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Goderich Lions proud to contribute \$20,000 to Goderich Memorial Community Centre

CHAPIN KOROSEC
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CORRECTION: Due to human error the incorrect amount of funds contributed by Goderich Lions to the Goderich Memorial Community Centre was printed in the April 30 issue of the Goderich Sun. Originally printed stated \$200,000 was donated, but the correct figure is \$20,000:

The Goderich Lions Club is proud to contribute \$20,000 to the continued improvement and development of the Goderich Memorial Community Centre.

This investment reflects the Lions Club's commitment to strengthening the heart of the community and supporting a space that brings together people through recreation, connection and shared experiences.

The Lions Club is equally pleased to deepen its involvement by having Lions member Cecilia Fulker join the Centre's board, helping to guide its future growth and impact, and are excited to contribute towards its continued development.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO) Forty-two HuronTel staff and three board members presented AMGH Foundation board chair Laura Herman and Magnetic Moments cabinet member Ben Hogervorst with a \$200,000 donation towards the MRI campaign.

HuronTel donates \$200,000 to support MRI campaign at Alexandra Marine and General Hospital

KATHLEEN SMITH
Editor

Another major contribution was made to the Magnetic Moments MRI campaign, pushing the total raised to date to \$2,596,089.

HuronTel recently contributed \$200,000 to the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) to boost fundraising efforts for an MRI machine.

Staff in Lucknow made a cheque presentation to AMGH helping move the campaign closer to its goal of providing local access to advanced diagnostic imaging.

According to AMGH, once installed, the MRI machine will reduce the need for patients and families across Huron

and Bruce counties to travel for essential care and significantly reduce lengthy wait times for a scan.

"As we progress towards our \$6,500,000 fundraising goal over two years, we are so grateful for HuronTel's outstanding commitment to giving back and supporting healthcare close to home," expressed Dr. Tiffany Kittmer, chair of the Magnetic Moments campaign.

"Gifts like this one show us how deeply the local business community cares about supporting health care infrastructure. The longstanding generosity of our local businesses is such an asset to the local health care system."

According to HuronTel, a long-standing community-focused organisation, accessible healthcare is important and will positively impact residents throughout the region.

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Red Dress Day brings community together to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people

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Red Dress Day uses the image of empty red dresses displayed in public spaces to represent the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been taken by violence.

Since its creation by Metis artist Jaime Black in 2010, the installation has become a powerful and widely recognised symbol across Canada.

On May 5, Artemis Huron, alongside community partners, marked Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness and

Remembrance.

“Red Dress Day is a time to honour the lives of Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people, and to recognize the deep and ongoing impacts of this violence,” says Corey Allison, Executive Director of Artemis Huron.

“It is also a call to action, for individuals, communities, and systems, to confront the conditions that allow this violence to continue.”

Indigenous women and girls continue to face disproportionately high rates of violence.

According to national data, First Na-

tions, Métis, and Inuit women are significantly more likely to experience violence and are overrepresented among missing and murdered persons in Canada.

These realities are rooted in the ongoing impacts of colonialism, systemic racism, and gender-based violence.

This year, Artemis Huron is inviting businesses and community members across Huron County to participate by hanging red dresses in storefronts, windows, and public spaces.

When displayed collectively, these dresses create a visible and powerful reminder of lives lost and the urgency of

justice and change.

Red Dress Day also connects to the 231 Calls for Justice outlined in the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls’ Final Report, which calls on governments, institutions, and all Canadians to take meaningful action to address the root causes of violence.

Artemis Huron stands in solidarity with Indigenous communities in honouring those who are missing and those who have been taken, and in the ongoing work toward justice, healing, and systemic change.

Summer Company gives young entrepreneurs a start with guidance, structure and support

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In a recent interview on the Chamber Connect Podcast, Tricia Denomme of the Huron Business Centre explained how the Summer Company program works and why it matters.

For many students, summer work means picking up shifts, earning some money and heading back to school. Summer Company offers something different.

This program offers young people in Huron County the chance to spend the summer building a business of their own

making entrepreneurship feel possible rather than intimidating.

Offered through the Huron Business Centre, Summer Company is open to students aged 15 to 29 who are returning to school.

According to the Chamber, participants in Summer Company receive business training, one-on-one support, and up to \$3,000 in grant funding to help launch and operate a summer business.

Students are not just encouraged to try a business idea; they are taught how to think like business owners.

This could include the visible side of the work, whether lawn care, apparel, food or another service, but it also includes less obvious responsibilities that come

with running an enterprise.

Budgeting, scheduling, marketing, customer communication, invoicing and planning all become part of the experience with Summer Company.

This is an important facet of the program as all entrepreneurs run into the same problem – they know the service they want to provide, but not necessarily the business systems that surround it.

Summer Company helps bridge that gap and it gives students a chance to learn what it means to work not only in a business, but on a business.

According to the Chamber, running a small business for a summer builds initiative, confidence and practical workplace skills.

It teaches responsibility in a way that is hard to replicate in a classroom and gives

participants an experience that can stand out on a resume or in future applications.

In a rural setting like Huron County, these opportunities carry added weight. Small business plays an outsized role in local communities, and programs like Summer Company help young people see a place for themselves within that economy.

Some from the program may discover a long-term entrepreneurial path, while others may simply gain a better understanding of business, work and their own capabilities.

Applications for this year’s Summer Company program are open through May 15.

To apply visit Huron Chamber of Commerce’s website: <https://huronchamber.ca/>

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Mapping Your Future Workforce to show participants how to navigate hiring newcomers to Canada

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Huron County Immigration Partnership, Huron Chamber of Commerce, the Township of North Huron and WILL Employment Solutions are offering a workshop titled Mapping Your Future Workforce.

Business owners, human resource professionals and organisations are encouraged to attend the workshop on June 4.

With workforce gaps in the Huron County labour force, businesses and organisations are increasingly turning to international talent to address workforce shortages.

This workshop will show participants how to navigate hiring and onboarding newcomers to Canada.

Employment expert Celeste Gray will lead an interactive session that aims to provide participants with practical strategies to ensure they hire the right people and create a workplace that feels inclusive

for everyone, regardless of background.

“People will learn about things like skills mapping, how to identify a candidate’s transferable skills, what risks to avoid in hiring, and how to best help newcomers to Canada feel like they belong in the workplace,” Gray explained.

Gray is the Team Lead of an Employer Engagement Project at WILL Employment Solutions.

With support from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the event will also feature the launch of a new publication that aims to be a tool for employers on how to recognise transferrable skills newcomers to Canada bring and how to effectively onboard staff.

“Whether you’re a large employer or a small to medium-sized business, this session will provide practical tools to help you hire smarter, retain talent longer, and build a stronger, more inclusive rural workforce,” Gray added.

This new publication that will be

launched was created through a collaborative effort led by the Immigration Partnership.

Representatives from eight organisations identified challenges that business owners face when considering hiring newcomers to Canada.

“The guide highlights how those challenges can be overcome, with guidance from other employers who have successfully integrated newcomers into their workforce,” explained Ritu Bhardwaj, North Huron’s economic development officer and the chair of the Immigration Partnership Employment Working Group.

According to Colin Carmichael, executive director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce, this workshop is timely and key for employers who wish to grow.

With a small and rural population, an aging workforce, persistently tight labour conditions, and local employers who are often competing for the same limited pool of workers, Carmichael explains that new

Canadians are already helping fill critical roles.

The long-term economic strength will depend on how well this region welcomes, retains and supports newcomers.

“For employers, this is not just about recruitment. It is about building workplaces where people can put their skills and experience to work, feel a sense of belonging, and see a future for themselves and their families in Huron County,” added Carmichael.

“The Chamber is pleased to sponsor this event and support a practical resource that will help local businesses think more intentionally about the workforce they need today and the workforce our communities will rely on tomorrow.”

The morning event takes place in the lower hall of the Blyth Festival Theatre on June 4 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The workshop is free, but sign-up is required. Those interested in attending can sign up at <https://bit.ly/mapyourworkforce>

Choosing Grace: Moments that matter

PAMELA CLAYFIELD

Sun Correspondent

By late May, life seems to speed up. The days are full, the evenings stretch long, and the calendar starts to look a little busier. It’s easy to get swept up in the rush of it all — the yard work, the plans, the projects we’ve left just waiting for summer.

But May also offers us something precious: moments. Small, fleeting, beautiful moments that remind

us to slow down and savour the season. We all plan on having these memorable summers but then it flies by. Let’s all try to save those moments.

The first truly warm breeze.

The sound of children playing outside again.

The scent of lilacs drifting through an open window.

The simple joy of sitting on the porch without a jacket, maybe even wearing shorts.

These are the moments that anchor us, and the ones that remind us that life isn’t measured only in mile-

stones, but in the quiet, ordinary joys that fill our days.

These are the moments that remind us that life is so much more than our day-to-day hectic schedules.

As we move toward summer, may we pause long enough to notice the beauty around us.

May we gather these moments like petals, holding them close as reminders of how much grace can be found in the simplest things.

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Huron-Perth Catholic DSB students are triumphant at Skills Ontario Competition

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Students from Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB) schools competed at this year's Skills Ontario Competition in Toronto.

Competing against the top talent from across Ontario, elementary and secondary students demonstrated exceptional technical skill, teamwork and innovation in STEM and skilled trades.

According to Sean McDade, Superintendent of Education, these successes are a direct result of the board's commitment to providing hands-on learning opportunities that prepare students for the workforce.

"By engaging in these provincial challenges, students refine their problem-solving abilities and gain practical insights into career paths in engineering, technology and the skilled trades," said McDade in a press release statement.

HPCDSB continues to prioritise STEM through strategic investments in technolo-

gy and community partnerships.

"As part of our multi-year strategic plan, we remain dedicated to hosting district-wide competitions that serve as a springboard for our students to compete, and win, at the provincial level," added McDade.

"We extend our sincere gratitude to the teachers, families, and community supporters who have contributed to the success of these talented young professionals."

Students who reached the podium in

several highly competitive categories included a student from St. Michael's who earned a gold medal in aesthetics, a student team from Sacred Heart in Wingham who earned a gold medal in construction, a team from St. Joseph's in Clinton that earned a bronze medal in mechanical engineering, and a group from St. Joseph's in Clinton also secured a bronze in the newly introduced landscaping division.

For more information about the board's events visit huronperthcatholic.ca



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Cohen Taylor, George Davidson, Hayden Rathwell, Callum Dykstra of St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School in Clinton.



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Becket Noble, Connor Adams, Noble Diepstra, and Vaughn Bachert of Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School in Wingham.



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Reagan O'Brien, Nora Glutzen, Maeva Blake and Myla Lobb of St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School in Clinton.

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Bruce C planning advances, bringing regional opportunity into focus

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Recently the provincial government has announced support for the next stage of pre-development work on the proposed Bruce C project.

This is a step forward in exploring the addition of up to 4,800 megawatts of new nuclear generation at the Bruce Power site.

Although this announcement does not represent final project approval, it does advance the planning, technical analysis, engagement and assessment work needed before future decisions are made.

Pre-development work includes technology selection, workforce and commercial planning, site preparation cost estimates, cooling water strategies, community readiness, and Indigenous engagement.

This is a significant announcement for Huron County, as Bruce Power is a major regional employer and energy producer, and an important economic partner for communities across Bruce, Grey and Huron counties.

"At a time when our economy faces threats from abroad, Ontario's government is doubling down on made-in-Canada nuclear power," Stephen Lecce, Minis-

ter of Energy and Mines said.

"The Bruce C project will advance generational employment creating 18,900 net-new jobs, transforming Bruce Power into the world's largest nuclear generating facility."

According to Lecce, the government is thinking big and long-term for the largest nuclear expansion that will put 150,000 Canadians to work.

"This is the economic spark that will help Ontario reindustrialise, attract job creating investment, and keep power reliable for families, farms and businesses," added Lecce.

This announcement by Bruce Power estimates that Bruce C site could contribute more than \$238 billion to Canada's GDP over the project's lifespan, while creating and sustaining jobs during site preparation and construction.

In an independent poll conducted in Bruce, Grey and Huron counties, 86 per cent of residents support exploring the Bruce C Project, while 91 per cent believe it would be good for the area.

According to the Huron Chamber of Commerce, the announcement reinforces the importance of ensuring that regional businesses and communities are prepared to participate.

Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce says that nuclear development at this scale creates direct demand in highly specialised fields, while creating broader demand across the local economy. This includes construction, transportation, accommodations, food services, professional services, training, manufacturing, maintenance, logistics and other suppliers.

"Bruce Power's continued growth has clear relevance for Huron County," said Carmichael.

"The site may be in Bruce County, but the economic region is much broader than that. Businesses, workers, municipalities, training partners, and community organisations across Huron County have a stake in understanding what this could mean and preparing early so our communities are positioned to benefit responsibly."

Bruce Power has established a regional municipal assessment support fund for other local municipalities across Bruce, Grey and Huron counties.

According to Bruce Power, the fund will provide application-based support for assessments related to community readiness and local infrastructure planning.

Carmichael says that regional planning lens is important.

Large infrastructure projects can create economic opportunities, but also place pressure on communities if workforce, housing, transportation, services and infrastructure planning do not keep pace.

Early planning will matter in Huron County.

"Advancing early planning for Bruce C allows us to responsibly explore how additional nuclear generation on the Bruce site can play a crucial role in supporting Ontario's long-term energy needs and drive economic stability and growth," said James Scongack, Bruce Power's Chief Operating Office and Executive Vice-President.

