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Goderich says goodbye to Mayor Myles Murdock

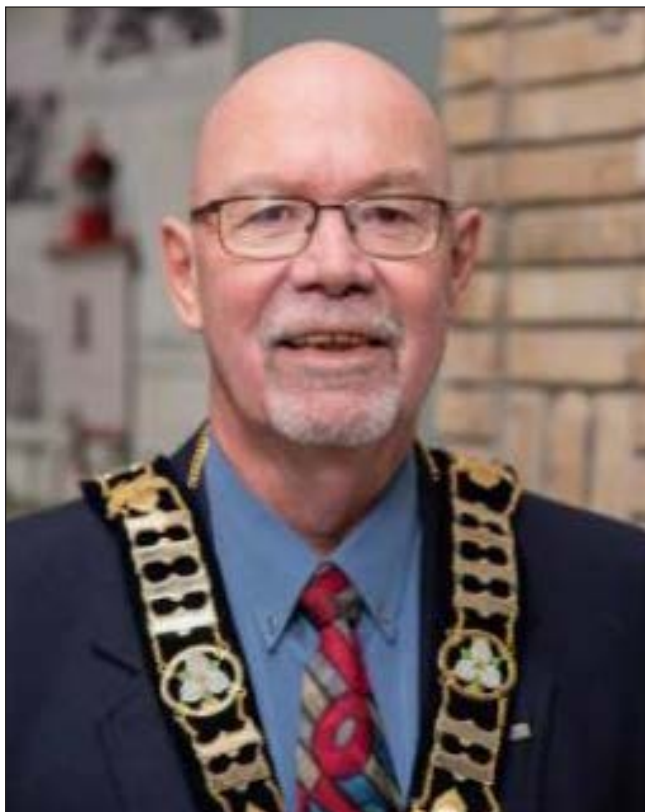
KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Mayor Myles Murdock passed away on Aug. 17 surrounded by his loved ones, and on Aug. 28, the community gathered to say goodbye.

The funeral was held at Goderich District Collegiate Institute (GDCI), where Myles taught for 28 years.

From members of the public and former students to dignitaries and old friends, over 400 attended the funeral



along with the Murdock family.

In his 74th year, Myles passed away peacefully, and according to all in attendance, it is his fondness for people, his passion for the community and his devotion to making positive changes to Goderich, that are part of his legacy.

Myles will be deeply missed by his wife of 37 years, Cathy, daughter Alecia McCabe and son-in-law Mike, and by his grandchildren, Kayla, Curtis, and Ryan McCabe.

During the funeral, several eulogies were made, beginning with Myles' daughter, Alecia, who Myles raised from the age of eight. Within her eulogy, apart from the dashes of laughter that came from reminiscing stories, Alecia sized up everything she felt with one statement.

"Any one can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad," she said to a full gymnasium.

Alecia explained how hard it is to put who Myles was, and what he was all about, into a few words, as he was many things to so many people.

"He was a man with a huge heart, one that he wore on his sleeve and encompassed all those that he was connected to," Alecia added.

"He was truly the very best dad a girl could ask for. He was incredibly supportive, a listener, a shoulder when I needed one, and always had the best and biggest hugs. Myles loved with his whole heart."

Other eulogies were made by siblings, long-time friends, colleagues, and dignitaries.

According to everyone who spoke, he was a man who could hold a room. Myles would walk in with a smile, and rather than work the room, he was genuine. Myles took time for everyone, even if it meant spending an extra moment.

From each outpouring of love and respect for Myles, it was apparent that Myles will be remembered for his passion, his character, and his integrity. An implant to Goderich, it was this town that soon became his home, in

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Goderich hosts first annual Salt & Harvest Festival

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

On September 15-17 Goderich Tourism and Royal LePage Heartland Realty are teaming up to host the Goderich Salt and Harvest Festival in downtown Goderich.

Along Highway 21, locals and visitors alike have driven by a more than eight feet tall salt cairn, which guards the entrance to North Harbour Road. This beacon signals the entrance to the largest salt mine in the world, right in Goderich.

This unique world wonder sits 1,800 feet below the ground level, sprawling out under Lake Huron, creating a massive network that is physically larger than the Town of Goderich.

The Goderich Salt Mine is an engineering feat, which goes widely unnoticed above ground.

This year, Goderich Tourism has big plans to celebrate the world's largest naturally occurring 'salted' tourist attraction over the weekend of September 15-17.

The focal point of the weekend will be Saturday, September 16 with concerts, food, fun and tours taking place across town. Headlining the Compass Mineral Concert on the Courthouse performance stage will be Coleman Hell. The band Tell It To Sweeney will open.

The Salty Basin Beer Garden will be open throughout the day for folks to take a break between inflatables, petting zoo, car show, Salted Vendor's Market, food truck alley, harbour boat tours, and hop-on, hop-off bus tours.

For one weekend a year Lake Huron and Goderich are no longer freshwater destinations but instead salted to taste.

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Friends of Ball's Bridge continues to fight proposed aggregate mining site

KATHLEEN SMITH
Editor

The historic Ball's Bridge, which was saved from demolition by the Friends of Ball's Bridge and Little Lakes (FOBLL) in 2006, remains the heart of the community.

In late July, to remain mindful of tranquility of the countryside, FOBLL organized an event to encourage people to enjoy the natural beauty of the area and mobilize support against the proposed mining operations that threaten its existence.

Rebecca Garrett, President of FOBLL hopes the event showed people how special the area is.

"We invited everyone to experience the river, the wild-life corridor, the four little lakes teeming with birds and amphibians, and the work of amazing local and visiting artists," explained Garrett.

"We told them about the threat this whole area is under from an open pit, below the water table gravel mine. Our community has been expressing grave concerns over the two years about environmental impacts due to the proximity to the river and the complex hydrogeology of connected wetlands and underground streams, and unique geological features of the Little Lakes area."

The naturally beautiful area draws visitors to decompress and enjoy a historical and tranquil area, according to organizers of the event.

Throughout the event visitors picnicked, kayaked down the river, enjoyed live music and a BBQ while learning about the current issues, such as mining, that pose a threat to the area.

Several local and visiting artists displayed their art along trails and around the historic bridge, including the Beehive Collective, Autumn Ducharme, Alexandra Gelis, Jorge Lozano, and Elizabeth Van Den Broeck of Elizabeth's Art Gallery in Goderich.

As participants in the event connected with the natural landscapes, while learning about the threats to the area, organizers invited them to sign a letter to Lisa Thompson, MPP. The letter calls for a full environmental assessment by the province regarding the impacts of the proposed gravel pit that the FOBLL have been fighting for several years.

According to FOBLL the letter voices the concerns the gravel pit will have on the forests, the wildlife corridors,

the four lakes in the area and the Maitland River, including the animals, amphibians, birds, trees, and plants that depend on that habitat.

A key point in the letter stresses that the gravel pit is not only destructive but industrially redundant.

According to Mike Balkwill, campaign director of the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition, the province does not need another gravel pit.

"Ontario already licenses 13 times as much aggregate for extraction as the industry uses every year," explained Balkwill.

"What we do need is to preserve and protect places like this, where the community can gather and enjoy the natural surroundings in peace and harmony."

According to the Province of Ontario, aggregates are usually sand, gravel, clay, earth, and bedrock. These materials are used to make roads, subway tunnels, homes, and other structures. Loose material, such as sand and gravel, is removed from a pit.

It takes approximately 1,760 truckloads to build one kilometer of a four-lane highway; it takes 3,760 truckloads to build a 32,000 meters square hospital; and 4,560 truckloads to build one kilometer of subway line.

The ministry oversees the rules governing aggregate management and issues licenses, so the FOBLL are pleading their case at the highest level.

In the process to apply for a permit, the ministry reviews all applications. If there are objections, the ministry reviews within 40 days and determines if the objections are adequately addressed, or if the application should be referred to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for a decision.

The OLT adjudicates matters related to land use planning, environmental and natural features, and heritage protection. The OLT's mandate states that it will fairly, effectively, and efficiently resolve disputes to support strong, healthy communities and the public interest.

