pay the bills and we donate back to the best of our ability.”

Daniel Tisch to deliver keynote address at Huron Marine and Economic Forum in Goderich

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Huron Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Huron Marine and Economic Forum in October at Beach Street Station in Goderich.

Daniel Tisch, President and CEO of Ontario Chamber of Commerce will deliver the keynote address at the forum, examining Ontario’s trade relationships with the United States and its impact on businesses in Ontario.

“Connecting community leaders is what the Chamber does,” said Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

“This Forum puts the right people in the right room at the right time, so our businesses can prepare for what is coming

next in trade and transportation.”

According to the Chamber, Tisch will highlight the importance of strengthening domestic supply chain infrastructure and will share insights into the Ontario Chamber’s work with the Great Lakes states to resolve trade disputes and reinforce cross-border business ties.

Tisch is a widely recognized leader in business, public policy and community engagement. He spent two decades building Argyle Communications (now Changemakers) into Canada’s largest management-owned reputation and communications firm, while serving in senior government roles.

Tisch has represented Canada at the G7 Economic Summit, lectured at Queen’s University since 1996, and provided commentary in national media.

In 2025, Tisch was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his contributions to his community, to the province and to Canada.

According to the Huron Chamber, Tisch’s breadth of experience makes him uniquely suited to frame the challenges and the opportunities facing Ontario’s economy at this moment of global uncertainty.

The forum will spotlight the Port of Goderich as a strategic economic asset for Huron County. With expansion plans underway, the Port is poised to unlock new opportunities by opening access to global markets.

Panels will discuss Great Lakes shipping and port development, trade and tariffs, and supply chain resilience.

Moderators will include Jessica

Linthorne, CEO of the Nuclear Innovation Institute, and Dave Shorey, Executive Director of Georgian College’s Owen Sound Campus.

The Huron Marine and Economic Forum will be held at Beach Street Station in Goderich on Thursday, October 2, preceded by an evening reception at Benmiller Inn on Wednesday, October 1.

Registration for the forum is open now. Seating is limited. The forum is open to business owners and executives, industry leaders, municipal and county officials, economic development professionals, educators and community partners across Ontario.

Members of the Huron Chamber of Commerce receive preferred pricing.

For details visit <https://huronchamber.ca/marine-forum-keynote/>



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Pick Up Locations

From costumes to cider, Forest Tails Pupgiving offers a whimsical fall afternoon for dog lovers and families

ALEX HUNT

Sun Correspondent

When Tiffany Jones dreamed up Pupgiving, she wanted more than a dog event. She wanted to create an autumn tradition where the community could gather, sip cider, and celebrate the joy of dogs together.

Tiffany Jones, founder of Forest Tails Doggy Day camp, which offers a year-round retreat for dogs to explore natural forest settings through unleashed activities, is offering an opportunity for the community to join her Pupgiving event.

Jones aims to give visitors an experience that she hopes will warm the souls in their hearts for years to come and provide memories for a lifetime.

The event will run on Oct. 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 79176 Bluewater Hwy in Goderich. People can purchase tickets early for \$45 and email info@foresttails.ca to register and view event details.

"I have a flair for organizing these visual experiences that are full of love and belonging, this is something that I want the community to experience, the property is what inspires most things," said Jones.

"Everything is going to be decorated for the Fall, it's going to be beautiful, there will be candle lights, bonfires, homemade treats, and hot beverages."

Jones said that her love for dogs and the changing seasons inspired the creation of Pupgiving. Having never had children dress up for Halloween, she wanted to share her passion for dogs, nature, and seasonal celebrations with the commu-

nity, creating an event where others can experience the joy she hopes for her own pets.

Pupgiving serves as a hybrid holiday event featuring Thanksgiving and Halloween elements. Jones encourages dog owners to dress up their dogs in costumes to support the celebration of fall's arrival, joy and community engagement. She will provide prizes to the top dogs who have the top three costumes.

"People love seeing the dogs happy and it gives them so much joy within this whimsical environment, dogs are the portal to joy, it's a beautiful, warm, cozy family friendly event and you don't need to have a dog to come, everyone is welcome," said Jones.

"Some folks don't have families, the holidays can sometimes be a sad time for people, I want to give everyone a hug. Dogs bring happiness and it's contagious. I want people to feel loved and come enjoy an autumn afternoon."

Jones is also looking for volunteers to help with the event promising people that aid with the afternoon will immerse themselves in the autumn magic, while enjoying free treats. Some duties include, serving at the barrage station, providing people with property directions as well as helping with the photo station.

Since starting the day camp almost three years ago, Jones has hosted two Easter events as well as a Valentines Day event which she expressed received great turnouts from the community.

Spoil The Dog Bakery will also be serving dog friendly treats to the canines that feature elaborate and whimsical decorations to support the theme of fall during the Pupgiving event. Jones says that she wants visitors to leave with a sense of joy from the value they paid to come and experience.

"I want everyone to feel loved and that the Forest Tails family welcomes them with open arms," said Jones.

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Jones celebrates the upcoming holidays with her own dogs at Forest Tails Doggy Daycamp.



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Bayfield Lions celebrate winners from 37th Annual Golf Tournament, raise funds for community

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Bayfield Lions Club hosted its 37th Annual Golf Tournament at Bluewater Golf Course on September 5.

Even with a brisk breeze and cooler temperatures, Bayfield Lions report that the energy was high as 80 golfers teed off in support of community causes.

"This tournament is about more than golf. It's about community," said Ian Matthew, Golf Committee Chair.

Matthew applauded the overwhelming support and generosity, which made the tournament such a success.

"Every donor, volunteer, and golfer played a role in keeping Bayfield's spirit shining," added Matthew.

"The loyalty of local vendors and the enthusiasm of participants show what makes our village so special."

As a result of this tournament, Bayfield Lions Club has been able to contribute \$30,000 towards the relocation of the Bayfield Food Bank, helping to ensure vital support for local families continues.

According to the Bayfield Lions Club, the highlight of the

day came from a powerhouse family team who played their way into the spotlight with a jaw-dropping score of 59, which was 13 under par.

Leading the charge was Nora Dowler, joined by her sons Mackenzie and Grey, along with partner Kevin Burton. Their teamwork lit up the greens and earned them bragging rights as tournament champions.

Other successes on the links included Grey West claiming the Men's Longest Drive, and Krista Jefferson, powering her way to win the Ladies' Longest Drive.

Following the annual tournament, golfers gathered at 1851 Bayfield Landing for a feast. The Lions Club extends a heartfelt thank you to Tyler Hessel and his team for serving up the perfect ending to their day.

Both the silent and live auctions offered a chance to take home artifacts from The Albion Hotel or a mouthwatering dinner donated by Lions Bonnie Neely and Richard Dusk.

A full list of tournament supporters will be shared on the Lions' website at BayfieldLions.ca, where the club continues to spotlight the people and businesses who help make Bayfield thrive.



Nora Dowler, with Mackenzie, Grey and Kevin Burton.

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Send in your sports reports

Coaches and/or parents are invited to send in your sports reports and pictures to the Goderich Sun to let Goderich and area know how your teams are doing throughout the 2025/26 season (and to create some great scrapbook material to be reflected upon in future years).

Game reports should be kept to a maximum of 100 words. Please include a brief description of what happened during your games, including the names of those who scored and any special efforts made by your players.

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MackKay Centre celebrates 45 years of programming and services for local seniors in Goderich

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

The MacKay Centre recently celebrated 45 years of exceptional community programming for seniors in Goderich and surrounding areas.

To celebrate this milestone, members of the MacKay Centre, its volunteers, and dignitaries gathered on September 6 to mark the occasion with a barbecue.

