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## Bayfield Lions Club hosts largest home show in Bluewater

The Bayfield Lions Club is thrilled to announce the upcoming 27th Annual Bayfield Lions Home & Lifestyle Show, the largest home show in Bluewater with approximately 80 vendors ready to serve you.

The event, organized by the Bayfield Lions, will take place on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Bayfield Community Centre.

With a range of indoor and outdoor displays, face painting for the kids, and a delectable food court, this event promises to be a highlight for both residents and visitors alike.

Admission is FREE, with attendees encouraged to bring food bank donations to support the Bayfield Food Bank.

"We're dedicated to giving back to our community, and your support is crucial," added Ian Matthew, President of the Bayfield Lions Club.

"By attending our Home & Lifestyle Show and donating to the food bank, you'll be making a positive impact on those in need within our community."

The show will feature a diverse range of exhibitors, including experts in RVs, indoor and outdoor furniture, sheds, blinds, appliances, financial services, pest control and more. Attendees will have the opportunity to gather ideas, meet industry professionals, and support local businesses all under one roof.

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(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

### CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

A donation of \$5,000 for the Children's Festival. (Front row, L-R): Amy Boyce, Administrative Assistant, Mayor Trevor Bazinet; & Gary Wardell, Surface Utilityman. (Back Row, L-R): Kevin Haasnoot, Processing Operator; Josh Little, Roof Bolter Operator; Craig Manz, VP of Operations; and Jenna Ujiye, Tourism and Community Development Manager, Town of Goderich.

## Compass Minerals make donation to Goderich Children's Festival

On April 5 members of Compass Minerals and Uni-for Local 16-O stopped by Goderich Tourism to make a \$5,000 donation to the 2024 Goderich Children's Festival.

This donation was made possible through the annual Norm Laberge Memorial Lasagna Fundraiser.

Many years ago, Norm Laberge – a Goderich mine employee – baked a lasagna, took it to work and sold pieces to fellow colleagues all to raise money for the Huron County Christmas Bureau.

Laberge repeated the process in the years to follow.

He would approach the mine manager and ask if the company would match dollar for dollar raised, as Laberge never wanted a child to go without at Christmas time.

Sadly, Laberge was killed in the 2011 tornado that hit Goderich.

Employees picked up where Norm left off and continued his tradition, adding in the annual Christmas raffle.

Sixty per cent of all proceeds go to the Huron County Christmas Bureau, and the rest are disbursed to local organizations and charities.

This year \$5,000 was donated to the 2024 Goderich Children's Festival, which is celebrating 21 years.

The Goderich Children's Festival will take place on Monday, July 1 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with the Canada Day parade starting right after the festival ends.

This festival was originally created by a group of volunteers who wanted to provide free, fun, and safe activities and entertainment for children and youth in Goderich.

The festival will have inflatables, games, entertainment, and more.

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# Bayfield Lions Club hosts largest home show in Bluewater

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"We're also excited to showcase the best of what Bayfield and the surrounding areas have to offer," said Ian. "The Bayfield Lions Home and Lifestyle Show has become an annual tradition that our community eagerly anticipates. We invite everyone to join us for a weekend filled with inspiration, entertainment, and the opportunity to contribute to a meaningful cause."

In addition to exploring inspiring displays and indulging in delicious treats at the food court, attendees can also participate in exciting door prize giveaways.

Local businesses have generously donated prizes, including a BBQ from Bayfield Garage and a Patio Heater from Wade Berard Plumbing. There will also be a collection of service groups upstairs who will be there to help you learn more about how to get involved in community activities.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to gather ideas, meet experts, and support a worthy cause.

Follow the Bayfield Lions on social media to get exclusive sneak peeks and updates leading up to the event.

About Bayfield Lions Club:

The Bayfield Lions Club is a dedicated group of volunteers committed to serving the community of Bayfield and surrounding areas. Through their various initiatives and events, they aim to make a positive impact on the lives of individuals and families in need.

The Home and Lifestyle Show is one of their signature events, showcasing the best in home decor, landscaping, and lifestyle products.

# Goderich celebrates Volunteer Week

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Volunteers are fundamental to committing support and increasing the collective efforts to contribute to the quality of life.

Volunteering can provide an individual the opportunity to find greater purpose and a sense of belonging by connecting and engaging with the community.

National Volunteer Week runs from April 14 until April 20, and the theme this year is 'Every Moment Matters'.

It highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when they are needed.

The sharing of their time, their skills, their empathy, and their creativity is vital to the strength and well-being of communities.

Giving back to the community through volunteering can benefit an individual physically, emotionally, socially, it can help with career advancement, and create a more fulfilling life.

"There are many benefits to volunteering from physical to mental," explained Jenna Ujiye, Goderich Tourism.

"Our volunteers have told us that they volunteer with Goderich Tourism in order to support the community, meet new people, and get out and get active."

Without volunteers, Goderich Tourism wouldn't be able to put on their events, and they would have to scale things back.

Volunteering can mean being part of a committee or board, it can mean physical work, note taking, creative work, selling tickets, sponsorship, and myriad of definitions.

Cynthia Strickland who is a retired paramedic, volunteers at the Goderich Branch 109 Legion, and has been on other committees in the past. One of those committees was for Bean Festival 20 years ago.

"I volunteer to help my community," said Strickland.

"I didn't realize how much time has gone by volunteering, but as a retired paramedic, I understand the need to help."

Strickland is the 2nd Vice President and the Public Relations Officer for the Legion.

Another volunteer in the community, Tahseen Iqbal, has volunteered all her life independently in ways she was able to within the community.

"I love helping others, so I try my best to be there to encourage, help, volunteer and show support to organizations and to encourage them to continue their projects and not give up," said Tahseen.

"The goal is to build a strong and a bigger community by working together."

Tahseen further explained that volunteering in the community allows her to get to know everyone and to become a part of the community, while bring diversity.

A few months ago, Tahseen started volunteering for the United Way Perth-Huron.

Tahseen also volunteers for the Goderich Islamic Centre and on behalf of the Maple Leaf Motel that she co-owns with her husband Iqbal Shaukat. Together they organize Eid lunches and Iftar dinners.

As a newcomer to Canada, Tahseen is always keen to help other newcomers looking for work or residency by helping them connect with the community and local resources.

For the past 18 months Tahseen has also been the executive volunteer board member for the Goderich Free Little Pantry, and she also stocks the pantry.

"I absolutely love to volunteer. I am extremely passionate about helping others in need," added Tahseen.

"It is an absolutely privilege and pleasure to show up for my community and for others. I love to see others smile and if I can make a small difference in someone's life, I would not want to lose the opportunity."

Tahseen encourages others to volunteer as an opportunity to give back to a community that gives to such a diverse demographic, adding that volunteering is an opportunity to learn, explore and socialize.

Mayor Trevor Bazinet explained that volunteering is a vital part of community building in Goderich.

"It brings together people who are committed to achieving a shared out-

come of making their community a better place for all," said Bazinet.

"Engaging volunteers is an effective way of building a connected community, with members who share similar values and goals."

The Town of Goderich is hosting its second annual Volunteer Fair on Saturday, May 11 at the Goderich Memorial Arena from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Bazinet expressed that this is an opportunity for people in the community to go see the organizations seeking volunteers. Each table will have a list of events that they require volunteers.

"Last year was a great success and this an opportunity for everyone to get involved in the community with different organizations that could really use the help right now," added Bazinet.

"Volunteering is important to communities because it supports organizations to provide vital services to groups and individuals."

Often funding is limited, and organizations must rely on volunteers to successfully deliver their services.

Just a few weeks ago Bazinet made deliveries with ONE CARE's Meals on Wheels.

"They may receive government funding to cover the cost of the food, but the budget doesn't stretch far enough to cover the wages of delivery drivers. This is where volunteers come in," Bazinet added.

"They provide a much-needed service to the community by delivering meals. Without the generosity of volunteers, it would be a struggle for organizations to function effectively."

Another volunteer in the community who wishes to remain nameless, as he doesn't do volunteering for the recognition, said he has been volunteering in one form or another as long as he can remember.

"Helping others, and making your environment better, improves life for everyone," he expressed.

"I can't recommend volunteering enough. We are blessed with the lifestyle we have in this county, and specifically the town we live in."

This volunteer has several roles, with the Celtic Blue, Huron County Pride, The Livery, The Legion, and town committees.

All the roles are unpaid, and each, except for the town committee, include various committees and community volunteer work at events.

"There is a picture on the wall of my office that read 'It is not happiness that brings us gratitude, it is gratitude that brings us happiness,'" he added.

"That is the code I live by. I am grateful for what I have, so it is only right that I should give back."

Memorial Arena will be the volunteer hotspot Saturday, May 11 between 11 am and 3 pm for the Volunteer Goderich event.

Entrance is free, and the event aims to help those who are interested find their next volunteer opportunity.



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# Discovery Healthcare summer camp provides pathway to a career in health care

AMANDA MODARAGAMAGE

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Announcements of emergency room closures due to staff shortages have been on the rise since the pandemic and the spotlight continues to shine on the need for an increase in a variety of health-care professionals across southwestern Ontario.

Discovery Healthcare summer camp aims to educate high school students about the possibility of working within the rural healthcare environment through its fun and interactive summer programs.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer youths in grades 9-12 an opportunity to learn about different careers in health care," said Dr. Victor Ng, assistant dean of distributed education at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

"The camp provides high school students with an introduction to case-based learning and basic clinical skills, including casting, suturing and wound dressing."

Running from July 15-19, The Huron

Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) will host the camp at the Stratford General Hospital.

Each program provides a unique learning opportunity for high school students interested in pursuing careers in medicine, nursing, dentistry, paramedics, kinesiology, or other health-care professions.

"This camp is one of the ways in which the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry helps to address the ongoing health-care challenges and doctor shortages in our regional communities," said Ng.

According to the media report released by HPHA, six million Canadians live in rural and remote communities, making up almost 20 per cent of the population, yet rural communities struggle to staff health-care facilities.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information reports less than 10 per cent of physicians practice in those areas, but that number has been increasing steadily since 2013.

The Discovery Healthcare summer camp is led by first- and second-year med-

ical students from Schulich Medicine & Dentistry at Western University. These future medical professionals spend the week providing mentorship and learning opportunities for the campers.

"By educating young people early about the health-care challenges in their communities and introducing our medical students to our regional communities as mentors and camp leaders, we are creating a pipeline of potential, future health professionals who understand the distinct needs of these communities," said Ng.

Campers participate in unique learning opportunities such as clinical-skills sessions focused on suturing, casting, stethoscope activities and wound dressing, presentations by health-care professionals and opportunities for clinical job shadowing, discussions involving career paths for various health-care professions including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, EMS and dentistry, recreation sessions incorporating fun and team-building activities, and much more.

"Through a dynamic blend of interactive

workshops, expert lectures and fun, Discovery Healthcare Camp not only strives to ignite a passion for health and medical sciences but also cultivates a spirit of curiosity and leadership in our participants," said Ng.

"The positive impact of this program extends far beyond the summer, shaping the future of health care by mentoring the talents and inspiring the bright and ambitious health-care professionals of the future.

"We have heard anecdotally from past campers and camp leaders that they value this experience and are excited to learn more about the community and keen to explore eventually working there."

Discovery Healthcare aims to be a socially accountable initiative supported by the Office of Distributed Education at Schulich Medicine & Dentistry.

By fostering a passion for health care among local youth, Discovery Healthcare will serve as an initiative to encourage the sustainability of the future health-care system.

## Public health promotes dental visits during Oral Health Month

Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) is promoting "friendly" dental visits during April, which is Oral Health Month in Canada.

The Oral Health Team at HPPH is using the month of April to highlight "friendly" dental visits, a free service offered at HPPH dental clinics for children aged three years and younger.

"Children are recommended to see a dental professional within six months of getting their first tooth, or by one year of age," explained Anna Read, Registered Dental Hygienist.

"A friendly visit to an HPPH dental clinic allows young children to get familiar with a dental setting and someone looking into their mouth. It is also an opportunity to spot oral health concerns early."

At a friendly dental visit, one of the health unit's dental hygienists will look in the child's mouth for any concerns, such as early signs of tooth decay.

They may, if appropriate, apply fluoride varnish to the teeth.

Fluoride varnish helps prevent cavities, and in some cases, may delay the progression of decay.

The visit also includes oral health education to the parent and caregiver, and a chance for them to ask questions about their child's dental care and development.

In addition, if a family meets the income eligibility requirement, staff can assist them with enrolling their child in Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO).

This provincial program provides free,

preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth 18 years old and under from low-income households.

Free friendly dental visits for children aged three years and under are unavailable by appointment at HPPH dental clinics: Clinton (77722B London Road), Listowel (161 Inkerman Street West), Stratford (653 West Gore Street), and Wingham (270 Carling Terrace).

To book an appointment parents can call 1-888-221-2133 ext. 3561.

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# Council considers options to refurbish downtown infrastructure

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Much of the infrastructure of downtown Goderich is nearly 100 years old and Town Council and Staff have been advised that work is required before something major happens.

As a result, in conjunction with the 2023 Strategic Master Plan, a task force was put together to create a report with B.M. Ross and GSP Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture from Kitchener on the needs, designs and cost of upgrading the downtown core.

“Why should we consider the replacement of infrastructure of downtown?” said Dale Erb of B.M. Ross at the April 8 council meeting.

“The simple answer is that a lot of the stuff that is in the ground is over a hundred years old. It’s time to do something before something major happens.”

To refurbish the current infrastructure would cost the Town of Goderich \$7,340,000, while a second option of going ahead with the proposed changes and upgrades to the design of the downtown core would cost \$9,210,000.

“In all projects like this, you have underground infrastructure and your surface infrastructure,” added Erb.

“It’s your underground stuff that provides foundation for everything you see, and it’s the stuff on the surface that provides that lasting impression.”

