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Interregnum: Between Two Realms

As March makes its chess-like move into our calendar of Twenty Three,
It poses as nature's arbiter between the claw of winter and glimmer of spring.
Such the realms of seasons, the one rules with sceptre of snow and icy glare,
The other loosens the shackles, buds of growth fleck the lengthening days.
So this March is our interregnum, as Nature wrestles Spring from Winter,
And humankind breathes relief, knits a cloth of hope, casts off mitts and boots!
Yet.....

This portrait of nature is now painted into a frame of tragedy, a human sculpture,
For we of mortal coil are thrust into our interregnum,
The winter of immortality clasping to slay the spring of hope and glory.
The realm of rabid Putin snarls at portals of Ukraine, scavenging, drooling,
So that we of means, of dignity, compassion and kindness,
To the clarion call of hope and unity we make a humble tread.
And may March, named for the ancient god of war, be our march to peace,
Mount the turnstile from a realm of despair into the realm of hope and blossom.

by Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley

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Province adds \$80 million to gas tax funding to make up for lower gas sales

The Ontario government is providing more than \$379.5 million to help 107 municipalities operate and improve local transit. The funding is being delivered through the gas tax program and can be used to extend service hours, buy transit vehicles, add routes, improve accessibility or upgrade infrastructure.

"Public transit is a key driver of economic growth in Ontario, helping people get to where they need to go, whether it is to work, school, or run errands," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "As more people return to public transit, our government is providing municipalities with the funding they need to accommodate growing ridership, while ensuring they can continue to deliver safe and reliable transit service for people in their communities."

Funding for the gas tax program is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province during the previous year. Municipalities that support public transit services in their community receive two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenue collected.

To make up for reduced gas sales due to ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's gas tax program includes one-time additional funding of \$80 million to help ensure municipalities can continue to support their transit systems.

Notice of Public Information Centre #2 for Town-wide Drainage Master Plan

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that a pre-recorded video presentation regarding the Town-wide Drainage Master Plan Environmental Assessment is now available on the Town's project page. A comment sheet has also been posted for the public to share their feedback and comments.

Following the pre-recorded video presentation, the Town will be conducting two facilitated Question and Answer Sessions. Members of the public are encouraged to watch the pre-recorded video presentation, which provides an overview of the project and the next steps. The details for the Question and Answer Sessions are included below:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Virtual Question and Answer Session

Registration required

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 30, 2023

In-Person Question and Answer Session

Registration not required

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

About the Drainage Master Plan

The Drainage Master Plan will identify existing drainage deficiencies and develop drainage solutions to address the deficiencies, reduce flooding, resolve public safety concerns, and improve maintenance opportunities within the Town's settlement areas.

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Seasonal Trail Grooming Suspended

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that due to an equipment issue, winter trail grooming has been suspended for the Georgian Trail and the Tomahawk Recreational Complex until further notice.



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The date for the annual Giant Plant Sale is set for Saturday June 3rd 2023 beginning at 8 am at the church. Last year, over 1,000 prize perennials, shrubs and trees were donated and sold. To ensure there are lots of plants for sale this year, St. George's is organizing teams of Diggers who will come to homes where people are not able to divide, dig and pot up perennials from their garden for the St. George's Plant Sale.

Anyone who donates 15 or more plants will receive an Income Tax Donation Receipt for the amount their plants sell for. A total of \$6,174 in Income Tax Receipts were issued by the church last month for last year's plant donations. To arrange for someone to come and assess your plants for dividing and digging, please call the church office at 519-599-3047

Enjoy walking year round at the
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U14 Blue Mountains Soccer Club REP Tryouts Mondays 7:00pm - 9:00pm Georgian Bay Community School

The Blue Mountains Soccer Club U14 REP Team is now holding OPEN tryouts every Monday at Georgian Bay Community School in Meaford from 7-9 pm. If you have a child with a passion for soccer, we encourage you to bring them to BMSC's open U 14 REP tryouts.

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Ontario Helping More Students Enter the Skilled Trades Faster

Grade 11 students can soon apprentice full-time and still earn their high-school diploma

The Ontario government is preparing young people for in-demand and well-paying careers by allowing students in grade 11 to transition to a full-time, skilled trades apprenticeship program. Upon receiving their Certificate of Apprenticeship, these young workers can apply for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma as mature students. At a time when the province continues to face historic labour shortages, this change means that more students will be able to enter the trades faster than ever before to help build Ontario.