Lisa Thompson, MPP of Huron Bruce, Ben Lobb, MP and Liz Petrie, Councillor for the Town of Goderich attended the gathering and celebrated the MacKay Centre for being a place that brings people together.

"You have been the heart of so many amazing programs," MPP Thompson said at the gathering.

"I talk to people about the relevance of and the value the MacKay Centre brings to all of you...the things you realized together as a community right here, is now being replicated in communities throughout Huron and Bruce."

The MacKay Centre for Seniors may be celebrating 45 years of programming, but the building has offered a sense of community for nearly 100 years.

In 1925 Robert MacKay donated \$12,000 to the Town of Goderich to construct a community hall. In October 1926 the downstairs of MacKay Hall was laid, and the building officially opened on February 2, 1927.

Over the years, the hall has been used by many community groups including The Women's Institute, and Goderich Little Theatre.

During the war years the IODE offered meals and organized dances for soldiers stationed at the air force base in Port Albert.

According to the hall's history on the MacKay Centre's website, in 1977, representatives of Health and Welfare Canada, along with town council members, toured the town in search of a building suitable for a seniors' centre.

MacKay Hall was decided as an ideal location and officially opened in October 1980 at The MacKay Centre for Seniors.

MP Ben Lobb spoke on how great senior programming is, as his own parents are approaching their 80s and use senior programming to be social and active.

"The definition of a senior is relative. We all know it's what is in your heart and in your mind," expressed MP Lobb.

"There is so much to do, and we all agree – to be able to live and retire in an area like Huron and Bruce counties, it's very special. With Goderich, it kind of has it all."

As a central hub for seniors in the Goderich and surrounding areas, there are over 400 members who are provided with a variety of programs throughout the year because of hard work done by the board, volunteers and Stephanie Hardwick, Executive Director.

"Congratulations on your 45th. This building brings in people every single day, and that takes a tremendous amount of work by Stephanie (Hardwick) and volunteers," Councillor Petrie remarked.

"Without all of you, 45 years of MacKay providing excellent programs for seniors would not happen."

Some of the centre's most popular programs include fitness classes, tai chi, art club, choir, yoga, community dining program, music, iPad lessons, card games and special events.

Nearly 100 years later, MacKay Hall still stands serving this community, especially seniors, making full use of the building.

In preparing to celebrate this milestone at the MacKay Centre, Councillor Petrie explained that she started thinking of a quote by Mahatma Gandhi in which he said - the measure of society is how well it treats its elderly.

"It's very evident that the community of Goderich and the community you built here does treat our elderly with the utmost kindness and respect," added Petrie.

For more information on the MacKay Centre for Seniors visit <https://mackaycentreforseniors.com>



Above: MPP Lisa Thompson presenting a certificate to mark the 45th anniversary of the MacKay Centre to Stephanie Hardwick (left). Below: The MacKay Centre recently celebrated its 45th anniversary of providing programming for seniors. The centre now has around 400 members and provides daily programming for seniors.



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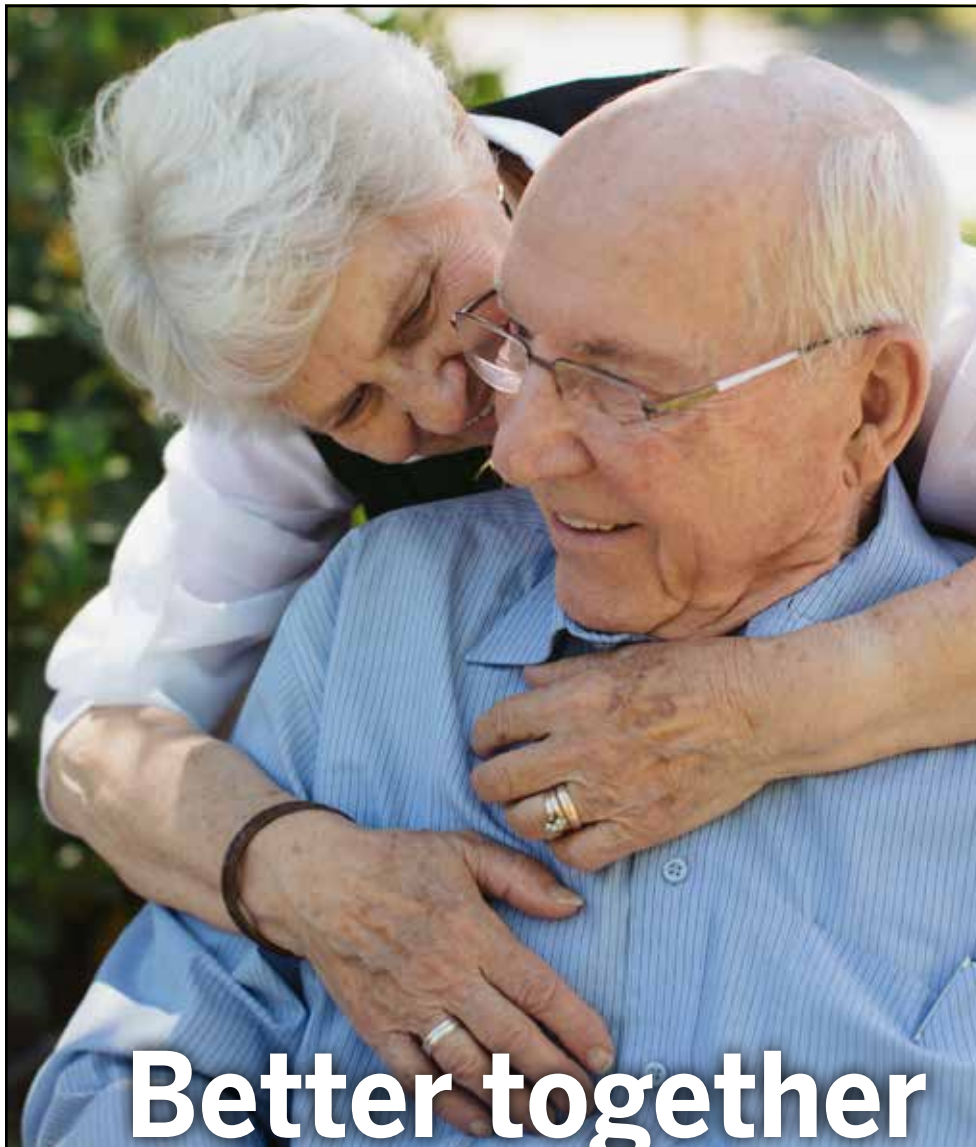
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Community events hosted by United Way focus on homelessness, belonging and United Housing

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) has released information about three upcoming community events on the horizon that touch upon the topic of belonging to a community, myth busting homelessness and a housing symposium.

Huron County Housing Symposium will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at the Wingham Columbus Centre.

This full-day event will bring together community leaders, practitioners and residents for meaningful conversations about housing solutions in Huron County.

"Together, we'll explore ideas, imagine the neighbourhoods we want to see in the future and discuss how to turn those ideas into action," said Millar.

The symposium is a free event that will include lunch for those who attend. The event will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The OPP have generously sponsored this event.

Registration is still required for the symposium.

"The United Housing Symposium is a chance for our community to come together around one of the most urgent issues we face — housing," Millar added.

"United Housing believes no single organization can solve this challenge alone. That's why it's so important for everyone to take part in building solutions, from agencies and municipalities to local businesses and residents. Wouldn't it be wonderful to create a community where every person has a safe place to call home?"

The 2025 United Way Campaign Kick Off for the region of mid-Huron will be held in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Huron Perth on Wednesday, September 17 at the Goderich Legion.

This year's event will highlight the theme of Myth Busting: Confronting Myths and What's Being Done About

Homelessness.

Millar says the event will explore the realities of the local housing crisis, challenge common misconceptions and discuss the impact of community-driven solutions.

