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Torch Run hosted once again in Huron County

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The Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) made a return to Huron County on Wednesday, June 3 to increase awareness and raise funds for Special Olympics.

Police officers, Special Olympians, family members, friends and community supporters from all over Huron County ran, walked, scootered and strolled together for the annual event.

According to Huron County OPP, the Ontario LETR is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Since its inception, the LETR has raised more than \$80 million in Canada.

"The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a highlight on my calendar, and I encourage you to celebrate these courageous and dedicated athletes," said Russ Nesbitt, Huron County OPP Sergeant and Torch Run Coordinator.

"Whether it's a honk of the horn, a high-five, some cheering from the sidelines, or a donation to support the cause, it really is appreciated."

The Huron County Torch Run began from the Maitland River Community Church in Wingham, where participants ran through the town and ended at the south end.

Participants were then transported to Blyth, Clinton and Goderich, where they completed legs in each community.

Following the final leg in Goderich, participants and supporters met at McGee Motors for a celebratory barbecue.



(KATHLEEN SMITH PHOTO)

The 125th Anniversary Committee. (Back row, L-R): Arlene Sager, Karen Scott, Sandi King and Kristy Daley. (Front row, L-R): Tracy Maguire, Chair of 125th Anniversary Committee, Maple Leaf Chapter IODE, Nancy Hughes, Penny Murray, Regent, and Sharon Creighton.

IODE: Celebrating 125 years of service

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Founded on June 17, 1901, the IODE Maple Leaf Chapter has been serving Goderich and surrounding area for 125 years as the community's oldest service club.

Marking this remarkable milestone, the ladies of the IODE and distinguished guests gathered on June 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Goderich to celebrate more than a century of improving lives through volunteerism, education support, community service and citizenship initiatives.

"The women who founded our chapter 125 years ago were visionaries," said Penny Murray, Regent of the IODE

Maple Leaf Chapter.

"At a time when women had limited opportunities to participate in public life, they created an organisation dedicated to strengthening their community through service."

Throughout its history, the Maple Leaf Chapter has supported countless local initiatives, educational programs, military families, health-care projects, and community organisations.

Today, members continue that tradition through fundraising, volunteer service, scholarships, and charitable giving.

"We are proud to carry that legacy forward and to continue making a meaningful difference in Goderich and the surrounding area," added Murray.

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Celebrating 125 years of service: Maple Leaf IODE gathers to recognise its legacy

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The Maple Leaf Chapter is the oldest serving club in Goderich, and its 125th anniversary was both a celebration of its past and a commitment to its future mission of helping children, youth, and those in need.

Originally established to support Canadian troops serving in the Boer War, the chapter quickly turned its focus to local community-building efforts.

The IODE quickly became a powerful force for volunteerism, patriotism, and community leadership in Goderich.

Beginning with 13 female members, annual membership dues were 25 cents and within the first year the IODE soon grew to six local chapters with a total of 92 members. Ten per cent of dues helped fund Goderich's first hospital initiative.

Among its earliest achievements was fundraising to establish Goderich's first hospital and assisting with the purchase of land for the future Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) site on Napier Street in 1912.

The IODE purchased the Shepherd property at South and Britannia for Goderich's first 14-bed hospital, which opened on December 1, 1905.

By 1912, the hospital was too small for the town's growing needs, and the IODE helped purchase the site where the Cameron House was, on Napier Street for the future and current site of the AMGH.

"Since its inception, this chapter has been a beacon of service, leadership and tremendous dedication to the well-being of this community," stated Jimmy Trieu, CEO of AMGH/HHS at the luncheon on June 17.

"Your presence has been a constant source of strength for the hospital. Over the years

your generous fundraising has enabled the hospital to invest in critical, lifesaving patient equipment, ensuring the community has access to the best possible care."

Throughout the decades the IODE not only was a major catalyst to purchasing spaces for the hospital, but have worked to support sailors, families, harbour workers, and supported the troops in the World Wars with knitted goods, care parcels, nursing supplies and family assistance programs.

The IODE established the Opportunity and Consignment Shop in 1953 to provide affordable clothing and community assistance.

Still operating today by members and volunteers, the 'Op Shop' continues to raise funds for local projects, support families in need and strengthen community outreach.

Following the Second World War, the Maple Leaf Chapter began supporting additional initiatives. This includes schools and libraries, scholarships and student awards, literacy and arts initiatives, welfare programs, seniors' needs and healthcare.

"Through world wars, economic challenges and tremendous social change, the women of the IODE have continued to answer the call to help others. They have supported education, health care, assisted families in need, recognised community leaders," remarked Trevor Bazinet, Mayor of Goderich, at the June 17 event.

"Here in Goderich, the IODE has been part of the fabric for generations. Members have quietly and consistently made a difference. Not for recognition but because helping others is simply the right thing to do."

Throughout the earlier decades, the Maple Leaf Chapter raised funds through holiday teas, bake sales, fashion shows, craft tables, charity luncheons, and Geranium sales.

Around the year 2000, a new public fundraiser was established – the IODE Christmas House Tour, where a ticket to enter five holiday-decorated homes was only \$10.

In 2001, the IODE celebrated 100 years, with 112 members on the roster. In celebration, the IODE contributed a generous \$100,000 toward the Goderich Library addition.



(KATHLEEN SMITH PHOTO)

Arlene Sager (left) with Nancy Hughes, in front of the display of 125 books purchased from The Bee's Knees, supporting a local bookstore, while all these books will soon be donated to the library.

Following the devastating Goderich F3 tornado in 2011, the IODE donated \$24,000 to the relief efforts and helped complete an \$8,000 playground project.

Healthcare and hospice support is also an initiative the IODE supports through major funding contributions including the CT scanner, mammography and dialysis equipment, as well as the Audrey Royal Reflection Room.

Once called Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE), the organisation now has rebranded as Inclusive, Organised, Dedicated and Enthusiastic (IODE) women.

The IODE Maple Leaf Chapter is com-

prised of 81 members and is guided by an 11-member Executive Board dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents throughout Goderich as well as Huron County.

"You are carrying forward a tradition that began before airplanes, before radio, before television and before women had the right to vote in Canada. That is a legacy worth celebrating," added Bazinet.

"As Mayor, I'm proud to recognise 125th anniversary of the IODE and offer my sincere congratulations and may you organisation continue to inspire future generations with the same spirit of service and compassion."



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Rosalie Rowland, summer intern at the Huron County Museum, with her display of clothing, shoes, purses and items throughout the decades, chosen from the museum collection from 1900 and onwards.

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A variety of free educational programs and social opportunities designed for people living with dementia, care partners, families and community members will be available this summer on behalf of the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth.

These programs and social opportunities aim to allow residents to stay connected, informed and supporter.

Living Well Series:

A featured summer education session titled 'An Introduction to the Ontario Caregiver Organisation' will be hosted on July 7 at the MacKay Centre in Goderich at 1:30 p.m.

This presentation aims to highlight the important role caregivers play and intro-

duces free programs, services, and resources available to support them.

This session will offer valuable information and connections for caregivers.

Building off this foundation of support, there will also be a session titled 'Care Partners: Dealing with the Feelings', which is a four-week series beginning July 22 at 1:30 p.m.

This program expands on the caregiving experience by creating space for participants to explore the emotional side of care, share common experiences, and develop coping strategies while connecting with others who understand the caregiving journey.

Additional summer education offerings include:

• **Dementia and Travel** – July 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Learn practical tips and considerations for travelling while living with dementia or supporting someone who is.

• **Driving and Dementia** – August 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Explore the relationship between driving and dementia, including safety considerations, planning, and available supports.

In addition to education programs, the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth will continue its popular **Virtual Ukulele Summer Jams**, offering participants a chance to connect through music and brain health.

Sessions will take place online on **June 23, July 28, and August 18 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

The Society will also partner with the Friendship Centre in St. Marys to offer

an in-person ukulele jam on **July 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

All education sessions are free and open to the public.

For details and registration for these online programs, visit www.bit.ly/ASHPEducationHour or click the Education Hour banner at www.alzheimer.ca/huronperth.

For assistance, contact 1-800-561-5012 or email info@alzhp.ca.

Whether looking for information, support, connection, or simply a chance to try something new, there is something for everyone this summer.

The Alzheimer Society Huron Perth wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and looks forward to connecting with community members through upcoming programs and events.

Editorial

Choosing Grace: Gathering moments of joy

PAMELA CLAYFIELD

Sun Correspondent

Happy Summer. It's here, somewhere. We've had plenty of hints, but I think it's being shy. By late June, summer is usually in full swing.

We've tucked away jackets and long pants. There's nothing better than just being able to slide our feet into sandals and walk out the door.

The days stretch endlessly, giving us extra time in the evenings for sitting outside enjoying the sunshine.

The gardens are bursting with colour, and the world

feels alive in a way that only happens this time of year. It's a season that invites us to gather joy — not in grand gestures, but in small, meaningful moments.

A picnic lunch.

A drive with the windows down.

The first dip in the lake, which I was lucky enough to experience already.

The laughter of children playing long past bedtime.

The scent of freshly cut grass drifting through the air.

These are the moments that make summer feel like summer. For some it's those moments that get us through winter. They're fleeting, but they linger in our

memory long after the season fades. Maybe that's the point — joy doesn't need to be big to be lasting. It just needs to be noticed.

Late June encourages us to be present. To look up from our routines and see the beauty around us. Take that time off to be out there and enjoy it. Make your moments and collect them like seashells, tucking them away for the days when life feels heavier.

As we move deeper into summer, may we collect joy wherever we find it. May we hold onto the moments that make us smile. And may we remember that grace often arrives in the smallest, sweetest ways.

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Regular Central Huron Council meeting addresses key community matters

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Sun Reporter

Clinton council took a significant step forward in exploring the future of the former Bluewater Youth Centre property, hearing from consultants and ultimately approving a plan to pursue an innovation hub model aimed at job creation and youth retention.

Mayor Jim Ginn opened the discussion by emphasizing the importance of the decision ahead. "This is a pretty major decision for the municipality, and we want to make sure everyone is comfortable with the information they've received."

The meeting featured a presentation and follow-up discussion with consultants from Stiletto Consulting, including Laura O'Brien and Tara Sutton, who addressed questions submitted by the council and the public regarding the feasibility study.

O'Brien noted that partnerships with post-secondary institutions remain a strong opportunity despite ongoing changes at the provincial level.

"Institutions today are needing to get creative in terms of identifying new opportunities to bolster up their enrolment," she explained, adding that this creates potential alignment with Central Huron's proposed innovation hub.

Ginn shared fresh developments from earlier in the day, "I was sitting in my car up to about 10 minutes ago on a conversation with MPP Thompson and the president of Trent University. I had a good conversation with them. They're excited about this. They have your report. They look forward to working further with us and maybe even making something formal. That's hot off the press, I guess you could say."

Both Consultants highlighted that while industry interest exists, development must proceed in phases. O'Brien stressed that the recommended first step is establishing an innovation hub before committing to large-scale construction.

"We do not have enough data to suggest that you would be having enough interest for full development," she said. "The hub is the first step."

As the meeting went on, examples from other regions were cited, including a New Brunswick research park that grew gradually after securing anchor tenants.

"It does start with anchor companies," O'Brien explained, noting that early partnerships can drive long-term growth.

Council members raised practical concerns about implementation, particularly funding and timelines. A staff clerk expressed caution about financial returns, noting the project is "not super lucrative" but aligns with council's goals of job creation and youth retention. He also asked how the municipality would transition to physical development after the initial five-year phase.

O'Brien responded that sustainability planning must begin early.

"By year five, you have a path forward," she said, emphasizing that success depends on strong management and evolving partnerships. The importance of external fund-

ing was also taken into context.

"You really should line up your grants because you will need resources to accelerate things," O'Brien advised.

Economic Development Officer Chris Watson supported the proposal, calling it "a prudent opportunity with an incredible potential for payback," while acknowledging the risks.

"Most great outcomes are not without risk," he said, adding that the plan offers a chance to "swing for the fences."

Local stakeholders also voiced support. A representative from the REACH Centre noted that even partial implementation would benefit the community.

"If REACH succeeds, it's good for Central Huron," he said.

"Even if the extra development doesn't come to fruition, we'll be better."

Councillor Michael Russo stressed urgency on that front, "The minute that we leave this room and haven't made a decision on our path forward that would be a big error."

Ginn expressed, "I think that was a wise decision to take advantage of an opportunity we had. I think anybody that knows the price of agricultural land, 300 acres for \$5.2 million is dirt cheap. I think we can move forward with an opportunity."

Council ultimately passed a motion to adopt the Stiletto strategic framework, begin implementing a long-term innovation hub plan, and move forward with hiring a project manager.

Highlights on the Kayak Launch

Beyond the innovation hub discussion, council also heard updates on community initiatives, including a highlight on the newly installed accessible kayak launch, which Community improvement coordinator Angelia Smith described as both successful and deeply moving.

"Among other people, we had three wheelchairs sitting on the dock and three really happy people in kayaks that would never have had that opportunity before," she said.

She shared a story that resonated strongly with council: "There was a lady there with her grandkids. She said her grandkids didn't want to just hang out with an old lady in a wheelchair, as she used to go kayaking with them. On Friday they took turns going out with their grandma in the water. So, it was powerful."

Smith emphasized the value of the investment: "Very small investment for such huge gain, so thank you and be sure to check it out."

Mayor Ginn, who attended the launch, agreed.

"Certainly, was moving and the launch works very, very well," he said. "Those kayaks come out of the water pretty easily."

He added that the project may already be influencing neighbouring communities, "I had a conversation with some members of ACW council and now they're looking to cut some grass and pick up some garbage - I'm not sure that would have happened otherwise."

Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson raised practical concerns about river usage, noting that residents had asked about downstream

access.

"People usually go downstream, how are they going to get out when they go downstream? As there aren't any other launches along the way?" she asked.

Smith explained that most users are treating the launch as a start and return.

"They were going up as far as the rapids and then going down as far as they were comfortable with, and they came back," she said. "The fact that they're able to get in at all is such a massive win."