"These changes provide students with exciting pathways to good-paying jobs and rewarding careers and support our government's ongoing work to attract more young people into the skilled trades," said Premier Doug Ford. "Whether it's enhancing trades education in our schools, breaking down barriers for newcomers or upskilling workers, we're leaving no stone unturned to train the skilled workforce that will build Ontario."

In the construction sector alone, 72,000 new workers are needed by 2027 to fill open positions because of retirements and expected job growth. To help deliver the province's infrastructure plans, including building 1.5 million homes by 2031, more people are needed in the skilled trades.

"For far too long, parents and students have been told the only path to succeed in life is by going to university, which is simply not true," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "When you have a career in the skilled trades, you have a career for life. Our government will continue to provide students with the tools they need to land well-paying and life-long careers."

Additionally, the government will begin consultations in fall 2023 with employers, unions, education stakeholders, trainers, parents, and others about ways to make it even easier for young people to enter a career in the trades. This includes the potential of lowering entry requirements for some of the 106 skilled trades that currently require a grade 12-level education.

"To ensure all students can get ahead in this province, we are accelerating pathways from high school to apprenticeship learning and ultimately, a career in the skilled trades," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "Our government's mission is to fill the skills gap by better connecting Ontario students to these good-paying jobs, helping many students who may not have graduated, now gain a credential that leads them to meaningful employment."



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Grey Bruce Public Health looking to ensure full and permanent coverage for well water testing service



Grey Bruce Public Health will be consulting with municipalities, businesses, and other partners to develop a local plan aimed at ensuring all Grey-Bruce residents have equitable, convenient access to Public Health Ontario's free well water testing service.

The plan would see GBPH establishing and servicing a network of water sample drop-off and pick-up sites – replacing and adding to those serviced locally by a PHO courier – to make locations available within a 30-minute drive of any household in Grey-Bruce.

"Public Health Ontario's private drinking water testing program is a critical, high-demand service in Grey-Bruce that helps to ensure the water our rural families, farmers, visitors, and others rely on is safe to consume," says Grey-Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra.

"Grey Bruce Public Health, along with municipal partners, have been advocating for PHO to increase the number of water sample pick-up and drop-off locations in Grey-Bruce to fill existing gaps, including in Saugeen Shores, which has not had a drop-off location since the start of the pandemic."

However, GBPH recently learned that PHO does not intend to increase the number of locations and is considering eliminating most of the existing drop-off sites.

"Because of this, we saw an opportunity to take ownership of this issue and create a local solution," Dr. Arra says.

"We will be connecting with local municipalities for their input as we design this plan to ensure it meets the needs of everyone in Grey-Bruce. We wish to thank our municipal partners, including Saugeen Shores Mayor Luke Charbonneau, who have joined Public Health in advocating for an equitable private water testing service in Grey-Bruce."

The Ontario Ministry of Health has expressed support for GBPH's plan to design a local solution.

GBPH will investigate retaining a courier service that could pick up water samples at several new drop-off locations in Grey-Bruce and then transfer the samples to the PHO courier as they service hospitals in the area.

Grey Bruce Public Health has, for years, collaborated with Public Health Ontario and other partners to make PHO's private drinking water testing program available free of charge to Grey-Bruce residents who draw water from wells and other private systems.

Key to the program's success in Grey-Bruce – due to the region's size and rural nature – is having multiple locations, strategically placed throughout the region, where people can pick up water sample kits and drop off water samples. Water samples are then collected and transported by a PHO courier to a lab in London for testing.

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, policy changes by Grey-Bruce hospitals resulted in a reduction in the number of available pick-up/drop-off locations in Grey-Bruce. Several grocery stores, which had been deemed essential businesses, stepped up to serve as temporary locations.

All of the temporary locations are still in place, along with locations in Owen Sound, Walkerton, Markdale and Lion's Head. Grey Bruce Public Health has been in discussions with PHO in hopes of not only re-establishing permanent locations, but increasing the number of locations to ensure all Grey-Bruce residents have equitable access to the program.

The public will receive updates as GBPH's local plan is developed.