"Our annual campaign kickoff is more than an event, it's about rallying our community to tackle local issues like homelessness," explained Millar.

"Through fundraising, we support front-line agencies doing critical work and advance solutions through United Housing. These efforts are about more than emergency responses; they're about building a path toward lasting stability and dignity for our neighbours."

Running from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the Goderich Legion, participants will be able to enjoy coffee and muffins by donation.

Millar will present at this event, along with Ryan Urb (UWPH) and Jaden Mitchell (CMHAHP).

Belonging Matters will take place on Tuesday, October 7 in Clinton at the Libro Community Hall.

This event isn't just a workshop, but a call to everyone across Huron and Perth counties to come together and ask — What does community look like now?

How do we rebuild our volunteer networks?

How do we create spaces where everyone feels like they truly belong?

According to Michelle Millar, Manager of Community Development with UWPH, if you care about connection, inclusion, and the future of communities, this is where the conversation begins.

"UWPH is proud to host the Belonging Matters workshop with local partners," said Millar.

"Belonging is the foundation of strong community development; when people feel they belong, they're more engaged, resilient and supported, and that's when our whole community thrives."

For more information visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca



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Junior Conversationist recalls experience at Ausable Bayfield Conservation this summer

MERCEDES PROUT

Sun Contributor

During the summer of 2025, I had the incredible opportunity to be the Junior Conservationist for Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA).

This two-month position was an amazing chance to showcase all the different fields at ABCA.

Learning about this position after working at the first-ever March Break Summer Nature Day Camp, the staff at ABCA encouraged me to apply after I showed interest in some of the other fields of work.

My first day didn't disappoint, as I went in with expectations of working in the environmental field.

The first day of every week was out beach monitoring with Rosalind Chang, ABCA Healthy Watersheds Technologist, sampling water at four different gullies and beaches for E. coli levels.

This summer, we partnered with the University of Guelph in research to look further at the DNA of E. coli.

After that, I never experienced the same week twice. I was moving all over, and got to try a little bit of everything from turtle monitoring to Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) Passive Swabs, to looking at Stream Loggers, looking at the Butternut orchards and surveying for mussel populations.



Throughout two months I was able to take on a variety of tasks that opened my eyes to the many sides of conservation work.

From walking the fields looking for loggers, to collecting water samples across the watershed, and even helping out at summer nature day camp, every single day brought me something new.

What stood out most to me was gaining an inside look at just how many different responsibilities the conservation authority carries.

Without this experience, I never would have understood the true range of their work, or the massive positive difference ABCA makes the community.

I would like to thank ABC Foundation for funding a position like this for young people like me to get the experience in career paths in their field.

I would also like to thank all the incredible staff at ABCA for being so welcoming and making the office a place I looked forward to coming to every day.

Everyone was clearly very passionate about their work, and their enthusiasm was contagious.

For more information about ABCA, student opportunities and the work they do in the area visit <https://www.abca.ca>

Mercedes Prout was a Junior Conservationist during the summer of 2025. Prout is from the Exeter area and is in Grade 12 at South Huron District High School

TRAIL TALK: Beautiful time of year to hit the local trails

PATRICK CAPPER

Sun Contributor

We have been having excellent weather for hiking lately; cool mornings and usually sunny afternoons with few if any biting insects.

Most of the trails' wet spots are dry, making it a beautiful time of year to hit the local trails.

For those suffering with allergies, but are avid hikers, the golden rods are now in full bloom. There are about 10 different varieties that grow in our area. They are sometimes blamed for allergy problems, but usually ragweed is the problem, with its non-showy green blossoms at the same time as rag goldenrod.

The common ragweed is relatively small (1 to 5 feet) and Giant ragweed can grow to 15 feet. There is a lot of giant ragweed at the Clinton Conservation Area, where I measured one stalk at 13 feet high.

An interesting plant out now is the closed bottle gentian, which I first discovered on the Maitland Trail near Bishop's Road. There are also a few on the Hullett Green Trail.

Asters also have many different varieties, such as calico and panicle, the showiest being the New England aster, with large purple flowers.

We had a good four-day end-to-end hike on the Maitland Trail over the Labour Day weekend, with 13 participants, but only three managed to hike the full trail.

On September 20 and September 21 many more hikers will hike the whole trail in two days as part of the Maitland Camino event that attracts about 180 hikers each year.

While in the Wingham area, I made a side trip to explore the Wroxeter (0.92km)



New England Asters.

and Gorrie (1.5 km) walking trails. They are both flat and have a good stone dust surface, so they are excellent for walkers who have difficulty with hills and/or uneven surfaces.

I was lucky enough to see a Monarch on the Wroxeter Trail and two viceroys on the Gorrie Trail. The viceroy looks like a small monarch with a black line added on their hind wings.

NOTES:

The Menesetung Bridge across the Maitland River at Goderich is now closed to pedestrians and cyclists until an expected completion date in November.

The trail entrance at 80918 Sharpes Creek Line is now closed due to work on the planned southwards expansion of a gravel pit. The new trail entrance is about one-kilometre further south.

September 26-28 - Hike Ontario is hav-

ing its annual Summit. This year sponsored by the Elgin Trail Hiking Club, which like Maitland and Avon Trail is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. For details contact pcapper99@gmail.com

Saturday, September 27 at 11 a.m. - Join the monthly Mindfulness Walk starting at the Millennium Trail entrance on Nelson Street. For details contact Tanya Macintyre at redroofrecovery@gmail.com or text 519-616-3636.

Sunday, September 28 at 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Cycling Auburn to Blyth and return. We can enjoy the tunnel under Hwy 25 and enjoy a break in Blyth before returning to Auburn.

Please bring a bicycle in good working order, a helmet and water. Meet at the end of Hardwood Line in Auburn.

For car shuttle arrangements and to confirm your attendance, please contact Sally Brodie at 226-378-1648. This is a Level 1

moderate paced bike ride, approximately 2 hours.

Saturday, October 11 at 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Hullett Sugar Bush. Meet at 80602 Wildlife Line and hike the Hullett Sugar bush trails for about 1.5 hours. For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Patrick Capper at pcapper99@gmail.com. This is a level 1 moderate fast pace hike

Tuesday Trompers meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday to hike for about an hour. If you wish to be on this email list, send an email to mta@maitlandtrail.ca

Midweek hikers meet at 9 a.m. and hike for 1.5 to 2 hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact Patrick Capper at pcapper99@gmail.com



Closed Bottle Gentian.

As preparations continue for YCW, Goderich remembers Ken Dryden

RICHARD MADGE

Sun Contributor

In the obituary for Ken Dryden in the Montreal Gazette an homage to this great athlete was made: "Great athletes are uncommon. Great athletes who are also great people are even more so".

Dryden, who died September 6 at the age of 78, was the featured guest at the opening of the Goderich Lions Young Canada Week (YCW) hockey tournament in 2005.

He and fellow Canadian Jean Belliveau have to rank at the top of the list of celebrities who have come to Goderich for the tournament throughout the years.

The review of Dryden's achievements illustrates his greatness.

In hockey, he was the winner of six Stan-

ley Cups, five Vezina Trophies, the Calder Trophy and the Conn Smythe Trophy.

Dryden played an important role in the 1972 series against the USSR; he served as the President of the Toronto Maple Leafs and is a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

He was a lawyer, a Member of Parliament (MP), an accomplished author and a recipient of the Order of Canada Award.

I have a little story from his appearance at YCW in 2005.

Dryden and Larry Jeffrey officiated at the official puck drop and I sang the national anthem at the ceremony.

When I went to the gathering following the ceremony, I found my family members already engaged in conversation with Mr. Dryden.

I joined them and in meeting him, I

commented that I had sung the national anthem, more to identify myself than hoping for praise. After all, he had heard the anthem sung many times by the legendary Roger Doucet on the ice during his career at the Montreal Forum.

