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Doug Fines honoured with King Charles III Coronation Medal

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

During the anniversary year of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, 30,000 Coronation Medals will be awarded.

Goderich resident, business owner and life-long volunteer Doug Fines is one of the recipients this year.

“Being recognized for my community involvement has left me feeling very humble and honoured,” admitted Fines.

“The best advice I could hope to impart as part of my legacy would be to do good things, surround yourself with others doing good things, and great things will happen.”

In a letter to submit Fines as a possible candidate, his tireless and compassionate actions of community leadership was outlined.

Fines has been a Lions Club member for over 30 years, always setting the standard of volunteerism, donations, and public service.

“A visionary of success and excellence, he embodies and models the driven commitment of community service,” the letter reads.

Fines’ visionary spirit built a strong local business, and his passion for local prosperity has benefitted many charitable causes.

His legacy is one of an inspiring entrepreneur, an advocate for children, and a business leader using his platform to help causes raise funds or advertise their fundraising efforts.

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Another day, another pile. It never ends. This winter, without the January thaw, Goderich remains buried under nearly a metre of snow.

(KATHLEEN SMITH PHOTO)

Issues shaping Ontario’s election

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

As Ontarians head to the polls for the upcoming provincial election on February 27, it is more important than ever for the local business community to stay informed and engaged.

Elections shape the policies that will impact our economy, workforce and communities for years to come.

The Huron Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping members connect with candidates, understand key issues, and mark informed decisions.

“The business community plays a vital role in shaping the

economic future of Huron County,” said Colin Carmichael, Executive Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

“By engaging in the electoral process, we can ensure that our voices are heard and that policies are developed to support growth and prosperity in our communities.”

Ontario election candidates for Huron-Bruce are Ian Burbridge (Ontario Liberal Party), Bruce Eisen (Alliance), Nick McGregor (Ontario NDP), Lisa Thompson (Ontario PC Party), Matthew Van Ankum (Green Party of Ontario) and Zack Weiler (New Blue Party).

Ian Burbridge (Ontario Liberal Party):

Burbridge comes from small town Ontario. He attended

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Doug Fines honoured with King Charles III Coronation Medal

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Twenty-five years ago, Fines rallied a submission and won, bringing Disney to Huron County for a spectacular parade.

"His contagious enthusiasm is inspiring, and he is a humble mentor to those around him. He is leaving this community a better place for having had him," the letter continues.

Volunteering is a great way to try new and interesting things for Fines, who stresses that those opportunities may change the lives of others and give volunteers a new direction to find their calling.

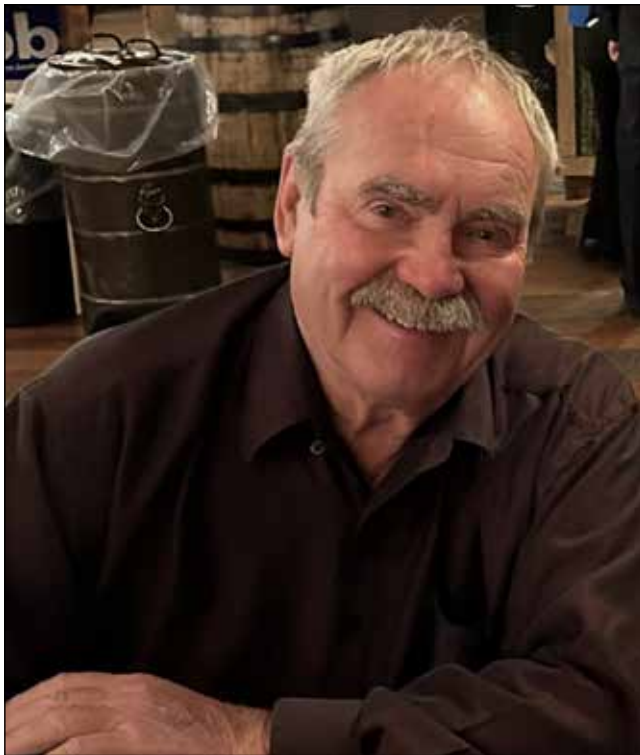
"Volunteering and knowing that you have been part of something bigger than yourself to change lives, spread hope and renew faith in the goodness of strangers is priceless," said Fines.

"It is intrinsic, because the rewards are all in the joy of being part of a team that has made a difference."

When keen on volunteering within a community, Fines offers advice to choose an existing organization with a great track record of local involvement and then allow yourself to watch and learn from those who build better communities.

"When embarking on the journey of volunteering, start small," advised Fines.

"Your time is invaluable to groups that serve with



Doug Fines, owner of Huronia (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)
Welding and Industrial Supply and life-long volunteer is a recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

purpose."

As a local business owner, Fines is a keen supporter of the Goderich community. Doug and Margo Fines started Huronia Welding and Industrial Supply in 1978 and focused on providing industry leading customer service and quality welding products.

Forty-five years later, Doug and Margo's entrepreneurial vision has helped Huronia grow to 35 full-time employees and over 75 depots throughout Northwestern Ontario.

The Coronation Medal Fines will receive commemorates the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III as King of Canada.

The medal will be administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall.

Eligible candidates must meet certain criteria to be awarded this prestigious medal.

Candidates must have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, region or community in Canada, and be alive on May 6, 2023.

The medal, silver in colour bears a crowned and robed effigy of His Majesty the King of Canada, while on the reverse side there is a ring of triangular shapes evoking the image of string pennants. These 13 shapes allude to Canada's provinces and territories, and their circular arrangement conveys the idea of inclusion for all Canadians.

Ontario NDP candidate for Huron-Bruce nominated

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

New Democrats announced in early February that Nick McGregor, a lifelong Huron County resident would be the NDP candidate for Huron-Bruce in the upcoming provincial election.

A dedicated educator and community advocate, McGregor understands the challenges rural communities face because he has lived them.

"For too long, people in Huron-Bruce have been left behind by governments that don't listen," stressed McGregor.

"After seven years of Doug Ford and nearly 14 years of Lisa Thompson, life has only gotten harder for families in our communities. It is time for real change."

As a high school teacher in Goderich and a proud member of OSSTF District 8, McGregor has spent his career standing up for students, educators, and families.

McGregor understands that after years of Conservative cuts, schools are underfunded, emergency rooms are closing, and farmers are struggling to keep up with growing costs.

"The Ontario NDP has a plan to fix what is broken," added McGregor.

"We will invest in our hospitals, hire doctors and nurses our communities desperately need, and ensure emergency rooms stay open."

McGregor explains that the Ontario NDP will stand up for farmers, address the challenges of protecting farm-

land and agribusiness, and ensure rural Ontario thrives.

McGregor is also a director with Huron County Pride, and helped organize the region's first Pride Festival.

He holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Education from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.



Nick McGregor is the Huron-Bruce (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)
candidate for NDP.

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Queen's University in Kingston studying Music, Mathematics, and Education.

Burbridge moved to Bruce County to teach music and math in the high schools in Kincardine and Port Elgin.

He now lives near the Saugeen River with his wife Sandy, and their three cats, and three dogs.

Protecting climate, natural spaces and agricultural land are all vital priorities for Burbridge.

He continues to work with young musicians at summer music camps and band clinics and has shared his talents with community organizations such as bands in Kincardine and Port Elgin, Kincardine Theatre Guild, Bluewater Playhouse and The Chantry Singers.

"I believe in balance, community, the importance of our natural environment and the need to work together so that we can all excel," said Burbridge.

"As a musician, I know that the most important skill is listening and I look forward to hearing from you, the people of Huron-Bruce."

Bruce Eisen (Alliance):

Eisen and Alliance have a 10-point plan towards a better Ontario.

Some of those points include a commitment to the protection of an unabridged freedom of speech, assembly and conscience.

Alliance is opposed to any types of lockdowns and mandated vaccine passports, carbon tax and to any sex education curriculum.

Alliance and Eisen are committed to giving greater control and strengthening the provincial government, by taking its provincial autonomy and powers back from Ottawa's Federal Government.

Nick McGregor (Ontario NDP):

McGregor grew up in Clinton and now lives in Varna.

As a high school teacher in Goderich and a proud member of OSSTF District 8, he has spent his career standing up for students, educators and families.

McGregor believes every child deserves a strong public education and every family deserves quality healthcare close to home.

He is committed to keeping rural emergency rooms open by restoring hospital funding and ensuring more doctors and nurses serve the community.

McGregor will fight for farmland protection, stopping developers from paving over the land that feeds us and ensuring family farms can thrive for generations.

As a director with Huron County Pride, McGregor helped organize the first-ever Pride festival in the region, working to build a more inclusive community.

With an Honours BA in History and a Bachelor of Education from Lakehead University, McGregor is ready to stand up for Huron-Bruce and fight for a better Ontario.

Lisa Thompson (Ontario PC Party):

Thompson was first elected as the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Huron-Bruce in October 2011.

She was re-elected in June 2014, June 2018, and June 2022.

In the 2018 and 2022 provincial election, Thompson carried more than 50 per cent of the vote.

Thompson has served as Ontario's Minister of Rural Affairs since June 2024. She has also served in Premier Ford's cabinet as Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Minister of Government and Consumer Services, Ontario's Registrar General and Minister of Education.

Additional to her parliamentary roles, Thompson was honoured to represent Ontario for nine years in the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians – Canada Region organization, serving as chair from 2020-2023.

Thompson was born and raised near Wingham in Huron County but now calls Bruce County home as she lives near Teeswater on a farm that has been in her husband's family for 124 years.

She is a graduate of the University of Guelph and is also an alumnus of Class 6 of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program.

Before entering politics, Thompson served as the General Manager of the Ontario Dairy Goat Cooperative (ODGC).

Thompson has a long history of being an active and engaged citizen, working with many rural community organizations.

She is a past Chair of the Ontario 4-H Foundation and served as Vice-Chair of Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. (now known as Agscape).

Matthew Van Ankum (Green Party of Ontario):

Van Ankum grew up on a farm in Howick Township, the middle child of a Dutch immigrant family.

His father, a plant biologist and his mother a nurse, instilled in him a deep appreciation for nature and a caring approach to life.

Alongside his wife, Danielle, and their two sons and their dogs, Van Ankum continues to farm, raising small-frame, grass-based cattle, sheep, pigs, and chickens.

