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Shop the Shore Holiday Edition

By Care Lucas

For many, November 8, 9 and 10 marked the unofficial start to the holiday season as Long Point Country businesses opened their doors for the Christmas edition of Shop the Shore.

A wide variety of businesses across the area participated in the annual event. Over 20 local vendors were on hand at The



11-year-old Teagan Parker with their mother Miranda and friend Billie. The Parker sisters started creating jewellery a couple of summers ago, then started doing pop-up sales and now have a growing business. Photo by Care Lucas



At The Red Barn on 1st Concession Road, Laura Petker and her daughter have festive planters, crafts and gifts available.

Makers Market in St. Williams throughout the weekend, where shoppers browsed for one-of-a-kind gifts suitable for anyone on their list.

Vendors were also set up at the Port Rowan Community Centre on Saturday, including Sherry McFarland, owner of Frigid Bitez. The inspiration for McFarland's products, delicious freeze-dried treats, was born out of her own life experience. "I went to a fair and I tried the Skittles and I wanted to buy more," she said. After looking on the internet, McFarland realized no one was selling freeze-dried snacks in the Norfolk area. "So I looked into getting a freeze dryer."

She launched her business roughly a year ago, primarily selling candy and fruit. "A lot of our fruit is local fruit," McFarland said. She says preparing the candy is usually easier. But the process for her fruit snacks can be a bit more complex.

"Because I buy fresh fruit, I have to



Port Rowan Pharmasave was busy during Shop the Shore Holiday Edition. Photo by Chris VandenBussche

wash it and cut it. That takes a long time. [Running a load of fruit] can take anywhere from two to four days."

McFarland's treats were a hit at the community centre with those looking for

the perfect stocking stuffer idea.

Entrepreneurs of all ages participated in the event, including Parker Sisters By the Bay, a jewellery and accessories business. > See SHOP THE SHORE on page 7

LONG POINT LADIES DUCKS UNLIMITED CELEBRATED 40 YEARS



Surrounded by members of the Long Point Ladies Ducks Unlimited Committee, Pat Salem-bier received recognition for her 40 years of service at the group's 40th annual fundraising auction and dinner held in October. Committee members in photo are, back row, from right, Val Morris, Alex Dobias, Lexi Ernst, Bailey Long, Stephanie Foucault, Marco Cunha (Ducks Unlimited regional support), Anita Aitken and Karen Goni. To the front from right are Jody Crawford, Amanda Boughner, Marianne Johnson, Darcy McWilliam and Jade Mercier.

The sold out 40th annual 1st Long Point Ladies Ducks Unlimited Canada dinner and charity auction was held October 25 at Port Rowan Community Centre. Jade Mercier, this year's chair, said the event would not be possible "without the dedication, support and caring community that we all live in."

— from Wanda Backus-Kelly

ROTARY HOUSE TOURS



Rotary Club Christmas House Tours December 7 & 8 in Port Rowan

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SHOP LOCAL FIRST



Whenever you can, shop local this Christmas season. Local merchants rely on the support of residents all year long.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



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Sonny Pennington and Paul Smith awarded King Charles Coronation Medals



Port Rowan residents Paul Smith, left, and Sonny Pennington, right, display their King Charles III medal citations following a ceremony last month at Waterford Town Hall. The pair were among 20 Haldimand-Norfolk residents honoured for their commitment to making a difference in their communities. A total of 30,000 medals were awarded to mark the coronation of King Charles III in May of 2023.

By Wanda Backus-Kelly

When Pat Montrose first heard about the criteria for a new award announced by Haldimand-Norfolk’s federal constituency office, she instantly had an ideal candidate in mind. “I just thought right away of Sonny!” remarked Pat. “He just fits the criteria perfectly.”

To be eligible for consideration, candidates needed to “have made a

significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region of, or community in, Canada, or attained an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.”

Pat set to work right away to fill out the nomination form with the help of Evelyn Hanson, a fellow member at Neal Memorial United Church. The two ladies created a list of causes and initiatives that Sonny supports, resulting in an extensive description

of his volunteer work. Once finished, the pair sent the nomination office to MP Leslyn Lewis’s office and crossed their fingers. In late October, Sonny received word that he had been chosen as a worthy recipient. “I was in total, total shock!” recalls Sonny. “Janice and I picked up the mail and there was a letter from Dr. Leslyn Lewis, who I knew was our Member of Parliament in Ottawa. I had not been communicating with her so I thought the letter was a survey or a request for funding so I didn’t open it. Finally, Janice did; she read it once to herself and twice to me before we realized that it was authentic.”

Created to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III in May of last year, the medals were handed out to 30,000 people. In Haldimand-Norfolk, 20 medals were given out, including Sonny. For his part, Sonny is quick to down play the work he does.

“Like most people I had no idea such an award existed. After all, why should you get an award for simply doing the right thing? Even if I had known about it, why should I get nominated? So many people in the Port Rowan area help others and I am just one of them. Add to that, Janice takes care of everything else so that I have the time to devote to this. I often compare myself to an Uber driver who delivers items/funds from our multitude of kind residents to those who are in need.”

When asked why he undertakes the volunteer work he’s just been recognized for, Sonny explains that “volunteering will provide the greatest sense of worth that you can ever experience.”

He goes on to describe that helping others is more than just giving a few items they may be lacking, or providing temporary help with groceries. “Often the recipients merely require a temporary ‘leg up’ to get through some troubling times. Some are new to our country and simply require guidance to agencies that can help them.”

Sonny is also quick to add that he doesn’t work alone. “I work with a great number of caring and generous individuals, agencies, associations, clubs and churches who are more than happy to help. They all have one thing in common: They do it for the right reason. The only recognition they want is to recognize that they are helping someone in need. Port Rowan is truly ‘Small Town Proud.’”



Flanked by his nominators, Pat Montrose and Evelyn Hanson, Sonny Pennington proudly displays the citation he received with his King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of his dedication to many charitable community causes. Pat and Evelyn instantly thought of Sonny when notice of the award was made public and worked together to complete the nomination.



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Branch Meeting: The next Branch meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m.**

BRANCH EVENTS



A special thank you to our incredible Community for your generosity during our Poppy campaign. Your donations allow the Legion to continue assisting Veterans and local community needs.

The Legion Catalogue has arrived and is available for you to peruse in the Canteen. *You will need time, so many quality items to choose from.*

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We Will Remember Them



Port Rowan Legion Branch 379 held a Community Service of Remembrance on Sunday, November 10, at the Port Rowan Community Centre to honour local veterans.



Remembrance Day wreaths were laid at the Community Service of Remembrance in memory of those who had served their country as part of Canada's Armed Forces.



Photos above are from the solemn Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph in Port Rowan on Monday, November 11.



Bay Street banners honour local veterans



The Bay St. banner honouring Ruth Dickinson.

By Bob Wood

About 75 people turned out on Nov. 3 for a walking tour down Bay Street in Port Rowan. They came on a pleasant Sunday afternoon to learn more about the newly installed veterans' banners.

The banners honour deceased military veterans who grew up, lived in, or had a significant connection to Port Rowan, St. Williams or South Walsingham. The double-sided 24-by-48-inch posters will be taken down to be reused each November for years to come.

Tour leader Heather

Smith provided well researched and interesting details on the 22 veterans. For example, four of the banners honour members of the Barry family, who all enlisted in the Second World War. The brothers all came home.

"They grew up in the white house with black trim at the corner of Alley and Ellis Streets. Harold served in the Royal Canadian Army, Light Anti-Aircraft Unit of the 42nd Battery and operated a Bofors Gun, which was primarily an anti-aircraft machine gun," Heather told the crowd.

