



Landfill - Open Year Round on Saturdays

Starting March 4, 2017 the Town Solid Waste Disposal Site will be open year round on Saturdays. The Town Disposal Site is adding Saturdays from 8 am to noon to the year round hours of operation.

Hours: Starting March 4, 2017

Tuesday and Thursday 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 8 am to noon
Saturday operations will be limited to the bin sorting and receiving area. There will be no access to the active landfill area on Saturdays from Dec to the end of Mar.

Disposal Site Fees have increased:

Sorted waste - \$130/tonne
Unsorted waste - \$260/tonne
Clean wood, metals, commercial brush, concrete - \$65/tonne
Minimum site use fee - \$6.00
Recyclables, e-waste, tires, yard waste and household hazardous waste - No charge
788090 Grey Road 13, Clarksburg, 519-599-6760

Delivery of Water to Face Huge Potential Increases

Baymount Service recently submitted a request for a letter of permission to travel load restricted roads and the majority of Council voted against the request at their meeting on Mar 5th

To: Town of Blue Mountains, Mayor and Council

We have been supplying water to the residents and business of the municipality for over 37 years. A big portion of the water we supply is to residences and businesses that have only the water we supply to them to use.

The trucks we use haul 15 cubic meters of water. Load restricted roads run from March 1 to May 31. When these load restrictions are on we cannot deliver full loads of water to these people and businesses.

We have been doing deliveries early in the day and choosing our route as to minimize damage to the roads to these customers from March 1 to May 31 in the past with no problems.

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Let's Move to Our Nation's Play List

It's time to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, and we've got the ultimate Play List created by over 450,000 votes to get you moving – 150 activities that define our land and people – from sledge hockey to lacrosse to snow shoveling and more. So get out there, try as many as you can, track your activities online and earn chances to win great prizes!

www.participaction.com

Majority of Council members vote not to participate in County Library Survey

Excerpts from Staff Report presented to Council Monday, March 5th

On January 26, 2017, County CAO Kim Wingrove brought forward to County Council Report CAOR-CW-04-17. As a result of that report, County Council passed the following resolutions:

"THAT Report CAOR-CW-04-17 Reassessing Potential of Grey County Role in Provision of Library Services be received; and THAT Council direct the CAO to prepare an updated environmental scan of library services and an assessment of the merits of proceeding with a more comprehensive library services project for Council's consideration in March 2017."

On February 1, 2017, Staff at Town of The Blue Mountains sought direction from Council regarding participating in the aforementioned environmental scan. At that time, The Blue Mountains Council directed that the Town staff report be received, and further directed: THAT Council direct Staff to bring a further report to Council at the first available opportunity regarding

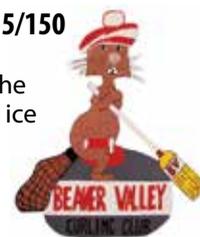
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REMEMBERING WHEN



CANADA 150 PARTICIPATION LISTS CURLING AS ACTIVITY 5/150

Curling started locally in Clarksburg in 1900 and moved to Thornbury in 1914. The men's club was up to 90 and the lady's club 60 in the 1950's. In the early 1950's artificial ice was installed. In the early 1960's, there was a one week bonspiel involving 32 teams from well outside our area. Around the turn of the century, the artificial ice plant wore out as well as the pipes carrying the brine. New rules requiring the "ice plant" be in an outside building as well as all the new updates being required caused the demise of the club. Curling was a very social and competitive sport in our area for almost a century. Dr. Robert MacDairmid has a number of trophies from the club and is in the process of refurbishing them.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca

Details subject to change- Confirm with organizers

L.E. SHORE LIBRARY GALLERY

MARCH- Hiraeth - Homecoming

"Hiraeth is a longing for one's homeland, but it's not mere homesickness. It's an expression of the bond one feels with one's home country when one is away from it" Born and raised in Tokyo, Japan, Keita Inoue moved to Canada in 2000. Keita's viewfinder focuses on abandoned, derelict, and dilapidated places and buildings, as well as beautiful landscapes and streetscapes.

RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Amnesty International Group 82 invites everyone to join us at Jessica's Book Store in downtown Thornbury. The focus will be on Canadian indigenous women.

CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

Saturday, March 11, 7 p.m.