She acknowledged future possibilities but noted current limitations: "Unless we had more of them, that's probably not an option."

Deputy Mayor Anderson also questioned whether signage should be added to inform visitors that it is the only access point. Smith responded simply, "No," when asked if signage currently exists.

Mayor Ginn suggested most users research ahead of time. "In most cases, people research it before they come, and we know that happened in St. Mary's. I don't think anybody has two."

Smith agreed, "Of all the ones I researched, there aren't any that have two, you go out and you enjoy yourself and you come back."

Ginn added reassurance about conditions: "There's quite a pool there, so it's not fast-moving water at all."

Councillor Russo suggested a simple solution: "I'm pretty sure that if this winds up on the website... there's lots of places to put a special note indicating just that."

Summer Student to Assist at Events

Councillor Jennifer Cox raised questions about the municipality's new summer student, asking, "I'm just curious what the hours would be and is there an expectation that they would attend events for overtime type hours?"

Community improvement coordinator Angelia Smith confirmed the role would be flexible and hands-on. He'll just follow along with me."

Smith clarified that adjustments would be made to maintain balance: "the plan would be that he would work 35 hours."

Province Funding Pressures Raise

Concerns

Under items of interest, Deputy Marg Mayor Anderson brought forward concerns about provincial funding for public health.

"The province has told the health units that the only increase would be 1 per cent per year and the rate of inflation was 2.4," she said.

"So, what the province doesn't give us - it will go back to the local municipalities to pay."

She argued that responsibility should remain at the provincial level: "Health care is a responsibility of the provincial government so I think they should be the ones paying the bill."

The council supported the motion.

During discussion, a question was raised about funding sources, specifically the land transfer tax. Mayor Ginn clarified, "It goes to the province."

The motion was ultimately carried unanimously.

Council approves Clinton splashpad resurfacing project

Clinton council has approved resurfacing work at the Clinton splashpad after the current non-slip coating showed signs of deterioration and reached the end of its expected lifespan.

The municipality issued a request for quotes for the project, which included removing and disposing of the existing coating and installing a new pour-in-place non-slip surface. Two quotes were received, but one was not considered because the company only offered to complete the installation portion of the work.

Council approved the remaining quote from ABC Recreation Limited, the company that originally installed the splashpad in 2017, at a cost of \$53,925 before applicable HST.

The 2026 capital budget included \$51,688 for the project, with the remaining \$3,186.08 after HST to be funded through the facilities reserve.

The project supports Central Huron's goals of improving infrastructure and maintaining community facilities for residents and visitors to enjoy.

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Huron Chamber recognised among Canada's fastest-growing chambers

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Huron Chamber of Commerce was recognised as one of the fastest-growing chambers of commerce in Canada for the second consecutive year.

Ranked as the third fastest-growing chamber, the Huron Chamber is also the only chamber in its category to place in the top five for two consecutive years. This reflects sustained membership growth and growing engagement from businesses in the area.

"This recognition is meaningful because it reflects the confidence local businesses and organisations are placing in the Chamber," said Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

"Growth is not just a number on a list. It strengthens the Chamber's ability to advocate, to convene, to share useful information, and to create practical opportunities for members."

Carmichael says this recognition comes during a period of significant expansion for the Huron Chamber. In recent years, the Huron Chamber has grown beyond its historic base in Goderich and now serves members across all nine municipalities in Huron County.

"The larger and more engaged the Chamber becomes, the more effective it can be on behalf of businesses across Huron County," added Carmichael.

Huron Chamber's work is centred on connecting community leaders and help bring the right people into the right rooms at the right time to discuss issues that matter.

This includes advocacy on local and regional business priorities, workforce development initiatives, and the translation of economic and labour market information into practical context for this region.

As someone who has been involved with chambers of commerce in both Canada

and the U.S., Ken Zelazny, Chair of the Huron Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has seen firsthand the important role chambers play when they are active, focused, and connected to the communities they serve.

"The Huron Chamber is delivering a level of service and engagement often associated with much larger organisations," explained Zelazny.

"Businesses across Huron County clearly recognise that value and are choosing to invest in and support the Chamber's work."

Its recent growth reflects a broader understanding of what membership can offer.

Its value comes from being part of a larger network that support business success, community development, and a stronger regional economy.

The Huron Chamber is an independent, non-profit organisation, and receives no government funding.

Its work is supported by membership, sponsorship, events and partnerships.

This level of independence allows the Chamber to speak clearly and constructively on issues.

"An active Chamber matters because business conditions are shaped by many factors, including workforce availability, infrastructure, regulation, housing, energy costs and local economic development," Carmichael stated.

"Our role is to make sure those issues are understood in a Huron County context, and that the voice of business is part of the conversation."

Carmichael says the Chamber continues to welcome new members from across the county. Any business or non-profit organisation located or operating in Huron County is eligible to join, regardless of size, sector or municipality.

Membership information is available at huronchamber.ca

Gateway announces new executive committee following the annual general meeting

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Sun Contributor

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) with its Board of Directors in attendance.

During the meeting, the Board reflected on Gateway CERH's accomplishments over the past year, reviewed key initiatives supporting rural health and well-being, and elected a new Executive Committee for the coming year.

Gateway CERH is pleased to announce the following members of its Executive Committee:

President: Gwen Devereaux

Vice President: Mary Lapaine

Chair: Wayne Caldwell

Vice Chair: Dan Stringer

Treasurer: Rowland Howe

Secretary: Pat Redshaw

The Executive Committee will work

closely with the Board of Directors and staff to advance Gateway CERH's mission of improving the health and well-being of our local rural communities through research, education, and communication.

The AGM also provided an opportunity to recognize the contributions of the previous Executive Committee members and Board members whose leadership and commitment have helped advance Gateway CERH's strategic priorities and community impact.

As Gateway CERH looks ahead, the organization remains focused and committed to our local communities, supporting innovative programs, creating meaningful partnerships, and responding to the unique needs of our rural residents.

For more information visit www.gatewayruralhealth.ca

Alexa Hugill is the Marketing and Communications Coordinator for Gateway CERH



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Wayne Caldwell, Chair, Dan Stringer, Vice Chair, Rowland Howe, Treasurer, Gwen Devereaux, President, Pat Redshaw, Secretary. (Missing: Mary Lapaine, Vice President).

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Central Huron celebrates launch of accessible kayak dock at Ball's Bridge

BRITTANY McKAY

Sun Reporter

A new accessible kayak launch was officially opened on June 12 at Ball's Bridge. This marks another milestone in the commitment to accessibility and inclusion.

The ceremony highlighted the municipality's efforts to create barrier-free recreational opportunities while advancing its vision of becoming Ontario's first fully accessible downtown.

Mayor Jim Ginn praised both the project and the scenic location.

"Part of our continuing program in Central Huron for accessibility includes plans to potentially become the first fully accessible downtown in Ontario, and we're getting close," Ginn said.

Standing beside the launch, Ginn noted the unique beauty of the Ball's Bridge area and the importance of ensuring everyone can enjoy it.

"The bridge and the whole area are so nice. Most of our bridges are so high that you don't really feel like you're down on the river. This bridge is special, and we've tried to do a few things to make it even more accessibility-friendly and aesthetically pleasing," he said.

Ginn also thanked members of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council, noting that the launch is located on their side of the river.

"They were generous enough to say, 'Go ahead and do it.' They thought it was a good idea too," he said.

The mayor credited Angela Smith for helping turn the idea into reality through grant funding and project coordination.

Smith shared the story behind the project's rapid development. The initiative began after receiving a newsletter from Accessibility Strategist Julie Sawchuck, highlighting a funding opportunity through the Rick Hansen Foundation.

After quickly obtaining a community support letter from Sawchuck, Smith worked against the clock to complete the application.

To her surprise, the project received full funding approval.

"When we got approved for the full amount, I was delighted. Full grant approval is almost unheard of," she said.

Because the grant required installation and public recognition during National Accessibility Week, Smith moved quickly to order the equipment before formal municipal approval had been secured.

According to Smith, Ginn encouraged the project team to move forward immediately.

"He told me to order it, and we'd get the approval later," she explained.

Additional funding and support came from Community Living Central Huron, OLG and Arch Angels, making the project a true community effort.

The new installation includes an accessible kayak launch and pathways that create a barrier-free connection between Ball's Bridge, the picnic area and the water's edge. Designed with future growth in mind, the modular dock system can be expanded as community needs evolve.

"We're going to keep building," Smith said. "The kayak launch pads are modular, so you can add another ramp on one side, make the dock a little bigger, or add other features."

Attendees had the opportunity to experience the facility firsthand.

Among those was Jude McWilliams, who said the experience allowed her to reconnect with an activity she once enjoyed regularly before facing mobility challenges.

"I'm excited to be here today because I feel freedom for the first time in about three years," McWilliams said.

"I've been stuck in a wheelchair, and to

have this ability to come and get back to kayaking,

which I was doing every day before my challenges, means so much."

McWilliams said the launch represents more than just accessibility infrastructure. It's accessibility for anybody who struggles with balance issues or needs an easy way in and out.

After spending time on the river, she described the experience as emotional and empowering.

"I feel free. I feel absolutely alive and free, and I can hardly wait to come back," she remarked.

Her comments underscored the purpose of the project: providing opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy the natural beauty of Ball's Bridge and the Maitland River.

Another representative on site was Jess Wise, who echoed those sentiments.

"We're able to help more people in our community," Wise said after trying the launch.

Wise believes the accessible launch will not only improve recreational opportunities locally but also attract visitors seeking inclusive outdoor experiences.

As the celebration concluded, Ginn and Smith reflected on how collaboration between municipal leaders, community organizations, accessibility advocates and funding partners transformed an idea into reality.

"The community came together and we made it happen," Smith said. "Thank you to everyone who helped make this project a reality."

The accessible kayak launch stands as another step in Central Huron's ongoing efforts to remove barriers and create spaces where everyone can participate, explore and enjoy the outdoors.

Goderich and District Horticultural Society donate \$4,000 to MRI campaign

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The Goderich and District Horticultural Society (GDHS) presented a donation of \$4,000 to support the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) Foundation's Magnetic Moments Campaign.

Proceeds from GDHS' spring plant sale, this donation

aims to support the purchase of an MRI machine.

The original goal was to raise \$1,000.

"To be able to donate \$4,000 was amazing," said Sheila Chick, GDHS.

"We thank everyone who donated plants, our dedicated volunteers at the plant sale, and the many generous folks who came to buy plants. We are grateful for everyone's support."



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Member of the GDHS who attending the June 16 meeting to present the \$4,000 cheque to Kimberley Payne, Pam Somers and Vanda McNeil of the AMGH Foundation's Magnetic Moments Campaign committee.

Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. How old is Canada turning this Canada Day?
2. What is the national animal of Canada?
3. Who was Canada's first prime minister?
4. What landform sits between British Columbia and Alberta?
5. Charlottetown is claimed to be "the birthplace of _____".
6. What are Canada's two official national sports?
7. The four divisions of the Canadian Corps fought together for the first time at what battle?
8. In what year was Nunavut established?
9. Who was the lead singer of the Tragically Hip?
10. Who ran across Canada to raise awareness for cancer?

This week's answers are found on pg. 35

Out of great tribulation: The Westfield Church windows

DAVID YATES

Sun Contributor

At the Westfield Methodist Church, a special service was held on July 4, 1920, to unveil the memorial windows dedicated to the congregation's fallen during the Great War.

Of the 14 young men from the small church who enlisted, three were killed. Their home church honoured their sacrifice with a striking tribute in glass.

The stained glass would have been an extravagance for a Methodist church as they are the only stained-glass windows in the church. It is not known who the glass maker was but by their character, they were probably executed by the famed artist Robert McCausland of Toronto.

Although the three windows are spaced apart to fit the existing Gothic window openings on the south wall. Together, they were meant to form a whole triptych.

At the appointed hour, the special service began when 20 Great War veterans marched into the church before a full church who braved the July heat to witness the windows' unveiling.

In reverence, the first notes of the "Last Post" were sounded and "those appointed" drew back the large flags covering the windows.

The Signal reported that it was a 'tense moment as the last lingering note of that most musical of all bugle calls died away, and the people who thronged every available space in the church stood an instant longer viewing the noble work of art and then reverently took their seats,'.

What the flags revealed was a "magnificent specimens of art." The left window depicted the risen Christ, victorious over death with the inscription "I am the resurrection and the life."

The right window represents the Angel of the Resurrection with the 'fitting' inscription: "These are they that have come out of great tribulation."

The centre window "is a splendid depiction in glass of a Canadian soldier standing amid the poppies of Flanders battlefield, supporting the flag of Canada."

The head is bared, the features of the face are full of character expressive of the words of the inscription, 'I have fought the good fight'.

At the windows pediment, are inscribed the names of the fallen—William Percy Buchanan, Charles Ivan Wightman and Russell Francis Woods along with the dates and places where they were killed.

For those in attendance on that July Sunday, those names were remembered as flesh and blood people. A century later, it is impossible to know those who fell other than their service records.

Private William Percy Buchanan was a 25-year-old school teacher.

Born on January 12, 1891, in East Wawanosh Township, Buchanan attended Wingham High School and the University of Toronto.

When he enlisted in March 1916, he was teaching at Toronto's Carlton Street Public School.

Enlisting with the 170th (Mississauga Horse) battalion, he reported on his attestation papers that he had one year's training with the Canadian Officers Training Corps at the University of Toronto.

Buchanan listed his marital status as single but, in fact, he was married.

He went to France with the 75th battalion (Central Ontario) and served with the battalion's Lewis gun section. He survived the assault on Vimy Ridge in April 1917 but was killed in a trench raid around Lens where his battalion suffered heavy casualties on June 8, 1917.

Ivan Wightman was born on June 6, 1894, to a farming family.

He joined the 161st (Huron) Battalion on March 25, 1916, and left for overseas with the rest of the battalion in October 1916.

At one point, he was promoted to Lance Corporal but "at his own request" he reverted to the rank of private.