Harold Barry's banner

was displayed in front of Wiggins Clover Farm. Directly across the street is Ruth Dickinson's banner.

Ruth Dickinson was a nursing sister who trained in Hamilton. She grew up on the Front Road near St. Williams and completed high school in Port Rowan where she met Harold Barry. In England, during the Second World War, Harold and Ruth married. Harold and Ruth settled in Woodstock and raised two children, Heather said.

After the walk, many gathered at Neal Memorial United Church where hot cider, refreshments and conversations were enjoyed. The walk was sponsored by the Bradstreet Family Foundation, Norfolk-Simcoe Electric, Norfolk Remembers Committee and Port Rowan Legion.



Heather Smith spoke about the veterans' banner project during a walking tour along Bay Street on November 3. Photo by Bob Wood

Port Rowan/South Walsingham Heritage Association's Facebook page has more information about the banners. To be involved in the 2025 banner program, contact PRSWHA@gmail.com or by mail at 1565 3rd Concession, St. Williams, N0E1P0. An application is required along with \$325 payment and a photograph of the veteran in uniform.

Veteran speaks to students

By Jessica Tulpin

On Nov. 8, Bill Helka, a veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, joined Ms. Keast's Grade 8 class at Port Rowan Public School to talk about his time in the service. The timely presentation allowed students to learn about the armed forces just ahead of Remembrance Day.

Ms. Keast said Mr. Helka engaged the students and allowed them to ask any questions.

"Bill was extremely balanced in his discussion about serving for the Canadian Armed Forces. He did not discourage or encourage students to join but simply provided the education opportunities, the camaraderie he experienced and sense of family; the times he felt worried or unsure, his regrets about leaving after only eight years, him missing his own family, and, of

course, extremely amazing travelling opportunities! He talked about how mentally strong you have to be and a 13-week grueling training session that even though it was very physical, was more mentally challenging," she said.

The students enjoyed the pictures he shared and learned about the war games between USA and Canada and about training.

The class also learned about the importance of continuing to support our veterans by wearing a poppy and participating in fundraisers.

"There are many ways to support your country and both men and women have equal opportunities. We learned to consider our choices carefully and that a hasty decision can impact your life. We learned that depending on people is an important skill and everyone has to pull their own weight in order to be successful," said Ms. Keast.

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Port Rowan Holiday Market festive offerings

November 22 at Port Rowan Community Centre

By Care Lucas

The farmer’s market may have wrapped up its regular programming on Thanksgiving weekend but volunteer and co-coordinator Karla Falk said the community will have an opportunity to access products from its vendors on Friday, Nov. 22, at the holiday market.

The market was a result of a pivot the community took during the COVID-19 pandemic as a way to safely distribute local products to its residents. “It was just an idea that we could keep offering this availability in the community,” Falk said. “We had firms and producers that still had stuff available, and they wanted to get their products to customers.”

Since then, the farmer’s market has become a community staple and its holiday market a beloved tradition. The holiday market will take place at the Community Centre in Port Rowan this year, providing shoppers with an opportunity to grab unique gifts and food ahead of the Christmas season.

“There will be a lot of different types of foods that you can get. All our vendors do a little something special for the holidays, whether it’s special holiday-themed cookies or making [a good] stocking stuffer idea,” Falk said. She said there will be a few additional vendors with artisan crafts and goods. “You don’t realize all these things are produced by our community,” she said.

Organizers try to make the event feel festive by offering door prizes,



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Deadline for next Good News

The next issue of Port Rowan Good News will be mailed to subscribers on December 18 and is the annual Good News Christmas issue. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Dec. 6. The following issue comes out at the last Wednesday in January 2025. The Good News welcomes your news and photos from local events by e-mail to prgn@live.ca. For advertising info, contact prgn@live.ca or call us at 519-586-2291.

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WARD ONE MATTERS

If you build it, they will come

BY TOM MASSCHAELE
WARD ONE COUNCILLOR



I recently ran across a paper prepared by former Port Rowan Councillor John Buck in 1933. It chronicles the establishment of the Long Point Provincial Park. It is an interesting story from the perspective of an elected official who was directly involved. His account begins with describing that about 1860 an association of men was formed for the purpose of acquiring the land around what is now known as Long Point. This association or club obtained a patent of 11,719 acres on July 11, 1866.

This club formed The Long Point Company, and these lands were transferred or sold to that Company on its inception. About 400 acres in the east end of Long Point, however, was never patented or sold by the Crown and is now the Ontario park known as Long Point Provincial Park.

It was not, however, until May 3, 1921, that the Long Point Park Act was finally passed, which set aside this land as a Provincial Park. A change of government took place coinciding with the one-year anniversary of the Great War in November 1919. In the summer of 1920, the Crown Land Department had that portion of the unpatented area of the Point surveyed, and it was reported that this land would be sold.

At that time, John Lampman Buck was Reeve of the Village of Port Rowan, and had been for several years, and was immediately interested. This was the only portion of the Point still owned by the Crown and it was adjacent to the village of Port Rowan. He asked that the land be turned into a public park.

He sought and obtained an interview with the Premier, the Honourable E.C. Drury, that he might see what could be done toward preserving this area for the people. When he pointed out the area on a map, the Premier was at once interested and agreed that it was desirable that this land should be set apart as a Provincial Park. Mr. Drury then called into his office Mr. Wallace, the Deputy Minister, and suggested that Mr. Wallace and Reeve Buck work out a scheme for the formation and administration of the park to be formed.

Mr. Wallace suggested that the management might be put into the hands of the Municipal Council of Port Rowan. Reeve Buck, however, thought there should be a commission consisting of three members, as he felt it might become a football in



An early photo of the Long Point Causeway.

municipal politics. It was then proposed that he should be chairman of the commission by virtue of his position as Reeve of the Village, but he refused the office for the same reason, and the Act set forth that the administration should lie in a commission of three appointees.

The first commission consisted of Messrs. J.H. Gladeall, T.D. Pierce, and Dr. W.A. Broddy, and under its jurisdiction, the park was subdivided and the plan approved by Order-in-Council on May 22, 1923. During the several years this commission functioned, the only approach to the park was by boats and only boats with shallow drafts could reach the shore.

In the spring of 1926 several gentlemen met at his home to consider some plan that might be of benefit to the community and the park. A highway round the head of the bay to the park was suggested. They were all impressed with the idea, and the Honourable John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, kindly arranged a hearing with Premier G. Howard Ferguson, to see what could be done to implement the idea.

The Premier finally agreed that the expenditure of building such a road was justified, and the park road construction proceeded during the summer of 1927 under the direction of the Honourable William Finlayson, Minister of Crown Lands. It was believed that this highway was destined to perpetuate the park as a delightful spot for all time for citizens, tourists, and all who seek health and recreation.

The first commission having resigned, on re-organization, Messrs. Kenneth McCall, A.A. Ferris, and Reeve Buck as chairman, were appointed commissioners by Order-in-Council June 6, 1928. Their first duties were to prepare comprehensive by-laws, which were passed by the Commission September 29, 1928, fixing the fees to be paid for rentals

and licences, provide for protection from fire and for the proper government of the Long Point Park. These by-laws were approved by Order-in-Council on October 11, 1928, and Long Point Provincial Park was officially born.

Directed by the Forestry Station at St. Williams, the Park area was planted with


suitable young trees. These, with the deciduous trees natural to the park area, would soon add materially to its appearance.