Beaver Valley Community Centre Charity hockey game between the Blue Mountains Firefighters and Meaford Fire Department. Proceeds to BVO and Drive Fore Teens winter driving program

THE DEMENTIA PLAY - NEW TERRITORY FOR SENIORS

Thursday, March 23, 1pm - 3pm

L. E. Shore Memorial Library
The community theatre company, SHEATRE, is coming back to our area, to perform its most recent version of The Dementia Play. This project was created and is performed by local residents living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia. This FREE event is open to everyone; please register so that we can plan for seating. Call 519 599 2577, ext. 29 or e-mail seniors@bvo.ca.

WINTER SERIES

BACK TO THE ROOTS'

Saturday, March 25, 8:30 p.m.

Marsh Street Centre
Conor Gains & The Ramblin' Moon; Tickets \$35. Order online at www.marshstreetcentre.com or call 519-599-7837

COME -- ENJOY FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Tuesday, March 28 at 12 Noon

Come and munch with the lunch bunch at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Thornbury continuing the 4th Tuesday of each month

BVO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 30, 6:30pm

Beaver Valley Community Centre
Come and celebrate the impact
Beaver Valley Outreach made in
our Community in 2016

6:30 p.m. – Meet and greet over
dessert & coffee/tea

7p.m. – Annual General Meeting
R.S.V.P email: admin@bvo.ca or
Catherine @ 519-599-2577 ext. 26

JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, March 31, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

L. E. Shore Library

In celebration of Ella Fitzgerald's
100th Birthday, prominent jazz
vocalist Mary-Catherine Pazzano
and the Don Buchanan quartet
bring back the unforgettable
melodies of The Great American
Songbook. Tickets \$20 at Sincerely
Yours and Pharmasave, Thornbury
Info call Bill 705 445 6127

TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 1, 5:00pm-10:00pm

Beaver Valley Community Center
The Beaver Valley Pipes and
Drums has helped keep our
Scottish heritage alive by playing
music in local parades and events
over the past 57 years. Dinner will
begin at 6PM with the "Ode to the
Haggis" followed by traditional
food. There will be music
throughout the evening. Tickets
are \$25 each and are available
at Thornbury Pharmasave,
Stuff to Read, Meaford, Email
beavervalleypipeband@gmail.
com or call 705-606-2573 Please
wear your tartan and if you have
a kilt, wear it with pride! Slàinte
mhath! Alba gu brath!...(Good
health to you!..Scotland Forever!)

KNOW YOUR TOWN TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
Teams of 6 at \$15 per person.
Call 519-599-3345 to register.
Proceeds go to the Centre.

BRIDGE TO AFRICA

Sunday, April 2, 1-4 p.m.

Leisure Time Club, Collingwood
Grey Grannies fundraiser for the
Grandmother to Grandmother
Campaign. Bridge players of all levels
welcome, by donation. Prizes and
refreshments. 519-922-2545

Grey County Tourism Hosts Industry Events

Priority engagement is priority
one for 2017 based on our Tourism
Action Plan. Here is a list of the
sessions we will be offering over the
next few months. Registrations and
invites will be sent out a month in
advance of each session. To ensure
you receive the details sign up for
our industry newsletter at

www.visitgrey.ca/industry
email industry@visitgrey.ca
or 519-376-3265

MARCH 14 – Make the Media Work
for You, Liz Fleming, Marsh Street
Centre, Clarksburg

MARCH 29 – Grey County Tourism
Winter Marketing Recap – Tourism
Team

APRIL 11 – Are We There Yet?
(Measuring Success in Business –
Part One), Jane Phillips

APRIL 18 – Marketing Success
(Measuring Success in Business –
Part Two), Jane Phillips

MAY 10 – Grey-Bruce Brochure
Swap, Blue Mountain Resort

Business To Retail Networking Event

The Counties of Simcoe and Grey
are hosting a Business to Retail
Networking Event on **Thursday,
March 16** at the Beaver Valley
Community Centre in Thornbury.
The event, which runs from 10
a.m. to 5 p.m. will give retailers the
opportunity to meet local agri-
food businesses, sample products
and understand what products
are available. The goal is to
support growth in the food sector
by strengthening connections
between producers and retailers.

There is no cost to participate
for producers or retailers. Space is
limited and advance registration
is required through www.
investingrey.ca

Businesses wishing to participate
as a vendor must complete an
application form showing their
market readiness.