During the planning process, B.M. Ross and GSP looked at two different cost scenarios. One was to replace what makes the downtown currently, and the other was to upgrade everything to the new designs. The report to council highlighted these compar-



## INFRASTRUCTURE OF DOWNTOWN

A conceptual drawing of changes to the width of the road and the angled parking, allowing for more space.

isons.

“There is a \$1.9 million difference,” Erb explained.

“These numbers include about 100-feet of reconstruction on each of the spokes off the square [as well].”

According to information in the report to council, certain items of infrastructure need more immediate attention than others.

For example, the watermains at the Square, on West Street, Kingston Street and Hamilton Street were considered in very poor age-based condition, while the sanitary mains at the Square were assessed in good condition.

According to GSP there are many elements, which would come into play for the total cost of this revitalization of the downtown core infrastructure.

Below ground there would be work done on electrical ducts, sewers and watermain, road and sidewalk base, soil

cells and structural soils, and irrigation.

Above groundwork would include street lighting, roadway and parking, sidewalks and boulevards, intersections, and landscaping including planters, plantings, and trees.

“The comparison paints a good picture in regard to what we need to do to put us back to where we are, versus make improvements,” commented Councillor Randy Carroll.

“Either stick with the status quo and fix what we need to fix, or do we actually invest in something that is long-term, and long-standing and an improvement for the community.”

Regardless of the cost, work is required in the downtown square, for roadworks, sidewalks, underground and above ground infrastructure, plants, and trees.

“This is an amazing space; you guys have something that is quite unique,” Raj Mohabeer of GSP stated at the meeting.

Currently parking on the Square is in the form of parallel and angle parking. In

a space of nearly 24 metres in width, the space is currently divided by 2.6 metres of parallel parking, 11.5 metres for driving, 5.5 metres of angle parking, and 3.9 metres for a sidewalk.

The current space for driving, which remains unmarked, could allow for three lanes of traffic.

“What’s really important to note is that it is a lot. The average automobile lane is about three metres,” added Mohabeer.

“So rather than going with two, three-metre lanes, we went with eight metres of unmarked, undesignated lanes. [In the design] we retained the on-street parking and made the angle parking a little bit longer and a little bit wider to bring it up closer to code.”

In the design concept, changes would make more space for angle parking, while narrowing the space for driving from 11.5 metres to 8 metres and widening the space for sidewalk and furnishing from 3.9 metres to 6.9 metres.

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# New location revealed for Hike for Huron Hospice fundraiser



## Huron Hospice

On Sunday, May 26 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. the Goderich boardwalk at Rotary Cove will be bustling with hikers participating in the annual June Robinson Memorial Hike for Huron Hospice.

After hiking, participants can join in a BBQ at the Wheelhouse down at the waterfront.

"We are excited to change the hike location and celebrate another wonderful Huron County walking route," said Christopher Walker, manager of fund development.

"We want people to spend time outdoors with family and friends, and the boardwalk is an ideal spot."

Since 2018, hiking leader June Robinson recruited her family to hike and raise money for the hospice.

June passed away in 2022. Her family and hospice staff agreed it was important to recognize her impact by naming the event 'The June Robinson Memorial Hike for Huron Hospice'.

"Recognizing June at the family-friendly event will be an honour," said Lisa Taylor, board chair and hiker.

According to June's granddaughter, Rebekah Clarke-Robinson, June dedicated her life to the service of others and was an avid supporter of any of the causes her family worked on.

When June's granddaughters got involved in fundraising for Huron Hospice, she immediately signed up for the first hike.

While fundraising brought out June's competitive spirit, she was amazed at

how her community pledged support for a great cause.

More importantly, for June, the hike brought her family together and allowed her to spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"She continued to be a top fundraiser each year, even throughout COVID-19, and most impressively made a comeback after a partial foot amputation in 2019," said Rebekah.

"The hike gives our family a yearly opportunity to support a wonderful local cause and remember our grandmother."

The hike is an important fundraiser for Huron Hospice, and the money raised stays in Huron County and is used to pay for essential services like nursing, home hospice care, and loss and grief support for children, youth, and adults.

The hike begins at 10 a.m. with a light warm-up. Families can also participate in a beachfront scavenger hunt and other games.

Local gyms will lead folks in a series of low-impact challenges.

After the hike, everyone is welcome to join the BBQ starting at 11:30 a.m. People are encouraged to register online early.

Family and friends can form teams to obtain pledges and hike. Children could ask parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to pledge their support by email, mail, or phone.

Teams can have fun challenging each other.

To register for the hike, go to the Huron Hospice website [www.huronhospice.ca](http://www.huronhospice.ca)

## Huron Perth marks Canadian Public Health Week

Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) joins public health organizations across Canada in marking Canadian Public Health Week.

Held on Monday, April 8 until Friday, April 12, Canadian Public Health Week is a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving health and well-being.

"The work of public health is to protect and promote the health of people where they live, work, and play," said Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health for Huron Perth.

"By creating healthier communities, we avoid drawing on costly and scarce health care resources and we strengthen quality of life and well-being for all."

Many people think of disease prevention and control when they think of public health.

That was certainly the focus when HPPH carried out an unprecedented pandemic response, and now, as HPPH helps protect communities from measles outbreaks.

However, in addition to vaccination, case and contact management, outbreak

response and community infection control measures, public health does much more.

Public health monitors the health status of the population to identify and respond to on-going health trends, as well as public health emergencies.

Public health inspects food vendors to ensure food safety, and inspects pools, spas, and salons to ensure infection prevention and control measures are in place.

Public health supports the Smoke-free Ontario Act and enforces the ban on selling tobacco products to minors.

Public Health works with communities to promote health across the lifespan, and

advocates for public policy that supports health lifestyles.

"HPPH staff are the greatest asset to achieving our vision of optimized health and well-being for all in Huron and Perth counties," added Klassen.

"I thank all HPPH staff for the work they put into protecting and strengthening our communities, and to the Board of Health for their support."

When the importance of local public health is recognized and given the necessary resources and support, communities create a healthier and more secure future for everyone.

## Lake Huron Coastal Centre looking for volunteers

The Lake Huron Coastal Centre (LHCC) is celebrating Earth Day early this year by hosting a beach clean-up event in Goderich.

This family-friendly event will bring the community together to fight back against plastic pollution on Lake Huron.

Those interested in volunteering are invited to join the clean-up on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at St. Christopher's Beach.

The Goderich shoreline clean up is LHCC's biggest fundraiser for the year.

The LHCC is a non-governmental charity dedicated to supporting a healthy coastal ecosystem through education, restoration, and research.

LHCC's charitable conservation programs provide communities with free and unique opportunities to connect with nature for the betterment of Lake Huron.

These programs include beach clean-ups that directly improve the health of beaches and wildlife.

The LHCC is also host to other branches

that aim to keep the coast healthy.

The Coastal Conservation Youth Corps empowers youth to learn about the coastal environment, while building leadership and communication skills.

The Coast Watchers community science program encourages over 250 volunteers to collect data about the shoreline.

The Goderich Clean-up on April 20 is made possible with partnership of Tanner Steffler Foundation, Zehrs Goderich, Rotaract Club of Goderich as well as the generous sponsorship from Compass Minerals, Cait's Café, Yoga Den, and Goderich Port Management Corporation.

Last year the clean-up had 180 volunteers remove 600 pounds of litter from the Goderich shoreline.

To find details and register visit [www.lakehuron.ca/beachcleanup](http://www.lakehuron.ca/beachcleanup) or to support LHCC's work, visit [www.lakehuron.ca/donate](http://www.lakehuron.ca/donate)

Participants are invited to stay after the clean up to enjoy a free beach BBQ courtesy of Zehrs Goderich.

## Memory & Aging Program comes to the MacKay Centre in May

*What is her name? What did I come down here for? Where did I put....?*

The Alzheimer Society Huron Perth has your back. The society will be offering their Memory and Aging Program again this May at the MacKay Centre in Goderich.

The Memory and Aging Program is designed for anyone interested in learning more about the effects of aging on memory.

The Memory and Aging Program consists of four sessions: Wednesdays, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on May 8 – 29.

There is a fee of \$25, which covers the cost of the program workbook and materials.

All sessions take place at the MacKay Centre for Seniors, located at 10 Nelson St E in Goderich.

The Memory and Aging Program describes how memory works, how it

changes with age, and when to be concerned.

Brain healthy lifestyle choices and practical memory strategies are reviewed and practiced, improving your ability to remember those everyday things – including those pesky names and things you intend to do.

Equally important, the Memory and Aging Program is enjoyable and seeks to build confidence in your own memory ability.

Please register for the Memory and Aging Program by contacting Jeanette at the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth at 519-482-1482 or email: [jeanettes@alzhp.ca](mailto:jeanettes@alzhp.ca).

For more information about free online dementia education, see Education Hour at [www.alzheimer.ca/huronperth](http://www.alzheimer.ca/huronperth).

The Alzheimer Society looks forward to seeing you.

# Council considers options to refurbish downtown infrastructure

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Changes have been proposed for the intersections of the square as well.

“As we considered the intersections, we looked at potentials for conflict. It needs to feel comfortable for everybody,” said Mohabeer.

“As we considered intersections, we also had to think about how to accommodate garbage trucks, vehicles of all sizes and nature.”

One scenario was with an intersection that allows pedestrians to cross at right angles. Mohabeer stressed that this is important because it could also accommodate the Accessibilities for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

The intersection designs are focused on minimizing conflicts between pedestrians and circulating vehicles, including bicycles, which are considered vehicles under Ontario’s Highway Traffic Act.

The purpose of the proposed design is to create a street that operates at low speed, so cyclists and pedestrians feel safe in the shared environment.

According to the designs, introducing 90-degree angle parking on intersecting streets could increase parking supply in the Courthouse Square area.

Despite these designs to improve the space, there are concerns to be considered if the preferred upgrades were to be given the green light.

With increasing planters, and trees, there is the issue of staffing resources, and bringing in arborists to help with the maintenance throughout three seasons.

“Something we would need to consid-



## INTERSECTIONS

A design drawing of what some of the intersections could look like with upgrades.

er through the design process, is maintenance and how these changes may impact staffing and budget for operations,” stated Erb.

“Next we would move into the detailed design, and continue discussion with stakeholders, and continue public consultation.”

During the winter months, if the plan was to update and improve the downtown, there would be more obstacles when attempting to remove the snow.

This could mean operational changes, and equipment and staffing resource issues.

Plans also include a few intersections

with mountable medians in the centre for certain streets that would allow access to larger vehicles when needed.

“There are lots of opportunities for plantings, opportunities for pedestrian refuge, and just generally, a more aesthetically pleasing environment,” Mohabeer added.

Throughout this planning process, council has remained committed to keeping the public informed and involved.

The bulk of the public engagement process occurred in late November 2023, during a four-day Charette, where residents could have their say and ask ques-

tions.

“One of the first meetings we had we wanted to get a feel about what the square represented to the team and what we felt to be important,” Erb explained.

“We heard words like vibrancy, history, retail, pedestrians, active transportation, safety, tourism, trees, and we typically heard those same things during the engagement process.”

Throughout it all, council explained at the April 8 meeting that the goal is to continue to keep the public informed and consulted.

On track with milestone goals for this project, the next step would be final designs, followed by phases of construction in 2025 and again in 2026.

The aim is to have final paving down by 2027.

GSP wanted the public to understand that all the designs in the report to council are conceptual drawings of the downtown and are not the final drawing plans.

Council members expressed the importance of this space for the community, and the opportunity to think about this space in a new way.

Both options and costs are being considered by council. No decision was made at the April 8 meeting.

Town Council received the report for information, and asked Town Staff to come back with a financial strategy of how the capital infrastructure project will be funded.

This is an ongoing story. Updates will appear when new information is released.

## Spring hike, plant, and compost sale in May

The John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Fund (JHETF), along with the Maitland Conservation Foundation and the Maitland Trail Association are holding its 17th annual Spring Hike, Plant, and Compost Sale.

The goal is to encourage a lot of people to enjoy a hike through the beautiful Maitland Woods before or after they collect new plants and compost for their gardens.

According to Susan Chan, the focus this year is more on pollinators and native plants.

A guided hike will take place at 1 p.m. and last about

one hour.

“We are looking forward to some healthy exercise, learning more about the Maitland Woods, taking home some new plants and compost, as well as raising awareness about the JHETF and MTA,” wrote Chan in a letter to Goderich Council.

The event will take place at the Knights of Columbus Centre parking lot at 390 Parson’s Court and the Maitland Woods on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



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# Huron Chamber of Commerce welcomes new executive director

The Huron Chamber of Commerce (Goderich, North and Central Huron) announced the appointment of Colin Carmichael as its new Executive Director.

Carmichael brings a wealth of experience in strategic leadership, communications management, and community engagement. These qualities make him exceptionally well-suited to lead the organization into a new era of growth and innovation.

"Colin is exactly the leader the Huron Chamber needs at this pivotal time," said Jodi Snell, Chair of the Huron Chamber Board, who expressed her excitement for the future under his Carmichael's leadership.

"With his proven track record of leadership and his deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our business community, we are confident he will bring innovative solutions and drive our chamber to new heights."

With a robust career that includes significant experience in private, public, and not-for-profit sectors, Carmichael has demonstrated a steadfast



COLIN CARMICHAEL

commitment to fostering business success and building collaborative partnerships.

His experience as a local business owner and professional communicator, coupled with his political acumen will be instrumental in driving the Chamber's mission to support and advocate for the local business community.

"I am excited to join the Huron Chamber of Commerce," Carmi-

chael expressed.

"The Chamber plays a vital role in growing the prosperity and vitality of our region, and I am committed to building on this foundation to enhance our support for local businesses."

Together, with the Board and members, Carmichael added that he looks forward to advancing initiatives that promote economic growth, business excellence, and community well-being.