"This work is about taking the right steps in gathering information, engaging meaningfully with Indigenous communities and municipalities, and ensuring that any future decisions have been well thought out and carefully scrutinised."

While Bruce C remains a proposed project in pre-development, businesses connected to construction, skilled trades, manufacturing, accommodations, transportation, professional services, training, workforce development, or community infrastructure should follow the process.

For more information visit Ontario.ca or <https://www.brucepower.com>

Catholic school board promotes inclusion during Autism Awareness Month

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A key focus this year has been the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board's (HPCDSB) commitment to neurodiversity education.

As Autism Awareness Month ends, the board is proud to highlight meaningful progress in fostering inclusive and supportive environments for all students, affirming that every child is a unique gift, created with inherent dignity and purpose.

During the 2025/2026 school year, nearly 50 training sessions were delivered across the system so far. This is an unprecedented milestone reflecting both the demand for and impact of this work.

"The growth we've seen this year re-

flects a shared commitment to inclusion across our schools," said Jessica Langan, Learning Coordinator of Special Education.

"When students understand and support one another, we create environments of true belonging where everyone can thrive."

According to the board, these training sessions take place in classrooms and are designed to help students better understand and support one another.

Some of the sessions include whole-class activities that build empathy and awareness of the many ways people experience and interact with the world, such as using alternative communication tools during

a shared activity.

Other sessions are more targeted, helping classmates better understand and connect with a specific student by focusing on strengths, shared interests, and ways to offer meaningful support.

The board explains that an impactful part of this work is when students are supported in leading their own presentations, sharing about themselves in their own voice and helping peers understand who they are.

All these approaches can be powerful and transformative for entire classrooms, helping create environments where students respect and genuinely

embrace one another.

Langan explains that these learning experiences in the training sessions are empowering students to become leaders and allies, while strengthening peer relationships and fostering a strong sense of belonging across school communities.

While Autism Awareness Month has concluded, the school board remains committed to continuing this important work by amplifying student voice, strengthening peer support, and fostering values where the dignity of every person is honoured and celebrated.

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Sprucing up the entrance to the Menesetung Bridge

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Finishing touches were completed on a landscaping project that has been in the works for two years.

On May 1, volunteers from the Rotary Club of Goderich and the Menesetung Bridge Association put the finishing touches on the trail.

This past week, the cedar timbers for the second planter had been assembled, levelled and secured.

According to the association, Gerry O'Brien provided his valuable construction expertise for the challenging angle cuts that needed to be performed on site.

In the morning, Matthew Selkirk of Selkirk Slopes had dug the postholes, back-filled the planter excavation, supplied the topsoil, and then packed the surrounding stone dust to level the site.

"It is a little soft for bicycles just now, but it will firm up quickly after a rain," he noted.

The Rotarian volunteers, organized by Doug Norsworthy, spent the afternoon installing the bench, and planting the native and pollinator friendly flowers and shrubs were curated by Colleen McGregor.

"We started planning this landscaping project in 2024," explained Mike Dawson,



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Rotarian volunteers helping at the entrance of the trail.

of the Menesetung Bridge Association.

"The Town was organizing reconstruction of North Harbour Road. We thought this would be a great opportunity to renew the trail entrance. It has been 35 years since the original planter had been installed."

Glenn Scheels suggested a general land-

scape plan, and Roman Turczyn produced the architectural sketches and design.

According to Dawson, the association was ready to get to work but there have been many steps taken to reach the finish line two years later.

Last year, the Menesetung Bridge was under repair, so the work site was not

accessible much of the time.

The first planter was completed in November, just before the cold weather hit.

Through the winter, Steve Boucher offered his workshop on Porter's Hill Line. He and Doug Norsworthy cut, sanded and finished the cedar timbers which were ready for assembly once the weather warmed up a little.

They then tackled the bench construction. The 10-foot-long cedar bench, finished with linseed oil, is sturdy and beautiful.

"We wish to thank the many volunteers who have assisted our efforts, and also the Peever Family of the Maitland Golf Resort who gave us much needed support," Dawson noted.

"We still have two large signs to install, to complete Roman's plan."

The more southerly sign will welcome visitors to Goderich and invite them to continue the trail to the beachfront, or to visit the Square and the many places of interest in the Town.

The second sign describes the trails that are accessible by crossing the bridge.

"The Tiger Dunlop Trail connects to the Maitland Trail, Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, G2G Rail Trail and now the Trans Canada Trail," added Dawson.

Erin Norsworthy of Enthizi Creative has been very patient, as the sign graphics have seen many revisions.

Dawson explained that several times he told her that everything looks perfect, only to have another interested group suggest some changes. Artech of Seaforth will be ready to install the signs in the next two to three weeks.

A grant from the Town of Goderich kickstarted the project. Many individuals have contributed to the cost of the signs, and both the Lions Club of Goderich and the Bruce Power Workers Union made major commitments.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Mike Dawson, Matthew Selkirk and Doug Norsworthy.

Central Huron exploring equipment purchases to reduce long-term costs

BRITTANY MCKAY

Sun Reporter

Central Huron Council is considering two equipment purchases aimed at reducing long-term operating costs for the municipality's roads department.

In a report presented to council on May 4, recommended using part of a surplus from the recent grader purchase to buy a used conveyor and a sifting bucket for the municipality's excavator.

The proposed purchases include:

- A used stacker conveyor at \$30,000
- A new or used sifting bucket for an excavator at an estimated cost of \$30,000

According to the report, the municipality currently pays outside contractors to stack winter sand at municipal sites. In 2025, Central Huron paid Huron County nearly \$9,600 for two days of sand stacking work in Londesborough and Holmesville.

Staff believe owning a conveyor would allow the municipality to handle the work internally, creating savings over time. The conveyor could also be used at gravel pits

and compost sites. A neighbouring municipality has also expressed interest in renting the equipment when needed, potentially generating additional revenue.

The second proposed purchase, a sifting bucket, would help staff separate stone from clay at the Dale Pit. Currently, the municipality screens sand to remove stone before using the material at the Josling Pit for gravel production.

The report estimates Central Huron spends approximately \$16,000 annually on sand screening. Staff say the sifting bucket could eliminate the need for screening for up to two years, allowing the equipment to pay for itself through operational savings.

Funding for the purchases would come from a \$124,532 surplus remaining from the municipality's grader acquisition, with staff recommending that \$60,000 be allocated toward the equipment.

The proposal aligns with several goals in Central Huron's Strategic Plan, including strong governance, economic development, and improved infrastructure.

Council is expected to review the recommendation as part of its ongoing budget and infrastructure planning discussions.

Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. What term describes a period of temporary economic decline?
2. What planet in our solar system has a longer day than it does a year?
3. How many minutes in a professional football/soccer match?
4. What city is known as the eternal city?
5. What company is the largest self driving taxi fleet in the world?
6. What land mammal has the strongest bite force?
7. What is the largest internal organ in the human body?
8. How many Stanley Cups do the Montreal Canadiens have?
9. Who carved Pinocchio?
10. What is a microscopic bear called?

This week's answers are found on pg. 30

Goderich Lions 'Taste of Goderich' event raises \$50,000

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Goderich Lions Club hosted its annual Taste of Goderich (TOG) event on May 2, featuring food and beverages from local suppliers.

Restaurants each provided small tapas style servings for the 280 attendees, and the evening also included a silent and live auction.

Participants in the annual event were treated to delicious menu items the likes of braised beef bourguignon, crunchy Asian wonton salad, pepperoni stinger pizza, mandarin chicken salad, sliders, fisherman's chowder, G-town cheesesteak wraps and karaage chicken bao.

Each restaurant set up a food station and patrons were served from the station.

This year's participating restaurants included Beach Street Station, Boston Pizza, Part II Bistro, Steve and Mary's on the Square and West Street Willy's. Desserts were provided by Added Touch Catering and Events, Culbert's Bakery and Blake Street Bakery.

"The food stations were amazing. They really go all out to make it fun and delicious. I am sure there is a bit of good-natured competitive spirit involved," expressed Mike Sully, this year's TOG



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Upwards of 280 attended the Taste of Goderich this year. The event raised \$50,000, which will go into the Lions Club general fund to be spent on community initiatives.

chairman.

"We are fortunate in Goderich to have businesses that want to selflessly give back to the community."

Businesses and individuals donated items for auction which attendees in total

bid over \$44,000 during the evening.

The Live auction which is a main feature of TOG was done by Ben Lobb and Glen McNeil. "They are true pros. They entertain and more importantly they get people to open their wallets. We are lucky

to have them," added Sully.

When this amount is added to the event sponsorships and net proceeds from tickets sales the total money raised will exceed \$50,000.

"One hundred per cent of the net proceeds go back into our community," explained Wayne Lyons, Goderich Lion's Club President.

"For me, it is fun and rewarding to see Lions, businesses and our community working together to make a difference for the people of Goderich. We need to remember and to support the businesses that give back, our community depends on it."

Funds raised go into the Lions general fund to be spent on a wide variety of community initiatives.

Annually, the Lions Club puts more than \$150,000 back into the community, supporting people in need, environmental initiatives, youth, health, recreation and seniors for both expenses and capital.

The Taste of Goderich has become an annual event over the last decade and restaurants volunteer to be part of it. Each year the event is limited to five restaurants.

Goderich Lions Club will be publishing a list of supporting businesses on their social media.

McDonald's Goderich general manager recognised with national award

DAN ROLPH

Sun Correspondent

The general manager of McDonald's in Goderich is being recognized as one of the company's top managers in Canada.

Amanda Walton, the general manager of the Goderich McDonald's, has received the McDonald's Outstanding Manager of the Year award for 2026, which is presented annually to the top five per cent of managers across the country.

"I'm honoured," said Walton. "It's definitely a privilege."

For Walton, who has been with the company for around 15 years, it is the second time she has been recognized by McDonald's for her leadership, having last received the same award in 2021.

McDonald's Goderich owner Justin Reid said winning the award is already a notable achievement, but earning it twice is rare in Canada.

"It's a pretty prestigious

award," he said.

Reid said Walton cares for the restaurant as if it were her own, and that her strong connection with her team makes her an effective leader both in the workplace and the wider community.

"She's just very good with people," he said. "That's the majority of leading the team."

"She's very motivated in that area, and she's very people driven. She likes to see her people succeed. She doesn't like to take any credit for stuff. It's all for her people."

When asked what it was that led to her receiving the award, Walton credited her team.

"(It was) the managers and the crew," she said. "It's definitely them and not me. They just make me look good."

With 2025 particularly being challenging a challenging year at the Goderich location due to renovations, Reid said Walton was vital in ensuring things went smoothly through a 21-day shutdown and the restaurant's



(DAN ROLPH PHOTO)

McDonald's Goderich general manager Amanda Walton has been recognized for her leadership as one of the company's top managers, receiving the Outstanding Manager of the Year award. Pictured are Walton and McDonald's Goderich owner Justin Reid.

reopening. He said she kept the team connected and organized through the weeks-long closure and ensured they were support-

ed throughout that time.

When the restaurant reopened, Reid said, the transition went smoothly thanks to Walton's

leadership.

"She got this place back open and energized," he said.

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Fishing Friendlyzy creates space for young anglers

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Unlike hockey, soccer, dance or baseball, fishing has usually depended on family tradition. The Fishing Friendlyzy Foundation built a program around a youth fishing league.

In a recent interview on the Chamber Connect Podcast, Michael Sklad explained how Fishing Friendlyzy blends recreation, mentorship, conservation, and community support in a distinctly practical way.

Known to the young participants as 'Uncle Bass', Sklad is the founder of the Fishing Friendlyzy Foundation and the creator of its youth fishing leagues.

It is house league hockey, but for fishing. This framing helps clarify both the problem and the solution.

Ontario has long had one-day fishing events and bass clubs and tournament structures, but it was lacking the middle ground, the consistent, welcoming entry point where young people could learn the basics, build confidence and take part in a structured activity without already being connect to the sport.

According to Sklad, that model has now grown well beyond a single community.

Last year, the foundation operated leagues from Belleville to Windsor, while continuing to expand in places where local interest and local leadership can support the program.

In this region, leagues are now offered in Teeswater, Lucknow and Kinloss, connecting recreation to the natural environment around them.

Each league runs for five sessions, with a practice day followed by scored fishing days, all based on shoreline, catch-and-release, multi-species fishing. It is organised enough to feel like a sport, but accessible enough to welcome beginners.

That balance of structure without intimidation, seems to be one of the foundation's quiet strengths.

For newcomers, walking into a store and trying to choose a rod, reel, line, or tackle can be a barrier. Fishing Friendlyzy tries to remove that uncertainty.

Families can register at a base level if they already have equipment or add a starter kit if they do not.

Fishing Friendlyzy is a program that is easier to enter but also creates a club for kids that is not exclusive. It is an on ramp to the sport.

In the interview on the podcast, Sklad stressed that fishing is not simply just recreational, but a way of teaching responsibility.

Sklad explained that the foundation's approach centres on catch and release, selective harvesting, and helping young people understand the ecosystems around them.

The program teaches children how to fish, but also how to pay attention. Rivers, lakes, shorelines, habitats, litter and water quality are not abstract environmental issues when a child has learned to care about what lives there.

This link, between recreation and stewardship gives the foundation a relevance that reaches well beyond sport.

When it comes to Fishing Friendlyzy, there is also a family dimension. In other sports, parents stay on the sidelines or in the stands, but with Fishing Friendlyzy the learning is more collaborative.

Rural communities often understand the importance of the outdoors instinctively, but they still need organisations that can turn that understanding into practical opportunities for young people and families.