CANWARN Storm Spotters

On **Wednesday, April 5**, Grey
County is hosting an Environment
Canada training session for
amateur storm spotters at the
Grey County Administration
Building, 595 9th Ave E, Owen
Sound from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
CANWARN Storm Spotters provide
valuable, real-time, on-the-ground
information during severe weather.
Environment Canada is looking to
recruit new volunteers and refresh
existing volunteers in the area.

Training will be led by Geoff
Coulson, Warning Preparedness
Meteorologist. Participants will
learn about severe and non-
severe thunderstorms, the types
of damage they can produce, what
to watch for in the sky and what
to report to the Storm Prediction
Centre.

The training is free to attend and
no pre-registration is required.

For information about the training,
contact Geoff Coulson, Warning
Preparedness Meteorologist, at
geoff.coulson@canada.ca

Planning 101

Do you understand planning as
well as you'd like to? Grey's Plan-
ning team has offered to teach us!
The Planning 101 sessions will in-
clude a full planning overview, plus
an Interactive Session and an over-
view of the Grey County Planning
Process. Please join us!

Tuesday, April 11; 9:30-11:30am

Meaford Hall, 12 Nelson St. E.

RSVP to maryjane.hills@grey.ca or
519-376-3365 ext. 6108 by April 7

WEEKLY EVENTS

Daily - Monday-Friday

Coffee Klatch - 10am to noon

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Mondays

Bridge 1pm. St. Georges Anglican Church,

\$2.00 includes refreshments

Tuesdays

Toastmasters 7pm. Marsh Street Centre

Wednesdays

Taoist Tai Chi Arts™ Beaver Valley Com.

Centre. Beginner Classes 9am-11am;

Continuing Classes 10-noon; 519-377-0652

Events For Life Coffee Nook 9:30-10:30am

Come and enjoy coffee and muffins at Grace

United Church www.eventsfor.life

Wednesday and Thursday

Bid Euchre 1:00 pm Beaver Valley

Community Centre, \$2.00 - 519-599-2209

Sundays

English Country Dancing, Marsh Street

Centre Clarksburg, 1:45-4:30 Come English

Country Dancing March 19 and 26. No

partner or experience needed. Friendly and

fun activity.

Delivery of Water cont'd

We have recently been stopped
by the M.T.O. while doing this and
have been warned that we need
a letter of permission from the
municipality that we can show
them if and when stopped to allow
us to deliver water as we have in
the past on load restricted roads
during load restrictions.

The trucks we use to provide this
service will haul 15 cubic meters of
water per load. The same type of
truck that is used to haul milk from
the farmers in the area is exempt of
load restrictions to allow them to
do this.

The average residence requires
15 cubic meters of water every 6-8
weeks. We do realize that we can
provide a service to haul water
to these people during the load
restriction period if we reduce the
amount of water delivered. The
problem with this is to respect
the load restriction we would be
allowed to haul about 1 cubic
meter of water per trip. We would
now have to make 15 trips to equal
a delivery. This would add a lot of
extra expense to the customer for
trucking and also more chance
of doing damage to the roads to
maintain a supply of water to them
during load restrictions.

We have approached the road
department and asked Jim
McCannell to help us to exempt
us from load restriction to allow
us to provide a efficient service to
the residences and business that
live on these roads throughout our
municipality in the past. He will not
do this for us.

So we are now approaching
council to help resolve this issue
to issue a letter of permission to
allow us to use roads that are load
restricted from March 1 to May 31
to be able to efficiently provide
water to residences and business
for essential uses that live on these
roads.

*If this will affect you or if you think
that delivery of water is an essential
service (such as milk trucks) consider
writing a letter to Council with your
concerns.*

Blue Mountains Soccer Club

Early Bird Registration Ends

April 15, 2017

register online at

bluemountainsoccer.com



The Blue Mountains Review

Thornbury, Clarksburg, Craigeleith, Heathcote, Ravenna

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Mountains. Your events, stories and photos of interest to our
community can be emailed to info@bluemountainsreview.ca for
inclusion in the newsletter. Advertising rates are available by calling
519-599-3345 or from our website. www.bluemountainsreview.ca

Craigleith Heritage Depot

Show, Tell & Create:

Wednesdays, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

A monthly after-school program for kids ages 5 - 13 where they're encouraged to bring something related to the month's theme. Kids will share and do crafts. March's theme will be PUPPETS to celebrate this month's Canada 150 theme "Canadian Circus." Register online, over the phone, or via email if you can, but drop-ins are always welcome. Cost by donation.