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Esther Boles, Director of *The Misanthrope*



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ANNOUNCES

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE FUNDRAISER EVENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce is hosting their 43rd Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser event this April.

Lanes will be available at three local bowling alleys across Grey, Bruce, and Western Simcoe. Roll with BBBS in-person at:

- The Bowling Alley in Owen Sound, April 13th (6:00pm-7:30pm), April 14th (6:00pm-7:30pm) and April 15th (11:30am-1:00pm),
- Georgian Bowl in Collingwood April 20th (6:00pm-7:30pm & 7:30pm-9:00pm) and
- Sunset Family Fun Centre in Port Elgin April 21st (6:00pm-7:30pm).

Winners will be announced Tuesday, April 25th via Zoom and will be available for view on BBBS Grey Bruce's socials. Link will be provided to participants.

An Online Silent Auction will run from April 6th-22nd. The link to the silent auction will be posted on BBBS Grey Bruce's website closer to the date.

BBBS is serving more children and youth than ever before. They serve over 140 youth, facilitate numerous in-school tutoring programs, run a monthly outdoor wellness program, and this year, have a waitlist of over 70 youth. Funds raised will help BBBS support these growing youth mentoring programs across Grey, Bruce and Western Simcoe.

BBBS believes in investing in the potential of all young people and believe every child who needs the guidance of a supportive mentor should have one. Help them reach these children by bowling in BBBS 2023 fundraiser this April.

Roll with the strikes and spare some FUN time for the many children and youth Big Brothers Big Sisters serve all year.

For more information and to register visit our website:

greybruce.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

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Notice of Public Meeting Potential Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry

April 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format

In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

At the January 30, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council received Staff Report FAF.23.021 entitled "Potential Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry". At the corresponding Council meeting on February 13, 2023, Council directed staff to schedule a Public Meeting to gain feedback regarding the creation of a Lobbyist Registry for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=15304>

At the Public Meeting scheduled for April 18, 2023, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments and feedback regarding the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law and associated Lobbyist Code of Conduct (Schedule A).

The draft By-law outlines how the Town intends to establish and maintain a Lobbyist Registry for The Blue Mountains.

A copy of the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law, including the Lobbyist Code of Conduct (with revised formatting) is available at the following link:

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=15660>

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the potential establishment of a Lobbyist Registry has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting.

After reviewing the proposed By-law and comments from the public, Staff will bring a recommendation forward to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **1:00 p.m. on Friday April 14, 2023**, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to **(519) 599-7723**, or emailed **townclerk@thebluemountains.ca**.

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **4:30 p.m. on Monday April 10, 2023**.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Fax: (519) 599-7723 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

(519) 599-3131 ext. 234 or cao@thebluemountains.ca

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Call for Applications for Provincial Appointee to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

The Ministry of the Solicitor General are seeking applications from members of the public for one appointment to the Town of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board as the Provincial Appointee.

Appointees to the Police Services Boards should be active members of their community with a general knowledge of Police Services Boards duties and responsibilities, and awareness of community safety issues and programs within their local community. Members appointed by the Province of Ontario must be residents of Ontario and cannot be a judge, justice of the peace, a current police officers or a person who practices criminal law as a defence counsel. There is no limit in the Police Services Board Act with respect to the term of the Provincial Appointee.

Per the Police Services Act a minimum of 4 meetings per year are held, plus an additional Joint Town of Collingwood and Town of The Blue Mountains meeting is held once per year. Meetings are generally once per quarter on the third Wednesday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Meetings are held in-person at Town Hall, Council Chambers at 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, N0H 2P0.

Meetings for the 2023 Calendar Year are scheduled as follows:

- January 18, 2023
- April 19, 2023
- July 19, 2023
- October 18, 2023

All Applications should be submitted online at www.ontario.ca/page/public-appointments. This posting will remain active until filled.

*Questions regarding the Police Services Board, can be directed to Colleen.T.Wansbrough@ontario.ca. Applicants must meet legislated eligibility. Police Services Board applicants are encouraged to visit: www.ontario.ca/page/public-appointments for details on screening and interviews.

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code. This document can be made available in other accessible formats upon request and as soon as practicable.

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Grey County has been named one of the Smart21 communities of 2023 by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF).