Fishing Friendlyzy is doing that by connecting recreation, conservation, mentorship, and community partnership in a way that feels grounded and useful.

It is not just about teaching kids how to catch fish, but it is helping build habits of responsibility, confidence and connection that can last beyond a single season.

For more information visit <https://www.fishingfriendlyzy.com>



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Bayfield Lions serve up community spirit at upcoming breakfast celebrating Bayfield's 150th anniversary

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Bayfield Lions Club will soon host its annual breakfast, but this year the event is extra special, as the club is tying it into Bayfield's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Visitors can kick off their morning with great food, friendly faces and a celebration of community while learning about the exciting events and activities planned throughout this milestone year for Bayfield.

Running from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 17 at the Bayfield Community Centre, this beloved event brings together families, friends and neighbours over a hearty, home-style breakfast all in support of local initiatives.

Adding to the fun is a Lions Walk for

Dog Guides, selling copies of Images of Bayfield, a coffee table book from Photography Club of Bayfield, Bayfield Historical Society and the Lions Club, and the Bayfield Optimist Club selling Rubber Duck Race tickets.

"This breakfast is about more than a great meal, it's about bringing the community together," said Rolly Scott, Bayfield Lions Club and Community Breakfast Chair.

"With the 150th celebrations happening, it's a wonderful opportunity to connect, celebrate and support local."

Tickets cost \$15 per person, but children under the age of 7 eat free. Pay at the door.

Proceeds from the breakfast event support the Bayfield Lions Club's community projects and initiatives that benefit the Bayfield area.



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Adopt a Turtle fundraiser to help protect species-at-risk freshwater turtles in the area

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Ausable Bayfield Conservation's four-month long fundraising drive for turtle habitat will run until September.

Ontario's eight freshwater turtle species remain at risk, and this fundraising campaign Adopt a Turtle promotes donations to the Support the Turtles Protection Program to enhance wetland habitat for turtles.

There are three tiers of recognition for fundraising campaign supports: Hatching Hero (\$20 donation), Adopt a Turtle (\$50 donation), and Conservation Insider (\$250 donation or higher).

Donors at the upper levels receive recognition including a turtle-related gift package, a monthly email update following the progress of the turtle hatchlings.

Rosalind Chang, Healthy Watersheds Coordinator with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) said there is a tremendous amount of public interest in saving the turtle species. Adopt a Turtle is

one of the ways people can help.

"This is a great way to make a real local difference with donations that help to create wetland habitat the turtles need," said Chang.

"We also want to thank the generous donors and make donating fun. That's why we have lots of value-added items for each donation level."

All of Ontario's eight native turtle species can be found in the ABCA watershed area.

Turtles are important links in food webs and provide essential ecological services.

Snapping turtles, for example, control aquatic vegetation and clean creeks and wetlands by eating algae and dead or decaying fish and other organisms.

Snapping turtles also cycle nutrients and spread seeds, which benefit other organisms.

To donate now, or to learn more, visit <https://www.abca.ca/events>

You may also donate at the ABCA office at 71108 Morrison Line, east of Exeter.



(JORY MULLEN PHOTO)

Baby Painted Turtles before being released back into the wild. All of Ontario's eight turtle species are at risk and all these species are found in Ausable Bayfield watersheds. A new four-month fundraising campaign is trying to raise money to help build the habitat these turtle species need to survive.

Huron County landowners have limited-time opportunity to apply for grants for water-quality projects

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Grants are available, for a limited time, for landowners in Huron County to complete water quality projects in four categories.

Landowners in Huron County are encouraged to apply, by September 4 in categories of wetland restoration, tree planting, invasive species management and forest management plans.

Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship, Land and Education Manager at Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) encourages Huron County landowners to contact stewardship staff about financial incentives for water quality projects.

"An opportunity exists right now, for a limited time, for incentive grants that make it possible for landowners in Huron County to complete projects that protect water quality," said Schoelier.

"I encourage people who are interested to contact us as early as possible about funding, which can support their projects."

The funding, for water quality projects, is through the County of Huron's Clean Water Project.

Between 2004 and 2026, grants from the Huron Clean water Project (HCWP) supported more than 4,000 water quality projects by county landowners and residents and community groups.

According to ABCA, these projects build soil health, enhance habitat and for-



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

There is a limited-time opportunity for Huron County landowners to apply for grants for water quality projects.

est conditions, and protect and improve water quality.

The County of Huron invested more than \$5 million over more than two decades and that investment resulted in more than \$18.5 million in project value, which benefitted land and water and the economy.

In many cases, HCWP funding was matched with funding from other sources to allow for more to happen.

"We are pleased and appreciate that, despite a challenging budget year, the Coun-

ty of Huron recognised the value of the program and support a plan that allows people to complete projects, in 2026, that they may have been considering," Schoelier added.

The HCWP grant program finishes at the end of 2026, and new project grants will no longer be available after that time.

The budgetary decision to discontinue the Clean Water Project makes it more important than ever to apply for project funding now, while incentives are still available.

Conservation authority staff encourage local landowners to contact them about funding support, which may be available through this and other programs.

Depending on the project location and type, there may be other sources of funding available.

To apply for grants or to learn more, contact Schoelier at 519-235-2610 ext. 263 or nschoelier@abca.ca

Visit <https://www.huroncounty.ca/planning/clean-water-project/> for more information.

Central Huron Council asked to approve accessibility improvements at Ball's Bridge

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Sun Reporter

Clinton Council is being asked to approve new accessibility improvements at Ball's Bridge, one of the municipality's popular outdoor recreation areas.

A report was prepared and recommended the purchase of permanent accessibility infrastructure for the site, including GridX accessibility mats and an EzDock accessible kayak launch system. The upgrades are intended to improve access for individuals using wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, and other mobility aids.

The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$39,000. The proposal is conditional upon approval from the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) Council and confirmation of a \$5,000 private donation.

During council discussion, Mayor Jim Ginn spoke with both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) prior to applying for the grant funding and noted they did not express concerns about the project.

Councillor Marg Anderson raised questions about the ongoing handling and storage of the equipment, specifically whether municipal staff would be responsible for removing and reinstalling the infrastructure each season.

According to the report, Ball's Bridge is

heavily used for kayaking, canoeing, biking, fishing, and picnicking, but current access to the river launch and picnic areas is limited by uneven ground and loose gravel, causing concern.

Following an accessibility audit completed in 2025, staff recommended installing permanent GridX accessibility mats and an accessible EzDock kayak launch system. Staff noted that the GridX mats were selected after consultations with a local wheelchair user. Should they be permanently installed, help reduce erosion, and are manufactured in Canada.

Municipal staff also consulted with other Ontario communities, including Bayfield and St. Marys. Both installed similar systems. According to the report, St. Marys saw increased use of its waterway after introducing an accessible launch.

Staff are recommending a sole-source purchase from EzDock, noting neighbouring municipalities use the same supplier and no comparable products were identified. Municipal staff hope to complete the installation in time for National Accessibility Awareness Week, running May 30 to June 6.

The report states the project would create long-term accessibility improvements at little or no cost to the municipality while supporting Central Huron's goals related to accessibility, tourism, and community facilities.

Central Huron Council issues CHCC flooring replacement contract

BRITTANY MCKAY

Sun Reporter

Central Huron Council has issued the replacement of the rubberized skate guard flooring at the Central Huron Community Complex.

Council received a report titled "CHCC Flooring Award" recommending the contract be awarded to Advantage Sport for a total cost of \$164,546, including net applicable HST.

The municipality issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project, citing the importance of flooring quality and installer experience to maximize the lifespan of the facility flooring.

Two proposals were submitted in response to the RFP from Advantage Sport and Adias Impex Ltd.

According to the report, staff evaluated both submissions using a scoring matrix based on pricing, flooring and material

specifications, and relevant project experience. Pricing accounted for 60 per cent of the evaluation, while specifications and experience each accounted for 20 per cent.

Advantage Sport received the highest overall proposal and was recommended by staff for the project award.

The flooring replacement project falls within the municipality's approved budget for improvements at the community complex.

Financial details presented to council showed a total project budget of \$259,800, with \$20,616 previously allocated for shower flooring work. Following the flooring award, the municipality projects a remaining surplus of \$74,638.

The project supports several priorities identified in Central Huron's Strategic Plan, including strong governance, improved infrastructure, and enhanced utilization of municipal facilities.

Clinton Council declares June Pride Month following Council discussion

BRITTANY MCKAY

Sun Reporter

Clinton council has officially declared June 2026 as Pride Month after receiving a request from Huron County Pride and holding a discussion on whether the municipality should also raise the Pride flag.

The request came in the form of a letter from Huron County Pride, which asked council to both proclaim June as Pride Month and raise the Pride flag within the municipality during the month of June.

In the letter, the organization said the gesture would demonstrate support for 2SLGBTQIA+ residents, workers, and visitors while recognizing the important contributions they make to the community through arts, culture, agriculture, businesses, volunteer organizations, and faith communities.

Huron County Pride also pointed to continued challenges facing the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, citing national hate crime statistics and local survey results from Perth-Huron that showed many respondents had experienced discrimination or felt unsafe or unwelcome in the area.

The organization noted raising the Pride flag would send a message that the municipality values diversity, inclusion, and safety for all residents.

During council discussion, Councillor Jennifer Cox spoke in favour of both declaring Pride Month and flying the Pride flag somewhere in the community, advising its "a positive thing to do." She noted neighbouring municipalities and organizations — including Ontario Provincial

Police and local school boards within Huron County — have already shown support through similar displays.

Mayor Jim Ginn said the municipality's rainbow-lit tunnel already serves as a highly visible symbol of support during Pride.

"The light tunnel is in the pride colours for the month, and I think that's way more visible than flying a flag," Ginn said during the discussion.

Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson asked staff to clarify the municipality's current flag policy. Staff explained the policy allows for the flying of the Canadian, Ontario, Central Huron, and County Huron flags, as well as other flags approved by the municipality, depending on available flag poles.

Councillor Colquhoun questioned where council should "draw the line" regarding additional flag requests, expressing concern over how the municipality determines which flags may or may not be displayed.

Mayor Ginn acknowledged there would be differing opinions within the community on the issue. While supporting the declaration of Pride Month, he expressed uncertainty about flying the Pride flag itself.

Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson suggested council proceed by declaring June as Pride Month while continuing to recognize Pride through the municipality's rainbow-coloured light tunnel display rather than a flag raising.

Council ultimately carried the motion to officially declare June as Pride Month in the municipality.

Huron Perth Public Health shares food insecurity report with Clinton Council

BRITTANY MCKAY

Sun Reporter

Huron Perth Public Health has shared a new report on household food insecurity with councils across Huron and Perth counties, including Clinton Town Council.

The report, presented at the April 10, 2026, Board of Health meeting, highlights growing concerns about food insecurity and its impact on physical and mental health, as well as increased healthcare use.

Public health officials say municipalities can help reduce food insecurity by supporting poverty reduction efforts, afford-

able housing initiatives, living wage policies, and access to community services.

The report also encourages local governments to support stronger provincial and federal income programs, including increases to minimum wage and social assistance rates.

The resource, Food Insecurity: A Primer for Municipalities, was shared to encourage ongoing discussion and collaboration among local communities in Huron and Perth.

Huron Perth Public Health says it will continue monitoring food insecurity trends and work with municipalities and community partners to address the issue.

Downtown Rebuilding Infrastructure project continues, downtown still open for business

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Editor

Entering Phases 3 and 4 of the Downtown Rebuilding Infrastructure project means construction is anticipated to continue throughout spring, summer and into the fall season.

With spring finally settling in, construction crews have started pushing ahead on the next major stretch of the project bringing visible changes, new progress and a reminder that despite the machinery, downtown Goderich is very much open for business.

According to the Town of Goderich, pedestrian walkways around the active construction site will continue to provide safe access to businesses and storefronts.

This project involves full reconstruction of roads, sidewalks, sewers, water main replacements and streetlights. Installation of construction fencing and equipment mobilized the week of April 7.

The Town's April 15 update confirms the

project remains in Phase 3, impacting the section of the Square from North Street to West Street. This week marks a significant shift from underground work to the early stages of full road reconstruction.

A milestone from April 14 was new trees and perennials being planted in the completed Phase 1 and 2 sections, bringing fresh life and colour to the downtown core just in time for spring.

Traffic will be redirected as needed. The Town of Goderich encourages drivers and pedestrians to take note of the signage and follow the directions to keep the site safe.

To keep construction moving safely and efficiently, the Town has implemented several traffic restrictions.

No vehicles can access Courthouse Square between North Street and West Street, and there is no entry into the Square via North Street or Colborne Street.

The Town reminds residents and visitors that one-way traffic continues around the Square, with right-turn-only entry

and exit.

Drivers approaching downtown are encouraged to enter via West Street and follow Detour 3. When leaving the Square, vehicles must exit before North Street using East Street or Hamilton Street.

Parking remains available, though locations very depending on construction zones. West Street around the Square to Hamilton Street remains open, but there is no parking between North Street and West Street.

Despite the heavy equipment and weekday construction hours, the Town emphasizes that all businesses remain open with regular hours, sidewalks are fully accessible on both the inner and outer sides of the Square, and pedestrians can enter the inner Courthouse Square via West, Montreal, South, Kingston, East and Hamilton streets.

Shops, cafes, restaurants and services continue to welcome customers, and many are preparing for the busy summer season ahead.

As Phase 3 progresses, residents can ex-

pect continued road work, infrastructure upgrades and the gradual transformation of the North-to-West Street section.

The Town remains committed to keeping the community informed and ensuring that downtown stays vibrant and walkable throughout the construction period.

