Athletes win gold, silver & bronze at Provincial Winter Games

Five athletes from the Blue Mountain Special Olympics Alpine team returned from the 2015 Provincial winter Games in North Bay with 10 medals.

Re-presenting the Central Ontario District Team 18 athletes, supported by 5 coaches competed in Giant Slalom, Super G, and Slalom races. From the Blue Mountain team 8 athletes showed their skill and heart in weather hitting minus -25c. by bringing home 10 medals.

- 2 Gold won by Kristin Draper and Matt Fields
- 4 Silver won by Matt Fields (2), Sebi Gaussen and Jeffery Plouffe
- 4 Bronze by Robin Shuter (3) and Sebi Gaussen

While the Special Olympics Motto … “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt” is a deep and serious message, the weekly message to the team from Head Coach, Terry Sears is “Fun, Fun, Fun”. These two messages truly sum up the great environment in which these special athletes perform. Currently the Blue Mountain Special Olympics Alpine Team is the largest program in Canada. Since 1997 when World Games were held in Collingwood, Blue Mountain Resorts has sponsored this team of more than 30 athletes, with the help of over 40 volunteers. For info contact Terry Sears, Head Coach at 705.444.9859.

Canadian Junior Women’s Team win Gold at 2015 Pan Am Cross Country Cup

Held in Barranquilla, Colombia, February 22, (29ºC) the Canadian Junior Women competed in the 6km run represented by Jennie Baragar-Petrash, Winnipeg; Nicole Hutchinson, West Vancouver; Branna MacDougall, Kingston 3rd with 16.41; Mirelle Martens, Grande Prairie; Claire Smith, Ottawa and our very own Hannah Woodhouse, Heathcote (4th from the left) placed 2nd with 16.35, swept the individual podium and won team gold. The Senior Womens and Junior Mens won silver.

Next stop the 41st edition of the IAAF World Cross Country Championships taking place in Guiyang, China on March 28, 2015. Congrats and Best Wishes to Hannah and the team!!

EVENTS

Grief Support Group
Tuesdays in March 10:00am - 12:00pm
First Baptist Church Hall, 519-922-3383

Taosit Tai Chi Arts™ Classes
Wednesdays 10am-noon Beaver Valley Community Centre. 519-538-0288

International World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 6, 2:00pm First Baptist Church, by the WDP Bahamas

March Break at Blue! March 14-21
A great line up of family activities will be taking place in the Village and on the mountain all week long. Weekday lift tickets will be $35 for all elementary and high school students Monday-Friday during the break 877-445-0231

Lord Grey’s English Country Society Dance
Sunday Mar. 15 & 29, April 19 & May 10th 2 (sharp) - 4:30 pm at The Marsh Street Centre, $5 per person - partners not necessary. A great fun way to socialize and enjoy the fantasy of this Jane Austen period.

Jazz at the Library
Music of The Gershwins by Wayne McGrath Ensemble. Jazz classics. Adults $15, Students $5. Tickets at Pharmasave

Poor Young Things with Guest Mike Wright
Saturday, March 21, 7:00pm - 11:00pm Marsh Street Centre. Don’t miss this concert at the Marsh. See our website or call Laura 519-599-7837 / www.marshstreetcentre.com

The Information and Active Living Seniors Fair
Friday, March 27, 10:00 am - 3:00pm Beaver Valley Community Centre

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Cross Country is an event within the sport of Athletics in which teams and individuals run a race on a set open-air course over natural terrain. The race course, typically 4–12 kilometres in length, may include surfaces of grass, pass through woodlands and open country, and involve hills, flat ground and sometimes gravel roads.

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LET’S MOVE SENIORS’ EXERCISE GROUP
Wednesdays 10:30am Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance. Cost $2. No registration required. Contact: Donna 519-599-3681

Technology Training: Classes are free, but registration is required
iPad Basics Part 1: Tuesday, March 10 from 2:00-4:00pm; Tuesday, March 24, 2:00-4:00pm
Android Basics: Become better friends with your Android phone or tablet
(Samsung, Google Nexus, and most Sony HTC and LG devices) Tuesday, April 7, 2:00-4:00pm
iPad Basics Part 2: Tuesday, April 28, 1:00-3:00pm; Tuesday, May 12, 1:00-3:00pm