Carmichael holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Wilfrid Laurier University, and a graduate certificate in Public Relations and Communication from Western University.

## Canadian Armed Forces exercise coming to Huron County

Huron County OPP will be working alongside members of the Canadian Armed Forces during an exercise in Huron County from May 3 until May 5.

Military personnel will be deployed in Huron County communities during exercise 'Trillium Venture'.

Thirty-one Canadian Brigade Group will conduct training in the Huron and Bruce counties to enhance interoperability with other governmental departments.

During the exercises, participants will work together to respond to a simulated extreme heat scenario.

Members of the public will see the deployment of Domestic Response Com-

panies (DRCs) and Territorial Battalion Group (TBG) sustainment equipment, as well as vehicles to validate the ability to deploy and sustain in real time.

This exercise will create a more challenging, realistic exercise environment, with simulated search and rescue operations, cooling centre establishment, as well as other related activities.

All measures are being taken to ensure minimum inconvenience to those in the area.

Members of the public are asked to take extra caution if approaching military vehicles and troops and are thanked in advance for their understanding and co-operation.

## Jane's Walk Huron hosts a variety of community walks

Jane's Walk Huron invites the community to explore Huron County's rich heritage through 24 guided walks taking place in 11 communities as part of the global Jane's Walk Festival running May 4-5.

Inspired by Jane Jacobs (1915-2006), an American Canadian writer, urbanist, and activist who championed a community-based approach to city-building, Jane's Walks are free events.

The walks encourage people to discover unseen aspects of their communities and to use walking as a way to connect with their neighbours.

The Huron event will take participants on an immersive journey that explores cultural landmarks, hidden gems, and iconic sites through 24 guided walks curated to offer an enriching experience for residents and visitors.

Led by knowledgeable local historians and community enthusiasts, these walks promise to unveil the fascinating narra-

tives that have shaped our identity over the years.

Highlights of the walks include the exploration of several Historic Districts.

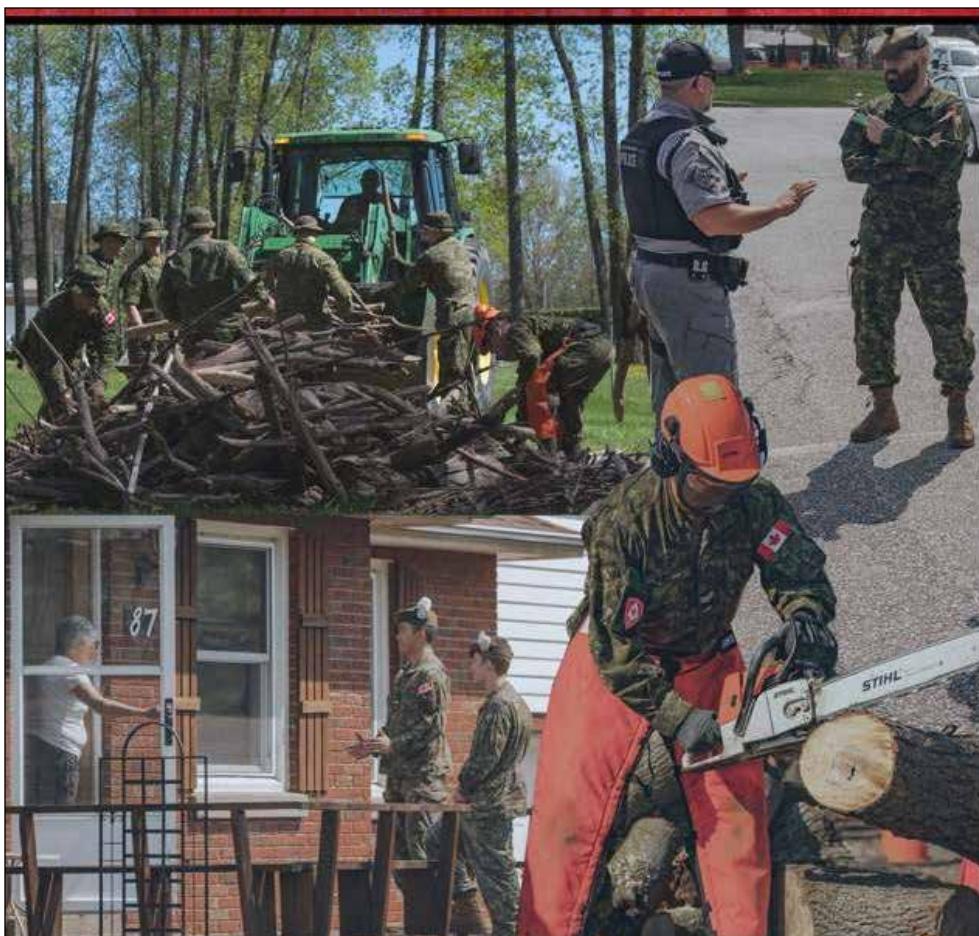
This includes architectural sights that stand as testaments to bygone eras in Goderich.

"Whether you're a history buff, a curious explorer, or simply looking to connect with your community, Jane's Walks Huron offers something for everyone," said Karen Stewart, County of Huron Cultural Development Officer.

"Each walk is about one hour long, and many are pet friendly. Do plan to join this celebration of the rich heritage of Huron."

Jane's Walks Huron is coordinated by Huron County Cultural Services.

Registration is not required. For more information, including the starting point for each walk, visit <https://www.huroncounty.ca/janes-walk-huron/>



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# Goderich Super Storage supports Huron Homelessness Initiative

United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) is proud to celebrate Goderich Super Storage's donation of \$20,000 to the United Way.

The donation supports the campaign that focuses on the organization's support of programs associated with the Huron Homelessness Initiative.

"We view 'Business as Mission' and therefore intentionally take a portion of the profits generated from Goderich Super Storage to invest in the community where we do business," said Doug Kuyvenhoven, co-owner.

"We are called to care for the least, the lost, the lonely. So following Jesus' lead, we felt compelled to give this donation to help those experiencing homelessness in Goderich."

The Huron Homelessness Initiative in-

**HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE**  
Goderich Super Storage made a \$20,000 donation to United Way, to support Huron Homelessness Initiative. (L-R): April Selkirk (Goderich and Area Community Committee volunteer), Dave Sjaarda and Doug Kuyvenhoven (co-owners of Goderich Super Storage), and Michelle Millar (United Way Manager Community Development for Goderich and Area).

cludes shelter for women and children, shelter supports for youth, emergency shelter during cold months, transitional housing for me and housing support.

Last year, over 700 individuals and families were helped by the programs and services included in the Huron Homelessness Initiative.

United Way is grateful to Goderich Super Storage for their generous donation.

"The community has embraced the importance of supporting vulnerable people," commented Michelle Millar, United Way's Manager Community Development for Goderich and Area.

"We appreciate great local businesses donating to our local work helping ensure important programs and services are available for people when they need them."

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)



# Close to \$40,000 raised at Hospice's Candlelight Memorial Walk

Under a warm sunny sky, the Clinton Pipes and Drum band kicked off the 3rd annual Candlelight Memorial Walk, organized by volunteers of Huron Hospice in collaboration with the Bayfield Trail Association.

Over 150 Huron County residents enjoyed this magical evening.

Close to 100 donations to light a candle were received, and nearly \$40,000 was raised; all proceeds will go toward the building fund of Huron Hospice.

"This event gives Huron County residents, who have lost loved ones, an opportunity to reflect, remember and celebrate," said Roger Mather and Helen Varekamp, event organizers.

"We received such positive feedback from the large crowd attending, who are already looking forward to next year's candlelight memorial walk."

As a wonderful surprise, the Pipe Band also gave a \$1,000 donation to light a candle.

Hot chocolate was provided by Bayfield/Goderich Tim Horton's for attendants to enjoy. Tables, chairs, and Afghans were provided for the comfort of the attendants.

Jay McFarlan was M/C, welcoming and thanking all participants, sponsors, and volunteers, and Willy VanKlooster, Executive Director of Huron Hospice, gave a thoughtful reflection on grief and love.

Before the walk, Helen Varekamp read close to 100 memorial names at the dedication ceremony. These names were sym-



bolized by a lit candle along the trail.

The Pipe band then played Amazing Grace to an emotional audience and piped the participants onto the trail.

As the sun was setting, participants enjoyed walking the trail, which was lit by hundreds of candles to memorialize a

loved one.

Along the trail, there were times for pause to read memorial poems.

In addition, the Solace Singers were stationed on the trail, providing the gift of song.

Fifty-three Huron County businesses

sponsored the event, which were listed on a large banner during the evening for participants to see.

A video was made of the event, which can be watched on the website of Huron Hospice <https://www.huronhospice.ca/candlelight-memorial-walk>

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# Lions Club celebrates 65 years of Alvin McGee's dedication

**JOHN ARCHBOLD AND MICHAEL DALEY**

*Sun Contributor*

The Goderich Lions Club proudly commemorates the remarkable 65-year milestone of Lion Alvin McGee's membership and unwavering commitment to community service.

McGee's enduring dedication and outstanding contributions have significantly enriched the fabric of our local community and beyond.

Joining the Goderich Lions Club in 1959, McGee embarked on a journey of selflessness and compassion that has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals.

During his impressive tenure, he has exemplified the Lions Club motto 'We Serve' through his tireless efforts in various charitable initiatives and community projects.

From the beginning, McGee has been an ardent fundraiser, pioneering initiatives such as Chuck-A-Puck and the Bicycle Auction as part of Young Canada Week.

In the 1950s McGee also participated in the weekly bingos, and even helped the Lion's Club raise funds for the community selling light bulbs and peanuts, door-to-door.

Throughout the years, McGee has also witnessed a lot of change.

He supported expansion of the Club's membership to welcome women, which has greatly enhanced the club's impact in the community.

McGee's involvement in initiatives such as vision care, disaster relief, and youth programs, has brought hope and assistance to those in need.

"His dedication is a hallmark of our club," said Lion John Archbold, whom McGee recruited 25 years ago.

"His passion for service in infectious, and his leadership has inspired countless members, me included, to make a difference in our community."

Reflecting on his journey with the Goderich Lions Club, McGee expressed

gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside dedicated individuals who share his commitment to community betterment.

"It has been an honour to be part of such a wonderful organization," McGee remarked.

"The friendships I've formed and the lives we've touched together, give me a great sense of pride in our community."

The one constant in McGee's 65 years of membership is his unwavering support for the Goderich Lions Club and his very strong desire to honour the Lions' motto 'We Serve'.

The Goderich Lions take great pride in celebrating this milestone with McGee.



Three generations of the McGee family holding the Young Canada Week trophy and a photo of the trophy being presented by Reg McGee to the first Young Canada Week Champions in 1950. (L-R): Marty McGee, Lion Alvin McGee, and Scott McGee.



Presenting Lion Alvin McGee with a certificate recognizing his 65 years of Lions Membership and service to the community. (L-R): Lion John Archbold, Lion Travis Teague, Lion Alvin McGee, and Lion Don Edward.



Holding a photo of Reg McGee (Alvin's father) presenting the first Young Canada Week trophy in 1950. (L-R): Mary Jane McGee, Marty McGee, Alvin McGee, and Scott McGee.



Photo of the first Young Canada Week trophy being presented at the inaugural Young Canada Week in 1950. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

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# Habitat for Humanity breaks ground in Goderich for new home

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Habitat Huron County is one of 45 affiliates across Canada.

Habitat's mission is that everyone deserves a safe, comfortable place to call

home and to bring communities together to help families build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership.

Newest home build recipients Lori and her two children are looking forward to their new home on Anglesea Street in Goderich.

After several years of renting, Lori said she is grateful and excited to be able to give her children a stable place to call home.

As part of the Habitat Homeownership Program, families must be willing to support Habitat Huron County with 500 Partnership Volunteer Hours.

Lori volunteered at the Goderich ReStore and in the community.

"Everyone was so positive," Lori said.

"They would ask how many hours I had. People were always willing to help."

Family, friends, co-workers, and other volunteers created a team environment that was very supportive.

Lori's children were eager to help too. They set up a juice and chocolate chip cookie stand, and the money was donated to Habitat Huron County.

Homeownership means many things, and for Lori and her children, they are looking forward to having a bedroom where they can make it uniquely theirs.

They will also have the freedom to make noise, dance, have sleepovers, and shoot basketball hoops on the front yard without worrying about disturbing other tenants.

To build a new home, Habitat must

raise enough money through donations and ReStore sales to purchase the land and build a new house.