With new greenery already taking root and visible progress unfolding each week, the revitalised Courthouse Square is steadily taking shape, promising a refreshed, modernised downtown at the heart of Canada's prettiest town.

"We truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as this important work moves forward," Mayor Trevor Bazinet expressed in a statement made on social media on April 13.

"These improvements are an investment in the future of our downtown, helping create a more vibrant and welcoming space for residents, businesses and visitors alike."

Phase 4 will focus on the last segment of the square between East Street and North Street, including Hamilton Street.

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Around the World in Central Huron: One community, many flavours celebrate local heritage

BRITTANY MCKAY

Sun Reporter

The Central Huron Community Centre was filled with the aromas of spices, fresh baking, and international cuisine on Saturday, April 25.

Residents gathered for a multicultural celebration in support of the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation. The event invited guests to sample traditional dishes from around the world while learning about the cultures that help shape the region.

Organized by the Municipality of Central Huron, with support from the Huron County Immigration Partnership, the evening highlighted local diversity while raising funds for a vital community cause.

This year's celebration featured an expanded lineup of cultures representing Ireland, Barbados, Morocco, Ukraine, Scotland, Hungary, Germany, India, Holland, the Philippines, Poland, Jamaica, and Canada. Each table was hosted by local families, offering not only food, but also personal stories and connections to their heritage.

Kimberly Boyce joined the event for a second time, a Barbados-born entrepreneur who has lived in Canada for more than a decade. Proudly representing her roots, Boyce drew steady interest with traditional Barbados dishes.

"We came out to represent Barbados," she said.

"It's important for people to see who we are through our food, our colours, and our

culture."

Her menu featured codfish cakes, a staple in Barbados cuisine, along with pumpkin fritters that quickly became a crowd favourite.

"Fish cakes are a delicacy back home," Boyce explained.

"We boil the salt out of the codfish, shred it, mix it with fresh herbs, flour, and baking powder, then deep fry them. They're perfect for parties."

She added with a laugh that the popular snack has earned a playful nickname in Caribbean culture.

"We call them 'rum soakers.' If you're having a good time, they help balance things out."

Her pumpkin fritters—made with mashed pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg, and flour before being fried—offered in a sweet contrast and sold out before the evening ended.

Across the room, another booth carried a deeply personal meaning. Pamela Stanley, joined by her sister Sibyl Henderson, presented Scottish and Yorkshire-inspired baked goods and dessert in honour of their parents.

This year's display held added significance following the passing of their mother in January.

"Last year, we focused on Yorkshire for our dad," Stanley said.

"This year, we wanted to honour our mom's Scottish roots—but still include something for Dad too."

Their table featured Scottish scones with marmalade, Yorkshire lemon fairy cakes,

and traditional shortbread—nearly all of which sold out.

"I made so much shortbread," Stanley said with a smile. "And it's almost all gone."

For Stanley, the event is about more than food—it reflects a lifelong appreciation for cultural connection.

"Growing up in an Air Force family, we were always traveling," she said.

"We spent time in England and France, and that really shaped how we value sharing traditions."

At the Hungarian booth, Lester Wilfie served chicken paprikash with spätzle, a hearty dish made with chicken, onions, tomatoes, garlic, and rich broth. He said the recipe is a tribute to his late father.

"It reminds me of my old man," Wilfie said. "He was Hungarian, so I've been an honorary Hungarian."

Having participated last year as well, Wilfie noted strong community interest and returning visitors.

"A lot of people came back," he said.

"That's what you want—to see people enjoy it and come again."

When asked what he hopes attendees take away from the evening, his answer was simple: "Remember to come next year."

Catherine Pitro, who attended with a friend, said she enjoys the opportunity to explore new cuisines while connecting with the community.

"I love different culture foods, and it's just a nice time to get out in the community," acknowledging everyone can bond over food.

She said, this was her second-year attending. Pitro also observed that this year's event felt busier. Also in attendance was Tosha Yantzi, Executive Director of the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation, who praised both the turnout and the event's impact.

"It's wonderful that the municipality directs the donations from this event to the foundation," Yantzi said.

"It's a great community event that really shows how diverse Central Huron is. To see everyone come together like this is truly special."

Yantzi noted that this year's event appeared even busier than last year, crediting word-of-mouth and the addition of new cultural booths.

"People who came last year loved it and brought friends," she said. "You can really see that growth."

She emphasized the importance of events like this in strengthening community ties.

"It's a great way to showcase the cultures that make up who we are," Yantzi said.

"That's what makes this community so unique."

The event was free to attend, with donations collected at the door in support of the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation.

Funded in part by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the evening served as a celebration of cultural identity.

As attendees shared food, conversation, and music, the message of the evening was clear: diversity continues to enrich small-town Clinton in meaningful—and delicious—ways.



Pamela Stanley proudly showcases her Scottish roots through food, tea, and books.



(BRITTANY MCKAY PHOTO)



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Lester Wilfie proudly stands behind his vibrant Hungarian showcase.



(BRITTANY MCKAY PHOTO)

Kimberly Boyce (left) and April Armstrong proudly represent Barbados.

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Goderich Minor Hockey Awards Ceremony 2026



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Donald C. Johnston Memorial Award is presented annually to a group or individual for their commitment, dedication and years of service to the game of hockey in Goderich. Presented by Mark Johnston and Jackie Martin. The recipients this year are the bench staff from the U15 team. Mackenzie Harp, Jeremy Powell (absent), Ben Craig (absent), Garrett Hunt, Pat Steadman and Jude Fritzley.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The Jared Fisher Memorial Award is awarded annually to the U18 players who, through dedication, personality and enthusiasm during their minor hockey years, have displayed the quality of good citizenship. Some attributes that are considered when choosing recipients include the passion to play hockey and 'coming to play' at each practice and game, being a team player, who is coachable, helps their teammates and others in the minor hockey system both on and off the ice, has fun playing hockey and is a fun person to be around. Stacey Popp presented this year's recipients, Cohen W and Cole K with their award.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Past Presidents Award is granted to an individual, individuals, or community organisation for their outstanding contributions to the Goderich Minor Hockey Organisation. Presented by Mackenzie Harp to Stacey Popp.



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James A. Wilkinson Memorial Trophy is awarded annually for an outstanding contribution to hockey in Goderich. Presenting this award is President Mackenzie Harp, to this year's recipient Nic Armstrong.



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The Greg 'sporty' DeWinter Memorial Award is given to one U11 player on each team, for having the sporty spirit. A child who is a great friend, teammate and player who works hard every shift, who may not score a lot of goals but it always the hardest working player on the ice. Rob Popp presented the award to Ben C (U11 Black) and Walter M (U11 White).

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Goderich Minor Hockey Awards Ceremony 2026



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Ed Ervine Memorial Award is given annually to an individual or individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for Goderich Minor Hockey. Presenting the award is President Mackenzie Harp to this year's recipients, who were co-chairs of the 75th annual Young Canada Week, Brandon Corriveau, Tara Corriveau (absent) and Mike Alcock (absent).



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Doug Cruickshank Memorial Award is presented annually to a coach and their bench staff for outstanding contributions to the development of hockey in Goderich. Presented by Doug Cruickshank to the U9 Head Coach Derek Taylor, and bench staff, Dean O'Brien (absent), Jeff Desrochers, Coreen Desrochers, Amanda Smith, Vicky Bush and Laura Brown (absent).



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The Mark Rae Mathers Memorial Award is given each year to the U18 player who exhibits consistent outstanding defensive ability. Rosemary Mathers presented Cain H with this award.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Terry Bean Award is presented to a goalie from U9-U18 who had demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and who has taken time to further develop their skill set. This year's recipient was an easy choice. The U18 team started the season without a goaltender, and had this young man not stepped up to play goalie, there would have been no U18 team this season. Vice President Rob Popp presented the award to Dylan Briggs.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The Paul Rivers Memorial Award is presented to the U9 player best representing personality, perseverance and dedication. Presented by Donny Rivers, to recipient Benson T.

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Goderich Minor Hockey Awards Ceremony 2026



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The Ed Ervine Memorial Award is presented to the most dedicated U15 player. Rob Popp presented the award to Kalob S.



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The Vic Whetstone Memorial Award is given annually to the most dedicated U13 player on each team. Both recipients have displayed attributes of hard work, determination and dedication on and off the ice. Presented by Bev Whetstone, recipients are Dustin M (U13 White) and Griffin D (U13 Black).



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The Gerry Fritzley Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to a U13 goalie for outstanding effort. This year the recipient is Carter P. Award presented to him by Joe Fritzley and Gerry Fritzley.



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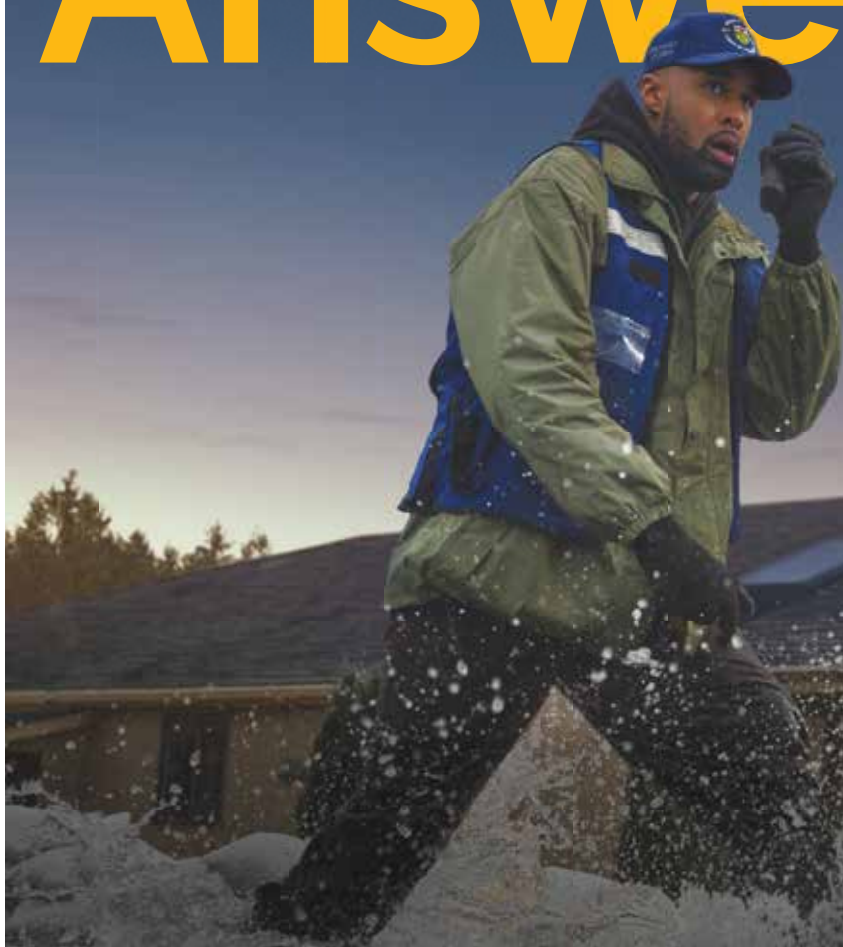


A reflection so bright; the sky and lake appear as one. A pink sky mirrored in Lake Huron captured from the bluffs near Blake Street on May 5.

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Goderich Little Theatre presents 'Silver Dagger' bringing charm, danger and wit to the local stage

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A rarely staged and irresistibly suspenseful work by acclaimed Canadian playwright David French, 'Silver Dagger' will grace the Goderich Little Theatre stage this June.

'Silver Dagger' offers audiences an evening of intrigue, without revealing its secrets in advance.

Known for his sharp dialogue and richly layered characters, playwright French crafts a story where charm, danger and wit intertwine in unexpected ways.

It will be a theatrical experience best discovered in the moment.

According to Goderich Little Theatre, a talented ensemble cast is at the heart of this production. The cast brings depth, nuance and emotional charge to these enigmatic characters.

Their performances will shape the tension and humour of the play, drawing the

audience into a world where every interaction hints at something more.

Guiding this production is Crystal Salverda, an accomplished professional stage manager making her directorial debut.

Salverda's years of theatre expertise inform her thoughtful approach to pacing, atmosphere, and character interplay.

Bringing a vision that creates a framework in which the cast can shine, Salverda helps highlight the play's simmering suspense while honouring French's signature blend of humanity and wit.

According to Goderich Little Theatre, audiences can expect sharp exchanges, unexpected turns, and a story that keeps you leaning forward as the truth slowly cuts through the shadows.

'Silver Dagger' premieres at Goderich Little Theatre at The Livery on June 4 at 8 p.m. Performance dates also include June 5, June 6, June 11 and June 13 at 8 p.m., as well as matinee performances on June 7 and June 14 at 2 p.m.

Clinton Raceway kicks off exciting new season on opening day May 31

BRITTANY MCKAY

Sun Reporter

Opening day at the Clinton Raceway is set to bring together racing fans, families, and community supporters for an afternoon focused on entertainment and giving back. Opening day serves as a fundraiser in support of Central Huron Secondary School, bringing together charitable giving.

During an interview with Marketing Manager Jessica Carnochan emphasized the Raceway's long-standing role in both the local racing tradition and community fundraising efforts within Central Huron.

"We've been a long-standing tradition here in Clinton and Central Huron offering live racing on Sunday afternoons," she said.

"Every Sunday we have a different group that comes here through an application process to host a fundraiser. We provide them with the facility and the race fans, and then they get to host their fundraiser here."

Carnochan noted the Raceway's connection to the community helps reinforce the town's identity and heritage.

