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Ontario Cabinet Ministers and OCC policy leader join Marine and Economic Forum lineup

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The Huron Chamber of Commerce recently announced three high-profile additions to the lineup for the Huron Marine and Economic Forum.

Presented by Parrish and Heimbecker, the latest confirmations include two Ontario cabinet ministers – MPP Lisa Thompson and MPP Sam Oosterhoff – and a senior policy leader from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce – Vincent Caron.

Discussion at the forum will connect provincial priorities with the challenges and opportunities facing rural communities, agriculture, trade and regional economic development.

According to the Huron Chamber, the forum's keynote address will be delivered by Caron, touching on new research examining how Ontario businesses are responding to trade uncertainty, shifting market conditions and economic pressures.

"With so much uncertainty surrounding trade, investment and economic growth, the conversations we're bringing to Goderich are particularly timely,"

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(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Barbara Anne and Richard Ottewell presented a cheque of \$50,000 to AMG. (L-R): Vanda McNeil, Kimberley Payne, Barbara Anne and Richard Ottewell, Ben Hogervorst and Mandy Sinclair.

Magnetic Moments MRI Campaign closes in on fundraising goal

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

As a result of recent generous donations, the Magnetic Moments campaign is now only \$284,985.75 away from the original \$6.5 million fundraising goal.

While the campaign is very close to reaching that original target, AMG Foundation states that the work is not yet finished.

Last week, Barbara Anne and Richard Ottewell donated \$50,000 to the campaign and were inspired to be part of the fundraising efforts to bring an MRI to Goderich for

various reasons.

"For us, it is personal. AMG is our hospital and has been for almost 50 years," said Barbara Anne.

"Our children were born there. We, and our parents, have received exceptional care there over these many years."

According to Campaign Associate Mandy Sinclair, AMG is currently preparing an updated budget for the MRI project to reflect current costs and economic factors, including changes in construction costs, tariffs and fuel costs.

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Magnetic Moments Campaign Nears Goal with Generous Donations

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AMGH CEO Jimmy Trieu will present this revised budget to the AMGH Foundation board of directors and Magnetic Moments campaign cabinet on Oct. 14. More details will be shared following this meeting.

"To all those who consider AMGH as your hospital, we would encourage you to donate as you are able," said Richard Ottewell.

"Our hospital needs us, so it is there when we need it."

Another donation came from B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd. (BMROSS), which donated \$100,000 to the Magnetic Moments campaign.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, BMROSS has a long history of building communities through engineering and planning and supporting local community initiatives.

The leadership and staff at BMROSS recognise the community-led efforts to bring much-needed medical equipment to Goderich, supporting better healthcare outcomes for people throughout Huron County.

With recently signing the official purchase agreement with Siemens Healthineers Canada, this has brought AMGH closer to bringing important diagnostic technology for the first time and stands as a significant investment in the future of the hospital.

The machine selected is a 1.5T MAGNETOM Flor Elite MRI system that features advanced technology designed to

enhance the experience for patients, staff and physicians.

Purchasing this MRI machine follows months of planning to determine the correct technology to bring these services to AMGH.

As the campaign reaches more milestones, fundraising efforts will continue to build on this momentum.

Kimberley Payne, Executive Director of the AMGH Foundation explains that the community has always shown incredible spirit of showing up and the Magnetic Moments campaign is no exception.

Across the county, generous folks have rallied together to organise third-party events spanning concerts and book clubs to bake sales and even exclusive access to Windmill Lake Farm.

Payne says that local businesses have recognised the need for this important technology in the place they work and play and pledged their support. Service clubs have proven time and again their dedication to the community, and individual donors have stepped forward with gifts to a hospital that has been there for them.

"Whether donating \$1 through a third-party fundraiser, purchasing a ticket to an event held in support of the campaign, or writing a cheque for \$500,000,

each and every donor is a leader in helping ensure that AMGH remains a



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Ross and Associates Ltd. (BMROSS) donated \$100,000 to the AMGH Foundation's Magnetic Moments campaign. (L-R): Ken Logtenberg, Ryan DeVries, Jeff Jones, Darren Alexander, Lisa Courtney, Steve Jackson, Dale Erb, Principals at BMROSS, Ben Hogervorst, Florence Witherspoon, Magnetic Moments Campaign team members. (Missing: Curt Bladon, Frank Vanderloo, Andrew Garland, Alex Morfin, Ryan Munn.

leading regional healthcare facility for more about the MRI machine visit years to come," remarked Payne.

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Ontario Cabinet Ministers and OCC policy leader join Marine and Economic Forum lineup

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said Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

"This is an opportunity to hear directly from provincial decisionmakers and business leaders about the issues that will shape our region's economic future."

Based on a recent survey of 851 Ontario businesses, Caron's presentation will explore a surprising combination of economic anxiety and resilience, including renewed business confidence, trade diversification efforts and investment opportunities.

Caron will also examine regional economic indicators and the potential economic impact of major projects such as the proposed Bruce C nuclear development.

Carmichael explains that two industry panels will bring together expertise from across Ontario's marine transportation, infrastructure, energy, agriculture and trade sectors.

The infrastructure and corridor capacity panel will

feature Steve Salmons of the Windsor Port Authority, Neil Johnson of GIO Rail, John Grech of Picton Terminals and Jason Card of the Chamber of Marine Commerce.

This panel will explore the ports, railways and transportation corridors that connect Canadian industries to domestic and global markets.

The economic impact and market access panel will feature Chad Richards of Bruce Power, Darryl Markle of Parrish and Heimbecker, Chris Watson of Huron County Planning and Economic Development, and Mikenna Richardson of Peacock Tariff Consulting.

This panel will examine how transportation infrastructure supports agriculture, energy, manufacturing, investment and international trade, and the opportunities to strengthen regional supply chains.

This is the second annual forum and will be followed by a gathering at Square Brew.

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United Way announces new campaign co-chairs for Huron County

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

United Way Perth Huron (UWPH) officially announced the new Huron County co-chairs for the 2026-2027 campaign.

Kim Burgsma and Bernice Glenn have been named as co-chairs and are well-known for their incredible work in Huron County.

"Pressing local issues like poverty, housing and homelessness and mental health aren't going away," said Ryan Erb, CEO of UWPH.

"We are looking forward to getting the campaign underway and, with help from Kim and Bernice, continue building the impact of UWPH across Huron."

Kim is a long-time Goderich business owner, who has spent more than 40 years serving the community through local business leadership, volunteerism and advocacy.

Passionate about giving back, Kim has fostered children, mentored women in high-risk situations and founded Fishes and Loaves, a free community meal program that has provided hot meals to those facing food insecurity for the past 19 years with the support of local churches.

"United Way cares about people," said Kim.

"All people should be able to have shelter, enough food, clothing and basic needs

to live in dignity."

Kim is an active member of Trinity Church; she is committed to helping vulnerable people and has been a strong advocate for community supports for individuals facing or experiencing homelessness.

"I'm especially pleased to have been asked to co-chair the campaign and be part of the solution," added Kim.

Bernice has been supporting UWPH for the past seven years. She first became involved through Goderich's inaugural Coldest Night of the Year walk, and since then she's continued to help support UWPH.

Beyond her work with United Way, Bernice served as a director with the Duncannon Agricultural Society, volunteers through her church and is known for lending a hand whenever help is needed.

"When I first heard about Coldest Night of the Year seven years ago, I had no idea where saying yes to helping would lead," admitted Bernice.

"I've always care deeply about issues like hunger and homelessness, and United Way has given me a way to be part of positive change in our community."

Since moving to Goderich, Bernice has been committed to finding ways, big and small, to give back to the community she calls home.

For more information about UWPH's campaign visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca



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Kim Burgsma (left) and Bernice Glenn, UWPH Campaign Co-Chairs for Huron County.

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Editorial

This Thanksgiving, give thanks for democracy

DAN ROLPH

Sun Correspondent

I've always believed that Thanksgiving is a particularly special day.

In Canada we celebrate occasions stemming from traditions that have shifted over generations. Some are born from religious practices, some are secular, and some stray so far from one origin that they become something new entirely. Thanksgiving, I think, has become a holiday that is truly unique.

It can be easy for some to remember that our Thanksgiving is very separated from the holiday recognised in the U.S., not only by the date we mark down on our calendars, but by the continued prominence of the American myth of the first Thanksgiving.

In Canada, Thanksgiving is far simpler. It's a time of humility and reflection, when each of us can look at our lives through the lens of thankfulness and remind ourselves of how important it is to recognise the privileges we may forget through the busyness of everyday life.

For some, that may mean giving thanks for family and

friends, a safe place to call home, food on the table, good health, meaningful work or the support of a caring community.

This Thanksgiving, one of the privileges I find myself thankful for is the freedom to have our voices heard through our democracy, particularly as we approach the upcoming municipal elections later this month.

We live in a transformative age. By many metrics, the prominence of democracy on a global level is declining.

In a report released this past September by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), an organization based in Sweden that supports legitimate democratic institutions, this moment in history that we find ourselves in is described as a "crisis" for democracies. International IDEA cited mounting pressures such as political polarization, disinformation, the concentration of executive power and a decline in public trust as drivers of that crisis.

In that report, International IDEA noted that just 21 per cent of the world's population lives in a country considered "free" in 2026, less than half of the 46 per cent from

two decades before.

It's a staggering reality of the 21st century that democracy and freedom are backsliding globally, but that reality makes it as important as ever to recognize the strength of Canada's democracy as the world changes.

However, Canada is not an island. We are not immune to the trends of the world, and we can't allow ourselves to become complacent when it comes to the rights generations of Canadians have fought for.

In some municipalities in Huron County, voter turnout in municipal elections dropped between 2018 and 2022, with less than half the eligible voters casting a ballot in the last election.

That's a trend that I hope our communities choose to reverse later this month.

So as the next municipal election approaches, remember to be thankful for the good things in your life, and let your thankfulness push you to participate in this important tradition we call democracy.

Fewer people in the world today have that opportunity than you may realise.

Letter to the Editor: Put nature on election agendas

Dear Editor,

When the 2026 Huron County budget passed this spring, county councillors (made up of our township and municipal mayors, reeves, and deputies) voted to cut all stewardship and sustainability programs along with many cultural programs.

These cuts included all funding and staffing support to the Huron Stewardship Council and the Clean Water Program – programs that brought hundreds of thousands of non-taxpayer dollars to the table to fund the restoration of natural areas and at-risk species.

Both programs play a critical role in helping to keep nature on the landscape in Huron County, working with many volunteer landowners.

Just as importantly, Huron County residents want nature. Approximately 1,000 people came out to the Turtle Release Day at the Morrison Dam Conservation Area, which sees up to 21,000 visitors annually. But when times are tough, environmental programs tend to be cut first.

Have we asked our 2026 municipal election candidates what they plan to do to ensure balanced growth that recognizes the importance of nature in our townships?

Cost of living, housing and looming infrastructure costs dominate election campaigns, and yet nature plays a critical role in all these things.

Natural infrastructure (trees, wetlands, grasslands) reduces pressure on roads, structures and stormwater systems by slowing down water as it rushes across the land

during storm events.

All plans for housing developments should include natural areas to help capture runoff, but also to provide outdoor recreational spaces that are important to voters.

Science confirms what we already know: nature is important to our physical and mental health.

Yes, cost of living is top of mind this election but until we demand a more balanced approach from our elected officials, we risk losing important cost-effective programs that support nature and our well being.

*Sincerely,
Members of Huron Stewardship Council
Huron County*

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Alzheimer Society Huron Perth presents autumn dementia education programs

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This autumn, the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth invites members of the community to its annual virtual dementia education night on ZOOM on Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker for the education night is Dr. Heather Keller, Registered Dietitian, Professor and Schlegel Research Chair at the University of Waterloo. Dr. Keller will present 'Diet and Brain Health: What to eat as we age'.