Vertical Belles Documentary Screening:

Thursday March 9, 10am – 12:00pm

Experience the journey of aerial silks artistry and discover the circus in your own backyard with a special screening of an award-winning local documentary film "Vertical Belles" - written and directed by Blue Mountains' own talented Tom Strnad of Mountain Goat Film! Enjoy the film and meet its creators in the charming, historic setting of the Craigleith Community Centre, just a few seconds from the Craigleith Heritage Depot. A free Canada 150 event.

Craigleith Lace Club:

Wednesday March 15, 3– 6pm

Every third Wednesday of the month, Museum Curator and professional lacemaker Andrea leads 45 minute beginner's lace tatting classes during a 3 hour drop in period. Lacemakers of all levels of experience - from no experience to expert - are welcome! Cost is by donation and will help provide supplies for this program.

Free Tax Return Service:

Saturday March 25, 10am – 12pm

Good news: you may be eligible to have a trained volunteer complete your tax return for you! Call or email the Craigleith Heritage Depot to be connected with a trained volunteer to arrange an appointment on Saturday, March 25th, 2017. The Depot is hosting a morning of appointment-only meetings between a volunteer and those members of the public interested in receiving help with preparing their tax returns.

The Craigleith Heritage Depot, 113 Lakeshore Road East, T: 519-599-3131 ext. 370

L.E. Shore Memorial Library

The Puppet Tamer

Tuesday March 14, 10:30am – 11:30am

Stunt Ventriloquist Tim The Puppet Tamer drops jaws and tickles funny bones with a cast of hilarious characters in a one-man show. Tickets are \$2/person and are available at the L.E. Shore Library or Craigleith Heritage Depot.

Tightrope Walk over the Niagara Gorge

Wednesday March 15, 11am – 12pm

Can you imagine being at a treacherous height with no safety features...and doing it for fun!? About 120 years ago, two such young lads from Clarksburg, accomplished several terrifying feats by walking over The Niagara Gorge on a tightrope. One of them set a world record that has never been defeated. All ages are encouraged to come out to hear local Grey-Bruce Boomer magazine writer, Linda Thorn, give her interactive presentation 'Clarksburg's Dynamic Duo'

Face Painting and Fortune Telling

Wednesday March 15, 1 – 2pm

Drop in to the Library Gallery in the afternoon to have your face painted (for free!) and have your tarot cards read by Mystic Madeline.

Professor Jumble's Case of Curious Objects and Skybound Spheres (aka Juggling Workshop)

Thursday March 16, 10:30 – 11:30am

Make your own juggling objects and learn how to use them. Free program. Please register online.

Movie Matinee: Vertical Belles

Thursday March 16, 2 – 4pm

Experience the journey of aerial silks artistry. The Blue Mountains Public Library and Mountain Goat Film Company present the award winning documentary film VERTICAL BELLES. Local filmmaker, Tom Strnad, will be in attendance to present this film which follows the local aerial silks artists the Vertical Belles for two years as they grow from small local performances to major gala productions in Ontario.

Library Circus Extravaganza!

Friday March 17, 1 – 4pm

Carnival games, treats, arts & crafts, and much more. Free, drop-in program. Fun for all-ages. Families and friends welcome!

www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca

County Library Survey

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the Grey County motion regarding provision of library services; AND THAT, in the interim, Council direct staff not to provide information regarding library services pending further direction from Council.

As further background, on February 16, 2017, the Board for the L.E. Shore Library passed a resolution stating as follows:

THAT The Blue Mountains Public Library Board direct the CEO to formally respond to Grey County confirming that The Blue Mountains Public Library Board will not participate in future Grey County reviews regarding the provision of Library Services.

Analysis

It is our understanding that some concern has been expressed that, with this project, the County is attempting to take control of library services across the County. However, in report CAOR-CW-04-17, the County's CAO makes it very clear that the goal of the exercise is to identify potential collaboration opportunities between municipalities:

"The proposed environmental scan would provide information to Council regarding current service delivery metrics across the county as well as any planned capital investments or service enhancements and note where there may be economies of scale or efficiencies to be gained through collaboration."