"It definitely has a close tie with the community," she noted.

Opening day is expected to offer a family-friendly atmosphere with free admission and parking, allowing visitors to experience harness racing up close.

"You can sit right along the rail and be really close to the action," she added. "It's great for families who want to come out and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment at a fairly low cost."

In addition to racing, visitors can access food and beverages. Nearby amenities including a splash pad, park, and skateboard park beside the grandstand. Carnochan also highlighted efforts to attract younger audiences and first-time visitors by promoting the Raceway as more than just a gambling venue.

"A lot of people think horse racing and immediately think gambling and over 18, but we definitely are a family-friendly facility," she emphasized. Season events geared toward families include kids' programming, miniature horse races and the popular wiener dog races.

"The wiener dog races bring out everybody," she added with a laugh.

As a not-for-profit organization, Carnochan said supporting the Raceway also means supporting the broader community.

"We're doing this for the greater good," she said.

"Supporting the Raceway isn't lining anybody's pockets. Everything goes back through wages, promotion or fundraising."

Opening day is expected to welcome both longtime racing fans and newcomers for a celebration of small-town community in Clinton.



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History of Maple Leaf Chapter IODE Goderich: Celebrating the decades of 1960-1999

PENNY MURRAY

Sun Contributor

Stepping back and visualising the years from 1960 through to 1999, many will recall that these decades brought about some radical social and cultural changes.

Even prior to the early 60s, Canada was moving towards a distinct national identity while remaining loyal to the Commonwealth.

Visible representation of this independence demanded a change from flying the British Union Jack. On February 15, 1965, our nation adopted the National Flag of Canada, popularly known as the Maple Leaf Flag.

Great symbolism marked the choice of colours and insignia of the new flag.

The white background symbolised the peaceful foundation of our nation. The vertical red sides symbolised prosperity and hope so future generations could live in strength and freedom while remembering the costly sacrifice of predecessors.

The beloved, red maple leaf is not just a logo; it represents our Canadian identity, our rich cultural heritage, unity and pride in the natural resources that make our vast country one of the richest on this earth.

Other changes were also taking place.

In the early 70s, the wake of two world wars, numerous labour-saving appliances and conveniences freed women from their daily household chores and opened the competitive, male-dominated, working world.

At that time, only 33 per cent of Canadian women worked outside their homes. Today, 80 per cent of Canadian women work outside their homes. Drastic shifts in the social landscapes were becoming a sweeping reality.

As more women entered the workforce, membership in volunteer organisations began to dwindle. Despite this change, our Maple Leaf Chapter maintained and continues to maintain a strong and active membership. Today, we remain Canada's oldest and largest chapter.

As I reviewed our many scrapbooks



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in the library, I noticed what a priority it was for our members to attend the IODE provincial and national annual meetings. Hats, gloves, matching shoes and purses along with several changes in formal attire for meals and parties were pulled out of closets and attics to wear at annual meetings.

No casual sweatshirts and pants were considered appropriate for these significant events.

The year of 1970 ushered in celebrations for IODE Ontario's 50th anniversary and our chapter wanted to mark the occasion locally.

Goderich has the well-known reputation as the Prettiest Town in Canada, and our flower gardens and hanging baskets are beautifully and meticulously maintained from spring to fall for the enjoyment of residents, tourists, butterflies and bees.

Did you know that our very own Maple Leaf Chapter initiated the idea of placing hanging baskets of flowers on the lamp posts around the square to celebrate the 50th anniversary of IODE Ontario? And now this festive initiative has blossomed

into a well-loved, annual occurrence.

Our Chapter has had numerous meeting places over the decades. Initially, meetings were held in the homes of members.

As we grew in numbers, we graduated to a variety of locations – accommodations in the courthouse prior to the devastating fire, Knox Presbyterian Church, St. George's Anglican Church and now here at the MacKay Centre.

In addition to the Op Shop, our Chapter held garage sales, afternoon teas, wine and cheese parties, luncheons and hospitality times, all in support of community projects.

Locally we strongly supported AMGH, the Livery, nursing bursaries, proficiency awards, public speaking awards, and scholarships to local students.

We participated in the annual Canada Day parades, and have supported Indigenous and foreign students, disaster relief and overseas medical care to third world countries over the years.

In 1999, we secured the very coveted location for our five-point garden. Many organisations desperately wanted this de-

sirable site for promotional endeavours.

There is a very funny story about how this location was secured. One of our members absolutely loved IODE with exuberant enthusiasm and pitbull passion. She was a woman with a mission, and her mission was to secure the five-point garden for our Chapter complete with an IODE Maple Leaf Chapter sign and flower bed display.

There was one very major obstacle that came with securing this sought-after-site. There was no water supply available to maintain a garden.

This dilemma set her into action mode. She sought out a local inground water sprinkler company and struck up a deal. If she could get 10 people to install inground water sprinkler systems on their properties, the company agreed to install a water supply to the five-point garden.

Today, thanks to this member's successful, pitbull persuasion, we remain as the proud planters of the prominent Canadian flag flower bed at the five-points.

Penny Murray is the Regent of Maple Leaf Chapter IODE



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Elvis Returns: “We Three Kings” set to shake up Goderich this June

PAMELA CLAYFIELD

Sun Correspondent

If you felt the ground shake around the Columbus Centre last July, you weren't imagining it. Elvis was in the building, and all shook up.

Last year's concert left the audience spilling out into the warm July night grinning ear to ear, still humming “Suspicious Minds” and “Can't Help Falling in Love” while cherishing the scarves and other memorabilia they were handed or thrown by whichever Elvis was on the stage at the time.

And now, the most electrifying night of live music is back—and bigger than ever.

A multi-national tribute to Elvis Presley is coming to Goderich Columbus Centre in June, presented by A Royal Tribute Productions.

On Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., the internationally acclaimed production “We Three Kings: The Multinational Tribute to Elvis Presley” returns to town, bringing three worldchampion Elvis tribute artists to one stage for a night that promises to be nothing short of spectacular.

With their hit-filled setlist, authentic costumes, fine-tuned vocals and on-stage charisma, the performers deliver an outstanding Elvis concert.

Three champions, from three countries, performing on one legendary night in Goderich.

The show features a powerhouse trio of Elvis tribute artists—each a Grand Champion of the famed Collingwood Elvis Festival—representing Germany, the United States, and Canada.

Oliver Steinhoff (Germany) brings the dazzling swagger of Elvis's 1970s Las Vegas era, complete with the iconic jumpsuits, powerhouse vocals, and that unmistakable stage charisma.

Leo Days (USA), a star of Legends



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)
A Royal Tribute Productions presents 'We Three Kings' in June at Columbus Centre in Goderich, featuring performances by three Elvis impersonators from three countries: Oliver Steinhoff (Germany), Leo Days (U.S.) and Roy LeBlanc (Canada).



in Concert, channels the raw electricity of the early rock 'n' roll years and the smouldering intensity of the '68 Comeback Special.

Roy LeBlanc (Canada)—a fan favour-

rite and no stranger to Goderich audiences—rounds out the trio with soulful gospel, country classics, and the beloved hits from Elvis's film years.

Together, they create a seamless jour-

ney through the decades of Elvis's career, each artist capturing a different chapter of the King's evolution.

Produced by A Royal Tribute Productions, the show is known for its meticulous attention to detail: authentic costumes, rich harmonies, a hitpacked setlist, and the kind of stage presence that makes you forget you're watching tribute artists at all.

“Goderich has a wonderful sense of community and a real appreciation for live music,” says producer and performer Roy LeBlanc.

“We bring concerts to the Columbus Convention Centre every year and we're looking forward to sharing We Three Kings with such an enthusiastic audience.”

And he's right—Goderich audiences don't just attend concerts; they celebrate them. There's just something about live music in a lakeside town. Even visitors from surrounding communities are known to make the trip for this show.

Why This Is the Show You Don't Want to Miss:

It's one night only.

It features three worldrenowned champions.

Last year's show sold out quickly.

The energy, nostalgia, and sheer talent make it a perfect night out for families, lifelong Elvis fans, and anyone who loves a great live performance.

Whether you grew up listening to Elvis on vinyl or you're discovering his music through these worldclass performers, We Three Kings delivers the kind of joy that lingers long after the final note.

Tickets for this all-ages, licensed event are expected to move fast—especially after last year's success.

If you want to be part of one of Goderich's most anticipated musical nights of the year, don't wait.

For tickets visit: <https://ticketscene.ca/events/58246>

Goderich Duplicate Bridge Club Results

Robert McFarlane directed the club on April 28:
NORTH/SOUTH

1st – Doug Elliott and John Archbold – 61.01%
2nd – Graham Yeats and Brian Reeve – 55.95%
3rd – Frank Martin and Arnie Parker – 52.08%
4th – Michele Hansen and Leslie Bella – 51.49%

EAST/WEST

1st – Cal Scotchmer and Evy McDonagh – 58.95%
2nd – Pat Lewington and Brenda Blair – 56.85%
3rd – Alje Kamminga and Tom Rajnovich – 53.27%
4th – Lyalle Meldrum and Steven Watson – 52.08%

Bob Dick directed the club on May 5:
NORTH/SOUTH

1st – John Davies and Garth Sheldon – 58.33%
2nd – Michele Hansen and Greg Bowman – 55.06%
3rd/4th – Doug Elliott and John Archbold, with Mary Lynne Telford and Paul Spittal – 54.47%

EAST/WEST

1st – Cal Scotchmer and Evy McDonagh – 56.35%
2nd – Joyce McIlwain and Kay King – 55.56%
3rd – Stephen Jacob and John Legate – 54.23%
4th – Shirley Thomas and Tom Rajnovich – 52.38%

The Goderich Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. at the Christian Reform Church, Mill Road in Goderich.

If you are interested in playing, the club is welcoming new members.

If you have a partner, you can simply arrive to play. If you need a partner, we will do our best to find someone from our spare list.

For more information, please call Club President: Michele Hansen at 519-441-3275.

The club's website is: <https://bridgewebs.com/goderich-bridge/home.html>

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Trail Talk: Cooler temperatures this spring make for a slower start for flowers to bloom

PATRICK CAPPER

Sun Contributor

Spring seems to be in no hurry this year, with cooler than normal temperatures, but there are now many more signs with many trees, except a few like Black Walnut now in leaf and birds such as Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and Baltimore Orioles back in our area. As some spring flowers fade away there are later spring flowers blooming now, such as many yellow Large-flowered Bellwort, Cut-leaved Toothwort, May Apple, Jack-in-the-pulpit, Garlic Mustard and Wood Anemone.

Garlic Mustard is a very unwelcome alien that can take over vast areas if not controlled. The best way to control it is to pull it up before it goes to seed and put it in a black garbage bag for two weeks and then put the bag in the garbage.

On May 4 I saw my first turtle of the year, although it was a painted turtle resting in the middle of the blue Sugar Bush Trail. Please watch out for turtles crossing the road, and, if possible, help them to cross to the other side.

Snapping turtles are best helped with a shovel or picking them up where they cannot bite you.

On our May 6 hike on the Maitland Trail on the east side of Sharpes Creek Line, we saw a great display of white trilliums on both sides of the trail in the woodlot.

Although parts of this section of the Maitland Trail were quite wet a few weeks ago, on that day many of the wet areas had dried up making for an easier hike.

Nonetheless one had to be careful not to trip over the many roots that are on the trail.

Our May 7 hike was on the Maitland Trail through the John and Marylo Graham Nature Conservancy. We were glad to see that the yellow Wood Poppies planted by the Nature Conservancy workers, were thriving both inside and outside the caged area.

NOTES:

Maitland Trail Closure - A section of the Maitland Trail is closed from Londes-

boro Road to Little Lakes Road due to bank slumping and instability.



Carolyn, George, Richard, Irene and Rick in the NCC property.

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Wood Poppy.

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Please plan your hike accordingly and respect all closures for your safety. There is no reroute. The alternative is to walk west on Londesboro Road then north on River Line to rejoin the Maitland Trail.

EVENTS:

Saturday, May 16 at 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - BRVTA members only bird-watching at G. Ebers property.

Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. - Hike Jenkins to Morris Tract. Meet at 36833 Londesboro Road (at the junction of Morris Tract Line and Londesboro Road or Google "Morris Tract Trailhead") to carpool to Jenkins. This section has several big hills and includes many views of the Maitland River and goes through the section most affected by the 2011 Tornado.

For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Patrick Capper at pcapper99@gmail.com. This is a level 2-3 hike at a moderately fast pace with hills and uneven terrain. Expect to take about 2.5 hours.

Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. - Maitland Trail Association AGM at the Huron County Museum.

Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. - Join Jan Pate for a BRVTA an inaugural Meditative Hike on the Sawmill Trail. Everyone is welcome but pre-registration is required so that we are aware of the number of participants. Please register by email or phone to Ralph Blasting at rjblastingjr@gmail.com or 519-525-3205. Meet at the entrance to the Sawmill trail at the end of Sawmill Rd.

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

LIFE hikers meet every Friday for a hike of about 1.5 hours, with a choice of pace, striders moving a little faster than the strollers. The hikes now start at 9 a.m. and can be joined through One Care.



Garlic Mustard.

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Jack-in-the-Pulpit.

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Bayfield community celebrates 10 years of nature preservation at Bayfield River Flats

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Ten years ago, Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) led a community fundraising drive to acquire Bayfield River Flats.

Since then, that nature area is now permanently preserved by Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy (HTLTC) and maintained by Bayfield Trails.