In September, the OLT will hear the FOBLL case against the gravel mining company. This will decide the fate of the area.

The OLT can either direct the minister to issue a license, which may include conditions resulting from the hearing, or the OLT could direct the minister to refuse to issue the license.

The Aggregate Resources Act requires companies to rehabilitate the pit during its operational lifetime. Parts of the site that have been completed can be rehabilitated into

wetlands, farmland, parks, fruit orchards, vineyards, subdivisions, golf courses and recreational fishing areas.

According to the Province, most changes to site plans, which includes plans for rehabilitation, requires approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

The Aggregate Resources Act and its regulations also require operators to pay fees related to extraction of aggregate materials. These fees collected are distributed as follows: 3% to the Aggregate Resources Trust for rehabilitation and research; 61% to the local municipality in which the site is located; 15% to the upper-tier municipality in which the site is located; and 21% to the Crown (minimum).

During this fight to keep Ball's Bridge and Little Lakes area untouched from aggregate mining, FOBLL explain the group is looking for support for their cause, whether signatures or financial support as they plan to hire lawyers and experts well-versed in fighting the aggregate industry.

According to organizers of the July event, near the end of the evening, as the sun went down and the performances wrapped up, everyone gathered at the bridge as hundreds of candles were lined up.

"You could feel the peace and hopefulness when participants lit candles on the bridge as the sun went down and made a wish for the future of the planet and this beautiful place," added Garrett.

With notes from Maja Romano

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United Way Perth-Huron funds eight community service organizations

Working with United Way Centraide Canada as part of the Community Services Recovery Fund, United Way Perth-Huron announced the funding of eight community service organizations.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million by the Government of Canada to help community organizations adapt, modernize, and be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and sustainability of the services they provide.

"The projects supported by the Government of Canada through the Community Services Recovery Fund demonstrate we are a caring and compassionate society that

values the well being of all its members," said Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

"It is heartening to see the compassion and empathy of our citizens as they give back to those in need."

Among the eight service organizations was Camp Menesetung (CM), Huron Perth Children's Aid Society (HP-CAS), Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy (HTLTC), and ONE CARE Home and Community Support Services.

CM received \$50,000 to fully renovate a health centre to transform it into a space that is accessible, four-season equipped, and functional for providing effective

health care. This project will enable CM to offer higher quality health care to their over 2,000 annual campers, students, and guests.

HP-CAS received \$94,200 to expand and remodel behavioural support services by adding an adapted clinical service model that considers new needs. It will help HP-CAS modernize and adapt by providing evidence-based, tailored and culturally integrated services.

HTLTC received \$34,000 to create safe, accessible trails to support outdoor education for children and youth. In addition to its mission of protecting and enhancing natural areas, HTLTC will help to foster in

young people, an understanding and appreciation of nature.

ONE CARE received \$80,000 to create a sustainable plan to deliver transportation, to redesign delivery models and identify capacity and resource needs.

"Projects like those listed are a testament to the power of our collective action and our ability to come together to make a positive difference in the world," added Sudds.

"I am confident that together we can make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in Perth and Huron Counties."

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A few words from the editor



KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Hello, it's me...Again. It's time to pick up the pen again as I begin a new venture as the editor of the Goderich Sun.

After six years with the Postmedia owned Goderich Signal Star, I'm taking on a new role to bring

a true, locally focused, and free paper to the residents of Goderich.

Working as the editor of the Signal Star for six years offered insight into the beats of this town, and now I look forward to covering, once again, the issues most important to the readers of this community.

I'm proud to be a part of this new project, and grateful to Stewart Grant for trusting my previous editorial experience to help bring this new paper to Goderich.

In a time where there is mistrust with media and the coinciding issue of a lack of true local news coverage, we at the Goderich Sun are

keen to provide such a true, local service to this community. We are hopeful the residents are equally keen.

As much as we believe in the strength and importance local journalism has within a small town, with a free paper we do have to look for collaborators to support such an endeavour. We are hopeful for the support.

The reach is unlimited with a free paper, accessible to all residents. When we print in the New Year, our paper will be available at various heavily trafficked locations across the town for all to grab and read.

When I was laid off from the Signal Star, I wasn't

sure what was next; for me and for local journalism in this town. With a stroke of luck, and with Grant's interest of starting a new paper in Goderich, this new path appeared before me.

We at the Goderich Sun are eager to cover the important issues within Goderich as well as giving a voice to the people, organizations, and agencies that keep this town running and progressing.

I am honoured to be at the helm again, writing about all things Goderich and I can't wait to bring this community a true, locally focused paper once again.

The time is right for an independent Goderich newspaper



STEWART GRANT

Publisher

Fun fact: if you scroll to the bottom of the Goderich Sun Facebook page, you'll see that our first post (containing our logo) went online nearly 8 years ago, on November 11, 2015. Fresh off purchasing my hometown St. Marys Independent newspaper in June of

2014, I had started the Exeter Examiner in 2015 and planned to launch the Goderich Sun in January 2016.

However, the timing wasn't right, as I soon learned from my Exeter experience. Starting a newspaper is hard, especially when there is an established newspaper already there. As losses added up on my Exeter start-up (which was being printed bi-weekly), I decided that it was too risky to launch a Goderich paper to compete with the Signal Star.

Eight years later, in the summer of 2023, I learned that Kate Smith had been laid off by the Signal Star, in just the latest of cost-cutting moves across the Postmedia network.

I first met Kate back in 2021, and I know how appreciative the community has been for her excellent coverage of Goderich news over the last 6+ years.

We got in touch, and felt the timing was right. We couldn't be more excited to be teaming up to launch this newspaper.

While I know that Goderich deserves a weekly print newspaper that focused 100% on local news and events, experience has taught me that we need to "walk before we can run". I know that it will take time to change advertising habits of local businesses, but I'm optimistic that, over time, the community will support our paper. I've included a list of our Guiding

Principles below that differentiate us from the big corporate-owned papers, such as "the news should be free for all to enjoy".

Thus, we are patiently starting out with monthly online issues from September to December 2023, and then transitioning to print format in January 2024. The end goal is NOT to be a monthly newspaper, but to be a weekly newspaper. The speed of this transition is up to the community... each business ad, coming event notice, birthday or anniversary announcement, etc. will be invested right back into growing and improving the newspaper for Goderich and surrounding area.



Goderich Sun

Guiding Principles

1. Everyone has a story
2. The news should be free for all to enjoy
3. Good news beats bad news
4. A Newspaper should be a community effort (contribute to your local paper!)
5. Newspapers document history
6. Newspapers strengthen communities
7. Advertisers, big or small, should profit from their ads (meaning sensible ad rates)
8. Newspapers should be locally-owned and operated

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which he raised a family.

According to Alecia, her dad was passionate about many things, from teaching and coaching to his entire community. However, she explained, his true passion and love was for his family.

"His love for my mom was like no other," Alecia said.

"He was a proud and doting grandfather to my three children. Losing Myles has left a huge hole in our hearts and lives. He was an incredibly selfless man who gave so much."

Throughout his time in Goderich, Myles wore many hats and left a lasting imprint on those he taught, worked with, coached, raised, and loved.

A devoted teacher for 28 years at Goderich District Collegiate Institute (GDCl), Myles affected the lives of many students, but it was his passion for the game of basketball and coaching that many remember him for.

Myles coached while teaching at GDCl, and following retirement he continued to volunteer his time to coach at the high school. He was a coach and mentor for youth in Goderich for 45 years.

Yet, coaching was not his only passion. Myles soon entered the world of politics and genuinely wanted to make Goderich a better place.

"A society grows great when people plant trees, the shade of which they know they will never sit in," lamented Mayor Trevor Bazinet at the funeral.

"Good people do things for other people. Myles always did things for other people."

Myles became a member of the Goderich Town Council in 2006. He served as a Councillor from 2006 until 2010, and then again from 2014 until 2018. In Nov. 2018, Myles was elected to serve as the Deputy Mayor until 2022.

Just nine months ago, in Nov. 2022, Myles was elected as Mayor of Goderich. In speaking with colleagues and family members, it is easy to see that serving this community was one of many of his true passions, done with his whole heart.