The diplomatic reply from this accomplished gentleman known for his sense of humour was succinct – "Yes, you did", was all he said. I also had his book with me, praising his work.

Dryden wrote 'The Game', which is recognized as perhaps the best-ever book about hockey.

A statement was made in his obituary to honour his talents as a writer: "He could write about the game as beautifully as he played it".

When meeting me, Dryden seemed genuinely delighted with my praise of his

book and gladly posed for a picture showing him autographing the book for me. It was a wonderful moment during the 2005 YCW.

Preparations continue for the upcoming 75th Young Canada Week celebrations.

A Hockey Hall of Fame display featuring Goderich's Jeff Denomme, the CEO of the Hall since 1986 and is retiring this year, is one endeavour.

Exhibition games by teams in the newly organized WAAA 'A' category is another feature.

Monday, March 16, 2026, has been designated as Young Canada Hockey Day with an NHL alumni game involved.

A Facebook page '75th Young Canada Week' has been instituted and former players, coaches and fans are invited to post stories.

Major milestones reached during YCW in the 1970s

RICHARD MADGE

Sun Contributor

Our review of the history of Young Canada Week (YCW) focuses on the 1970s this month.

In 1970, Nip Whetstone, operator of the local Canadian Tire and a founder of YCW, was named Mr. PeeWee Hockey by the Town of Goderich.

A scroll was presented to him by two

members of the Goderich Lions PeeWee team – Grant Shelton and Mike Cumming.

The national scope of the tournament was illustrated by the location of the two teams in the East-West game.

Vancouver defeated Greenwood, Nova Scotia to take the trophy.

In this 21st edition of YCW, the goal number 10,000 of the tournament was scored. Over that time, some 27,000 players had participated in the tournament by then.

The 10,000th goal was scored by Danny McCarthy playing for Stratford.

Although it is not recorded in the history of YCW book that he played in the NHL, McCarthy did in fact play five games and score four goals for the New York Rangers in the 1980-1981 season during his eight-year career in professional hockey.

The YCW Committee is hoping he will be able to attend the 75th anniversary next March.

Although his name is not included, the history book does name some 23 players on teams from the 1970s that reached the NHL.

In 1971 the team from Hespeler won its first of three consecutive 'B' championships.

In 1972 a Referees Appreciation Day was held. Referee-in-chief Ken Crawford, who officiated in the tournament for over 30 years, explained how the referees received no payment and worked as volunteers for the love of the game.

A good hot meal and an annual golf tournament were the extent of their reimbursement.

Goderich Mayor Harry Worsell dropped the puck at the opening game that year.

In 1973, Wayne Gretzky came to play in the tournament amid huge hype. Wearing his white gloves, Gretzky scored two goals in Brantford's first game.

They were his 100th and 101st of the season. Gretzky was playing defence, which his father Walter explained was his favourite position.

That year the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) issued 224 March Break centred tournament permits but Young Canada Week was still holding its own spot as the 'granddaddy of all tournaments' with 89 teams taking part and 3,200 meals being served.

In 1974, YCW celebrated its 25th anniversary with a banquet at the Saltford Valley Hall.

Larry Jeffrey dropped the puck at the opening ceremony and Wayne Gretzky returned for his second year at the tourna-

ment.

In 1975, the tournament underwent a change, changing to a double knock-out format. That led to a reduction in the number of teams that could be accommodated.

In 1976, the following teams were champions – AA Toronto Nationals, A Stratford, B Kincardine, C Shelbourne, D Teeswater. That year also saw the passing of 'Ma Pruder, who had been involved in the feeding of the teams since the inception of the tournament.

In 1977, the 2,000th game of the tournament was celebrated in the newly renovated Goderich Memorial Arena.

Jeff Denomme, who would in later life be the CEO of the Hockey Hall of Fame, played an important part in the Goderich Lions PeeWee's victories.

In 1978, for the first time in the tournament's history, no Goderich team took part due to an OMHA regulation that banned teams still in playoffs from participating in tournaments.

I was the coach of that team, and I can attest to the disappointment they experienced. Kids grew up in Goderich hoping that someday they would get to play in YCW, and just when they were a part of a good team, they were denied that opportunity.

The OMHA announced only recently that the Christmas and March breaks would be 'dark' for league play, enabling teams to participate in tournaments.

In 1979, the tournament celebrated its 30th year with presentations to founders Nip Whetstone and Guy Emerson.

During the 'A' championship game, the 15,000th goal of the tournament was scored by John Potak playing for Newmarket.

The game was stopped, and he was presented with the game puck and a trophy.

So many milestones were reached during YCW in the 1970s, including goals scored and legendary hockey star Wayne Gretzky making a couple appearances in Goderich.

Next month we will focus on YCW in the 1980s.



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The Albion Hotel: Bayfield's Historic Heart Reopens After a Storm of a Lifetime

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On the evening of September 27, the Albion Hotel will throw open its doors for a long-awaited grand reopening party marking not just the return of a beloved local landmark, but the triumph of a community that refused to let history crumble.

After nearly nine months of heartbreak, rebuilding, and resilience, co-owners Leigh and Jeff Graham are ready to welcome guests back to the place they've poured their hearts into for the past seven years. They can't wait to showcase the hard work the community has put in over the last nine months.

The Albion Hotel has stood proudly on Bayfield's Main Street since the 1840s. Originally built as a general store by Robert Reid, it was transformed in 1856 into a two-storey hotel, becoming a cornerstone of hospitality for travelers arriving by land and lake for over 145 years.

Its Georgian Colonial architecture, iconic two-tiered veranda that was added in 1902 and the original cherry wood bar have long made it a visual and cultural anchor in the village.

Sadly, on December 8, 2024, that legacy was nearly lost.

In an email beautifully written by Leigh, she brought to life the events that nearly removed the Albion hotel from the Bayfield landscape.

In the early hours of that morning, Leigh and Jeff were jolted awake by a photo and a phone call. In her sleepy haze, Leigh was trying to grasp what a friend was trying to explain - that something was wrong with the Albion's structure.

As Leigh stared at the image that showed bricks and debris scattered like confetti, Jeff uttered the words no business owner

ever wants to hear: "Our building is falling down."

Their initial feelings were panic, fear and helplessness and the damage was catastrophic.

The roof had collapsed under the weight of a brutal winter storm. Emergency officials who responded within hours feared the entire building might need to be torn down. Thanks to a quick-thinking member of the emergency insurance team, a structural engineer was called in—and determined the Albion could be saved.

The weather that week was not cooperative bringing more heavy snow, rain and freezing rain before a thaw, then more rain. The water found new ways to get in and destroyed more than they could have predicted.

What followed was a whirlwind of insurance claims, contractor negotiations, and emotional strain. The damage extended far beyond the roof. The water had destroyed all four guest rooms, both dining areas, and the cherished bar.

The original hardwood floors had to be dried, leveled, and structurally reinforced. Windows, balconies, and the signature veranda were rebuilt. It was, as Leigh described, "a renovation from the inside out."

Rather than outsource the rebuild, Jeff stepped into the role of contractor himself. This decision allowed the couple to manage time and budget more effectively and ensured that every detail, from the floors to the fireplace, honoured the Albion's history. Even the custom-built fireplace were built using bricks salvaged from the collapse.

The Grahams were adamant about involving local tradespeople in the restoration. Bayfield Contracting, Twin Oaks Masonry, Coleson Forbes Construction,

VanWyke Electrical, Snell Plumbing, and KRC Carpentry—many of whom had personal ties to the Albion since their childhoods—came together to turn tragedy into transformation.

The community's support didn't stop there. A GoFundMe campaign raised over \$80,000 for displaced staff and a New Year's Eve fundraiser dance brought neighbours together in celebration and solidarity.