In response to inquiries from Town staff for more information, the County CAO responded in a February 3, 2017 e-mail, and

confirmed her assignment. Further, at a County CAO's meeting on February 17, 2017, the County CAO reiterated that she has no mandate from her Council, other than to look at library services in Grey and neighbouring counties and try to identify whether there are any areas/roles for the County to provide support or do something to help other library services be more efficient.

In addition to all of the above, it should be highlighted that a key component of the Town's current strategic plan is direction from Council to work collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities with a view to identifying potential opportunities to improve services and/or create efficiencies. This Council direction has also been a component of previous strategic plans for the Town. Refusing to participate in the type of environmental scan now being considered by the County in this instance, would appear to fly in the face of these long-held principles of research and collaboration.

For all the reasons outlined above, it is recommended that the Town participate in the County's environmental scan.

Perhaps a Council resolution, requesting that the Board reconsider its position and participate in the environmental scan after all, might be well received.

Even though the majority of council voted against the recommendation (3 of whom are on the Library Board) the Library Board can choose to do what they see is best for the community.

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unseen, unheard,
but always there,
still missed, still loved,
still very dear!*



FIELDING, CATHERINE MARY

Catherine suffered a hemorrhagic stroke which resulted in her passing at Meaford Hospital on Saturday January 28th, 2017 at the age of 94. Born in the United Kingdom on June 15, 1922, a daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (nee Arrowsmith) Hadfield, Catherine and her husband John, along with their family, arrived in Canada in 1957. A resident of Mississauga, she would often spend enjoyable time at the home of her daughter Cheryl in Clarksburg where she was visiting at the time of her passing. She is survived by her son Graham (Trudy) and their children Lisa, Cathy (Gary), Jeff, Ryan (April), and Crystal and by her daughter Cheryl (Paul Derksen) and their children Justin (Annie) and Christopher (Fay) and by her son Keith (Vicki). Catherine was predeceased by her son Barry (late Christine) and remembered by their daughter Karrie (Rich). She was also predeceased by her son Ian (Elaine) and is remembered by their children Meghan, Nicole and Chelsea as well as by her four great grandchildren: Jada, Kai, Chase and Florence. Catherine will be recalled as a dear sister by her brother Colin and sister Beryl and was predeceased by her sister Marjorie and brother Stewart of the United Kingdom.

QUINN, HERBERT HEALY

Born in Norfolk, Virginia on August 13, 1929, son of the late Herbert John and Myrtle Healy Quinn, Herb passed away peacefully at Errinrunc Nursing Home in Thornbury on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the age of 87. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. Herb was predeceased by his first wife Kitty, sister Ann Ryan and his treasured granddaughter Sadie Quinn Hardman. Surviving Herb's passing are his wife Bunny (Beverly) and his children and stepchildren David Giles (wife Lesley and children Kate, Lindsey and Maggie), Andrea Quinn (mother of Sadie), Michael Giles (children Madison and Emerson), Cassie Quinn, Chris Giles (wife Tracey and children

Jamie and Emily), Herbert Michael Quinn (wife Ainsley and children Monicka, Isabella and Herbert Jasper) and Ann Quinn (husband Ian Tegart and children Morgan and Murdoch). Also surviving Herb are his nieces Megan Ryan Couzins and Shannon Ryan.

WARLOW, ROBERT 'BOB' RAYMOND

Born in Toronto on May 10, 1931, a son of the late James and Laura (nee Clubine) Warlow, Bob passed away at Errinrunc Nursing Home in Thornbury on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the age of 85. Bob is lovingly remembered as a dear husband by his wife Dorothy and as the much loved Dad of Christine (Pat), Debra (Ian) and Blake (late Pat) and grandfather to Patrick, Lisa, Josh, Faith, Michael, David, Helen, Scott, Erin. He will be recalled with fondness by his great grandchildren, extended family and many life-long friends. Bob is remembered as a dear brother by his sister Diane Hill (late Robert) and he was predeceased by his brother Russell (late Joan) and by his sister Rita (late Jack Samson).