In a statement to the community, Town Council and Staff extended their deepest condolences on the passing of Myles.

"Myles served the residents of Goderich with dedication, commitment and leadership," stated the joint press release.

"Myles had a passion for many different issues and initiatives, with a keen interest in environmental stewardship, health care, housing, and economic development."

With the passing of Myles, Goderich has tragically lost a second mayor – two in the same number of years. It was just last August the town tragically lost Mayor John Grace, who Myles worked alongside on Council.

Following the passing of Myles, Goderich Council held a Special Council meeting to discuss the procedure for filling Council Vacancy. The session was closed.

In a recorded vote, it was a unanimous decision, and Deputy Mayor Trevor Bazinet was appointed to the position of Mayor on Aug. 23. This appointment became effective immediately and will remain so until the next election.

"I am honoured to be elected to this position and am thankful that I had the opportunity to sit alongside Myles Murdock and receive his guidance and leadership over the past nine years," Bazinet stated.

"No one is going to fill the shoes of Myles Murdock, and I'm not here to do that. What I'm here to do is continue with the vision. I know what he wanted to get done and I want to continue including the team."

Bazinet was a student of Myles at GDCl, as well as one of the many basketball players Myles coached over the years. It was later in life Bazinet became a colleague of Myles when he entered politics in 2014.

"Myles was a kind, gentle, generous man who was always willing to help and answer questions," added Bazinet.

For Bazinet, Myles was always making sure everyone felt welcomed and he always wanted to build a team environment. He was passionate about Goderich and some of the issues he devoted his efforts to include working on the downtown core and deciding what to do with Memorial Arena. Further to that, the major issue that needed attention was the waterfront and supporting the operation and expansion of the port.

"He was involved in a lot of things. If you look at the boards and committees, Myles was on 90 per cent of them at one time or another," Bazinet explained.

"Healthcare and doctor recruitment was a big thing for him. He was always involved in healthcare, and he wanted

to make sure our ER was never closed."

All the things Myles was passionate about, Bazinet admitted that those are big jobs and Council has every intention of following up on these projects and to get things done.

"Council was confident in my ability. Myles would want us to get it done, fill the position and not waste any time," explained Bazinet who says he had plans to run for Mayor in the next election, but due to the tragic loss of Myles, that possibility became a reality sooner.

"This isn't the way I wanted it to happen. Myles is a very dear friend of mine. I'm confident in my ability that I can be a great mayor for this community," he stressed.

"I think when people elect a Deputy Mayor, they realize that person will fill in when the mayor cannot make it, whether it is events or whatever. I'm ready for it. I have a lot of emotions, but I'm ready for it."

Now that Bazinet has taken on the role of Mayor, that means the Deputy Mayor seat is vacant. Council needs to fill that seat via two options: through an appointment within, or through a by-election.

If a council member is appointed to Deputy Mayor, that would leave a seat on council open, which could be filled the same way: by appointment, or via a by-election.

Council has a meeting on Sept. 5. Bazinet said a decision could be made that evening on which direction to move for filling the position of Deputy Mayor.

Council remains eager to continue working on building a team dynamic like Myles worked hard to develop, to deal with the major issues surrounding Goderich, and to honour the legacy of Myles Murdock.

One thing Alecia noticed in all the messages she received when Myles passed, was a common theme. No matter what capacity an individual knew him or what role he was in, he cared. He was a mentor and a friend.

Alecia and her mom are honoured and privileged to have had the opportunity to share Myles with the community and all those who knew him. Alecia truly believes the world and this community are a better place for having had him in it.

"My hope is that Myles' legacy continues," lamented Alecia.

"May people put the love, admiration, passion and work into all that they do."

Coastal Conservation Youth Corps makes improvements on Lake Huron's shoreline

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

As the summer ends, the Coastal Conservation Youth Corps made up of high school students has made an impact on the shorelines of Lake Huron.

The students participated in week-long sessions to endeavour to restore the ribbon of habitat that edges Lake Huron. It was during these sessions the students also learned about the lake's dynamic coastal environment.

The Youth Corps made efforts such as cleaning the beach from litter. These efforts are not as noticeable, yet according to the Lake Huron Coastal Centre, this leaves the shore in a healthier and more natural condition, while reducing plastic pollution.

"We combed the beach, picking up every tiny bit we could find – even the smallest pieces of Styrofoam were recorded using Ocean Wise Shoreline Cleanup data sheets," explained Kerry Kennedy, Coordinator of the program.

"Participants now know it's easy to plan a cleanup and that tallying the types of litter can inform future policy decisions. Being

aware of the magnitude of plastic pollution in the lake motivates us to clean up, even during informal beach visits."

The Coastal Centre explained that by removing invasive species, it makes way for native plant species to flourish, which supports the food web and habitat needs of diverse organisms.

The Goderich team worked alongside residents of Southcott Pines in Grand Bend. They pulled heaps of invasive Eurasian watermilfoil, using long ropes to drag oversized flexible rakes.

"The time, which you put in will help revive the health of the Old Ausable Channel," Duncan Croft explained to the young helpers.

"As a bonus, we got to connect with members of our community and make some new friends."

According to the Coastal Centre, researchers from the University of Toronto will follow up to monitor the impact of this removal effort on the rare aquatic species found in the area.

In further efforts to make a positive impact this summer, the Youth Corps also gave Sunset Park a make over. A favourite

lookout spot on the steep bluff overlooking the Goderich shoreline, participants made an impact by removing invasive Himalayan balsam before seed development occurred. Planted in their place was deep-rooted native grasses that will provide stability without interfering with the view.

"Applying their learning about the many impacts on a healthy Lake Huron, youth participants are now better equipped to

care for this great lake and support a resilient coastal community throughout their lives," said Erinn Lawrie, Executive Director of the LHCC.

To further their efforts year after year, the Coastal Centre is seeking support through sponsorship and financing initiatives. Youth who are interested in taking part can learn more at www.lakehuron.ca/ccyc



Coastal Conservation Youth Corps members (L-R): Caden McRae, Rowan Hansen, Madison Brennan-Peeters, Kerry Kennedy (program coordinator), Madison Vandereest, Brooke Beuttenmiller, Charley Hunt, Alex White (back), Zach Russello (front). (Submitted)

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Five Goderich players represent Ontario at the 2023 Field Hockey National Championships

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

The 2023 Field Hockey National Championships kicked off at the end of July in Brampton and five local field hockey players represented Team Ontario. Clara Leduc, Darcie Brohman, Amelia Bissett, Emmi Coups and Anna Muscat all took pride in representing the province at nationals.

fend regardless of the formation; Amelia Bissett is a great shut-down player, who is always also a threat to score; Anna Muscat plays deftly at forward or midfield, and is tenacious and relentless with her pursuit on the field; and Emmi Coups is a solid central defender who sees the field well, and distributes the ball accurately.

“They all share a very strong work ethic

tario, Team Prince Edward Island (P.E.I.) and Team New Brunswick – make up the women’s U18 division.

“It is always very exciting to play for your province or country,” admitted Brohman.

“It is a real honour to have been selected to represent Ontario, and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to compete against provincial teams from across the country.”

Building off the momentum from the win against New Brunswick, in a win over Alberta Brohman scored a goal and an assist. This win sent Ontario to the finals to match up against a strong rival squad from B.C.

As a very competitive player, winning gold is always the goal for Brohman.

“The finals against B.C., historically our biggest rivals, was a tightly fought game that went back and forth,” Brohman explained.

Despite Team Ontario’s strong showing on the national stage, team B.C. was the victor in the finals while the Ontario squad captured a silver medal in a 3-2 loss.

Yet, Brohman refuses to let this loss be a shadow over the experience of competing at nationals.

“As my coach always says, you must learn to lose before you can win. So, even though we did lose, I hope to use this as an opportunity for personal reflection and growth,” added Brohman.

It was Leduc’s first time being a part of a provincial team, and although the level was competitive, she liked playing with the high-skilled players. Leduc is hopeful to one day compete at the national level and is grateful for the experience of national championships.