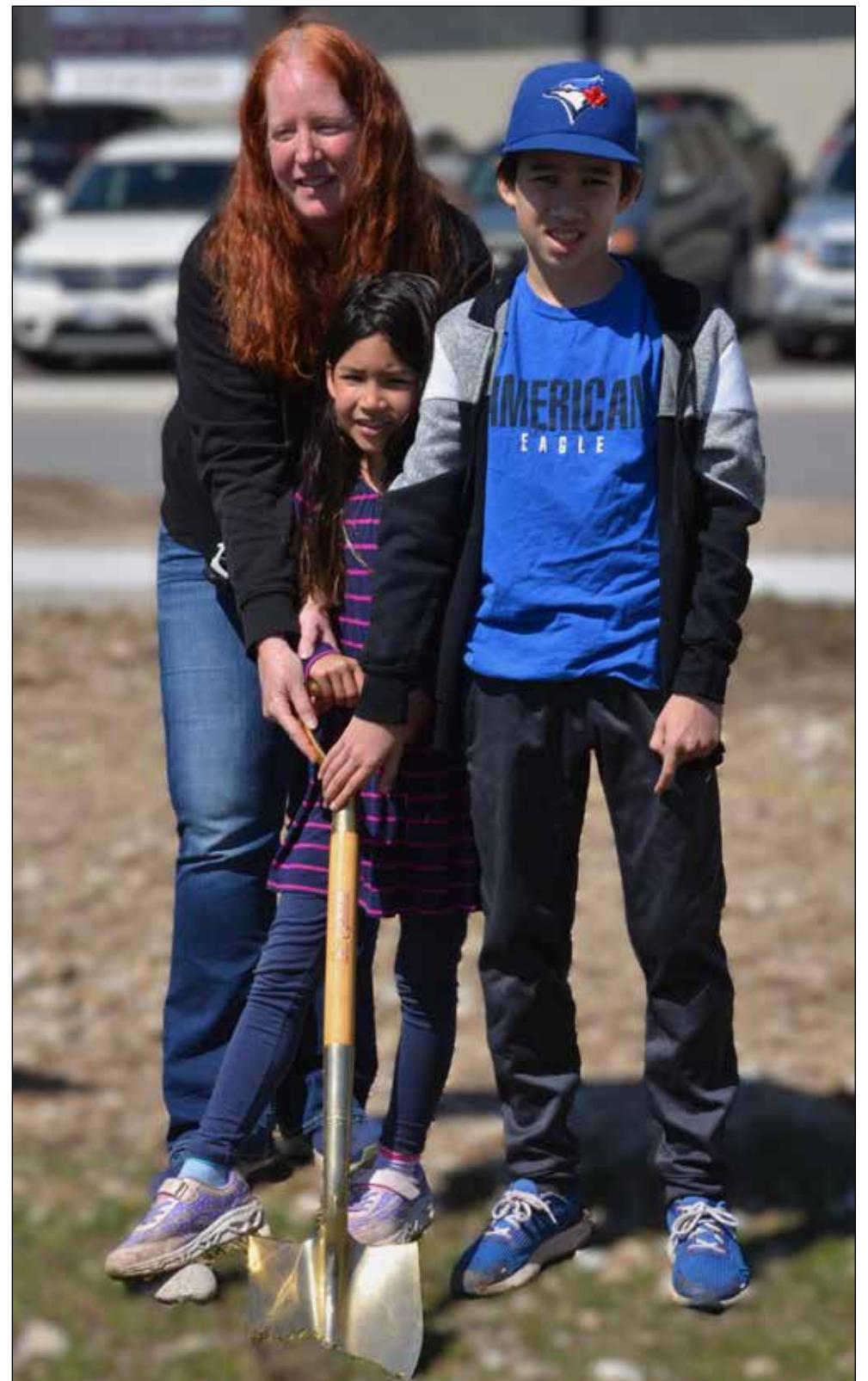
With the support of volunteers, skilled trades and donors, and a brand-new home in built.

Habitat Huron County works collaboratively with various levels of governments to obtain support for property, infrastructure, and resources to support builds.

For a build to happen, all families must also undertake 500 volunteer partnership hours.

"There is a myth that Habitat gives homes away. This is not the case," said Heather Glenister, Resource Development Coordinator for Habitat Huron County.

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SHOVEL IN THE GROUND

Lori, Tia and Taylor at the groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, April 14.

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## Lakeshore United celebrates membership in Affirm United

The aim of Affirm United is to provide a welcoming and safer space for people of all sexual orientation, and gender expression, races, abilities, ages, economic circumstances, ethnic and faith backgrounds.

On Sunday, April 14 the congregation of Lakeshore United Church in Goderich celebrated becoming a member of Affirm United.

This is a justice-oriented organization whose membership is open to those who support their work, inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity.

The celebration follows a congregational meeting on October 15, 2023, when the congregation voted overwhelmingly in support of a motion to join the Affirm United.

Lakeshore United Church is the first to join the organization in Huron County.

"After more than two years of preparing for this day, and a historic vote in October whereby more than 90 per cent of our congregation voted in favour of joining Affirm United, we are delighted to celebrate as a congregation," said Andy Ross, Lakeshore United Church chair of council and member of the Affirming Ministry committee.

To celebrate, Betty Thomasson, Marian Lanes, and Dianne Sutton and the Sew and Sews unveiled a colourful quilt with the Affirm United logo, which is proudly displayed in the sanctuary.

The quilt will serve as a reminder of the intention to be public, intention and explicit in its welcome of people of all sexual orientations, and gender expressions.

"As a church, we see this as more than just sexual orientation and gender expression," added Ross.

"It includes welcoming of people of all races, abilities, ages, economic circumstances, ethnic and faith backgrounds."



**WELCOMING SPACE** (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)  
Michelle Owens presenting Andy Ross with the Affirm United certificate.

While the church celebrated, Mandy Sinclair, chair of Lakeshore United Church's Outreach Committee said that it is just getting started with welcoming all people.

"We're planning special worship services, community events, and film screenings as we celebrate our differences and accept them as gifts in a place where new ideas are embraced, rather than feared," added Sinclair.

## Habitat for Humanity breaks ground

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"The families buy them. The mortgage principal is interest-free and payment to cover the house insurance, property taxes and mortgage are calculated at 30 per cent of income."

According to Glenister, prospective families are selected by an independent committee. They can contact Habitat Huron County for more information and to apply.

The criteria to be a Habitat homeowner ranges from low-income status, to having children under the age of 18, and all family members must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

Homeowners must also have at least one member of the household working full-time (35 hours per week) and have lived and worked in Huron County for a minimum of two years.

For Lori, stability means having and keeping a home in Goderich, where family is close by too.

"It's important that I don't have to uproot my children, move them to an unfamiliar school, where they would have to make new friend groups," added Lori.

Funding for these houses is diverse, however donor dollars finance the largest amount of the build.

Habitat Huron County relies on the support of the community to fund builds across the county. One of the unique ways people can support the organization is by sponsoring a Build Day.

Projects like the Home Builds are important, especially during a housing crisis. Research shows that for every \$1 donated, there are \$4 in social benefits returned to the community.

This is the fifth Habitat Build in Goderich and the sixth Goderich family partnering with Habitat Huron County.

More information contact Glenister at [resource@habitatthuroncounty.ca](mailto:resource@habitatthuroncounty.ca)

For more information contact Dave Morrison, Volunteer Coordinator: [d.morrison@habitatthuroncounty.ca](mailto:d.morrison@habitatthuroncounty.ca)

## Hundreds attend Conservation Dinner raising thousands for community



### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Conservation Dinner took place on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at South Huron Recreation Centre in Exeter. Shown in photo, from left to right, are: Dave Frayne, Chair of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation; Darryl Beaver, President of Exeter Lions Club; Marissa Vaughan, Chair of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA); Davin Heinbuck, ABCA General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer; and Chris Keller, Chair of the Conservation Dinner Committee.

On Thursday, April 11 more than 340 people attended the annual gala community fundraiser and they generously raised thousands of dollars for community projects.

The Conservation Dinner has raised more than \$1.39 million in net proceeds for the community over its 34-year history.

The final tally is not in yet for the 2024 dinner, but organizers are hopeful the event raised close to the \$50,000 goal.

At the end of the evening, patrons generously donated more than \$4,400 to make it possible to send 22 young people to summer nature day camp.

"I would like to thank everyone who was part of making the evening a success," said Chris Keller, chair of the Conservation Dinner Committee.

"It's a wonderful feeling to see everything come together and to know we are making a difference."

## Weekend Quiz

1. When was the American Civil War fought?
2. In "Back to the Future part 2" who won the world series in 2015?
3. What is April's birthstone?
4. What is the currency of Poland?
5. When was the last time the St. Marys Lincolns won the Sutherland Cup?
6. Whose nose grew longer every time he lied?
7. What is a baby porcupine called?
8. What show is Elmo from?
9. What is the tallest type of grass?
10. Who died on the cross for our sins?

This week's answers are found on pg. 26

# Gateway Lecture Series: Predicting and planning for end-of-life care

Death with dignity and quality of life until the end are two features of hospice care.

In general, hospice and palliative care are concerned with providing care, support, and comfort for a person until the end.

Dying and end-of-life care can be difficult yet meaningful subjects of discussion.

As a special bonus virtual lecture series event, on Tuesday, April 23 from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m., for Season 4, Episode 9, Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH) will offer a discussion in hopes of providing a breadth of un-

derstanding on the subject.

The upcoming lecture features co-presenters from the Huron Hospice, Erin Donald (PhD), Director of Clinical Services and Meagan Nolan (MD), Medical Director.

Donald has an extensive career in palliative care as both a clinical nurse and academic. Nolan is a family physician in Seaforth, Ontario and has a large focus on palliative care.

The lecture is entitled “Predicting and Planning for End-of-Life Care” and will draw on their experience of working within the Huron Hospice and research surrounding

palliative care.

Supporting a robust discussion are three panelists, Laura Hawkins (RN), Tracy Snell (RN), and Lorna Coombs (RN).

Their work includes managing the Huron-Perth Palliative Care Outreach Team, acting as the Executive Director for Jessica’s House, and operating as a Nurse Educator for the palliative pain and symptom management consultation program respectively.

If you wish to attend this lecture, visit the Gateway CERH website at: <https://www.gatewayrural-health.ca/lectureseries>



ERIN DONALD



MEAGAN NOLAN

## Police Reports

### Charges laid in relation to drug overdose death

A Kitchener resident is charged following an investigation into an opioid overdose death in Huron County in 2023.

On March 27, 2024, members of the Huron Detachment of the OPP Crime Unit, under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch, charged one person following a fatal opioid overdose incident in Central Huron.

The investigation began on September 13, 2023, when police were called to a residence in Central Huron where a 19-year-old male was found unresponsive and died at the scene.

The investigation has revealed that the victim died due to an opioid overdose.

The suspect, now 23 years old, from Kitchener was charged with: Manslaughter – contrary to section 236 (b) of the Criminal Code; Traffick in Schedule I Substance – Opioid (other than heroin) – contrary to section 5(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Traffick in Sched-

ule I Substance – Cocaine – contrary to section 5(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Possession of Schedule I Substance – Cocaine – contrary to section 4(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

The accused was held in custody and had a court appearance in Goderich on March 28.

### Search warrant in Howick yields illegal drugs

An investigation conducted by the Huron-Perth OPP Community Street Crimes Unit (CSCU), West Region OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), West Region OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU) and members of the Huron OPP resulted in the seizure of illegal drugs, cash, and offence-related property.

There was a total value exceeding \$42,000.

On Wednesday, March 27, a traffic stop was conducted in Perth County, which resulted in the seizure of controlled substances, Canadian currency, and offence-related items.

One individual was arrested and charged at that time.

On Thursday, March 28, a search warrant was executed at a residence on Centre Street in Wroxeter, in the Township of Howick.

Three individuals were located inside the residence during the warrant execution. Two of these individuals were charged with criminal offences.

As a result of the investigation, police seized a quantity of suspected methamphetamine and cocaine.

Other seized items included a digital scale, packaging materials, and cellular phones.

A quantity of Canadian currency was also seized.

Recovered stolen property included a flat bed trailer, an e-bike, and road signs.

The combined estimated value of the seized drugs is \$29,900.

The combined estimated value of the seized property is \$10,835.

Total Canadian currency seized is \$1,835.

A 31-year-old woman from Howick was charged with: Possession of Methamphetamine for the Purpose of Trafficking; Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking.

She was processed, held for a bail hearing, then later remanded into custody with a scheduled court appearance.

A 40-year-old woman from Howick was charged with: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Property Obtained by Crime under \$5,000.

The accused was processed, held for a bail hearing, then later remanded into custody with a court appearance schedule in Goderich.

A 46-year-old man from Howick was charged with: Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Property Obtained by Crime under \$5,000; Altering/Removing

VIN.

He was processed, held for a bail hearing, then later remanded into custody with a court appearance in Goderich.

### West Region Easter Traffic Safety Campaign Wrap-up

Members of the OPP West Region charged nearly 200 drivers for failing to wear a seatbelt during the Easter long weekend traffic campaign.

The campaign, which ran from March 29 until April 1, focused on seatbelt compliance.

West Region officers conducted over 3,200 traffic stops during the long weekend, which was the highest number of traffic stops of any OPP Region in Ontario.

Here’s a snapshot of the campaign results:

- 194 seatbelt charges
- 1,559 speeding charges (most speeding charges laid of any OPP Region in Ontario)
- 40 stunt driving/racing charges
- 27 distracted driving charges
- 29 impaired driving charges

Huron OPP officers faced a busy Easter long weekend as they participated in the province-wide seatbelt campaign.

Only three vehicle collisions were reported over the Easter weekend, with property damage only and no injuries.

Over the four-day campaign, the Huron OPP laid 26 seatbelt charges against drivers and passengers who placed themselves and all other occupants in their vehicle at risk.

Aggressive drivers posed a threat on the roads, with 163 speeding charges, five distracted driving and one stunt/racing charges laid.

Two impaired driving and other various traffic charges were among the 235 charges laid by Huron OPP over the Easter weekend.

Officers also issues 140 warnings during the campaign.

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## Goderich Minor Hockey Awards Evening

Goderich Minor Hockey hosted the annual awards evening on Thursday, April 11, where a total of 14 awards were presented to players, teams, and coaches.

The U9 Paul Rivers Memorial Award is given to a U9 player who exhibits personality, dedication, and perseverance. The 2023/2024 recipient was Oliver Gill.

The U11 Greg 'Sporty' Dewinter Memorial Award is given annually to the U11 players for having the 'sporty' spirit and being the hardest working players on the ice. The 2023/2024 recipients were Hadyn Zondag, Reese Carver, and Griffin Denomme.

The U13 Vic Whetstone Memorial Award is given annually to the most dedicated U13 players on each Goderich Minor Hockey team. All these candidates have displayed attributes of hard work, determination, and being team leaders. The

2023/2024 recipients were Harrison Harp and Corson Powell.

The U13 Gerry Fritzley Memorial Award is awarded annually to a U13 goalie for outstanding effort. The 2023/2024 recipient was Cash Shelton.

The U15 Ed Ervine Memorial Award is given to the most dedicated U15 players. The 2023/2024 recipients were Jacob Coriveau and Evan Denunzio.

