

Teeswater Community Calendar

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Teeswater Curling Club

Fall is officially here and yes, winter is just around the corner. There are a lot of questions about whether winter sports will be taking place. The curling club has decided to go ahead this season with social distancing and disinfection protocols in place. The game will look a little different but as always it will be a fun evening out! Tentatively curling will begin the week of November 23 so if you are interested in curling this season contact Jamie Elphick at 519-899-1621 or visit our website for the latest information; www.teeswatercurlingclub.com. Anyone interested in renting the Agri-curl lounge after November 1st, please contact Tammy Fischer at 519-357-7846.

Teeswater & District Kinsmen

President – Craig Meyer – 519-901-3392
cm.habs@rogers.com

Teeswater Medical Centre Development Steering Committee

Thank you to those who completed the Teeswater Medical Centre Development Committee survey online or by returning the paper copy you received in the mail. We appreciate you sharing feedback on the medical services you would find most helpful to have access to in Teeswater. We look forward to sharing an update on the survey results in the next Community Calendar as well as on the Municipality of South Bruce website.

We welcome community members to send any questions or comments related to the Committee to TeeswaterClinic@gmail.com.

Teeswater Agricultural Society

Our Teeswater Agricultural Society would like to thank the community for your tremendous support at our Drive Thru Chicken BBQ on Friday, September 18th. We served 800 meals in 2 hours! We appreciate your support and hope you all enjoyed the feast. We look forward to doing it again next September!

Now we are on to our next project which has us partnered up with Teeswater Fire and Rescue; selling our wall sized cash calendars. They sell for \$20.00 with proceeds going to community projects. You likely already heard the buzz about them as our early bird draw was October 28th for \$500.00. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter. They calendars make excellent gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and don't forget Christmas is coming!

This is a great way to shop local and remember there are 60 draws left for the 2021 year with a total value of \$5,000.00 in prizes! Calendars are available from Jean Culliton 519-392-6790, Brandon Fischer 519- 357-0080 or from any member of these organizations.

Stay Safe Everyone!
Board Members of the TAS
President: Brent McKague
TAS email: teeswaterfair@gmail.com
Facebook: Teeswater Fair

THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 60th Anniversary with messages, cards, flowers, also to the Energizer bunnies on our lawn, awesome. Special thanks to the people who organized the drive by.

Thank you all,
Lorraine and Wes Riley.

Congratulations to Harold and Betty Ann (Stobo) Elphick of Lucknow on their upcoming 60th Anniversary.



Pictured is Guy Gallant, newly hired Fire Chief for the Municipality of South Bruce.

The Municipality of South Bruce is pleased to announce that Guy Gallant has been hired as the new Fire Chief, effective November 16th, 2020.

Guy has over 23 years experience in Emergency Services, including many years as the Deputy Chief for the North River Fire Brigade in Nova Scotia.

He also possesses a solid background in business management with his most recent position as Vice President of Granners Food Systems.

“We are excited to welcome Guy to South Bruce and are confident that he will be a strong leader of our fire and rescue teams, and a good fit within the community” said Mayor Robert Buckle. “He brings with him a vast amount of experience and passion for the Fire Service.”

Guy will work collaboratively with the South Bruce Fire and Rescue Team at both the Teeswater and Mildmay Fire Station, and will provide overall administration and leadership of the department.

The Municipality extends their appreciation to Keith Cassidy and Doug Waechter respectively, who shared the role of Acting Chief during the interim period between Chuck Lobsinger’s retirement and Guy Gallant’s hiring.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

For Teeswater, Formosa, Mildmay, Belmore, Carlsruhe, Deemerton & Maple Creek Subdivision

Curbside Leaf Collection – Friday, October 30, 2020

Leaves **MUST** be placed in biodegradable paper bags.

Material in plastic bags will **NOT** be collected.

Fall Yard Waste and Curbside Leaf Collection – Friday, November 6, 2020

Fall yard waste **MUST** be tied in bundles.