On December 4, he was taken on strength with the 58th battalion with a draft of several other Huron men



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The Angel of Tribulation.

to make up replacements for losses at the front.

Wightman survived some of the toughest fighting of the war at Vimy Ridge, and Hill 70 among others. At Passchendaele on October 26, 1917, Wightman's battalion assaulted entrenched German positions. The battalion tried to keep close behind their covering artillery barrage, but the barrage broke up exposing the assaulting companies to German machine gun fire.

Despite heavy casualties, all battalion objectives were taken but Private Wightman was killed. The battalion diary cited 25 officers and other ranks for 'conspicu-



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'I have fought the good fight': The names of the fallen – William Buchanan, C. Ivan Wightman and Russel F. Woods.

ous bravery' in a 'difficult' operation.

Corporal Russell Francis Woods was born on April 21, 1893, in West Wawanosh Township. He was a Blyth bank clerk where he enlisted in the Blyth company of the 161st battalion on January 10, 1916. Like Wightman he went overseas with the Huron battalion but was taken on strength with the 4th (Central Ontario) battalion for service in France.

The 4th battalion was part of the 1st brigade of the first Canadian division. An elite unit, it had developed a reputation among the forces of the British Empire as a tough, offensive fighting force. There was pride in being part of it.

It is not known which battles Woods had fought in, but his battalion fought in every major Canadian engagement of the war from Ypres to the Hundred Day. He must have been a good leader because he was promoted to Corporal in July 1916.

During the frenzied Hundred Days battles from August 8 to November 11, 1918, the first division was a lead element in the British offensive.

As the Canadian and ANZAC forces drove the German lines back, Corporal Woods fell in the confused fighting around Cambrai. He was initially listed as missing but "believed killed" until October 21 when his remains were found. It was believed he fell on October 11 exactly one month before the Armistice.

As the unveiling service concluded, the Signal pronounced it "a fitting tribute to the supreme sacrifice of three of our finest heroes."

Two lines from the poem "Gifts from the Dead", which formed part of the ceremony's program still resonate over a century later.

"Bethink you what a wealth of pride, they've won you for the coming years."

The powerful message the windows convey echo off the walls of an empty church.



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Application forms may be obtained in person at the Goderich Legion or by contacting the Guidance Office at GDCI. The scholarship has a value of \$2,000 and the deadline to submit your application is **July 31, 2026**. Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to the Goderich Legion, Attention: Scholarship Committee Chair, 56 Kingston St, Goderich, ON N7A 3K4.

Note: If closed, phone the Legion at 519-524-9282 to arrange a date and time to pick up or drop off your application.

Goderich Kinsmen Ribfest new to annual Summerfest

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Goderich Kinsmen are proud to bring a ribfest component to our annual Summerfest.

This new adventure is going over well with lots of support and excitement. Goderich Kinsmen have booked three rib trucks so far.

There will also be ice cream trucks, French fry trucks, plus several other vendors serving a variety of food.

This event includes live music from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday of Summerfest, featuring local bands on Friday night including Jeanne Truax with her high energy rockabilly country and folk music, and Saturday night with Hysteria performing a Def Leppard tribute.

Both performances begin at 8 p.m.

See Goderich Kinsmen website for the list of bands and times during Summerfest.

Sunday will feature a DJ and a rib

judging competition.

The famous beer gardens will open on Thursday night (July 9) from 6:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. to support the Goderich BIA Thursday Concert Series.

Beer gardens will be open from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Summerfest will also include a kid zone to make the weekend a real family event.

"I expect a large crowd who will be fully entertained," said Terry Schwartzentruber, Chair fo the Summerfest/Ribfest.

"The Kinsmen Club of Goderich feels the ribfest component will bring an exciting new flavour to the exciting events that are already happening during Summerfest."

Admission to ribfest is free, but donations are accepted at the entrance.

All money raised goes to support community projects.

Visit <https://www.goderichkinsmen.ca> for more information.

Goderich Legion to recreate a 1940s dance hall as part of centenary celebrations

DAWN ALLEN

Sun Contributor

As the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 109 in Goderich celebrates its 100th anniversary, organizers are preparing to bring a piece of history to life with a unique community event this summer.

The Legion's "We'll Meet Again" Centenary Gala, taking place July 17, will transform the Branch into a 1940s-inspired dance hall, complete with live swing music, vintage décor, wartime memorabilia, and period-inspired fashions.

The event is one of several initiatives marking the Legion's centennial year. While the national Royal Canadian Legion was founded in 1926, Branch 109 has served the Goderich community since 1946, supporting veterans, their families, and countless local organizations and charitable causes.

The goal is to celebrate not only the history of the Legion, but also the people who have shaped it over the past century. This event is designed to bring generations together and create an experience that honours the past while celebrating the future.

Guests will enjoy live music by the

Lighthouse Swing Band Orchestra, vintage displays, historical exhibits, and a special presentation by local historian David Yates, who will share stories and insights from the wartime era and the Legion's place within the community.

Organizers have also encouraged attendees to embrace the theme by wearing 1940s-inspired attire, helping to recreate the atmosphere of the dance halls and community gatherings that were so important during and after the Second World War.

The gala has generated significant interest from both Legion members and the wider community, reflecting the enduring role the organization continues to play in Goderich and across Canada.

As Branch 109 enters its second century of service, the event offers an opportunity to reflect on a legacy of remembrance, volunteerism, and community connection while creating new memories for future generations.

For more information about the Legion's centenary celebrations, visit the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 109 Goderich Facebook page.

Dawn Allen is the Branch Manager at Royal Canadian Legion 109 in Goderich



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KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

A sister company to Rose Roofing and Construction, Green Gopher Property Maintenance offers services in waste removal, power spraying, asphalt repair and sealing, property maintenance and power sweeping.

Located in Varna at the corner of Mill Road and Parr Line, Green Gopher was introduced in 2026 when owner and Director of Operations Mike Belford decided to split the company and re-brand its sister company.

According to Belford, the biggest tip Green Gopher provides for its customers is the question 'why'.

Why rent a dump bin, why break your back filling the bin with waste – old furniture, yard waste, backyard clutter – and why spend your weekend worth of time doing those things, when you can have the Green Gopher team complete the process for you.

"Choosing Green Gopher also has the backing of Rose Roofing and Construction," explained Belford.

"We have all the tools and knowledge to complete a large variety of home improvements."

According to Belford, property upkeep and preventative maintenance will ensure investments are protected and maintain its value.

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native to have an unsightly dump bin sitting in a driveway for weeks for when you finally get around to completing the project.

"Our waste disposal services remove and dispose of refuse the same day, and no expensive rental charges," added Belford.

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Spring, fall or anywhere in between, the team at Green Gopher provides a property refresh by removing leaves, brush, or any yard waste the season has brought.

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fore, your house or property will not look like it is in a state of disarray," added Belford.

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Plant and Compost Sale helped gardeners make decisions for their gardens

WENDY HOERNIG

Sun Contributor

After yet another long winter with huge quantities of snow that hid any hint of our gardens for months, spring has finally arrived.

Local gardeners were lured back into their gardens with their usual start of the season enthusiasm, and while thinning and redesigning their flower beds, managed to set aside a generous supply of plants for this year's Plant and Compost Sale on May 9.

The welcoming overhang at the entrance of the Columbus Centre in Goderich once again provided protection from the threat

of late morning rain, but it held off until the event was over.

The introduction of a sorting table efficiently sent plants to their ideal locations. As a result, the large tables were quickly turned into displays of sun-loving native plants, native plants for shade, and other types of ornamentals.

Krystal Brideau, representing the Huron County Backyard Ecosystems, was once again on hand to answer questions and offer advice encouraging gardeners to choose native species that promote pollinators.

Sheila Chick, who looks after the pollinator garden at Butterfly Park (Bingham Park) and is part of the Butterflyway

Ranger's program, was again there to share her knowledge.

Other plan experts including Goderich District Horticultural Society members helped the shoppers make decisions about what might work best in their own gardens.

An amazing group of volunteers, including CrossFit Goderich and John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Foundation (JHETF) members and supporters, bagged up 300 bags of compost to sell at the event.

It is fantastic that there are so many with strong arms and backs who each year, undertake this 'workout' willingly and with good humour.

Special thanks to the many Maitland

Trail Association (MTA), Goderich District Horticultural Society (GDHS) and other community volunteers and gardeners who made this event so successful.

It is a reward to have so many people come out to buy plants and talk gardening.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed their time, plants, pots, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Yet again, not only have a great many gardens benefitted, but as always, funds raised will be used for important local environmental projects.

Wendy Hoernig is a member of the John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Foundation



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A group of volunteers including CrossFit Goderich and John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Foundation members bagged up 300 bags of compost to sell at the event.



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Volunteers pose with bags of compost.

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The co-op department would especially like to thank the following businesses for taking a CHSS co-op student this semester:

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Goderich District Horticultural Society warns about invasive plants ahead of annual Garden Tour

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Visitors to Goderich often comment on the public and private flower beds, noting how well-cared for they are. The town gardens have perennial and native plants in them, ideal for pollinators.

While walking or riding around the neighbourhoods, it may inspire one to start a garden or change the one you have, by making note of which plants seem to be healthier, and which plants attract bees and butterflies.

To attract pollinators native plants can be planted. With summers getting hotter and drier, gardeners might consider growing drought resistant plants.

According to the Goderich District Horticultural Society (GDHS), there are some gardeners who like gout weed, while others do not. Monks in the Middle Ages apparently used this plant to treat gout, but many gardeners wish it was never introduced in the mid 1800s from Europe and Asia to Canada.

Both the seeds and underground runners of the Aegopodium Podagraria, which is commonly known as gout weed, are the challenges that gardeners face when trying to remove this invasive plant from their gardens.

Also called Bishop's weed, it can invade your neighbours garden causing the grief of it spreading if the plants are not controlled or eliminated.

According to GDHS, digging up the plants only works if you get all the trailing root bits. Digging and pulling are ideal for small areas, and it is best done when the soil is soft, such as after a rainfall. Any roots left behind will start a new plant.

For larger areas, try cutting it down with a mower and then covering the area with black plastic or tarp for several months. It is not easy to get rid of gout weed, but gardeners can also try solarising.

This is effective for medium to large areas of infestation, during the summer in areas that receive full sun.

After the gout weed has been cut to the ground, water the area thoroughly, GDHS advises. Cover the cleared, wet area with heavy, clear plastic and bury the edges in the soil to trap the heat and cook the gout weed. Keep this plastic in place for up to eight weeks.

This plant is invasive, so gardeners can also contact local municipality and ask for preferred methods of disposal.

An invasive plant is a non-native plant that grows where you don't want it and behaves in a way that makes it hard to control. They can grow aggressively and choke out other plants.

According to GDHS, invasive doesn't have to be a weed. Invasive plants are by no means ugly specimens.

Advice from GDHS is to know what you are buying. Some nurseries and garden centres may still sell invasive plants, so be sure to know what you are buying.

Some of the worst invasive plants include English Ivy, Garlic Mustard, Giant Hogweed, Buckthorn and Purple Loosestrife.

These plants compete with native plants for water, light, nutrients and space.

GDHS advises gardeners to be aware of what is already in their gardens, or to be careful what they plant, as it can change how your garden thrives.

On July 11, the GDHS will host their annual Garden Tour. This year's theme is Town and Country.

Some of the gardens are located outside of Goderich, but each of the eight gardens reflect the creativity and passion that the gardeners have for making their gardens a place of joy for themselves.

Advance tickets are available for \$10 at Bee's Knees, Schaefer's Ladies Wear, and the Goderich Tourist Information Centre on St. David Street.

On the day of the event, tickets will only be sold at the MacKay Centre, which is located on the corner of North Street and Nelson Street. Entertainment will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. as well as lunch, drinks and baked goods by donation.



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Clinton Spring Fair delivers two days of demolition excitement and community spirit

BRITTANY MCKAY

Sun Reporter

The Clinton Spring Fair marked its 172nd year, bringing together residents, visitors, and agricultural exhibitors for a celebration of tradition, entertainment, and community spirit.

This year's fair combined long-standing attractions with new family-focused activities, reinforcing its reputation as one of the region's most anticipated annual events.

Secretary-treasurer Janet Cameron said the fair once again served as a vital gathering place for both urban and rural communities.

"I would say it's a meeting place for the urban and the rural to come together," Cameron said. "It's a place for young people to gather after being away at college or university. Everybody comes to the Clinton Spring Fair."

She noted the event provided an opportunity for people to reconnect with friends and neighbours while learning more about agriculture and rural life.

One of the fair's biggest draws, the demolition derby, was expanded this year into a two-day event due to growing interest and increased driver participation.

"Because of so many entries, we decided with Impact Motorsports to split the classes for Friday and Saturday after-

noon," Cameron said. "We were looking forward to having both crowds, and it may have been a drawing card for people who couldn't come Friday night."

Cameron described the demolition derby as a cornerstone of the fair's success.

"It's been our mainstay and helps keep us afloat," she said. "We're one of the first fairs in the spring to get things going, so people look forward to the excitement of coming and enjoying the company and the vendors."

While the derby drew large crowds, Cameron said one of her favourite aspects of the weekend was seeing families and children enjoying themselves.

"The thing that I really look forward to is seeing the smiles on the youth as they're enjoying a particular game or activity," she said.

This year also featured new youth-oriented programming, including Lego-building activities on Saturday morning, where children created displays for exhibition throughout the fair.

Organizers also introduced a new agriculture-themed booklet filled with games, questions and educational content focused on local farming.

The poultry show remained a major highlight, attracting exhibitors from across the region and featuring a wide range of chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and rabbits.

"They say Clinton has the best poultry show, so that's a good feather in our hat," Cameron said.

Another popular attraction, the baby show, was moved to Sunday this year in hopes of drawing more participants.

Reflecting on her involvement, Cameron said she first joined the fair organization when it was seeking a secretary-treasurer and has remained ever since.

She credited the fair's continued success to its dedicated board of directors and volunteers.