Over the years, his farming practices have evolved with a strong focus on sustainability.

Beyond farming, Van Ankum is an advocate for a more representative electoral system, believing that power in parliaments should better reflect the diversity of votes.

Zack Weiler (New Blue Party):

The New Blue Party was established to offer solutions to ensure Ontario's future is one of hope, opportunity and prosperity.

New Blue and Weiler believe that government should demonstrate accountability, transparency, and integrity while acting in best interests of its citizens.

Weiler stands for liberty, as best promoted through the ability of individuals to make decisions in their own interests and encouraging free will.

New Blue Party stands for self-reliance and enjoying the fruits of one's own labour, strong families in which parents are the primary educators, the dignity of human life from conception to natural death and recognizing the importance of Ontario's heritage and balancing any possible benefits against the costs of change.

To find out how and where to vote, visit Huron Chamber of Commerce's website for more information.

With notes from the Huron Chamber of Commerce and each party's website.



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Town of Goderich enters shared services agreement with Central Huron

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Council approved the recommended one-year shared services agreement between the Municipality of Central Huron and the Town of Goderich for a part-time Building/Plumbing Inspector.

Since 2020, the Build Department has seen an increase in the issuance of building permits and various planning project files.

However, the increase of workload is not consistent enough to justify hiring a full-time employee.

The Building Department receives revenue from building permits, zoning certificates and sign application fees.

Staffing currently includes a full-time Chief Building Official (CBO) plus a part-time Building Inspector on a

six-month contract.

In February 2021, due to increased workload in the department, the CBO proposed contracting with a private company to provide plans review, inspection services, and to assist with the peak periods.

This option was not entertained at the time due to budget constraints.

According to the report to council, in 2023 a part-time inspector advertisement was posted. Unfortunately, the recruitment process was not successful in attracting candidates with adequate qualifications.

So began discussions with the Town of Goderich and the Municipality of Bluewater in April 2024.

It wasn't until the summer of 2024 where the Town of Goderich participated in a Building Inspector Internship Program. The program was a webinar that provided valu-

able presentations from other municipalities such as Pickering and Ottawa.

From this webinar, town staff explored the opportunity to provide a training program for staff within the organization to become an inspector.

In 2024, a shared services agreement for a full-time Building Inspector between Central Huron and Huron East ended due to increased building demands in Huron East.

It was in early 2024 when Goderich's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Janice Hallahan inquired with Central Huron's CAO about a shared service agreement for a part-time inspector for one day a week.

In November 2024, Central Huron hired Mario Blazevic, a plumbing inspection qualified Building In-

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Letters to Editor

The race is on

Dear Editor,

You might ask what kind of race I am talking about. The answer is a race to halt the rapid deterioration of publicly funded healthcare in Ontario.

The intermittent and sometimes permanent closures cause delays in diagnosis and treatment, often resulting in poor outcomes and occasionally in the death of a patient.

In addition, the appalling conditions in some nursing homes can cause much suffering in the elderly and in the physically and mentally impaired members of our society.

The marked exit of physicians, surgeons, nurses and allied health professionals from the public sector has resulted in great dissatisfaction and anger for many Ontarians.

Publicly funded healthcare has increasingly deteriorated in Ontario because of more recent provincial under-

funding.

At the same time, the private sector has flourished, because money that should have been spent on publicly funded healthcare has been spent on developing private clinics and healthcare services.

Another answer is the race to prevent a further decline in the health of the environment, its prime farmlands, wetlands, rivers, forested areas and ecologically sensitive natural spaces.

Politicians at Queen's Park are aware of these issues.

Recent history informs us that some at Queen's Park are willing to add to the problem by destroying more prime agricultural land and by infringing the Greenbelt to create massive subdivisions serviced by superhighways.

Premier Ford has a wish for a six-kilometre tunnel passing under the 401, estimated to cost tens of billions

of dollars.

The race is on to end the almost seven years of neglect to Ontario's healthcare and environment. These two issues are interdependent.

The race will be short and will end after the provincial election on February 27. I believe the most effective way each of us can help win this race is to vote in the upcoming provincial election.

In this election I will vote strategically to defeat the present government, or to reduce it to a minority status.

I have seldom voted strategically, but these are the most desperate of times.

So, fasten up your running shoes and spring with me to the finish line.

Sincerely,

*Jim Hollingworth MD
Goderich*

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Milk of human kindness

Dear Editor,

On a recent wintry day, my wife Monica and I were walking along Cambria Road North when suddenly Monica slipped on an icy patch and fell heavily on her face.

A few drivers stopped to render assistance, and a Canada Post letter carrier arrived in time to call 911 on her cell phone for an ambulance.

The ambulance arrived and three young female paramedics attended to Monica's still prone position.

They checked for any injury, carefully placed her on the gurney and into the ambulance. Meanwhile, a strang-

er offered to drive me to the hospital.

It was a happy ending in that Monica was treated and discharged from the AMGH Emergency facility, with no serious injuries.

This incident underscores the milk of human kindness, and that without thanks or reward, several concerned citizens came to our aid when we needed it.

It is most gratifying that there are Good Samaritans out there, and they deserve credit, particularly to the letter carrier, anonymous stranger and paramedics.

With respect,

*Barry J. Page
Goderich*



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Police Reports

Person arrested twice in same day for Goderich mischiefs

Huron OPP has charged an individual from Huron County following incidents at two separate locations in Goderich on February 6.

Police were contacted by staff at the Goderich Hospital (AMGH) who reported an individual causing a disturbance and mischief on hospital property.

Police attended and arrested the individual. Several charges were laid.

A 58-year-old man of no fixed address was charged with: Mischief Under \$5,000, Causing a Disturbance, and Indecent Act – Public Place.

The accused was additionally charged with an offence found in the Liquor Licence Control Act (LLCA).

The accused was processed and held in custody for a bail hearing where they were later released from custody with a court appearance at the Ontario Court of Justice – Goderich on March 10.

On February 6, just before 7 p.m., Huron OPP were contacted by staff at a Goderich retail store on Huron Road.

An individual was reported to have committed a mischief while inside the store.

The individual was identified as the same accused charged earlier in the day. The accused was located near the store and arrested by police.

An additional charge of Mischief Under \$5,000 was laid on the accused.

He was processed and later released from custody with a court appearance at the Ontario Court of Justice – Goderich on March 10.

Mischief at Goderich bank results in arrest

Police have charged an individual from Huron County following a mischief to a Goderich bank automated teller machine (ATM) vestibule area in January 2025.

On January 31, officers were contacted by bank staff who reported someone damaged the bank ATM area on January 30. The suspect was identified by police but was not located at that time.

On February 8, officers located the suspect and made an arrest.

The 42-year-old man of no fixed ad-

dress was charged with: Mischief Under \$5,000, Mischief – renders property dangerous, useless, inoperative, or ineffective, and Fail to Comply with Probation Order.

The accused was processed and held in custody for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice – Goderich.

Intimate partner violence investigation results in charges

On January 31 members of the Huron OPP investigated a matter involving intimate partners in Huron East.

As a result, police learned that the involved suspect had allegedly committed several criminal acts against their partner.

A 56-year-old from Huron East was arrested and charged under the Criminal Code

with: Assault – Spousal, Fail to Comply with Probation Order (9 counts).

The accused was processed and held for a bail hearing where they were

later remanded into custody with a court date scheduled at the Ontario Court of Justice – Goderich.

Victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) are not alone. Contact Victim Services of Huron at www.victimserviceshuron.ca

Intimate partner violence investigation results in charges

On February 3 police investigated a matter involving intimate partners in Goderich.

As a result of the investigation, OPP learned that the involved suspect had allegedly committed several criminal acts against their partner.

A 19-year-old individual from Goderich was arrested on February 4 and charged under the Criminal Code with: Mischief – Domestic and Fail to Comply with Release Order (two counts).

The accused was processed and held for a bail hearing scheduled at the Ontario Court of Justice – Goderich.

Victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) are not alone. If you or someone you know needs support, there are local resources available to help.

One organization to contact is Victim Services of Huron at www.victimserviceshuron.ca or by calling toll free at 1-866-863-4108.



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spector as their full-time Deputy Chief Building Official.

Not knowing the demands for 2025, Central Huron has thus agreed to a short-term (one-year) shared service agreement with the Town of Goderich.

The part-time Building Inspector primary functions will be to assist the CBO with completion of inspections, plans review of new applications, and respond to technical inquiries relating to building, plumbing and zoning.

The inspector will also assist with the backflow prevention program by support-

ing any outstanding permits from the initial phase of the program, and transition to the yearly reporting of the program required by the Ontario Building Code.

The agreement will be monitored throughout the one-year agreement and evaluated prior to the end of the agreement.

An estimated related cost is valued at \$25,000, which has been included in the draft 2025 budget.

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Election priorities for farmers focus on protecting ability to grow food

SARA WOOD

Vice President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)

It's election time in Ontario, and across the province, candidates have started meeting with voters and sharing their platforms.

It's a great time for all of us to be involved in our democratic process, focusing on the issues that matter and learning what candidates would do about them if elected.

At the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), where I serve as a Vice President, we regularly meet with politicians from all political parties and all levels of government, not just during an election.

It's part of our ongoing commitment to ensure that agricultural and rural needs and concerns are put in front of decision-makers.

During an election, however, the OFA puts a particular push on engaging with politicians from all parts of the province as they vie for votes on the campaign trail.

That's because agriculture isn't just a rural issue.

As the largest contributor to the Ontario economy, a thriving agriculture sector helps keep communities, making investment in rural and agriculture an investment into food sovereignty and sustainable farm production.



An Ontario dairy farm.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

urban sprawl contained.

Agricultural land is a finite resource, making up less than five per cent of Ontario's land; when it is lost, it is lost forever.

Long-term land use planning must balance encouraging urban and industrial growth with protecting agricultural land to ensure we have the resources available to continue producing food for the future.

We are asking candidates to support the protection of domestic food and farm production and intensify development in existing urban footprints.

Buying local matters. Studies show that if every Ontario household spent an additional \$10 a week on local food and farm products, it would generate \$2.4 billion annually and create 10,000 new jobs.