MARCH BREAK - How About We…
Build a Lego City, Tuesday, March 17, 1:00-3:00; Calling all Emmet’s!! Help us build up Lego City, BYO Lego. Featuring: candy buffet $3 pp.
Snow Build, Wednesday, March 18, 10:30-12:00. Outdoor hot chocolate station.
Watch Big Hero, Wednesday, March 18, 1:00-3:00pm, $2 pp.
Namaste, Thursday, March 19, 10:30-11:30. Join us for kids yoga, With Laura Barnes of Mantra Yoga Studio, Featuring: tea afterwards, $5 pp
Paint like the Masters, Thursday, March 19, 1:30-3:00pm. We will provide the brushes, canvas, paint and inspiration. You bring yourself and we will recreate a cozy Studio vibe, $5 pp
Celebrate Spring. With a glow in the dark story time? Friday, March 20, 10:45-11:30. Stories, songs, crafts and shenanigans, but with a glow in the dark theme
Take it Apart & Put it Back Together, Saturday, March 21, 11:00-12:00 Enjoy the chaos, but bring your own tools.

Grow Nuts in the Blue Mountains. With Ivan Chan, Tuesday, March 24, 7:00pm
All Things Bright and Beautiful, Saturday, April 4, 2:00-4:00pm opening reception.
Art by Kathy Wright, Aggie Stretch, Sheila Bannerman

THANKYOU
Julia and I would like to thank the communities of Clarksburg and Thornbury and surrounding area for their generous donations and support. It was truly moving to see how people can come together when someone is in need. Thank-you to everyone for all your help.
Tim and Julia

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www.clarksburgfarmersmarket.ca

8th Annual Romp to Stomp Breast Cancer Fundraiser
held at Scenic Caves Nordic Centre on February 7th, 2015 was another tremendous success. 495 participants came together for a day of fun snowshoeing on the trails at Scenic Caves Nordic Centre, to help raise funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Individual Rompers and 46 Teams raised donations totalling $48,381.

Fundraiser: T.E.A.C.H - To Educate A Child Helps
- Monday, March 9th; 5:30pm-10:30pm; Pipers Restaurant, Thornbury
- $10.00 cover charge includes appetizers
- View “La Circuit” 15 minute sizzle trailer, food and drink deals, prize draws, silent auction and live music!

Ashley Howell, a Canadian filmmaker is coordinating this event to help a group of children in the Dominican Republic gain access to information by installing an inverter at their school. The inverter works like a generator, storing the energy it takes in throughout the night when the power is running so that in the morning when the power shuts off and the children arrive, the inverter powers up their computers and electronics for learning all day long.

Pablo Santiguia is the principal at Escueal Primaria Carabello. Currently, he has one hour of power to teach his students, it comes on randomly. This school is located directly across the street from a well funded international school. Pablo says that “…it’s has been very hard…” and feels badly that “…the students have little to no help from the government.” Pablo built this school and has been principal of it since 1986. Since then, he has been collecting computers and other electronics, so that one day when he gains access to power, he can use them. Pablo uses a projector during their hour of power but would like access to the internet. By doing so, his children will get the school experience they need in order to fulfill their potential. Hopefully we can fund the purchase, transportation and installation of the inverter for this school. With access to internet we will change the lives of the 46 children that attend that school. The estimated cost for this project is $2,500. Ashley will be filming the installation process at Pablo’s school and posting it to a crowd funding campaign for the film, this will begin upon her arrival to the Dominican Republic on March 19th. Please plan to attend and show your support.

Errinrung Residence, Retirement Living and Long Term Care opens their home as a warming shelter
Furnaces can run hard trying to keep your house warm and sometimes older units will break down. If this happens and you need shelter until you can get your furnace fixed, come to Errinrung Residence for a place to keep warm and have some refreshments. Open 24 hours a day and is located at 67 Bruce St in Thornbury. For information, contact: Richard Sullivan, 905.567.6675 ext 226 or Judy Plumber, General Manager, 519.599.2737 x5

Clarksburg Farmers Market
Clarksburg, Craigleith, Heathcote, Ravenna
Clarksburg CAB
519.599.5063

The Blue Mountains Review
Thornbury, Clarksburg, Craigleith, Heathcote, Ravenna
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Beaver Valley Legion, 1:30 pm, 202 Marsh Street, Clarksburg
Sunday, March 15, Sunday, April 19
Light lunch available, $5 entry, Proceeds to Legion Projects / 519-599-3555

Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury, 1:30 pm
Every Wednesday & Thursday, Admission $2.00 - 519-599-2209
Boathouse Project, PO Box 3253, Meaford, ON L5G 1H2

A special edition of the annual sailing program at Sail Georgian Bay operating out of the Meaford Harbour in July and August.