It was back in 2016, and an opportunity to acquire about 1,000 feet of riverbank natural area. More than \$70,000 was raised to make it possible to buy the property, which was then donated, to HTLTC to be preserved permanently.

Ten years later, the Bayfield and area community celebrated a decade of nature preservation and enhancement of Bayfield River Flats.

Kelly Vader, BRVTA Chair said the acquisition of the nature area was possible thanks to a grassroots initiative of dedicated and visionary community volunteers supported by generous residents.

"This entire community of volunteers and donors should be so proud of what they accomplished 10 years ago and what they have done to maintain and enhance this important property in the 10 years that followed," Vader expressed.

"It really is astonishing what has been possible thanks to hard-working volunteers and generous people who donated to this project."

Bayfield River Flats Natural Area is a parcel of river land encompassing almost five acres, on the Bayfield River, five-minutes from Bayfield's Heritage Main Street.

According to BRVTA it is a treasure trove of nature, including mussel species at risk, beavers, Osprey and eagles. It is also a recreational fishing destination.

Volunteers from Bayfield Trails manage the property. Working with the land trust, volunteers have helped to keep the property clean and re-naturalise it.

Now, the nature area has become a community gem with more than 11,000 visits a year.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Around 25 people from the Bayfield and area community came out to plant trees at Bayfield River Flats Natural Area on Sunday, May 3, 2026. The weather was wonderful and everyone had a good time while making a positive difference.

Kerry Teskey, the Chair at HTLTC, expressed gratitude to anyone who has made the river flats natural area a reality.

"Ten years of nature preservation and enhancement at Bayfield River Flats Natural Area is truly worthy of celebration," Teskey said.

"This amazing property was the second property donated to the land trust for permanent preservation. The land trust now protects five nature areas in the boundaries of the historic Huron Tract."

The devotion to keeping the area natural goes back to the 1970s when there was a proposal to create a marina on the property. People in the community offered a different vision and mobilised a movement to make the lands public.

After the nature area was purchased, volunteers had to clean the property. They removed garbage including 30 tons of steel, and worked to remove invasive species

such as Giant Hogweed, dead Ash trees were removed, and trails and parking spots were created.

There are always ways to continue to enhance the property. One important project included working with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to create a pedestrian walkway underneath the highway bridge along Highway 21. This was so people could walk to the nature area without having to cross the highway.

Another improvement was a project in 2025. The Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF) grant gave the BRVTA a further opportunity to enhance the property and control impacts of erosion and help protect the fish habitat.

The community recently once again stepped up to support a parallel project for a canoe and kayak launch, building on the foundation of a significant donation by a generous community donor, the community raised the funds needed to complete the project.

To learn more about the Bayfield River Flats Natural Area, or to donate, visit the Bayfield River Flats website: <https://htlct.ca/bayfield-river-flats/>

Bayfield Lions Club collects over 1,000 pounds of food and nearly \$4,000 at Annual Home and Lifestyle Show

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The Bayfield Lions Club is thrilled to announce the success of their annual food and cash donation initiative during the Bayfield Home and Lifestyle Show, held at the Bayfield Community Centre.

This year, the Lions Club once again demonstrated the power of community spirit by collecting an impressive 1,042 pounds of food and \$3,993.10 in cash donations.

For years, the Bayfield Lions Club has chosen not to charge admission to this popular event. Instead, they graciously ask attendees to contribute food or cash donations to support the Bayfield Area Food Bank.

The overwhelming generosity of the

community makes a significant difference, helping to ensure that families in need are supported.

The collected food and funds will assist the Bayfield Area Food Bank, which distributes food to clients every two weeks. With the continued support from the Bayfield community, we can help ensure that no one in our area goes hungry.

The Bayfield Lions Club would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's collection. Everyone's kindness and generosity are invaluable to their mission, and Bayfield Lions Club encourages continued support for the food bank as the demand remains high.

For more information about the Bayfield Lions Club and their initiatives, please visit bayfieldlions.ca.

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Ask the Vet: Helping pets through storms



Spring brings the return of thunderstorms, and storm season has certainly kicked off with a bang in

DR. SOPHIE FARRELL

Sun Contributor

Huron County this year.

While many people enjoy Mother Nature's light show, many pets don't, and the flashes and bangs of a good storm can send them into a panic.

What is thunderstorm phobia?

It's an anxiety disorder characterized by an intense fear response to the lightning, thunder, rain, wind and/or atmospheric pressure changes that occur during thunderstorms.

It's seen in many species, but seems to be more common in dogs, and the effect on pets can vary from mild anxiety to full-on panic.

Affected animals can tremble, pace, drool, hide, act clingy, vocalise, have accidents in the house, or even hurt themselves and/or damage the house trying to escape (some-

times successfully).

Because thunderstorm phobia can worsen over the years, early intervention is key as soon as you see signs of anxiety. There's no way to avoid storms, but there are ways to help reduce your pet's anxiety so that everyone can get a better night's sleep.

How to Help Your Pet Manage Storms:

Remember, your pet is experiencing an intense irrational fear, not misbehaving. Avoid punishment, which reinforces fear, and stay calm yourself to model a "no big deal" attitude.

The goal when managing storm phobias is to minimize exposure to scary sights and sounds and teach your pet better "coping strategies" so that they eventually react less to storms.

During storm season:

Create a "safe space":

It should be somewhere small and dark such as a closet, interior room, or basement. It should be away from windows and doors to minimize light and sounds from the storm coming in, or windows can be covered.

If your pet is crate trained, throw a heavy blanket such as a moving blanket over it to create a "den". If your pet has picked their own safe space such as behind the sofa, in the bathtub or under the bed, use that.

Make sure that your pet can always access their safe space. Create a positive association with the space by putting bedding, toys, and favou-

rite treats there.

A white noise machine, fan, talk radio/TV, or sound tracks specifically designed to calm pets can help drown out scary sounds. The safe space should reduce sensory overload and provide positive experiences.

Use calming aids:

Options include anxiety-reducing "wearables" designed to provide gentle pressure to parts of the body (like a weighted blanket for people) or reduce the static charges that build up in a storm, and "calming caps" that reduce sensory input.

If you use these, make sure to read the directions well in advance as you may need to do a bit of training to get the pet used to them first.

Calming pheromones (available as collars, diffusers or sprays), and non-pharmaceutical supplements that contain calming ingredients have been reported to be quite helpful for some pets.

Reframe the experience:

If your pet will respond to their favourite rewards during a storm, you can "reprogram" their brain with counterconditioning by pairing their stress trigger with something positive to shift their mental association from "storm equals scary" to "storm brings good things".

To do this, every time their trigger (thunder, lightning, etc.) happens, immediately give them whatever they consider to be a "jackpot" reward - their most favourite treat, petting, a toy, etc. The reward needs to happen as close to the trigger as

possible, ideally within less than five seconds.

If you can't be home when a storm is expected, leave a long-lasting treat or favourite toy in their safe space. If your pet is so anxious that they're not responding to the reward, this means that their brain is in "fight or flight" mode, and this isn't going to work because the brain is unable to learn at high levels of anxiety.

If this is the case, your pet needs anxiety-reducing medication.

Talk to your vet about anxiety reducing medication:

If your pet is too anxious to respond to their favourite rewards, or even worse, in such a panic that they're at risk of escaping, destroying something or injuring themselves, then they're in "fight or flight" emergency mode and need anxiety relief medication for their physical safety and emotional well-being.

Some people are reluctant to take this step, but as anyone with anxiety can tell you, it's an extremely unpleasant sensation; medicating anxiety isn't "drugging your pet", it's giving them a better quality of life.

Many options exist, from daily seasonal support to situational relief used before a storm, and your vet can help you choose the right one for your pet.

Different medications have different levels of effectiveness in each patient, so you may need to try a few to find what works best for your pet.

Outside of storm season:

Once storm season is over, you

can try working on desensitization to decrease (or hopefully stop) your pet's anxiety next year. This involves slowly exposing your pet to recorded storm sounds, starting at a volume so low that it's almost too quiet to hear and gradually - over weeks to months - increasing the volume until it's at the same intensity as a real storm so that they slowly get used to them.

You can get specially made soundtracks for desensitization, or you can make recordings of how storms sound inside your home. Pets with a high baseline level of anxiety can really benefit from long-term anxiety medication during desensitization.

Be sure to only try this outside of storm season as an unexpected exposure to a real storm could derail your pet's progress. Since lightning flashes, pressure changes or static charge are hard or impossible to mimic, it's not possible to try desensitization for these triggers.

Dealing with thunderstorm phobia can be tough, but by creating a safe space, teaching your pet "coping skills", and consulting with your veterinarian for the best management plan, you can significantly improve your pet's quality of life this storm season and in the ones to come.

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Better Mental Health: Small habits lead to big change



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We all know life feels better when we have good habits, so why does building them often feel like a struggle?

For a long time, I thought it came down to willpower to try harder, do better and be more disciplined.

What I've learned, both personally and professionally, is that lasting change has less to do with effort and more to do with understanding how our brains work.

Every habit follows a simple,

predictable loop.

It begins with a cue, a trigger that signals your brain to begin a behaviour. The sound of your alarm or the smell of coffee can quietly set a routine in motion.

Then comes the craving.

This is what drives the habit. We don't crave the behaviour itself; we crave the feeling it gives us. I don't crave exercise, but I do enjoy the energy and sense of accomplishment that comes afterward.

Next is the response and the actions we take. If the behaviour feels manageable, and meets the craving, the more likely we are to repeat it. What we practice grows stronger.

Finally, there's the reward.

The brain is always asking, was it worth it? When the answer is yes, the habit strengthens. When the effort feels too high, or the payoff too small, the habit fades.

Once you understand this loop, something shifts. You stop fighting yourself and start working with your wiring. Neurons that

fire together, wire together.

There are four practical ways to make things easier:

Make It Obvious:

If you want to drink more water, don't rely on memory. Leave a water bottle where you can see it, as what is visible becomes doable.

Make It Attractive:

Pair the habit with something you enjoy. A walk becomes more appealing when it includes your favourite people, or your favourite podcast.

Make It Easy:

This is where many people get stuck. We aim too high and too fast. If 5 a.m. feels unrealistic, start at 6:30 a.m. Small, consistent steps create momentum, and that momentum builds structure.

Make It Rewarding:

Your brain needs to register that the effort matters. Track your progress, acknowledge the win, as even small rewards help reinforce the behaviour.

These same principles can help break habits, too.

Make them invisible, unat-

tractive, difficult and unrewarding. It's less about discipline and more about design.

I understand habit theory long before I was able to change my own patterns. What I needed wasn't more information, but something I could lean on when things felt heavy.

That's when I developed a personal system, a simple formula - Awareness, Avoidance, and Acceptance.

Awareness came first. I had to become honest about the thoughts, emotions and patterns driving my behaviour. You can't change what you're not willing to see.

Avoidance wasn't about weakness; it was about wisdom. I learned to protect my environment by limiting exposure to people, places and triggers that pulled me backward. Distance can be a powerful form of self-respect.

Then there was acceptance, the hardest piece of all. Not resignation, but unconditional acceptance of myself, of others,

of life's imperfections. Without that, change felt like a constant battle instead of a steady process.

Good habits are built through understanding, consistency and self-respect.

When you align how your brain works with a system that supports you, change stops feeling like a struggle, and starts feeling like progress.

I'm always available for guidance: <https://calendly.com/mentalhealthfa>

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Memorial windows of Crediton United Church: Great Love Hath No Man...

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On May 21, 1922, at the dedication service for the newly built Crediton Methodist Church, Rev. Thomas Blatchford held a special evening service to unveil the Memorial window honouring the parish's war dead.

It was an especially poignant moment for Rev. Blatchford as two of his sons' names were etched into the glass.

For a church in a tiny village to lose five parishioners was indicative of the sacrifices made by the Great War generation.

Each town, village and hamlet debated on how best to honour the dead. The Methodist Church Women and the Young Peoples' Society raised the funds.

They commissioned famed Toronto artist William James Meikle. He was a stained-glass maker at Robert McClausand's studio and Meikle chose the appropriate themes of Sacrifice, Remembrance and Resurrection.

The centre piece of the triptych window depicts Jesus resurrecting a dead soldier, and fittingly, the window faces east.

In Christian tradition, the Resurrection will come from the east.

Flanked on either side of the Christ figure are two soldiers presumably already raised. At their feet are sprays of red poppies, and interestingly, white poppies which were the symbols of pacificism.

Directly underneath the centre piece is the scripture verse from John 15:13 that: "Greater love hath no man, than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." Under the verse were the names of the five men who had been members of the congregation killed in the Great War.

Its allegorical meaning was not lost on the densely packed church. For Rev. and Mrs. Blatchford, the moment must have been bittersweet.

Their 30-year-old son Thomas had been an estate broker before he enlisted in May 1915. On April 26, 1916, Captain Thomas Blatchford was killed defending his trench in a German raid.

His brother, 23-year-old Ewart Blatchford, was a teacher when he attested in May 1916.

A junior officer's life in trench warfare was short-lived, it was a miracle that Captain Ewart Blatchford had survived the battles of Arras, Vimy, Hill 70 and Passchendaele. He was killed on August 27, 1918, in the 100 Days battles.

Private William Henry Walker, a local drug clerk, was just shy of his 18th birthday when he enlisted in January 1915 in the 161st Huron Battalion.

He must have been eager to join the fight because, in June 1916, he transferred from the Canadian Army Medical Corps to the 4 Canadian Mounted Rifles, which served primarily as an infantry unit. After several months of trench warfare, in December, Walker was killed by shell fire on December 19, 1916.