At the same time, farmers need government policy that supports production, reduces regulatory burdens, improves farm business' capacity to manage risk from challenges like climate change and market fluctuations. It helps address labour shortages in the sector as well.

We are asking candidates to support prioritizing local production and create better programs to promote jobs and careers in the agri-food sector.

Infrastructure is an essential part of Ontario's economy and is critical to attract new businesses and residents.

Investments into physical and social infrastructure across the province support distributed economic development and growth of Ontario's rural hubs.

This means roads, bridges and proper drainage, affordable, accessible energy, reliable and affordable cellular and highspeed internet coverage, and quality schools and healthcare.

We are asking candidates to support much-needed investments in the maintenance, repair, resilience and growth of rural Ontario's critical infrastructure, and to support an integrated energy plan to address current inefficiencies.

Local food and farm products, preserving farmland and strong communities affect all Ontarians, whether rural or urban.

Regardless of where you live in the province, I encourage you to connect with your local candidates and talk about these issues.

It's important that candidates from all parties and in all ridings are aware of the important role that agriculture plays in our province.

Protecting our ability here at home to grow as much of our own food, fuel, fibre and flowers as possible is critically important, especially in the face of trade disruptions, geopolitical upheaval and the impacts of a changing climate on the world's food-producing regions.

To do so, we need strong farming businesses and a competitive, supportive economic and legislative environment that will let them be sustainable and profitable.

At OFA, we believe candidates must show leadership in three priority areas to best support food, farming and rural development in Ontario.

They must show leadership in protecting farmland through responsible land-use planning, by supporting the agricultural sector to secure Ontario's food supply and invest in rural infrastructure.

Our farmland is the cornerstone that supports every major aspect of life in Ontario. For Ontario farmers to maintain supply and meet demand for local products, farmland needs to be protected, and

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The Town of Goderich is pleased to host a Community Job Fair event on **Monday, April 14, 2025, at the Maitland Recreation Centre**, 190 Suncoast Dr E, Goderich. The event will run from 3 to 7 PM.

The Community Job Fair event is to facilitate meaningful connections that benefit both your business and the talented individuals within our community.

Why Should Your Business or Organization Reserve a Booth?

This event presents an invaluable opportunity for your business to engage with job seekers and potentially recruit talented individuals to join your team. Whether you are looking to fill full-time positions, hire summer students, or offer opportunities to newcomers in our community, this job fair can serve as a platform to meet your prospective candidates.

There is no fee to be an exhibitor. An 8' table and chairs will be provided. Exhibitors will be required to bring any other supplies you need including table coverings, extension cords, swag, pop-up banners, etc. Nothing can be hung up or attached to the walls.

Registration deadline: **Friday, February 28, 2025, at 4 PM**

Interested businesses/individuals are asked to register in person at Goderich Town Hall, 57 West Street, or by email to smcgregor@goderich.ca

Set-up: Monday, April 14 from 1:30 – 3 PM

Event: Monday, April 14 from 3 – 7 PM

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Lakeshore United Church in Goderich welcomes new minister

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

In early February, Lakeshore United Church welcomed a new minister, Reverend Rohan Pushparajan.

The minister's arrival follows a seven-month search process that saw the search committee go beyond Canadian borders.

On September 22, Lakeshore United Church congregation accepted the search committee's recommendation to call Rev. Rohan Pushparajan as their full-time minister.

"The search for a new minister was certainly lengthy and there were disappointments along the way," admitted Andy Ross, Lakeshore United Church chair of council and member of the search committee.

"Once we met Rev. Rohan via Zoom, the excitement started to build. Waiting for him and his family to arrive felt long, but it was certainly worth it."

On Sunday, February 2 the congregation gathered to hear the new minister's sermon 'Rooted in Love and Sent with Boldness'.

Rev. Rohan arrived in Canada on January 24, and the congregation had a chance to meet and greet him and his family on January 26.

According to Rev. Rohan, he hopes to offer the spiritual support the community needs, as best as he can.

"I am deeply interested in intercultural and interfaith dialogue," admitted Rev. Rohan.

"Being rooted in Christianity, it's important to send a message of acceptance, an open arm to other faith communities among us in Goderich. It's when we come to know our differences and similarities that the church can reveal its true beauty."

Rev. Rohan's interest in aiding marginalized communities plays well to Lakeshore United's statement of intention to provide a haven for all seeking peace, justice, affirmation, acceptance, and equality.

"When I read the mission statement and statement of the intention, I knew this [Lakeshore United Church] would be the best place for me to serve in ministry while providing me with the space to be the best that I can be," added Rev. Rohan.

Following completion of his four-year Bachelor of Divinity Studies at the United Theological College in Bangalore, Rev. Rohan has working in full-time ministry in the Church of South India.

Lakeshore United Church holds its weekly services on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. with live streaming on YouTube available.

For more information visit <https://www.lakeshoreuc.org/>

Mental health first aid training offered by Gateway

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Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway CERH) is proud to announce an upcoming Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training session, scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025, at the Exeter Trivitt Memorial Church.

This essential program equips participants with the skills and knowledge to support individuals experiencing mental health challenges, leading to healthier and more resilient communities.

Running from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. the course is offered at a significantly

subsidized rate of \$100 per person (plus tax), making it accessible to a greater demographic.

This initiative is part of Gateway CERH's ongoing commitment to improving mental health resources and education in rural communities.

Through the Mental Health First Aid project, Gateway CERH has worked to empower individuals and organizations to create compassionate, informed, and supportive environments.

Reach out to Grace Bonnett at mhfa-traininggateway@gmail.com or visit gatewayruralhealth.ca for more information or to register for the course.

Huron Chamber hosts economic outlook event

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Huron Chamber of Commerce hosted a unique event designed to connect provincial insights with local impact on February 13.

The Huron Economic Outlook: Local Perspectives on the 2025 Ontario Economic Report aimed to be an engaging session with a panel discussion with prominent leaders.

Beginning with a live stream of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's Toronto launch of the 2025 Ontario Economic Report (OER) hosted in partnership with the Empire Club of Canada, the OER provided an in-depth analysis of Ontario's economy.

This included data on business confidence, regional economic performance, and key trends that will shape the province in the year ahead.

Prominent leaders who spoke at the live stream include David Lebeter, President and CEO, Hydro One, Jennifer Lee, Senior Economist and Managing Director, BMO, Flavio Volpe, President, APMA, moderated by Amber Kanwar, host of the In The Money and with special remarks by Daniel Tisch, President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Following the live stream, the focus shifted to Huron County.

A local panel of experts discussed the implications of the OER's findings for the region. Topics will include economic opportunities and challenges unique to the region, providing actionable insights for local business leaders and stakeholders.

The Chamber is proud to present a dynamic panel of local leaders who will bring their unique perspectives to the discussion.

This included Anita Van Hittersum, Jim Lynn, Frank Hurkmans, and Jeff Bauer.

Hittersum is a dairy farmer and municipal councillor in North Huron. Hittersum offers insights into how provincial economic trends impact agriculture and rural communities, as well as local governance.

Lynn is a seasoned financial expert, former strategic advisor with Libro Credit Union and former CEO of United Communities Credit Union. Lynn will provide a financial lens on the report and discuss what it could mean for businesses and families in Huron County.

Hurkmans is President of the Goderich Port Management Corporation. He brings the perspective of supply chains and transportation, exploring how economic trends will influence one of Huron County's key logistical hubs.

Bauer is a real estate agent, and real estate is often the barometer of a region's economic health. Bauer is co-owner of Royal LePage Heartland Realty, will share the perspective of his industry and how the trade conflict might affect the real estate market in Huron County.

Each of these local leaders engaged in a moderated discussion on how the economic themes and challenges will resonate throughout Huron County's diverse sectors, from agriculture to manufacturing, finance and infrastructure.

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Gateway welcomes newest research chair

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At the end of January, Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH) held its strategic planning day at Benmill-er Inn and Spa.

At the meeting board members, research chairs, research assistants and staff planned for the future of Gateway, focusing on growth, meaningful changes and identifying strategies to ensure Gateway continues in advancing rural health outcomes.

"This day is an opportunity for our dedicated team to come together and align on a shared vision for Gateway," shared Dan Stringer, Chair of Board.

"By working collaboratively, we can ensure our organization continues to meet the evolving needs of rural communities."

In addition to the planning, Gateway welcomed its newest Chair of Equity and Access in Rural Palliative Care, Erin Donald, PhD, RN, CHPCN(C) (they/them).

Dr. Donald is a graduate-educated nurse with a 15-year career in palliative care.

They have practiced as a clinical nurse in community and hospice, as an educator at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and as a nurse researcher in palliative care and health systems.

According to Gateway, Dr. Donald's research focuses on access to palliative care and a palliative approach in rural settings and for populations made vulnerable by social inequity.

Dr. Donald relocated to Goderich in



Dr. Erin Donald (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO) is Gateway's newest research chair.

2022 and joined Gateway with the aim of fostering local partnerships and supporting community-based initiatives focused on improving the quality of life across the disease trajectory for those with life-threatening illnesses.

The takeaways from this event are expected to drive positive changes that will enhance Gateway CERH's impact on rural health research, education, and community collaboration. From exploring new opportunities for growth to strengthening existing programs, the insights gained will shape the organization's path forward.

United Way's three-year impact funding application process opens

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

United Way's impact funding process opened on February 12, accepting expressions of interest (EOI) accepted until March 12.

According to United Way, this funding cycle runs for three years, from April 1, 2026, until March 31, 2029.

"A focus for us continues to be addressing local needs by funding partners that deliver important programs and services responding to poverty mitigation and prioritizing equity-denied groups," explained Leah Kennedy, UWPH Manager, Community Impact.

"We look forward to receiving EOIs from organizations and groups who work

to improve lives and build belonging in Huron or Perth."

This funding is intended to provide financial stability for ongoing projects and programs part of United Way's over-arching structure and mission.

United Way welcomes everyone to submit program funding requests.

For a full list of eligibility requirements, refer to United Way's 2026-2029 Impact Funding Resource Guide, available at perthhuron.unitedway.ca

For those organizations or groups who have never applied for UWPH funding before, contact Kennedy at lkennedy@perthhuron.unitedway.ca prior to starting the EOI.

According to United Way, appointments will be booked until March 7.