The commission desired to have the park area extended eastward to reach the deeper waters of the Bay and make it possible to ultimately have a harbour for boats that could navigate the deeper waters and yet land on the park.

On behalf of the commission, Buck took up the matter with the Long Point Company and an area of over 141 acres was kindly granted by that Company to the Crown, which land, by Order-in-Council, was added to the park area and placed under its jurisdiction.

The commission wanted further to enlarge the area on the west. Mr. H.H. Hastings owned land east of the park road and west of it. The commission controlled the road, and it was their responsibility to keep it in repair. They offered Mr. Hastings a quid-pro-quo in the use of the road to his west land for a deed to the east land to the turn of the road at the lake, which it was hoped may become an accomplished fact. In which case, all personally believed this Provincial Long Point Park would be complete in area and well on the highway of the future.

The vision of the commission was clear. Those who love solitude and love to get close to nature unadulterated have it firsthand on Long Point Provincial Park. The bather on the beach sees the same blue water, hears its murmur on the shore, sees the same horizon, that beautiful line where the sky and water appear to meet and marvelous sand and glistening pebbles, and on a clear night, has an unobstructed view of the starry constellations and may follow the planets as they move among the stars. This was true in 1928 and still is today.



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Charming hospitality of Clear Creek residents

First published in December 1996 issue of Port Rowan Good News


By Doug Bellas

Clear Creek is a little country village high on a hill seven miles west of Port Rowan. I went there because I wanted to see this tiny hamlet before it disappears.

Like other local villages, Clear Creek has suffered the fate of being unimportant in a modern world, and now exists mainly as a bedroom community.

But when I say Clear Creek may disappear, I don't mean fade away, I mean *disappear*, forever! The village could be lost to a hungry monster lurking nearby, a monster with a voracious appetite. That monster is Lake Erie. She is munching away at the very underbelly of the defenceless little burg and will one day consume it completely.

Oh, it could take years for Clear Creek to disappear. Or it could be gone after the next big storm. Hurricane Hazel grabbed a big chunk of land years ago. And each succeeding storm chips away at those beautiful fields



Murray Turnbull spent his teenage years in Clear Creek. Some felt the only thing that could keep a teenager in the village that long was either fishin' or females.

that once grew succulent tomatoes, tasty potatoes, and other garden crops.

With me on my visit that day was my uncle, Murray Turnbull. He spent many boyhood days around Clear Creek, and can name off every person who lived in every house, in the entire village. We stopped to chat with his good friends Fred and Lena Moore. They live on the street running south of the country store.

Fred and Lena have lived in the same spot for 60 years. Both of them were born in Clear Creek. This friendly, happy couple look years younger than their actual age. The reason for this youthfulness could be the good earth that grows those beautiful vegetables, the same land being threatened by Lake Erie.

The warm sun streamed through the kitchen window that day, joining the warm feelings of friends chatting around the big kitchen table about Clear Creek, past and present.

"I used to have 54 acres," said Fred. "By 1978 it was down to 17 acres. It's much less now."

Fred doesn't own the farm anymore. But he is concerned about the loss of land. "There's nothing anybody can do about it," said Fred.

Fred Moore came into the world as a smiling baby boy in the year of 1909. And he was always smiling. It's his nature. You get the impression that he enjoys his reputation as being the village character.

For example, I noticed farm machinery sitting on the roof of a nearby shed. Farm machinery on a shed? "It's easier to cut the grass," said Fred. Two wagons, a plough and a sleigh on a roof? Anything for a laugh, that's Fred Moore!

My Uncle Murray's only comment when seeing the farm implements on the roof? "I thought that happened during the last big storm."

"How do you put up with your husband's antics?" I asked Lena. "I ignore him," she replied!

But a serious question brought a serious answer from Fred. "Does the government help when you lose land to Lake Erie?" I asked.

"Are you kidding?" said Fred. "The government contends that



Fred and Lena Moore of Clear Creek. They stay young because of the vegetables they eat grown in the rich fertile earth of the village. Look behind them at the farm implements on the roof of the shed. Fred's humour.

you still own the land. Except now that land is under water!"

Fred continued. "Some farmers took the government to court a few years ago. It was thrown out!"

This destruction of good farm land by Lake Erie poses another eventual problem. The road to Port Burwell will have to be moved north. That has already been done in bygone days, at least once. Between Clear Creek and Port Burwell there are many pockets of land slowly sliding into Lake Erie.

Did Fred Moore have a theory why this is happening? Of course he does. "The Port Burwell pier has changed the Lake's currents," said Fred. "That's why she is eating away at Clear Creek."

Other farmers around the area have their own theories about the problem, some rather radical. Sun spots, ozone layer, high lake levels from global warming. Maybe even the noise from rock and roll music!

But life in the village goes on. Clear Creek is quiet and quaint, clean and friendly, with fresh, cool breezes and healthy gardens that can make you live forever.

The pace slowed even further when the local store closed from lack of business.

"It was a rough day when Hazel went through," said Fred. "Trees knocked down, boats sunk, property damaged. That was a bad one."

"That's the day I saw seagulls flying backwards," said Uncle Murray. With that comment there was laughter all around the big kitchen table.

When you visit country people, you always sit around the kitchen table. It's the thing to do. And on our visit that day, the old photos were hauled out, along with newspaper clippings, that showed the growth of the family and the village. Stories about ships sunk and lives lost.

"The Old Girl claims some of us every year," said Fred. "We lose our land, we lose our loved ones, our fishermen and our friends to this unpredictable lady with the bad temper called Lake Erie."

People like Fred and Lena Moore are fun to visit and hard to get away from. They talked to us all the way out the driveway. Their stories, their hospitality, and their love of Clear Creek was very evident. Uncle Murray and I had a great day!

With folks like the Moores, the village of Clear Creek may survive a while longer, no matter what Lake Erie does. They could always move the village just a bit north!



This is the beach below Clear Creek. Fred's farm used to be where the water is now. Storms are eroding the bluff. Clear Creek may disappear into the lake someday unless they move it north.

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A large crowd gathered at the cenotaph in Port Rowan on Remembrance Day.

We will remember them

BY **BILL WIEBE**

Fight the good fight of faith.

So speaks the Good Book, once more seeking to provide the wise path that serves the greater good in this world.

It's a well-worn caveat (warning) we give each other: not to get caught discussing religion or politics if we want to maintain the peace.

Yes, well, good luck to all of us on that one.

For conflict is the flame to which we mortal moths are drawn. Often, it will gain and hold our attention; beyond that, we will actually pay to witness it. The evidence: Blue Jays vs Yankees, Chiefs vs Bills, Maple Leafs vs Bruins, Ali vs Frazier...

Life, though, is not always a season of bread and circuses. And it is often the clarion call of duty that pulls us inexorably into the very maw of conflict.

The arenas we enter and the situations we face, in fighting that good fight, are many and varied: conflict lies within the borders of our own land and on foreign soil afar; disputes arise on strange battlefields and familiar streets; dissension lurks in the shadows of the halls of academia, the corners of our houses of commerce, in the dust and smoke of factories of industry; discord and disputes spring up without warning at tables in kitchens and on couches in living rooms, as likely as they will materialize amidst trenches and barbed wire.

Service, the active response to such a calling, is the true measure of our love – for God, for Family, for Country, for Community.

In serving, we employ a full package of skill sets—commitment, courage, strength, focus, sacrifice—all merging together as a single, well-trained and well-co-ordinated unit.

But paramount in all of these undertakings is the great truth that service is always a matter of choice. Coupled with this is the law of the harvest: that we will ultimately reap what we have sown in this life. If service is rendered grudgingly, then one should expect a minimal return for the effort. Service that is freely and compassionately offered yields a harvest beyond our imagining.