Norman Wellington Johns, aged 20, was an Usborne Township farmer. He volunteered with the 161st Huron battalion in March 1916.

He was wounded in May 1917 and returned to duty. On October 26, 1917, at Passchendaele, he received gunshot wounds to the neck and back.

On November 4, he died of those wounds.

A letter to his mother described Johns as a good man with "good heart as a true British hero always does. He died a true hero to save his loved ones at home."

As a 22-year-old farmer, Wilson Culbert could have stayed home to produce food for the war effort. Instead, his friend Norman Johns convinced Culbert to enlist during "Catch my Pal" week.

When they arrived overseas, Culbert and Johns were soon split when the 161st battalion was broken up in England to provide reinforcements for depleted frontline battalions. Johns was sent to the 58th battalion and Culbert



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A full-length photo of the Crediton United Church Memorial window.

was transferred to the 47th battalion. Private Culbert was killed on September 3, 1918, in the Hundred Days battles.

On May 21, 1922, the day the window was unveiled, the belief that the Great War was the 'War to End All Wars' was universally accepted. No one thought on that May Sunday when the names were unveiled that a second war would call the next generation of Canadians to arms.

One young parishioner who may have attended the unveiling was Donald Elliott Hicks, the son of Andrew and Maud Hicks.

Donald, 25, enlisted in the RCAF in September 1940. After his initial flight training at Sky Harbour, Sgt.-Pilot Hicks served as an instructor at several air stations until January 1943 when he was posted overseas.

Flt. Lieutenant Hicks wrote to his parents that he was stationed in Scotland and thought it more like home than anywhere he had been.

In a bombing run over Dusseldorf on the night of November 3, Flt. Lieut. Hicks Halifax bomber was destroyed. Its crew of seven declared missing until German authorities confirmed that all aboard were killed.

At the request of his parents, his headstone has "Our Gallant Don, He Died for His Faith" inscribed on it.

Clifford W. Hicks was the son of Byron and Loretta Hicks. He volunteered for the RCAF in early 1942 and trained as a fighter pilot.

In November 1943, Pilot Officer Hicks married Agnes Isobel Forbes at Ottawa's Southminster United Church. His marital bliss was interrupted when the demands of the war sent P/O Hicks overseas in early 1944.

Hicks was promoted and posted to RCAF 440 Squadron. RCAF 440 Squadron flew Typhoons, a fast, low

flying and highly maneuverable aircraft which provided close air support to the infantry and armour.

On August 8, 1944, Operation Totalize was launched in Normandy. It was still another effort to break through enemy lines.

During the opening stages of the operation, Flt./Lieut. Hick's echelon of five planes proceeded to make a dive bomb run when, according to the official report, Hick's plane received "a direct hit and immediately burst into flames."

The official report stated that Hick's aircraft hit the ground going 450 mph and exploded into pieces. His death was reported, like so many, in the local paper but it is hard to gauge the depth of the grief the parents and siblings must have experienced. Their inscription on their son's headstone was "Always will Honour Your Name and Your Glory."

The last name etched on the Crediton Memorial Window is Private Raymond Frederick Weiberg, of Dashwood, he was the son of Karl and Della Weiberg.

He was enlisted in the Perth Regiment, an infantry regiment, then taking heavy casualties slogging it out in the Italian hills and valleys.

On December 20, the Canadians attempted a river crossing which was stopped by accurate enemy mortar and machine gun fire. In the confused fighting that followed, Fred Weiberg was killed.

Besides his parents, a young widow was left to mourn his loss. The inscriptions on his headstone in Italy read: "He is Gone to the Land Beyond Where There is No Sorrow". His widow had: "Till We Meet Again" inscribed as well.

The Second World War names were inscribed in the window in 1947. There are few now who can remember the names on the window as living flesh and blood.

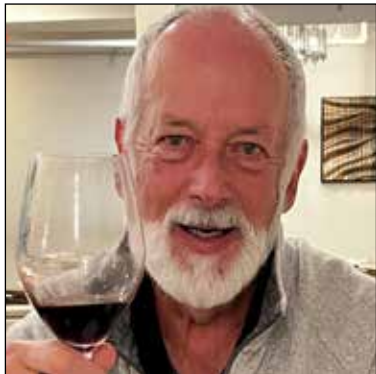
Yet, that was the point of Crediton United Church's Memorial Window; keeping high the torch of remembrance long after the last warrior has gone lest what we forget, we repeat.



(BONNIE SITTER PHOTO)

Centre panel of the Crediton United Church Memorial window depicts Christ resurrecting one of the soldiers. Resurrection, Sacrifice and Remembrance were common themes in commemorative art after the Great War. The names of the dead are etched in the bottom centre panel.

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: The mystery and wonder of Mount Etna



PAUL KNOWLES

Sun Columnist

The sky was blue, and the clouds white, although they did not obscure our view of Mount Etna, as we began the coach trip from Messina to the slopes of this active volcano. And this was all just as well, because by the time we were well on our way to the highest point of our trip, the clouds and mist were rolling in, and when we reached our final destination, the most prominent feature was fog.

But that was okay. The thing about Mount Etna is, it's unique and mysterious – the only active volcano on the island of Sicily, and one of three active volcanos in the Isole Eolie chain of islands that stretches north from Sicily. Those volcanic islands include two others that are still active – Stomboli, the easily identified triangle that can be seen from the western shores of Calabria, and Volcanu (the volcano from which the name, “volcano,” derives).

But Mount Etna is the big guy. In fact, it's Europe's largest and highest active volcano, ejecting huge amounts of lava every year.

But, say the experts, this Etna is carefully monitored by scientists, so it is safe to visit – when “they” say so. And since “they” said so, and we had the chance to go to Mount Etna



Our clear view of Mount Etna, before the clouds obscured the scene.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTOS)

during our Senior Discovery Tours visit to Calabria, we were in.

The main reason a visit to Mount Etna is considered safe was explained to us by our Sicilian guide. Volcanos fall into two categories – “explosive” and “effusive”. Effusive volcanos tend to erupt often or continually, but in more moderate fashion. “Moderate” being a relative term. Mount Etna is an effusive volcano.

So we joined the early-morning queue to board our coach in Siderno, on the east coast of Calabria, and took the one-hour-plus trip across the toe of Italy to find reach Villa San Giovanni, the port for the ferry to Sicily.

The ferry ride across the Straits of Messina is brief, perhaps 20 minutes, but there is nonetheless something magical about sailing toward the legendary island of Sicily for the

first time.

We docked in Messina, and began the hour and a half ride south to the slopes of Mount Etna.

Mount Etna is 3,400 meters high. We went just over half way up, to the 1800-meter level, stopping on route, in Zafferana Etnea, for scrumptious pastries and espresso. The guide said that this was to help us to acclimatize to the altitude, but I suspect it has more to do with the passion all Italians have for pastries and coffee.

Back on the coach, we continued the climb, passing through fascinating layers of topography and plant life. Before long, the predominant feature of the landscape was lava – many hectares of lava flow border the roadway up Etna. It's a stark, dark landscape, although hardy plants begin to grow not long after the lava has cooled. In fact, as lava

breaks down, it becomes one of the most nutrient-rich soils anywhere.

And as we rose higher, the temperature plunged, and snow appeared. By the time we reached the top, snow covered almost everything. People were skiing and snowshoeing.

The lava fields – and the views of the mountain – were increasingly obscured by cloud as we climbed toward our 1800-meter destination. And when we reached the parking lot, visibility was a few dozen meters.

But we persisted, because we had disembarked at the site of five craters, and were still able to view some of them. As the mist swirled, the views opened briefly, and then were again shrouded in fog. As I said, the entire adventure had a certain air of mystery.

Visitors can go higher than 1800

meters – there are cable cars and specially outfitted vehicles that head further up, as far as 2900 meters, the high point anyone is allowed to go. But all the literature says, “Go with a guide,” and there are factual accounts of foolhardy folk who ignored this advice, and died in an eruption of lava.

While at maximum height, we were invited to dine (Italy, right? Amazing food, right?). The restaurant is La Cantoniera, and it, too, has a Mount Etna story. During a dramatically large eruption in 1983, the original La Cantoniera was consumed and buried by lava flow. Today, the restaurant where we dined is built on top of the lava that contained the remnants of the former building.

And in the main floor dining room, there is a video screen showing that story, as well as wildly dramatic videos of previous Etna eruptions. It tends to inspire visitors to check the view out the windows every few minutes as you dine... just in case.

Our lunch at La Cantoniera, by the way, was a lavish buffet spread, with all the great Italian – and specifically Sicilian – tastes. Sausages, pasta, gnocchi, bruschetta, sundry mushrooms, eggplant, bacon, cheese. Wine by the bottle. And then, of course, pastries, all the pastries.

So did we get a perfect, close-up view of Mount Etna? No. But did we experience the mystery and the wonder of finding ourselves on the slopes of Europe's largest active volcano. And did I mentioned pastries?

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A lava field on Mount Etna.



One of five craters visitors can view at the 1800-meter level.

COMING EVENTS

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MACKAY CHORISTERS

On Thursday mornings 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@mackaychoristers.ca

GODERICH CHESS CLUB

On Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Goderich Library in the activity room.
This club warmly welcomes all chess enthusiasts of any age to join. Whether a seasoned player or a newcomer eager to learn the game, this is the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of chess.
Participants may come and go as they please during this timeframe.
Admission is free.
Equipment will be provided.

SMART RECOVERY MEETINGS

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Join in on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Goderich Library.
Make friends and practice speaking English while talking about culture, family, food, movies or anything you would like.
Hosted by the Huron Welcome Hub for Newcomers.
Join on: May 18, May 25, June 1, June 8, and June 15.

GODERICH READS BOOK CLUB

Join this book club that meets every two weeks at the Goderich Legion and come work with a variety of books.
There are nearly 140 members online and a core group of locals who come out to in-person meetings at Café 109.
Upcoming meetings are May 4 (Theo of Golden), May 25 (The Lion Women of Tehran) and June 8 (The Lion Women of Tehran) at 10 a.m. at Café 109 at the Goderich Legion.
Contact head of book club Holly Smith: 519-630-3962 for more information.

SISTERS SHARE ARTISTIC PASSION

Visiting artists for May – Denise Dalton and Bridget VanOsch exhibition at Goderich CoOp Gallery from May 1 until May 30.
Show opening is May 9 at 2 p.m.
Gcgallery.ca for more information.

BIA FARMERS' MARKET

Every Saturday until October 10, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Begins on Saturday, May 16.

BIA SUNDAY MARKET

Every Sunday until October 11, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Begins on Sunday, May 17.

BP BEFORE THEY GET BIG TOUR

On Saturday, May 16 at Boston Pizza from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m.
This is your chance to see the next big thing in Canadian music before he's too famous to play this close.
Come early for a pre-show dinner and then head out to the patio to enjoy an intimate performance by Andrew Hyatt as he takes the BP Live and Local stage.
RSVP required for entry. Priority access for ticket holders, limited walk-in availability.

HOW TO PROPAGATE HYDRANGEAS

On Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the MacKay Centre.
Join the Goderich District Horticultural Society as Michael Falconer gives a presentation on how to propagate hydrangeas.
Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

TEEN TAKEOVER NIGHT: NINTENDO SWITCH GAMES

On Wednesday, May 20 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Goderich Library.
Ages 13-18. Registration required.
Once a month, the library is yours. Enjoy pizza, games, crafts and fun activities with friends.
Admission is free.

GODERICH MAYOR'S LUNCHEON

On Thursday, May 21 from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Columbus Centre on Parsons Court.
Presented by Compass Minerals, this luncheon is one of the most popular events, bringing together leaders from across the business and non-profit community for an afternoon of connection, community pride and meaningful conversation.
The luncheon is an opportunity to gather and celebrate the Town of Goderich while reflecting on issues that matter to the community's future.
This year has a new format. Rather than a keynote speech from the mayor, the luncheon will centre on a moderated panel discussion led by the mayor.
Inspired by a theme of compassion, resilience and mental health awareness, the conversation will explore how leadership, collaboration and inclusion can help build a healthier community.
With a buffet lunch prepared by Part II Bistro.
Tickets cost \$50. Visit the Town's website for more information.

DEATH CAFÉ WITH HURON HOSPICE

On Thursday, May 21 from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at Huron County Museum.
Presented in partnership with Huron Hospice, join for coffee, tea, cookies and conversation about death and dying.
This free event is an open conversation about death and its impacts.
Runs the third Thursday of each month. Ages 18+. Registration required by emailing sally.brodie@huronhospice.ca or calling 519-525-6331.

HURON COUNTY PRIDE GAME NIGHT

On Thursday, May 21 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at East Street Cider.
In collaboration with Huron County Pride, a games night will feature card games, board games and more.
All are welcome, games will be provided but you're welcome to bring your favourite games too.
RSVP by reaching out to East Street Cider: contact@eaststreetcider.com
Admission is free.

LIVE MUSIC WITH DARREN STECKLE

On Saturday, May 23 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Square Brew.
Come out for the afternoon to kick off summer with a performance by Darren Steckle and enjoy smash burgers hot off the Blackstone.
Admission is free.

MEMORY AND AGING PROGRAM

On Wednesday, May 27 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the MacKay Centre.
Hosted by Alzheimer Society Huron Perth.
Learn more about memory and aging.

BIA THURSDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES

On Thursday, May 28 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Courthouse Performance Stage.
Join in this weekly celebration of music, community and the simple joy of coming together.
Every Thursday night at 7 p.m. the majestic Courthouse Performance Stage comes alive.
Admission is free.