Eat Local Huron sees increase of buying local since threat of tariffs

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

In response to the threat of unjustified tariffs from the United States, buying local and buying Canadian products has become a priority for many communities.

Existing customers of Eat Local Huron have increased their frequency to the store, to attempt purchasing more locally sourced or Canadian products and groceries.

"I've been approached by several people saying they're looking to buy more local since the threat of tariffs," said Christopher Spaleta, Board Chair, Eat Local Huron.

"The trade war looks like it soured a lot of people on buying from America. I don't think it's just the cost increase on the horizon; it's not liking getting bullied with tariffs."

Prices at Eat Local Huron remain in line or comparable to other grocery stores such as Zehrs. The big difference is the niche items like pasture fed chickens, grass-fed beer or Zebrune Shallots.

"Those are items you can't find in the grocery store," explained Spaleta.

"Some of those cost a lot more to care for and produce, some don't. But to raise animals beyond the limits of care of factory farming takes a little extra."

Spaleta adds that for some people, this aligns with their values of animal care and their own nutrition.

With shopping local, money goes directly to people in Huron County. With shopping at Eat Local Huron, Spaleta



explains that you can get to know who is making your food, find out how it's made, and meet the farmers in their summer Farm Crawls. This helps customers understand the food system, end-to-end.

"When you spend money locally, that money stays here," Spaleta added.

"Those farmers and the staff at Eat Local Huron spend that money at someone else's store here. It lifts the community economy up."

When it comes to supporting local or supporting Canadian businesses in light of the possible trade wars, Spaleta believes this pause in tariffs is temporary and Canadians know it.

"I like that we're feeling united. A stronger sense of community and giving each other a leg up or a helping hand is a great thing," added Spaleta.

"I wish it didn't take a trade war and possible financial trouble to do it, but I'm happy to have people more interested in eating local, but I wish for a speedy end to the trade war for the sake of everyone involved."

Eat Local Huron has been in Goderich since September.

Weekend Quiz

By Jake Grant

1. What month is Black History month?
2. Who won Superbowl 59?
3. What are sausages called in England?
4. What French explorer discovered Canada?
5. Who composed the music for both "Swan Lake" and "The Nutcracker" ballet?
6. If a tree produces acorns, what type of tree is it?
7. What gender of mosquitoes bite?
8. What country imprisoned Nelson Mandela?
9. The Magna Carta was drafted in what year?
10. Who plays Nick Fury in Avengers?

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Family legacy channels success at Groves TV

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

Groves TV and Appliance Centre in Clinton has provided the community with friendly, knowledgeable sales and services since 1935.

The family business began with Art Groves, and his son Clayton took over in 1970. The business is now run by Dan Groves, who took over in 2009.

Art Groves started selling radios in 1935 from his home, and two years later bought a storefront on Huron Street in Clinton. As hydro progressed Art added televisions and appliances.

Groves now offers kitchen and laundry appliances, furniture and décor, mattresses and sleep products, and ventilation.

In 2010, a new division was opened under the name SleepMatters, which offers a wide selection of brand name mattresses and plenty of bedding products.

The buying group Dan belongs to is involved in mattress sales. When it came to expanding to bedding, it was the right fit and timing. The owner of SleepMatters wanted to move on to other interests.

"I took the chance and bought him out," explained Dan. "Given the appliance traffic we have in store, we have tripled bedding sales."

Groves also offers a newly expanded showroom in Clinton, providing customers with the latest in bedding, electronics and appliances.

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With 90 days comfort guarantee, Groves TV also offers best price guaranteed, to ensure customers are satisfied with your mattress or furniture.

After closing their Goderich location during the pandemic, Groves expanded their Clinton location, one that is much more efficient to run and proven to be more successful.

Groves TV just finished adding more showroom space into the old warehouse area at the store due to the recent build of a 5,000 square foot offsite warehouse, allowing

Groves TV to double their backup inventory.

'Sales and Service since 1935' is Groves TV tagline. Dan feels his company's service and customer focus is what sets them apart from the rest.

Something that remains the same since 1935 is the quality customer service that Groves TV provides.

"Having great staff that has the same focus is a winning combination," he explained.

"The new larger warehouse allows us to have lots of stock where most have to order giving a longer wait time to receive product."

In addition to a service customers can trust, most of the purchasers at Groves TV are repeat and loyal customers, due to Groves TV's long-standing family tradition and excellent customer care.

Looking back on the legacy of the Groves family, Dan feels a sense of pride.

"It is an amazing feeling when you look back at the years, and how the business has grown," added Dan.

Currently, Dan is the only remaining family member involved, but he considers his staff as family.

"Future plans will be for one of them to continue the legacy past 100 years of operation," Dan said.

"This is our 90th year being family owned, so we are very proud of that accomplishment."

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Inside Groves TV.

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Goderich Young Canada Week 74th Edition

RICHARD MADGE

Sun Contributor

The 74th edition of the Goderich Lions Young Canada Week, minor hockey's longest-running tournament, takes to the ice Friday, March 7, 2025, and continues daily with the final games on Saturday, March 15.

This year's tournament will involve a total of 44 teams in three divisions playing 90 games. Three age groups are featured, with the U13 Local League and Rep teams playing March 7-9, the U15 teams March 10-12 and the U18 teams March 13-15.

Goderich Minor Hockey teams will be playing, one in each of the six competition levels.

The tournament is sponsored by the Goderich Lions Club and organized by Goderich Minor Hockey. Mike Alcock is the chair of the Lions YCW Committee and Brandon Corriveau, President of Goderich Minor Hockey,

is the Tournament Director. Tara Corriveau, Secretary of Goderich Minor Hockey, is the Tournament Co-ordinator.

Registrations for the tournament filled up quickly and Tara Corriveau sees this as a testament to how well-run it is at a time when there are many other options available to teams.

"They choose to return year after year", Corriveau added.

"Goderich Minor Hockey is thrilled to join with the Goderich Lions to keep the tradition alive. It's special for the players, coaches and their families and for the entire community of Goderich. It truly is a community event and a great many people share cherished memories from its long history."

Lion Committee Chair Alcock tells of how, when he was recently soliciting donations, a Goderich restaurant owner was so excited to contribute, commenting on how the week is

one of his best.

"The tournament helps the Lions raise funds for their community work, but it also helps support community businesses," Alcock explained.

Alcock is already looking ahead to next year when the "grand-daddy of all tournaments" will celebrate its 75th anniversary. He promises there will be special features to make the tournament bigger and better than ever.

Alcock also is extending an invitation to would-be volunteers.

"You don't have to be a Lion to be involved in Young Canada Week," he said.

"If you are interested, let me know."

Danny Granger, who grew up in Goderich, is a big supporter of the tourney, and the proprietor of "Danny Granger Art". He will be returning to Young Canada Week this year with special guests.

Granger will be at the opening ceremo-

nies, March 7, at 7 p.m., with an NHL alumni guest who will be signing Danny Granger Art hockey cards for fans.

On the last day of the tournament (Saturday, March 15) he will be bringing Sean "the Sheriff" McMorrow with him. McMorrow, a draft pick and alumnus of the Buffalo Sabres, will be recording an episode of his "Sheriff's Podcast" at the tournament's final game.

McMorrow will also be available for photos and autographs for what Granger describes as "a must-attend event for hockey lovers and art enthusiasts alike".

This, along with other attractions such as the daily 50/50 draw, with sales aided by the Goderich Flyers junior hockey team, and opening ceremonies to mark the beginning of each division, should help guarantee a fun-filled week at this year's Young Canada Week.

Goderich considering shoreline hardening project

KATHLEEN SMITH

Editor

With the risk of erosion impacting properties and natural habitats, a feasibility study was conducted by BM Ross for a shoreline hardening project.

Bluff erosion is a natural process and is essential for the maintenance of sand beaches.

The nearshore waters of Lake Huron provide ecological services to aquatic and terrestrial life.

Recent analysis shows the average annual recession rate of the bluff in the subject area is 0.69 metres per year.

Stephen Jackson of BM Ross discussed results of the feasibility study at the February 3 meeting.

"Council had tasked us with looking at the feasibility of hardening the remaining portion of the Goderich shoreline that isn't hardened," explained Jackson.

The study area is south of Rotary Cove and south of the former dog run pathway.

A proposed shoreline protection project could involve the installation of an armour stone revetment at the toe of the slope.

The conceptual design for the armour at that site is like the armour currently at the shoreline.

Over the years, to mitigate damage from rising lake levels and destructive waves during certain seasons, groyne installations along the shoreline were introduced as part of bluff stabilization and beach nourishment projects since the 1980s.

More recently, rock groynes and armour stone revetments were installed along the shoreline between the Goderich harbour and the project study area.

Additionally, a portion of the study area's bluff was graded by the Coast subdivision's developer.

If approval for armouring goes forward, a comprehensive coastal study will be required to ensure the structure will not negatively impact the slope, adjacent properties or the shoreline processes.

BM Ross stated in the report that the installation of an armour stone revetment would prevent natural erosion in this location and impact the sediment contribution down-drift. To compensate the lost of input of sediment,

beach nourishment would be needed on an annual basis.

Monitoring will be required as well, to ensure that fish utilize the surrounding habitats.

The recent feasibility study was made in consultation with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Saugueen Ojibway Nation (SON), and Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation.

In the DFO response, they stated they can likely approve shoreline hardening provided there is adequate compensation for lost fish habitat.

MVCA was not supportive of armour stone revetment, unless a comprehensive coastal study was completed that demonstrates there no negative impacts to adjacent properties or shoreline processes.

MVCA was supportive of a feeder beach, rather than revetment.

A feeder bluff is an eroding coastal bluff that delivers sand and gravel to a beach over time. Feeder bluffs contribute to the amount of sediment on the beach below. Most bluffs erode to some extent and are likely to provide sediment to the coastal environment.

A feeder beach is an artificially widened beach that serves to nourish down-drift beaches. A feeder beach is created by depositing dredged material near the toe of the slope.

"A feeder beach is taking materials, such as dredge materials that are designated to disposal sites, taking that natural sediment that would otherwise be disposed of and placed at the toe of the slope," explained Jackson.

"The amount of material at the toe of bluff is going to highly depend on lake levels, and variability and the timing between high and low lake levels."