We lead by example; we also learn by example. Who better then, to look to for training in such matters, than those who serve.

Those who serve favour commitment over convenience.

Engaging in service for others

requires sacrifice: strength, energy, creativity, and focus. True service knows no boundaries, as it will be rendered anywhere and anytime and in any way that we are able. And as there are only so many hours in a day and only so much that can be accomplished in a week, we understand that service is the willing investment of our most precious commodities – time and life itself.

Commitment translates into a willingness to lay aside our goals on behalf of others; it means ignoring personal wants in exchange for meeting the needs of the many.

William Faulkner puts it this way: we cannot hope to swim to the far horizon until we have lost sight of our own shore behind us. True commitment leaves the self behind, assuming responsibility for another.

Those who serve accept the necessary cost rather than seek the personal comfort.

Sacrifice is at the very heart of service; virtually every river of blessing in this life has its source beneath some altar of sacrifice. This is a requirement that tends to upend the natural order: in times of peace, children bury their parents; in times of war, parents bury their children.

A wise man once said that the blood of one should only be shed in order to redeem the blood of another.

Those who serve wear a badge of courage rather than a shroud of cowardice.

Courage is not the absence of fear, it is simply the will to push through fear to accomplish a task. Fear for our own lives and for the lives of others is galvanic – it enhances strength and bolsters the will.

And beautifully, courage is contagious, catching fire in the hearts of those nearby.

But only the dead have seen the end of war.

We, the living, understand that peace is, thusly, usually a goal needing to be reached. And if peace has been attained, then the chore of maintaining it remains. These are things ahead of us, often just out of reach.

How do we extend that reach? The answer is the simple lesson we all learn early on in life: lean forward, step forward, run forward.

It's the strategy by which most of us were drawn into taking our first steps. A smiling parent holds that favourite toy, inviting we toddlers (temporarily propped up by the other parent) to embark on two feet to grab it – that simple task of going from here to there without falling.

You will understand the wonderful principle at work here: that if we are able to keep moving forward, either reaching toward peace or making progress in maintaining it, that consistent effort will be rewarded.

Even more remarkable is this: that as we are moving forward, others who are similarly working toward peace will eventually meet us in that tranquil middle ground.

Imagine such a world, populated by such a people.

Some years ago, Neil Young presented a concert in an intimate venue, singing *Heart Of Gold*, *Harvest Moon* and other of his compositions. Part way through the evening, a rowdy attendee shouted out, “Hey, Shaky! Your songs all sound the same!”

The prolific, Canadian songwriter did not miss a beat, replying, “No man, you don’t get it. It’s all one long song!”

Parallels truly abound in this world.

Our collective history is the ongoing testament of the singular, ancient battle of light vs dark, good vs evil, right vs wrong.

A nature intent on pursuing conflict seems woven into our genetic code – thus the calling to those who are willing to fight that good fight.

The skies, our most primal source of radiance, hold encouragement in our times of despair. Look to them.

Each day, the light of our sun travels 93 million miles, providing heat and illumination to this entire planet. Every day. Light will always find a way through – a way to reach this world.

Each night, the glimmer of 9,096 stars is visible to the naked eye (according to Yale Bright Star Catalog). The light of many of those stars took many lifetimes to reach Earth, and yet, we see that shimmer and sparkle each clear night.

In the same way it took those light specks a while to pop up on the night canopy, it often takes time for peace to reach us. Sometimes, it seems like a lifetime; on other occasions, light arrives like a sudden and surprising phoenix, rising up from the cold, dead ashes of what could have been.

Let us remember those who brought light where there was once darkness.

Let us remember those who have served God and Country; let us remember those who continue in service; and let us prayerfully consider those who will serve in the days ahead.

We will remember them.

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Knitters have 1,561 hats, 664 mittens to distribute

By Mary Anne Kersten

Hats and hats and more hats fill my basement. The pool table is full of hundreds of pairs of all sizes of mittens. The ladies brought their hats and mittens that they made from Oct. 1, 2023, to Oct. 1, 2024.



Hundreds of pairs of mittens ready to deliver.

Total hats were 1,561 and mittens totalled 664, plus there were 100 baby hats by Rosemary.

Doreen has retired from making mittens and we will miss her and her mittens. Thank you. Anyone that would like to knit mittens for the school children

would be most welcome to join us.

Margaret is still making the crochet lap blankets from our small balls of left-over wool. These go to the nursing homes or to people whom we know who are sick at home. If you know of someone, you can always call to tell me.

Many thanks to Langton's Catholic Women's League for their donation of money for wool and to all the people who help us with wool. We thank you. It really helps to keep this project going every year.

The ladies that knit for this project change from time to time as they get old-



Shown in the picture are: back row, Mary Van Ooteghem, Gaynor Wood, Dianne Kersten, Simone Coppens, Juliet Vanleuvenhage; front row Jackie Wulleman, Dorothy Vanhooren, and Mary Anne Kersten. Missing from the photo are Rosemary Erdelac, Darlene Casier, and Jan Grincevicius. *Contributed photos*

er, but after 15 years we are still knitting. Also, thanks to the teachers and people

who help out by delivering the bags of hats and mittens to the schools.

Have a great year everyone and keep warm.

Shop the Shore Holiday Edition very popular

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ness run by 11-year-old Teagan Parker and her 8-year-old sister Paige. Their mother, Miranda, said their jewelry creations started a couple of summers ago when the girls said they didn't want to go to summer camp. "They had to stay busy," she said. "So, they got fixated more on the jewellery side of it and then we ended up with a house of jewellery."

The girls decided they would start doing pop-up sales in their neighbourhood. Teagan said she never expected their passion project would grow into the business they have now, but she says it's been a rewarding experience.

Their table was lined with gorgeous creations, often made of clay, a material Teagan said she really enjoys working with. Teagan's best friend and loyal customer Billie was present as well, helping out. When asked what she would tell other young entrepreneurs, Teagan offered great advice. "Start small. Then grow bigger, bit by bit," she said.

Chelsey Geier of Good Morning Chickens was also in attendance. Geier, who says she has always been crafty, launched her business during the pandemic. "I had a lot of extra time and my grandma had recently given me all of her crochet hooks and her needles. YouTube taught me everything I know," she said.

She's usually seen with her crocheted creations but on Saturday, she had some exciting new products for sale. "We recently got a 3D printer," she said. "I've got 3D bird whistles and nature based things. Lots of fun tools to bring outside and play."

Geier also had a wide array of do-it-

yourself craft kits available—an activity she enjoyed when she was a child. "Basically a craft you can do with your kids that's not going to stress you out," she said. The kits included DIY Christmas ornaments and sensory products like Play-Doh.

If you were out shopping this year, you may have noticed larger crowds. Geier said she only recognized roughly half of the shoppers, adding that others had traveled from as far as Kitchener and London.

It was the 26th holiday edition and "I think people [now know], it's the second Saturday of November every year," Geier said. "The entire town this week is just completely transformed into Christmas. Every store is sparkly. Everything's got Christmas lights on it."

Large crowds of excited shoppers spilled out on Bay St. with purchases from local shops like Franni's Attic and Dizzy Lizzy's. A vintage sleigh sat outside Old Tyme Deli in front of Charisma Hair and Esthetics, waiting for children and families to hop in for a festive photo opportunity as they sipped hot beverages and listened to Christmas music.