“It was tough to come out with silver, because we wanted to win of course,” Leduc said.

“However, B.C. is a good team and pulled through. The game could have gone

either way. I feel like I gave it everything I had, because I knew my team was doing the same.”

The other three Goderich field hockey players - Amelia Bissett, Emmi Coups, and Anna Muscat - were named to the U16 team, which began their pursuit for gold in early Aug.

Coups felt honoured and proud to play for Team Ontario in the national championships.

“I hope to be able to help my team with the best of my abilities, to win a gold medal,” Coups added.

Coups, Bissett and Muscat played a strong tournament and, along with their teammates, defeated Alberta 1-0. Albert went on to win bronze in the tournament.

In the next match against B.C. Blue, the girls were not victorious and unfortunately did not earn a spot on the podium this year. B.C. Blue earned gold.

According to Field Hockey Canada’s website, nationals is an opportunity for



Five local field hockey players represented Team Ontario. Clara Leduc, Darcie Brohman, Amelia Bissett, Emmi Coups and Anna Muscat all took pride in representing the province at nationals. Pictured is Darcie Brohman in the white jersey. (Submitted)

Local field hockey coach Ray Lewis has coached all five at one time or another, as all five girls have played club for Goderich.

According to Coach Lewis these five players deserve their spots on Team Ontario. Clara Leduc is a gifted forward with tons of speed; Darcie Brohman is a reliable two-way player, who can score or de-

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West End SC Boom	18	13	4	1	46	15	31	40
London St. Thomas-Croatia SC	15	11	3	1	40	15	25	34
Sarnia Girls SC Sarnia Spirit B	17	9	6	2	46	17	29	29
South Huron Rush	17	9	6	2	42	31	11	29
St Columban SC	16	8	5	3	38	28	10	27
Alliance FC Azzuri	16	7	8	1	45	38	7	22
Norwest SC Bobcats	18	3	14	1	27	63	-36	10
German Canadian FC Phoenix	14	2	12	0	11	53	-42	6
Ingersoll SC	16	0	15	1	11	90	-79	1

Weekend Quiz

- 1) What is the formula for the chemical compound known as “carbon dioxide”?
- 2) In which country would you find the ancient city of Machu Picchu, often referred to as the "Lost City of the Incas"?
- 3) During which years did WWI occur?
- 4) Which animal is capable of rotating its head up to 270 degrees in both directions?
- 5) Who was the first woman to become the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?
- 6) What are the names of the Titanic’s two sister ships?
- 7) Who sculpted the famous statue of “David”?
- 8) In the 2000 horror/thriller film “American Psycho”, which actor plays the leading role of Patrick Bateman?
- 9) In the nursery rhyme "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," what is the object that the star is compared to?
- 10) Fissures, vents, and plugs are all associated with which geological feature?

This week’s answers are found on pg. 16

Goderich Tempest capture the cup in Second Division London League, keen to earn promotion to First Division

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

The Goderich McGee North Huron Tempest soccer club captured the Second Division Cup in London and Area Women’s Soccer League (LAWSL) action in mid August.

According to coach Ray Lewis, the girls dominated play in the final, scoring a 4-0 win over London-St. Thomas Croatia.

Erin Bowes had a pair of goals with singles from Marianne Filson and Kiley Stewart, while Marielle Van Schaik earned the shutout.

The LAWSL runs the cup playoffs throughout the season with deadlines for each round to be completed. Cup finals are scheduled near the end of the season in August. Like hockey play downs or playoffs, the cup playoffs are played concurrently during the season and teams are randomly drawn into groupings. Teams play until they lose.

League standings determine promotion or relegation, and the Tempest are eager for that promotion to the 1st Division in the LAWSL.

As of Sept. 1, the Goderich North Huron Tempest had moved into first place in league standings after defeating the German Canadians squad 5-1.

Goals came from Brittany Norman, Tara Regier, Kiley Stewart (2) and Julie Percy.

With holding the first-place position, the Tempest have a great chance to be promoted to first division next year if they hold their spot.

The Tempest had a rained-out game on Aug. 29, which needs to be rescheduled. This is the final match of the

season against St. Columban.

If the Tempest win this last game the squad would clinch first place regardless of what happens in any remaining leagues games for other teams.

“Currently there is only one team that can catch us – London-St. Thomas Croatia. They have four games remaining,” said Karly Howard, Tempest team captain.

“So, second place is the lowest we could finish in the 10-team division if we were to lose our last game and they win all remaining four.”

According to Howard the top team will be promoted to the First Division next season, so the Tempest remain anxious for their final game and the results.



Clara Leduc (left) with Darcie Brohman represented U18 Team Ontario at the national championships in Brampton. The U18 squad earned a silver medal. (Submitted)

athletes to gain national-level competition experience, while showcasing their talents to national team evaluators. This tournament can open the door for young athletes for a chance with the national team.

Jenn Beagan, the Junior Women’s National coach since 2019, says that nationals is an important tournament to see the next generation of athletes.

“I think it’s a really good environment for them to get kind of simulation to what a competitive tournament environment is,” Beagan said in an article with Field Hockey Canada.

“As for the development of athletes into the senior team, nationals is an important element to that kind of path.”

For senior teams to be successful Beagan believes all provinces must be on board with training for higher levels of competition.

During the tournament Beagan will look for technical and tactical skills, but also at the athletes’ attitude, character, and efforts.

The U18 division competed from July 25 until July 30 at the Cassie Campbell field in Brampton with a silver medal result, while the U16 division competed from Aug. 8 until Aug. 13.

All five players were given the opportunity to provide statements, but some did not respond in time for publication

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GODERICH YMCA

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- New Equipment Order
- Spirit Wear

Goderich Junior Flyers: Preseason Report

RICHARD MADGE

Echo Correspondent

Goderich hockey fans will be seeing a new incarnation of the Junior "C" Flyers this season, starting with the management team.

A new executive has taken over the operational responsibility of the Junior Flyers. This management team is headed by President Lance Greer, with Vice-President Todd Stanbury, Secretary Mara Cutting and Treasurers Brandon Corriveau and Mike McBride.

The Junior Flyers squad will take on their new season as the 2023-24 Provincial Junior Hockey League (PJHL) appears on the horizon.

While the organization enters a new rebuilding mode, Lance Greer, President says the team will be young but that he has confidence in the new General Manager, Todd Norman to put together a competitive squad.

Even with a young team, experience will not be lacking on the coaching end of things. Head Coach, Grant Lamont comes with

35 years of coaching experience to help develop such a young team.

Furthermore, Associate Coach, Shawn Dickey and Assistant Coach, Liam McCarthy know what they will be working with. The coaching staff have a plan on how they can get the best on-ice production their players can achieve and produce.

So far, returning players signed for the 2023/2024 season include Owen Shore, Tyson Rintoul, Carson Stutzman, Payten Wheeler, and Cameron McCarthy, while Carson Fletcher has been re-acquired from the Aylmer Spitfires.

A group of new defencemen for the lineup includes a pair from Listowel - Jeremy Hamilton and Reid Williams - along with Rowan Alexander from Trowbridge, and Wyatt Connelly from Goderich, who played previously with the Exeter Hawks.

James Bender from Gowanstown will join the squad as a newly signed forward.

As of Aug. 23, the Junior Flyers have played one exhibition game, losing 4-0 to the Exeter Hawks.



(Back row, L-R): Erin Bowes, Katelyn Wilson, Brittany Norman, Masi Frayne, Marielle Van Schaik, Christine Lapp, Danielle Bean, Melissa Koebel, Megan Kovats, Coach Ray Lewis. (Front row, L-R): Shea Frayne, Julie Percy, Karly Howard, Marianne Filson, Kiley Stewart, Jileesa Mali, Tara Regier. (Submitted)

These two teams played a return game in Exeter on Aug. 29. The Junior Flyers beat the Exeter Hawks 2-1, with a goal and an assist from Nelson Helm and another goal by Jeremy Hamilton.

Regular season league play for the Junior Flyers begins with a home game against the Wingham Ironmen on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Regular season schedule for the Junior Flyers in September are as follows:

- Sunday, Sept. 17: WIN @ GOD at 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 22: GOD @ HAN at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 23: MIT @ GOD at 8 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 29: GOD @ WAL at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 30: GOD @ MFP at 8 p.m.