Local businesses offered work and financial assistance to the Albion staff. Even the #BayfieldStrong hoodies, designed to rally support, found their way all the way overseas.

The Albion isn't just known for its hospitality; it's steeped in legend. The legendary "rent-free guest" may still linger. The ghost of Harvey Elliot, said to haunt the bar after a fatal feud with his brother in the 1890s, remains part of the hotel's folklore.

Leigh hints that future guests will have to decide for themselves whether the spirits have returned with the living.

Leigh and Jeff shared some hard-earned advice after navigating the events of December 8 for fellow business owners: know your

coverage, be patient, maintain emergency funds, and don't be afraid to act as your own contractor if it means preserving your vision.

Leigh also emphasizes the importance of choosing local insurance providers who understand the community and respond with compassion.

The official reopening party kicks off at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, with the hotel resuming full operations on Monday, September 29.

It's more than a celebration—it's a testament to the power of community, the strength of local business, and the enduring spirit of Bayfield.

"They say it takes a village," Leigh says. "And I've come to truly understand what that means."



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After a roof collapse and severe damage in 2024, The Albion will reopen on Saturday, September 27.

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Huron County History: The Old Gorrie Mill

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The Old Gorrie Mill, built in 1856, was a vital hub in Howick Township's economic development. Gorrie grew up around the old mill located on the Maitland River and, until it was dismantled in 2021, was one of the few remaining relics of the first generation of pioneers who survived by farming the land.

In the winter of 1855-56, Edward and James Leech, enterprising Irish immigrants, "chopped their way through the bush from Molesworth to Gorrie, a distance of 15 miles" according to a 1956 article in the *Wingham Times Advocate*.

They purchased a mill site on the south bank of the Maitland River. Edward Leech was a millwright and immediately erected the Gorrie Mill harnessing Maitland's waterpower to churn its great stone mill-wheels, which ground grain into grist and flour.

The 1879 *Belden Atlas* said the Leech brothers "went to work with such energy at their new enterprise" that the Gorrie Mill was "in complete running order" by the 1856 harvest.

Jim Lingerfelt and Jenny Versteeg in *The Lines of Howick* describe the mill as a two-storey structure built on a stone foundation measuring 56 feet by 36 feet (17 metres by 11 metres).

Its four grinding stones were quarried in Guelph and driven by a waterwheel 10 feet in diameter. At its peak operation, the mill could mill and dress 150 barrels of flour and grist a day.

In 1867, the mill was re-built to three storeys. John Hazlitt and Ted Turner in *The Power of the Maitland* note that most grist mills could only separate the stalk from the chaff creating grist. The Gorrie Mill, with its twin water turbines, could grind the grist into finer flour, which was both domestically and commercially convenient for local farmers.

The importance of a grist mill to a community cannot be overestimated. For pioneer families, their proximity to a local mill was "essential for economic survival and success" according to Ontario historians



Maguire's Gorrie Mill c. 1950s.

Helma and Nick Mika.

Indeed, "the mill sites became a focus for community enterprise and a nucleus of a village."

By 1881, *Lovell's Gazetteer of British North America* listed Gorrie as having a 'large sawmill', shingle mill, two tanneries, iron foundry, carriage and cheese factories, drill shed, telegraph office two hotels and three churches with a population of 400.

Maitland Mill historian, Mary Feldskov, writes that "for a community still in the early stages of development, the establishment" of the Gorrie "Mill site was a definite asset to its growth and encouraged people to settle in the area."

In addition, to milling, the Gorrie Mill, also served as a Methodist meeting house for the devout Leech brothers.

The *Belden Atlas* noted that "the great benefit accruing to the community therefrom may be judged of from the fact that during the next winter" there were "as many as sixty ox-teams were counted at one time at the Gorrie Mill, whose drivers were waiting their turns to deliver grists."

Edward and his brothers ran the mill for 22 years before selling it to William Dane

(JAYNE THOMPSON, MVCA PHOTO)

in 1879 (in 1879, local Conservatives hosted a 'political picnic' for Sir John A Macdonald on the grounds adjacent to the mill).

Dane retooled the mill so that it could run day and night. However, in April 1893, a great rainstorm flooded and broke the Gorrie Mill dam.

The *East Huron Gazette* estimated that "the loss to Mr. Dane will scarcely be less than \$2,000 and will require several months' time to repair."

Despite the havoc wreaked on the mill's operations, the dam was re-built and the mill was back in operation for the harvest season.

The Gorrie Mill had several owners over the decades and had acquired the name Dominion Mill when Benjamin Maguire purchased it in 1922 for the sum of \$7,000.

Although the mill retained the name Dominion, it was known simply as Maguire's Mill. However, modern technology like electricity and auto and rail transportation meant that grains could be transported to larger mills farther away.

Milling at the Gorrie Mill increasingly slowed down during Maguire's ownership.

According to Helen Stephens, in an 1995

interview with Medskov, Maguire ran the mill with the help of only one other employee, Tom Short, who worked at the mill from 1907 until 1948.

Stephens recalled that Maguire was "so relaxed and the farmers all came in and they'd spend time talking to him."

Maguire was also kind to children giving them a nickel for their birthdays. Stephens remembered that by the time Maguire closed the mill in 1962, it was still milling but "it was more a gathering place for the old fellows."

In 1962, the mill site was purchased by the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) because the mill dam provided flood control for the mill and surrounding parklands which were on a flood plain.

Until the 1990s, the mill was used primarily for storage by the MVCA, but its wheels and machinery were still intact.

As early as 1977, a group of Gorrie citizens studied the possibility of restoring the old mill.

In 1994, a group of heritage-minded citizens met with MVCA directors about the possibility of restoring the mill as historic and cultural resource that would attract tourists to the area; provide employment and be an educational resource for industrial, social, cultural and natural history.

The MCVA agreed in principle according to the *Wingham Advance Times*. It was hoped that by 2000 the mill machinery would be restored and by 2006, the mill machinery would be operational for demonstration purposes.

The Howick area held several fundraising events like outdoor concerts, barbecues, corn roasts and a cookbook despite local interest and support, the project proved too expensive.

As late as 2019, the Maitland Mills Association tried to restore the Gorrie Mill to its former glory.

Yet, without funding, the MCVA was forced to decommission the dam and dismantle the mill in December 2021.

The dismantled mill was sold to a heritage site in the U.S. where it has been reconstructed. It is ironic that an important piece of Canadian history lives on display in America.



The picturesque Gorrie Mill in 2006.

(JAYNE THOMPSON, MVCA PHOTO)



Gorrie Mill dismantled in December 2021 to be shipped to the U.S.

(SUSAN ADAMS PHOTO)

Invasive plant of the month: Goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*)

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Looking in yards in Bayfield and surrounding areas, one will notice the Ivy, Lily of the Valley and Periwinkle in the right way.

Looking on the trails, and you'll notice Goutweed.

These invasive plants are spreading rapidly and crowding out native plants that serve a critical function in the ecosystem.

As you begin to remove the invasive species in your own yard, you can replace them with native plants and will see an increase in biodiversity, especially with pollinators.

Focus on Goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*):

Goutweed is a perennial, herbaceous plant, native to northern Asia and Europe. It was first introduced into America by European settlers during the mid-1800s.

Two varieties exist – variegated and non-variegated.

This plant has been naturalized and locally abundant since the 1960s due to its appeal as an attractive garden ornamental.

Aside from its aesthetic appeal, Goutweed's popularity in gardening was mainly due to its low maintenance requirements, adaptability to various soil and light conditions, and its ability to grow and spread with little encouragement.

Today, Goutweed is regarded as one of the most problematic perennial garden species.

Despite the harm it causes, it is not currently regulated under Ontario's Invasive Species Act, and it still com-



monly sold in garden centres.