Internationally recognised as an expert in nutrition and aging, Dr. Keller's research focuses on preventing and treating malnutrition in hospitals, long-term care

and community settings, particularly older adults living with dementia.

According to Dr. Keller, the link between diet and brain health is a passionate topic and is challenging to navigate.

Dr. Keller will explore the latest research on nutrition and its impact on brain health and will share insights into dietary patterns that support cognitive well-being and discuss emerging research trends in brain health and nutrition.

There will be an opportunity for audience members to participate in a Q and A session. If you want to submit questions in advance, email jeanettes@alzhp.ca

This free event welcomes all to attend. To register visit www.bit.ly/Dementia-Night2026

Gateway hosts webinar on rural women's cancer risk

LILY RIDEOUT

Sun Contributor

October is the month of breast cancer awareness and Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH) is hosting an upcoming webinar series event on Tuesday, October 20, at 12 p.m. via ZOOM on "Rural Women's Cancer Risk, Screening and Community Supports."

This session will explore the updated cancer screening guidelines, how cancer care is facilitated in rural areas, and how we can support women.

Several speakers will be part of the discussion, including Agnes Waanders, Anita Snobelen, and Colleen Ouwendyk.

Agnes Waanders is a Nurse Practitioner at the Clinton Family Health Team, providing primary care among a multidisciplinary team of healthcare practitioners.

Anita Snobelen serves as a town councillor in Ashfield-Colbourne-Wawanosh

(ACW). She moved to Goderich about 12 years ago after a career in community pharmacy, which in later years, led to owning a successful fashion boutique that also catered to post-mastectomy patients for prosthesis fittings.

Colleen Ouwendyk is a Registered Nurse, as well as the Director of Cancer Care & Ambulatory Services at Brightshores Health System. Her work in health system planning, program development and quality improvement focuses on developing innovative, patient-centred models of care that improve access and bring care closer to home.

Anyone in the community is welcome to join the zoom. To attend this event and future presentations, please register:

<https://tinyurl.com/2v5bw547>

For more information visit www.gatewayruralhealth.ca

Lily Rideout is the Marketing and Administration Coordinator at Gateway



Anita Snobelen.

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A history of Goderich: From the late 1920s through the 1930s

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

During the late 1920s and into the 1930s, people in Goderich – and across Canada – began to face hardships and disruptions with the emerging Great Depression and eventual outbreak of the Second World War.

Emerging from the devastation of the First World War, this era became a time to redefine.

The Roaring Twenties was transformative, from 1920 until 1929, marked by economic prosperity and significant social, cultural, and artistic changes.

The worldwide Great Depression of the early 1930s was a social and economic shock that left millions of Canadians unemployed, hungry and often homeless.

This period had disastrous effects in countries.

Personal income, profits, taxes and prices dropped, and international trade fell more than 50 per cent.

Over production and over expansion led to factor owners slowing down production, which led to laying off workers. Due to unemployment, families had less money.

This was a time when the government implemented severe restrictions on immigration and deported many unemployed immigrants.

In response to the crisis, the Canadian

government began creating the social welfare programs.

Prior to hardship seeping into the lives of those in Goderich (and Huron County), it was a time of light and celebration.

In July 1927, Goderich was gripped by centennial fever as the town prepared for its celebrations.

A committee was struck with Mayor MacEwan as chair, and John Galt - grandson of town's founder – and William Campbell, 93 and the town's oldest resident, were designated honorary presidents of the committee.

The sum of \$500 was set aside as a budget for the celebratory event.

Although Goderich was formally established on June 27, 1827, when 'Tiger' Dunlop met John Galt at the mouth of the Maitland River, the committee decided on a week in August to avoid Diamond Jubilee celebrations on July 1, according to local historian and author David Yates.

The mayor declared a half holiday on July 27, 1927, for shops, businesses and industries to give the town a 'gala appearance'. Yates says shop windows were emblazoned with flags and bunting, and the arches were strung with electric lights to illuminate the Square.

Everyone was asked to keep porch lights on at night to add to the town's luminescent glow, and police promised to enforce the Liquor Control Act ensuring all events remained dry.

At the beginning of the week of festivities, guests arrived to celebrate Goderich's first century.

The week began with an interdenominational service on the Square followed by a solemn wreath laying service for the town's dead and honour the 379 names of Goderich's men and women who answered the call in the Great War.

Festivities over the week included a parade, horse races at Agricultural Park, concerts, dancing, and a historical pageant.

According to Yates, in one century, Goderich had gone from wilderness settlement to an industrious and prosperous town.

Yet soon, hard times would fall on Goderich in the dark days of the early 1930s.

The Great Depression was causing hardships in a land of plenty, which seemed impossible in the boom years of the 1920s.

According to Yates, by the autumn of 1930, the town had established a Central Relief Committee to handle the numbers of people applying for relief assistance.

This system was a first attempt at providing unemployment insurance and welfare.

In the 1930s, applying for relief held a weight of shame and humiliation.

As telephones, driver's licenses and liquor permits were seen as luxury, many had to yield these items to qualify.

It was in September 1930 the town was granted \$10,000 for public works projects. Council approved a building program and within a few months, over 200 of the town's citizens registered with the Relief Office to construct public works.

In September 1931, the council decided priority would be given to married men with children.

Less fortunate were single men.

Sadly, in March 1932, the town provided unemployed transients with one free meal, and they were then expected to move on. Many took to riding the rails in search of work.

Goderich placed a three-month residency requirement on relief applicants, in hopes to prevent hordes of idle young men from coming to Goderich and looking for a handout.

According to Yates, in July 1932, relief rates were set at \$1.50 per week for a single adult, a second adult in the household received an extra .60 cents per week, each child was work .35 cents per week, up to a maximum of \$8.25 per week for a family of 10.

Enough to prevent starvation but not enough to live on, but there was little more the town could provide.

For those who had a job, wages dropped substantially.

The drop in grain prices forced a reduction in wages of Goderich mill and grain operators.

Collegiate teachers took a \$100 pay cut in 1932.

As bad as the Great Depression was in Goderich and Huron County, there were many other places in the country that were far worse off and relief trains from Goderich would travel to the prairies to help, even in a time of great need around here.

By the late 1930s, most areas had seen

recovery from the Great Depression, only to be hit with another crisis as the start of the Second World War would soon commence.

Prior to the horrors of the Second World War that awaited the world, residents in Goderich were preparing for the Royal Tour visit of King George VI and his wife, Queen Elizabeth in May 1939.

It was the first tour of a reigning monarch, and the people of Goderich and Huron County were going to do anything to catch a glimpse of their sovereigns.

Stratford and London were the closest places to Huron County, and everyone came together to organise the logistics of moving people by rail and giving them a place to stay the night before.

Over 900 children were boarded in Seaforth, 846 in Clinton and nearly 1,000 in Goderich. Additionally, Boy Scout and Girl Guide troops camped out in Stratford the night before the visit.

Local Great War veterans trooped en masse, and thousands crammed into stuffy train coaches to see their King and Queen in Stratford.

When Huron County residents arrived in Stratford, they joined a crowd estimated at 100,000 people.

Members of the Goderich and Seaforth companies of the Middlesex and Huron Regiment lined the parade route in London the next day.

After the Royal Visit, local newspapers reported that the people of this area received the Royal couple with full-hearted respect and enthusiasm. This impression must have stuck, as when Prince William visited Calgary in 2011, he recalled with emotion that his grandmother told him that 'Canada made us'. Referring to the 1939 Royal Visit when people from Goderich and Huron County were part of an embrace, holding their King and Queen as two of their own.

It would be this respect, love and oneness that would soon be put to the test when, a few months following the uniting Royal Visit, the United Kingdom declared war on Germany, on September 3, 1939.

Canada soon acted as a sovereign nation and chose to declare war a week later, on September 10, 1939.

The first major group of Canadian soldiers arrived in the United Kingdom in December 1939 to train and help defend Britain.

By the end of the Second World War, more than 1.1 million Canadians had served in the army, navy, and air force to support the Allies.

Out of that, 40 names are listed on the Goderich cenotaph from the Second World War.

From the early 1930s until the early 1940s, this era stole the youth and innocence from the people in Goderich, who were subjected to struggle, hunger, uncertainty and soon, a dark weight of grief that would wash over from the sacrifices made during the Second World War.

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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New father, new husband, new home: Ayub's first two years in Huron County

MARK NONKES

Sun Contributor

Ayub is living a proverb: the rolling stone gathers no moss.

In the past year, he's gone from being a single newcomer navigating how to live in small town Canada to today, being a new father, husband and community leader.

"I got married in October 2025 in India. My wife moved to Canada, and then our child was born here in Goderich," Ayub said.

Already based in Ontario prior to getting married, Ayub moved to Canada in 2022 to study at a post-secondary institution and lived in Toronto.

In 2024, after completing his studies, he decided he wanted to stay in the country to put the knowledge he learned in classrooms into practice and gain Canadian work experience.

He interviewed to become an employment counsellor with a local agency.

"When I was living in downtown Toronto, I was surrounded by a lot of busy people. The jobs were hard to find and there was just too much competition. Plus, it was a big concrete jungle," Ayub remembered.

Ayub admits that when he applied to be an employment counsellor in Goderich, he didn't exactly know where the community was located.

"When I did a quick Google search, I think the first thing that came up was it's 'the prettiest town in Canada'. I was like, that's the place I want to be. That's how I decided to come to Huron County," he said.

Arriving in Goderich in January, in the middle of a snowstorm, wasn't quite what Ayub expected from Canada's prettiest town.

"Pretty much everybody was saying, 'this is the worst winter we've ever had'. And I was like, great. Winter showed up when I decided to move here. And well, that was challenging," he reflected.

Not only was Goderich a huge contrast from his life in Toronto, but Ayub is also originally from Mumbai, a diverse city of 20 million people that's both the financial capital of India, and the hub of Bollywood, the country's Hindi-language film industry.

"It was a busy life. Growing up, it was fun. I made a lot of lifelong friends. I used to play soccer. There's a lot of memories that come back, it's been such a drastic change," he said.

Ayub grew up with his parents, two brothers and a sister. After completing high school, he found work in a call centre.

"I started off as a customer service advisor. Now, people usually compliment me on my English, saying that I do not have an accent and I can speak fluently," Ayub said.

"Part of the reason is because I took that job and I was interacting with people in the UK and people in the



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Ayub has gone from being a single newcomer navigating how to live in small town Canada to today, being a new father, husband and community leader.

States. I would say that job polished my English."

Within a year, Ayub was promoted to the role of a quality analyst, leading him to interact with clients and provide feedback to existing customer service agents. The role also enabled him to work internationally on a six-month work placement in the Philippines.

At the same time, Ayub worked through a bachelor's degree in business administration at a local university.

After completing his studies, Ayub looked to go beyond his country to broaden his opportunities.

"The option of getting an education internationally was always something I planned for," he said.

Arriving in Toronto wearing flipflops and a hoodie, Ayub realized he wasn't fully informed about what life would be like in Canada.

"Now if anybody else is coming to Canada, I can guide them in a better direction," he said smiling.

Fast forward to his arrival in Goderich, Ayub quickly got to work in the employment agency, helping clients improve their resumes and LinkedIn profiles, assisting people as they prepared for interviews, and connecting people to training.

As well, he built a network with local employers who were hiring and contributed to broader community efforts to strengthen employment support for newcomers to Canada.

Ayub's commitment to supporting clients earned him nominations for the I Am Huron awards, a campaign that recognizes the contributions immigrants and newcomers to Canada make to strengthen our local communities.

"During that challenging time, Ayub provided not only professional guidance but also genuine emotional support that helped me regain confidence and move forward. He took the time to connect me with the right professional advice and assisted me with important research and resources related to my situation. What stands out most about Ayub is his willingness to help others without hesitation. He is a highly experienced professional who consistently goes above and beyond to support people in need," wrote a former client, who nominated Ayub for the award.

Ayub also found comfort and a network of support through a community of faith after his arrival in Goderich.