Maximum of 4’ in length.

Leaves **MUST** be placed in biodegradable paper bags.

Material in plastic bags will **NOT** be collected.

All Items must be at the curb by 8:00 a.m.

Five Star Quilters Guild

President: Pat Townsend

There will be no meetings in the near future for the Five Star Quilters Guild. The quilt top being made for the South Bruce Grey Hospice has been pieced and is currently being quilted. It will be used as a fundraiser for the Hospice. Clara’s Fabrics has moved to 521144 CON 12, RR 3, Elmwood. Directions - take Hwy 10 north from Hanover, east on first road north of Elmwood. Open Tue, Thur, Fri. All sorts of fabric available with new fabric coming. The guild newsletter will provide the membership with any ongoing projects or quilts news. One can contact the guild by email at 5starquiltguild@gmail.com for any further information.

Did You Knowby Ron Hill

Since last month, I discovered another source of information about our local telephone system. In 1898, Charles Schurter of Mildmay, with Bell Telephone Company, installed a public pay telephone in his insurance office and stationery store. Shortly after, Bell opened up lines in Teeswater as well. The telephones were just a few public phones and a few business lines.

It was the creation of the South Bruce Rural Telephone Company (S.B.R.T.) that saw the lines extended into rural concessions. By the time of their first annual meeting at the Forrester's Hall in Belmore, in 1913, they had telephones on four or five concessions in Carrick, and some in southeast Culross Township.

In 1923, S.B.R.T. Co. purchased Bell telephones exchanges in Teeswater and Mildmay for \$9000.00. This meant they now had exchanges in Belmore, Teeswater and Mildmay. In 1957, the Belmore lines were divided between Teeswater and Mildmay and the Belmore exchange was closed.

I'll mention an interesting side line. The Mildmay Exchange remained in the Schurter store for 60 years. Charles Schurter remained the manager until he died in 1940. He and his five daughters had looked after operation of the exchange. Upon his death, his daughter Millie took over as manager. At age 17, she had opened a millinery shop beside her father's in 1899. She was soon involved with the telephone exchange and remained in control of the Mildmay exchange for over 50 years until Mildmay went over to the dial system in 1958. She continued to be involved with her store until she reached 100 years of age in 1983.

In Teeswater, the exchange was located in Hec King's men's wear store at #10 Clinton Street South, the one next to the Daisy Mart today. Mr. King received \$125.00 per month for housing the exchange and to pay the operators. Operators got \$0.16 per hour or for a maximum 48-hour week they received \$7.68.

In April 1946, Audrey Sillick, an experienced operator, left to go and work for Bell Telephone in Wingham. Mr. King had several times asked the S.B.R.T. Board for more money, but they never took any action. When Miss Sillick left, the other operators demanded a \$0.14 an hour raise to \$0.30 per hour. The S.B.R.T. Board held a special meeting but took no action. On Monday, April 26, 1946, Mr. King had just completed an 11 hour

shift. No operators showed up for work. Mr. King closed the office and at 8:30 am the lines went dead.

The Board held an emergency meeting and agreed to the \$0.30 per hour. So after a strike that lasted 33 1/2 hours the operators were back at work. Shortly after the strike, the Board moved the exchange to a new location at 21 Clinton St. South. That is the building beside Dave MacDonald's garage. At this time Ruby Wilkinson became the chief operator until the system converted to dial.

Andy McTavish, a lawyer, came to town in 1939. When J.N. Schefter, secretary-treasurer of the Board died, Andy replaced him in 1942. When Andy took over, he began splitting party lines. By this time, some lines had eight or ten customers to a line; Just too many. Andy continued as secretary-treasurer until 1985. By that time, he had accumulated 35 shares of S.B.R.T. stocks.

When Ruby took over, there was only one switchboard and one operator on duty. Soon a second switchboard was installed and two operators were at work during the busy times of noon hour and supper time. The operators kept track of the long distance calls, but it was up to Bell to keep track of the time. The operator also had to activate the fire siren whenever a call came in.