Smart21 recognizes communities that embrace technology to improve prosperity and inclusiveness. The announcement was made at the "Turning Connectivity into Growth" 2023 ICF Smart21 virtual conference on February 23, 2023.

"Smart communities aren't defined by the amount of technology available in a community, they are defined by the way the technology is used to increase prosperity and quality of life for the people who call that community home," said Grey County Warden Brian Milne following the announcement. "Being named to the Top21 communities once again is a great achievement. It wouldn't be possible without the investments and contributions of several public, private, and non-profit organizations across the County."

Intelligent Community nominees are evaluated on six intelligent community indicators: broadband, knowledge workforce, innovation, digital equality, sustainability, and advocacy.

This is the third time Grey County has been recognized for innovation by the global think tank. Grey County was named to the Smart21 Communities in 2016 and went on to achieve a prestigious Top7 designation in February 2017.

"We are so proud to be recognized for the projects and initiatives ongoing across the region. Our application was built on the innovative

work of all County departments, member municipalities, partnered organizations, businesses, and residents in Grey. Together, we are building a strong, intelligent community, that cares for our people. This is what sets ICF apart and why Grey County is so humbled and honoured to be part of the Smart21," said Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture.

The Smart21 announcement includes communities from eight nations over five continents and is the first stage in the ICF's annual Intelligent Community Awards. Over the next couple of months, Grey County will participate in further review and analysis by the ICF. The Top7 shortlist announcement is set for June 20 in Durham Region, and the third and final stage of naming the Intelligent Community of the Year will take place in New York City in October.

The other communities named to the Smart21 are:

Assaí County, Paraná, Brazil
Astana, Kazakhstan
Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK
Binh Duong Smart City, Vietnam
Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada
Coral Gables, Florida, USA
Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil
Defiance, Ohio, USA
Doral, Florida, USA
Durham Region, Ontario, Canada
Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada
Fairfield/Jefferson County, Iowa, USA
Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada
Greater Geelong, Victoria, Australia
Hilliard, Ohio, USA
Pickering, Ontario, Canada
Ponta Grossa, Paraná, Brazil
Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia
Townsville, Queensland, Australia
Whanganui, New Zealand

More information about the Intelligent Community Forum and the Intelligent Community of the Year awards can be found at intelligentcommunity.org. See a full list of Smart21 communities and watch a video of the announcement here: www.intelligentcommunity.org/icf_names_the_smart21_communities_of_2023

To learn more about Grey County's road to the Intelligent Community Forum, visit www.grey.ca/government/special-projects/road-intelligent-community-forum



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Exhibit Launch: Diverse Perspectives from the Bay

The Gallery at L.E. Shore is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of its March exhibit – Diverse Perspectives from the Bay! **Runs March 4-29.**

The show showcases the art of four artists, Barbara Simmons, Dee Hutton, Jennifer Keskikyla and Pauline Jennett. First and foremost friends, these artists were brought together through art, but their perspectives are as diverse as their art. Using diverse materials, from oil to acrylic and encaustic mediums, they use colour, form, light and unique perspectives to share their individual stories. When all these stories are woven together into a dynamic, colourful group show, the impact is...truly magical!



ACC Presents: Juggling the Notes - A Musical Event

Tuesday, March 14th

7:00pm - 8:30pm

The Gallery at L.E. Shore Library

Join Will Henry for a musical evening centered around his book about fiddle culture, "Juggling the Notes"! The evening will be filled with live traditional dance tunes and compositions from his book (accompanied by Henry's wife, Lynda Henry – concertina player -, and their long-time musical partner, Dan McGee – Irish flute and clawhammer banjo player) and a fascinating overview of fiddle culture. Henry has followed this movement for the last 40 years and will share insights about fiddle culture and how it has changed over the decades. Sign up and learn more about this event, on our website!

www.thebluemountainlibrary.ca/art-gallery



The Toronto All-Star Big Band

returns to the Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
Sunday March 12th, 2-4pm

One of the most exciting bands around, the Toronto All-Star Big Band revives the spirit style and sound of the 30's, 40's and 50's – that golden age of the big bands. Armed with brilliant programming, choreography and engaging cultural nostalgia, this vibrant cast of awesome young talent has earned its position at the top of list of presenters.