If that wasn't enough to get someone into the Christmas spirit, a trip to The Red Barn on 1st Concession Rd. was sure to get the job done. It's been home to the Petker family for the last 27 years and in recent years, it has opened its doors to the public during the holiday season with gorgeous festive planters, crafts and gifts available for purchase. The barn has transformed into a magical Christmas setting.

"This was an old cattle barn and it had stalls in it," Laura Petker said. "We've whitewashed everything and we've done all the decorating—built all the things, put in the shelves." Petker believes the barn is

roughly 100 years old.

When you step inside, you're greeted by a fresh and nostalgic scent of Christmas. The aroma from the fresh planters and woodstove fire will make you feel like you're in a Hallmark movie.

The Petker family takes Christmas very seriously. Petker initially launched the seasonal side hustle with her sister. But when her sister stepped aside, they moved the operation to her family's property where Petker's daughters now assist her. Her daughter's husband is an arborist, which has helped them source a lot of

the contents for their planters, but Petker said local farms have helped out a lot as well. "It's all local and all fresh. We do all the pots and everything," she said.

Petker said her favourite part of Shop the Shore is the people who come by, adding that the event is a holiday tradition for much of the community. "[We see] groups of people, mothers; daughters; groups of friends. They always come in groups. And they come back year after year. So we know we're doing something right," she said. "We love Christmas. That's why we do it."

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Norfolk Literary Prize Awards Ceremony

Port Rowan sisters placed first



Port Rowan sisters, Aurora Tozer (left) and Ilse Tozer (right) won top prizes in Norfolk County Public Library’s Norfolk Literary Prize.

By Bob Wood

The 2024 Norfolk Literary Prize Awards Ceremony honoured local writers at the St. Williams Community Centre on November 1.

Belinda Smith, virtual library co-ordinator for Norfolk County Public library (NCPL), hosted the event, observing that the evening “celebrates our talented writers and highlights the depth and diversity of talent right here in Norfolk County.”

Port Rowan sisters won for both short stories and poetry in the Children’s category. Ilse Tozer, a Grade 5 student, captured first place for her short story *Good isn’t so Great* and third place in Poetry for *Walk Forever On*. Ilse’s older sister Aurora won the first-place prize for her poem *Nature* and second

place for her short story *Gold Doesn’t Always Shine at First Sight*.

Jennifer Gedye of Victoria received the Laureate Award for her poem *Anticipation – Ode to Emily Carr*, which was judged, sponsored and presented by Norfolk Poet Laureate John B. Lee of Port Dover. Lee noted that Jennifer achieved the same recognition last year and had again produced “a beautiful poem.”

Mayor Amy Martin was in attendance and noted there were 100 remarkable submissions from writers aged 10 to 90 years. “Keep writing! The skill will serve you well for the rest of your life,” she told a crowd of about 50 at the centre and many others viewing online.

NCPL Board Chair Kimberly Earls commended those “who put



Keynote speaker at the awards ceremony was author Brooke Marley Jones

their thoughts forward for someone else to read, enjoy and inadvertently judge.”

Keynote speaker Brooke Marley Jones lives in Niag-

ara but grew up in Jarvis, spending much time at the local library. Her speech, full of humour and advice, was well received by the audience.

The author’s book, *The Forest Where the Phoenix Sleeps*, took 18 months to write. She left her day job to get it published, “the hardest part over,” or so she thought.

Brooke understood to get published one needed an agent. She contacted 30. Only one responded promptly but didn’t follow up for 700 days. Brooke persevered and received another 70 rejections.

Maybe she didn’t need an agent, she thought. There must be another way because “authors are artists and art exists in spite of rejections.”

So, she did rewrites and hired an editor.

Finally, on June 6, 2024, her book was published. It is available at major bookstores and through Amazon.

Sales are brisk and she now has a deal for an audio book.

“Thousands of people have read my story,” she said with pride.

There would have been no book if Brooke had given up.

“Don’t give up. Keep going. There will be a million reasons to quit. You’ll need to find a million and one reasons to keep going. You can do it.”

Details on the 2025 Norfolk Literary Prize will be coming soon.

Explore the Public Library’s Digital Library and Online Resources during holiday season

By Belinda Smith

As the holiday season draws near, Norfolk County Public Library (NCPL) invites you to make the most of its free, festive entertainment and resources. Whether you’re a fan of holiday classics, looking for seasonal music, or want to catch up on your reading list, our Digital Library and Online Resources have something for everyone.

Movies and music for all ages

This year, cozy up with heartwarming holiday films or sing-along to festive tunes without leaving your home. NCPL cardholders have access to popular streaming platforms, including Kanopy and Hoopla, where you’ll find a variety of holiday-themed movies, documentaries, and music for all ages. You can also download and stream on Freegal Music, or make a playlist and set the perfect holiday mood!

eBooks and eAudiobooks

Escape into captivating stories or enjoy seasonal tales with NCPL’s vast selection of eBooks and eAudiobooks. Discover holiday romance novels, winter-themed mysteries, and timeless classics available through Libby by OverDrive. Or, check out Bound-

less, ERA Books, Hoopla, and Freeding; from heart-warming stories to exciting adventures, there’s something for every reader’s taste.

Crafts, hobbies, and more

If you’re in the mood to try a new craft or hobby, our Online Resources offer tutorials, how-tos, and guides on everything from knitting to baking. Browse eMagazines on Flipster or take an online class on CreativeBug. Make your holiday season memorable by creating unique gifts or decorations inspired by resources available through NCPL’s digital offerings.

Festive fun for kids

NCPL also offers a treasure trove of resources specially curated for kids, ensuring hours of fun and learning over the holiday break. Families can explore a variety of age-appropriate books, interactive learning tools, and educational games that make learning fun. From festive picture books to engaging stories, kids can dive into holiday-themed adventures, available



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Baseball games big news in local sports history

By Bob Wood

Many of us new to Port Rowan/Walsingham/Long Point are likely unaware of the area’s rich baseball history.

Your reporter gained some appreciation of that history when meeting with David Kenline earlier this fall.

Kenline was a pitcher on the Port Rowan Pee Wee team that won the Ontario D Championship back in 1969. He was 13. Coached by Bob Rankin and Walt Staley, the boys defeated Fenwick in a best-of-three series two games to none. The second game played here in Port Rowan was a thriller.

A report from the time in the Simcoe Reformer described the game.

“Port Rowan’s one run came in the second inning when Dave Kenline singled, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and with the count of one and two on (Tom) Rankin scored on another wild pitch.”

Final score: Port Rowan 1, Fenwick 0.

The victory earned the boys a memorable tour around town on a fire truck.

Earlier that year all local boys 11 to 13-years-old had been invited to tryouts. Forty showed up for the first practice. Eventually 14 were selected to be part of the Optimist All Star team.

Kenline recalls good turnouts at the games and not just parents.

“There wasn’t much to do in those days so we had good crowds when playing at the Port Rowan School,” he said.

The event was well documented at the time by the Reformer, which also



Simcoe Reformer clipping from September 1979 shows the all-Ontario Senior B champion Walsingham Senators with David Kenline in front row, at left.

reported extensively on a later victory that Kenline was involved in as a member of the Walsingham Senators—the Ontario Baseball Association B Championships in 1979.

A mustached Kenline, looking somewhat like Blue Jays great Dave Stieb, is pictured in the Sept. 24, 1979, edition. On the previous Saturday, the Senators had prevailed over the Sudbury Shamrocks. The deciding game, a 13–6 victory in Walsingham’s “crowded baseball park,” followed “an incredible comeback” earlier in the day that had forced a fifth game.