"As someone who follows Islam, I reached out to a few people on Facebook who were already in Huron County. just wanted to see if there were any facilities for gathering," he said.

Ayub found a small group who meet in Goderich every Friday to pray together.

"They were really helpful in terms of making me feel welcome in the community," Ayub added.

"I've moved from being an outsider of the group to someone who is leading the group. It's pretty amazing."

After surviving the intensity of the winter months, Ayub is adjusting to rhythms of life in Goderich and a greater connection to the natural environment. He mentions summer and eating ice cream from a local shop as a new favourite habit.

"The beach is definitely awesome to visit, but the sunsets also surprised me because I had no idea there were two sunsets in Goderich," he said.

"Another thing that surprised me was the winters because everybody knows why."

Asked whether he would move to Canada again, and live in a small town, Ayub offers a hearty yes.

"I'm grateful for the opportunities that Canada and Huron County have provided me with and the support system that my family is receiving. Just by the people, just by accessing the smallest of services in town, it's just so awesome," he concluded.

So, for now, at least, this rolling stone has found a place to stay still, Goderich, it turns out, is a place for Ayub and family to pause and begin growing roots.

The I Am Huron awards celebrate the contributions immigrants and newcomers to Canada make in Huron County's communities. Nominations are received from the community, reviewed by a committee with lived experience of immigration, and awarded at a ceremony.

The project is funded with support from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

For more about this campaign, visit: <https://www.huroncounty.ca/i-am-huron/>

Mark Nonkes is a Local Immigration Partnership Manager for the County of Huron



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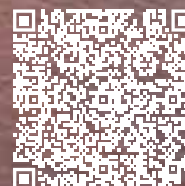
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Legacy project aims to preserve the memory of fallen airmen trained in Goderich

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

During the Second World War, Huron County hosted thousands of airmen and airwomen from across the British Commonwealth who trained to become aircrew in what General Eisenhower called the “Great Crusade” against Nazi Germany.

At least 65 aircrew during the Second World War trainees died during training in Huron County. Seventeen lost their lives in training accidents over Lake Huron and have “no known grave but the sea.”

After being approached by local historian David Yates to consider this as a legacy project, the Town of Goderich’s Bicentennial Committee is proposing a memorial to honour these 17 young airmen and ensure that their names and sacrifices are remembered.

“We have a responsibility to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect peace and safety around the world,” lamented Liz Petrie, Goderich Councillor and Chair of Goderich 2027 Bicentennial Committee.

“The men who trained here at the Goderich Sky Harbour Airport seem to be lost in history and we must remember them. We owe them more than a moment of silence. We owe them remembrance, re-



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Idyllic Bingham Park where the Airmen’s Memorial will be located. The complementary themes of an Airmen’s Memorial and butterflies make Bingham Park an ideal location.

spect and a commitment to understanding the cost of war.”

Although these Airmen were not local, Petrie says this does not matter as their lives meant something and their sacrifice must not become just another footnote in history.

“Goderich was integral in training these

men, and it is our duty to honour them,” added Petrie.

An appeal has been launched to support the creation of a permanent memorial. The proposed monument will provide a lasting place for remembrance and reflection while recognising the service and sacrifice of these airmen and the contributions of Commonwealth aircrew during the Second World War.

The Town of Goderich and the Bicentennial Committee are in full support of the Legacy Project that will be located in Butterfly Park. There is a budget in place, but it is a bit short from the RFP received, according to the committee.

Petrie believes there are organisations and individuals who will find this project a true reminder of the ultimate sacrifice



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RCAF Recruiting Poster c. 1942.

and perhaps wish to donate to this project.

By doing so, a permanent monument will be a reminder of the sacrifices made, plus also provide a history that many are unaware of.

“The Goderich Sky Harbour Airport was instrumental in training those who would take to the air,” Petrie explained.

“We seem to know about the training school in Port Albert but not so much about Goderich and sharing our history is extremely important.”

Donations to the airmen’s memorial project may be made payable to the Town of Goderich. Please note “Airmen’s Memorial” with your contribution.

The deadline for donations is December 31, 2026. An unveiling ceremony has a tentative date scheduled for September 2027.



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Free mental health support available to Ontario farmers

AMANDA NELSON

Sun Reporter

In a study done by the University of Guelph, 76 per cent of farmers reported moderate to high levels of stress, and 68 per cent of farmers were reported as being more susceptible than the general population to chronic stress due to the pressures of farming and crop management.

According to Agriculture Wellness Ontario, producers are less likely to seek professional support for anxiety and depression, noting that 40 per cent of Canadian producers said they would feel uneasy seeking professional mental-health services because of what people may think.

Dr. Randi McCabe, vice-president of mental health and addictions at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, says farmers can experience many challenges that may contribute to stress.

"Farmers can experience so many challenges, such as crop yields, weather, labour shortages, and so many other things that may be out of their control," she said.

McCabe says the Ontario Structured Psychotherapy (OSP) program allows people in rural or farming communities to access mental-health care, which she says has not always been as accessible in rural areas.

"People may lack access due to geography, or having to drive long distances, or even some people, depending on the community, may have had limited access to the internet," said McCabe.

"There's always been a lot of stigmas around coming and finding help. So even though help is available, people might not have felt comfortable to."

McCabe says that for rural communities, it's important not to make this only about stigma. There are legitimate practical barriers, like distance, availability, cost, privacy and time.

She says the OSP program removes several of those barriers, making mental-health care more accessible across the province.

"That's the nice thing about this program: people can do it all online, self-referral," said McCabe.

"They don't even have to go in person if they choose not to. That can really reduce barriers in rural populations or communities that may have had to travel far to get to treatment in the past. This really breaks down barriers by making treatment accessible to everybody, including those in rural and northern communities."

The Ontario Structured Psychotherapy program offers free, evidence-based psychotherapy and mental-health support for

adults 18 years and older experiencing depression, anxiety and related conditions.

The program uses cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) and related approaches, such as Cognitive Processing Therapy and Prolonged Exposure, to teach practical strategies and coping skills.

"CBT is a psychological treatment that focuses on looking at how a person can become more aware of their thinking patterns and behaviours that might be contributing to symptoms," said McCabe.

"If you have a stressor, your natural response is to think negatively. They may start to avoid certain activities. CBT allows people to step back and examine different ways of responding to stress by changing up how we may think about it, and how we respond behaviourally."

The self-referral program currently offers different types of services to meet the needs of Ontario residents: self-led resource guides that people can practise at home, or individual or group cognitive-behavioural therapy programs.

The first option is self-led resources guided by a coach or therapist called the Bounce Back program. This program is delivered by phone and includes workbooks and a biweekly personalized mental-health appointment to help manage thoughts, emotions and behaviours.

Clinician-assisted bibliotherapy is also delivered over the phone. In this option, clients receive a free cognitive-behavioural therapy self-help guide specific to their concern, a plan for readings and exercises, and weekly 30-minute sessions with a therapist.

The third self-guided option is internet-based cognitive-behavioural therapy, delivered online and guided by a therapist, with modules, readings and exercises that help participants build coping and resilience skills. It requires access to a computer or mobile device and the internet.

Individual or group cognitive-behavioural therapy includes in-person sessions with a therapist, either one-on-one or in a group format.

"It's completely private and confidential," said McCabe.

"What I would say to someone who may be suffering is, what do you have to lose? You may have everything to gain by calling. There is no risk in trying. I've treated farming clients who are in their 60s and 70s, and they were very surprised by how much this helped them. They were feeling so stressed and anxious, and just being able to get the support they needed, they were able to feel so much better."

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Central Huron Council Recap

BRITTANY MCKAY

Sun Reporter

Plans, projects and progress: A look inside Central Huron Council's October 5 meeting:

Clinton council's October 5 meeting began on a celebratory note as council recognized the Clinton Mustangs Under-15 team following their Ontario championship victory.

Mayor Jim Ginn congratulated the players, "Congratulations, I think a lot of you have been here before, so it's great that you're continuing your winning ways. You all make the community proud."

Ginn called up the Mustangs to present a certificate with a picture to follow. Coaches, players and the families were welcomed to the meeting and presented with certificates in recognition of their achievement.

Council congratulated the team on representing Clinton and Central Huron while praised the coaches and volunteers who support local sports.

Ginn continued, "I played baseball for 50 years, and a lot of great memories are made with great teammates. It's amazing what you learn when you play together as a team. Thank you to the coaches for keeping the boys on the right track."

Ginn acknowledged the time and commitment that it carries out to be a good coach.

Ginn also acknowledged the community volunteers who maintain local athletic facilities, noting that the municipality's ball diamonds are among the best in the region.

Central Huron considers new approach to laneway reinstatement:

Clinton Council is considering changing how residential laneways are restored following municipal construction projects, with paving emerging as a potential alternative to replacing concrete or brick surfaces.

The issue was brought forward in a report from Roads Manager Brady Nolan, who outlined three options for Council to consider.

The Municipality has traditionally followed a "like-for-like" approach, meaning laneways are generally restored with the same material that was there before construction. However, Nolan said this can sometimes lead to problems and additional repairs.

One of the main concerns is frost. When new concrete or brick is installed beside older material, the two surfaces can move differently during freeze-thaw cycles, potentially creating uneven areas and deficiencies.

Under Option 1, the Municipality would continue with its existing like-for-like approach.

Option 2 would see all residential laneways paved with asphalt to the property line as part of construction projects. According to the report, asphalt would be easier to remove if future underground work is required and would be less susceptible to freeze-thaw problems at joints.

A third option would allow homeowners

more choice. Under Option 3, the Municipality would pave the laneway to the property line or provide the homeowner with the equivalent value of the paving so they could hire their own contractor to install concrete, brick or another surface.

Homeowners choosing this option would have to accept responsibility for future repairs to the privately selected installation.

Nolan's report also pointed to an existing municipal bylaw that appears to support the use of gravel or asphalt for residential entrances within the municipal right-of-way. The bylaw states that concrete or interlocking brick are not permitted within the municipal right-of-way without specific provisions, and that property owners may be responsible for additional maintenance costs associated with those materials.

The report noted that this appears to be inconsistent with the Municipality's current practice of restoring laneways on a like-for-like basis during construction projects.

There could also be financial savings by moving toward asphalt, as paving is generally less expensive than restoring laneways with concrete or brick. Following the report from Nolan expressed pros to asphalt to reinstate residential laneways up to the property line, rather than automatically replacing existing concrete with new concrete.

Nolan said the change is based on issues the Municipality has encountered during previous construction projects, particularly when new concrete is placed beside older concrete.

"This has come up in past construction projects we have done. We've run into issues with cement. One of the biggest issues is cement heaving when you replace the new cement next to the old cement. They are no longer really connected to each other, so frost may lift the cement," Nolan said the movement can leave an uneven surface, which can be frustrating for property owners.

"People get upset when you've redone a laneway and now it has a bulb in it," he said. "Whereas with asphalt, it doesn't seem to shift as much."

According to Nolan, concrete and asphalt can respond differently to frost and ground movement, increasing the potential for uneven surfaces where new concrete meets existing material.

Asphalt also provides an additional benefit if underground utility work is required in the future, as it can be removed and replaced more easily and at a lower cost than concrete.

The new approach is intended to reduce future maintenance concerns; help control costs and provide a consistent standard for laneway reconstruction during municipal projects.

Council carried the motion and is being asked to select one of the three approaches as the Municipality develops a consistent policy for laneway reinstatement during future construction projects.

Emergency preparedness grant application:

Central Huron is looking to strengthen

its emergency preparedness by applying for funding to purchase three standby generators for the Municipality's road sheds.

Council approved a recommendation from Roads Manager Brady Nolan directing staff to apply for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant.

The grant supports projects that improve a community's ability to prepare for and respond to emergencies through the purchase of equipment, supplies, training and related services. Eligible projects must have a value between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

The Municipality is proposing to purchase and install three standby generators, one for each of its road sheds. The estimated cost is \$15,000, which would be fully covered if the grant application is approved.