Various other common names exist for Goutweed including Ground Elder, Bishop's Goutweed, Dog Elder and Snow-on-the-Mountain.

Outside of its native range, Goutweed is a highly aggressive species capable of overrunning forests, displacing habitats, and reducing native biodiversity.

Goutweed is a habitat generalist, meaning it can thrive

in a wide variety of soil and light conditions, and is highly adaptable to many different environments.

It is highly shade-tolerant and can even invade closed-canopy forests. It can take over fields, trails, tree lines, pastures and disturbed sites where it produces leaves earlier than many native species, giving it an advantage.

Goutweed can also reduce the survival rate of native tree and shrub seedlings by increasing the humidity and reducing sunlight penetration near the herbaceous layer of the forest floor.

In addition, Goutweed's flowers attract pollinators, altering native plant-pollinator interactions, and possibly decreasing the pollination of the native species.

Goutweed is an extremely resilient plant and once established, can take multiple years to effectively eradicate from an area because it spreads rapidly through a network of rhizomes, allowing it to extend up to 70 cm per year from its parent plant.

The rhizomes easily break, giving rise to new plants from the fragmented pieces. These pieces can survive in the soil for over four years, so avoid planting and sharing Goutweed.

How to Manage Goutweed:

Managing Goutweed is challenging but achievable with persistence and a multi-step approach.

Manual Removal:

Removal is most effective when the soil is moist. Small areas can be dug out by using a shovel, ensuring all parts of the rhizome roots are removed.

Pieces of root left behind can promote reproduction and worsen the spread.

Do not put plants in the compost or municipal green waste. Put them in the garbage instead.

Smothering:

Tarping is another method to effectively prevent Goutweed photosynthesis. Tarping is the most practical during the early spring and can be done with any solid material such as black plastic tarps, sheeting or cardboard.

Cutting Goutweed back to ground level before smothering is most effective and should be done before flowering.

Herbicide Treatment:

Alternatively, larger areas can be eradicated by a herbicide application. Use herbicides only as a last resort, following local regulations to minimize environmental harm.

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 choice would be Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*) or Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*).

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

For more information visit www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca or www.ccipr.ca

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

Goderich Honda customer appreciation draw winners



Recently Goderich Honda held a customer appreciation draw worth \$10,000. Jason and Allison Masse were the winners, seen here with their children, receiving a cheque for \$10,000.

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Chamber golf tournament raises \$2,000 for Huron Women's Shelter

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Held earlier this summer and presented by Hurontel, more than 50 golfers attended the annual Huron Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

Golfers enjoyed a day of fun, networking and competition, while raising much-needed funds for an essential local service.

The golf tournament raised \$2,000 in support of the Huron Women's Shelter.

A Chamber member, the shelter provides safety, support, and resources for women and families experiencing domestic violence.

"Events like this show that the Chamber is more than just a network of businesses," said Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

"We are a community of members – businesses, non-profits, and individuals – working side by side to build a better Huron County. The golf tournament is a perfect example of members helping members."



The Huron Chamber's golf tournament raised \$2,000 for the Huron Women's Shelter. (L-R): Ryan McClinchey, General Manager of Hurontel, Genelle Reid, representing the Huron Women's Shelter, Tom Williscraft of Blackburn Media and Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Setting intentions for better mental health



TANYA MACINTYRE,
RED ROOF RECOVERY

Sun Contributor

Many people think success is about luck, talent, or working harder. But success is a science that follows predictable patterns. If you understand the patterns - and follow the right formula - you can usually get the results you want.

During our SMART meetings (SMART is an acronym for Self Management And Recovery Training), we share:

- Our challenges.

- Our wins.
- Our intentions.

We start with challenges so we can "use a tool" that can help us overcome the challenges the next time they crop up. There's no shortage of challenges in life, so it's always good to be prepared with the right tools.

Once we review and practice the tools, we celebrate our wins. This helps to change the air in the room like a refreshing breeze.

We end the meeting by sharing our intentions for the days ahead. I prefer to use the word intention instead of goal because that word comes with too much baggage for me.

Here are some easy steps to get what you want:

Step 1: Clarity. Know Exactly What You Want.

"What do you want?"

Most people answer with something like, "I want to be happy." or "I want to be successful." But that's too vague.

Having a clear and specific intention is key to getting what you want. Define your intention in one clear sentence. It also helps to visualize it daily. Your mind works best when it knows exactly where it's going.

Example: "I will exercise for at least 15 minutes every day so I can feel more energized." Or "I will save \$20 every week/month so I can feel more financially secure."

Step 2: Make your plan.

What are the steps you need to take to get to where you want to be?

You can easily create your success strategy by reverse-engineering your intention. What steps would someone take who already has what you want?

Break it down: What needs to happen today, this week, this month? Track your progress - what gets measured gets managed.

Step 3: Action: Move Before

You're Ready.

Remember, success is a science - and action is the most important ingredient.

Most people wait until they feel ready, but successful people know that action creates readiness. They start before they have all the answers, and they adjust as they go.

Stop overthinking. Make a specific decision and commit to it. Take one step toward your intention right now - even if it's small. Trust that clarity comes from action, not waiting.

Step 4: Be Consistent & Persistent.

Anyone can act once, but success is about what you do daily. You can stay consistent by eliminating distractions that might pull you away from your plan. Set non-negotiable habits that move you closer to where you want to be.

Use an accountability partner to track progress, set deadlines,

and get support.

Remember, success is a science. When you apply the right formula, results are inevitable.

When you have clarity, strategy, action, and consistency, you'll achieve what you want - no matter where you're starting from.

As always, when you want some help, I'm here. Even if you don't feel committed, we can work together to create a personalized blueprint for your success. Send me an email: redroofrecovery@gmail.com.

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OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Getting behind the scenes with the Blue Jays



PAUL KNOWLES

Sun Columnist

Once upon a time, long ago and sometimes far away, I was given a dream assignment: write a book about players on the Toronto Blue Jays. It was published right at the start of regular season, 1986, and it featured chapters about Jesse Barfield, Lloyd Moseby, Tony Fernandez, Willie Upshaw, Mark Eichhorn and Kelly Gruber, among others.

I was sent to Dunedin for a week in spring training where I got to know all these terrific athletes and, frankly, terrific people. Then back to Toronto for the weeks prior to season opening.

The book, *Home Run: The Personal Profiles of Champion Athletes*, went into two printings. The foreword to the book was contributed by Gary Carter. Like I said, a dream job.

And why, other than sentimental nostalgia, did I bring this up today? That's because of a tour we did a couple of weeks ago – a tour of the new parts of the renovated Rogers Centre, home of today's Blue Jays.

See, when I was hanging out



The wall of baseball cards in the Heinz 328 Club.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTOS)

with the Blue Jays, their home was Exhibition Stadium; open to the elements, terrible seating and occasional pre-game snow-removal challenges.

Not so, today. Rogers Centre (which those of us of a certain age will always call "Skydome") is a state-of-the-art sports stadium. We joined a pre-game tour of the place and by and large, it was a pretty interesting experience. Tours are run all season long, several times a day. It's not wildly expensive – the classic tour costs \$40 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$25 for kids, though you can also spring for a pre-game tour at twice that price, which is longer and includes batting practice, or an "ultimate pre-game tour" with a price tag well into three figures. We were hosted by Destination Toronto on the pre-game tour.

As Blue Jays fans know, Rogers Centre has just undergone some

major renovations. A venue that once was home to other sports apart from baseball, it is now a dedicated space for baseball and concerts only. So, the designers were able to change the configurations of the ballpark and make – so they claim, I think accurately – all of the seats more suited to watching a ball game.