When talking to the ministry, MNR highlighted that before they can permit anything there has to be adequate Indigenous consultation.

MNR had many examples of shoreline hardening projects across Ontario but were more supportive of natural solutions such as the feeder beach suggested by MVCA.

When speaking with SON they are op-

posed to any shoreline armouring and are supportive of a feeder beach as well.

SON highlighted that any work in that area would require archeology on the bluff and in the shallow water, and fish sampling would need to be completed before, during and after the project.

Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation didn't have any initial feedback, other than wishing to remain consulted as process continued.

According to Jackson, BM Ross completed technical work that included a natural habitat assessment and sampling dredge material to see its suitability for the feeder beach option suggested by MVCA.

According to Jackson the habitat assessment found limited quality fish habitat present at the study area.

"It's somewhat of an advantage to do any work there. The higher quality fish that would be there would mean a higher quality compensation that would need to be made," explained Jackson.

Results from the dredged material exposed grainsize suitable for a feeder beach, as well as suitable chemical composition.

"It is the most ideal grain size to use for a feeder beach," added Jackson.

"It would meet all the tests required by provincial regulations to be used as a feeder beach."

With the option of a feeder beach, there would be no shoreline protection, but this option would involve depositing a combination of sand, gravel, and cobble at the north extent of the area to enrich the nearshore environment.

Conceptually, material could be sourced from Goderich harbour and marina dredges, as this material is currently deposited offshore or hauled and disposed of inland.

According to MVCA, the feeder beach would be a novel approach to addressing shoreline erosion.

A feeder beach has potential to restore and enhance habitat in the nearshore environment by increasing shoreline complexity.

According to the report, coarser material could result in the development of spawning beds, reefs and areas of refuge. Sand and smaller course material could result in development of spawning grounds, shelter

and food sources for fish and contribute to improved water quality and nutrient cycling.

Furthermore, the deposited material would buffer the shoreline from wave action, which may result in growth of aquatic vegetation in the nearshore environment, increasing productivity of the ecosystem.

In the report from BM Ross to Goderich Council, three options were presented.

One – Do nothing. No trigger was identified that obligates Goderich to complete work at the toe of the bluff.

"Through our investigation we didn't trigger anything that obligated Goderich to complete the work at the toe of the bluff," Jackson explained.

"That was expected that area would erode."

Two – Initiate Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Schedule C) to further pursue shoreline hardening.

Three – Defer further decisions until MVCA's sediment by-pass modeling is complete.

In addition to the options, cost involved must be factored before a decision is made. Further studies would be needed for options two and three, including an archeological study at the cost of \$40-50,000, and a fish sampling study for one nearshore season at the cost of \$5-7,000.

"Regardless of whether you're looking at armouring or a sediment by-pass, if you're looking at doing something the next studies on the table would be archeology as well as the fish sampling," explained Jackson.

Based on consultations, approval could be obtained for armouring the shoreline if impacts to fish habitat are appropriately mitigated, and it is proven the work will not impact down-drift erosion.

Additionally, modelling will be undertaken to determine if a feeder beach using sediment and other sources has the potential to reduce erosion rates and enhance nearshore habitat.

According to Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Janice Hallahan, after speaking with MVCA, it could take two to four years before technical work has been completed on further studies.

Council deferred a decision on a shoreline hardening project until the sediment by-pass modelling is completed by MVCA.



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Goderich Sailors Update

TARA CORRIVEAU

Sun Contributor

The U15 LL Goderich Sailors are on a roll and have won their second silver medal in as many tournaments.

On January 31 the U15 Sailors travelled to Dresden to compete in the Kinsmen Cup Tournament.

It was a fantastic tournament for the U15 LL Sailors, with great team play and 100 per cent effort and hard work by all.

It was an action-packed tournament for the U15 squad. After two wins and only one loss in round robin play, the team was off to the semi finals.

A tense semi final game went into overtime with the Sailors victorious over Erie North with a score of 4-3.

The next stop was the championship game, where the Sailors were matched up against a team they already faced during the round robin.

Tied 1-1 to South Kent 2 at the start of

the third period, the Sailors fought hard but unfortunately couldn't get another goal on the board. The final score ended with South Kent 2 on top by a score of 4-1.

The U15 LL Goderich Sailors will hit tournament ice again on March 10 when they take part in the 74th Young Canada Week tournament hosted by Goderich Minor Hockey and the Goderich Lions.

It will be on home ice that the U15 LL Sailors try and capture the elusive gold

medal this season.

In other Sailors' news, the U8 Sailors were excited to participate in their very first jamboree of the season in Blyth on February 8.

The U8 Sailors played three games in the one-day jamboree against teams from Blyth, Mitchell, and Wingham. The players all worked hard and had a lot of fun.

For more information on Goderich Minor Hockey teams and results visit <https://www.goderichminorchockey.ca>



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

Above: U15 LL Sailors with their silver medals. (First row, L-R): Matthew Blackmore, Alex Fritzley, Eric Steadman. (Second row, L-R): Tyler Ferguson, Jacob Brugger, Bennett DeVries, Max Fritzley, Lucius Bendig, Tyler Panphrumriang, Harrison Harp, Josh Edginton, Quinn Spetman, Emily Blackmore. (Third row, L-R): Asst. Coach Travis Loughnane, Norah Loughnane, Ben Loughnane, Asst. Coach Jason Brugger, Head Coach MacKenzie Harp, Trainer Pat Steadman, Ryder Arthur.

Right: U8 Sailors team roster: Wellesley Anderson-Stanley, Emmitt Bartoszko, Liam Bushey, Bennett Ferguson, Ryder Gormley, Liam Kaneko, Jackson Kinahan, Easton Lamb, Nixon Lavoie, Odin Padfield, Bentley Rogers-Bunn, Benson Taylor, Cameron Taylor, Henricus Van Dieten, Daxton Woods.



Goderich Little Theatre showcased at Goderich Co-op Gallery

GCG MEMBER CAROL MCDONNELL

Sun Contributor

As part of our community outreach, the Goderich Co-op Gallery (GCG) will next feature another artistic town gem - the Goderich Little Theatre (GLT).

Starting with church drama clubs and play readings, the Little Theatre evolved to a separate group in 1947. Plays were presented in churches and the MacKay Hall.

Over the intervening decades, volunteer casts and crews, board of directors, marketing gurus, not to mention sponsors, have all participated in bringing some amazing plays to the stage.

The celebratory display at the gallery will feature artifacts from some of these plays including costumes, posters, old photos, and posters.

The Livery building, which is the performance venue, has had an intriguing history worthy of the drama now being produced within.

Built of Maitland River Stone in the 1860s by a trader of hides and whiskey for pilgrims on the Huron Trail between Guelph and Goderich, the building has undergone many transformations.

A livery stable followed, then a car deal-

ership and then a building centre. Slated for demolition in 1978, some envisioned its use as an arts centre, and since 1983, the Goderich Little Theatre had acquired a new home. Ever since, quality dramas, comedies, musicals and historical plays have been presented.

The theatre unites the community in diverse ways while working together to bring stories to the stage.

One memorable performance of "Crimes of the Heart" unintentionally had added atmosphere when a power outage struck. The audience assisted by lighting the stage with their cellphone lights. The play, Straight Through the Heart, written and directed by Warren Robinson and David Armour told the story of the Goderich tornado in 2012.

This fall, the Streamliners directed by Duncan McGregor and written by Andy Sparling and James White's performed to sold out shows celebrating local history and the 100th anniversary of the RCAF.

Theatre goers can look forward to PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE written by Steve Martin and directed by Brian Cox.

Show dates are February 27 and February 28, March 1, March 6, March 7, and March 8 at 8 p.m. March 2 and March 9

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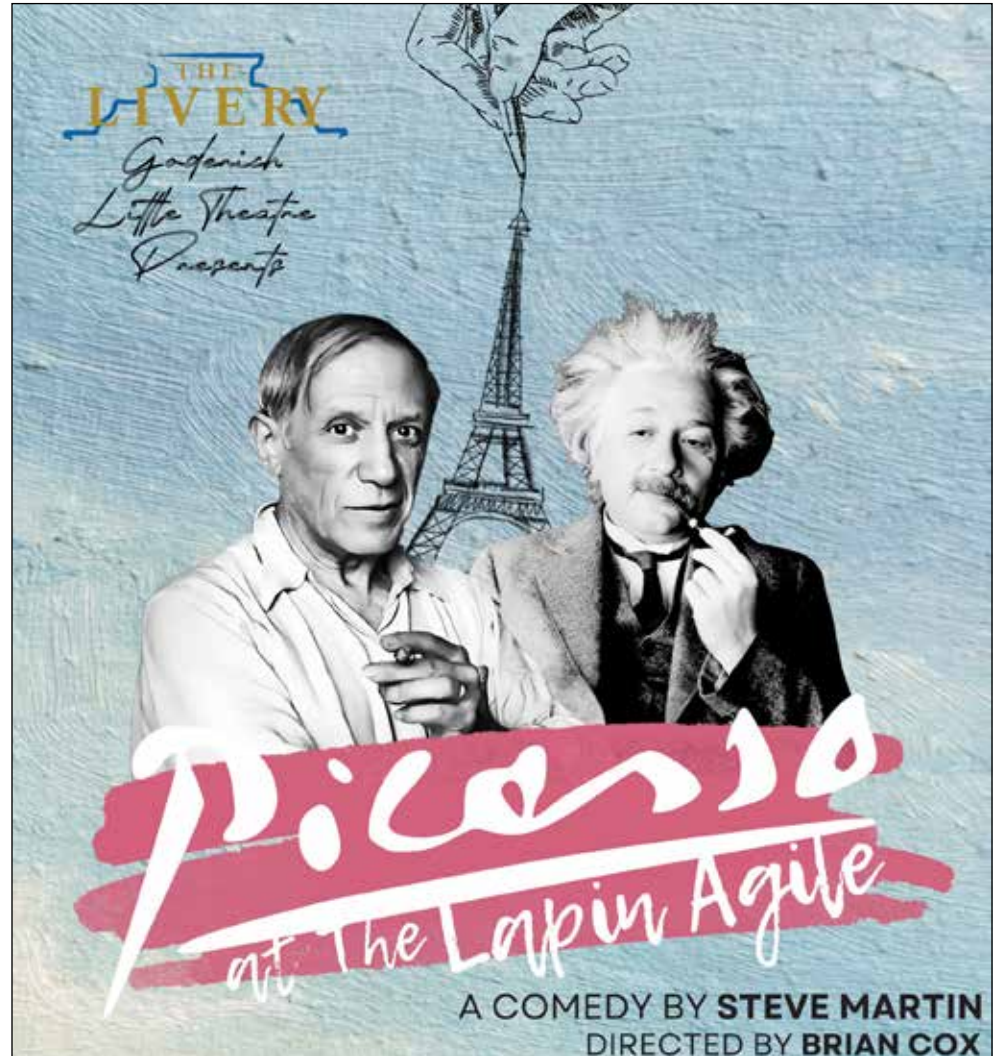
The play is sponsored by 2nd Streetlight Estate Winery and is set in a Parisian Cafe in 1904, where Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso meet and discuss creativity, fame, and the universe with a very skeptical audience of bystanders.