The generators would provide backup power at the road sheds during emergencies and help ensure municipal operations can continue if there is a power outage.

Central Huron has previously benefited from the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant. In 2025/2026, the Municipality successfully received funding for the installation of a radio tower for the Fire Department.

The proposed generator project supports the Municipality's strategic priority of Strong Governance.

Council's approval allows staff to move forward with the grant application, with the purchase proceeding if the Municipality is successful in receiving the funding.

Central Huron Council members to represent municipality at Remembrance Day services:

Central Huron Council will be represented at Remembrance Day ceremonies in Blyth, Clinton and Goderich on November 11, 2026, following Council's approval of its representatives.

Council received a report from Nicole Defreitas, Executive Assistant to Administration, outlining plans for the Municipality's participation in this year's Remembrance Day services. As it has done historically, Central Huron will purchase wreaths for presentation at ceremonies throughout the area.

Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson, Councillor Jennifer Cox and Mayor Jim Ginn will represent the Municipality at the respective services. Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson will attend the Blyth Remembrance Day service, Councillor Jennifer Cox will represent Central Huron in Clinton, and May Jim Ginn will attend the Goderich ceremony.

The Blyth service will begin at 10:45 a.m., with wreath bearers asked to report to Memorial Hall by 10:30 a.m.

In Clinton, wreath bearers are asked to meet at the Legion by 10:15 a.m. to participate in the procession.

For the Goderich service, wreath bearers are asked to be at the Cenotaph by 10:45 a.m. to collect their wreath and receive presentation instructions.

The Municipality estimates the cost of each wreath at approximately \$95.

According to the report, Central Huron's participation provides an opportu-

nity for the Municipality to formally recognize and honour the contributions and sacrifices of those who have served.

The initiative also aligns with Central Huron's Strategic Plan priorities of Strong Governance and Communication.

Council approved the recommended representatives, ensuring the Municipality will be formally represented at all three local Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11.

Central Huron Council carries motion on new iPads for councillors:

Clinton Council has carried the motion for the purchase of eight new iPads for the 2026–2030 Council term at a cost of approximately \$7,196.

The iPads will be provided to Council members along with keyboard cases and will be used for municipal business, including accessing Council agendas and minutes.

The Municipality considered three options before making its decision: Apple iPads, Lenovo Android tablets and refurbished Lenovo ThinkPad laptops.

Although the iPads were the most expensive option, municipal staff recommended staying with the Apple devices because they work directly with the Municipality's iCompass AgendaNotes system. The system has a dedicated app for iPads, while Android and Windows users would have to access it through an internet browser.

Staff also noted that Council has used iPads for the past two terms, meaning members are already familiar with the devices.

The Android option was estimated at \$6,203.29, while refurbished Lenovo ThinkPad laptops were estimated at \$4,070.40, plus \$275.77 for additional software licences.

According to the Municipality's Manager of Information Technology, Cecil Coxen, the iPads are also expected to require less ongoing IT support and are easier to manage from a security standpoint.

All Council devices will be enrolled in the Municipality's Mobile Device Management system. This allows staff to manage the devices remotely, enforce security requirements and erase information if a device is lost or compromised.

Security was also a factor as the Municipality prepares for new requirements under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIP-PA), which are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2027.

Once the new devices are purchased, the iPads currently being used by the previous Council will be wiped and reassigned to other municipal departments.

The report also noted that Huron County Council has agreed to reimburse 50 per cent of the cost of devices used for County Council business by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. That reimbursement was not included in the figures presented to Central Huron Council.

Council approved the purchase of the eight iPads and keyboard cases, continuing the Municipality's use of Apple devices for Council members.

Celebrating 125 years of service for Maple Leaf Chapter IODE

125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Sun Contributor

The 125th Anniversary of the Maple Leaf Chapter IODE was a milestone worthy of celebration.

For 125 years, the women of the Maple Leaf Chapter have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to volunteerism, community service and helping those in need.

The 125th Anniversary Committee was formed to honour that remarkable history while celebrating the continuing contributions of our members and our chapter to the community.

The committee's objective was to create a celebration that would be meaningful, memorable and reflective of the history and traditions of the Maple Leaf Chapter.

The 125th Anniversary Committee was formed in the fall of 2025. Tracy Maguire served as Chair, with the original committee consisting of Tracy Maguire, Arlene Sager, Kristy Daley, Penny Murray, Sharon Creighton and Nancy Hughes.

Penny Murray was also serving as Regent of the Maple Leaf Chapter. In January 2026, Karen Scott and Sandi King joined the committee, bringing the committee to eight members.

Our initial meetings were somewhat informal and sporadic as we began to "spitball" ideas and consider how best to commemorate such an important milestone. We initially explored the possibility of involving local schools, but unfortunately that did not come to fruition.

The committee eventually decided that the best way to celebrate would be to hold one major anniversary event, bringing together our members, invited guests and local dignitaries.

The committee chose June 17, 2026, as the date for the celebration because June 17 was the actual anniversary date of the founding of the Maple Leaf Chapter in 1901.

Our original thought was to hold an outdoor picnic or luncheon. However, recognizing that June weather can be unpredictable, we decided that an indoor venue would provide greater certainty. The Knights of Columbus Hall was selected and booked for the event.

The hall proved to be an excellent choice. The staff provided tables, chairs, linens, tableware, glassware and a sound system, allowing us to concentrate our efforts on creating the atmosphere and program for our special day.

As planning progressed, every member of the committee contributed individual talents, ideas and enthusiasm.

We selected soft sage green as our primary colour and developed the décor around that theme. Rather than using fresh flowers for every table, we decided on artificial floral arrangements incorporating decorated teapots and teacups as centrepieces, as well as several members donating old fashioned lace tablecloths.

Several committee members spent considerable time decorating the teapots and teacups, creating beautiful and individual centrepieces, huge vases with artificial flow-

ers as well as old fashioned candelabras.

Other decorative elements included old lace tablecloths, matching napkins, eucalyptus napkin rings, green lace placemats, table-number signs and balloons in our chosen colours. We kept Amazon busy as we tried different decorations, returned some and tried again until we were satisfied with the finished look.

Added Touch Catering was hired to provide the luncheon as the owner, Karen Daley contributed her considerable talent for creating beautiful tablescapes.

The committee also wanted a signature beverage for the occasion. After considering several possibilities, we voted on the "Maple Leaf 125", a refreshing mocktail made with fruit punch, pineapple juice, orange juice and Sprite.

Kristy Daley took the lead in preparing the invitations for members and invited dignitaries. Once the final design was sent to The Print Shop, the committee was delighted with the finished product.

The committee then gathered to fold and insert the invitations, address the envelopes, mail those requiring delivery and hand-deliver others. Invitations were also distributed to members at our monthly meeting. A special seal was ordered for the backs of the envelopes, adding a particularly elegant finishing touch.

The committee also approached Town Hall with a request that June 17 be officially declared Maple Leaf Chapter IODE Day.

A submission was prepared and presented to Town Council. The entire committee attended the Council meeting on April 13, 2026, when Council unanimously voted to declare June 17, 2026, Maple Leaf Chapter IODE Day.

Penny Murray arranged for the IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter in Petrolia to loan us an outdoor flag to be flown on our special day. She also arranged through Artech to have the Five Points Garden sign updated to reflect 2026.

Remembering 125 Years of History:

A central part of our celebration was ensuring that the history of the Maple Leaf Chapter was not forgotten.

The committee worked on a historical brochure outlining the great work of our chapter over the past 125 years. This project went through many drafts and revisions before the committee was satisfied with the final design. The completed three-fold brochure was printed by The Print Shop.

To make the brochure an even more meaningful keepsake, a commemorative IODE pin was attached to the front of every brochure. These were placed at each table for our members and guests.

We also wanted our guests to experience the history of the chapter rather than simply read about it. We obtained historical scrapbooks dating back to the 1950s from the library and had photographs enlarged to help illustrate what members of earlier generations looked like.

The museum generously participated by creating a display featuring clothing, shoes, purses and other items representative of the different eras through which the chapter has

lived.

Karen Scott, drawing on her previous involvement with the Women's Auxiliary of AMGH, also assembled a special hospital memorabilia display.

Finally, Colleen Maguire was engaged to portray Mrs. Maude MacDonald, the founding Regent of the Maple Leaf Chapter in 1901. Her presentation allowed guests to experience the early history of the chapter through the eyes of its founding members.

A Legacy — The Memorial Bench:

The committee wanted the 125th Anniversary to leave something permanent in our community.

After discussion, it was decided that a memorial bench and special commemorative plaque would provide an appropriate and legacy. We selected a metal bench and worked with the Town to identify the ideal location.

The chosen site was at the entrance to the Menesetung Bridge, overlooking the beautiful Maitland Valley. It is a peaceful and scenic location where people can stop, sit and reflect.

The bench was ordered and once completed and installed, was formally unveiled on July 29, 2026.

The location is especially meaningful because the Maple Leaf Chapter IODE is contributing \$40,000 toward the Menesetung Bridge Refurbishment Project this year.

At the unveiling, a speech was given reflecting on the 125 years of volunteerism and community service that have defined the Maple Leaf Chapter.

The committee also wanted to mark our anniversary through a project that would directly benefit the community.

The idea of "Share a story, bring a book" was developed with the goal of encouraging donations of at least 125 books.

We worked with our local library and The Bees Knees bookstore. The library prepared a list of 125 books that would be useful for its summer programs. The Bees Knees ordered the books, created a beautiful display and offered a discount to members purchasing books for donation back to the library.

The response far exceeded our expectations.

Following the June 17 celebration, committee members gathered to place special bookplates inside the donated books. On June 24, 2026, committee members and chapter members attended at the library and presented 181 books, along with several gift certificates for The Bees Knees.

The 181 books will support the library's summer programming and represent a wonderful example of turning our anniversary celebration into a tangible contribution to the community.

As June 17 approached, the committee began meeting approximately weekly to make sure every detail was covered.

Karen Scott's husband, Don, created a beautiful wooden Maple Leaf stand. Karen Scott and Sandi King painted it. The stand was designed to be sustainable and reusable for future chapter events, with changeable numbers so that it can be adapted for different years and occasions.

Balloons were tested, arches assembled and sandbags prepared. More than 200 balloons would ultimately be used in the decorations.

On June 15, the committee returned to the Knights of Columbus Hall. With the assistance of the hall staff, we installed our large vinyl anniversary sign, which was also designed to be reusable. The balloon arch and picture area were assembled, including a carpet and chairs where members could have their photographs taken.

This was truly a "what worked and what didn't work" day as we tested and adjusted our plans.

On June 16, the committee returned once again to the hall. Following our carefully prepared seating plan, we set up and meticulously decorated every table.

The various areas of the event were also established, including the mocktail area, food area, coffee and tea station, historical scrapbook display, museum display, hospital memorabilia display and book donation area. Nametags were prepared for every attendee.

The morning of June 17 began with Sharon Creighton and Nancy Hughes attending at Town Hall to raise the Maple Leaf Chapter flag in recognition of IODE Maple Leaf Chapter Day.

Meanwhile, committee members arrived at the hall dressed in period clothing. Each member had selected a different decade, creating a wonderful visual representation of the 125 years of the chapter's history.

The final preparations were completed: the Maple Leaf 125 mocktail was prepared, water jugs were placed on every table, and the sound system was checked.

Guests began arriving, including:

- Mayor Trevor Bazinet
- Jimmy Trieu, President and CEO of AMGH
- Karen Dalton, National President of IODE Canada
- Michelle Batty, IODE Ontario President
- Aileen Reid, IODE Vice-President, Mid Central
- Colleen Maguire, portraying Mrs. Maude MacDonald
- Editor from the Goderich Sun
- The editor of the Bayfield Breeze
- Scott Miller of CTV News

Scott Miller of CTV News also attended, interviewing several members about the anniversary. The celebration subsequently received coverage on the London CTV News broadcast that evening.