Each year you will see the little dinghies out in the harbour and the sounds of children having a great deal of fun. Not only are they learning to sail, they are learning the value of teamwork, fair play and hard work to achieve a goal. The school uses the CAN Sail Dinghy Program developed by Sail Canada and currently offers Levels 1 through 4.

The school provides summer employment for students who have obtained the necessary credentials from Sail Canada. We also have a junior instructor program whereby students who are considering becoming instructors themselves can volunteer their time at the school and work directly with a certified instructor to obtain experience and also to decide if they would like to pursue their instructor status. The school also provides great opportunities for anyone interested in volunteering. These wonderful people, both children and adults help set up the boats and docks in June and clean, varnish and repair equipment and take inventory before taking everything to storage at the end of August. Volunteers run our annual regatta, supervise children, distribute information, write news releases, help with fundraising, registration, bookkeeping and anything else that needs doing. There is never a shortage of work to be done but it is happy work and the smiles at the end of the day make it more than worthwhile.

As with all successful organizations we have to continue to plan for the future. The school began with one small garden shed and then expanded to three garden sheds and will house all of our boats and equipment.

We have to store all of our boats off site and our dream is to have all our boats and equipment in one place. We are excited to announce that we have a building permit and the necessary employment for students who have obtained the necessary credentials from Sail Canada. We also have a junior instructor program whereby students who are considering becoming instructors themselves can volunteer their time at the school and work directly with a certified instructor to obtain experience and also to decide if they would like to pursue their instructor status. The school also provides great opportunities for anyone interested in volunteering. These wonderful people, both children and adults help set up the boats and docks in June and clean, varnish and repair equipment and take inventory before taking everything to storage at the end of August. Volunteers run our annual regatta, supervise children, distribute information, write news releases, help with fundraising, registration, bookkeeping and anything else that needs doing. There is never a shortage of work to be done but it is happy work and the smiles at the end of the day make it more than worthwhile.

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We are currently fundraising for this worthy cause and much needed facility. Your contribution will make a difference and is greatly appreciated. Cheques can be made out to “Sail Georgian Bay Inc. – Rhoda’s Boathouse Project, PO Box 3253, Meaford, Ontario N4L 1A5.

Visit our website for more information about the school and to register students for the 2015 summer season. Class sizes are limited so register early to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions at all check our website or call and we will be happy to help. 226-668-2944. www.sailgeorgianbay.ca

By D. Gilas, Sail Georgian Bay

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**The Blue Mountains Public Library Celebrating 20th Anniversary Year**

With its distinctive roof lines and tower built of local brick and stone, the local landmark opened in 1995. The building was made possible by a bequest from the estate of the late Thornbury native Leonard E. Shore, who achieved national prominence as an architect. The new library was then filled with new furnishings, computers, and library materials, all made possible by the generous donations and fundraising efforts of community members.

“`This 20th anniversary represents an important milestone for both the library and the town of The Blue Mountains,”’ said Terri Pope, Chief Executive Officer of the L.E. Shore Memorial Library. “You couldn’t ask for a better opportunity for us to re-engage our members and the community as a whole.”

“We have so many resources and capabilities – and this is the perfect time for us to share them all and make sure that everyone in the entire area knows that the library is theirs.”

A number of events are planned for the year ahead. These include:

- a retrospective art show
- a children’s bookmark design competition
- a special edition of the annual Parking Lot Party; and
- a year-end gala soiree

To help publicize the milestone, the library has commissioned merchandise, magnets and buttons with the 20th anniversary logo. These will be available soon. For more information, contact: Emma or Terri at 519-599-3681.

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**Exchange Students Revel in Ski Experience**

The hills were alive with the sound of...teenaged Rotary Exchange Students a couple of weeks ago. Those hills, of course, were the ski hills at Blue Mountain, where 16 students from 13 countries spent 2 fantastic days as guests of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club.