It is full of Steve Martin's trademark wit and silliness, layered on top of a deep intelligence and respect for the arts.

Goderich can celebrate this amazing community theatre at the opening of their exhibition at the Co-op Gallery on Saturday, March 1, from 2 until 4 p.m.

This display will be on until the end of March when EXPOSURE, our community art show, is displayed.

Celebrate the artist in you. Applications for EXPOSURE are now available at the gallery and on our website, gcgallery.ca.

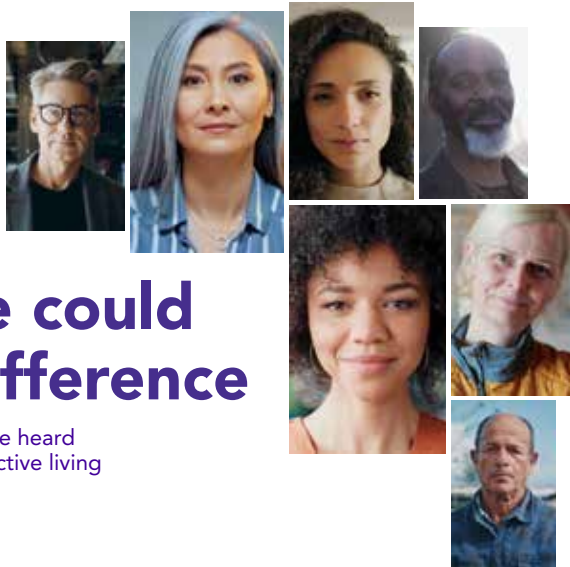
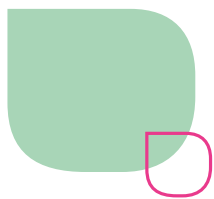


Picasso at the Lapin Agile plays at Goderich Livery Theatre through the beginning of March.



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Writers and readers connect to celebrate the power of story

RENEE SANDELOWSKY

Sun Contributor

The Village Bookshop is thrilled to present 'The Bayfield Writers Series', a new literary initiative dedicated to bringing readers and writers together.

The goal of The Bayfield Writers Series will be to showcase the art of writing in all its many genres including historical fiction, memoir, non-fiction and more.

It will also delve beyond the classic novel into other written art forms such as journalism, screenwriting, graphic novels, song-writing, poetry and even personal journaling.

People all have a story to tell, and the Bayfield Writers Series will help writers and readers bring these to life, whether on the page, on screen, in imagery, or the spoken word.

The Bayfield Writers Series has a secondary goal, which is to showcase the beauty of Bayfield and the greater Huron area.

"Our region is the perfect setting to gather as readers and writers and celebrate what we do best, share our lives and our community through story," said Judy Whittaker, representing the Bayfield Writers Series.

"Some of the editions within the series will be hosted in a local setting fitting its genre."

For its 2025 inaugural event, The Bayfield Writers Series will spotlight the beloved genre of historical fiction.

Four international and New York Times

bestselling authors, Madeline Martin, Jennifer Robson, Bryn Turnbull and Heather Marshall are coming to Bayfield to connect with an up-close and collaborative group of writers and readers.

Using interactive panel discussions, readings from their captivating novels and interviews, these four masters of the Art of Historical Fiction will share a few of their secrets for writing, researching, and publishing, and maybe even a peek behind what they are working on next.

Ticket sales will be limited to keep the event intimate and give guests an opportunity to meet some of their favourite authors.

What better place to host a historical fiction event than at The Little Inn in Bayfield?

Steeped in history and an iconic setting, The Little Inn has been welcoming guests since 1847 and is the longest continually operating Inn within Bayfield.

It first served as a stagecoach stop for weary travellers to rest, dine and have a drink, as well as have a place for their horses to rest.

The Art of Historical Fiction: Where Fact Meets Fiction will take place on May 2 and May 3.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through <https://villagebookshop.ca/bayfield-writers-series> where participants can also sign up for newsletters and learn about future events.

Follow along on Facebook and Instagram @bayfieldwritersseries



Mackay Centre for Seniors – Dungannon Location is looking for a part-time program assistant.

PART-TIME POSITION, approximately 15- 20 hours a week and are flexible for mornings or afternoons or a combination of the two.

Salary: \$18.00- \$20.00 per hour (depending on experience)

Work Location: In person at 78 Albert Street, Dungannon

Job Description: The Mackay Centre for Seniors is a dynamic Seniors Active Living Centre located in Goderich. We are expanding our seniors' programs into the Dungannon location and are seeking a part time program assistant. The successful applicant will be able to assist with the development and implementation of all programs being held at the new location.

Responsibilities

- Reporting to the Executive Director the part time program assistant will work to establish program for seniors at the Dungannon location. They will assist with planning, implementing and communicating the programs and events with the membership.
- Set up and prep for programs and clean up as needed.
- Knowledge of social media (Facebook, newsletters contributions, and social media content).
- Coordinate and organize volunteers, some data collection and evaluation skills are needed.
- Ability to work with seniors, and co-ordinate with program leaders.
- Bring new and creative ideas to increase and engage our membership.

Qualifications

- You must be currently living in Ontario, Canada.
- 2-5 years prior experience working with seniors, recreation or activation.
- 2-5 years previous office experience. (administration, phones, documentation and organization)
- Have great customer relations skills and the ability to focus on customer experience.
- Be able to read, write and comfortably communicate in English.
- Current vulnerable sector police check.
- Access to a reliable vehicle and have a valid Ontario driver's license.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants should send their resume to Stephanie Hartwick at mackaycentre@hurontel.on.ca with the Topic – Program Assistant in the subject line. Resumes will be accepted until Wednesday March 12th at 4:30pm.

We would like to thank all applicants for your interest. However, only those applicants selected to move forward in the recruitment process will be contacted.



Mackay Centre for Seniors – Dungannon Location is looking for a part-time cook.

Job Type: 1 part time position: 16 per month (flexible hours)

Salary: \$18.00-\$20.00 per hour (depending on experience)

Work Location: In person at 78 Albert Street, Dungannon

Job Description: The Mackay Centre for Seniors is a dynamic Seniors Active Living Centre located in Goderich. We are expanding our seniors' programs into the Dungannon area and are seeking a part time cook to provide weekly lunches at the Dungannon location.

Responsibilities

- Reporting to the Executive Director, the part time cook will provide a weekly meal for seniors at the Dungannon location.
- Assist in the planning of menus. Be responsible for ordering and shopping for groceries.
- Observe safe food handling practices in preparation, serving and clean up after the meals.
- Supervise and direct volunteers for preparation, serving and clean up.
- Maintain inventory of supplies, ingredients and perform basic cleaning of kitchen equipment and area.

Qualifications

- You must live locally.
- Grade 12 or equivalent.
- Current Safe food Handling certificate.
- Knowledge of meal planning and serving.
- 2-5 years' experience with food preparation and cooking large meals.
- Experience working with seniors is an asset.
- Access to a reliable vehicle & valid driver's license.
- Able to manage a budget.
- Current vulnerable sector police check.
- Be able to read, write and comfortably communicate in English.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants should send their resume to Stephanie Hartwick at mackaycentre@hurontel.on.ca with Dungannon Cook in the subject line. Resumes will be accepted until Wednesday March 12th at 4:30pm.

We would like to thank all applicants for your interest. However, only those applicants selected to move forward in the recruitment process will be contacted.



Mackay Centre for Seniors – Dungannon Location is looking for a part-time custodian.

Job Type: 1 part-time position: 12 Hours Per Week (3 hours mornings or afternoons) 4 days per week.

Salary: \$18.00-\$20.00 per hour (depending on experience)

Work Location: In person at 78 Albert Street, Dungannon

Job Description: The Mackay Centre for Seniors is a dynamic Seniors Active Living Centre located in Goderich. We are expanding our seniors' programs into the Dungannon area and are seeking a part time building custodian. The successful applicant will be responsible for the day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of the building to accommodate all of the programs being held at the new location.

Responsibilities

- Reporting to the Executive Director, the part time custodian will provide cleaning and basic maintenance at the Dungannon location.
- Coordinate with Program Assistant for set up and take down for programs and events.
- Opening and closing Centre as required.
- General Cleaning and maintenance of the Centre, kitchen and bathrooms regularly both before and after events, including garbage removal
- Ensuring supplies are refilled, maintaining inventory of supplies and ordering them as needed.
- Snow removal. Snow shoveling entrances and exits on days of events; as required.
- Lawn maintenance throughout the summer months. Cutting grass and collecting any garbage outdoors.

Qualifications

- You must be living locally.
- Grade 12 or equivalent
- Knowledge of sanitation practices, infection control, snow removal, lawn maintenance.
- 2-5 years' experience with custodial work
- Experience working with seniors is an asset.
- Ability to lift up to 50lbs
- Access to a reliable vehicle & a valid Ontario driver's license.
- Current vulnerable sector police check.
- Current first aid / CPR an asset.
- Be able to read, write and comfortably communicate in English.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants should send their resume to Stephanie Hartwick at mackaycentre@hurontel.on.ca with Building Custodian in the subject line. Resumes will be accepted until Thursday March 12th at 4:30pm.

We would like to thank all applicants for your interest. However, only those applicants selected to move forward in the recruitment process will be contacted.