KEAVENEY, M. JANE (Nee Yaskovitch)

Longtime resident of Clarksburg and Thornbury, Jane passed away peacefully at her home and surrounded by her loving family on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the age of 63. Jane was born in Collingwood on November 6, 1953, a daughter of the late William and Sally (nee Jackman) Yaskovitch. Jane will be remembered for her work at the Thornbury Post Office until her retirement after 35 years of service. Jane was the devoted wife, partner and companion for some 42 years of her beloved husband Michael Keaveney of Thornbury. She will be recalled as the cherished mother of Jennifer Keaveney of Barrie, and Kerri and her husband Stewart Taylor of Ravenna. She will be sorely missed as the loving Nana of Brittany, Lily, Alexis and Archer and as a special Nana to Bernie. Jane is survived also by her sister Chris and her husband Ross Arthur of Clarksburg, sister Barb and her husband Doug Sheridan also of Clarksburg and brother Jim Yaskovitch of Thornbury. Jane will be the fondly remembered sister-in-law of Mary and her husband Marvin Thibeault of Meaford, Carol-Anne Stevenson (late Ronald) of Thornbury, Dale Keaveney and his wife Shirley of Meaford, Jim Keaveney and his wife Liz of Portage La Prairie, and Stephen Keaveney of Thornbury. She was predeceased by her father-

in-law and mother-in-law John and Cora Keaveney and also by a brother-in-law John Keaveney of Toronto and will be remembered with great affection as a dear aunt and friend by those families.

BELL, DENNIS IRWIN

Born in Collingwood on February 10, 1945, a son of the late Mervyne and Selina (nee Harmer) Bell, Dennis passed away at Meaford Hospital on Sunday February 12, 2017 at the age of 72. Dennis, a long time resident of Thornbury, is remembered as the beloved husband of Maureen (nee Shaw) and much loved Dad of Jason and his wife Bobi of Meaford and Jennifer and her husband Grant Jones of Collingwood and grandfather of Noah, Lukas and Rylin Bell and Hayden, Dylan and Grayson Jones. Dennis was a dear brother of Judith Bell and Daniel Bell, both of Meaford, and he was predeceased also by his brother Donald Bell in 1996. He is recalled as a dear son-in-law of Winifred Shaw (late George) of Meaford and brother-in-law to Jim Shaw and his wife Janice of Stratford and he will be fondly remembered by his several nieces and nephews and their families.

McGUIRE, THOMAS VERNON 'VERN'

Vern McGuire of Thornbury, and Heathcote, passed away peacefully at Grey Bruce Health Services in Meaford on Saturday, February 18, 2017 in his 89th year. He was born October 22, 1928, a son of the late Bruce and Edna (née Gekill) McGuire. Vern was the cherished husband of 65 years of Freda (née Ward) McGuire of Thornbury, and the much loved father of Brenda Deacon and her husband Ray Baxter. He was predeceased by his son David McGuire and his daughter Judy Fisher, and will be remembered fondly by his daughter-in-law Irene and son-in-law Bev. He was the wonderful grandfather of Kevin McGuire (Samantha), Karen McGuire, Rebecca Fisher (William), Ben Baxter (Melissa), Andrea Riddell (Andrew), Ian Baxter (Cassandra), Monica Fisher, and great grandfather of Bishop McGuire, Quintin McGuire, Sophia McGuire and Delilah Paquet. Vern was the dear brother of Ralph McGuire (Doreen) and Walter McGuire (late Birdie), and was predeceased by his brother Russell McGuire (late Jean) and sisters Margaret Lentine and Nora Teed Booth. He will be remembered always and fondly by his many nieces and nephews.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS ATTAINABLE HOUSING CORPORATION

Would you like to give back to your community?

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation is looking for two additional volunteers to join the current Board of Directors.

The Town of The Blue Mountains has established a not-for-profit Corporation to augment the supply of healthy and sustainable housing units in The Blue Mountains which are affordable to people that would like to live here, but just can't afford to do so. The aim of this initiative is to have a school full of children, supported by their parents and grandparents or individuals, all living in the vibrant, diverse community of The Blue Mountains.

The Board is comprised of seven Directors, two of whom are sitting members of Council, the balance are residents of the Town of The Blue Mountains. We meet monthly, generally on Thursday afternoons, and we also pitch in several hours a month to get things done.

The Corporation currently runs a program to help provide a rental secondary suite in an existing home as well as a down payment assistance program to help toward the purchase of a home in The Blue Mountains.

Our website can be found at thebluemountainshousing.ca

If you would like to give back to community, and have time to attend monthly meetings, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Bruce Taylor (brucedtaylor@rogers.com or info@thebluemountainshousing.ca) by March 30th, 2017.