"We have a really great team of directors that runs the fair and the volunteers are wonderful to work with," she said.

Among her fondest memories was the fair's former ambassador program.

"I've seen ambassadors go through the competition and come back as doctors, lawyers, veterinarians and business owners," she said.

The demolition derby once again proved to be a crowd favourite, with a rather rainy forecast on Friday night. Dozens of drivers competed in high-impact events that kept spectators engaged throughout the weekend rain and shine.

Matt Lloyd, who has participated in demolition derbies for four years, said the adrenaline rush keeps him coming back.

For Christy Germaine, co-owner of Impact Motorsports and the event's MC, the Clinton derby stood out as a highlight of

the season.

"Clinton is the best," she said. "This is the best way to kick off our derby season. Doing a two-day show this year was amazing, and the crowd and the drivers in Clinton were second to none."

Germaine, whose company has operated derby events since 2020, praised the Clinton Agricultural Society, volunteers and competitors for their support.

"This is probably our favourite derby that we have all year," she said.

Firefighter Dan Gross, who has supported the event for 29 years, said the fair continued to be an important community gathering.

"It's a great community event," Gross said. "It brings a lot of people out. It's great to see everybody."

While the crashes and excitement attract spectators, Gross said his favourite part is seeing young people and families enjoying themselves.

"Seeing all the young kids out here and enjoying it is great," he said. "The crash and banging, all the smells and the noises, it makes everybody come out happy."

As the Clinton Spring Fair wrapped up another successful year, organizers, volunteers, drivers, and visitors celebrated a long-standing tradition that continues to unite generations while showcasing the area's agricultural heritage and strong community spirit.



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Matt Lloyd participated in the demo derby, seen standing in-front of his beat-up whip.



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Tim Hawman brings north shore solitude to the Goderich Co-op Gallery

CAROL MCDONNELL

Sun Contributor

Landscape painter Tim Hawman will be July's guest artist at the Goderich Co-op Gallery.

Born and raised in northern Ontario, remote forests shaped both his character and his artistic vision. His representational landscapes reflect a deep immersion in the beauty and solitude of the wilderness. Tim now calls Huron County home.

After four years at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto, Tim went on to graduate from Bible College in eastern Canada.

Working in oils and acrylics, theology and art come together in Tim's paintings, turning the viewer's attention to the wonder, mystery and glory of the natural world.

"I firmly believe we are lessened in some way as human beings when we lose touch with the land," he explained.

The artist's exhibition, North Shore Solitude, will open at the beginning of July with an opening reception on July 4 at 2 p.m. Please note the gallery will be closed on Canada Day, Wednesday July 1. All are invited to come and welcome

the artist and enjoy his new series of artwork.

Just prior to this event, Co-op members will rehang the entire gallery during our gallery changeover and some artists will bring in fresh new artwork — it's always worth a visit.

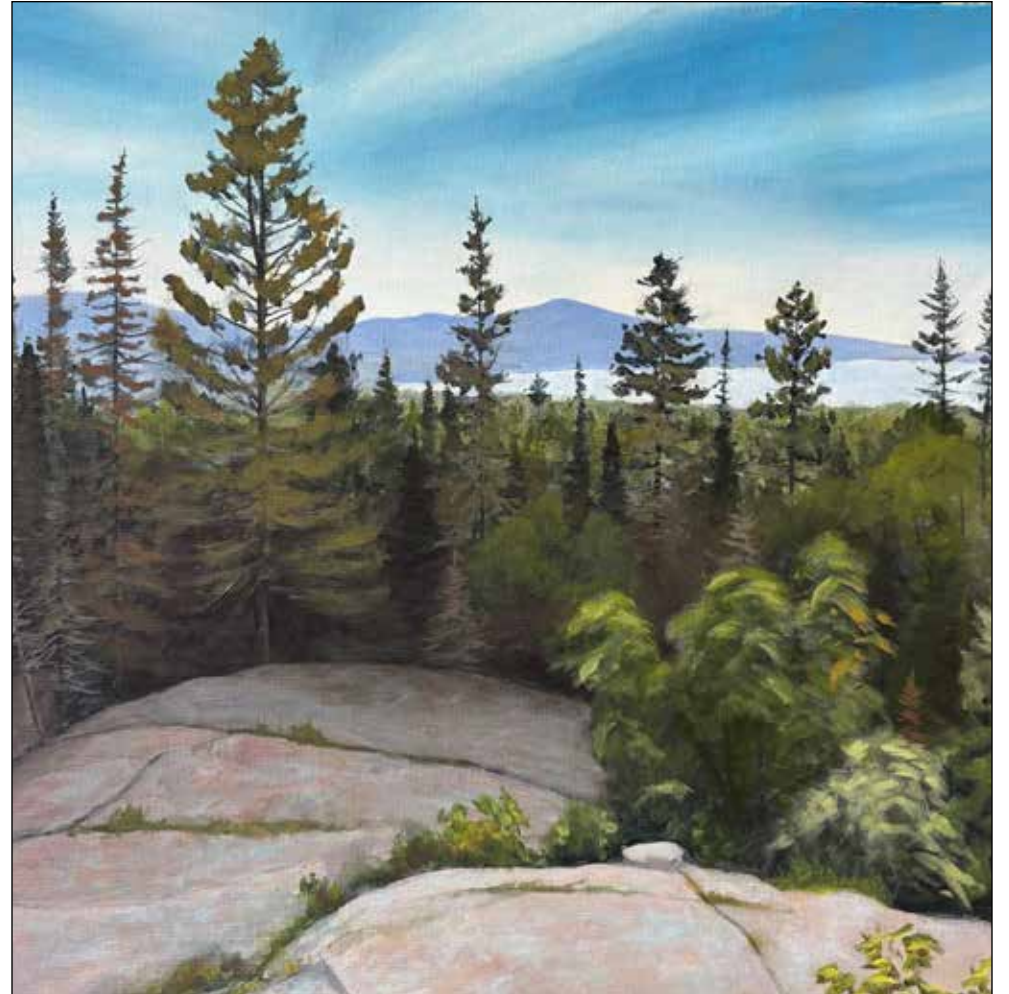
Drop by at the beginning of August to see the new feature wall exhibit, where members will show their interpretation of the challenge theme — Renewal.

We are located at 54 Courthouse Square, downstairs from Elizabeth's Art Gallery and online at gcgallery.ca.



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Paintings by Tim Hawman that will be on display at Goderich Co-op Gallery during the month of July.



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Chamber Charity Golf Tournament supports local food banks

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Huron Chamber of Commerce invites golfers to tee up and support its Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, July 24 at Woodlands Links Golf Course in Clinton.

Bringing together Chamber members and community leaders, the tournament will also feature a dinner, prizes and a chance to support a cause that reaches deeply into the lives of people in the region.

This year's proceeds will support the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre.

"This tournament is one of those events that does several things well at the same time," said Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

"It gives businesses and community leaders a chance to connect in a relaxed setting, creates a good team-building opportunity for employers, and directs support toward an organisation doing essential work for people and families in Huron County."

HuronTel is the presenting sponsor for this year's tournament and according to

Carmichael, their support helps make the event possible and ensures more of the day's energy can be directed toward bringing people together.

Last year's tournament raised \$2,000 for the Artemis Huron. This year, the Chamber hopes to build on that success by supporting the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre.

In 2025, Huron County recorded more than 25,000 visits to the nine Huron County food banks, along with more than 6,000 visits through its Mobile Food Bank program in six communities.

This event is designed to be social, welcoming and fun for all skill levels, according to Carmichael. Golfers may register in teams of at least two, making it a flexible option for businesses of different sizes.

Registration is \$150 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, dinner and tournament activities.

A dinner-only option is also available for those who would like to join the evening portion of the event, without golfing.

Registration and check-in begin at 11 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12 p.m.

Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3vafdmay>

Goderich Duplicate Bridge Club Results

Robert McFarlane directed June 9:

1st – Keith Allen and Bob Dick – 57.44%
2nd/3rd – Pat Lewington and Brenda Blair, with Joyce McIlwain and Alje Kamminga – 56.09%

4th – Robert McFarlane and Annabelle Sorbara – 55.77%

5th – Doug Elliott and Virginia Elliott – 54.17%

6th – Tom Rajnovich and Shirley Thomas – 53.52%

Robert McFarlane directed June 16:
NORTH/SOUTH:

1st – Graham Yeats and Brian Reeve – 58.63%

2nd – Roma Harris and Leslie Bella – 57.14%

3rd – Tom Rajnovich and Shirley Thomas – 52.08%

4th/5th – Mary Lynne Telford and Paul Spittal, with John Legate and Stephen Jacob – 51.49%

EAST/WEST:

1st – Joyce McIlwain and Alje Kamminga – 65.77%

2nd – John Archbold and Pamela Raab – 61.61%

3rd – Cal Scotchmer and Evy McDonagh – 58.68%

4th – Theresa Cundy and Susan White – 45.24%

The Goderich Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. at the Christian Reform Church, Mill Road, 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, the club will do its best to find someone from our spare list.

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Notable moments in the history of Canada Day

Canadians celebrate the creation of Canada each year on July 1. Canada Day commemorates the union of the territories of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into the Dominion of Canada. As Canadians prepare to celebrate Canada Day this July, they can consider the history of this beloved holiday.

- The British North America Act, 1867 is passed: Known today as the Constitution Act, 1867, this historic act created Canada and declared that the union it created would commence on July 1.

- Lord Monck asks all to celebrate, 1868: Lord Charles Stanley Monck was the last Governor-General of the Province of Canada and the first Governor General of Canada. The Government of Canada notes that Lord Monck signed a proclamation on June 20, 1868, requesting that all subjects of Her Majesty Queen Victoria celebrate the creation of Canada on July 1.

- Canada Day is formalized as a holiday, 1879: While many celebrated the creation of Canada upon Lord Monck's request in 1868, July 1 was not established as a statutory holiday until May 15, 1879. That day was initially designated as Dominion Day, which alluded to the characterization of the country as a dominion in the British North America Act, 1867.

- Canadian confederation is celebrated in grand style, 1967: The 100th anniversary of Confederation was celebrated with

Parliament Hill as the backdrop in grand fashion on July 1, 1967. Among those in attendance is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who also attends the festivities 43 years later with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh by her side.

- The holiday gets a new name, 1982: Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau wanted to change the name of Dominion Day to Canada Day after patriating the Canadian Constitution on April 17, 1982. While Trudeau was unable to pull that off before July 1, it wasn't long before he got his wish. Nine days after celebrating Dominion Day on July 1, 1982, a measure to change the name made it through the House of Commons, and Trudeau announced the new name to cheers of applause that evening.

Canada Day is a day to celebrate Canadian culture and the nation as a whole. Such celebrations may be even more meaningful for those aware of the history of this beloved holiday.




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Community comes together for Clinton Hospital Foundation's Diamonds and Denim gala

BRITTANY McKAY

Sun Reporter

Community members gathered Saturday evening to support local healthcare at the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation's 2026 Biennial Gala, Diamonds & Denim: Elegance with a Twist, one of the foundation's largest fundraising events.

Held every two years, the gala serves as the foundation's signature fundraiser in support of Clinton Public Hospital. This year's event, held June 13 at Libro Hall, aimed to raise nearly \$200,000 to fund priority medical equipment purchases and hospital upgrades that will directly benefit patient care.

The evening featured a cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live auctions, and live entertainment by Upside of Maybe.

Healthcare advocates, local businesses, volunteers, and residents came together with a shared commitment to ensuring quality healthcare remains accessible and close to home.

Guests enjoyed an assortment of charcuterie boards and fresh green salads, followed by a main course featuring smoked ham with pineapple mustard glaze, white carnation signature braised beef, sautéed mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, herb-roasted potatoes topped with parmesan and fresh scallions, with seasonal vegetables.

Attendees also received a handcrafted cookie made by Quinn Gibson as a token of appreciation for their support of local healthcare.

"This is our major fundraiser," said Darren Stevenson, chair of the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation.

"We do it every other year, and it is a huge, huge support to our cause."

The gala has become a longstanding Clinton tradition dating back to the early 2000s. Each event features a unique theme, and this year's Diamonds & Denim concept combined elegance with a relaxed rural atmosphere.

"We pick a different theme every time, and

as you can see, we try to have some fun with it," Stevenson said with a smile.

While the evening offered plenty of entertainment and celebration, the directors emphasized the event's important purpose. Funds raised support the purchase of vital medical equipment and help strengthen healthcare services at Clinton Public Hospital.

For David Jewitt, treasurer and board member of the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation, community support remains essential to the hospital's success.

"We appreciate every dollar we receive from the local community because it helps fill funding gaps," Jewitt said.

"The foundation is responsible for fundraising for equipment in the hospital, so we're very appreciative of everyone who is here tonight and the support they bring."

Jewitt noted that maintaining strong healthcare services in rural communities is critical for residents.

"Having a hospital in a local community saves trips to larger urban centres," he said.

"Some people have mobility challenges, and others simply aren't able to travel easily. Having a local hospital provides a sense of community, safety, and peace of mind."

He added that hospitals, schools, and other community services play an important role in attracting and retaining families in rural areas.

Looking ahead, Jewitt said maintaining a fully functioning emergency department remains a key priority.

"Having a fully functioning emergency department is incredibly important for the community," he said.

"The 24-hour emergency services we have been really key for local residents."

Kaushik Patel, a director for the hospital foundation, echoed the importance of community fundraising and its direct impact on patient care.

"Every fundraising effort, whether large or small, makes a difference," Patel said.

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Clinton Hospital Foundation's Diamonds and Denim gala

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"The funds raised help us purchase equipment and support programs that directly benefit patients. These investments improve care and enhance the services available at our hospital."

Patel said community involvement plays a vital role in ensuring healthcare services remain strong.

"A strong community is built when people come together to support one another," he said.

"Healthcare is one of the most important services in any community, and supporting our hospital helps make our town a better place to live."

One of the highlights of the live auction was a 75th Anniversary 14-karat Maple Leaf Diamond earrings and 14-karat Canadian white gold journey pendant. The pieces reflected the gala's theme while helping raise additional funds for the foundation.