The U18 Mark Rae Mathers Memorial Award is awarded annually to the U18 players who exhibit consistent outstanding defensive ability. The 2023/2024 recipients were Logan Karges, Jack Lane, and Jared Volland.

The U18 Jared Fisher Memorial Award is given to the U18 players who through dedication, personality, and enthusiasm during their minor hockey years, have displayed the quality of good citizenship. The

2023/2024 recipients were Evan Beddow, Jace McMichael, and Kaden Powell.

The Terry Bean Award is presented to the most dedicated goalies. The 2023/2024 recipients were Carter Beddow (U18), and Carter Popp (U11).

The James A Wilkinson Memorial Award is given annually to an individual(s) for outstanding contribution to hockey in Goderich. The 2023/2024 recipients were Caden Beattie and Kaden Hoggarth.

The Wolterbeek Family Award is given annually to an upstanding member of the community, who promotes integrity through their community involvement and dedicates their time to make hockey inclusive for all kids. The 2023/2024 recipient was Jim Beattie.

The Ed Ervine Memorial Volunteer Award is presented to an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of

duty for Goderich Minor Hockey. The 2023/2024 recipient was Ian Karges.

The Donald C Johnston Memorial Award is presented to a group or an individual for their commitment, dedication, and years of service to the game of hockey in Goderich. The 2023/2024 recipient was Haley Stoll.

The Doug Cruickshank Memorial Award is presented annually to a coach and their bench staff for their outstanding contributions to the development of hockey in Goderich. The 2023/2024 recipients were the U8 Black Team bench staff consisting of Tara Regier, Stacey Johnston, Jesse Johnston, and Corey Moran.

The Past Presidents Award is granted annually to an individual, individuals, or community organization for their outstanding contribution to the Goderich Minor Hockey organization. The 2023/2024 recipient was Mike McBride.



**HOCKEY AWARDS** (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)  
Above: Hadyn Zondag, Reese Carver, and Griffin Denomme, recipients of the Greg 'Sporty' Dewinter Memorial Award.  
Right: Oliver Gill, recipient of Paul Rivers Memorial Award.  
Top Right: Harrison Harp and Corson Powell were presented the Vic Whetstone Memorial Award by Bev Whetstone.

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## Volunteers are at the heart of United Way's work



**SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY CELEBRATION** (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)  
Rob and Leslie Edney with Ryan Erb (middle).

During Volunteer Week (April 14-20), United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) is celebrating the passion and commitment of the volunteers who bring so much to the organization.

At the recent Spirit of Community Celebration marking the end of the 2023/24 fundraising campaign, UWPH took time to recognize seven people from across the region with Volunteer Spirit Awards.

The awards were in appreciation of the work they did on the organization's behalf in the regions.

"We're proud to acknowledge the incredible people across our region who help make UWPH the strong, 100 per cent local organization it is," said Ryan Erb, executive director.

"Volunteers contribute to what we do in so many ways, from addressing envelopes, to fundraising in the community to sitting on our board and committees that work on an incredible variety of pressing issues in the communities we care about."

Lee Anne Andriessen (North Perth),

Andrea Bernard (Stratford and area), Don Dingwall (St. Marys and area), Tabatha Fisher (Goderich and area), Wendy Haggitt (Southern Huron), Susan Moffatt (Board of Directors), and Patricia Smith (Northern Huron) displayed love for their community and dedication to UWPH's mission of helping ensure vulnerable people across the region have the chance for a brighter future.

For more on each of the volunteer award winners, visit UWPH's Facebook page during Volunteer Week: facebook.com/UnitedWayPH

United Way also recognizes outgoing Campaign Co-Chairs Rob and Leslie Edney for their work over the past three years.

As the organization's highest profile volunteers, they have been advocates for the organization and helped push the organization to even greater heights.

"We deeply appreciate every one of our 600 and more volunteers, and the time and effort they invest in United Way's work," added Erb.



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## Find Your Next Volunteer Opportunity At Volunteer Goderich

Memorial Arena will be the volunteer hotspot Saturday, May 11 between 11 am and 3 pm. Once again, the Town of Goderich will be hosting Volunteer Goderich, helping interested folks find their next volunteer opportunity.

Admission is FREE and we plan to keep it that way for the foreseeable future. Plus, food trucks will be on site all day.

Volunteer Goderich is the spot where local organizations and event organizers meet with interested community members to let folks know how they can get involved.

Tables will be set up for people to ask questions, get more information, and even sign up to get involved.

Over 25 Goderich-focused organizations will be onsite to answer your questions and fill you in on all the great things happening in our community.

Already confirmed on the roster are or-

ganizations like HASAR, the Goderich Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, Goderich Track Rebuild Committee, Goderich Volunteer Gardeners, Huron County Museum, Goderich Children's Festival, Goderich Salt & Harvest Festival – and many more!

New this year is the re-launch of the Goderich Welcome package! A joint community project, the Goderich Welcome package features information and opportunities waiting for folks as they arrive in Goderich.

The contents of this package are the product of several focus groups and surveys and include the essential information people need as they set-up their new home.

"It's been an interesting process," describes Jenna Ujiye, Tourism & Community Development Manager.

"Working with Ralph Rubino at Engage

Huron, we gathered a group of people who had moved to Goderich within the last five years, and a second group of folks who help newcomers in their transition to Goderich; real estate agents, community leaders, service providers - and we listened."

If you, or someone you know, is new to the area, or you are someone who frequently welcomes folks as they arrive to Goderich, this is a perfect opportunity to see what is included and to order your packages.

"The final product is something we are proud of and reflects the needs and wants identified from those focus groups," says Ujiye.

"We hope that this new program will help make the process of settling in a new town a little bit smoother for our new residents."

Now we know that all this fantastic in-

formation can be tough to process on an empty stomach, so to keep your energy levels up, there will be a variety of food trucks on site this year.

The Wicked Witches of West Street, Mardelle's Cookies, Cakes and Treats, and Pablas Street Food will be onsite from 11 am to 3 pm, just outside the front doors.

Volunteer Goderich is the spot to get delicious food, meet fantastic community organizations, and hopefully the place where you find your next volunteer role!

There is still time for events, organizations, and service clubs to register for this event. We are over 50% booked but would welcome any Goderich-based events or organizations to register for this event. It is free to all who wish to participate!

For more information on registration and attendance, please visit [EXPLORE-GODERICH.CA](http://EXPLORE-GODERICH.CA) or email [SPECIALEVENTS@GODERICH.CA](mailto:SPECIALEVENTS@GODERICH.CA)

## Huron County thanks all volunteers in the region

April 14-20 is National Volunteer Week in Canada and during the week the County of Huron recognizes and celebrates the significant role volunteers play in the community year-round.

From welcoming newcomers to the region or supporting programs that help feed and house community members, to

coordinating local events and celebrating cultural assets, Huron's volunteers enrich the lives and communities for all residents.

"We cannot underestimate the value of Huron's volunteers," said Glen McNeil, Warden.

"Without a doubt, many of our great-

est community accomplishments were only achievable because of engaged, caring, and dedicated volunteers."

The theme for National Volunteer Week is Every Moment Matters. It highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make.

"On behalf of County Council and

staff, I thank every volunteer in Huron for the meaningful contributions they've made in our community," added McNeil.

The sharing of time, skills, empathy, and creativity is vital to the quality of life for all residents in Huron County.

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# Goderich Minor Hockey Awards Evening



Cash Shelton was presented the Gerry Fritzley Memorial Award by Joe and Gerry Fritzley.



Jacob Corriveau and Evan Denunzio were presented the Ed Ervine Memorial Award by Mary Wolterbeek.



Rosemary Mathers presented the Mark Rae Mathers Memorial Award to Logan Karges, Jack Lane, and Jared Volland.



The Jared Fisher Memorial Award was presented to Evan Beddow, Jace McMichael, and Kaden Powell.

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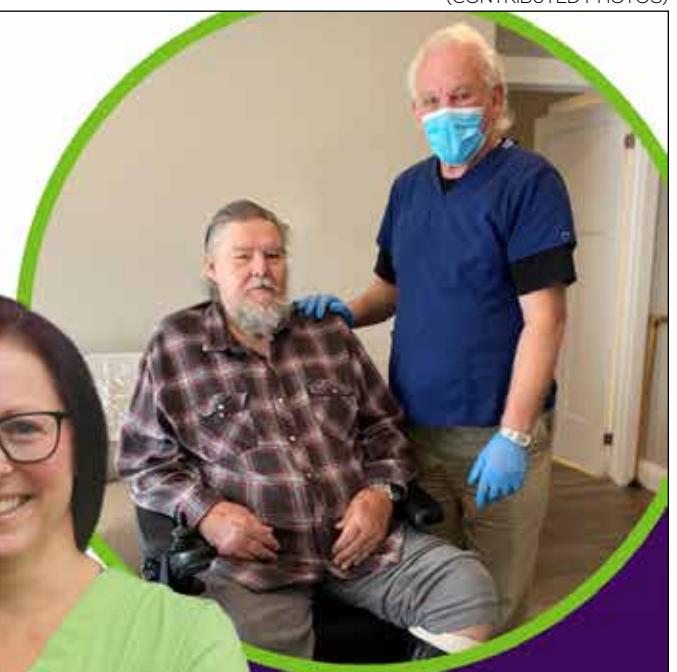
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# Goderich Minor Hockey Awards Evening



Carter Beddow (left) and Carter Popp (right) were presented the Terry Bean Award for most dedicated goalies.



Caden Beattie (right) and Kaden Hoggarth (absent) were presented the James A Wilkinson Memorial Award.



The Wolterbeek Family Award was presented to Jim Beattie by Mary Wolterbeek.



Ian Karges received the Volunteer Award, presented by Mary Wolterbeek.



Haley Stoll was presented the Donald C Johnston Memorial Award by the Johnston family – Linda, Mark, and Jacqueline.



The Doug Cruickshank Memorial Award was presented to the U8 Black Team staff of Tara Regier (absent), Stacey Johnston (absent), Jesse Johnston (absent) and Corey Moran.



The Past Presidents Award was presented to Mike McBride, by Brandon Corriveau.

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# Double gold at Provincial Climbing Championships

Local climber Freddie Godwin recently won double gold in the 9–10-year-old male category at the Provincial Bouldering and the Difficulty (Top Rope) Provincial Competitions.

Godwin started climbing in 2020 at Maitland Valley Grotto in Goderich and is a member of the Junction Youth Climbing Team in London.



**SPORTING GOLD**  
Freddie Godwin with one of his gold medals.

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**DON'T LOOK DOWN**  
Godwin started climbing in 2020.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

# Community Living plans on 18th annual golf tournament

The 18th Annual Goderich and District Golf Classic in support of Community Living - Central Huron will take place this year on Friday, June 21st at Woodlands Links Golf Course.

The tournament is played in scramble format with a shotgun start at noon and followed by a steak dinner after 18 holes. The event also features on-course events and a live and silent auction.

Players will be competing for the first time for the "Morris Cup" in memory and honor of tournament founder and driving force Tom Morris. Many of Tom's family, friends and professional associates look forward to this event each year.

The historic success of this event is a tribute to the generosity of the individuals and companies who support the important vision of Community Living

- people live in dignity and share in all aspects of living in their community.

Funds raised this year will be directed towards purchasing a specialized van that enables the people supported by Community Living to venture out and embrace opportunities to the fullest.

Community Living Executive Director Natalie Steenstra reminds us that this is a fun event every year that also reminds folks of the important work that Community Living does for residents in Goderich and area.

Woodlands golf pro Dave Bedour reports that the course wintered well and promises to be in top condition for the tournament.

People interested in becoming involved in this tournament as part of a foursome, or as a volunteer or donor should contact Community Living - Central Huron at 519-524-7362.

# GDCI Drama Club donates to CMHA



Pictured are Ella McDonald Lee, student director (left) with Jaden Mitchell of CMHA, and Steve Lindstrom, staff advisor.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Proceeds from the GDCI Drama Club's version of the play Danny King of the Basement, were presented as a donation to Jaden Mitchell of Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Huron

Perth. The funds donated will be used for their 'Heart to Home' program.

The play and this 'Heart to Home' program both deal with housing insecurities.

# Goderich and District Shuffleboard Club Results

During the March 26 match at Memorial Arena in Goderich, the club's Domino's pizza winner was Nancy Mitton.

The three-game winners this week were Ben Prouse, Susan Ropp, Lorraine Gilchrist, Jim Gilchrist, Nancy Mitton, and Barb Howard.

On April 2, the club had 40 shuffleboard participants.

The luck Domino's pizza winner was John Glazier.

The three-game winners during the week of April 2 were Roelie Leggatt, Frank Namink, Glen Webster, Gerry Ropp, and Barb Howard (for the second week in a row).

Congratulations to all the club's winners for that week.

On April 9 the lucky Domino's winner was Arnold Mitton, and the three-game winners were Ben Prouse (two weeks in a row), Gerry Ropp, Bill Godfrey, and Beth Hodgins.

# Lend Me a Tenor at The Livery



Susan Carradine (left) and Michelle Kaptein during rehearsals.



Isaac Van Aaken (far left), Jesse Gill (middle) and director Deborah Vieira (right).



Rehearsals at The Livery. (L-R): Isaac Van Aaken, Maria Miller, Mike Bennie, Kathy Wettlaufer, Deborah Vieira, and Holly Morrison.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

A comedy written by Ken Ludwig, *Lend Me a Tenor*, was first presented in New York City in 1989. It received nine Tony Award nominations and won for Best Actor, and Best Director.

Goderich Little Theatre (GLT) is a not-for-profit group that owns and operates The Livery, and on May 2 The Livery premieres *Lend Me a Tenor*.

Set in 1934 in an elegant Cleveland hotel, the play follows four female and four male characters.