BVO IS SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

If you have the knowledge of the community served by BVO and If you have the knowledge and skills in one or more areas of Board governance: policy, finance, marketing, fund raising, volunteering, planning and advocacy, consider becoming part of our team and help us live up to our motto of: Making Good Things Happen In Our Community For further information about BVO's Board of Directors, please contact Cathy Innes at boardchair@bvo.ca or visit our website at www.bvo.ca.

Valentine Tea and Bake Sale

On behalf of the Thornbury Sparks, Brownies & Guides, I would like to thank our community for their overwhelming support at our Valentine Tea & Bake Sale.



This has been a tradition with our units for over 64 years and the generosity of the area has always amazed us! This year was no different. Thanks to the Guiders who gave up their day, assisting in the running of the tea, the Sparks, Brownies; Guides who served our visitors, the parents who assisted in the kitchen and on the door, Senior Ambassador of the Fair Abigail Woodhouse, Junior Ambassador Alexa Elford, the parents who supplied baking and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for the use of their facility.

Your help allowed us to continue this tradition competently and graciously. Our Valentine Tea & Bake Sale event has been "grandfathered" with Girl Guides of Canada, meaning that because it has been done for so long we are allowed to continue. If we miss a year, we lose it! Bake sales are no longer recognized or allowed as a fundraiser.

The Thornbury units are proud we have been able to maintain this event and look forward to hosting the community again next year.



SIGNATURE CLIENTS

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Contact David 705-444-9487
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Grey County Residents!

Help County Policies Better Reflect and Support Youth and Older Adults ...while not forgetting about all other age groups in between.

Grey County has recently initiated a five-year review of the County Official Plan known as Recolour Grey. Early feedback from Recolour Grey suggests that County policies need to better reflect and support youth and older adults, while not forgetting about all other age groups in between.

A group of University of Guelph Rural Planning and Development Master's students have been contracted to investigate these issues and provide policy recommendations for updates to the County Official Plan. The students will hold small scale community engagement sessions with both youth and seniors to determine the needs identified by Grey County residents.

Community engagement sessions and surveys will be made available through Grey County's website <https://www.grey.ca/planning-development> and possibly through some libraries in the County. There will be additional outreach with community groups and organizations.

Once results from the community engagement sessions and surveys are summarized, the students will review policies from other age-friendly communities that are similar to Grey County.

Recommendations will be given to inform policy that promotes the vitality of age friendly communities within Grey County.

We appreciate your participation and support. For more information, please feel free to contact Katherine Howes at khowses@uoguelph.ca or Scott Taylor at scott.taylor@grey.ca or call 519-372-0219 extension 1238.

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GBHS Continues on Journey to Balance Budget

As part of its ongoing efforts to balance its books over the coming years, Grey Bruce Health Services is assessing the merits of consolidating elective day surgeries, currently performed at the Markdale, Meaford and Southampton hospitals, into the surgical program at the Owen Sound Regional Hospital.

A year-long review of the GBHS surgical program by a working group of staff and physicians from across GBHS concluded that consolidation of surgery at the Owen Sound Regional Hospital will reduce operating costs significantly, avoid the need for imminent capital and equipment investments at a number of sites, ensure standardized care, and maintain quality patient outcomes.

"In addition to saving GBHS over \$500,000 in annual operating costs, consolidating surgical procedures at the Owen Sound Regional Hospital will eliminate the imminent need to spend \$3 million to replace outdated surgical equipment, replace instrument sterilization systems, and upgrade the air handling units and other infrastructure in the operating rooms at multiple sites across the corporation," said Lance Thurston, President and CEO of GBHS.

A total of 12,970 elective surgeries and endoscopies are performed at GBHS annually: 78% in Owen Sound; 8% in Meaford; 5.5% in Markdale; 4.5% in Southampton; and 4.0% in Wiarton (endoscopy only). Surgery requiring an overnight stay, such as hip and knee surgery, plus most emergency surgeries, are performed in Owen Sound.

"We have the capacity in our operating rooms in Owen Sound to take on more surgery, without increasing wait times for patients," said Dr. Mike Marriott, Chief of the Medical Staff for GBHS.

There are 28 surgeons, 9 operating rooms (OR) and a procedure room at the Owen Sound Hospital, with approximately 40-70 surgeries booked per day. The OR is staffed until 11 p.m. daily, with a back-up team on call as needed for urgent and emergency procedures. Meaford, Markdale and Southampton each have one OR.