Guests also had the opportunity to bid on a variety of auction items, including a Toronto Maple Leafs package, a Stratford theatre getaway, cottage retreat in Collingwood, a hand-crafted quilt, and fly-fishing adventures to name a few.

MP Ben Lobb served as the auctioneer, keeping the crowd engaged and encouraging

enthusiastic participation throughout the evening.

Stevenson said the support shown by residents continues to demonstrate how much local healthcare matters to the community.

"It is surprising how the community comes together to support their hospitals," he said.

"It's not just Clinton—it's any small town around. When it comes to the hospital, there's an unbelievable amount of support, and we're greatly appreciative of that."

While the gala serves as the foundation's signature fundraising event, Stevenson noted there are many ways residents can contribute throughout the year.

"We always look for support," he said.

"Sometimes it's money, sometimes it's time, and we appreciate all of it."

The foundation's fundraising efforts will continue with upcoming events, including Legends Day on Sunday July 26 and the 2nd annual golf tournament held at Woodlands Links Golf Course, Clinton on August 26.

As guests enjoyed an evening of live music, dancing, auctions, and community buzz, the message remained clear: strong local support helps ensure the Clinton Public Hospital can continue providing exceptional care for residents today and for generations to come.

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Athletic Medallion (85+ points). (L-R): Mercedes Daer, Mya Craig, Calleigh Craig, Rowan Grandmaison. (Absent: Leighton Swan and Kassim Ginn).



Outstanding contribution to athletics (115+ points). (L-R): Carter Beddow, Sabrina McIlwaine, Mya Craig, Calleigh Craig and Danica Jeffries.



Special Outstanding Contribution award (170+ points). Emery Cook. (Absent: Lainey Cox and Emmi Coups).



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GDCI Athletic Awards 2026



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Overall Athletes of the Year: Carter Beddow (left) and Lainey Cox.



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Phil Bugler Outstanding Contribution to Athletics Award: Emmi Coups.

Goderich Oldtimers host 44th annual soccer tournament

AURELIO HENRIQUES

Sun Contributor

An exciting day of soccer was played on June 6 at Bannister Park and the Rotary Soccer Fields in Goderich, while the Goderich Oldtimers hosted for the 44th annual Oldtimers Soccer Tournament.

This year's champions were the Listowel Ravens, while Huron United of Kincardine earned second place. The Most Sportsmanlike Team award was presented to Stratford High Voltage.

Athletes, their families and supporters gathered at Square Brew following the final game for trophy presentations and a well-deserved social

evening.

While supporting local, everyone enjoyed the local beer as well as the food prepared by resident chef, and coach of the Goderich Oldtimers, Panicos Zembashi.

All proceeds from this year's tournament will go towards a donation by the team to the Goderich District Collegiate Institute Track fundraiser.

This annual event has been hosted since 1981, except for the two years missed during the pandemic.

Goderich Oldtimers look forward to welcoming everyone back for the 45th tournament next year.

Aurelio Henriques is a member of the Goderich Oldtimers Soccer Club



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Stephen Sturdy Memorial Badminton award: Coach T. Pauli (left), Carter Beddow and Coach J. Doble (right).

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Goderich Oldtimers (Standing, L-R): Coach Peter Z, Liam D. Peter G., Alex R., Artsim, Hassan C., Dan S., Ben S., Vlad L., Jeroen R. (Kneeling, L-R): Terry, Dan D., Luke S., Rolf S., Austin B., Ken C., Felix H., and Aurelio H.

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Historical figures who made Goderich: Doctor William ‘Tiger’ Dunlop , ‘The Backwoodsman’

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

A burial plot stands alone in a quiet clearing along the Maitland Trail, on a bluff overlooking the Maitland River.

A stone-walled tomb enclosure are the last remnants of Gairbraid, a small town that was never built, named after a town near Glasgow, Scotland.

This is where Dr. William ‘Tiger’ Dunlop was buried in 1848.

A physician, author, woodsman, soldier, politician and raconteur, Dunlop assisted John Galt and the Canada Company in opening the Huron Tract and founding Goderich in 1827.

Born in Greenock, Scotland in 1792, Dunlop served in Canada as an army surgeon during the War of 1812, was Warden of the Forests with the Canada Company in 1837, and was an MPP for Huron, Parliament of Canada from 1841-1845.

The son of a local banker, Dunlop was educated in Greenock and pursued his medical studies at the University of Glasgow and in London.

He passed his army medical examinations in December 1812 and was appointed assistant surgeon in 1813.

Arriving in Upper Canada in 1813, Dunlop was involved in the Battle of Crysler’s Farm and Lundy’s Lane, the latter being one of the bloodiest battles of the war.

A few years following the War of 1812, Dunlop left Canada to go to India where he was given the nickname ‘Tiger’, when he was unsuccessful at clearing tigers from Sagar Island in the Bay of Bengal to turn the place into a tourist resort.



DOCTOR WILLIAM ‘TIGER’ DUNLOP

In 1820, Dunlop returned to Scotland because of a fever contracted on Sagar, and a few years later he was lecturing in Edinburgh and London.

Dunlop also wrote and published books and articles, telling of his wartime experiences and his work in the development of Canada.

According to many accounts of the time, Dunlop was a remarkable six-foot-three man with fiery red hair and a large appetite for whisky and tall tales.

Another Scottish novelist, John Galt, was part of the creation and implementation of a land and colonisation organisation intended to operate in Upper Canada.

It was chartered in 1826 as the Canada Company and later that year, Dunlop, submitted a plan to Galt to assist potential emigrants.

When he returned to Canada, Dunlop was an active participant in the founding

of Guelph, and later, was appointed by Canada Company Superintendent, Galt, as Warden of the Woods and Forests in 1825.

His official task was to inspect the Canadian lands the company had contracted for, determine which lots might be sold, and stop the destruction of the timber.

Dunlop travelled through the bush to the future site of Goderich and accompanied a party of road-cutters to the spot.

He soon set up home just north of Goderich.

Dunlop was instrumental in attracting clever, young people to Upper Canada. According to accounts he was very much a company man and served the company well, but as its activities become more conventional, he was less enchanted with it.

Dunlop resigned from the Canada Company in 1838.

His resignation further widened a growing schism between those for and those against the Canada Company in Huron County.

He was a leader with the anti-company faction known as the Colbornites, since many lived in Colborne Township.

In 1841, he became the second person to serve as MPP for Huron, his brother Robert had been the first. During his time in parliament, Dunlop also served as the first warden of the district of Huron.

Following disputes with the Canada Company over taxation, Dunlop was replaced as warden in 1846.

Known for his witty speeches in parliament, his career was short and he soon accepted a position at the Lachine Canal

in Montreal.

Dunlop unknowingly would spend his last years quite a distance from Huron County and Goderich.

It was while in Montreal that Dunlop fell ill and died June 29, 1848, at the age of 56.

Twenty-one years after the founding of Goderich.

The Montreal Gazette, 1848, wrote that, ‘Dunlop was a man of high spirit of loyalty and personal independence; of much learning as well as social brilliancy; and with a spirit of vigorous sarcasm, used so discreetly that do not believe he had an enemy in the world...the work he leaves behind him conveys a very inadequate idea of his talents. His remains will be removed, to be interred on some property he had acquired on the shores of Lake Huron’.

During his years working with the Canada Company, Dunlop was also given the nickname ‘The Backwoodsman’ because of his living in unsettled areas of Upper Canada.

An author, explorer, politician, surgeon, and one of the founders of Goderich, Dr. William ‘Tiger’ Dunlop was a man who helped put Goderich on the map and served more than half his life for the development of Canada.

The lake, rivers and forests of the Huron Tract would eventually become Dunlop’s permanent home and final resting place.

This is an ongoing series of historical features to tell the story of Goderich, in each issue of the Goderich Sun, from June 2026 until June 2027, in anticipation of its bicentennial.

A history of Goderich: From inception to 1840s

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Located on the eastern shore of Lake Huron and situated at the mouth of the Maitland River, Goderich is notable for its quaint small-town charm and picturesque sunsets.

Goderich – and Huron County - is a strong agricultural community and a popular tourist destination, home to the world’s largest underground salt mine, and picturesque landscapes cut by the rivers winding their way to Lake Huron.

Yet, prior to colonisation, this area was first inhabited by Indigenous people. These groups eventually sold the land in 1826 to the British government, an area of land that would become the Huron Tract and eventually lead to the founding of Goderich in 1827.

Prior to what Goderich is today, for a long time, the lake was understood by groups of Indigenous people who spoke different languages, and the area held cultural, spiritual and economic importance for many Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabe and Saugeen First Nation.

Indigenous presence in Huron County

stretches back at least 13,000 years.

According to research by Gateway, The Three Fires Confederacy created a powerful political, cultural and defense alliance that prioritised the collective well-being of the people and the earth.

Indigenous communities in the area lived in harmony, but his balance was disrupted after contact with European explorers and missionaries in the 1600s.

Colonisation brought disease, warfare, displacement and forced assimilation.

Widespread agriculture, deforestation, and overhunting by settlers destroyed the Indigenous way of life to prioritise the European way of life and colonisation.

It was in 1827, that the Huron Tract treaty led to the surrender of 2.2 million acres to the Crown, opening the area to European settlement.

Settlement of the area happened in steps and the governing bodies continued to shift over time.

According to historian David Yates, the Duke of Wellington described the problem of defending Canada’s vast wilderness from American republicanism was ‘All frontier and nothing else’.

The British government eagerly embraced any settlement scheme that would

keep the British North American colonies within the fold of the Empire.

As a result, the Canada Company was formed as a business venture with a useful political agenda to settle the western reaches of Upper Canada. The Canada Company played a significant role in the colonisation of Upper Canada during the 1800s.

According to Yates, by the time the Huron Tract was opened for settlement in 1827, the Canada Company was in possession of over one million acres of forest on the eastern shores of Lake Huron.

Yates explains in ‘Settling the frontier of Huron’ (2005) that it was a remarkable cast of characters that established the western portion of the Huron Tract. One of the most famous of those characters is Dr. William ‘Tiger’ Dunlop.

In 1826, Dunlop was living in England but answered Galt’s advertisement in a journal requesting help in promoting a Canadian settlement scheme.

Galt recognised his fellow Scot as a man of action and enlisted Dunlop’s services, bringing him on as Warden of the Forests, and together they set out on their Canadian adventure.

It was Dunlop who was ordered by the

Canada Company to take an exploring party on an expedition to the shores of Lake Huron. The party dove in on March 9, 1827, from Guelph and blazed a trail west through primeval forest.

When the Canada Company began to scout and clear-cut the area for possible settlements, Dunlop was accompanied by three First Nations guides during the expedition.

Captain Jacob, Louis Cadott and John Brant, a son of the famed loyalist Mohawk chief, Joseph Brant, assisted Dunlop on this task.

Dunlop’s reliance on these First Nations guides, linguists and hunters was paramount to the success he and the Canada Company experienced while settling the Huron Tract and Goderich.

He heeded their advice to wait until February was over before beginning the overland trek because that’s when fish and game would be most plentiful, to help the party survive living in that area while exploring for a site to settle.

In spring of 1827, Dunlop’s party were destitute of provisions while cutting a line through to Lake Huron. They gratefully welcomed local Chippewas who provided

A history of Goderich: From inception to 1840s

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fish and corn to the famished party.

Two days following the survey party's arrival to the shoreline, the future Town of Goderich was founded.

What became known as 'The Castle' was a small, crude log structure located in what is now Lion's Harbour Park, and Dunlop's first home. This was the first permanent residence in Huron County.

One month later, Galt sailed into the basin of the Menesetung River, and they celebrated their reunion, the founding of the settlement, and the King's health.

All details are not known when it comes to the founding of Goderich, or where it took place exactly, but one can picture it taking place in Dunlop's log home on June 29 when he produced a bottle of champagne he had carried through the wilderness for the occasion.

According to Galt, this was the point the new settlement was called Goderich after Viscount Goderich, the Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, and soon to be Prime Minister.

It was a significant visit as well because it was at this moment that the Menesetung River, as the Chippewa called it, was renamed the Maitland River, after Sir Peregrine Maitland, the Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada.

This proposed settlement, in June 1827, consisted only of one small log structure overlooking the bluffs of the Maitland River and Lake Huron.

By 1828, Goderich was made up of the castle and a half-dozen log cabins consisting of French, First Nations and Europeans who worked for the Company.

Louis Belmore, Frank Tranch, Frank Kneshaw, Peter Andrews, Feltie Fisher, and Jasper Gooding were some of the earliest names settled in Goderich.

Persistence, resourcefulness and hard work were traits that gave way for success in the earliest days of colonisation.

Most new homes for settlers were log cabins, furniture was homemade, and timber had to be felled, trimmed, cut and carried home to provide fuel and a source of heat.

The town was finally laid out in 1829.

By 1829, the Canada Company surveyed a town plot, opened the Huron Road from Guelph, and established an office. Goderich soon became the administrative and judicial centre for the newly created Huron District in 1841, with a population of 1,000 by 1842.

By 1846, a harbour was operating, although the docks were not in a good state. In the same year, a lighthouse was erected.

Roads were soon available to Wilmot Township, and to London, Ontario.