Guests were welcomed with the Maple Leaf 125 mocktail, and everyone was encouraged to contribute a book to the donation project, pick up their nametags and sign the guest book.

When it was time for the formal program, Matt Hoy piped the members and guests into the head table. Everyone stood for the singing of our National Anthem and the placement of the flags.

Tracy Maguire, Chair of the 125th Anniversary Committee, introduced Penny Murray, our Regent, who introduced the

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head table and called upon Kim VanAllen, Archdeacon Emeritus and chapter member, to offer the prayer.

Everyone then enjoyed a wonderful luncheon provided by Added Touch Catering.

Following lunch, Penny Murray introduced our special speakers: Mayor Trevor Bazinet, Jimmy Trieu, Karen Dalton, Michelle Batty and Aileen Reid.

Penny also read letters received in recognition of our 125th Anniversary from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada; MPP Lisa Thompson; and MP Ben Lobb.

The highlight of the historical program was the presentation by Colleen Maguire as Mrs. Maude MacDonald, the founding Regent of the Maple Leaf Chapter in 1901.

The presentation was framed as an early 1900's IODE meeting and included the reading of the actual minutes of an early meeting, with Mrs. Macklin serving as secretary.

At the conclusion of the program, Penny Murray thanked everyone for attending and for their generous support of the book donation project. Guests were reminded that special bookplates would be placed inside the donated books identifying them as a contribution from the Maple Leaf Chapter IODE to the library.

Guests were also informed of the upcoming

presentation of the books to the library on June 24 and the unveiling of the anniversary memorial bench on July 29.

The June 17 celebration was a tremendous success.

Almost all our current members attended, and the event quickly became the "hot ticket in town" that day. The period costumes worn by committee members and chapter members were outstanding, with each representing a different era of the chapter's 125-year history.

There were many photographs taken, many stories shared and, most importantly, many wonderful memories created.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, the committee remained behind to clean up the hall, dismantle the displays and decorations, and return everything to its proper place.

After days of inflating more than 200 balloons, one of the most satisfying — and perhaps amusing — parts of the cleanup were popping almost all of them. What took days to inflate took only minutes to disappear!

The committee members were completely exhausted at the end of the day, but equally satisfied that the vision we had developed many months earlier had come to life.

The 125th Anniversary celebration demonstrated not only the long history of the Maple Leaf Chapter IODE, but also the

continuing strength of its commitment to volunteerism and community service.

The Maple Leaf Chapter is the oldest and largest IODE chapter in Canada, with a history that predates organizations such as the Lions Club, Rotary Club and the Royal Canadian Legion.

The anniversary year gave us an opportunity to look back with pride at the accomplishments of the women who came before us, while also demonstrating that the spirit of service that founded the chapter in 1901 remains alive today.

From the 181 books donated to the library, to the \$40,000 contribution toward the Menešetung Bridge Refurbishment Project, to the permanent memorial bench overlooking the Maitland Valley, the anniversary was not simply about celebrating what the chapter had done in the past. It was also about continuing to make a difference in our community.

The celebration of our 125th Anniversary will continue through IODE Awareness Week, October 11–17, 2026.

During the week, the Maple Leaf Chapter will highlight the many ways our individual members contribute to the community throughout the year.

This provides an opportunity to shine a light on the ongoing work of our members and to remind our community that the Ma-

ple Leaf Chapter IODE continues to be an active and dedicated force for volunteerism and service.

The 125th Anniversary Committee is extremely proud of what was accomplished during this anniversary year.

What began in the fall of 2025 as a small group of members gathering to "spitball" ideas ultimately grew into a year of meaningful projects, community partnerships, historical remembrance and celebration.

The success of the anniversary was the result of the dedication, creativity and hard work of every committee member. Each person brought different talents and ideas to the table, and together we created a celebration that honoured the past, celebrated the present and established a legacy for the future.

Most importantly, the anniversary reminded us that after 125 years of service, the Maple Leaf Chapter IODE continues to embody the same spirit of volunteerism and commitment to community that inspired its founding in 1901.

We can look back on 125 years with great pride — and look forward to the years ahead with equal enthusiasm.

Committee members include Tracy Maguire, Penny Murray, Arlene Sager, Kristy Daley, Karen Scott, Sandi King, Sharon Creighton and Nancy Hughes

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Maitland Senior Men's Golf League 2026 season ends with camaraderie and prizes

RON CAVE

Sun Contributor

A great season has come to an end. The Maitland Senior Men's Golf League only had two rainouts this entire season.

The league's 47 members played their final game on September 29, followed by lunch at Chuck's Roadhouse along with awards and prizes for first, second and third place golfers.

First place golfers included John Wehrle,

Dennis Shultz, Larry Wilson, Earl Pennington and Ron Cave.

Second place golfers included Phil Maier, Milt Place, Dave Cornish, Harold Leddy and Larry Penno.

Third place golfers included John Hart, Bert Dirven, Richard Madge, Brian Good and Bill McManus.

The most sought-after award is the Clifford Hoy Memorial Trophy to the most improved golfer and Bob Corrigan won this trophy as his game improved by 2.7 strokes

over last year.

The league then handed out weekly course skill prizes for the last month followed by a draw for numerous donations from sponsors like Canadian Tire, Chuck's Roadhouse, Tim Horton's, MicroAge Basics, Zehrs, Food Basics, McGee Motors, Goderich Hyundai, Scotiabank, Noah's Pizza, Giant Tiger, Ideal Supply, Windsong Press and Barry Mitchell.

Additionally, the league is grateful to Patti Harris and The Maitland Golf Course for

contributing to the prizes for the league's winners this year, as well as Little Caesar's Pizza for contributing to the month-end league socials.

Next year, the Maitland Senior Men's Golf League registration begins on May 11 at The Maitland in the morning, followed a week later with opening games on May 18. Next season will conclude on September 28.

For more information on this league contact the convenor at roncave11@gmail.com



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

First place golfers (L-R): John Wehrle, Dennis Shultz, Larry Wilson, Earl Pennington and Ron Cave.



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Bob Corrigan (left) receiving the trophy from league convenor Ron Cave.



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Second place golfers (L-R): Phil Maier and Milt Place. (Missing: Dave Cornish, Harold Leddy and Larry Penno).



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Third place golfers (L-R): John Hart, Bert Dirven, Richard Madge, Brian Good and Bill McManus.



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A late September glow warming the autumn skies over Lake Huron. (BRUCE EARL PHOTO)

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Strong Mayor Powers were given to Goderich by the Province. They were not requested by this town. I have always believed local government works best when decisions are shaped collectively, not when the rest of Council is asked to step back and authority replaces discussion. Direction by the full slate of people chosen to guide the community makes for stronger outcomes and greater public confidence.

I have worked in team environments my entire life. I have learned that a strong leader does not have to be the smartest person in the room. A strong leader has to bring the smartest people into the room — and then listen. There is no place in my philosophy of governance for the leader to be the only person in the room.

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Community donation supports older adults and people living with health challenges

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A quarterly program by Wallenstein Feed and Supply (WFS) Ltd. reflects its ongoing commitment to supporting local organisations and strengthening the communities it serves.

ONE CARE Home and Community Support Services were selected as the recipient of funding through Wallenstein's Gives Back Program.

The program is an employee-driven initiative that empowers staff to nominate and vote for organisations making a meaningful impact in the community.

Earlier this year, WFS employees chose ONE CARE to recognise the organisation's work supporting older adults and individuals living with health challenges through home and community support services.

Stephanie Ellens-Clark, Executive Director of ONE CARE stated her gratefulness of being selected for WFS's Gives Back donation.

"To know this support came directly from employees who believe in the work we do makes this gift especially meaningful," said Ellens-Clark.

"Donations like this help us continue delivering essential services that allow people to live safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes."

ONE CARE provides a wide range of services designed to support independence, connection and quality of life for

older adults and people living with health challenges within Huron and Perth counties.

Programs include transportation services, Meals on Wheels, wellness and exercise programming, adult day programs, in-home supports, caregiver resources and more.

Amanda McCluskey, Human Resources Generalist and coordinator of WFS's Gives Back program says that at Wallenstein, community giving is about supporting organisations that employees feel passionate about.

"We are proud to support ONE CARE and the important role the organisation plays in helping individuals remain connected and supported within their communities," added McCluskey.

According to ONE CARE, the donation will help support ongoing programs and services, specifically pushing ONE CARE closer to the finish line of reaching its \$500,000 Driven to Care campaign goal.

Through the purchase and maintenance of ONE CARE's fleet of accessible vehicles, the campaign helps ensure local, older adults and those living with health challenges continue to access the care and support they need.

To date, ONE CARE's Driven to Care campaign has reached \$370,000 because of generous donations, such as this \$500,000 donation by WFS.

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How invasive plants impact recreation and tourism

RENEE SANDELOWSKY and
HELEN VAREKAMP

Sun Contributors

Invasive plants are a growing threat to Canada and the world.

While many non-native plants are relatively harmless, those that become invasive have outsized impacts, threatening our health, the environment and the economy. Addressing them is not alarmism; it is an evidence-based response to a well-documented global problem.

In Ontario, invasive plants negatively impact tourism, hunting, fishing, and recreation by degrading natural areas, restricting physical access to waterways and trails, diminishing native fish and wildlife populations, and reducing the overall aesthetic appeal of outdoor spaces.

The total potential economic impact on these sectors in Ontario is estimated to be as high as \$3.6 billion annually.

Reduced Access: Dense thickets formed by species like the invasive Phragmites can block access to beaches, waterfronts, and popular swimming areas, as well as hiking and biking trails.

Aesthetic Degradation: The displacement of native plants reduces the biodiversity and natural beauty of an area, which can deter tourists and recreational users,

including birdwatchers and hikers.

Reduction of wildlife: Birdwatchers lose opportunities when native plants that support insects and birds are displaced. For example, Acadian Flycatchers will not breed in Rosa Multiflora thickets and are now endangered in Ontario.

Human Health Hazards: Certain invasive plants, such as Giant Hogweed and Wild Parsnip, pose a direct health risk, as their sap can cause severe skin burns and blisters, making recreational areas unsafe.

Navigation problems: Dense mats of aquatic invasive plants can clog waterways, making boating difficult or impossible.

Habitat Degradation: Invasive aquatic plants can alter fish habitat by changing water chemistry, reducing dissolved oxygen levels, and changing light conditions, which can harm native fish populations, resulting in reduced catch rates for anglers.

We all have a role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants. Consumers can make informed decisions at nurseries and stop buying invasive plants.

Homeowners can remove invasive plants from their gardens and dispose of them responsibly.

Citizen scientists can upload photos of



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invasive plants on sites like iNaturalist to help experts track the spread and protect natural areas.

Hikers, hunters and anglers can thoroughly clean equipment and clothing when leaving natural areas, to prevent further spread, resulting in new infestations.

The number of potentially invasive

plants may seem overwhelming, but we can start by learning more about their impacts and avoiding or removing them from our gardens.

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

Goderich Duplicate Bridge Club Results

Bob Dick directed the club on September 15.

NORTH/SOUTH:

- 1st – Mary Lynne Telford and Paul Spittal – 63.43%
- 2nd – Graham Yeats and Brian Reeve – 56.42%
- 3rd – Theresa Cundy and Garth Sheldon – 56.03%
- 4th – Arnie Parker and Frank Martin – 51.51%

EAST/WEST:

- 1st – Carolyn Stevens and Sid Stevens – 63.44%
- 2nd – Keith Allen and Bob Dick – 53.17%
- 3rd – Stephen Jacob and John Legate – 50.18%
- 4th – Shirley Thomas and Tom Rajnovich – 49.75%

Bob Dick directed the club on September 22.