For more information on the Junior Flyers roster, or schedule, visit: <https://goderichflyers.pjhl.on.hockeytech.com>

Gateway's Discovery Camp explores career opportunities in healthcare

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Earlier in July local high school students were given the opportunity to explore careers in the healthcare field at Gateway's Discovery Healthcare Camp.

In partnership with the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) in Goderich, the camp provided opportunities to engage with medical students from Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at Western University.

"As the healthcare industry grapples with significant human resources challenges, we recognize the importance of innovative approaches for recruiting healthcare professionals in the future," stated Jimmy Trieu, President and CEO of Huron Health System Goderich and Exeter.

"This camp serves as a remarkable platform to introduce the younger generation to the world of healthcare."

Acting as mentors for the high school students during the week-long camp, Aaron Lewis, Nathan Gould and Emily Horsey provided participants with engaging, informative sessions.

Additionally, during the camp, representatives from local government, economic development, medical communities and funding partners met and discussed the future of healthcare with the medical students.

Shortage of healthcare professionals is



an issue in many rural areas, according to information from Gateway. This is a trend that has been exacerbated by the pandemic and is expected to continue and the economic costs associated are severe.

Yet, space for future medical professionals such as Gateway's Discovery Healthcare Camp aims to support the sustainability of local healthcare resources.

"We are pleased to partner with God-

erich Hospital at Schulich's DHC for a second year," admitted Gwen Devereaux, President, Board of Directors, Gateway.

"This is an innovative strategy for future recruitment of our health human resources. The students learn about healthcare careers in such a fun, motivating environment."

Participants at the camp were privy to discussions about careers in general surgery, in nursing and as a paramedic. Hands

on workshops with a surgeon provided the young participants with the knowledge of how to do sutures with real medical equipment on stuffed animals. Other participants took part in a workshop with a family medicine physician and obstetrical nurse, learning about the delivery of babies and obstetrical assessments.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity it provides participants to engage in informative sessions and gain hands-on experience," added Trieu.

"We hope to ignite a spark of interest in healthcare. This camp plays a vital role in nurturing and cultivating the potential talent that would contribute to the future of healthcare."

Participants of the camp were also given a tour of the Goderich hospital, where they interacted with professionals within departments and were provided opportunity to ask questions.

At the end of the week the participants were warmly welcomed by COPA-45 at the Goderich Airport and enjoyed a barbecue provided by the Goderich Lion's Club. A small graduation ceremony took place.

Gateway representatives are grateful for the partnership with the Goderich hospital and for local organizations that provided funding to ensure the success of this camp.

For more information on Gateway visit www.gatewayruralhealth.ca

Goderich Seahawks U21 squad celebrate a fantastic season

DAN RIDSDALE

Contributor

The Culbert Surveying U21 Seahawks Fastball Club entered the 2023 Huron Perth Fastball League (H.P.F.L.) season with some lofty goals in mind, and for the most part, things went according to plan.

With the 2022 roster all returning to the Culbert Crew that finished last season capturing the Ontario Rural Softball Association U19 Provincial Crown, there was good reason for this optimism.

The U21s began their season in mid-May capturing gold at the Mitchell FastballFest Tournament, defeating a good KW Diamondbacks ball club 9-7 in the championship game.

The Seahawks soared through league and exhibition play during the month of June. The squad spent the early part of July preparing to play host to a solid group of entries in the U21 division at the Seahawks 2nd Annual Lions Centennial Girls Fastball Tournament on the third weekend of July.

The Seahawks ran the table in their tournament capturing their second gold of the season by defeating a very scrappy Londesborough Legends U17 team in the championship game.

As they entered the late stages of July, any thoughts of a perfect season were derailed down in Innerkip as the Jr. Eagles proved to be a tough opponent on their home field

handing Goderich its' first loss.

The Seahawks stumbled a bit down the stretch, losing a couple of times, but were determined to get back to their winning ways heading into the H.P.F.L. Championship Tournament on August 11 & 12 in Innerkip.

The Seahawks were the number one seed courtesy of a 14-2 regular season, and the locals made quick work of the last place Fullarton As in a 21-3 mercy.

The next morning, the U21s kept their foot on the gas routing the Listowel Legends 18-3 behind dominant pitching and some big hits.

The Culbert Crew then defeated the hosts 5-3, essentially eliminating the regular season second best team from their own tournament, setting up a championship game versus the same Listowel club that they had beaten all five times during the season.

In the final, however, the Seahawks picked an inopportune time to have "one of those games" where their usually powerful bats fell completely silent.

The heavily favoured Seahawks got down early after a rough defensive inning and could not seem to chip away with their offence eventually falling to the upset minded Legends leaving the Seahawks as H.P.F.L. Finalists.

When the dust had settled on the 2023 season, this U21 squad compiled an incredible 29-4 overall record out-sourcing their competition 360-151, in the span of over three months of inspiring and entertaining fastball.



The U21 Seahawks were the 2023 Goderich Lions Centennial U21 Tournament Champions (Front): Sadie Squires, Emily Hartin, Jaimy Langille, Katie Ridsdale, Payton Swan, Elianne Kreuger, and Hannah Boven (Back): Dan Ridsdale, Abby Archambault, Janelle Ditner, Grace Taylor, Paige Willie, Kate Johnston, Jamie Archambault, Glen Ditner, and Jack Archambault. (Absent): Emma Robinson and Jerry Hartin

Town of Goderich decides to make facility management changes

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

As of Sept. 1, the overall management responsibility of the Maitland Recreation Centre transitioned to the Town of Goderich. This responsibility also includes management over Memorial Arena, Bannister Park, Columbus Park, and Victoria Park.

According to Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) with the Town of Goderich, these changes come after the Town of Goderich commissioned Monteith Brown Planning Consultants in 2021 to conduct a comprehensive Community Recreational Needs Assessment (CRNA). The CRNA is a 10-year strategy to address the needs for recreation facilities and programs in Goderich.

With these changes, users will see a few new faces at the facilities as the Town plans to hire a new Recreational Facilities Supervisor, Facility Operators and Facilities Services personnel.

"The Town of Goderich is proud to deliver, maintain and enhance on a variety of quality recreation programs and services at their facilities and outdoor spaces," Hallahan remarked.

"The Town is very proud to continue providing exceptional community recreation benefits at their Town-owned recreation facilities and all outdoor recreation spaces."

According to Hallahan, the YMCA has experienced staff retention issues related to the overall operations and management of the facilities over the years. This is the reason Council determined the Town would assume the responsibility of facility management services at the Maitland Recreation Centre, Memorial Arena, Bannister Park, Columbus Park, and Victoria Park.

"The Town, with a population of 8,000 people, is extremely proud to have two extraordinary newer recreational assets like the Maitland Recreation Centre and Bannister Park; two of our many shining gems," added Hallahan.

Despite these changes, the YMCA is not gone. Goderich Town Council and staff will continue to work collaboratively with the YMCA while formulating a new operating agreement.

Hallahan explained that the Town will welcome the existing YMCA recreation facility staff as their newest employees effective Sept. 1, 2023.

The YMCA will continue to manage the responsibility for recreation memberships, aquatics, wellness and group fitness programming, day camps, gymnasium and squash courts bookings, childminding and walking the track.

According to Travis Watson, General Manager of YMCA operations, the organization works in collaboration with partners across the region and are pleased to continue to work with the Town of Goderich within this new capacity.

"This [new] partnership approach is very much aligned to how the YMCA works in many communities, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Goderich," explained Watson.

On the topic of changes, the question on membership fees and access to services arises. Watson confirmed that member experience will remain the same, and current member do not need to change anything to continue using programs, equipment, and space.

"The Y operated in the pre-existing operating and management agreement for over 20 years. We have enjoyed and continue to enjoy collaborating with the Town of Goderich and will continue to work closely together," added Watson.

"This new partnership approach is now more like other municipal partnerships we have across Ontario communities and is a model we are very comfortable with going forward."