Max is a young, aspiring tenor, dreams of becoming a famous opera singer to impress Maggie, the love of his life.

The story revolves around Il Stupendo, a world-famous tenor who wreaks havoc when he fails to show up at the Cleveland Opera Company's grand opening performance of *Pagliacci*.

The result is a madcap, screwball comedy, filled with farcical elements including larger-than-life characters, mistaken identity, police chases, and more.

According to director Deborah Vieira, the performance at The Livery in Goderich promises to be an evening of laughter, love, and a story of what happens when inspiration drives someone to follow their dreams.

The local theatre has brought 75 years of live theatre to Goderich and the area.

It is through generous donations and the countless hours volunteers put in to make each season successful.

Volunteer positions include but are not limited to acting, set construction, light and sound, make-up and hair, costumes, and front and back of house positions.

Financial support is always appreciated, according to the members of GLT, but it is also necessary for the theatre to continue to accomplish its mission and vision.

"We are proud to be referred to as the arts and culture centre for our community," said Cara Loft, General Manager.

"In live theatre, when the story is sung, danced, and acted, those involved – on stage and in the audience – are cultivating the skills needed to sustain the health and well-being of individuals and communities."

*Lend Me a Tenor* will run performances at The Livery on May 2, May 3, May 4, May 9, May 10 and May 11 at 8 p.m. It will also feature matinee shows on May 5 and May 12 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available starting April 16 at the Goderich Little Theatre (GLT) box office in person, or by phone 519-524-6262 or online at thelivery.ca.

General admission is \$25 with discounts available for members and seniors.

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# Noodle Factory Jazz Project presents Love Is in the Air

The Noodle Factory Jazz Project (NFJP) is returning to Lakeshore United Church to present another engaging, exuberant performance of its unique music on Friday evening, May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

'Love Is in the Air' will feature 'The Look of Love', by Burt Bacharach, and Cole Porter's, 'It's de Lovely'.

Many other well-known tunes such as 'Georgia on My Mind', Paul McCartney's 'Long and Winding Road' and Moe Kaufman's 'Swingin' Shepherd Blues' will be presented in fresh, uniquely Noodle Factory arrangements.

If you have not yet heard this 10-piece band, don't be afraid of the word jazz. New takes on old tunes make performances exciting and smile-inducing.

Swing, funk, ballad, samba, bossa nova styles may turn up any time, frequently in the same number, elevating the enjoyment for the audience and the performers. And for the jazz aficionados, there are enough jazz solos to keep you intrigued.

NFJP's unique sound and appeal is due to Ian Burbidge, the band's founder, and leader.

Burbidge is a prolific composer who also reworks well-known tunes in exciting, challenging new ways.

The Noodles has two Goderich members: lead trumpet, Al Mullin, who joined the band seven years ago and Hugh McGregor on lead trombone who has been



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on board for five years. They say it is very satisfying to play in a group which has such a high-performance level.

MacGregor and Mullin are well known former music teachers at GDCl, but other members are also music educators.

Kerrie-Lynn Boys plays bass trombone and teaches music at Saugeen District Senior School in Port Elgin. Brian Windross (Hanover) is a music educator, vocalist and 2nd trumpet player in the band.

Cam Porter (Port Elgin) plays baritone sax, writes many of the band's tunes and directs the wonderful Port Elgin Community Band.

The tenor sax chair is filled by Charlie

Bell from Southampton. A fine jazz player, Bell is also known for his Stardust Big Band, which played for 25 years in Bruce County.

The perpetually inventive pianist is Don Buchanan from Owen Sound. Mike Grace (Southampton) plays bass and was Director of Jazz at Community High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Holding down the rhythm section is a magnificent drummer, Stephen Wood from Port Elgin, a librarian by day and hockey player most nights.

Some members have had professional playing careers. Bass player Mike Grace has performed with giants such as Dave Brubeck and Henry Mancini and toured with Rosemary Clooney. Trumpet player Al Mullin had a 15-year career playing on cruise ships.

The band has performed at Lakeshore United Church on three previous occasions and the members are unanimous in their approval of the church's acoustics.

This led to a fourth jointly sponsored concert production. The proceeds from ticket sales will be split with the church.

Adult (\$25) and Student (\$10) tickets are available from Fincher's on the Square, Ernie King Music on West St., and from the Lakeshore Church office at 56 North St. (Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-1:30).

They may be ordered directly from Hugh McGregor (519) 955-6318 and Al Mullin (519) 524-1081 or purchased at the door.

For more on Noodle Factory Jazz Project, see "noodlefactoryjazz.com".

## Yates releases new Gothic Huron book

A new book Gothic Huron: Heroes, Rogues, Murders, Daring, Bawdy Houses and Other Tales by local author and historian David Yates is set to be released this week.

It is Yates' fifth book in the series and covers the period from the War of 1812 to Queen Victoria's death in 1901.

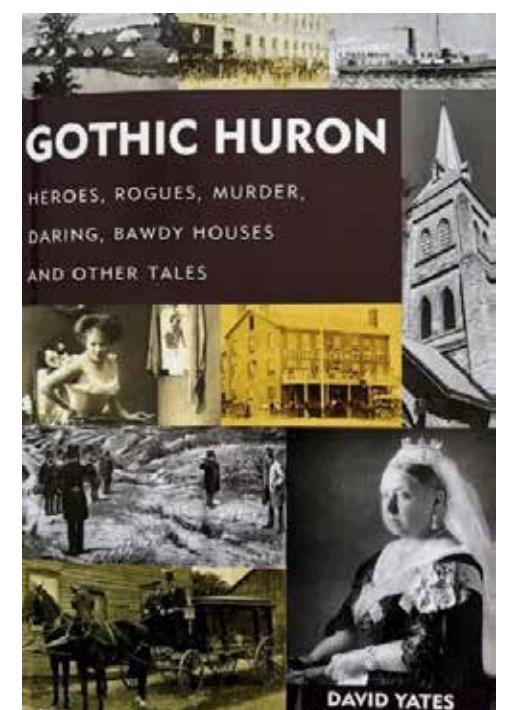
Yates explains that during the era of the Gothic revival in the 19th century, most Huron County residents were hard-working, profoundly Christian, who lived austere lives.

They also had a profound fascination with death and were fascinated by devilish criminal acts or heroic deeds, of which there are many tales in Yates' book.

Indeed, it is the era of the death cult, where murders and acts of valour were entertaining object lessons discussed by their neighbours.

Gothic Huron is like an old Victorian chest drawers filled with sepia toned photos and treasures from Huron County's forgotten past.

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# Stephen Fearing to headline concert in support of Clinton Public Hospital

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

A Canadian gem – a talented roots/folk singer-songwriter and guitarist – Stephen Fearing will be in Huron County on May 4.

Held at Clinton Town Hall Auditorium with a solo performance after recording new material for another solo album in Nashville, Fearing will put on a show to support the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation.

Anne Newington has been a board member for several years and had the idea to host a concert fundraiser for the hospital's Foundation.

"I hope the concert accomplishes something good for this community, and for the Clinton Hospital," said Newington.

"I know that I'm going to enjoy it."

Fearing co-founded Canadian roots/rock supergroup Blackie and the Rodeo Kings

with Colin Lindon and Tom Wilson.

He is also one-half of the duo Fearing and White, with Irish artist Andy White.

Fearing was born in 1963 in Vancouver, B.C. and grew up in Dublin, Ireland where his schoolmates included future members of U2.

In 1981 he moved to Minnesota and immersed himself in the music scene.

By 1984 he was back in Vancouver and determined to become a professional musician.

In the years since, Fearing has been named as one of the finest songwriters in Canada and has built a national – and international – audience for his music by doing countless performance at intimate venues.

For more information on Fearing visit <https://stephenfearing.ca>

Tickets to the concert are \$35 available at the Clinton Hospital Foundation office or by email: [annenewi@gmail.com](mailto:annenewi@gmail.com)



**SUPPORTING LOCAL HEALTH CARE**

Stephen Fearing will be playing an intimate set list at the Clinton Town Hall Auditorium to support the Clinton Hospital Foundation on May 4. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

## First annual THRIVE economic summit to be held in May

The inaugural THRIVE Economic Development Summit will be held on May 14 and May 15 at the Blyth Community Hall.

This two-day event is a collaboration of the County of Huron's Economic Development department and local Municipal Partners that promises to be a catalyst for innovation, collaboration, and progress.

The THRIVE Summit is an opportunity for individuals dedicated to the prosperity of Huron County to come together.

Over the course of the Summit, attendees will have access to expert guest speakers, engaging panel discussions, and interactive breakout sessions.

The event agenda has been crafted to address key opportunities and challenges facing the local economy, including pivotal topics.

Those topics include preparing for business transitions, harnessing the power of AI, elevating tourism marketing strategies, strengthening workforce recruitment and retention initiatives, housing advances, and exploring investment readiness.

"This event embodies our collective commitment to

driving positive change and fostering a thriving economy in Huron County," says Vicki Lass, Director of Huron County Economic Development.

"Together, let's seize this opportunity to connect, collaborate, and chart a course for a prosperous future for all."

Tickets for the Summit are on sale now. Single day tickets for Day 1 and Day 2 are available for \$40 per person, while a full two-day Summit pass is \$75 per person. Ticket price includes refreshments, lunch, and exclusive networking opportunities at the end of each day.

This event is made possible by the support of the Province of Ontario, Community Futures Huron, Regional Tourism Organization Four (RTO4), Cowbell Brewing Co., and many others committed to the success of Huron County.

To learn more contact [economicdevelopment@huroncounty.ca](mailto:economicdevelopment@huroncounty.ca)

## Glee Sisters Choir to host benefit concert

In support of the Alzheimer Society of Huron-Perth, the Glee Sisters Choir presents Spring and Sing.

The benefit concert will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church in Bayfield.

Admission is by donation, and any donation of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt.

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# 'The Big Steel Steamer Greyhound'

DAVID YATES

*Sun Contributor*

'The summer tourist season practically begins with the arrival of the steamer Greyhound from Detroit', according to the *Goderich Star* in June 1912.

For 25 years, the Greyhound's annual Detroit excursion and Moonlight Cruise were 'annual pleasures' on Midwestern Ontario's social calendar.

When launched in March 1902, *The Indiana Star* proclaimed the Greyhound one of the 'staunchest and handsomest passenger steamers on the Great Lakes.' She was owned by the White Star line (who built the RMS *Titanic* in 1912) to carry passengers from Toledo to Detroit.

At 278 feet long and 68 feet in the beam, the Greyhound had three 'non-explosive steam boilers' which powered her side wheel. Eight hundred electric bulbs and a spotlight lit up her brass trim and white pine exterior.

The Greyhound was a luxury passenger cruiser finished in varnished hard woods as her main deck was oak; the dining room was mahogany; and chestnut paneling trimmed the 'gentlemen's smoking room.'

A 'ladies' parlor' was 'finished in gold and white'. Greyhound's large plate glass windows allowed her 3 000 passengers to enjoy the view from any location.

On June 17, 1902, the Greyhound made her first annual appearance in Goderich carrying 350 passengers from Detroit. Her first three hours 'Moonlight Cruise' was a tremendous success as 1,259 people paid the .25 cent fare.

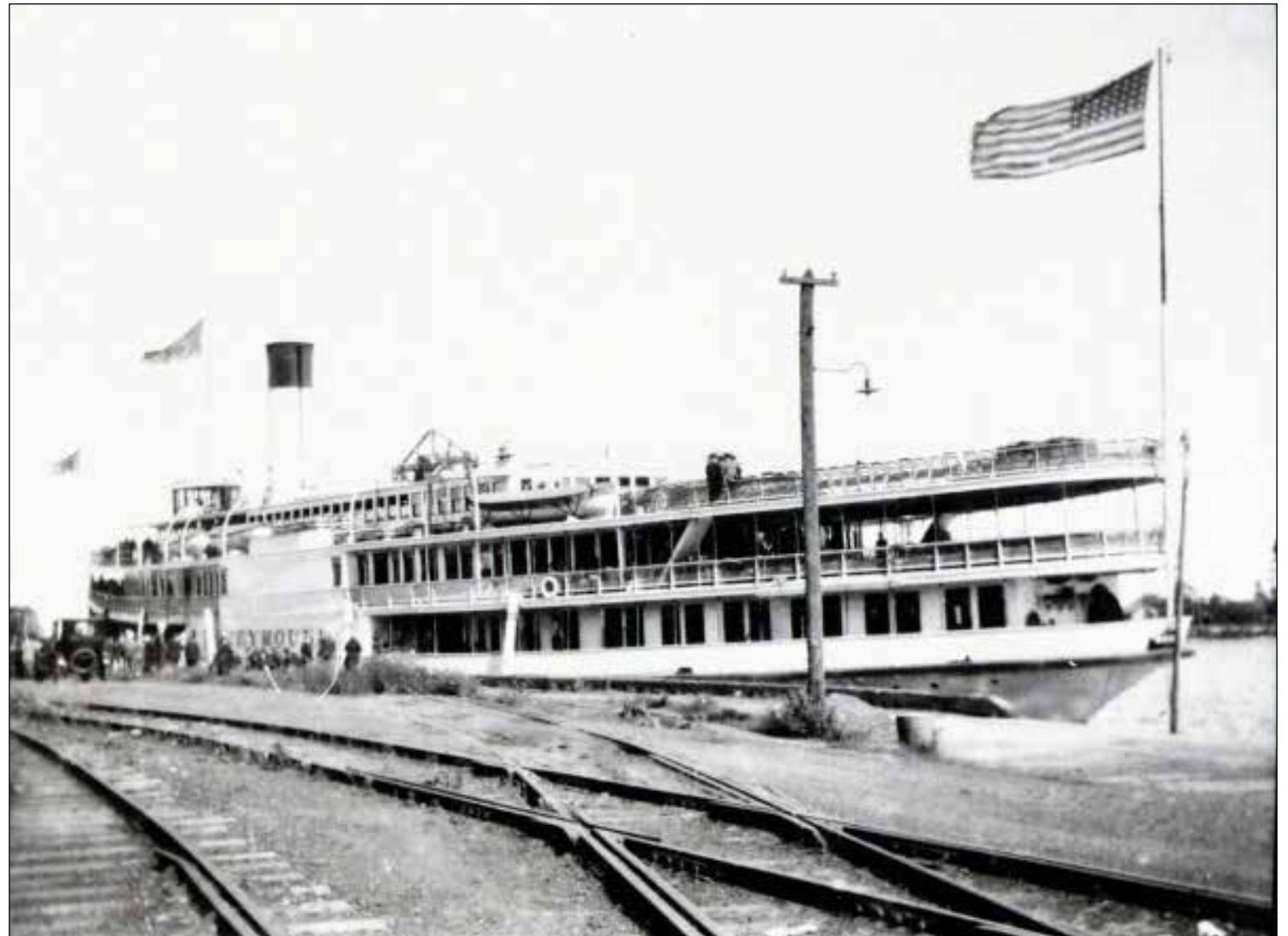
The next morning, according to the *Huron Signal*, about 1,000 passengers left Goderich for her first Detroit excursion. A special train brought more than 400 people from Berlin (Kitchener) and Stratford for the three-day trip.