Now, to tell you the truth, I am of two minds about the pre-game tour. There's a lot of good stuff for sure. We got to see, up close, the Jays' World Series Championship trophies. In the same room are housed the Gold Glove trophies of Vladimir Guerrero Jr., José Berriós, Vernon Wells, Devon White, Tony Fernandez and Jesse Barfield.

That's the good news. The bad news for the average fan is that these key bits of memorabilia are kept in the Rogers Banner Club, accessible only to folks who have

TD Premium Access or to people like us on a tour.

And that pattern was repeated throughout the tour. We saw the much-touted new wall of Blue Jay baseball cards, but it's in the Heinz 328 Club named for the foul pole on the first base side of the park; it's located 328 feet from home plate, and the base of the pole is right in the wall of the club. The 328 Club is also an exclusive venue open only to members who have paid extra for the privilege.

The tour takes visitors to a few other similar locations, including a very high-end corporate box. You get to see a lot of photos of famous players and plenty of memorabilia, but at the same time, the tour gets to feel a little like a sales job: "You, too, could enjoy these amenities at a price."

For us, the highlight of the tour was to be on the field, carefully

corralled behind a rope, to watch Blue Jays batting practice. And while we were there, the batters up were Vlado, Bo Bichette, George Springer and Daulton Varsho. For true Jays fans, that experience was probably worth the price of admission.

We also had tickets to the game – good seats, but not in a special section. We discovered that once in the stadium for a pre-game tour (for which you also must have game tickets), you can't leave between the tour and the game. But again, some good news – it was Loonie Dog night, so dining out wasn't wildly expensive. And the Jays won a tightly contested and exciting game.

So, bottom line; is the tour worth the money? For die-hard Jays fans, I would say yes. The chance to get behind the scenes and see trophies, photos and other memorabilia (including a bat used by José Bautista in the famous bat-flipping game) is somewhere near priceless to the dedicated lover of all things Jays.

And I must confess, I did get a bit nostalgic for those days when I could actually sit in the Exhibition Park Jays' dugout before a game and wander on the field with Tony, Lloyd and Jesse. But for a guy now long disconnected from the team, the tour and the game were highly enjoyable experiences in their own right.

Paul Knowles is an author and travel writer, and past-president of the Travel Media Association of Canada. To contact Paul about travel, his books, or speaking engagements, email pknowles@golden.net.



Gold Gloves won by Blue Jays: from top, left to right, Vladimir Guerrero Jr., José Berriós, Devon White, Vernon Wells, Tony Fernandez and Jesse Barfield.



One of the two World Series trophies won by the Jays.



Memorabilia from José Bautista and Edwin Encarnación.

COMING EVENTS

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MACKAY CHORISTERS

On Thursday, September 18 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Lakeshore United Church.

Looking for a choir family? Come join the MacKay Choristers, Huron County's daytime choir.

Weekly rehearsals every Thursday morning.

For more information: singers@themackaychorister.ca

DEATH CAFÉ WITH HURON HOSPICE

On Thursday, September 18 from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at Huron County Museum.

STOLEN CHILDREN: RUSSIA'S ABDUCTIONS IN UKRAINE

On Thursday, September 18 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Huron County Museum.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress, London Branch, invites you to a presentation and discussion with excerpts from the film Uprooted.

Guest speakers: Professor Oleksa Drachewych, PhD, with Mr. Dan Ward, MACPRP.

Admission is free.

BIA THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

On Thursday evenings at the bandshell in downtown Goderich at 7 p.m.

LINE DANCE LOUNGE

On Thursdays at the Goderich Legion at 7 p.m.

TECH TIME

On Friday mornings from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Goderich Library.

Registration required.

Book a 30-minute session to get help with how to use library e-resources, your new device or your email account.

Admission is free.

MEAT DRAW AT THE LEGION

On Friday, September 19 at 5 p.m., followed by a round of karaoke.

JOKEY OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 150 Mitchell Street in Goderich.



Auburn & District Lions Club Breakfast

Auburn Memorial Community Hall
Sunday, October 5, 2025
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Tours will be given every 30 minutes.

Please wear closed-toe shoes. Admission is free.

FILM SCREENING OF PARADE: QUEER ACTS OF LOVE AND RESISTANCE

On Saturday, September 20 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Huron County Museum.

This is a free, drop-in event. Seats are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

MIND MOJO FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH

On the first Friday of every month at 2 p.m., held at the MacKay Centre.

Mind Mojo is a mental fitness toolkit that blends mindfulness with cognitive strategies to help manage thoughts, moods, feelings and behaviours.

SMART RECOVERY MEETINGS

Hosted every Sunday from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Red Roof Recovery.

BIA FARMER'S MARKET

On Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in downtown Goderich.

The market will run every Saturday until October.

Tech 101 Workshops

On Saturday, September 20 from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Goderich Library.

GIGANTIC USED BOOK SALE

On Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church Gym in Goderich.

Donations of books, CDs and DVDs wanted before September 19.

Call 519-524-7512 to arrange drop-off or for more information.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE LEGION

On Saturday, September 20 at 5 p.m. featuring Mat Gauthier.

BIA SUNDAY MARKET

On Sundays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in downtown Goderich.

The market will run every Sunday until October.

Band Jam and Silent Auction

On Sunday, September 21 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Goderich Legion.

DECORATION DAY AT MAITLAND CEMETERY

On Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAYS

On Wednesday, September 24 at 9 a.m. Goderich Legion. An educational seminar discussing challenges and changes,

people and events that made us.

LOCAL TALENT SPOTLIGHT

On Wednesday, September 24 from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. at Boston Pizza.

Open mic and karaoke night.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

On Thursday, September 25 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Goderich Place.

Discussing Power of Attorney, Joint Accounts, and Beneficiaries.

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BRITISH HOME CHILDREN IN HURON COUNTY

On Thursday, September 25 from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Huron County Museum.

Join Sinead Cox for a presentation on the experiences of British migrant children placed in Huron County between the 1860s and the 1940s as farm labourers and domestic help.

This presentation is free or by donation.

THE LIVERY FILM FEST: THE LIFE OF CHUCK

On Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. at Park Theatre. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

WITS AND GIGGLES

On Friday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Goderich Legion.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE LEGION

On Saturday, September 27 at 5 p.m. featuring Irish Cowboys.

MIND MOJO WITH TANYA MACINTYRE

On Friday, October 3 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the MacKay Centre for Seniors.

HURON COUNTY ART SHOW AND SALE

On Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. at Huron County Museum.

Times vary. Please see Huron County Museum website for more information.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

This peer-led group meets once a month at Bayfield Library on Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming dates are September 27, October 18 and November 22.

ANNUAL TEXTILE SHOW AND SALE

On Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 2 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Huron County Museum.

Presented by Goderich Quilters' Guild, Huron Tract Spinners and Weavers, and Y2K Rug Bugs.

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Riddles

Why do trees hate going back to school in autumn?
Because they're easily stumped.

What did one autumn leaf say to the other?
"I'm falling for you!"

Why was the scarecrow promoted?
Because he was outstanding in his field.

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?
Squash!

Why don't autumn leaves ever get in trouble?
They always fall in line.

What's a tree's least favorite month?
Sep-timber!

Why are pumpkins so good at sports?
Because they have a lot of squash.

What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter?
Pumpkin π .

Why did the apple stop rolling down the hill?
Because it ran out of juice.

What's a scarecrow's favorite fruit?
Straw-berries.

Why did the leaf go to the doctor?
Because it was feeling a little green.

Sudoku

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Featured Pets



BOWIE

Bowie is 7, a rescue originally named Humphrey Bogard who was renamed after David Bowie.