NORTH/SOUTH:

- 1st – Doug Elliott and Virginia Elliott – 63.76%
- 2nd – Michele Hansen and Greg Bowman – 57.51%
- 3rd – Mary Lynne Telford and Paul Spittal – 51.59%
- 4th – Graham Yeats and Brian Reeve – 51.06%

EAST/WEST:

- 1st – John Archbold and Pamela Raab – 61.61%
- 2nd – Shirley Thomas and Tom Rajnovich – 55.95%
- 3rd – Joyce McIlwain and Kay King – 53.57%
- 4th – Sondra Buchner and Truss Dragland – 51.79%

Bob Dick director the club again on September 29.

NORTH/SOUTH:

- 1st – Alje Kamminga and Doug Elliott – 65.39%
- 2nd – Graham Yeats and Brian Reeve – 57.69%

3rd/4th – Joyce McIlwain and Kay King, with Mary

Lynne Telford and Paul Spittal – 56.41%

5th – Keith Allen and Bob Dick – 55.13%

6th – John Davies and Garth Sheldon – 52.89%

Robert McFarlane directed the club on October 6.

NORTH/SOUTH:

- 1st – Doug Elliott and Virginia Elliott – 61.34%
- 2nd – Mary Lynne Telford and Paul Spittal – 58.56%
- 3rd – Pamela Southwell and Graham McEwan – 54.63%
- 4th – Graham Yeats and Brian Reeve – 52.55%

EAST/WEST:

- 1st – Joyce McIlwain and Kay King – 59.95%
- 2nd – John Archbold and Pamela Raab – 58.10%
- 3rd – Shirley Thomas and Tom Rajnovich – 57.41%
- 4th – Cal Scotchmer and Evy McDonagh – 56.25%

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

If interested in playing, the club welcomes new members. If you have a partner, arrive and play. If you need a partner, the club will do its best to find someone from the spare list.

For more information call club president Michele Hansen at 519-441-3275.

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

Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. What is the capital city of New Zealand?
2. Which element has the chemical symbol, Fe?
3. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
4. Which country is credited with inventing paper?
5. Which boxer was nicknamed Smokin' Joe?
6. In a standard deck of 52 playing cards, how many face cards are there?
7. Which everyday product was originally marketed in the 1890s as a wallpaper cleaner?
8. True or False. Bananas are botanically classified as berries, while strawberries are not.
9. Which famous novel begins with the line "Call me Ishmael"?
10. Which Canadian province is the smallest by land area?

This week's answers are found on pg. 27

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Trail Talk: Bright colours on the trails this time of year

PATRICK CAPPER

Sun Contributor

Fall has arrived with many cooler nights, which have had the benefit of one only encountering a few mosquitoes.

As of October 5, despite a 5oC night there were still Autumn Meadowhawk dragonflies flying around in the morning, and later in the day with the sun out and 15oC temperature some Clouded Sulphur and Cabbage White butterflies were also seen.

Some of the trees have turned glorious yellows, oranges and reds. These conditions make for great hiking conditions whenever there is no rain.

Getting out on the trails is also a good way to get a bit of weight off that may have resulted from overeating at Thanksgiving.

Waterproof footwear is recommended as there is often heavy dew on the grass. This was the case on the October 3 hike at Hullett.

Although only a few birds were seen these included two Trumpeter swans. There are three local species of swans: Mute Swans, the adults have an orange bill and are usually only seen in the Stratford region, where there is a captive flock, Tundra swans are usually seen in the spring in large flocks, they are also known as

Whistling swans, and the Trumpeter swans are less common and are larger 60 inch v 48 inch than the Tundra swans and have a longer straighter bill without any yellow.

Recently I noticed a small tree with reddish leaves, on the left side of the trail when you enter the Maitland Woods from Huckins Street. iNaturalist suggested a Sour Gum, but that was rejected by an expert, who did not suggest an alternative. Bevin suggested that it is a Service Berry. I had walked past this tree many times and John Hazlitt did not mention it in his Maitland Woods guide of 2009.

Although there are not many fall flowers apart from golden rods and asters there are now many different fungi.

On October 7 Thyra and I were treated to see a Monarch emerge from a chrysalis. We first noticed the chrysalis on September 16, so this one took longer than usual to complete its metamorphosis.

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association has a great volunteer trail maintenance crew, who recently completed installing a new boardwalk which is over 100 feet long on the Bayfield Sawmill trail. Thanks you for your effort.

EVENTS:

Saturday, October 17 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - CYCLE Point Farms Provincial Park Cycle: Enjoy shaded trails,

Lake Huron views and fall colours during this beginner-friendly ride. The route combines paved roads, gravel roads and hard-packed dirt paths. Riders will cycle down to the beach on a paved road and walk their bicycles back up using a dirt path. This is a co-promotion with East Street Cider. Meeting Location: Front entrance, Point Farms Provincial Park, 82491 Bluewater Highway/ Highway 21 Distance: Approximately 10 km, with additional exploring if time allows Difficulty: Beginner Terrain: Mostly level paved, gravel and hard-packed dirt surfaces What to bring: Water Annual Waiver: Complete the MTA Cycling waiver Helmets required. Pre-register by calling/texting Donald Andrew at 519-530-9019

Sunday, October 18 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. - HIKE Maitland Trail, Morris Tract and Ross Property: Hike the Maitland Trail through the Morris Tract to the beaver pond and return. The route includes flat and hilly sections with uneven footing. Meeting Location: 36833 Londesboro Road Parking: East side of Morris Tract Line; do not block farm fields, laneways or entrances Difficulty: Level 1-2 Pace: Moderate to brisk Terrain: Flat and hilly sections with uneven footing Annual Waiver: Complete the MTA Annual waiver Pre-register with Susan Ethelston at susan.ethelston@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 24 at 11 a.m. - BRVTA hike at Naftel's Creek conservation Area: This is a beautiful, reforested conservation area with trails that wind through pine plantations, cedar lowlands and hardwood forests. This would be a great opportunity to enjoy the fall colours while meeting new people. Meet at the parking lot at the trail entrance on Highway 21 approximately 12 km north of Bayfield. Canine companions are welcome as long as they are kept on a leash.

NOTES:

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

Duck Hunting started on September 26. Rifle Deer hunting is from Monday, November 2 to Sunday, November 8 when most of the Maitland Trail will be closed.

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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Monarch seen on Oct. 7.



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Fall colours at Hullett.



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Tree near Huckins Street.



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Trumpeter Swans.

Music for Magnetic Moments to raise funds for MRI campaign

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting Music for Magnetic Moments on Friday, October 23 at St. Peter's Catholic Church to raise funds for the MRI campaign at AMGH.

Organised by 16-year-old local musician Alexa Yeo, the evening will also feature performances by Yeo, along with Hearthstone and Maggie Grace.

Yeo says she decided to organise this musical fundraising event to use her talents and inspire others to also share their music to help raise money for this piece of medical equipment to come to the community.

Her mother and grandmother also have MRIs and always must travel far, as waitlists are long. Yeo would love to see an MRI machine in town and wanted to find a way to help raise more money.

Due to the generous donation of the space by the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes, to act as the hosts for the event, alongside Brendan Couture Audio who is donating the sound equipment and his time to facilitate sound at the con-

cert, this means 100 per cent of proceeds brought in at the door will go towards the AMGH Magnetic Moments campaign.

When Yeo heard there was a fundraiser for an MRI machine to be put in the Goderich hospital, she thought it would be appropriate to be part of something close to her heart.

With both her mother and grandmother travelling far due to waiting lists to receive imaging in other communities, Yeo understands the importance of bringing that technology to Goderich and Huron County.

"I decided to do a concert because people like to listen to music and it is something I could put together to hopefully make a lot of money for the campaign," said Yeo.

The young musician plans on playing some harp tunes, alongside a few favourite covers from the country genre.

The event will feature a variety of musicians including other harpists and singer-songwriters or Celtic folk bands.

Yeo is hoping to raise \$5,000 with this musical fundraiser. Entry is by cash donation at the door and 100 per cent of the proceeds will go to the campaign.



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Participants for the Music for Magnetic Moments (Back, L-R): Marianne Hogan, Evie Shand, Kelly Richards, Finola MacGinty, Eleanor Robinson. (Front, L-R): Maggie Grace, Lili Glen and Alexa Yeo.

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A group of approximately ten Firehouse Subs employees, including a mascot, are posed behind a medical training dummy lying on a stretcher. The employees are wearing red shirts or grey uniforms with red caps. The mascot is a white dog wearing a red Firehouse Subs cap and vest. They are standing in front of a Firehouse Subs restaurant, with a red canopy tent and a sign that reads "FIREHOUSE SUBS" visible in the background. A sign on the building also says "SERVICE INSTALLATION".

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Goat-a-rich: Goat grazing pilot program a success

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Since around 2013, the Town has struggled to control invasive and aggressive vegetation within that corridor adjacent to Sunset Park.

In August, Goderich Council approved a targeted goat-grazing pilot project along the bluffs to manage dense invasive vegetation and improve safe access to critical hydro and water infrastructure.

The goats reduced above ground vegetation over several days, and the cost of the project was valued at approximately \$10,000.

"The grazing component of the pilot is now complete, while monitoring and evaluation will continue," said Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations with the Town of Goderich.

"Initial impressions are that targeted goat grazing has potential as one component of vegetation management at this difficult site, although less vegetation was consumed than anticipated."

Thomas explains that if grazing proceeds in the future, it will likely require more goats, additional grazing time or a combination of both.



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Due to the biology and established root systems of the target species, a single treatment is not expected to eliminate them.

"Several treatments, potentially combined with other control methods, may be necessary to achieve long-term control,"

added Thomas.

Deputy Mayor Leah Noel emphasizes the power of working in partnership toward a common goal, as this initiative was successfully brought together by the municipality's Environment Committee, Town Council, and Town Staff, in consul-

tation with the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA).

"Each group brought a unique perspective to the table, and it was this collaborative spirit that allowed us to get the pilot project off the ground," admitted Noel.

Noel says the municipality needs to continue to look for novel solutions to difficult problems.

"Using goats and sheep is a natural, cost-effective way to clear invasive vegetation on an otherwise challenging slope, ensuring we can maintain access to an important infrastructure corridor," added Noel.

"Ultimately, the best part of this project was its ability to bring people together. From the moment the animals arrived, our community gathered to watch them work and connect with one another. It was truly a beautiful thing to witness."

Next steps will involve re-seeding the entire site with native species and have an ongoing maintenance schedule in future years. Native seeding is an essential component of this project.

The pilot project will not eliminate the need for monitoring or future maintenance but provides a safer and lower-impact method of eliminating invasive species.

Adventures in Victorian Huron: A cornucopia of stories

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Local historian David Yates has released his latest book, part of a veritable cornucopia of stories on the Victorian Age in Huron County.

'Adventures in Victoria Huron: Shipwrecks, Secret Societies, Rural Unrest, Fortunes Lost and Won' will be available just in time for Christmas.

The book covers events from the War of 1812 to Lord Stanley's 1892 surprise visit to Huron County where he delivered a mysterious message to the U.S. Consul resident in Goderich.

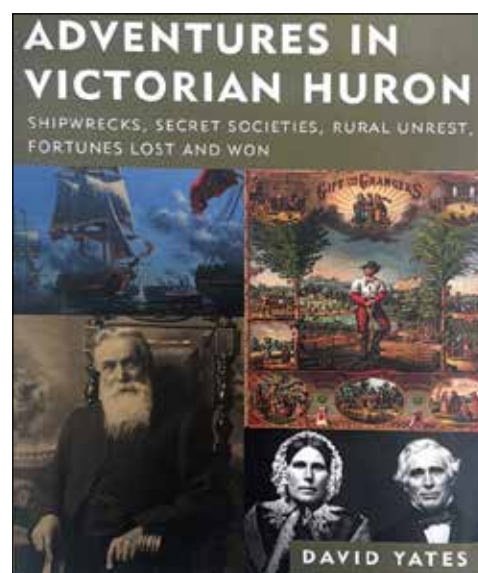
Yates says this book has stories to captivate all readers.