Mobi-chair available in Goderich to make beach more accessible

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

The Town of Goderich now has a WaterWheels chair available, making the lake and swimming more accessible. This chair is a new addition to the accessible beach mat (mobi-mat) already in place over the sand at Main Beach leading to the water.

It was a project supported by the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee and spearheaded by Karlee Nurse, who has a close friend wanted to access the water and enjoy the lake.

Back in June, Nurse went to dinner with a friend who was recently in an accident, which resulted in her being paralyzed from the bottom of her ribs and down. Nurse said they started talking about different things they could do together this summer.

"The beach came up and how she wished that Goderich had a wheelchair that could easily go through sand and into the water," explained Nurse.

Once that idea was brought up, Nurse said she knew she wanted to somehow try to make it happen for her friend.

"I thought I would give it a shot and see what could be done," added Nurse.

"Personally, I never knew these chairs existed. But after my friend was showing me the photo of another one at another beach, Trevor Bazinet came to mind."

Nurse promptly reached out to Bazinet, Mayor of Goderich, and coincidentally also the Chair of the Accessibility Committee for Huron County.

According to Nurse, Mayor Bazinet went above and beyond to make this dream come true. With the help of many others, including the late Mayor Myles Murdock, and Julie Sawchuk who donated the chair, the Town of Goderich now offers an amphibious wheelchair rental.

"I think I really wanted to make this happen after seeing how positive and strong my friend was after such a life altering accident," Nurse said.

"She's truly an inspiration."

When Nurse came to Bazinet, he said he reached out to Accessibility Committee member Julie Sawchuk. It was Sawchuk who donated the chair to the Town but under the condition that the Town would not charge people to use the chair.

According to Bazinet, the recently deceased Mayor Myles Murdock was on board from the start. It was the late mayor who initiated a council meeting to make this idea a reality.

Throughout all of this, Bazinet credits his role as the chair of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee as a learning opportunity.

"In life, we take so many things for granted like shopping, going to the bathroom, walking the boardwalk and walking on the sandy beach," added Bazinet, who remains grateful to Sawchuk for her generous donation to the Town.



Julie Sawchuk demonstrates how the chair works. (Submitted)



Trevor Bazinet, Myles Murdock and Julie Sawchuk with the donated mobi-chair. (Submitted)

Gateway hosts garden party at Harbour Hills to celebrate six accessible garden beds

KATHLEEN SMITH
Editor

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH) hosted a garden party at Harbour Hills Retirement Community in Goderich in late July.

The garden party was hosted in celebration of the six raised accessible garden beds introduced to Harbour Hills Retirement Community in Goderich and to Braemar Retirement Centre in Wingham.

"It has been an inspiring experience being able to see the enormous growth that has taken place at each of these facilities," said Sage Milne, Gateway CERH Project Lead.

According to Gateway, the aim of the project titled "Cultivating Memories" is to re-establish the connection between food production and activities that many residents in Huron County have done all their lives.

Often, the transition from a property with a garden to a retirement residence or a long-term care facility can be difficult. One of the residents spoke about the challenges of moving to a retirement residence after losing her husband, and then subsequently losing her house and her garden.

This project allowed her to continue doing the activity that she had always loved doing - gardening. The event began with a tour of the three thriving raised garden beds that Harbour Hills residents tirelessly

cultivated over the past few months. Within the gardens are snapdragons, strawberries, brown-eyed susans and many other plants, which have flourished under diligent cultivation. During the event, greetings were brought from Gateway CERH, The Town of Goderich, Huron County Council, and Cultivating Memories project leads, Sage Milne and Alexa Harrison.

Gateway stated its gratefulness towards staff member Ronda DeBoer of Braemar as well as Ruby DeBrower of Harbour Hill. Additionally, the work of Steve Moran helped build the garden boxes, and Pam Somers from Goderich Horticultural Society and local TD Representative, Karla Green helped fund this project and made it possible.

One staff member commented on how many men within their facility were former farmers and they routinely came out to tend to their "crops".

"In discussion with the residents for which plants they wanted to grow, I had an overwhelming number of ideas for what plants as well as valuable information about how the plants should be arranged among the three garden boxes," added Milne.

According to Gateway, this project was made possible by funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.



Cultivating Memories Garden Party (L-R): Alexa Harrison, Karla Gree, Ronda DeBoer, Ruby DeBrower, Nancy Simpson, Jennifer Black, Marie, and Sage Milne. (Submitted)

Camp Klahanie hosts Newcomer Day to welcome new residents to Huron County



John Maaskant, chair of the Huron Area Newcomer Fund, takes a swing in an introduction to cricket activity at Newcomer Day at Camp. In the background is Gurpreet Singh who offers instructions and encouragement. Gurpreet moved to Canada in 2016 and manages Circle K convenience stores in Clinton, Wingham and Lucknow. (Submitted)

KATHLEEN SMITH
Editor

More than 150 newcomers to Canada and their supporters celebrated summer with a Newcomer Day at Camp.

The joint event held at Camp Klahanie on Aug. 19 was organized by The Huron County Local Immigration Partnership and Goderich Lions. The YMCA of Southwestern Ontario also contributed funds and registration support.

Jim Ginn, Past Huron County Warden, and current Central Huron Mayor welcomed everyone and spoke about the importance of diversity in Huron County.

With over 10 countries represented at the event, it showed how diverse Huron County is.

One recent newcomer to Canada, Shona Dzandzava, who has been in the country for only one year, gave a very heart-felt presentation celebrating his family's integration into Canadian culture, highlighting

the positive experiences in their new world. Town of Goderich Mayor Trevor Bazinet also attended the event.

"Sometimes we take things for granted and today was a nice reminder of how blessed we are to call Canada, Huron County and Goderich our home," wrote Bazinet in a statement on social media.

"I had so many conversations with people who have recently moved to the area in the past two years. One thing that was evident in all my conversations was how thankful people were to be able to start a new life in Canada. Everyone loved Canada and the people who live here."

In addition to a fantastic (Halal) barbecue, the guests enjoyed games, birdhouse and puzzle painting, a beautiful calf Julie to see, a nature walk guided by The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, a scavenger hunt and music.

A group of 20 volunteers supported the event, with organizing led by a group of eight immigrants to Huron County.

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Riddles

Which way did the outlaw go when he stole the computer?
He went data way

Why wasn't the outlaw allowed to be buried in the town cemetery?
He wasn't dead

What kind of horse eats and drinks with its tail?
They all do. They do not take their tails off to eat or drink

Where do race cars go swimming?
In a car pool

What kind of egg travels to unknown places?
An eggs-plorer

Why can't you play basketball with pigs?
Because they hog the ball

Backward I am heavy, but forward I am not. What am I?
The word "not"

What can be swallowed, but can also swallow you?
Water

Sudoku

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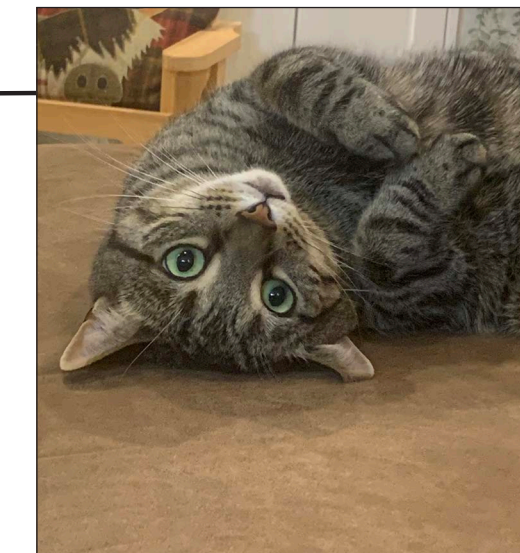
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Pets of the Month



RAYDAR

A three-year-old Germany Shepherd mix owned by Ashley Fielder. Raydar enjoys long walks, playing fetch and meeting people.