Rally to Save the Valley

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Friends of Balls Bridge and Little Lakes (FOBLL), along with the Friends of the Maitland Valley Watershed invite the community to join a crucial rally to protect the Maitland River Valley from gravel-mining.

The valley is under threat from proposed mining activities in the Little Lakes and Ball's Bridge area along the Maitland Trail, just outside of Blyth and Goderich, according to Friends of Ball's Bridge group.

"This expansion is not only unnecessary, as there is already a surplus of mining site licenses available in the Maitland Watershed, but it could also have devastating impacts on our environment and drinking water supply," explained Jennifer Morris of FOBLL.

The site in question is in a loop of the Maitland River, immediately adjacent to the historic Ball's Bridge. This proposed mining site raises concerns about the potential for increased contaminants to flow downstream, directly affecting Goderich's drinking water.

"The new mining license would allow for 'below-the-water-table' extraction, and the repercussions on the nearby freshwater aquifer remain largely unknown," added Morris.

FOBLL stress that Ontario has more than enough gravel to meet demand.

According to FOBLL, the province permits companies to license 13 times more gravel than the industry requires per year.

In the Golden Horseshoe area, there is a 6.2 billion tonne reserve of aggregates that can fulfill construction needs for the next 38 years.

Additionally, an astonishing 4.6 billion litres of water are approved for use by the gravel-mining industry every day.

In Huron County, there are 139 gravel pits.

"We believe that another gravel pit is not a good or necessary use of this precious and irreplaceable land," Morris stressed.

FOBLL invite the public to rally their voices together to stand up for the preservation of the local natural resources on Friday, February 21 in Blyth, at the office of MPP Thompson at 11 a.m.

United Way looking for committee volunteers

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Committed volunteers working behind the scenes makes United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) a strong organization that continues moving forward.

Currently, UWPH is searching for new members for its Community Impact and Allocations Committee (CIAC). This committee helps decide how UWPH responds to pressing needs across Huron and Perth counties.

"We are excited to work with volunteers who bring diverse perspectives and experiences to making decisions on how we support the community," said Leah Kennedy, UWPH Manager of Community Impact.

"If you want to help us make a difference in the lives of local people, we encourage you to apply and become part of our work."

CIAC reviews and evaluates funding applications, chooses community investments to ensure funding matches the needs and addresses systemic and social inequities, engages with the community to set local priorities and acts as a liaison with supported partners when needed.

Terms are three years in length and UWPH is seeking individuals with an interest or with experience in equity work who live in Huron County.

To learn more, and for a copy of the UWPH volunteer application form visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca



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Cultivating contentment for better mental health



TANYA MACINTYRE,
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Sun Contributor

A Path to Lasting Fulfillment

There's a saying that "there is no way to happiness - happiness is the way."

Happiness, as wonderful as it is, can be fleeting. Happiness is not only a temporary feeling - it's also an emotion that's tied to external events like celebrations, accomplishments, or experiences.

On the other hand, when we cultivate contentment in our lives,

it's more long term. It doesn't just appear in the good moments.

Contentment has depth and roots and can sustain us through life's challenges.

For me, contentment has been a by-product of intentional inner work, especially through Cognitive Behavioural Therapies (CBT). CBT has helped me recognize my thought patterns, manage my emotions, and navigate addiction.

Here are a few small but powerful practices to try.

Practice the Pause

When frustration, disappointment, or irritation arises, take a breath. Instead of reacting impulsively, pause. Reflect on what's happening internally. Are you catastrophizing? Are you clinging to control?

There's great power in realizing that we can't control the world around us, but we can control how we respond. Practicing the pause helps us gain perspective

and meet life with greater acceptance.

Show Appreciation

When we express appreciation, we shift our focus from what's missing to what's present. And here's the magic: consistent expressions of gratitude can rewire our brain to seek out and recognize the good around us.

Stop Buying Stuff to Fill the Void

We live in a consumer culture that tells us more is better. The next time you feel the urge to buy something, ask yourself: Is this a need or a want? If it's a want, dig deeper to ask and answer - what emotion is underneath that craving? Is it boredom? Loneliness? Insecurity?

When we learn to sit with discomfort instead of numbing it with consumption, we learn to stop looking outside ourselves for satisfaction.

4. Enjoy the Simple Things

Contentment thrives in sim-

licity.

If you live in a place like Goderich, take advantage of what's around you. Stroll around the town square or along the waterfront boardwalk. Visit the library or museum. These moments are free & fulfilling.

5. Live in the Moment

Right now, in this moment, there is something to appreciate. Maybe it's the warmth of sunlight on your skin. Maybe it's the laughter of a loved one. Maybe it's simply the fact that you are here, breathing, alive.

Contentment is not about denying difficulties or pretending everything is perfect. It's about embracing life as it is, imperfections and all. It's the quiet understanding that you don't need to escape your life - you can find peace within it.

Start small. Pause. Appreciate. Simplify. And most importantly, give yourself permission to be content right now - not when life

gets easier, not when you achieve the next goal, but in this very moment.

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Strat-Con undertaking bridge repair project

DONNA APPAVOO

Menesetung Bridge Association

The Menesetung Bridge Association (MBA) recently signed a contract with Strat-Con Construction Ltd. for their bridge restoration project.

Strat-Con Construction has extensive experience with bridge repairs and are eminently qualified to undertake this large project.

The work will begin this spring and continue for several months.

The MBA has been busy fundraising for this project. With assistance of a FedDev grant, the generous support of local municipalities, service clubs, and community members, the fundraising goal has been reached to complete the critical repairs.

According to the MBA and those who support this project, the bridge remains a vital link in multiple trail systems.

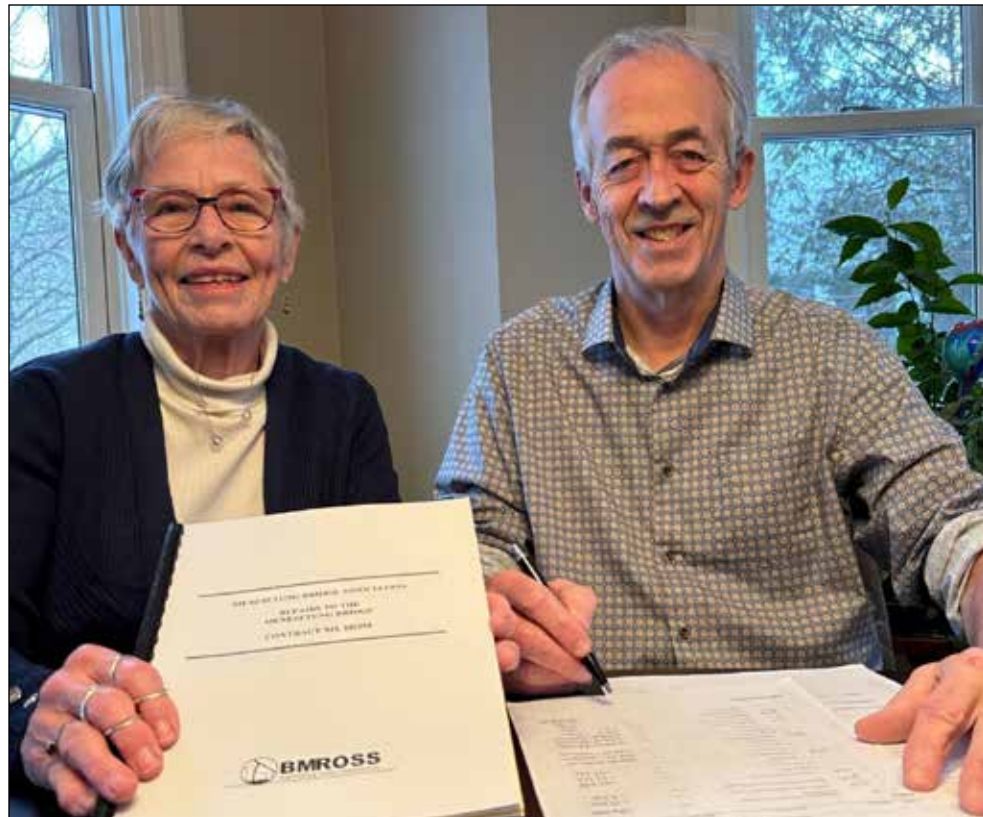
For this reason, the MBA will continue to fundraise an additional \$300,000, which will allow the association to cover the most urgent of the additional items recommended by engineers.

When the repairs are completed, the bridge will be safe and available for generations to come.

The association would like to keep the disruption to everyone who uses this bridge to a minimum. However, the bridge will be closed during construction this summer.

If the association can raise the necessary funds by early spring, Strat-Con will be able to do the additional work this year. This way the association could avoid the need to close the bridge two summers in a row.

Information on how to donate, visit menesetungbridgeassociation.org



With the newly minted contract is Marian Lane, Chair and Michael Dawson, Treasurer of the MBA.

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Bridging the Maitland

DONNA APPAVOO

Menesetung Bridge Association

On February 10 members of the Menesetung Bridge Association (MBA), Chair Marian Lane and board member John Smallwood met outside Virtual High School in Bayfield with John Baker and Steve Baker.

The John A. Baker Family Foundation has generously supported the refurbishment of

the Menesetung Bridge with a contribution of more than \$40,000.

Baker's company, Desire2Learn, began in Huron County and for many years has had a strong international presence in education.

Baker and his family have been helpful in funding many community projects in the past, and this contribution is yet another example of the Baker family's commitment to community projects in Huron County.



The John A. Baker Family Foundation recently donated \$40,000 to the Menesetung Bridge Association (MBA) to help refurbish the bridge. (L-R): John Baker, Marian Lane, John Smallwood and Steve Baker. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

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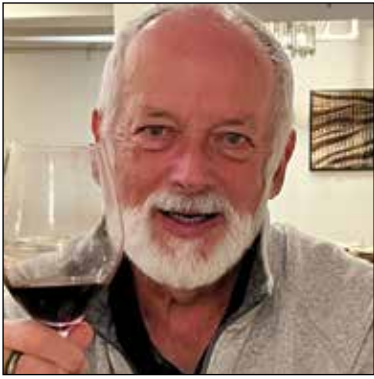
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OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: A highly unlikely tourism destination



PAUL KNOWLES

Sun Contributor

Neil Hodge's official title is simply, "Travel Media Representative" for the province of New Brunswick. That is a vast understatement. Because for travel journalists, Neil is "Mr. New Brunswick." This was acknowledged at our 2024 Travel Media Association of Canada conference, when I had the great honour of presenting Neil with our annual "Industry Member of the Year" award.