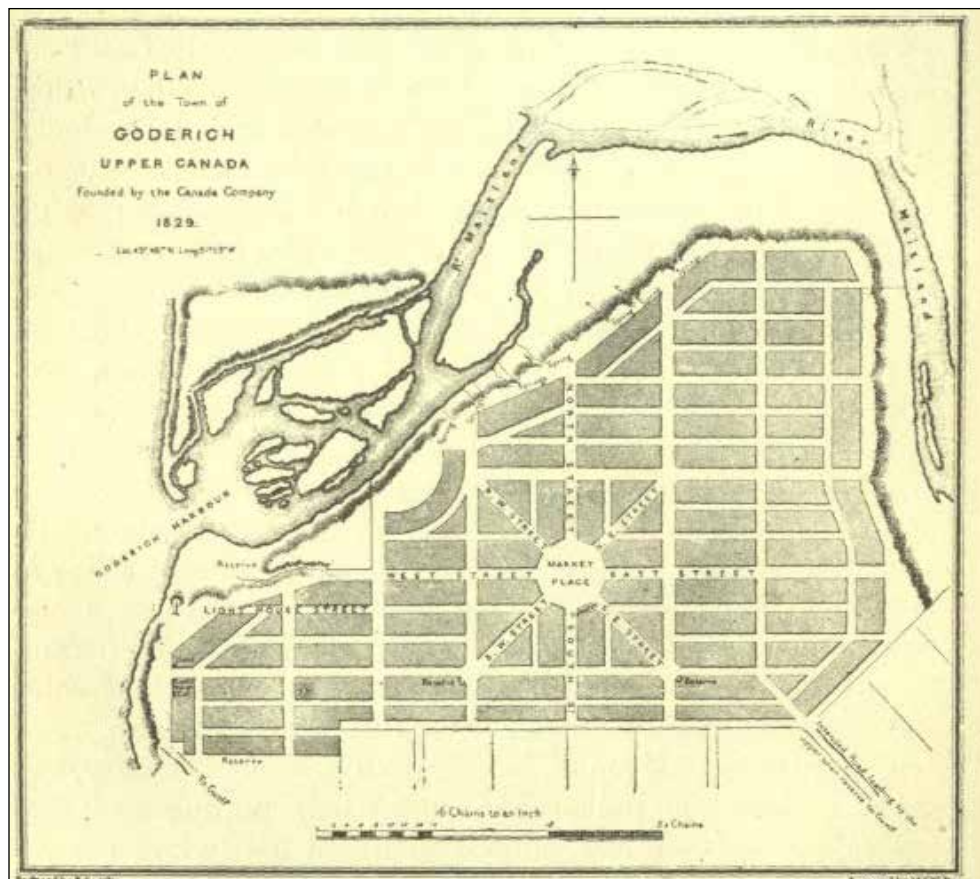
Shipbuilding was underway, more homes were being built, and five churches were already standing – four Protestant and one Roman Catholic.

Goderich – and Huron County – was developing quickly.

It was on June 29, 1827, John Galt and Dr. William 'Tiger' Dunlop cracked open a champagne bottle and founded the Town of Goderich at the mouth of the Menesetung, but it wasn't a celebration and the name that made it what it is today.

It was perseverance, adventure, guts and a vision that brought both men – Dunlop and Galt – and many adventurous settlers to Lake Huron's shores, to create what would eventually be coined as 'The Prettiest Town in Canada'.

This is an ongoing series of historical features to tell the story of Goderich, in each issue of the Goderich Sun, from June 2026 until June 2027, in anticipation of its bicentennial.



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Goderich Council considers sizeable donation to support MRI Campaign

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) Foundation is currently working towards bringing an MRI machine to Goderich.

As it stands today, residents must travel outside the area for MRI services, which are currently offered in London, Owen Sound and Stratford.

Foundation members requested financial support from Goderich Council at the May 4 meeting, to help raise funds for the \$6.5 million campaign to bring an MRI machine to AMGH.

The Magnetic Moments Capital Campaign Committee asked the Town of Goderich to consider a leadership contribution of \$1 million to help support

this project.

Goderich Council understands the importance of the MRI campaign, and members of council agree they need to be leaders on this campaign.

With other financial commitments such as the downtown rebuilding project and still paying for the CT scanner at AMGH, council wants to support the MRI campaign but do not want to impact taxation on its residents.

There were also concerns raised at the June 17 meeting about committing to \$1 million, especially if this commitment gets referred to the 2027 budget. This is an election year, and a new council could change that decision.

Although a necessary diagnostic tool and a key feature for physician recruitment, council is wary of committing to

the \$1 million with so many other projects already being financially supported.

Council agreed on a motion to support the campaign through \$750,000 and have requested town staff to report back with specifics around how that amount will be funded, before a final decision is made.

"It's a tough conversation to have and I understand both sides of the fence, whether you're on \$750,000 or a million dollars," said Mayor Trevor Bazinet during the June 17 meeting.

"For me, know what my family has been through in the last year, any equipment for that hospital is so important."

The Foundation has met with ACW, Central Huron and Bluewater, and requested \$250,000 from each. All three municipalities have approved the request.

In a report to council, dated June 17,

town staff indicated that the Foundation intends to make similar requests to all eight of the other municipalities in Huron County and are waiting for a response from Bruce Power and Compass Minerals, as well as the Town of Goderich.

Bringing an MRI machine to AMGH keeps healthcare dollars local, strengthens hospital services, enhances emergency care capacity, and reduces downstream healthcare costs.

According to data, regarding patient visits from January 2020 to December 31, 2025, the Town of Goderich represents 37.67 per cent of patients.

Town staff will bring a report back to the next council meeting on July 13 with specifics around how the \$750,000 will be funded and a timeline.

Blyth Festival review: *Sisters of '78* is an authentically Canadian story about standing up for what's right

GALEN SIMMONS

Regional Editor

I had never heard of the Fleck strike of 1978 in Centralia before walking into the Blyth Memorial Community Hall on opening night of playwright Kristen De Silva and director Mary Francis Moore's *Sisters of '78* on June 12.

But by the time I walked out, I was hoarse from cheering for the basic labour standards the women of the Fleck Manufacturing Plant fought so hard and risked so much for – standards they ultimately won – and from singing along to the phenomenal classic-rock soundtrack from the late '70s this particularly moving story was set to.

This play was fantastic from start to finish. The set was a thing of theatrical magic, capturing the factory floor with its large and dangerous machinery, dirty industrial windows and a locker room away from the prying eyes of management. The factory also transitioned perfectly into a small-town bar where the women who worked at Fleck – which produced automotive wiring assemblies in the '70s – would meet to voice their frustrations with working conditions, plan union meetings and strategies, and blow off steam.

A separate piece of the set, a kitchen plucked straight from the late '70s with its bright-yellow wallpaper and garish green furniture, was built so it could spin in and out of view of the audience, making the scenes featuring Maeve (Madison Hayes-Crook), Andrew (Aiden Altow), Margaret (Cara Hunter) and Christine (Gloria Garratt) feel seamlessly woven into the narra-



(LYON SMITH PHOTO)

Kirstyn Russelle, Shelayna Christante, Madison Hayes-Crook, Cara Hunter, Alyssa LeClair in *Sisters of '78*, Blyth Festival 2026.

tive fabric of this production.

The use of recorded radio-style programming not only offered a natural way to explain much of the historical context needed to place the story at a very specific time in Canadian history when women were still treated as second-class citizens, it also opened the door to the use of some of my favourite classic-rock songs of the decade during scene and set changes.

I definitely didn't notice the stagehands at work while I sang along to Kansas' "Dust in the Wind," among other tunes of the time.

The acting in this production is top-

notch. The women, of course, are the stars of the show, and each of them brings something different to the story, from Hayes-Crook's ability to portray Maeve's growing dissatisfaction with her marriage to Andrew and her increasing motivation to fighting for what's right, to Shelayna Christante's portrayal of the naively hilarious Angie, the youngest worker of the group who stands toe to toe with her sisters and bravely puts her life on the picket line for their collective rights.

Even Shaina Silver-Baird as Laurie – the one union hold-out who suffers the wrath of her co-workers for not joining their

cause – offers an important counter-point to the notion of unionizing at that point in Canadian history and the risks it poses not just to the women who joined the union, but to their families as well.

By far, the most stirring performance in the production, in my opinion, is that of Alyssa LeClair as Joyce, the fearless and unwavering union leader who delivers stirring speeches that motivate her fellow plant workers to continue pushing for better, regardless of how many cold, blustery days they spend on the picket line, or how many of them are arrested and threatened by local police.

And while the true antagonists in this story are the plant owners, politicians and local police leadership who allow the illegal threats of violence and union-busting to take place, we as an audience need real, onstage characters to root against.

Those characters come in the form of Lumpy (Geoffrey Pounsett), the slimy, underhanded and sexually aggressive factory manager, and Andrew, Maeve's demanding, disrespectful and cheating husband. Both Pounsett and Altow do an admirable job portraying men in positions of power who can't seem to even consider allowing the women around them to gain the basic rights and freedoms they already enjoy.

I can't recommend enough that you see this play. It's an important story from our country's history that not only reminds us how far we've come with women's and workers' rights, but also how far we still must go to find equity.

Sisters of '78 runs on the Blyth Festival's Margaret Stephens Stage until Aug. 9.

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Provincial government strengthens arts and senior services in Huron County

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Through investments that strengthen local arts and culture and enhance opportunities for seniors, the Ontario government continues to support communities across Huron County.

Through the 2026 Experience Ontario Program, the Blyth Centre for the Arts will receive \$125,000 in support of the Blyth Festival.

The Goderich Celtic Folk Society will receive \$55,000 through the 2026 Experience Ontario Program for the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival.

These funds will also help the festival's Celtic and Junior Celtic Colleges, which rank among the world's pre-

mier Celtic arts education programs.

Through the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) grant, the Blyth Festival Theatre will also receive \$155,309 and the Goderich Celtic Folk Society will receive another \$18,015.

According to Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, these investments will help support the continued growth of Huron County's vibrant arts and culture sector while attracting audiences from across the province and beyond.

"From world-class arts and cultural festivals to programs that help seniors stay active and connected, to local retailers who proudly support Ontario food producers, these organisations make an incredible contribution to our communities," said Thompson.

"I am pleased to see continued provincial support be-

ing delivered to these important initiatives that enrich the lives of residents, attract visitors, and help make Huron County such a great place to live, work and visit."

Through the Seniors Active Living Centre Program, the Ontario government is also investing in organisations that provide opportunities for older adults to stay active, engaged and connected within their communities.

Funding recipients include: ONE CARE Home and Community Support Services \$57,640, MacKay Centre for Seniors (Goderich) \$57,112 and the MacKay Centre for Seniors (Dungannon) \$57,640.

Thompson explains that these organisations provide valuable opportunities for seniors to participate in social, recreational, educational and wellness activities.



JULY EVENTS

July 1	Wake Up Wednesday - Elder Law Project Of Rural Southwestern Ontario Series - Powers Of Attorney - 9 a.m.
	Canada Day Classic Legion Levee - After The Parade! Closing At 6 p.m., Jammers Postponed This Week!
July 3	"Friday Food Fun" - Steak Night - 5 p.m. - Rsvp At The Bar
July 4	Live Band - Country Junction And Friends - 5 p.m.
July 7	Buddy Check Coffee - 2 p.m.
July 8	Wake Up Wednesday - Elder Law Project Of Rural Southwestern Ontario Series - Age Discrimination - 9 a.m.
July 10	Jukebox Bingo - Hosted By Taylor Jones 6:30 p.m. and "Friday Food Fun" - Grilled Chicken On A Bun With Chips & Slaw - \$12 - 5:00 p.m.
July 11	Live Band - Hwy 19 - 5 p.m.
July 13	Pre Centenary Gala Dance Lessons With Les And Anne Cook - Ticket Holders Only
July 15	Line Dancing Postponed This Week!, Wake Up Wednesday - Elder Law Project Of Rural Southwestern Ontario Series - Home Care Regulations - 9 a.m., Legion - Executive Meeting - 7 p.m.
July 17	"We'll Meet Again" - A Centenary Gala - Purchase Tickets Online - 7 p.m., Karaoke - 7 p.m. and "Friday Food Fun" - Burger Night! - \$15 - 5 p.m. - Postponed This Week!
July 18	Live Band - Bronson Line - 5 p.m.
July 22	Wake Up Wednesday - Elder Law Project Of Rural Southwestern Ontario Series - Medical Assistance In Dying - 9 a.m.
July 24	Jukebox Bingo! - Hosted by Taylor Jones - 6:30 p.m. and "Friday Food Fun" - BBQ sausage on a bun - \$10 - 5 p.m.
July 25	Live Band - Jellybean Blue - 5 p.m.
July 28	Ladies Aux - Executive Meeting - 5 p.m.
July 31	"Friday Food Fun" - Special Edition - BBQ Pork Chop Night With Baked Potato And Slaw - \$25 - RSVP at the bar!

- Every Monday Cornhole 7 p.m. On Summer Break • Goderich Reads Book Club July 6th & 20th
- Bingo every Sunday Afternoon doors open @ 11:30 a.m.
- Euchre every Tuesday night 7 p.m. Please bring a partner. • Jammers every Wednesday night 7 p.m.
- Every Wednesday Senior Technology Camp - 10 a.m. • Fun Darts every Thursday 7 p.m. on Summer Break
- Second Thursday Pepper Cards 1 p.m. • Every Friday Catch the Ace live Draw 7 p.m.
- Line Dance Lounge every Wednesday 7 p.m. • Cribbage every Friday afternoon 1:30 p.m.
- 5 Card Bingo Every Friday 3:30 p.m. • Every 4th Friday Jukebox Bingo! - Hosted By Taylor Jones - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday - Friday - Cafe 109 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Coffee Provided By Steve & Marys On The Square

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Pick Up Locations

Trail Talk: Finding surprises along Huron County's trails; orchids, fungus, turtles and more

PATRICK CAPPER

Sun Contributor

Although I have been hiking trails in Huron County for 20 years, I can still be surprised.

Recently I saw an unfamiliar bright red plant at the side of the trail, a beet berry, also called strawberry blite.

Another surprise was seeing a snapping turtle on a trail where I had never seen one, I also saw two snapping turtles on the Hullett trails, which is where I have seen them in previous years.

Last year I did not see a single Hemlock Varnish Shelf fungus, so I was glad that this year they were back in the usual places on some hemlock logs. This fungus is considered inedible, but the slugs seem to be enjoying it.

A new orchid for me was some Shining Ladies' Tresses, at Bannockburn Tract. This plant is like the Great Plains Ladies Tresses I had seen at Hullett in September.

Showy Lady's Slipper orchids are quite reliable, blooming in mid-June at Hullett.