KEVIN

Kevin is five years old, owned by Goderich Sun publisher Stewart Grant and family. Kevin loves to pose for the camera and is on Instagram @kevinprincegrant2018

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

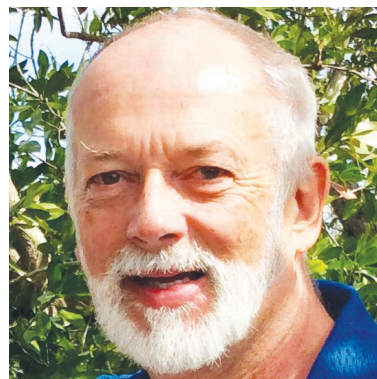
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- SQUARE
- GAOL
- DOAK
- SHIPWRECKS
- BOARDWALK
- LIGHTHOUSE
- CULBERTS

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: Up, up and away over the Thousand Islands



PAUL KNOWLES

Contributor

There are a lot of great ways to see the Thousand Islands and we did several of them.

But let's start with the math. Here's a trivia question: "How many islands are there in the Thousand Islands?" Answer? Nobody actually agrees. In fact, they don't even agree on the definition of "island."

Some will tell you that an island is any piece of land surrounded by water, said land being above the surface of the water year-round and having at least one tree. Others will say no, it needs at least two trees. Others may argue that some islands may be submerged sometimes but they are still islands.

And then there are the numbers. Several of the local experts we met said there are 1,864 islands. But a plaque atop the Thousand Islands Tower insists "There are officially 997 islands in the Thousand Islands. This is often exaggerated by including all the shoals and rocks to make the total 1867." The Canadian Encyclopedia cites "an official count" that totaled "1149 islands and islets."

Suffice to say, there are a lot of islands in the Thousand Islands, probably more than 1,000, and together they create one of the most



An aerial view of the popular tourist attraction, Boldt Castle.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

beautiful areas in the world.

And, as I said before I went down the rabbit hole of arithmetic, there are a lot of fine ways to enjoy them. We took a Thousand Island cruise, we toured the waterway closest to Gananoque in an heritage, wooden power boat and we ascended the Thousand Islands Tower so we thought we had a pretty comprehensive perspective on the area.

That is, until we climbed into a four-seater helicopter at 1000 Islands Helicopter Tours for a flight piloted by company owner Dave Kouri.

Our flight lasted only about 20 minutes but the magic and the awe stretched that into an amazing adventure. Seeing the Thousand Islands from the deck of a boat gives you a good look at what humans have accomplished in this highly sought-after desti-

nation. You see the heritage cottages and the elaborate homes and you can consider the differences between how people have settled in Canadian territory compared to the U.S.

By the way, for both boat and helicopter, it's okay to enter U.S. waters or airspace as long as you don't put a foot on American soil.

So we had experienced the islands from a water-level viewpoint but seeing it from 1400 feet up was something completely different. From there, the clear, clear waters of the St. Lawrence look like an impressionist painting, changing hues depending on the depth. It reminded me of the ever-changing waterscape you see as you drive the Overseas Highway in the Florida Keys.

And the islands are revealed to be, in the main, forests with tiny plots of land claimed by humans

east on the St. Lawrence, the other heading west to include Kingston) and "the works", a one-hour tour that combines everything.

Dave told me that people who take the 10-minute tour (\$99) always say they wish that had opted for something longer. I would say the 20 minute flight was amazing (\$169), and while more would probably be more amazing, we landed happy and enthralled.

Our particular tour took us well east through the islands. The highlight is the flight around Boldt Castle. This was constructed by American millionaire hotel owner George C. Boldt, starting in 1900. He intended it as a very ostentatious gift to his wife, Louise. But it was not completed when Louise passed away in 1904 and Boldt completely abandoned the project. The castle, which is located on an American island, sat empty for 73 years; in 1977, the U.S.-based Thousand Islands Bridge Authority decided to finish construction to create what has become a popular tourist attraction.

And it is impressive. But as Dave told me, most of his customers on the 20-minute or 30-minute 'Two Castle Tour', "go out to see the castle but talk about everything else when they return."

I guess the lesson here is, humans can do pretty impressive things but we can never top the sheer magnificence found in nature. The castle is interesting but the waterways, rocks and forests of the Thousand Islands are spectacularly beautiful.

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His company offers five tour options - 10 minutes, 20 minutes, two 30-minute tours (one heading



The lovely town of Gananoque - population about 5,500, but punching way above its weight as a terrific tourist attraction.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)



Pilot and fleet owner Dave Kouri.

(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

IODE to host Christmas House Tour once again

The Maple Leaf Chapter of the IODE is hosting a Christmas House Tour to raise funds for the community. The event is returning after three years pause in accordance with health and safety regulations connected to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The IODE invite the public to take part in the unique event by touring homes professionally decorated for Christmas by area merchants.

"It is one of the largest fundraisers of the year for the Maple Leaf Chapter with an attendance of approximately 1,200," explained Denise Newhouser of the IODE.

Homeowners, merchants, designers, and IODE members are collaborating once again to bring the house tour back, bigger and better than ever. The IODE will announce a generous donation to a local organization in the fall.

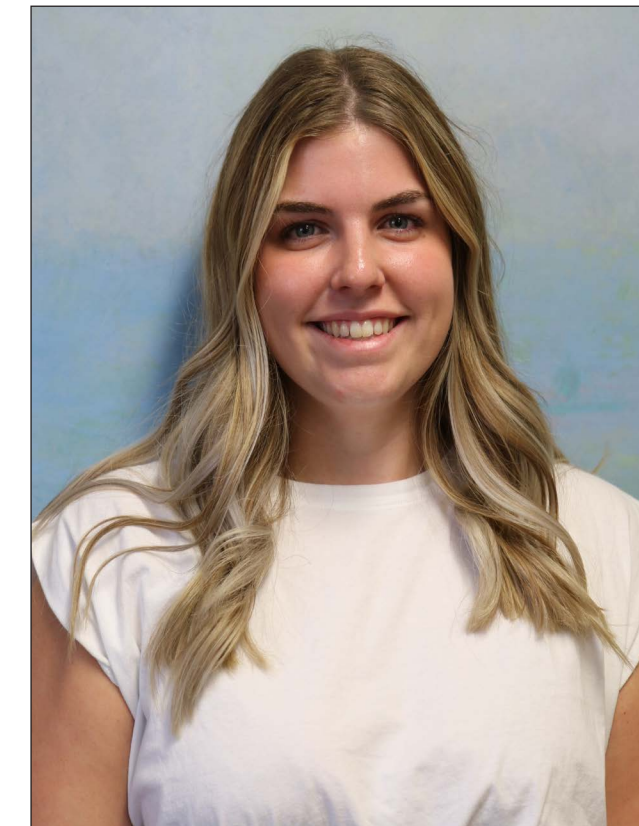
Tickets will soon be available to purchase and include refreshments at the MacKay Centre on North Street. Ticket sale information will be announced on the IODE Maple Leaf Chapter Facebook page.

The Christmas House Tour runs on Saturday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 12 from 12 noon until 5 p.m.

Gateway welcomes newest research assistant

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor



Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH) is a not-for-profit corporation committed to engaging health care professionals in rural settings and enabling rural citizens to take control of their health.

Mid-August Gateway announced that Amy Sturgeon has joined the team as the newest Research Assistant.