Bowie loves his family so much that he can not be apart from them for any amount of time and he would like everyone to know he's sorry that he barks so much when folks walk by, he just can't help but say hello



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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF TRAUTE PEEVER
BELOVED WIFE, MOTHER, OMA, SISTER, AND
FRIEND**

It is with deep sadness that the family of Traute Peever announces her passing. Traute was the cherished wife of Dick Peever, with whom she shared a loving marriage for over 57 years. Together, they built a life rooted in family, love, and unwavering support for one another. Dad admired mom's strength, elegance, intelligence, love of life, and her stunning beauty.

Family was always Traute's greatest accomplishment and the center of her world. She took immense pride in the lives and achievements of her children and grandchildren, and her love for them was boundless and unconditional.

Traute was the devoted mother of Christy (Doug), Heidi (John), Jim (Jane). She was a proud and loving Oma to James, Richard, Ian, Lisa, and Robin, all of whom brought her laughter, immeasurable joy and pride. Mom was proud of her German heritage and family; born in 1937, in Itzehoe, Germany in the northernmost province of Schleswig-Holstein. The daughter of Irmgard and Johannes Thomsen; she is also survived by her dear sister, Ute Dammann (Peter) and her nephews, Oliver (Tanya) and Sven (Andrea), and their children. After marrying Dick, she became a dedicated partner in all aspects of their life together, supporting his many ventures in sports, business, and beyond. Family holidays, including many sailing adventures in the North Channel and around the world, ski trips, and weekends skiing at Devil's Glen Country Club since 1965, were highlights for mom. Being surrounded by family is what she cherished most.

In her early years, Traute worked as a model, admired for her grace and elegance, followed by various endeavors such as College Sports, where she worked with dad as a buyer and a trusted resource. Later in life, Traute found a second professional calling at Diamond Aircraft as the EA to the various Presidents. She held the position of Industrial Programs Co-ordinator; Translator; and was liaison and trusted confidant of the Trapp-Dries family, who were the original owners. She was beloved by colleagues and respected for her honesty, kindness, and exceptional work ethic. Traute had a rare ability to lead with both strength and compassion, and she left a lasting mark wherever she worked. Beyond her professional life, it is important to recognize that the many businesses and family ventures that she and Dick were involved in would not have been successful without her steadfast input, wisdom, and support.

Generations of friends, family and those who knew Traute will remember her as deeply kind, unfailingly honest, adventurous, and always supportive. Her warmth, integrity, beauty, and strong spirit touched the lives of many, and her legacy will live on through the family she loved so dearly.

She will be missed beyond words and remembered with love, always.

A private interment has occurred. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sept 24th from 4-6 pm at the London Hunt & Country Club, London, Ontario and on Sept 28th from 2-4 pm at the River Run Restaurant, Goderich. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Parkwood Hospital, the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario, or a charity of choice.

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CLARK: PHILIP FORDYCE

On September 8th, 2025, Philip Fordyce Clark passed away peacefully, at his home, surrounded by his family, in his 78th year. Despite 30 years of significant health challenges and health scares, Phil was a man of quick wit, tenacious determination (or sheer stubbornness) and a heart as big as the farm he worked for most of his life. It was that same determination that carried him through life with a smile and a laugh, no matter what was thrown his way. Phil was born on April 30, 1948 to Irene and Fordyce Clark (predeceased). He was the baby of his family, much to amusement of his older siblings; Mary (predeceased by Lawrence Nesbitt and Bob Whitehead), Margaret (Jim Latimer), Carolyn (predeceased by Wayne Binney) and his brother George and Peggy Buckley (both predeceased).

In grade 12, he met the girl who would become his life partner for 55 years, Joan Fisher. Phil and Joan married in 1970 and Phil inherited wonderful in-laws, Arnold and Eleanor Fisher (predeceased), sister Shirley and Dan O'Brien (both predeceased) and two brothers, Bruce (Gloria) and Doug (Cathy) Fisher.

Together, Phil and Joan took over the Clark family farm and raised 4 children, Alison (Wen Sluys), Susan (Chris MacIntyre), Jeff (Coralie Dykstra) and Shauna (Nic Armstrong). It was a beautiful place for a family to live and grow.

Phil was a man who enjoyed life's simple pleasures; his farm and animals, especially his dogs, a good game of black jack or euchre, watching Fox News, and his pride and joy, his 10 beloved grandchildren; Cameron (Sydonay Weales), Kellen Brenner, Ryan, Eleanor and Anna MacIntyre, Isaac, Ethan, Will and Charlotte Armstrong and Olive Clark. He was always quietly (but fiercely) rooting for the people he loved. No trophies, no big speeches — just unwavering support and the kind of loyalty that meant your biggest fan might show up with half of his foot but his whole heart.

Phil's generosity was the quiet kind, but you could trip over it everywhere. He gave freely — of his time, his wallet, his tools and machinery and his heart. If someone needed a hand, a meal, or just someone to sit with them in silence, Phil showed up.

Phil will be deeply missed by his wife, his children, his grandchildren, siblings and siblings in law, cousins, nephews and nieces (predeceased by Jennifer O'Brien and Jared Fisher) and his very dear friends.

Phil was very thankful to his wonderful- and- vast health-care team who took such excellent care of him over the years. We are forever grateful for all of the "bonus" years. See you in the movies.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held at Falconer Funeral Homes - Bluewater Chapel, 201 Suncoast Drive, East Goderich on Monday, September 15th from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 16th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon with the Celebration of Life commencing at 12:00 pm. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Earlier this year, Phil discovered that the support boot he had after his foot amputation was cost prohibitive to many people who would greatly benefit from this piece of medical equipment. It was his wish that in lieu of flowers, we collected donations so that he could provide boots for people who need it most. E-transfer of memorial donations in Phil's memory to philsbootfund@gmail.com would be very appreciated. Additionally, donations gratefully accepted to Clinton Public Hospital and Lupus Ontario.

Messages of condolence for Phil's family are welcome at www.falconerfuneralhomes.com

OBITUARY

**JONES: BARBARA EVELYN (TILLMANN)
(September 9, 1950 - September 9, 2025)**

Barbara E. (Tillmann) Jones passed away on September 9, 2025 at Southbridge Long Term Care Home in Goderich after a long illness.

Her parents were Jack and Eileen (Peg) Tillmann of London. Barbara's older brother Anthony (Tony), predeceased her in 2020. She is survived by her sister in law, Anne Tillmann of London. She leaves her sister, Joan (Tillmann) Cluff and her husband Robert of Bayfield, and many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was raised in London where she attended Ryerson and St. Michael's Elementary Schools, and her high school years were spent at Mount St. Joseph Academy. She enrolled at Western University, completing a B.A. and then went on to Brock University for her Master's Degree in Education.

After a year at Teachers' College, she was hired by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board to teach junior classes. Several years later Barbara studied at the Brantford School for the Blind and was employed again by the Dufferin-Peel School Board to teach visually-impaired and blind children from kindergarten to grade 12. She retired in 1994.

Barbara married Frederick George Jones in 1977, after which she and Fred enjoyed many long hours on their sail boat. Fred died in 1988, and in 1990 Barbara's father passed away. Barbara and her mother moved to the family cottage in Bayfield.

After relocating to Goderich in 2010, Barbara became active in St. Peter's C.W.L., the I.O.D.E. Maple Leaf Chapter, and she served as a member of the Board of the Reuben Sallow's Gallery for several years.

Cremation has taken place. Private interment will be in London at a later date.

A Celebration of Life Gathering was held at the Little Inn in Bayfield.

Memorial donations in Barbara's memory to C.N.I.B., Ontario SPCA or the I.O.D.E. Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich would be gratefully appreciated.

Barbara will be remembered as kind and caring.

Arrangements entrusted to Falconer Funeral Homes - Bluewater Chapel, Goderich.

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A heavy sky moves in at the end of August. Taken from the Coast neighbourhood in the south end of Goderich on August 28.

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