Neil is also a friend, and a terrific colleague. When I visit New Brunswick, I give him a challenge: "Send me to interesting places no other travel journalists have visited." That should be impossible – if they're interesting, surely other writers would have been there.

But Neil pulls it off, every time. On our most recent visit to the province, he joined us at one of the destinations, because not only had no travel journalist been there – neither had he!

And so, we were welcomed to a fascinating, in-depth tour of one of the most remarkable industries in New Brunswick – the Sabian Cymbal factory in the tiny village of Meductic.

"Really?" I hear you ask. "Is a factory really a tourist destination?"

Turns out, yes, it is. Randy Ross,



(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTOS)

John Donovan demonstrates the beauty of crotales.

Sabian's director of research and development, explained to me that while no large group tours are welcome (no busses), they are happy to offer tours to groups of up to about six people, especially musicians. He added that those people need to be wearing close-toed shoes, and as we walked through the factory, replete with red-hot ovens, and big machinery, it was clear why this was a requirement.

Sabian Cymbals was founded by Robert Zildjian, a Turkish immigrant whose family had been in the same trade in their native Turkey. Originally, the Zildjian family founded a cymbal company in the United States, but disagreements among siblings led Robert to found a new enterprise, and he went into business in the unlikely location of Meductic. He named it after his three children – Sally, Billy and Andy. It's still a family business.

If you are not a musician, the name "Sabian" probably doesn't mean very much. But Sabian cymbals are part of the drum kits of thousands of musical groups, from heavy metal rock bands to symphony orchestras. Any list of Sabian fans will include Phil Collins, Tyler Stewart of Bare Naked Ladies, the late Neil Peart of Rush, and thousands more, famous and less so.

The Sabian tour takes visitors through every aspect of the production of the instruments, from raw materials to beautifully crafted finished products and finally to the shipping area, where pallets of cymbals are labelled for shipment to countries all around the world – I spotted Azerbaijan, the Netherlands, Japan, Bosnia and Kansas, to name a few.

The company employs 55 people; Randy handed us over to John Donovan, a 38-year employee who

knows everything there is to know about creating amazing musical instruments. In fact, his specialty, which we discovered at the final stop of our tour, is building crotales – beautiful, carefully tuned sets of delicate bronze cymbals primarily used in symphonic performances.

John told us that Sabian produces something like 800 types of cymbals, from entry-level instruments for the fledgling drummer, to unique one-offs that are on display in a room where experienced drummers can try them out.

The first year Sabian opened – 1982 – the company produced 45,000 cymbals. Today, says John, they make 500 a day, operating on a four-day work week. Even with my poor math skills, I can calculate that means about 100,000 cymbals a year!

I asked John, where they ship cymbals to. "I can tell you the

countries we don't ship to more easily," he said with a wry smile.

The process used to make the cymbals has not changed in the 40-plus years since Sabian employees hammered their first cymbals in Meductic. The cymbals – made from bronze, a combination of 80% copper and 20% tin, in a process that is a "well protected secret" – are rolled, re-heated, and rolled again... 9 to 14 times.

The less expensive Sabian cymbals are finished on press-formed machines, still with careful human guidance. The top-of-the-line instruments are hand-hammered, a skill that I quickly discovered is not mastered by a travel journalist invited to give it a try.

The hammering, John explained, changes the speed and movement of the sound waves, and thus, the sound of the cymbals. John points out that Sabian cymbals include "hundreds of different profile shapes."

Every cymbal, top of line or not, is individually checked for sound and cosmetic appearance and then, checked again. Quality control is job one at Sabian. I learned that the cost of Sabian cymbals starts at around \$150, and rises to about a thousand dollars. Average price, says John, is about \$600.

We were at Sabian for a few hours – and didn't regret one second. It may look like a factory, but it is, in reality, a place of art and music and palpable commitment on the part of those who work there, making superb instruments that will produce great music, all over the world.

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The red-hot ovens at Sabian.



Polishing one of the 500 cymbals that will be produced on this particular day.

Riddles

Why do snowmen love winter?
Because it's the only time they can chill out!

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?
An abdominal snowman!

Why didn't the snowman go to the party?
He just wanted to chill at home.

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?
Frostbite!

How do you know if a snowman is on social media?
He has a lot of cool followers!

What do you call a snowman's favorite snack?
Ice Krispies!

Why did the skier bring a ladder?
Because he wanted to go to a higher level!

What's a snowman's favorite game?
Freeze tag!

Why do winter storms make terrible friends?
Because they give you the cold shoulder!

How does a snowman drink his coffee?
Ice-cold brew!

Sudoku

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Friday, March 21, 2025 at 8 pm

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or Call 226-232-8200
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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE TO SUICIDE

On Thursday, February 20, Thursday, February 27 from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

This program is designed to help the healing process for anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide.

In this program, participants will share ideas and strategies on how to cope, learn how grief due to suicide is unique and dispel myths and stigma associated with suicide.

The program aims to help participants re-engage in life in a meaningful and less painful way.

Admission is free.

Contact sally.brodie@huronhospice.ca for event information.

MULTILINGUAL MOVIE NIGHTS

On Thursday, February 20 from 6:45 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Huron County Museum.

Perfect Days (2023) is a Japanese movie rated PG, with a runtime of 124 minutes.

Praised as a masterpiece, this co-production between Germany and Japan chronicles everyday moments in the life of a public bathroom cleaner in Tokyo.

Multilingual Movie Nights celebrate the many languages spoken in Huron County with a film and free refreshments.

All films screened in original language(s) with English subtitles.

Please pre-register on Eventbrite to RSVP.

Movie Nights are included with paying regular admission, and free for museum members, or free/by donation with your Huron County Library card.

EDUCATIONAL SERIES: HEART HEALTH

On Friday, February 21 at 2 p.m.

Join Rebecca Wright R.N. from Maitland Valley Family Health Team speak on heart health at Goderich Retirement Residence.

Identify and modify risk factors to improve heart health, including lifestyle changes, diet, stress, physical activity and smoking/alcohol.

RSVP by contacting Jennifer Puckett: 519-524-4243 ext. 224 or salesgp@huronintel.on.ca

MAKE A MESS AT THE MUSEUM

On Saturday, February 22 and Saturday, March 1 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Huron County Museum in Goderich.

Drop in each Saturday afternoon for unstructured play for primary-aged and their families.

Create without instructions, colour without lines, and play games without rules.

Unstructured play encourages creativity, mixed age play and independence.

Included with regular admission or free when you show your Huron County Library card. Children five years old and under are free.

Free Wi-Fi and comfortable seating for parents. Nut-free snacks from home can be consumed in designated areas.

No registration required.

If not feeling well, please visit another time.

CLASSIFIEDS

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The Goderich Port Management Corporation is seeking an individual to fill the position of "Office Administrator" for the GPMC.

Desired experience will partially include:

- Small business AR/AP administration
- Record keeping
- Fluent in QuickBooks
- Social media posting
- Website updating

This is a contract position requiring between 15 to 25 hours per week.

Hourly rate to be determined based on experience.

If this opportunity is of interest to you or someone you know, please reach out to presidentgpmc@gmail.com

WANTED

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THE NEXT CHAPTER

On Wednesday, February 26 from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.
This is a group for people who have experienced the death of their life partner.

This eight-week group aids in supporting you on your grief journey as we provide a nurturing environment to help process grief.

Admission is free.

Contact Sally Brodie for more information: sally.brodie@huronhospice.ca or 519-525-6331.

GRIEF RECOVERY METHOD

On Wednesday, February 26 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The Grief Recovery Method aids in dispelling the myths of grief, such as time heals all wounds.

This eight-week group teaches new tools to aid in processing grief.

If you would like more information, or to register for this group, please contact Sally Brodie at 519-525-6331.

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On Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
This program is designed to help the healing process for anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide.

The death by suicide may be recent or long ago. It may be the loss of someone close or a more distant acquaintance. In this program, participants will share ideas and strategies on how to cope, learn how grief, due to suicide

is unique and discuss and dispel myths and stigma associated with suicide.

The program aims to help participants re-engage in life in a meaningful and less painful way.

Admission is free. Contact Sally Brodie for information: sally.brodie@huronhospice.ca

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE MEAL

On Tuesday, March 4 at St. George's Anglican Church. From 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and again from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at 87 Nelson Street in Goderich.

Proceeds go towards St. George's Outreach programs. Tickets can be purchased at Fincher's, MacKay Centre or by calling 519-524-2274.

Cost is \$15 an adult, \$5 for youth, and children five years of age and under are free.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE/SAUSAGE/DESSERT SUPPER

On Tuesday, March 4 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Berea-By-The-Water Lutheran Church.

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Two open seatings:

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QUIZ ANSWERS

- February
- Philadelphia Eagles
- Bangers
- Jacques Cartier
- Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- Oak Tree
- Female
- South Africa
- 1215
- Samuel L. Jackson



Auburn & District Lions Club St. Patrick's Breakfast

Auburn Memorial Community Hall
Sunday, March 9, 2025

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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

Pancakes, eggs, toast, sausage & hashbrowns

Maple syrup supplied by: Robinson's Maple Products

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Eggs supplied by: Huron County Egg Farmers

Proceeds for: Community Betterment



Deadline: Friday prior at 3 p.m.
Contact: info@goderichsun.com

PROMOTE YOUR EVENTS WITH US! HERE'S HOW:

- The Community Calendar is for non-profit organizations to promote their free admission events at no charge. Event listings can include your event name, date, time and location as well as a phone number, email address or website.
- If your event is not free admission or you would like to include more details than stated above, you have the following options:
 - Coming Events Word Ad in Classified section (50 word max.) - \$10 + hst
 - Coming Events Boxed Word Ad in Classified section (50 word max.) - \$15 + hst
 - Display Ad - Sizes begin at a classified business card size for \$35 + hst

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Fire and ice. Taken just south of Rotary Cove on February 10.

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