Kenline kept on pitching for local teams until he was 40. He was also a coach.

He believes he developed a strong arm back on the farm from throwing a heavy rubber ball against the

house. He broke a few windows, too.

The Norfolk County Sports Hall of Recognition documents 30 local teams who have captured Ontario baseball titles.

As far back as 1952, Langton won the OBA Junior title. The Lions/Lioness have won an additional 14 times since that first win. For their part, the Walsingham Senators have won Ontario crowns in various age classes 11 times.

Two girls’ softball titles (1987 and 1989) for a Langton squad must be remembered as well.

So many memories!

The Good News invites those who participated in these and other local teams to share their recollections. We will publish those memories in a future edition. Send to prgn@live.ca.

Lions’ concert featured Tia & Tommy

Long Point Lions Club presented an outstanding concert on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20, at Port Rowan Community Centre featuring Tia McGraff and Tommy Parham.

Opening the concert was our very own Ezra Schultz and Sadie Best, who were superb in their performances.

Tia & Tommy had a fun time entertaining the crowd and meeting everyone after the show. Their performance was excellent and very well received. Those who were lucky enough to get tickets for the dinner enjoyed a buffet featuring roast beef and Tuscan chicken at The Country Fork following the



Tommy Parham and Tia McGraff on stage at the Long Point Lions Club’s fund-raising concert.

show. There were many compliments and stories shared during the supper.

The charities who will

benefit from the monies raised at this event, which totalled over \$6,500, are Lions Camp Dorset, a camp for dialysis patients and their families, and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a program to support literacy skills and language development in children.

Lions organizers thank the Port Rowan community for supporting this event.

The Lions’ next community event is the annual Turkey and Meat Draw on November 30 at the Community Centre. Doors

open at 6 p.m. and the fun starts at 7 p.m. Bring your dabbers.



Opening the concert on Sunday, Oct. 20, were Ezra Schultz and Sadie Best.

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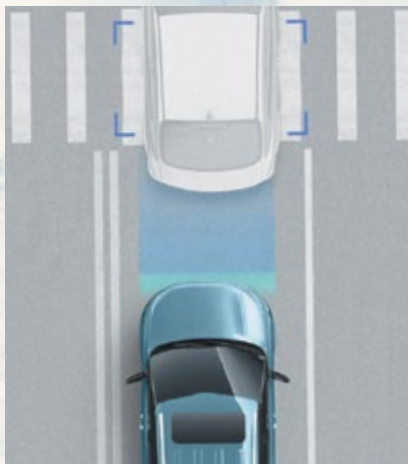
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Vancouver to Toronto on “The Canadian”

By Inga Hinnerichsen

A few years ago, during one of our trips to Australia, we travelled by the “Ghan” (so called because of the Afghan camel drivers imported to access the Red Centre), a famous train leaving Adelaide in the south and arriving in Darwin in the north four days later. We caught the train bug!

A few other train trips later, we decided on a cross Canada journey by VIA Rail, called “The Canadian.” It’s a four day trip: Toronto–Vancouver, or the other way around. We flew to Vancouver, took a taxi from the airport to the railway station and hopped on the VIA Rail train destined for Toronto.

This twice-a-week service is a regular passenger train. Passengers have choices of comfort levels (and ticket prices). Coach offered comfy reclining seats, small private compartments complete with a small toilet/shower and the deluxe version of the same. We travelled in the medium-priced cabin.

It was already dark by the time we left Vancouver, so no scenic vistas of the Fraser Valley. In the morning, the train stopped in Kamloops in the interior B.C. waiting for a freight train to pass on its way to the west coast ports.

During our trip, we had to pull over on sidings numerous times to let the freight traffic through. This was a particularly busy time of the year with the grain harvest from the prairies being shipped west for export. Canadian National Railway owns the track and VIA pays rent to use it. The freight traffic has the right-of-way.

The area around Kamloops is a semi-desert. It sits in the rain shadow behind the coastal mountain ranges. The sum-



The Canadian near Jasper, Alberta.

mers are hot and dry; the valleys and hills are only sparsely dotted with hardy pines and junipers.

The train continued east, climbing higher into the Rockies. We caught glimpses of fresh snow at the higher altitudes through gaps in the low-hanging clouds. All day we marveled at majestic mountain vistas, arriving in Jasper at dusk.

The morning brought views of wintry Alberta prairies. Ho-hum, you’d think. What’s there to look at on the prairies for two days? Nothing but flat land as far as you can see, right? Wrong! The land rolls gently, alternating with deeper river coulees and shallow sloughs. Mule deer (and some cattle) graze near aspen groves and big raptors soar in the sky.

With any luck you can spot a herd of pronghorn antelope, the second fastest land animal on this planet, bettered only by the cheetah. No wonder this is called Big Sky Country. There is an ever-changing drama unfolding above the prairie: distant dark snow squalls, sudden sun rays breaking through the clouds, small patches of blue appearing in the rolling grey, a perfect backdrop for flocks of flying

ducks, geese and trumpeter swans. Never a boring moment!

We quickly settled into a daily routine. We decided to skip the dining car breakfast. Instead we walked to the lounge car around midmorning. There was a coffee/tea station with juices, cookies, muffins and fresh fruit, perfect for a light meal.

We had reservations for the last lunch and supper seating in the dining car. Again, the food was excellent. So was the company. We were seated at tables for four and met several very interesting travelers



A prairie sky. “There is an ever-changing drama unfolding above the prairie,” writes Inga Hinnerichsen.

from as far as Australia, New Zealand and Hawai’i. We met another couple who had also done exactly what we did: fly to Vancouver from Toronto and take the train back. We were not the only crazies!

Leaving the prairies behind, the train continued into Northwestern Ontario. The landscape changed, revealing the Canadian Shield, scraped and polished by the receding glaciers of the last ice age with alternating lakes, rivers, muskeg, alvars and boreal forest. It reminded me of my old native land, Finland.

The boreal forest began to give way to more temperate deciduous forests as we proceeded south. In early October, we caught the blazing autumn colours as we crossed the French River and travelled through the cottage country north of Toronto.

The train coasted into Toronto eight hours behind schedule. What a trip! If you ever want to get a good cross-section of the vastness and amazing diversity of Canada, take the train. We have already decided to do it again, both ways, with a few days in Vancouver, as soon as Hubby has recovered enough after the lung transplant surgery. Foreign travel is, so far, not possible. Bon voyage!

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The Norfolk Field Naturalists continue indoor presentations at the Simcoe Recreation Centre, Norfolk Room, every second Tuesday of the month. More upcoming field events will be posted on the Nature of Norfolk Facebook page closer to the dates. We welcome guests and new members to our events. Membership is very reasonable: \$20 for a single and \$30 for a family membership for a year. Updates will also be posted on our web site: www.norfolk-fieldnaturalists.org. Stay tuned!

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Volleyball action back on the court

By Patti Stark

Fall arrives! Volleyball begins! Here we go again... all ladies assemble. Same time, same place.

Assistant Capt. Prout reports all ladies are returning and they are ready for competition. Let the games begin.

Last outing: Prout’s court (Truax, Hignett, Meyers, Bouck, Marcyniuk, Hudson, Billo) v. Johrendt’s court (Robertson, Haze, Dedrick, Matschke, Cayer, Fick).

Prout’s court won the first set 25–17 before Johrendt’s court rallied for a 27–25 set to tie the match at one-all. Prout pushed back and closed the match with 25–20 and 25–18 wins in the next two sets.