A highlight of the district Youth Exchange calendar each year, the kids arrived on Sunday afternoon enjoyed a meeting at Marsh Street Centre and then were whisked away by their Rotary host families for the evening. Monday morning saw the kids at Blue Mountain, bright and early, in order to get suited up with their rental gear, then off they went for ski lessons. For the kids from Europe who ski on a regular basis, it’s a wonderful day doing something they love. For the kids from tropical countries, it’s their FIRST crack at skiing, and it can be an adventure. Either way, despite the Arctic temperatures, they were met on the slopes by 15 cm of fresh powder!

After a wonderful (and for many, exhausting) day on the slopes, host families picked the students up at the end of the afternoon and got them home to change for the evening’s special Rotary Club meeting, at Marsh Street Centre.

Tuesday was their second day on the hill and they again had a magnificent day of cold, but bright, sunny conditions.

T-C Rotarians are quick to point out that the program would not be possible without the ongoing generous support from Blue Mountains, who donate the ski passes for the exchange kids. This year, 9 local students, all part of the RYE program were also able to share the ski day. Time has shown that some of these friendships will last a lifetime........just one more reason why local Rotarians love this program and are pleased to offer the experience to the kids of the world. www.tcrotary.ca

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(Crimson Red, Sugar, Norway, Deborah)
News from Councillor Michael Seguin

As we fall into a deep freeze (hopefully the last cold blast before spring), the monetary position of the Town, and more importantly your services and taxes, are being debated before Council and staff.

The Budget started on a very positive note in January with a proposed increase in the Town levy at around 2.85%. Council is advised that the County is (was) proposing a -1.56% increase indicating a blended tax rate of less than 1.0%. However, as we approach the middle of February, the Town’s levy is slowly working itself up to 4.0% (3.74% so far).

Three matters still remain outstanding that may impact a greater than 4.0% Town levy: 1) the hiring of three more employees (two in Engineering and one in Planning) which will be subject to a pending Development Application Review Process; 2) road assumption and regular maintenance of the Thunderhill Subdivision roads; and 3) the reconstruction of 33rd Sideroad and a portion of the 10th Line to County Road 113. These three items could add another 2.07% to the tax levy, if approved as proposed. As we approach the beginning of March, the Town’s levy is slowly working itself up to 4.0%. Are you still with me? If not, you need to attend a Budget Public Information Session on March 23rd, 6:00 to 7.00 p.m.

and a Public Meeting on the same date at 7.00 p.m.

Oh, by the way, there will be no increase in your water and wastewater fixed and variable rates.

Council has approved an application by the Director of Community Services, Shawn Everitt, for the 2015 Bicycle Friendly Community Program, which is sponsored by the Share the Road Coalition. The Coalition is a provincial advocacy organization working to build a bicycle-friendly Ontario. Application in this Program is an opportunity to identify work that has been completed and also work that is underway to enhance cycling and support the Town and the Region as a cycling destination.

The Blue Mountains Collingwood Public Transit Link (a partnership that includes the Blue Mountain Resort/Village Association) continues to improve with 22,693 riders in 2014 or approximately 1,890 per month, which is more than double what had been identified in the business plan (750 riders per month). Based on Gas Tax Funding and increased ridership, the total net cost to the Town (or contribution) over the next three years is expected to be only $18,000 per annum.

Council has directed the CAO, Troy Speck, to spend up to $40,000 (from 2014 surplus) to retain a strategic planning facilitator to Review the 2005 Strategic Vision, mission statement, goals and actions with the idea of incorporating any goals identified in the Sustainable Path and the themes identified by the members of the new Council i.e. ‘Open for Business’ Economic Development; better planning and development; improving Town/County arrangements; and improving communications.

Visitor Experience Development Project:
Thornbury Fish Ladder

Thursday, March 5 10am-noon, Town Hall, Council Chamber, 32 Mill Street

You are invited to spend a morning with your colleagues and community members, giving your perspective on the potential visitor experiences and opportunities that exist for Thornbury, centred on the dam and fish ladder. Learn about the project outcomes to date, join the discussion, and receive an introduction to experiential tourism development. The Town of the Blue Mountains and the Thornbury BIA have partnered with RTO7 (Regional Tourism Organization 7/BraceGreySimcoe) to conduct this research project. This session will also provide local stakeholders with an opportunity to learn more about the project and its findings to date. Please indicate by Monday, March 2 if you intend to attend the session by sending an RSVP mail to ahogan@rto7.ca. Meet & Greet from 9:45 am.

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Fri. March 27
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