The Detroit steamship excursion became a popular holiday adventure. The 'thrilling' eight-hour one way trip was followed by a day and a morning visit to Detroit 'the City of the Straits.' Despite terrible weather, over 800 people made the excursion in 1903.

By 1905, the arrival of 'The Big Steel Steamer Greyhound' began the summer tourist season. Her arrival coincided with the opening of the Hotel Goderich (later Hotel Sunset).

The Greyhound trip made Goderich's Hotel Sunset a huge success. Local hotels met the incoming vessel at the dock with 'busses and hacks' to carry weary passengers to their summer accommodation.

In 1905, the first mention of mass seasickness on board the Greyhound made it into the local press. Sea sickness was a major recurring problem on the Greyhound. Yet, one wonders if the seasickness was caused by other factors. On that same Detroit to Goderich run, the captain was fined for selling illegal liquor to the nearly 2,000 passengers aboard the Moonlight



## THE LAST OF ITS KIND

The Steamer Greyhound provided a popular getaway for area people to Detroit. It also brought guests to the Sunset Hotel for the season. Cruise.

In 1906, over 1,500 people danced to the music of local bands on the Moonlight Cruise and another 800 people paid the \$3.00 return fare for the Detroit excursion. This 'popular' steamer's arrival had become a major summer event.

The Greyhound paid a special call to Goderich in September 1907 for the opening of the Goderich to Guelph railway. 'Lake rides' aboard the Greyhound were highlights of the celebrations with live music provided by local bands.

Yet, once again, despite calm waters, another terrible outbreak of mass seasickness overcame the passengers. The *Huron Signal* noted that there was 'the excitement' of thousands of visitors getting meals in town and then losing them aboard the Greyhound.

A Guelph Mercury correspondent reported that he had 'never saw so many prostrated in such a quiet water. No one wanted music just then, and most experienced the thought that they were going to die, then afraid they wouldn't.'

An Elmira paper thought the cause of the seasickness was 'overloading.' The *Signal* hinted that the passengers rather than the boat may have been 'overloaded.'

The Greyhound's June 1914 Detroit excursion nearly met with disaster. On the return journey, a violent storm swept away

an anchor chain and tore off a chunk of the rail near the ship's bow and nearly sunk the ship.

The captain said it 'was the roughest passage he had ever made.' The Greyhound limped into port five hours late where 'anxious friends and relatives' awaited hundreds of seasick passengers.

For many, the Detroit excursion was a once in a lifetime trip to one of America's most exciting and vibrant cities. Detroit, in the Roaring Twenties, was the home of the auto industry, Detroit Edison Electric Company and Michigan Telephone.

In 1922, the *Goderich Star* said that Detroit 'employers' found it 'almost impossible to secure sufficient skilled labor to meet the requirements of the factory output.' A special attraction of the 1924 excursion was the opportunity to see the Yankee's Babe Ruth against To Cobb, of the Tigers, at Gavin Field.

Yet, the 1924 season brought the beginning of the end of the Greyhound's annual Goderich run. An outbreak of smallpox in Detroit kept Canadian excursionists away.

The *Star* noted a 'considerably falling off from last year.' The Hospital Auxiliary sponsored the Moonlight Cruise but only about 1,000 tickets were sold leaving the Auxiliary only \$94 to pay for expenses.

Ironically, the transportation revolution that the Detroit auto industry created ac-

celerated the decline in Great Lakes passenger travel.

By the 1920s, the automobile gave average families mobility. Tourists still came by boat to local hotels by but in far fewer numbers. Why travel eight hours on a crowded, slow-moving vessel at the mercy of the weather when you could drive to Detroit in just three hours by car?

The Red Star Shipping Line bought the Greyhound in 1925 but despite 'a big new ball room' to dance to the latest jazz craze, she could not attract enough excursionists to make her profitable.

As late as 1927, the Greyhound could still attract 1,900 passengers on her Moonlight Cruise, but the number of Detroit excursionists fell significantly. Local papers advertised the annual Greyhound excursion in 1928 but if she came that year, there was no mention of it.

She was taken over by the Security Home Trust Company in 1933 and broken up for scrap three years later.

Goderich Mayor C.C. Lee, who also owned the Hotel Sunset, unsuccessfully tried to re-engage a lake passenger service in 1934.

The speed of modern living doomed travel by steamer to an earlier age. Never again would the start of summer in Huron County be announced with the blast of the Greyhound's steam whistle.

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# Goderich Co-Op Gallery shows spotlight on community artist

Goderich Co-operative Gallery member Lisa Staton interviewed one of the currently running Community Art Show entrants, Siobhan Quinlan, to find out more about her and her work.

"She is very excited to be exhibiting in Exposure for the first time, after learning about the show from a community website," Staton said.

Siobhan is a self-taught acrylic artist and studied Environmental Design at the Ontario College of Art.

"I was very happy to meet and talk to other artists at the Open House on Saturday, April 6," Quinlan said.

"It's a great way for me to get to know the community, as I am quite new to the area."

When asked about her painting of the Siamese cat, 'Moment in Time', Siobhan described how she had taken a photograph of the cat in front of a window in sunlight.

"I have done other animal portraits, but this subject seemed special. I just had to paint it," she explained.



**A Moment in Time.**

Staton observes that the contrast between the dark background and the much lighter cat's fur makes for a dramatic portrait: it's as if the cat is floating in space, in a quickly passing moment.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

Siobhan's work, 'Brabanite Draft Horse', is also very striking, both in its point of view and in its unusual subject.

As Staton sees it, painting the horse and

rider from the back allows the viewer to see the ocean and enter into the horse rider's experience.

"We are immediately caught up in the narrative of a horse dragging a fishing net on the beach," she explained.

Quinlan has posted a fascinating description beside her artwork of the history of this type of fishing enterprise.

Exposure 2024 runs until April 27 at the Goderich Co-op Gallery, located on the lower level at 54 Courthouse Square.

Gallery members would like to thank each of the entrants who participated in this year's show which features 25 artists and 101 artworks.

Interested in becoming a member of the Goderich Co-operative Gallery? Membership benefits include interaction with over thirty artists in the community, as well as participation in the operation of the gallery. For further information, visit our website at [gcgallery.ca](http://gcgallery.ca), and click on Contact. New members are always welcome.



**Brabanite Draft House.**



**Siobhan Open House.**

## Invite an inner dialogue for better mental health



**TANYA MACINTYRE,  
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*Sun Contributor*

Being a mental health professional helps me be consistent in my efforts to keep my life (and mind) balanced.

I still have bouts of depression and anxiety, but I've learned to cope without using harmful substances and behaviours.

I use a variety of Cognitive Behavioural Therapies (CBT) to help

me manage my symptoms and remain free from addictions.

Cognitive therapies target the cortex - the thinking brain - and help change thinking patterns by changing how you process information.

The neuroplasticity of the brain makes it possible to sculpt & strengthen synaptic connections with repeated practice. What we practice grows stronger.

I also use a therapy called IFS - Internal Family Systems - developed by Dr. Richard Schwartz.

In his 40 years of practice, Dr. Schwartz realized that many of his patients struggled with what he first thought was multiple-personality disorder, because they kept referring to "parts" of themselves.

Dr. Schwartz discovered that these people basically had a dysfunctional family living inside of them.

I've spent the last few years

studying and using IFS. It has taught me a way of dealing with my anxiety & depression that has a more lasting effect for me.

With CBT, I learned to "sit with the discomfort of some emotions." With IFS, I've learned to "communicate with that discomfort."

Now, when I have any anxiety-provoking events like attending a networking group, social event, or giving a presentation, instead of being frozen in fear, I focus on the emotion and the feeling and ask some questions. It may sound strange to ask questions of an emotion, but IFS has taught me a way of finding out what my emotions are upset about and give them a chance to get what they need.

It's a form of hypnotic self-soothing that is very effective for me.

I have learned how to talk to those parts of me that have been shamed or abused and might have

been frozen in a state of fear.

I hold that little girl and remind her that I'm there and that she's safe and not expected to perform. I let her know that no matter what happens I love her, and she immediately calms down.

I sense the knot in my stomach release. The whole interaction takes less than a few minutes and then I'm good to go.

Learning to have compassion for the critical and fearful inner parts of myself has not only reduced my symptoms of depression and anxiety but has also improved my relationships.

Once you start having intentional conversations with your emotions you might be surprised by the answers that come up. It's possible that you can help your inner antagonists become your allies.

If you'd like some more information on the IFS technique, send me an email: [info@redroofrecovery.com](mailto:info@redroofrecovery.com)

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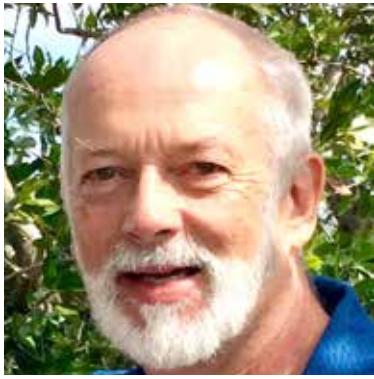
Consider joining us every Sunday in April for an hour of Mindfulness and CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapies) at The Yoga Den, 68 Courthouse Square in Goderich.

The Mind Mojo class will guide you through powerful techniques to release old patterns, reset your mindset, and live your best life. Seating is limited. Register at: [theyogaden.ca](http://theyogaden.ca)

*Tanya MacIntyre is a Certified CBT Practitioner, Mental Health Professional, and owner/operator of Red Roof Recovery.*

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# OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: An unexpected artistic treasure trove in the Nation's Capital



PAUL KNOWLES

*Sun Contributor*

I couldn't believe my own eyes. I had walked into a large exhibition hall in an art gallery I had never heard of. Admission was free – open the door, and you're in. And I found myself alone, surrounded by the works of many of the best artists Canada has ever known.

There were wonderful paintings by every member of the famed Group of Seven. And, as art lovers will know, the Group actually numbered 10, thus demonstrating that art is not necessarily rational. There were fine examples of Canadian impressionist art, and terrific abstracts.

And there was an inspiring display of A.Y. Jackson artifacts, paintings and sketches, including multiple pull-out drawers containing examples of his pencil sketches, works that led to some of the masterpieces of this prolific, original member of the Group of Seven.

I was in the Ottawa Art Gallery, an imposing, multi-storey building that somehow manages to be ignored by most visitors to Canada's capital city. Actually, I understand this – as the nation's capital, Ottawa is replete with cultural attractions. Visitors with an eye for art will flock to the admittedly wonderful National Gal-



(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTOS)

The A.Y. Jackson corner at the Ottawa Art Gallery includes Jackson paintings, drawers full of his sketches, and his snowshoes and palette box.

lery of Canada. While in Ottawa, I got a chance to chat with Liliane Lê, Vice-President of Public Affairs and Marketing at the National Gallery, and she told me of many exciting things that are happening, or are about to happen, at that attraction. But's that another article.

Visitors come to Ottawa with a long to-do list – The Museum of History in Gatineau, the National War Museum, Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall House and Gardens, the Canada Science and Technology Museum, the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, and much, much more.

But honestly, most of those to-do lists will not include the Ottawa Art Gallery, because most visitors are not even aware of its existence. It lives in the reputational shadow of the National Gallery.

I stumbled on it by accident.

I was attending the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada's annual conference and stayed at a hotel new to me – Le Germain, only a block or two from Parliament Hill, the Shaw Centre (which hosted the conference), the Byward Market, and all the other interesting sites around downtown Ottawa.

Le Germain was terrific – I would highly recommend it as your headquarters for your exploration of Ottawa.

As soon as I arrived at the hotel, I noticed, right next door, a clearly marked entrance to the Ottawa Art Gallery. I assumed, quite mistakenly, that this was a cute little facility offering exhibition space to local artists. But when I took the time to check it out, I realized how wrong I had been!

There are five floors with exhibitions, although only a very limited number on the lower floor,

which houses a café. The floor labeled "1" – because it opens from the front entrance, one floor up from the back door I had discovered – has a big exhibition space that does, indeed, feature work by local artists. But this is not to be dismissed. Many of the works are excellent art by talented people.

I climbed the stairs to the second floor, and entered a room called the Firestone Gallery. Here is where the wonder really set in. Here, I was alone with Lawren Harris and A.J. Casson, Emily Carr and Paul-Émile Borduas. Wonderful works by artists of international significance, but with a distinctly Canadian point of view.