Presented by the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

Tickets \$35 in advance; \$40 after Feb 28th

Call 519-599-3345 or visit www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca

MP Terry Dowdall Celebrates Local Excellence with the Simcoe-Grey MP Community Leader Awards

Terry Dowdall, Member of Parliament for Simcoe-Grey, is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the Simcoe-Grey MP Community Leader Awards. The Awards honour exceptional constituents who, through their outstanding volunteer work, have made a positive difference in the community. The awards are presented to a youth, adult, senior, business, and service club or religious organization.

"I am proud to recognize hardworking, dedicated and selfless volunteers through this award," said MP Dowdall. "I know I will receive many great nominations because I see firsthand everyday how volunteers make Simcoe-Grey the best place to live."

Nomination forms can be picked up at one of his constituency offices, located at 503 Hume St., Collingwood, or 452 Victoria St. E., Alliston. Also available by email to Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca

The deadline to nominate a great volunteer is **March 31, 2023**
For further information please contact: Office of Terry Dowdall
Member of Parliament for Simcoe-Grey 1-866-435-1809

Coffee House

Hosted by Rodina MacMurchy

Open mic night

Performers welcome

Friday March 10

7pm-10pm

Coffee and treats available

L.E. Shore
Memorial Library

175 Bruce St. S.
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Saturday March 18th

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FEATURING

Big Air Show

March 12-16, 8PM, Smart Alec

Fireworks Show

March 13 & 17 @ 9PM, Over the Mill Pond

Subaru Family Aprés

Daily from 11-4PM, Blue Mountain Inn

DAILY

Groove Dancing

Bamtastic! Drumming

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Spencer Burton, The Mountain Man

Sonshine & Broccoli

Emily Power Band

The Connors Brothers

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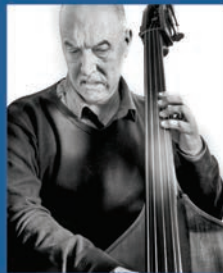
BILL KING TRIO



BILL KING - Piano



MARK KELSO - Drums



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ADMISSION \$30

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or at these locations

Thornbury Pharmasave, 45 Arthur Street W., Thornbury

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DANCE 4:30 - 5:30

PIZZA AT 5:30 PM

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Events for Life



Saturday, March 25th
9am-Noon

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TBM Repair Café

Blue Mountain Soccer Club Annual General Meeting


Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:30pm - 9:30pm

L.E. Shore Library, Thornbury

The Blue Mountains Soccer Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 30th, at 7:30 pm. We invite all interested parties to attend. Come and meet the Directors, ask questions, and find out, information about the various OPEN volunteer positions. We are also offering a ZOOM option for the AGM. Please email us at: info@bluemountainssoccer.com A ZOOM link will be emailed to interested parties closer to the date. Website: <https://bluemountainssoccer.com>

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Tuesdays, March 21 - April 25, 10am-noon

The Mongolian Chronicles

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Georgian Bay Community School

197799 Grey Rd 7, Meaford



Saturday, April 1st, 2023 10am-4pm



**Crafters & Artisans
Raffle for Class Baskets**

Face Painting

Visit with the Easter Bunny



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ADMISSION \$2

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Tuesday April 18th, 7:30pm

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140 Bruce Street S., Thornbury



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2023 END-to- END

Calling All Hikers Looking for a
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The Annual Blue Mountains Bruce Trail
Club End-to-End Hike Event

May 27 – 29, 2023

Registration opens on

March 1, 2023

To register visit the Hike Schedule at
www.bmbtc.org



For more information go to
www.bmbtc.org under News and Events
or email Christine Lasky at:
btcblueevents@gmail.com

Wind your way through the beautiful and varied terrain of the Blue
Mountains Club trails and enjoy the early signs of nature awakening,
the beautiful vistas, and the rugged escarpment.

Both hikes will cover the 69km of the Blue Mountains section of the
Bruce Trail which runs from Lavender to Swiss Meadows.

Event	Date	Approx. Distance	Fee
2 Day End-to-End	Saturday – Sunday May 27 and 28 th	34.5 km/day	Members \$70.00 Non-Members \$80.00
3 Day End-to-End	Saturday, Sunday and Monday May 27 th , 28 th & 29 th	23 km/day	Members \$80.00 Non-Members \$90.00

Fees cover bus transportation to the start, refreshments, a BBQ Saturday post hike,
on-line registrations fees and the EZE badge.



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