While reading this newest volume, readers will be amazed at the importance of the prominence of the shipping industry along the shoreline.

From shipwrecks to shipbuilding at the Marlton shipyard in Goderich, the hulls and crews that plied the lakes were a vital part of the economic life in the area.

Yates explains how the Victoria era in Huron navigated the change from sail to steam and it becomes evident throughout the book.

The Victorian Age was one of great social and economic changes. Farmers were



among the most militant groups who organized lodges of The Grange, a secret society of lodges that sprang up to fight depressed prices for crops and assert farming as paramount industry.

Stories on other secret societies like the Loyal Orange Lodge and Oddfellows are also covered in this new book, and so is the lesser-known Sons of Temperance, who exerted tremendous political power.

Architecture of the time reflected civic pride. Churches and schools were exam-

ples of what the Victorian age held dear, but construction of town hall like the ones in Exeter and Clinton exhibited the town's lofty aspirations.

In Victorian Huron County, some of the town halls doubled as opera houses, which was an indication of a town's successful transition from rugged frontier town to one of civil gentility.

'Adventures in Huron' tells the story of the rise and demise of the Goderich Opera House.

Other stories capture the formation of the Huron militia in response to the 1860s Fenian threat to Canada makes for interesting reading considering the current political climate between the U.S. and Can-

ada.

Yates adds that chapters on the establishment of the Salvation Army, or the Huron County origins of the hymn 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus' are surprisingly interesting.

Yet, equally interesting, are stories on poisonings, murder, a very strange hanging, drunk judges and Sunday on the Sabbath are interwoven throughout the pages of 'Adventures in Victorian Huron'.

Yates' newest book, 'Adventures in Victorian Huron', is available at Bee's Knees in Goderich, Michael's PharmaSave in Bayfield, Clinton and Goderich, the Blyth Citizen and The Bayfield Village Bookshop.

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Understanding occupational therapy: Supporting independence and participation at every age



LAUREN DOHERTY

Sun Contributor

Are you or someone you care about having difficulty with everyday activities?

Whether you are a child who is struggling with handwriting or getting dressed, an adult who is recovering from an injury, or an older adult who wants to stay independent at home, occupational therapy (OT) can provide practical, personalized support.

Occupational therapists work with people of all ages to break down barriers, build skills, adjust routines or environments, and help make daily life easier and more enjoyable.

Occupational therapists help people of all ages who have different physical, developmental, cognitive, sensory, emotional, or functional needs.

Their goal is not only to teach specific skills, but also to help people use their strengths so they can take part in the activities and environments that matter most to them.

What Does an Occupational Therapist Do?

Occupational therapists start by getting to know each person, looking at what you enjoy, what you find challenging, your daily routines, where you live or work, and your personal goals.

An OT might look at physical abilities like strength and coordination, as well as how someone thinks, feels, communicates, and handles everyday activities. Based on what they learn, the therapist creates a plan tailored just for you.

This could mean practicing certain skills, changing how you do a task, making your environment more supportive, suggesting helpful tools, or finding new

ways to overcome challenges.

Occupational Therapy Supports All Ages: Occupational Therapy for Children:

A pediatric occupational therapist (OT) helps children develop the skills they need to participate in everyday activities at home, school, and in the community. This may include playing, getting dressed, eating, handwriting, using scissors, participating in sports, managing emotions, and interacting with others.

Therapy is often play-based and individualized, using fun and meaningful activities to build skills such as fine motor coordination, hand strength, balance, motor planning, sensory regulation, visual-motor skills, and independence.

Pediatric OTs may also provide families and teachers with strategies, environmental modifications, and equipment recommendations to support a child's success across different settings.

Occupational Therapy for Adolescents and Young Adults:

As kids become teenagers and young adults, occupational

therapy focuses more on helping them gain independence and take on new responsibilities.

For teens and young adults, OT can teach practical skills and strategies for handling everyday life on their own, like managing schoolwork, daily routines, or even getting ready for a job.

Occupational Therapy for Adults:

Adults often turn to occupational therapy after an injury, illness, surgery, or changes in how they move or think. Others may find OT helpful when ongoing challenges start to make daily life, work, or family responsibilities more difficult.

Occupational therapists can suggest simple changes, like rearranging a kitchen, adding a grab bar, adjusting a workspace, or using special tools, to help people manage everyday tasks more easily and stay independent.

Occupational Therapy for Older Adults As people get older, they may notice changes in how they move, see, think, or keep their balance.

Occupational therapy can be especially helpful during these times, offering support to handle these changes and stay active. For older adults, OT often focuses on helping people stay safe and independent while enjoying activities that matter to them.

Occupational therapists can also work with families to find ways to support their loved ones, while still encouraging as much independence as possible.

The Goal: Helping People Do What Matters to Them:

No matter your age, everyone wants to do things that help them feel independent, connected, and happy.

Occupational therapy helps people figure out what activities are important to them and find real-life solutions when something gets in the way.

If you think you or someone you care about could benefit from occupational therapy, please contact the Physiotherapy Alliance Clinic in Goderich.

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Better Mental Health: From self-judgement to self-compassion



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Sun Contributor

By the time many Canadians reach middle age, mental-health challenges have touched their lives in one way or another, whether personally or through someone they love.

Yet despite how common these struggles are, we continue to carry assumptions about what mental illness and addiction are supposed to look like.

We live in a world moving at extraordinary speed. Our phones rarely leave our hands, work follows us home, notifications compete for our attention, and productivity is often valued more than presence. We are expected

to keep going, keep achieving, and keep performing even when something inside us is asking us to stop.

Mental-health challenges have always existed. What is changing, slowly, is our willingness to talk about them.

One of the most persistent misconceptions about addiction is the belief that an addict looks like an addict. But what exactly is an addict supposed to look like?

Decades of stigma have created an image: homeless, dirty, teeth destroyed, standing on a street corner, unemployable - someone who has lost absolutely everything.

And yes, addiction can take a person there, but it doesn't start there.

Addiction also has qualifications, jobs, careers, families, and rent/mortgages, and it looks like me.

I was addicted to nicotine, alcohol, opioids, and unhealthy relationships.

Over the years, people have said to me countless times:

"But you don't look like an ad-

dict."

What were you expecting?

There were periods when my addiction was largely invisible. I could function, work, socialise, and appear perfectly fine. There were other periods when my life deteriorated dramatically. That is the danger of believing addiction has a particular face or place.

We can fail to recognise it in our partners, children, siblings, friends and colleagues. We can even fail to recognize it in ourselves because we are still functioning. We tell ourselves - I'm not that bad. I don't look like them.

But addiction is not a character flaw. It is often an attempt to cope with pain, disconnection, unmet needs, or experiences we've not yet learned how to process.

Seventeen years into recovery, I understand that addiction doesn't have a look, it has a grip.

And that grip can be deadly.

The same can be said of many mental-health struggles. A person can appear successful on the outside while privately battling anxiety, depression, shame,

exhaustion, or compulsive behaviours.

Much of modern life keeps us constantly doing, leaving very little room for simply being.

From childhood, we absorb messages about what we must do to be accepted, successful, or worthy. Those messages can follow us into adulthood and become an inner voice demanding that we perform, achieve, and please others - often at the expense of our own well-being.

This is why self-care is not selfish. It is foundational to our better mental health.

Sometimes caring for ourselves means putting the phone away for an hour. It might mean walking in nature, practicing tai chi or yoga, visiting a museum, sitting quietly, or simply stepping away from the expectations of the world long enough to hear our own thoughts.

These moments of intentional withdrawal are not weaknesses, they are opportunities to reconnect with ourselves.

Better mental health begins with understanding ourselves, meeting ourselves with compas-

sion, and learning healthier ways to navigate the waves of life.

With persistence and patience, we can begin to recognize that negative self-talk and limiting beliefs are learned patterns - not permanent truths.

As we embark on this journey within, we may discover something profoundly important:

We are not flawed, we are fallible humans.

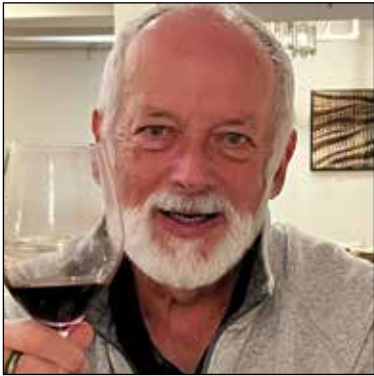
If you'd like to explore ways to support your own mental health through regular meetings, tai chi, forest therapy, and mindfulness walks - email me at tanya-macintyre@gmail.com.

Tanya MacIntyre is a Certified CBT Specialist - and founder of Red Roof Recovery (RRR) and its training division Mental Health Fitness Alliance (MHFA).

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OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: "Living in the border": a museum captures the new reality



PAUL KNOWLES

Sun Columnist

Those of us who live in southern Ontario have become very aware of our proximity to a country that was once our friend, but now, we're not so sure. We are familiar with the border between Canada and the United States, and with the new-found stress of crossing that border... or choosing not to.

But even living this close to our American neighbours, we Ontarians all share one reality – the United States is removed from us by bodies of water... Great Lakes, or the rivers that connect them, or the St. Lawrence. This may provide a certain sense of safe separation.

This is not the case in the communities in Québec's Eastern Townships, where the U.S. state of Vermont is, well... right there. A footstep away. But a footstep that is increasingly fraught with stress.

We learned a lot about this during a recent visit to the town of Stanstead. Stanstead is as far south as you can go in Québec, and still be in Canada. It abuts the American community of Derby Line. There are properties that straddle the border.

Once upon a time – in fact, for most of the history of these communities – they were truly neighbours, able to walk next door for a coffee, shop in stores regardless of



The Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead, Québec – a border town striving to maintain neighbourly connections across an increasingly challenging border.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

border, join together in community organizations, have international family dinners.

Today, it is not so easy.

The story of the not-so-undefended border is told well in an exhibit on the second floor of Stanstead's Colby-Curtis Museum.

Ironically, the first-floor exhibits are all about the Colbys – an American family that moved to Canada in 1869, not out of any protest against the U.S., but because business prospects looked better here. They happily lived with a foot in both countries. Several generations of the family owned the house for 140 years, and eventually, the home was donated to the community to be used as a museum.

The exhibits on the first floor are interesting, documenting the changing times experienced by the Colbys through the decades.

But it was the "Living on the Border" temporary exhibit on the second floor that really caught

our attention. There, we encountered the contemporary stories of local residents trying to maintain cross-border friendships in an environment clearly designed to discourage such international conviviality.

Perhaps the best-known example in Stanstead is the Haskell Free Library and Opera House. The library, which straddles the Canada-U.S. border, was opened in 1908, with the expressed intention of providing the border communities with a centre for learning and cultural enrichment. The entrance was in Vermont, used freely by Stanstead's Canadian residents for 117 years... until the U.S. President changed the rules in 2025, insisting that Canadians had to clear customs each time they wanted to enter the library.

Clearing customs is no longer simple – local Canadian residents often find themselves being searched during their crossing.

There has long been a painted line on the floor of the library, marking the international border. It was intended as a symbol of cooperation, but we learned during our visit to the Colby-Curtis Museum that in October 2025, when the new rules came into effect, officers of U.S. Homeland Security stood with one foot in each country and chanted "51st State!"

But the Canadians refuse to abandon the long history of neighbourly cooperation. This summer, a new entrance to the library was opened on the Canadian side, and once again, residents from both countries can use the library without enduring a border crossing. Once inside, visitors can access the entire building. For now, at least.

You can tell that, even as they strive for community togetherness, the residents on both sides of the border are nervous. One group featured in the exhibit is the Choromondo women's choir, which in-

cludes singers from Québec and Vermont. They continue to meet and sing, but it is not always easy. Invited to do a concert in the Opera House that is the second floor of the library, some of the Canadian members were reluctant to set foot in the U.S., and their American colleagues understood.