There was a great turnout of 24 Tuesday Trompers, most of whom came out on June 16 to see the orchids. This year one of the orchids had three blossoms.

I recently learnt from reading the book 'The Orchid Thief' by Susan Orlean, that most orchids, other than Lady Slippers, can be cloned.

One day there may be little interest while the next day there may be much more to see. On my Hullett walk one day I only saw a few Little Wood Satyr and Hobomok skipper butterflies, and on the next day with similar weather I also saw three Tiger Swallowtails, two Monarchs and several Crescent butterflies.

I am not often bothered by mosquitoes, so it was quite a surprise when hiking the Maitland Trail at the Auburn end on June 13 to be accompanied by quite a swarm of them.

On other hikes before and after this, in places such as Hullett, I hardly saw any mosquitoes.

Another interesting thing was on Wednesday, when we were just about to hike the Hullett Sugar Bush, a man came



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Beet Berry.

up and said there was a horse on the lam, and if we should see it, we should call the police. We never saw any sign of the horse.

On Thursday we hiked the new extension of the Maitland Trail on the West side of Sharpes Creek Line. The heavy rain the previous night had caused the creek just south of Bishop's Road to be in flood mode, so only hikers with long legs could cross on the step stones.

This heavy rain caused the Maitland River to rise so part of the Maitland Trail might have become flooded.

I was reading an article by Darby Saxbe about the brain benefits of being a parent. Men with two or three children had an estimated brain age of 0.6 to 0.7 years younger than their childless peers.

That is like the brain benefits associated with exercising for 2.5 hours per week. This is an example of the increasing amount of evidence about the many benefits of regular exercise.

NOTES:

The Maitland Trail between Londesboro Road and Little Lakes Road remains closed due to a landslide.

September 22- 23 Maitland Camino is getting close to being fully booked.

EVENTS:

Saturday, June 27 at 11a.m. Mindfulness Walk and Forest Therapy - Meet at the Millenium Trail in Goderich, Nelson Street entrance. Designed for those who want the benefits of meditation but prefer to move.

We'll be moving slowly and silently together for 20 minutes to the first river lookout where we'll stop to chat about the benefits of mindfulness and forest therapy, enjoy the beautiful vistas of the Maitland River, and head back to the entrance - maybe hug a tree on the way out.

Please leave your pets at home; dogs are already very zen.

For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Tanya at redroofrecovery@gmail.com or text 519-616-3636. This is a level 1, slow paced meditative walk.

Saturday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cycle Pinery Provincial Park - Meet at Lampton Heritage Museum. For more information and to confirm your at-

tendance, please contact Don Andrews at 519-530-9019 call or text. This is a level 1 beginner bike ride.

Wednesday, July 1 at 6 a.m. Welcome to Canada Day Sunrise Walk - We will start at the picnic shelter at St. Christopher's Beach and walk over the Menesetung Bridge, with its always interesting vista, to Tiger Dunlop's Tomb and then return for breakfast (muffins, cheese, fruit, tea, coffee and juice supplied).

Please bring your own mug.

For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact either Faye at 519-524-2070 or Wendy at 519-525-6976. Please note that you must register for this hike and sign the MTA Waiver before participating. This is a level 1, leisurely paced hike

Saturday, July 4 from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Hike the Maitland Trail (Auburn) and Robertson Forestry Tract - Meet at the bottom of Bridge Road in Auburn. This section does not have any significant hills, but meanders along the Maitland River.

For information and to confirm your attendance, please contact.

For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Susan Ethelston at susan.ethelston@gmail.com. This is a level 1-moderate to brisk paced hike.

Sunday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cycle Inverhuron Provincial Park.

For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Don Andrews at 519-530-9019 call or text.

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 9a.m. and can be joined through ONE CARE.



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Snacking after a tromp.



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Showy Lady's Slipper Orchid.

We Three Kings Light Up Goderich

PAMELA CLAYFIELD

Sun Correspondent

If last year's Elvis tribute concert left audiences smiling, this year's We Three Kings performance at the Columbus Centre on Wednesday, June 10 left them absolutely buzzing.

The multinational tribute show returned to Goderich with a fresh setlist, new staging, and a level of energy that had the crowd cheering from the first note to the last.

To kick it all off was the electricity of Leo Days, who delivered a powerhouse performance that redefined the 1950s and 1960s eras of Elvis Presley.

Days stepped into the spotlight with a confidence and spark that felt straight out of rock 'n' roll's golden age. His black-leather '68 Comeback look drew immediate applause, and his vocals carried the raw edge and charisma that made Elvis a legend. He brought energy and fire to the stage.

To assist with the movies, Oliver and Roy stepped in with matching sweaters, humour, vocals and stories from the Collingwood Elvis Festivals from years past.

Finally, a treat that drew applause the moment he appeared was Roy LeBlanc bringing an all-time favourite to life in a white suit and red tie to sing *If I Can Dream*.

This year's production introduced something new: a projected visual backdrop that changed with each decade.



Roy, Oliver, and Leo.

(PAMELA CLAYFIELD PHOTO)

During the 1950s set, still images from Elvis's early films flickered behind the performers, creating a nostalgic glow that wrapped the room in vintage charm.

When the show moved into the 1960s, the screen came alive with clips from the iconic '68 Comeback Special, amplifying the emotional punch of the music.

By the time the show reached the 1970s, the visuals shifted again — this time showcasing a rotating gallery of Elvis's most famous Vegas jumpsuits and stage

moments.

The combination of live performance and curated imagery made the evening feel more immersive.

Adding to the excitement was the timely release of *EPiC*, the long-awaited Elvis documentary, which released on DVD on Tuesday, June 16.

The performers referenced it several times throughout the night, drawing knowing nods from fans who had made sure to get to the theatre to see it on the

big screen — and curious murmurs from those who hadn't yet.

The connection between the two created a sense that Elvis's legacy is not only alive but actively growing, reaching new audiences while giving longtime fans something fresh to celebrate.

As always, the trio of international champions delivered a seamless journey through Elvis's career:

Leo Days from the US brought explosive energy, crisp vocals, and a commanding presence to the 50s and 60s.

Oliver Steinhoff returning all the way from Germany brought back all the swagger and spectacle of the Vegas years.

And our very own Roy LeBlanc, the man behind We Three Kings and A Royal Tribute Productions put his warmth, soul, and deep Elvis history to the audience.

Together, they created a show that felt both nostalgic and newly inspired — a tribute that honoured the King while giving Goderich something uniquely its own.

For those who attended, the 2026 We Three Kings concert wasn't just a performance — it was an experience. It reminded us of why Elvis's music continues to resonate, and gave many, a joyful escape into the eras that shaped modern music.

If the cheers, standing ovations, and postshow buzz heard by many on their way out telling the "cast" they hoped to see them next year were any indication, Goderich is already hoping the Kings will return again next year to recognize the 50th anniversary of Elvis's death which, I'm sure will be noted worldwide.

Better Mental Health: The truth behind our emotions



TANYA MACINTYRE,
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Sun Contributor

I have a guiding principle that helps me navigate the sometimes-chaotic landscape of our world. This principle provides me with empathy, compassion, and patience - not just with others, but also with myself.

This principle - intertwined with the therapeutic work I do every day - has allowed me to pull back the layers of social conditioning, and to recognize the invisible forces that shape us.

In our current societal par-

adigm, we are conditioned to view emotions as by-products of external circumstances and situations. We treat heightened emotions as an inconvenience or an annoyance thrust upon us by negative experiences. We often blame the people around us.

Worse still, we can turn that blame inward, shaming ourselves for being unable to turn off our emotions.

But our emotions are not defects. They are signals.

Consider a red traffic light. The light is a signal telling us to stop our vehicle. If we refuse to apply the brakes, there will inevitably be consequences. We don't blame the light itself for being red, do we? Whether we choose to stop, accelerate, or turn is based on how we translate the meaning of that signal. The translation of that meaning decides how we'll respond.

We don't need to suppress the signals in life; we just need to change how we relate to them.

As human beings, we live in a constant state of emotional ex-

periences. Yet, our culture sets up an internal civil war - demanding answers to things that are mostly out of our control,

How can we consistently pursue positive states of love, joy, and peace, while simultaneously running away from fear, judgement, or insecurity? We can't run away from half of ourselves without disconnecting from ourselves entirely.

The core of human survival lies in understanding this internal compass. But like a foreign language, it must be translated to be understood. Every emotion carries an essential message from our body, which we translate through the lens of our beliefs, values, and past experiences. These lenses are shaped by our families, our culture, and, increasingly, the pervasive gaslighting of modern media and marketing.

Our generational translation can also be fundamentally flawed. My father's understanding of how to handle his vulnerability was adapted to his life

experiences and traumas, not mine.

When we attempt to navigate our present lives using the outdated translators of older generations, we misinterpret our own internal reality. We received the wrong message. After a lifetime of misinterpretations and painful consequences, we stop trusting the messenger. We stop trusting our own emotional intuition. We stop trusting ourselves.

Emotions are the universal language of human survival, yet we treat them as liabilities. Doesn't it reveal a profound systemic blindness that we are taught science and history in school, but never the fundamentals of emotional literacy and healthy coping skills?

Generations of this educational void, paired with a culture that profits from our feelings of inadequacy, force us to disconnect from our own humanity. The byproduct of this disconnection is an epidemic of addictions and other mental health struggles.

My guiding principle is an

antidote to that disconnection: "We are emotional people who have the ability to manage our emotions to serve us in healthier ways".

If you're navigating this journey in the Goderich area, I invite you to join us for an in-person SMART Recovery meeting every Sunday at 11a.m. These meetings are about creating a compassionate space to discuss our shared humanity and learn practical, self-directed ways to foster Better Mental Health.

Tanya MacIntyre is a Certified CBT Specialist, Mental Health Fitness Trainer, and owner/operator of Red Roof Recovery (RRR) and its training division ~ Mental Health Fitness Alliance (MHFA).

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OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Tournon steam train takes travellers back in time



PAUL KNOWLES

Sun Columnist

When the Viking company invited us on a Rhône River Cruise, we knew we'd be travelling via airplane and, of course, boat – more specifically, a Viking Longship christened Viking Heimdal.

We hadn't realized that the old cliché, “planes, trains and automobiles,” would be true to the max. We flew into Paris, returning post-cruise by air from Marseille to Munich to Toronto.

In Paris, where we stayed for three days, we used automobiles for tours, and added boats to the list, as we took a Seine River cruise. We travelled from Paris to Lyon by high-speed train, and there boarded the longship for our weeklong cruise.

So, we thought we'd pretty much covered the transportation device gamut, but then came the fifth day of the trip, when we found ourselves boarding a much older railway train, a sharp contrast to the rapid ride from Paris. We were spending the morning on a leisurely trip aboard the Tournon Steam Train, riding in heritage carriages, with plenty of steam blowing past as we travelled through a beautiful and unspoiled French river valley.

The official name of the train is



The steam engine was built in the early 20th century.

the Chemin de fer du Vivarais. It's in the Ardeche region in the south of France. The full line is 33 kilometres long, running from Tournon in the Rhône Valley to Lamastre in the Doux valley. However, there are also shorter, half-day trips – including the one we took.

It's quaint, authentic and quite wonderful. Riding in these heritage carriages, pulled by a genuine steam locomotive, is a great experience in its own right, but the scenery through the valleys is also spectacular.

There is an intriguing history to the Tournon Steam Train, both as a tourist attraction and prior to that incarnation.

The line was originally built between 1886 and 1890, and it carried freight and passengers until 1968.

Some local enthusiasts believed it was too special to abandon, and so a surprisingly brief, two-year project resulted in the 33-kilometre line be-

ing re-opened as a special attraction in 1970. It stayed in service until 2008, when a growing operating deficit and increasing disrepair of the rolling stock forced another closure. But the fans of steam trains are not easily deterred. Although

that hiatus lasted five years, this time, they brought the train back once again. In 2013, they again fired up the steam locomotive, and with that, the current railway service began. All of the rolling stock is authentic, with the locomotives dating back to the beginning of the 20th century.

That's the history of the train as tourism attraction. But the previous life of this railway is much more poignant. During World War II, the Rhône region was a key centre for the French Resistance, as French patriots fought against the Nazis – and against the Nazi-friendly Vichy government. I have written previously about the city of Lyon as an

important base for the Resistance. As the war unfolded, the Resistance fighters moved more and more to the forests and mountains of southern France, from where they waged what might be called guerilla warfare against their occupiers.

And we learned that the Tournon Railway, running through the district that was home to plenty of Resistance fighters, was frequently employed to smuggle guns and ammunition for these resistance fighters, with boxes of arms and ammo buried beneath the piles of coal used to fire the engine.

The railway was also used when Jewish children were brought from Paris, where their lives were in immediate danger. They then taken via this local railway to isolated farms where they could hide in relative safety. Thus, these cute little carriages we were riding in were actually important tools in combatting the horrors of the Holocaust. Many

lives were saved from death in the concentration camps because of the Tournon railway. A sobering reality check.

Back to today. The carriages have windows that can be opened, and passengers can also stand on the car's entrance platforms to take in the stunning views of the Doux river gorge, as well as to breathe in the scent of coal fires and to experience the clouds of steam. Your every sense carries you back in time.

And there is an unexpected twist at the farthest point of the excursion we took, from Tournon to the Colombar-le-Vieux-Saint Barthélémy-le-Plain trip. And no, I am not making up the name of the latter station. The sign fills an entire wall of the old station building.

Because the passengers quite rightly expect to be returned to Tournon, the steam engine has to be disconnected from the carriages, and turned 180 degrees to head back the way it came.

This is accomplished by something that looks a little like magic, but is really just good old engineering know-how. The 44-ton locomotive is turned around manually – by one man, who does not even work up a sweat – on a cleverly designed turntable.

Back at the Tournon station, passengers can visit a museum, which includes heritage train cars, plenty of railroading artifacts and – of course – a gift shop.

All in all, a wonderful experience of stepping – actually, riding – back in time.

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The Tournon Railway has a dedicated team of workers, including the engineer.