Meyers had 14 kills, Prout added 12, Hudson had six blocks, Truax added 11 service points with four aces. Hignett contributed 10 digs and Bouck had five kills. Marcyniuk had five kills. Billo had seven digs and seven points.

Montrose subbed in for Johrendt’s court... and the arm was unleashed. Montrose had six aces, four digs and five kills in her return to the court.

Johrendt finished with 40 assists, 22 digs and four kills. Robertson added six

points and Haze added six kills and five blocks. Dedrick had 13 digs, five assists. Matschke had two digs and 11 points. Cayer had four kills, eight points. Fick had two aces, three blocks and three digs.

Plays of the evening: fourth set.

Prout serves deep into Johrendt’s court, recording an ace. Next serve picked up by Johrendt. Sent to Fick at the net. Set for Cayer. Spike is good. Side out.

Robertson serves. Ace. Tied up. Next serve to Billo, bumps to Marcyniuk, sets for Bouck, spike.

Dedrick and Haze block. Meyers digs. Sends ball to Truax; sets for Hudson, kill!

The teams continued trading side outs and

Johrendt’s kill tied it up. Prout’s court earned set point after a kill by Billo. Hudson’s ace sealed the

set and match. Great play as always. Ladies attend next game. Same time. Same place.

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Soup season

By **MADALINE WILSON**

Get cozy soup time

There will soon be weather to drive us indoors and that means it's almost time for a good soup and our fuzzy sweaters!

With the house tour and festive activities coming up, it's always nice to fill a crockpot, go about your day and return to the smell of a great soup.

This is one of my favourites, which I checked for background. Its origin is Tamil, India, and there are probably hundreds of ways to make it. A fun fact, it is the national soup of England. My recipe comes from an old book, *Favourite Brand Names*, which is/was probably a copyright thing. But what you put in it depends on you and your history! So try mine *or* add what you like to change it up.

Mulligatawny Soup

- 2 cups finely chopped carrots
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 ribs celery, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1–2 tsp. curry powder
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 3 cup low salt, low fat chicken broth
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 lb. chicken, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 chopped tomato (remove seeds)
- 1 medium peeled chopped apple
- 1/4 cup uncooked rice
- salt and pepper to taste

1. Spray a large non-stick pan; heat over medium heat until hot. Add carrots, pepper, onions, celery, garlic; cook and stir for 5 minutes.

2. Sprinkle in flour, nutmeg, curry and cook and stir another couple of minutes.

3. Add chicken broth, milk, rice, chicken, apple, tomato, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce to low and simmer for 20 minutes.

4. Then you're ready to go! Serves eight. Enjoy.

As I say you can adjust the curry etc. to your liking.

Port Rowan Legion fall events schedule

Port Rowan Legion thanks the community for its attendance at the Remembrance Day services. This is an important day for the Legion and your support is appreciated. A special thank you to our incredible community for your generosity during our Poppy Campaign. Your donations allow the Legion to continue assisting veterans and local community needs. We Will Remember Them.

The next Legion branch meeting is on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 2 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Upcoming special events include the popular Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 9 a.m. This is a free will offering event. Have your picture taken with Santa, tell Santa your Christmas wishes. Breakfast menu is yummy beverages, sausage, and pancakes. The Christmas meat draw takes

place Saturday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Plan to arrive early.

Chrissy's food truck closed October 31—thanks for a great summer.

Regular events continue at the Legion with Zumba on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.; Yoga and Line Dancing schedule contact Katharine at kdcancoach@gmail.com.

The Wednesday night Fun Dart League started Oct. 9 and players should arrive by 7 p.m. as league play begins at 7:30. See you there!

The Legion's upstairs hall remains available for rental.

Contact Melissa Hunt at 519-842-9008 ext. 317 to book an appointment with the Stonebridge Foot Clinic. Dates and times can vary from month to month.

The Legion catalogue has arrived and is available for you to peruse in the canteen. You will need time to go through it, with so many quality items to choose from.

Lions Turkey Raffle is Saturday, Nov. 30

By **John W. Krestel**

The Tillsonburg Lions Club celebrated its 100th anniversary on October 19 with several of Long Point Lions Club members in attendance. We presented them with a cheque for \$250 and best wishes for another 100 years of service in their community.

Lion Gary Eves reported that the Tia McGraff and Tommy Parham concert was well received, and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended. Love that music! The concert was held on Oct. 20. Perhaps a repeat soon or next year.

Each year the Long Point Lions give out \$1,500 in bursaries to Valley Heights Secondary School and Port Rowan Public School. These bursaries are made available to deserving students and presented at commencement exercises each fall. President Allan Carroll was in charge of dispensing the awards for the Lions.

Long Point Lions will be holding the 87th consecutive Turkey Raffle and Draw on Saturday, Nov. 30. Chairman Lion Gary Eves is looking for a full house and would like to remind everyone to bring

their dabbers rather than using corn kernels.

During the Second World War, everything was rationed, especially booze. So, from 1941 to 1947 the Lions would throw some of their unused ration stubs in a pot so that they could have a bar for the evening! The event in those days was held at the Port Rowan Armouries on Bay St. beside the Medical Centre. It was a good thing some of the members were teatotalers who did not drink. It helped the supply for the evening!

We have a new Lion in the club who has transferred from Nova Scotia. Lion Mike Connor, we welcome you to the best club in our District, Long Point.

Our intrepid travelers Lion Gary and Lion Barb Eves happened to be in West Virginia recently and while visiting the Mount Olivet Lions Club, they casually mentioned the Lions Camp Dorset. Camp Dorset is a camp for people who need dialysis. A new building is underway to enlarge and modernize the facility. The Mount Olivet Lions graciously gave them a cheque for \$500 (USD) to help out!



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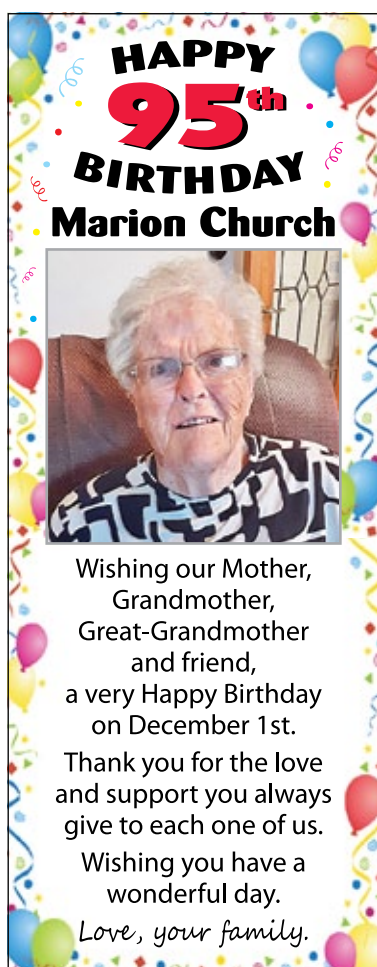
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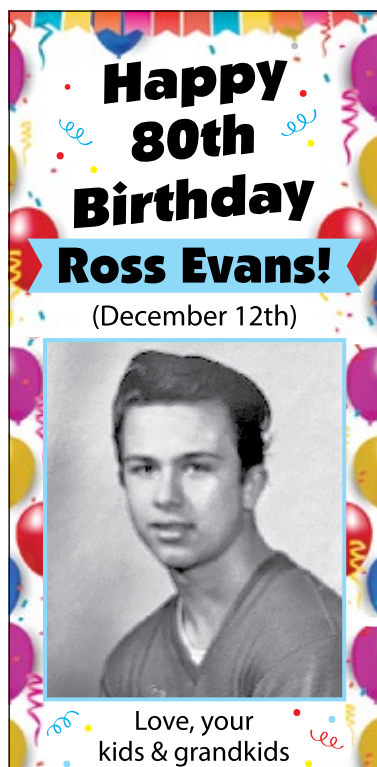
Fun with Quarters Fundraiser for Long Point Ladies Ducks Unlimited is Friday, Nov. 29, at Port Rowan Community Centre. Doors open 6 p.m.; fun begins at 6:45 p.m.