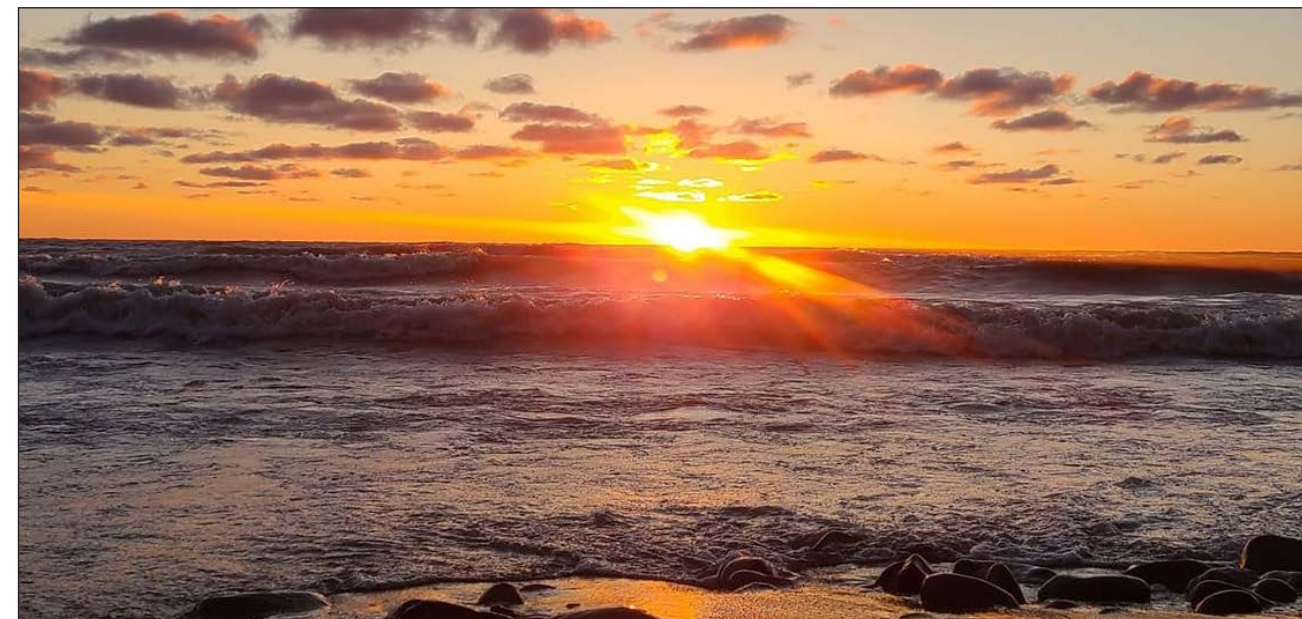
Sturgeon graduated from Carleton University in spring of 2022 with a BA Honours in Sociology and a double minor in Women and Gender Studies and Biology.

During her undergrad, Sturgeon focused her studies on health care, ethics, and the impacts that society plays on medicine and vice versa.

Since graduating, Sturgeon has moved back to her hometown of Bayfield and has found her footing in rural health care by working in a Long-Term Care (LTC) home and within local hospitals.

Sturgeon explained that she is excited to start working with Gateway, especially on specialized projects including the Skilled Healthcare Attraction and Retention Program (SHARP). This program promotes health care opportunities within the rural setting, while researching how to better support front-line workers.

Furthermore, Sturgeon is exploring geriatric options to better support and service the elderly population in rural areas.



Sunset of the Month

Photo of a Goderich sunset taken by Serenity Scott (@ren_177). To submit photos of the sunset, email kate@goderichsun.com

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1) CO2
- 2) Peru
- 3) 1914-1918
- 4) The Owl
- 5) Margaret Thatcher
- 6) The Olympic and the Britannic
- 7) Michelangelo
- 8) Christian Bale
- 9) A diamond
- 10) Volcanos

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How to help your local newspaper

STEWART GRANT

Publisher

The key to a successful community newspaper is getting the community involved. There's any number of ways to do that, but here's a few ideas:

- Contact us with a story idea or suggestion about the newspaper
- We can't be everywhere at once; so send us a contribution (photo, press release, article) about a local happening
- Submit a Letter to the Editor
- If you're with a business or organization, help us cover our costs by advertising; we have very reasonable rates!
- As we plan for adding a physical print version, suggest a place for us to drop off free copies of the paper to make it more accessible to people
- Tell people about the new Goderich Sun to raise awareness
- Follow us on social media

To contact us, please email me at info@goderichsun.com or our editor Kathleen Smith at kate@goderichsun.com, or call/text me at 519-868-1290.

HELP WANTED

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Grant Haven Media, owner of the Goderich Sun, is seeking an energetic, innovative, self-driven, and friendly individual to liaise with local businesses and organizations and market our numerous advertising solutions to grow our clients' business.

Comfort with cold-calling is a must. The successful candidate will be able to represent numerous publications (Goderich Sun, sister newspapers, Visitors' Guide, etc.) and make sales proposals to key decision makers using our marketing resources.

The successful candidate will require aptitude with Microsoft Office and must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills and be able to successfully multi-task.

The above position could be structured as either full-time or part-time.

Compensation is negotiable. It is the company's position that compensation should be structured in a "win-win" fashion so that goals are aligned and that strong performance is appropriately rewarded.

Interested candidates can send resume and cover letter to the attention of Stewart Grant at info@goderichsun.com.



Goderich Sun

GENERAL INFORMATION AND ADVERTISING RATES

Not being a huge conglomerate, we have to “walk before we can run” with our newspaper. Therefore, we are going to grow in 5 steps, with the following timeline:

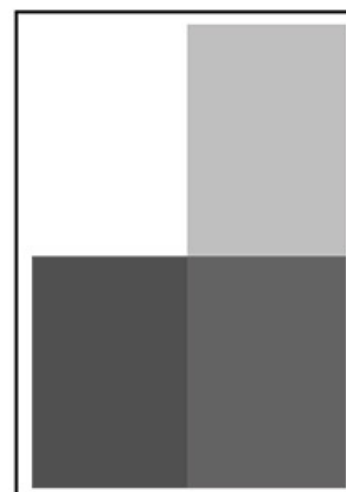
- Step 1** – Launch online monthly edition (first issue is Friday, September 1, 2023)
- Step 2** – Add print monthly edition (first issue is Friday, January 5, 2024)
- Step 3** – Complete 2024 Goderich Visitors’ Guide (May 2024)
- Step 4** – Increase newspaper frequency to 2x per month (date to be determined)
- Step 5** – Increase newspaper frequency to weekly (date to be determined)

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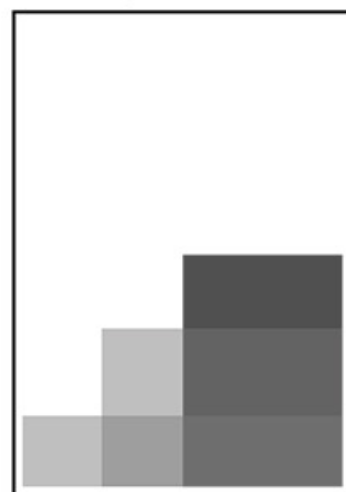
2023 (ONLINE) - \$240
2024 (+PRINT) - \$480
10.3” by 12.6”

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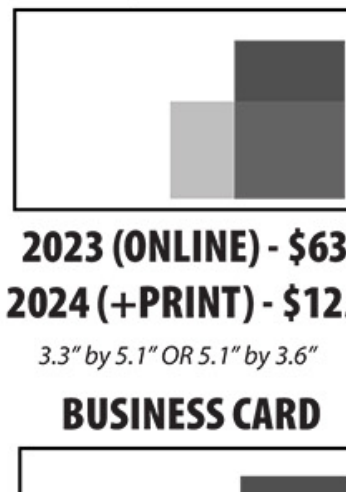
2023 (ONLINE) - \$175
2024 (+PRINT) - \$350
10.3” by 6.3” OR 5.1” by 12.6”

1/4 PAGE



2023 (ONLINE) - \$113
2024 (+PRINT) - \$225
5.1” by 6.4” OR 6.8” by 5.1”
OR 10.3” by 2.8”

1/8 PAGE



2023 (ONLINE) - \$63
2024 (+PRINT) - \$125
3.3” by 5.1” OR 5.1” by 3.6”
BUSINESS CARD
2023 (ONLINE) - \$40
2024 (+PRINT) - \$80
3.3” by 2.25”

VOLUME DISCOUNTS:

Commit to 2 ads, save 10%; 3 ads, save 15%; 4 ads, save 20%; 12 ads, save 25%

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St. Marys Independent **The Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette** **STRATFORDTIMES** **Woodstock Ingersoll Echo**

Story ideas: Contact editor Kate Smith at kate@goderichsun.com.

Advertising: Contact publisher Stewart Grant at info@goderichsun.com or cell 519-868-1290

2024 GROUP TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES HOSTED BY STONETOWN TRAVEL



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MARCH 31 - APRIL 8, 2024



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