An aqueduct in the Doux Gorge.

COMING EVENTS

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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 June 29.

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: July 13 and July 27 – The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters (new selection) Contact head of book club Holly Smith: 519-630-3962 for more information.

BIA FARMERS' MARKET

Every Saturday until October 10, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

BIA SUNDAY MARKET

Every Sunday until October 11, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

BIA Thursday Evening Concert Series

On Thursdays 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.

ST. GEORGES ANGLICAN CHURCH NIGHT OF MUSIC

On Friday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m., be a part of a night that will be music to your ears. Thomas Beard and Friends' String Quartet will perform Vivaldi's Four Seasons at 6:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m. they will also play a tribute to the Beatles and Queen. Tickets can be purchased on Facebook or at the church on North Street. All proceeds will go towards the outreach and accessibility enhancement of St. Georges and future music events. For more information contact: stgeorgesgoderich@dio-huron.org

MEAT DRAW AND LIVE BAND

On Saturday, June 27 at 5 p.m. at Goderich Legion. The band Mostly Sideways will play at 5 p.m. Meat draw begins at 6 p.m. Join every Saturday night.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT DUNGANNON CEMETERY

On Sunday, June 28 at 2 p.m. at Dungannon Cemetery. Join in at the annual Memorial Day service. Refreshments served.

LIONS BEEF BBQ

On Sunday, June 28 from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Lions Harbour Park. Don't miss out on the 52nd annual beef barbecue. Advance tickets for \$25 can be purchased from Goderich Tourism office, The Bee's Knees, Huronia, from a Lions Club member and Fisher Glass. Tickets for children under 12 cost \$15. Tickets at the door are \$28. A ticket will get you hot roast beef, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner rolls, a beverage and ice cream.

Sunday Concerts at Harbour Park

Beginning on Sunday, June 28 at 7 p.m., hosted by the Goderich Laketown Band, share the joy of music for various Sundays this summer.

Concert schedule:

June 28 – Kincardine Brass Band
July 5 – Irish Cowboys
July 12 – Stratford Concert Band
July 19 – Kincardine Community Concert Band
July 26 – Goderich Laketown Band
Aug. 2 – Huron County Honour Band
Aug. 9 – No band concert – Celtic Festival
Aug. 16 – Lighthouse Swing Band
Aug. 23 – Ayr-Paris Community Band
Aug. 30 – Jellybean Blue

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Blake Street Bakery
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The Book Peddler
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Riddles

Why did the maple leaf go to school?
To turn over a new leaf!

What do Canadians say when they win a race?
"Sorry, did I finish first?"

Why did the beaver get promoted?
Because he was always working dam hard!

What's a Canadian's favourite type of math?
Maple-tmatics!

Why don't Canadian geese tell secrets?
Because they always squawk about them!

What do you call a polite Canadian superhero?
Captain Sorry!

Why did the hockey player bring a ladder to the Canada Day party?
To raise the flag a little higher!

What's a beaver's favourite holiday?
Canada Dam Day!

Why was the maple syrup so popular at the picnic?
Because it always stuck around!

How do Canadians celebrate a hot Canada Day?
They chill out and keep their cool, eh?

Sudoku

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Featured Pets



MONTE

Monte is a 15 year old miniature long haired dachshund. She loves playing fetch with her orange ball and her new favourite treat is the emu jerky from the Barkery. She's loves to patrol the street from her front porch, and winds down the day with a good cuddle.



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**EILEEN RODGES****February 28th, 1928- June 16th, 2026**

Eileen Rodges slipped quietly into the loving arms of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, on June 16, 2026. Eileen was born Margaret Eileen Fitzgerald on February 28, 1928, at Rainham Centre near Dunnville ON. She came to know Jesus as her Saviour as a teenager, and she remained steadfast in that relationship throughout her life. Eileen attended McMaster University and graduated from Hamilton Normal School as an elementary school teacher. She was brilliant in school, skipping several grades, and studying Latin, calculus and physics. She accepted her first teaching position at Taylors Corners, near Goderich ON for the fall of 1947, where she taught for one year. The day she arrived she met Leonard Rodges, and one year later, on September 4, 1948, they were married. Together they worked their small dairy farm and raised nine children, teaching them practical life skills including cooking, sewing, gardening, farming, demonstrating faithfulness, dependability, and industriousness. She loved well, deeply and completely. She enjoyed her family, her children, their spouses, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to play games and if you managed to win, you knew it was a genuine win. Eileen invested in her community through her involvement with the Women's Institute and as a 4-H leader. Together she and Leonard were deeply committed to their faith community at the Goderich Free Methodist Church, and later at Huron Chapel Missionary Church in Auburn, ON. Her faith in Jesus was foundational to her life. Eileen is predeceased by her husband Leonard and her daughter Marilyn Campbell, parents Hugh and Mary Margaret (Moore) Fitzgerald, as well as by all her siblings: Edward and Joyce Fitzgerald, Ben and Glenna Girling, William and Marion Shoup, Norma Fitzgerald and Leroy and Heidi Fitzgerald; her sister-in-law Dorothy and spouse William Ferguson. Eileen leaves a lasting legacy of faith, love and perseverance for her surviving children, Gerald (Doris nee Stokes), Barbara, Dianne Baan (Dave), Janet Hamm (Charles), Debbie Newcomb (Roger), David (Debra nee Snider), Karen Burrell (Craig) and Colleen Hewgill (Brian) and son-in-law James Campbell; her 28 grandchildren: Kim Battler (Brent), Rob Campbell (Angela), Jason Baan (Erin) Laurie Adrien (Pierre), Stephen Campbell (Krista), Charmaine Baan, Carol Bruinsma (John), Melissa Aube (Juice), Virginia Buttar (Jason), Christopher Hamm (Laura), Christine Cordle (Joseph), Kathleen Chambers (Timothy), Becky Newar (Chris), Sonya Miller (Brendan), Richard Hamm (Candice), Victoria McBride (Michael), Garrett Hamm (Autumn), Timothy Newcomb (Julie), Alicia Peper (Marcel), Mindy Betthausen (Brian), Jodi Newcomb, Anthony Newcomb (Alysha), Sadie Breg (Justin), Nicole Howell (Michael), Jocelyn McCallum (Joel), Cassidy Kowalski (Sebastian), Jennifer Burge (Samuel), Michelle Newcomb as well as 79 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother-in-law John and his spouse Della Rodges. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Residents' Council at Huronview Home for the Aged, Clinton ON or to Huron Chapel Missionary Church in Auburn ON. Visitation will be held at Huron Chapel Missionary Church in Auburn ON, Friday July 3, 2026 from 12-1:30 pm followed by the Celebration of Life at 2 pm. Family and friends can sign the book of condolences at www.mccallumpalla.ca.

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OBITUARY

CATHERINE MAY HUTTON

April 13th, 1959- June 9th, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Catherine May Hutton at Huronview Home for the Aged, on Tuesday June 9th, 2026. She leaves behind her beloved husband Kevin Hutton. Proud mother to her two sons Billy (Crystal), Brad (Sam), and Stepmother to Angel (Michelle). Loving and proud grandmother to 3 grandchildren. She will be missed by family and friends. Catherine is predeceased by her parents Helen and Walter Hutton. Catherine was known to be an avid reader and enjoyed painting. She loved her tropical trips with her husband Kevin. She also loved her visits with her grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations in Catherine's memory can be directed to the Canadian Lung Association. Family and friends may sign the book of condolences at www.mccallumpalla.ca.



BODE: THELMA (ZURBRIGG) OF SEAFORTH

August 16, 1936 – June 9, 2026

Thelma passed away peacefully at her home in Harbour Hill Retirement Residence, Goderich on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Donald Bode (1990). Cherished mom of Joanne and Dennis Drennan of Goderich, and Paul and Margo Bode of Aylmer. Proud grandma of Philip and Ansley Drennan of Waterloo, Laurel Drennan and Ryan Hill of Wyoming; Leslie and Kyle Difazio of Woodstock, and Ellen Bode of Montreal. Adored great-grandma of Elise, Maya, Brooks, and Lars. Dear sister and sister-in-law of Lyle and Jennifer Zurbrigg of Stratford, Shirley Lamb of Goderich, and Kendra Zurbrigg of Kincardine. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Cecil and Mabel Zurbrigg, brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Joan Zurbrigg, brother-in-law Glenn Lamb, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Elaine and Cor Rouw, and nephew Bryan Lamb. Thelma was very active in her community, volunteering countless hours and lending a hand wherever she could. She was a dedicated member for over 50 years of Northside United Church in Seaforth where she formed many friendships. Visitation was held at Northside United Church, 54 Goderich Street West, SEAFORTH on Wednesday, June 17th from 10 – 11 AM, where Thelma's memorial service was held at 11:30 AM. A private family memorial will be held at Fairview Cemetery, Listowel at a later date. Donations to the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be forwarded through www.haskettffh.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICE



LORETTA MAY (HONEY) ZETTEL (NEE SCHNARR)

September 6, 1930 - February 10, 2026

A Memorial Mass will be held on **Saturday June 27, 2026** at **St. Peter's Catholic Church, Goderich** with visitation to be held one hour prior at 10 a.m. and Mass at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the church. A private family graveside service will be held.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory, my beautiful daughter **Shelly Ann Culvert** who left me 5 years ago, on June 26, 2021. Of all the special gifts, however great or small, to have you as my daughter was the greatest gift of all. A special time, a special face, a special girl I can't replace. I think of you everyday and I miss your smile and your hugs we treasure. The memories of the time spent with you, now you are my special angel watching over mom from heaven up above. I love you so much, forever and ever, for always. Love Mom and all of your friends. Your Dad is up there with you now Shelly.

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ZERO GRAVITY DANCE COMPANY GRAND OPENING

On Tuesday, June 30 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at 220 Huckins Street, Unit 1.
You're invited to celebrate the official grand opening of Zero Gravity Dance Company.
Join in an evening of dance, community, family fun, prizes, and other activities as Zero Gravity opens their doors. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

GODERICH FIREWORKS

On Tuesday, June 30 at dusk/10 p.m. at the Goderich waterfront.
Kick things off with a bang by watching the spectacular fireworks display.
Grab your lawn chairs and settle in to celebrate the eve of Canada's birthday.

TIM HAWMAN BRINGS NORTH SHORE SOLITUDE TO GODERICH CO-OP GALLERY

Landscape painted, Tim Hawman, will be July's guest artist at the gallery.
The artist's exhibition will open at the beginning of July with an opening reception on July 4 at 2 p.m.
Please note, the gallery will be closed on Canada Day, July 1.
All are invited to come and welcome the artist and enjoy his new series of artwork.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY AND CAFÉ 109

On Wednesdays at Goderich Legion at 9 a.m.
July 1 - Powers of attorney.
July 8 - Age discrimination.
July 15 - Home care regulations.
July 22 - Medical assistance in dying.
July 29 - Protection against scams.

GODERICH CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, July 1 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Lions Harbour Park.
Start your morning at this festival featuring plenty of activities to keep the little ones smiling.
Contact: goderichchildrensfestival@gmail.com

CANADA DAY PARADE

On Wednesday, July 1 at 2 p.m.
Head up to the Courthouse Square for the Canada Day parade.
The procession starts at 2 p.m.
Due to ongoing downtown construction, the route will be shortened this year.

BEHIND THE BARS

Starting on Thursday, July 2 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Huron Historic Gaol.
Tuesday and Thursday evenings in July and August.
Last entry at 8 p.m.
This is an immersive tour experience that gives visitors the opportunity to learn more about life at the gaol.
Interact with actors portraying past inmates and staff who lived and worked at the gaol between 1841 and 1921.
Pre-purchase tickets online to avoid disappointment.
Tickets are available at the door as space permits.

GODERICH KINETTES' FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

On Friday, July 3 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Courthouse Park.
Artists and crafters from across Ontario showcase their amazing talents, alongside vendors and food trucks.
Also on Saturday, July 4 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, July 5 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Admission is free.

PIPING DOWN THE SUN

Starting on Friday, July 3 at 8 p.m. at Rotary Beach, the Goderich Celtic Blue Highlanders will once again pipe down the sun on Friday nights in Goderich.
The event runs on Friday evenings from July 3 until August 24.
The event is fun for all ages and is a free event.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – HURON COUNTY MUSEUM

On Saturday, July 4 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. join in the celebration of the museum turning 75.
In the spirit of founder Joseph Herbert Neill, all are welcome to join in at this party packed with creative fun and interactive activities for all ages.

BALL'S CEMETERY DECORATION SERVICE

On Sunday, July 5 at 3 p.m. at Ball's Cemetery on Base Line between Clinton and Auburn (82228 Base Line).
Guest minister Rev. Jan Aylward of Londesboro United Church.
Special music during the service by a men's choir.
Everyone is welcome at the historical Ball's Church.

CIRCLE CITY CRUIZERS: SUMMER BEACH CAR CRUISE

On Wednesday, July 8 at 6 p.m. at Goderich Main Beach.
Admission is free.

GODERICH SUMMERFEST AND RIBFEST

From Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, July 12, come celebrate the summer of 2026.
New this year – a three day ribfest.
Taking place again at the Courthouse Square park, come take part in the summer festivities all weekend long.
Thursday, July 9 – Pub Night. Beer gardens open at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 10 – Rib fest and beer gardens open at 11 a.m.
Saturday, July 11 – Rib fest and beer gardens open at 11 a.m. Open until 1 a.m.
Sunday, July 12 – Rib fest and beer gardens open at 11 a.m. Rib fest and beer gardens open until 7 p.m.
Cash bar and great food all weekend.
Contact: goderichkinsmen@hurontel.on.ca

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S 2026 GARDEN TOUR

On Saturday, July 11 the Goderich District Horticultural Society (GDHS) will host its 2026 Garden Tour from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Rain or shine.
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.
Advance tickets are available at Bees Knees, Schaefer's Ladies Wear and the Goderich Tourist Information Centre.
Tickets are \$10 per person.
For more information contact: betty.hendriks@bell.net

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