LOBSTER ROLL DINNER FUNDRAISER

On Friday, May 29 at 5 p.m., held at the Goderich Legion. Happening in the Legion's newly renovated Jubilee Hall. Limited meals available. RSVP required at the bar. Plates cost \$30 per person. Must RSVP. Contact: goderichlegion@gmail.com or 519-524-9282.

HURON COUNTY COMICON

On Saturday, May 30 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Columbus Centre in Goderich.
Come for a full day of collectibles, pop culture, and family-friendly fun celebrating comics, toys, trading cards, anime, and all things geek culture.
Browse a wide variety of vendors, meet special guests, connect with fellow collectors, and join in a fun weekend outing.
Be sure to arrive early. The first 100 guests will receive a free, VIP shopping bag filled with goodies from event sponsors.
Admission is free.

SPRING PLANT SALE

On Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. or until sold out, in the parking lot behind the MacKay Centre.
Donations of plants and gardening related items are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. on May 30.
This is a great opportunity to buy perennial and native plants.
Money raised at this event will be used to support community projects by the Goderich District Horticultural Society.
For more information contact betty.hendriks@bell.net

SILVERWOODS PARK FESTIVAL

On Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Vauxhall Park in London.
Includes a silent auction, a 50/50 draw, classic cars, kid activities and free face painting, vendors and food trucks, and hourly prize draws.
Fun for the whole family.

WE THREE KINGS COMING TO GODERICH

On Friday, June 10 at Columbus Convention Centre on Parsons Court at 7:30 p.m.
Come for a night of entertainment from the multinational tribute to Elvis Presley by Roy Leblanc (Canadian), Oliver Steinhoff (German) and Leo Days (United States).
Three Grand Champions from three countries will depict three decades of the King of Rock and Roll.
Visit www.ticketscene.ca/events/58246 or call: 519-637-2605 for information or tickets.
Full tour schedule and tickets: www.aroyaltribute.com

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S 2026 GARDEN TOUR

On Saturday, July 11 the Goderich District Horticultural Society will host its 2026 Garden Tour from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
This non-profit group takes care of several flower beds around Goderich and hold several events.
The money raised at this tour is spent on plants for these gardens and to support other community groups that work hard to make Goderich the Prettiest Town in Canada.
Tickets can be purchased at the MacKay Centre on July 11.

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Directed by Crystal Salverda. Local Talent: Jacqui Knap (Pam Marsh), Chris Spaleta (Steve Marsh), Amanda Levencrown (Jane Talbot), Lisa Justine Gill (Chris Dodd), Jesse Gill (Tony Bishop), Sarah Nixon (Gemma Dodd).
June 4-6, and 11-13 at 8:00, 7, 14 at 2:00
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Celebration of Life Daisy "Rosemarie" Sager



Family and friends of Daisy "Rosemarie" Sager are invited to join in a Celebration of Life at St. George's Anglican Church Community Hall (87 North Street, Goderich, ON N7A 2T7) on Friday May 22, 2026 from 2:00- 4:00pm.

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CLINTON
Pharmasave
Clinton Legion
Clinton Arena
Shell
Bartliffs
Tim Hortons

Riddles

Why is May so polite?
Because it always may I help you!

What's May's favourite type of music?
Bee-flat... because of all the flowers and bees!

Why did the calendar love May?
It finally got to spring into action.

What do flowers say in May?
"Long time, no seed!"

Why is May the best month for gardening?
Because you finally May plant everything!

What did one May flower say to the other?
"I'm pollen for you!"

Why don't people get bored in May?
Because everything is blooming interesting!

What's May's favourite exercise?
Spring training!

Why did the sun love May?
It finally got more time to shine.

What's a gardener's favourite May pickup line?
"Hey, wanna come over and see my buds?"

Why was May so relaxed?
Because April showers finally took a break!

Sudoku

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Solutions on page 30

Featured Pets



FLIRT & PIPPA

It's mother and daughter, Flirt 10 yrs old and on May 14 th Pippa 7 yrs old respectively. The older girl is a retired Canadian champion "Vanderbilts Flirt with Danger" aka Flirt. Samoyeds are a wonderful breed of dog with a great temperament, full of love and fun. Having double coats takes some grooming, something I enjoy doing. I actually collect their fur and spin it, having knitted various garments from the yarn. During the war years women would spin the fur and use the yarn to make socks for the sailors, incredibly warm and unlike sheep's wool doesn't felt or sweat.



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OBITUARY



MURIEL EMILY MURPHY
 October 15th, 1930- May 2nd , 2026

Muriel Murphy (née Simpson), 95, of Goderich, Ontario, passed away peacefully on May 2 surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by siblings Jim, Margie, and Ward (Oresta), and sisters-in-law Lorraine Simpson and Anne Murphy. She is predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Dan Murphy; her parents, Sherman and Mary Ann Simpson; and siblings Jane (Mike), John (Ronnie), Kirk (Doreen), Hugh, Paul (Marie), and in-laws Lorna and Nick; and, from the Murphy family, Tom, Margaret, and Frank (Fran). Muriel was born in Welland, Ontario, the fourth of nine children. From a young age, Muriel put her God-given talents for helping others to excellent use, entering St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Hamilton, Ontario. This began a nursing career that took her from Hamilton to California and back to Ontario where she met a young lawyer named Dan Murphy. And the rest, as they say, is history. Muriel and Dan married in 1959 and settled in Goderich. There, they joined the parish of St. Peter's Catholic Church, remaining stalwart members for the course of their lifetime. Muriel's accomplishments were many. A two-time President of the Goderich Catholic Women's League, she was also elected President of the London Diocese. She was a board member of the Children's Aid Society, the St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumni Association, a long-standing member and volunteer for the Liberal Party, a member of the Hospital Auxiliary, and both a director and, ultimately, Chair of the Advisory Board of the London Psychiatric Hospital. Muriel's proudest accomplishment was her exuberant, diverse, ever-expanding family. Over 95 years, she raised seven children - Anne Marie (Taylor) Lambert, Patrick (Brenda) Murphy, Michael (Patti) Murphy, Paul (Lucille) Murphy, Mary Margaret (Adam) Taborek, Katharine (James) Smith, and Maureen (Joanne) Murphy. She later delighted in 18 grandchildren, including the Lamberts - Kenton (Rosalie), Michael (Candise), Anna (Sam), and Stephen (Charlie); Emily Murphy (Christian); Riley Murphy; the Taboreks - Benjamin (Alexandra), Riley Ash, Stephen, Angela, Jack, and Emily; the Smiths - Jerome, Madeleine, and Keon; and the Murphys - Matthew, Claire, and Stella. Recently, three great-grandchildren - Townes, Francis, and Ellie - rounded out her crew. Not to mention being a wonderful aunt to a beloved phalanx of nieces and nephews who adored their beautiful Aunt Muriel. Whether Mom, Nana, or Muriel, she was our safe place to land with our hopes and fears, disappointments and triumphs. Sometimes a balm, often a lifeline, her unconditional love was a constant in all our lives. Muriel delighted in the everyday, from cultivating saucer-sized hydrangeas around her back deck to canning jars of her signature sweet chili sauce every fall. From coaxing a giggle out of a petulant toddler, to singing in her clear, lovely voice. From watching a legendary Goderich sunset from the cottage beach, to enjoying a wee dram (or two) in the company of lifelong friends. She never met a dog or cat she didn't like, laughed as readily as she cried, and often took the opportunity to dispense her standard prescription for navigating life: "Go to mass." We are most grateful to the wonderful staff at Harbour Hill Retirement Home in Goderich and most recently the staff at Pinecrest Nursing Home in Lucknow for all of the care and love they bestowed on our mom. Some people try to leave the world a better place. Mom did, leaving everyone she encountered a better person without even trying. Ah yes. She was a rare one. Visitation was held at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Thursday May 7th, 2026 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Eulogy was said at 10:45 am. Muriel's Funeral Mass followed at 11:00 am. A private family burial will take place at Kingsbridge Cemetery. A celebration of Muriel's life followed at the Knights of Columbus Centre from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation in Muriel's memory to the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation-Magnetic Moments Campaign. Family and friends may sign the book of condolences at www.mccallumpalla.ca.

OBITUARY



MCGUIRE: MURIEL
 July 30, 1933 - April 22, 2026

Muriel Josephine McGuire (nee Powell) passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Southbridge Long Term Care Home in Goderich on Earth Day, April 22, 2026 in her 93rd year. Beloved mother and mother-in-law of Judith Elliott (Don) of Goderich, John McGuire (Linda) of St. Marys and Brenda Siddon of Southampton. She was Nanny to 5 grandchildren, Jamie Redmond (Jen), Juliet Middelkamp (Ryan), J.D. McGuire (Leah), Adam McGuire (Michelle) and Natalie Schmalz (Brandon). Great grandmother of 7, Jacob and Ethan Middelkamp, Andie, Stella and Evan McGuire and Audrey and George Schmalz. Predeceased by her husband Donald (Don) McGuire (1973), her son William (Bill) McGuire (2006) and her mother and step-father Emma and Laverne Powell. Muriel had a nursing career (PNA) for over 20 years at the Bluewater Center in Goderich. After retirement, Muriel really enjoyed her volunteer service with her fellow Comrades at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #109 Goderich Ladies Auxiliary for over 30 years. Muriel cherished and loved her time living on her family farm near Sheppardton for over 70 years, before moving to Goderich Place Retirement Home and then to Southbridge Long Term Care Home in Goderich. Cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will be held at Maitland Cemetery on July 30, 2026, Muriel's birthday. A public Celebration of Muriel's life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 109, 56 Kingston Street, Goderich on Thursday, July 30, 2026 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made in Muriel's memory to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #109, Ladies Auxiliary, Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation - MRI Fund or the charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Falconer Funeral Homes - Bluewater Chapel, Goderich. Messages of condolence for the Muriel's family are welcome at www.falconerfuneralhomes.com



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Recession
2. Venus
3. 90mins
4. Rome
5. Waymo
6. Hippopotamus
7. Liver
8. 24
9. Geppetto
10. Tarigrade or water bear

SUDOKU

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OBITUARY



JOHN 'JACK' RAYMOND TREBISH
June 16th, 1941- April 27th, 2026

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of John 'Jack' Raymond Trebish at Alexandra Marine & General Hospital on Monday April 27th, 2026 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of 64 years to Gwendolyn Trebish. Proud father to five sons, John Robert Trebish, Joseph Trebish, Nicholas Trebish, Daniel Trebish, and William Trebish. Brother to Marnie Trebish. He will be missed by his beloved grandchildren Tatiana, Katarina, Jakob, Jordon, Nathaniel, Melissa, Ethan, Chloe, and Reagan. He will be missed by his nieces Julia, Frances, and his great niece Charlie. Jack graduated from the University of Waterloo in 1965 in Chemical Engineering (BASC). He worked for Sifto Canada, managing many evaporation plants across Canada. Jack was a member of the Goderich Lions Club and an avid golfer. He was known to lend a helping hand to those in need. He will be missed for his kind soul. Jack was known to like to play a hand of cards with his friends. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Jack's Life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory can be directed to the Alexandra Marine & General Foundation- MRI Fund. Family and friends may sign the book of condolences at www.mccallumpalla.ca.

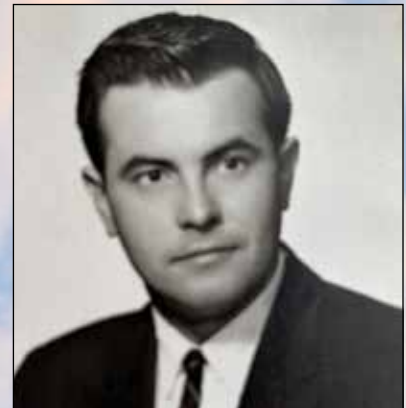
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HESSELS: JOHN & WILMA

Tragically on May 5th, 2026 in Wyoming, Ontario John and Wilma Hessels of Goderich went to be with their Lord and Saviour and became reunited with their daughter Tina and great granddaughter Lyla. Loving parents to Patricia & Richard Roetcisoender and Susan & Robert Crump. Adoring grandparents to Katelyn (Jake) Greg (Christina), Melissa, Daniel. Great grandparents to Austin, Myles, Madison. Missed by many siblings; Everett & Cheryl Hessels, Florence & Ken Janower, Peta Branderhorst, Janie Wilts, Koos & Rita Verburg, John & Margaret Verburg and Sylvia Nonkes. Predeceased by parents Frank & Tryntje Hessels and Johannes & Antje Verburg, siblings Jenny & Fred Veensstra, Arend Hessels, John Branderhorst, Martin Wilts, and Tony & Roely Verburg. John and Wilma will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Friends and family are invited to visitation on Friday May 8th from 7-9pm at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Goderich, and Saturday May 9th from 10-11am. with funeral service to follow at 11am. Interment at a later date in Maitland Cemetery. Pastor Tim Keep officiating. In lieu of flowers and as expressions of sympathy donations to Trinity Christian Reformed Church or Belwood Lodge and Camp would be appreciated. Please forward donations to Box 340 Brussels, ON N0G 1H0. Condolences may be left at riversidefuneralhome.ca

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Celebration of Life in Honor of Doug Reid

Family and Friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life in honor of Doug Reid, who passed away on January 8th, 2026, at the age of 89. A gathering to share memories and celebrate Doug's life will be held on **Saturday May 23rd 2026 from 1 to 3 pm** at the Goderich Legion Jubilee Room at 56 Kingston Street, Goderich, Ontario. All are welcome to join in remembering a life well lived.

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SHARON FIELDING

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