But the concert proceeded. Choir member Abigail Stockman, an American, is quoted in the exhibit: "We were standing on the stage, because the stage is in Canada... The audience is in the U.S.... we were singing together in defiance of Trump's words, and of the international disrespect that he has paid to our Canadian friends and neighbours."

The exhibit includes a number of examples of ongoing connections, including an international curling club, and mutual cooperation between the fire departments of Stanstead and Derby Line. But concern remains. Museum Director Samuel Gaudreau-Lalande says it is never certain that such mutual efforts will be able to continue. But he expressed hope. "Members of the community say, 'No, we are united, we stand together'... In a time of struggle, you realize what is important to you."

As we left the museum, we drove a couple of blocks south, to an ominous border crossing. We u-turned, and followed our GPS instructions to our next stop. It took us through the village of Beebe, officially part of Stanstead, where on the left side of an intersection there were crossing gates, warning signs, and people in uniform. We turned right.

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The museum was created to tell the story of international cooperation over the decades. The first floor exhibits continue to do so; the second floor deals with the current, stressful challenges.



This photo of the Choromondo women's choir, part of the "Living on the Border" exhibition, shows the members of the choir who live in Stanstead, Québec, and Derby Line, Vermont.

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 and Friday evenings from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Goderich Legion in the games 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 and equipment will be provided.

MACKAY CHORISTERS CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Lakeshore United Church, downstairs.

MacKay Choristers meet for a weekly, day-time community choir practice, directed by Linda Street.

Visit <http://themackaychoristers.ca> for more information.

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.

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 185 members online and a core group of locals who come out to in-person meetings at Café 109.

Contact head of book club Holly Smith: 519-630-3962 for more information.

VISITING ARTIST FOR OCTOBER AT GODERICH CO-OP GALLERY

For the month of October, visit Goderich Co-op Gallery to see the exhibition 'Where Music Lives' by Lisa Golem.

Opening reception on Saturday, October 3 at 2 p.m.

Golem will give a live painting demonstration at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

PICKLE PLEX OPENING EVENT

On Friday, October 16 until Sunday, October 18 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily at the new Pickle Plex Social Club on Bayfield Road/Suncoast Mall.

Admission is free. Registration via email: Goderich@pickleplex.ca

HURON HISTORICAL GAOL GHOST TOURS

Starting on Friday, October 16 at 6:45 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m. until 10:10 p.m. Also on Friday, October 30 at the same time slots.

This guided tour shines a flashlight into the dark corners of local history. Staff share the true stories of prisoners and staff who died within the gaol's walls, as well as the circumstances that landed criminals behind bars.

Recommended for ages 12 and up, at parents' discretion.

Subject matter may not be appropriate for all ages.

Guests are asked to dress for current weather, as the tour includes the outside yards.

Admission is \$7-\$11.

KINSMEN BOTTLE AND FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, October 17 at 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Kinsmen Centre on Keays Street.

Curbside drop off. Curbside pickup is also available by email: bottledrive@goderichkinsmen.ca

All proceeds go to the Harlyn Madge Fund.



Auburn & District Lions Club Breakfast

Auburn Memorial Community Hall

Sunday, November 1, 2026

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

\$15/Adults, \$6/Child, Free/Preschool

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MACKAY'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE AND CRAFTER'S CAFÉ

On Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the MacKay Centre for Seniors.

Start your holiday shopping early and support the Seniors Active Living Centre.

Admission is free. Donations greatly appreciated.

Wheelchair accessible.

LIVE PRO WRESTLING AND FUNDRAISING BBQ

On Saturday, October 17 at 12 p.m. at the Goderich Memorial Community Centre on McDonald Street.

365 Wrestling is bringing an action-packed afternoon of live wrestling to town with proceeds supporting the Hunter Costello Memorial Fun-dation.

BBQ starts at 12 p.m. and matches begin at 2 p.m.

Entry by donation.

GDHS GUEST SPEAKER EVENT

On Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. at the MacKay Centre. Join the Goderich District Horticultural Society (GDHS) as they welcome guest speaker David Yates to present on the beautiful gardens of Bingham Park.

There is no charge for this event.

MUSIC FOR MAGNETIC MOMENTS

On Friday, October 23 at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Featuring musicians Alexa Yao's harp tunes, Maggie Grace originals and Hearthstone's melodies.

Entry by cash donation. All proceeds will be donated to the AMGH MRI Campaign.

For more information email thetownharpist@gmail.com

WARM HEARTS HARVEST DINNER AND AUCTION

On Saturday, October 24 at 5 p.m. at South Huron Rec Centre in Exeter.

As part of the Precious Blood Church – Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes.

Pineridge barbecue chicken dinner, with live entertainment, cash bar, door prizes, silent auction, live auction.

Tickets are \$50 each.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner served from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Supporting the Warm Hearts Strong Foundation campaign.

Contact: Caroline Klaver – 226-374-9145.

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Riddles

- Why is October such a great month?
Because it's unbe-leaf-able!
- What do ghosts enjoy most about October?
The boo-tiful weather!
- Why did October break up with September?
It needed some space to fall in love!
- What's a pumpkin's favourite sport?
Squash!
- Why don't skeletons like October rain?
It dampens their spirits!
- What did October say to November?
You're getting a little too close for comfort!
- Why was the calendar so excited for October?
It had a lot of dates to look forward to!
- What do you call a witch who lives at the beach in October?
A sand-witch!
- Why did the leaf go to the doctor in October?
It was feeling a little green around the edges!
- What's October's favourite type of music?
Anything with a good pumpkin beat!

Sudoku

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Featured Pets



ASHE

Our Pet of the Week is Ashe. This 7-year-old cat came to Canada from Georgia and had to get used to our chilly winters. A sweetheart to her core, she regularly cuddles up to those she loves most, especially after they give her a little cheese.



Nominate your Pet of the Month by emailing info@goderichsun.com

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JOHN HANSON BATTYE

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our brother, John Hanson Battye, on September 25, 2026.

John had just celebrated his 70th birthday with all of his siblings a few months earlier. John was the eldest of Betty Battye's seven children. Our mom passed away in October 2019. Like his mom, John shared a deep love of the outdoors. He loved being outside, especially walking the trails and enjoying the peace and beauty of nature. He often shared pictures of his adventures on his Facebook page, giving others a glimpse of the places and moments he enjoyed. John had many interests and passions. He was an amateur astrologer, always curious about the stars, planets and the mysteries beyond us. Over the years, he even built a few telescopes to explore his fascination with the night sky. Music was another important part of John's life. He had been playing guitar and singing since his early teens, and music remained a true passion throughout his life. Even when arthritis made it difficult and left his fingers bent out of shape, he never let that stop him from playing and enjoying the music he loved. John's passing was untimely and unexpected. He was not ready to go. He fought right to the bitter end, holding on and battling for as long as he could. His passing leaves a tremendous hole in the lives of those who loved him.

He will be deeply missed by his six siblings, Frances, Mark, Christina, Andrew, Rachel and Catherine; his son, John Jr. and wife Brianne; his loving partner in life Lesley and her children, Michael (Amanda), Chyrs, Chelle (Dan), Nelle; his best friend, Tom; his 9 adoring grandchildren, and the countless friends and people whose lives he touched along the way.

Life is not always fair, and sometimes we are forced to say goodbye when we are simply not ready. We will remember John by telling his stories, looking at his pictures, remembering his music, and carrying a little bit of him with us wherever we go. John's cremation has taken place, and rather than a traditional funeral, we would like to celebrate his life together.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held at the Goderich Legion on October 23 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited to come, share stories, bring pictures, remember the good times, and celebrate the life of a man who meant so much to so many.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the Alexandra Marine & General Hospital or to your local Legion branch. Until we meet again, John. We will miss you, big brother.

Condolences may be left at riversidefuneralhome.ca

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DOAK, STEVEN OF GODERICH

Steve Doak passed away peacefully at Alexandra Marine & General Hospital on September 24, 2026. He is reunited with his beloved wife, Fran. Steve was the proud dad of Jeff Doak. He will be dearly missed by his sister, Sue Doak-Hanson of London, and sister-in-law, Judy Doak of Boston. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Steve is predeceased by his parents Walter 'Baldy' & Bernice 'Ede' Doak of Goderich, his brother, Gary Doak of Boston, and his brother-in-law, Bob Hanson of London. A quiet man, Steve was an outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt. He thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories and tipping back a beer or two, with good friends. You know who you are – your care and support is so appreciated. Steve and Jeff were avid, lifelong Boston Bruins fans and loved hockey. Frequent Flyers at Tim Hortons, they cruised to the beach to watch boats. Daily drives became trusted routine, and they navigated bumpy, gravel roads of life together. He will be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the AMGH Foundation – Magnetic Moments or Goderich Legion Branch 109. The family would like to thank: Huron County Paramedic Services and Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Emergency Department doctors and nurses for your patience, and the nurses and doctors on the 2nd floor at AMGH for being so kind. Sincere thanks to Karen (PSW) and Anita (St. Elizabeth's) and Dr. Noel. Special thanks to Amber Scherle, we are so grateful your continued care and friendship. Family and friends can sign the book of condolences at www.haskettfh.com.

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Support the bright young entrepreneurs in Huron County at this two-hour, cash-only marketing showcasing businesses created by children aged 6-14.

Admission is free.

SPOOKY WALK AT BALL'S BRIDGE

On Saturday, October 24 from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Ball's Bridge, Little Lakes Road.

Come experience the bridge and surrounding area after dark, for an evening walk along the river and trails.

Along the way, you'll encounter local stories, hidden

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Bring the family. Tickets at \$5 per person. Every person attending, even children, must have their own ticket.

All parking must be on west side of Ball's Bridge. No parking off Baseline Road and no entry from that side of the bridge.

Dress for weather, wear good walking shoes, bring a flashlight and get ready for a fun and slightly spooky evening at Ball's Bridge.

Visit https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/spooky-walk-2?utm_source=chatgpt.com for tickets.

ANNUAL TEXTILE SHOW AND SALE

On Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and

Sunday, November 8 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Huron County Museum in Goderich.

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On Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Montreal Street.

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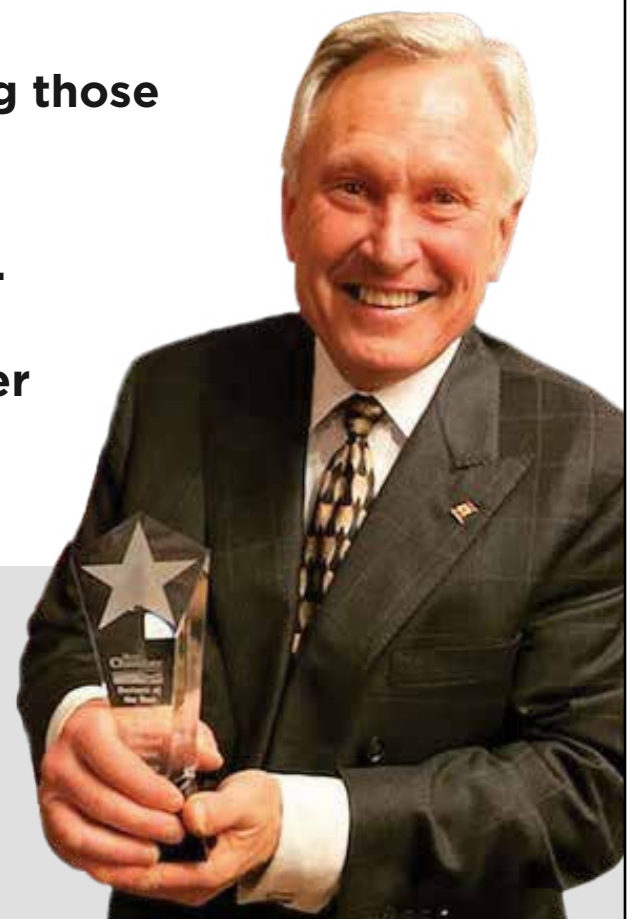
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