Long Point Lions annual Turkey Draw is Saturday, Nov. 30. Doors open 6 p.m.; fun begins at 7 p.m. Admission by donation to the local food bank. Bring your dabbers. Come out and have fun!

Port Rowan Hometown Christmas Craft Show. Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Over 40 vendors at Port Rowan Community Centre, 14 College Ave. Non-perishable food drop-off.

Langton Catholic Women's League is having a pie and European Bake Sale. We are taking orders for pies again this year. Pies to be picked up at Langton Community Centre during the Langton Lions Santa Claus parade on December 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our European Bake Sale booth. Choice of apple, blueberry and cherry. Pre-order to ensure your choice of flavour. Cut-off date is December 6. To order, phone or email Jeannette Major at 519-875-4952 or jmamaajor@hotmail.com.

Walsingham Women's Institute invites the community to join us on the second Monday of the month at Walsingham Community Hall at 1 p.m. Come and meet local ladies for afternoon of friendship, interesting topics and refreshments. We look after the Community Hall for the County of Norfolk. Upcoming meetings at the Hall are Christmas meeting and Jan. 13 at 1 p.m.



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I fell for you, a fire bright,
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You showed me love that meant so much—
A love that stayed, a love that grew,
In all my days, I cherished you.

Then life's cruel hand took you away,
Yet here you linger, come what may,
In quiet rooms, in midnight's sigh,
In every tear I try to hide.

For though you've left this world behind,
You're woven through my heart and mind,
And in the spaces where I stand,
I feel the touch of your gentle hand.

Death cannot break what's bound so tight,
I hear your voice in darkest night,
A love so deep, it won't let go—
Still here with me, as the stars glow.



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Holiday Market offers wide range of goods

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cranking the holiday tunes and collecting donations for the local food bank. Falk said her team feels everyone in the community should have access to great food.

This year there will be farms onsite offering local squash, potatoes, garlic and onion. Kent Creek orchard will sell apple cider and maple syrup, while another vendor has natural body products made by infusing herbs and plants.

The event also includes local wineries Blueberry Hill Estates and Inasphere Wines. "Blueberry Hill does a lot of preserves and fancy things that you might want to put on your holiday table," Falk said.

The Rose and Daffodil Bakery from Ingersoll will offer meat pies, quiche and cabbage rolls, while another bakery will offer gluten-free cookies and natural fruit leathers. Den Besten's Trout Farm will sell fresh trout with smoked flavours like lemon, garlic and maple.

Attendees will find one-of-a-kind items such as charcuterie boards made of locally sourced materials, local artist Barb Jones' woven accessories, and socks made from the wool of alpacas.

Falk said the market generates a lot of excitement. "We get great feedback," she said. "Now it's an annual tradition." She said the event gets a great turnout from shoppers of all ages.

It's an opportunity for the vendors and farmers to connect with one another. "They all talk to each other. Everybody really enjoys talking together, learning, and sharing ideas," she said. "So there's a lot of information sharing and knowledge going on and people enjoy it."

For regular market-goers, Falk said the holiday market is more than an opportunity to purchase gifts and holiday items. She believes it's a chance to restock the freezer with items that haven't been readily available since the market wrapped up in the fall. But it also provides a chance for community members to connect.

"I just think it makes people feel good and



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Caressant Care visitors, left to right, Janette Dengo, Lynda Hendel, Penny Hutcheson, Deb Shaw, Kathleen Denn (sitting), Eileen Bloomfield, Marie Granger, and Laurette Lisabeth.

Long Point Lioness fall events

By Sue Green

November has been beautiful so far and it is hard to believe that the Christmas holiday season and New Year's Eve are just around the corner. The Long Point Lioness are working on their new year plans and look forward to continued events to raise funds for our community. The last club dinner meeting took place on October 14 at The Country Fork.

Recap of events

Thursday, October 17 — Lioness Laurette Lisabeth organized the Club visit to Caressant Care Nursing & Retirement Home. There were 10 Club members who came out to share an afternoon of bingo, prizes, cake and ice cream. The Long Point Lioness Club has visited Caressant Care for over 15 years. It is a great way to spend an afternoon, sharing time and laughs, playing bingo and celebrating birthdays with the residents and staff.

Friday, October 18 — The lucky winner of the first Facebook club giveaway was Meini Knelson. Meini won two tickets to see Norfolk's own Tia McGraff & Tommy Parham in concert at Port Rowan Community Centre. The fundraiser was organized by Long Point Lions Club. Meini rose to the challenge to follow and like the Long Point Lioness Lions Facebook page. This was the first contest and more are planned. The total followers of the page has now surpassed 300 and the club is looking for more members of the community to join in.

Saturday, November 2 — Parth Parekh of Busy Bee Gas Station / Walsingham Food Market was presented with a Certificate of Honourary Life Directorship of Camp Dorset Corporation - Lions Camp Dorset. Parth and his staff have been extremely supportive of the

club's fundraising initiatives over the past two years. It takes community teamwork to help others and the Lioness Club is very appreciative to the local businesses who co-operate with them to serve.

Wednesday, November 6 — Lioness Penny Hutcheson and Lynda Hendel organized the first ever coach trip to Toronto to see the amazing musical production *Come from Away* at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. It was a sold out event and what a beautiful day it was. The feedback on the event was very positive and hopefully there will be other trips planned, stay tuned to the Facebook page.

Thursday, November 7 — The 2024 Long Point Lioness Lions Club Cookbook came off the press. Pre-ordering was posted on Facebook and due to popular interest the order was increased from 150 to 250 books. The club is very pleased with the community support and thank

everyone for their participation.

Sunday, November 10 — Lioness Eileen Bloomfield proudly represented the Long Point Lioness Lions Club at the Remembrance Day Service by laying a wreath. The ceremony was well attended and held at the Port Rowan Community Centre. Lest we forget.

Upcoming events for fall 2024

Fall 2024 — The next cooking class is being postponed until the new year, date to be determined. Chef Kendell & Chef Michael have a busy Christmas season and feel that an event in the new year will spice up the cool winter season.

Saturday, November 30 — Lioness Sue Knighton and Christine Prentice will be convening the canteen for the Long Point Lions Club Turkey Bingo at Port Rowan Community Centre. Doors open at 6 p.m., fun starts at 7 p.m. The canteen will have snacks and refreshments to keep the dabbers energized.

The Long Point Lioness Lions Club is a like-minded group of women who come together to meet and find ways to serve the community. If you are interested in learning how you can become an active member call Lioness Lynda Hendel, membership chair at 519-983-4319. For any other questions, call Lynda or send a message through the Facebook page "Long Point Lioness Lions Club."

The next regular dinner meeting for potential new members to attend is Monday, January 13, at 5 p.m. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. sharp followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Lioness Eileen Bloomfield represented Long Point Lioness Lions Club at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Port Rowan Community Centre.



Parth Parekh, owner of Busy Bee, received a Certificate of Honourary Life Directorship of Camp Dorset Corporation – Lions Camp Dorset. Shown are, left to right, Sue Knighton, Parth Parekh, Marie Granger, and Sue Green.



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