Jack Firestone was an Austrian immigrant to Canada in the 1930's, a man who fell in love with his adopted country and its culture. A successful businessman, academic, author, and

advisor to political leaders, he began to collect art in the 1950s – when, let's be honest, a Lawrence Harris painting could be acquired for a tiny fraction of today's multi-million dollar price tag. But the Firestones went all-out – they collected 1600 paintings, and in 1972 donated the entire collection to the Ontario Heritage Foundation, with one proviso. The paintings had to be made available for the public to enjoy.

The Heritage Foundation decided to pass that challenge on, and gave the paintings to the City of Ottawa, which made the Ottawa Art Gallery stewards of the collection. A smart move, in my opinion, because today, you and I can see these wonderful works of art – free of charge.

One floor up was a temporary exhibit of the striking work by Ottawa artist Norman Takeuchi, spanning his work from 1961 to 2022. I did not know his work before my visit – I am very glad to have encountered this visionary creator.

I finished my tour of the OAG by returning to the Firestone Gallery, where I spent another half hour, once again alone, drinking in the delight of being up close and appreciative of such great work.

And then, as I was about to descend the elaborate staircase to return to the first floor, I read the panel that explained that the staircase – like the paintings – had actually been moved to the OAG from the Firestone mansion.

A perfect pathway to important Canadian paintings.

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A wall full of paintings by Group of Seven member A.J. Casson.



Abstracts by four important Canadian artists – from left, Marcelle Feron, Paul-Émile Borduas (top), Kazuo Nakamura, and Harold Town.

# Riddles

What do the Montreal Canadiens and the Titanic have in common?  
They both look good until they hit the ice.

How do you get 50 Canadians out of a swimming pool?  
You say, "please get out of the swimming pool."

What does Canada produce that no other country in the world produces?  
Canadians.

What did the snow say to the Rocky Mountains?  
I've got your covered.

What was the skeleton doing at the hockey game?  
Driving the zam-boney.

Why shouldn't curlers tell jokes on the ice?  
Because it might crack up

What has antlers and sucks blood?  
A moose-quito

Why is maple syrup always so sad?  
Because it's sappy.

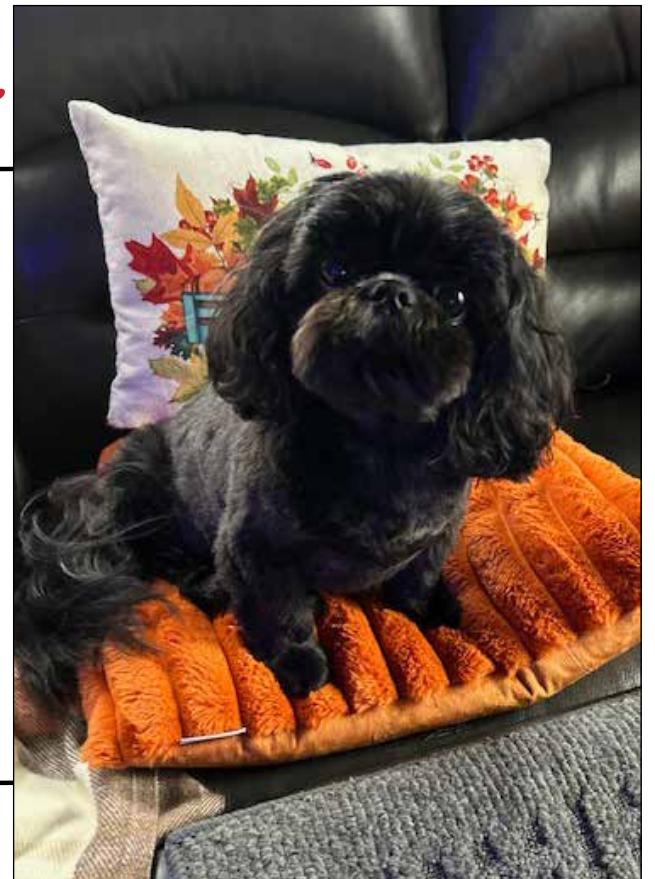
How do you get a Canadian to apologize?  
Step on their foot.

# Sudoku

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# Featured Pets



## PIPPY

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**OBITUARY**



A figure of immense significance in our lives -Paul Ross -died peacefully on April 3, 2024 at the age of 86 in Huron Hospice after a heroic battle with cancer, surrounded by his loved ones.

He is survived by his spouse, Heather Joy Ross, his children, Tegan Catherine Ross and Quinn Martin Ross, grandchildren, Shayna, Rory, and Kieran Ross-Kelly, and Greyson J.J. Ross, sisters, Judy Wiener and Jill Nickles, and niece Carolyn Wiener and nephew, Adam Wiener.

He was born November 12, 1937, in Toronto, Ontario to Rose and David Ross.

His talents and passions were the stuff of legend in his family: actor on live television for CBC as a teenager and in summer theatre, a highly regarded journalist for the Toronto Telegram, speechwriter for cabinet ministers in the Bill Davis government, editor of a Canadian travel magazine (Touring and Travel), published novelist (Four Corners on Main Street), Easy Rider on many big trips with his son Quinn, first mate on his best boat, the Doral Prestancia "Partnership" with his life partner Heather, revelled in the precious time he spent with his dear daughter Tegan, loved his farm at Ball's Bridge and his dogs (most recently Harley and Albie who predeceased him, and Zipper who survives).

A remarkable journey, not only within the confines of family bonds but also in the wider circles of his professional life as a lawyer, where he has been a proud and active member of the Huron Law Association for over 40 years and a Life Member of Law Society of Ontario after 57 years at the Bar.

Throughout his extensive career, Paul contributed significantly to the legal landscape and fostered relationships built on mutual respect, mentorship, civility and camaraderie. His dedication to the law and this community has been unwavering. We are reminded of the impact of such a life well-lived.

He was kind, he was curious, he was loving. He had an unflinching sense of humour. He was a peacemaker and a gentleman. He adored his people. He relished his friendships.

Your connection to Paul is a testament to the professional and personal bonds that enrich all our lives beyond measure.

And Paul was both an optimist and a pragmatist. He wrote a little ditty a very long time ago in public school to help him remember how to spell "weather" and "whether". It did not work. He remained a poor speller but his little piece of doggerel lives on:

Whether the weather is sunny...  
Of whether the weather is not...  
The weather we have is the weather we've got,  
Whether we like the weather or not.

At Paul's request there will be no formal visitation or service. The family asks that you remember Paul in your own special way. If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

**OBITUARY**



It is with broken hearts but gratitude for her 88 years of life that Joanne, Bill and Steve announce the passing of our dear mom Winnie at Maitland Manor on April 3, 2024.

Born on the family farm in Ashfield Township, the only daughter of Lorne and Beatrice (Stein) Farrish, she grew up with older brothers Jack, George and Don and younger brother, Harold who, along with their wives, all predeceased her. She moved to Goderich to find work in her teens where she met our dad Gord. They celebrated almost 61 years of marriage before he predeceased her in 2015. She was also predeceased by her niece Marie (Farrish) Dignan, great-niece Ashley Farrish and great-nephew Travis Farrish. Besides her three children, she is survived by dear daughters-in-law Janice (Bill) and Judi (Steve), her precious grandchildren Saddie (Tony), Tori (Talmon) and David (Ngan) and her sweet baby great-granddaughter Harlow, along with many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews who will miss her loving presence and delicious contributions to the annual Farrish picnic.

Winnie worked as a cashier at A&P for 32 years, starting in the store on West Street and later moving to the store in Suncoast Mall. She loved her customers and co-workers and they loved her back. Thanks to her friend Leone, she continued to meet weekly for coffee with some of her fellow A&P retirees as long as she was able.

Winnie was also an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church and a Life Member of the Arthur Circle Women's Missionary Society (WMS). She helped organize and prepare countless funeral luncheons at Knox and quilted with the Knox Quilters, embroidering a number of quilts for family members to treasure. She was also a prolific knitter, making sweaters, slippers, blankets and baby outfits to gift to family, friends and charities.

Winnie and Gord travelled to numerous places across Canada and the U.S, with regular trips to Florida for many years. Winnie and Joanne made three trips to Europe, visiting Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Ireland, England and Scotland.

To know Winnie was to love her. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She always had a big smile and friendly word for everyone she met. She also had a great sense of humour which sometimes shone through even as she struggled with dementia in her final years. She volunteered for many organizations and performed many acts of kindness over the years. We were so blessed to have her in our lives and will cherish our memories of her forever.

At Winnie's request, cremation has taken place with interment to be held at a later date in Maitland Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 25 at 11 a.m.

In Winnie's memory, donations to Knox Presbyterian Church, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital Foundation, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 109, Huron Alzheimer Society or charity of your choice may be made through McCallum and Palla Funeral Home.

**OBITUARY**



**DONALD RICHARD HULLAH "HOOP"**

Donald Hullah of Goderich at the age of 75, died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Beloved husband of Janet Hullah (nee Stewart), soul mates for 51 years. Loving father of Denata Stanbury (Darren) and Irene Bailey (Ryan). Dear grandfather of Gavin, Ella, Evan and Lauren. Survived by his siblings Linda Dick (Robert) and Bill Hullah (Evelyn).

A memorial service was held at McCallum & Palla Funeral Home on Monday, December 4, 2023. Words cannot express enough our gratitude to Barbara Hicks, Officiant of the service, to Kelly Daniels and Bill Hullah for their kind words and to Sharon Johnston for her beautiful music.

Cremation has taken place. Interment will take place in the fall of 2024 at Colborne Cemetery.

Thank you to Dr. Noel, Dr. Krishna AND Dr. Hollingworth for the years of excellent medical care that you gave to my husband.

Our family wishes to thank Elaine Fraser, RN. And all the wonderful nurses and personal support workers of the St. Elizabeth Nursing Agency who cared for Donald so compassionately!

Thank you also to our musician friends for lifting Donald's spirits throughout his journey.

We are also grateful to everyone who sent cards, food, and donations, in Donald's name, to charities.

And finally, to the team at McCallum & Palla Funeral Home, thank you for the very professional compassion and care shown to my family and myself.

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- Jesus Christ

# COMING EVENTS

### Karaoke at the Legion

On Friday, April 19 at 5 p.m. Come join in for a night of karaoke fun. The evening begins with a meat draw, then Catch the Ace draw, followed up by singing all evening.

### Meat Draw at the Legion

On Saturday, April 20 and Saturday, April 27 at 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Come join in for the famous Saturday night event. With entertainment by Country Junction.

### Bingo at the Legion

Sunday, April 21 and Sunday, April 28 at 12 p.m. Join in upstairs for an afternoon of Bingo. Doors open at noon, early bird game at 1:25 p.m. Canteen open. Last Sunday of every month is a \$1,000 jackpot.

### Euchre at the Legion

Tuesday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. Come join in for \$5 entry.

### Jammers at the Legion

On Wednesday, April 24 and Wednesday, May 1 from 7 p.m. onwards. Join in with other musicians to jam the night away at the Goderich Legion.

### Huron to Hollywood: The Simpsons Movie and The Exchange

On Saturday, April 27 from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Huron County Museum.

The Simpsons Movie (at 1:15 p.m.) and The Exchange (at 3 p.m.).

Join the Huron to Hollywood film series to celebrate professionals from Huron County working in the film and television industry. With special guest Tim Long, who has had a long and successful career in television comedy. Long grew up in Exeter.

The Q&A with writer Tim Long will start around 4:30 p.m. This event is included with regular museum admission (FREE for museum members or with your Huron County library card). Pre-registration not required.

### Craft for a Cause: Bayfield's Forgotten Felines

On Saturday, April 27 from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Held at the library, join in on an enriching experience. Delve into the inspiring world of cat rescue with a presentation by Bayfield's Forgotten Felines, followed by a hands-on crafting session where participants of all ages can create meaningful crafts. The crafts will be donated in support of this noble cause. All ages. Registration required.

### April Show(ers)

On Sunday April 28 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Lakeshore United Church.

Featuring the Kincardine Brass Band, the MacKay Choristers, and the unusual Musical Duo, Mary and Clayton.

Admission is by donation.

### Open Studio: Painting Outside the Lines with Michele Miller

On Thursday, May 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Huron County Museum.

For those interested in the visual arts, this is an opportunity for artists to receive one-on-one feedback, direction, inspiration, and answers.

All ages welcome. All mediums welcomed. Cost is \$10 per session to be paid to instructor directly.

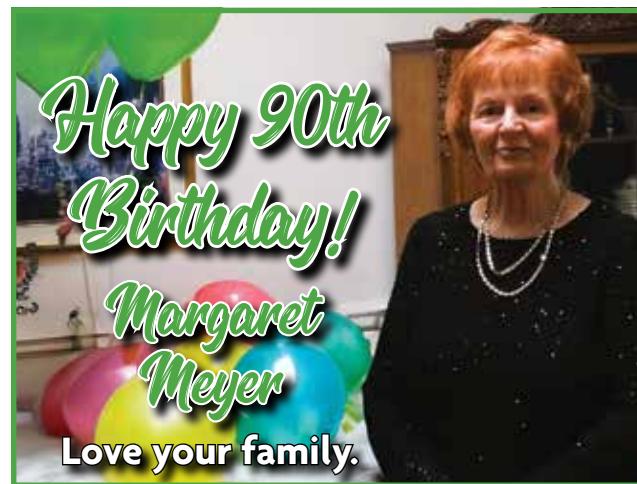
### Star Wars Day at the Library

On Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. with over \$500 in prizes to be won.

May the Fourth be With You. To celebrate Star Wars Day, drop by the Goderich library for a variety of Star Wars inspired games and activities. Stormtrooper shootout from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Switch Speeder Race at 2 p.m.

Costumes welcomed.



**Huronsong Chorus**  
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**Huron Women's Shelter**

**Monday, June 10th, 7:30 p.m.**  
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at Northside United Church, Seaforth

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# Sunsets of Goderich



Sunset at Burke's Beach between Bayfield and Goderich taken on Wednesday, April 3.

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