Endoscopy procedures are performed at Markdale, Meaford, Southampton, Wiarton and Owen Sound, and will continue to be offered at these sites. There were 597 endoscopy procedures done in Meaford last year, 289 in Markdale, 324 in Southampton, and 523 in Wiarton.

The GBHS Board of Directors has directed staff to inform community stakeholders of the surgical consolidation option it is considering, and to report back to the Board in late April with a summary of stakeholder feedback. The Board will then weigh the merits of consolidation and the stakeholder comments to arrive at a decision.

"The Board will be weighing the cost advantages of service consolidation along with other potential factors, such as: impact

on patients, families, and communities, the quality of care, and staffing," said GBHS Board Chair Mark Ostland.

The review of surgical services is only one of many initiatives GBHS is pursuing to return to a balanced financial position. "We are making many smaller process changes, which, when combined, will yield upwards of \$3 million in annual savings," said Thurston. "This is significant, but does not solve our budget problem and we will still be short \$3-\$5 million next year."

"While these and future efforts demonstrate our commitment to balancing our budget, we cannot close the budget shortfall completely without changes to the provincial funding formula to account for the multi-site nature of our organization and the challenges of serving a

large and diverse rural area."

Further work is being done to assess opportunities for reducing costs and enhancing revenues. The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that any changes improve the patient experience, contribute to improving the health of the residents of Grey Bruce, and reduce the per capita cost of hospital based care.

A dedicated phone line and email have been set up for those interested in commenting on the consolidation of surgical services, or for anyone with suggestions for reducing the deficit while maintaining quality care for all communities served by GBHS.

Background information is available at www.gbhs.on.ca.

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Bluewater Angel Investor Group Accepting Applications

High-growth businesses in Grey-Bruce have a new source of potential financing and mentoring with the start of an angel investor network in the region.

Bluewater Angel Investor Group is now accepting applications for private sector funding. The Angels are prepared to invest in scalable existing businesses and startups, in companies going through a transition in leadership and ownership, and in businesses coming to this area that want local financing and knowledge.

Bluewater Angels collectively have about \$5 million of their own money they are willing to invest in local businesses. Angel investing, while new to this area, has provided considerable economic stimulus throughout Ontario, with some \$250 million invested in 400 Ontario companies since 2007.

Angel investments often complement funds raised by entrepreneurs from family, financial institutions, and government agencies and programs. The local Angels all have extensive business leadership backgrounds, many as successful entrepreneurs.

Angel investors make individual investment decisions based on the quality of applicant businesses.

Often, a group of individual angels will collaborate on an investment, which can range from tens of thousands to several hundred thousand dollars. The investment can take many forms, including equity, debt or debentures.

Bluewater Angels encourages growth businesses to apply for financing, and is also seeking more Angels and private sector sponsors to join the network.

Information can be found at www.bluewaterangels.ca

BVO Good Neighbours: Good Food For All

This month, Beaver Valley Outreach will be highlighting its community food initiative in The Blue Mountains, called BVO Good Neighbours, which helps local families and individuals put good food on their tables.

Partnering with Foodland Thornbury, shoppers at Foodland will be asked by cashiers in March to add 25¢ (or more, if they choose) to their grocery order to help local families in need purchase good quality food in the store. Foodland branded Gifts Cards, pre-loaded with sums of money, will be distributed by BVO to people in the community needing help with buying groceries, who will redeem the gift cards towards their non-taxable grocery purchases.

Foodland Thornbury owner Brian Leduc is pleased to be partnering with Beaver Valley Outreach in the new initiative. "BVO does vital work in the community, and we're happy to be on board," he says. "I have always believed that a hand up is better than a handout. The Good Neighbours program makes it easier to provide good food for recipients while maintaining their dignity."

Although BVO Good Neighbours is meant to replace traditional food drives, BVO will maintain a 'food cubby' with basic staples. Grocery donations from community groups and events, especially for the more expensive taxable items like toiletries and cleaning products, will continue to be accepted.

For over 30 years, BVO has been delivering a variety of quality programs and services to enhance the social, economic and environmental well-being of residents in The Blue Mountains. To learn more about BVO Good Neighbours, other BVO programs and services, or to volunteer, please contact BVO at 519-599-2577 or visit www.bvo.ca



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