Some of the operators at this time were Mrs. Lloyd Avery, Margaret King, Elsie Grant, Delores Cronin, and Shirley King. When receiving long distance calls the operators had to act quickly to connect lines. One humorous little story involves Elsie Grant. A long distance caller rang in wishing to speak to a Robert James Armstrong. Elsie quickly replies, "I am sorry we don't have a Robert James, but we have a "Bobby Jim". He was an electrician in the village and lived at 47 Hillcrest St. East or there abouts.

Next month more on the S.B.R.T. Company.

Teeswater-Culross Horticultural Society

Teeswater Culross Horticulture membership fees will be \$10.00. The increase is due to an increase in insurance, operational costs and cost of flowers for beautification of our towns. Your membership cards are honoured at certain garden centers and seed companies.

Annual meeting and Registration will be held on **Nov 9th, 2020 at 7 - 8 PM** at the Teeswater Town Hall permitting health restrictions.

There will be no Pot Luck or refreshments. **Masks will be worn by all.** If wanting to pay dues ahead of time Ruth Price will have a Box again at Bank of Montreal and you can ask her for a signed membership card at that time.

Everyone stay well and safe and enjoy the beautiful colours. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Beverley Berndt, President 519 392-6664
Email: rbberndt@wightman.ca



Red Hat Ladies - T's H₂O Lilies

"Queen" Lorraine Riley
519-392-6088

The Covid-19 pandemic still requires social distancing. The T's H₂O Lilies would have been meeting on November 11th - Remembrance Day. We would be remembering as many of us are of an age when family members were doing their duty for Canada (or for another country) during WWII. *"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them"*. We "take our red hats off" to those men and women both past and present who are keeping Canada the country that it is - free to speak, free to worship, free to stand for what is right, free to choose - a heritage of freedom. (Altered quote from John Diefenbaker)

Will we be able to meet during the Christmas season - we don't know? Meanwhile, keep in touch and stay safe.

South Bruce Minor Hockey

SBMHA Return to Play Guidelines
Submitted By Carl Kennedy to SBMH website



Introduction:

The South Bruce Minor Hockey Association (SBMHA) is a member of the Western Ontario Athletic Association (WOAA) and Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and must obtain approval from the WOAA of the Return to Hockey Plan prior to commencing on ice activities for the 2020/2021 season.

This plan has been developed by SBMHA and has

been reviewed by the Municipality of South Bruce, the ice providers to our hockey association. The Return to Hockey Plan may be suspended at any time at the direction of the WOAA or OMHA due to concerns over transmission of COVID-19.

The intent of this plan is to meet the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) Return to Hockey guidelines, currently in Phase 2 Stage 3B which allows for on ice instruction and modified non-contact game play. Advancing through the remaining stages of Phase 2 and into Phase 3 will be at the direction of the OMHA through the WOAA.

Eligibility to Participate

As per the OHF guideline, members registered with SBMHA in 2019/2020 hockey season are eligible to participate. Approval of any new registrations will be obtained from the WOAA. SBMHA will make accommodations to allow for registrations to be made every 8 weeks during the 2020/2021 season (October 1, December 1 and February 1 starts).

Facility Management

SBMHA will follow all facility guidelines of the Municipality of South Bruce and understands that these requirements may change over time as new information is learned. Currently SBMHA will be implementing the following in conjunction with the Municipality of South Bruce.

1. Mandatory mask use for all people entering the arena. This includes players until the point in time when the player puts their helmet on.
2. Each person entering the arena will make use of the hand washing / sanitization station upon entering the arena.
3. There will be a limit of one parent / guardian per child allowed within the facility to a maximum of 50 people within the facility.
4. Players, team staff and parents will not be allowed to enter the arena facility until specified by the arena staff (i.e. 10 minutes prior to the start of their ice time). SBMHA will follow all rules set out by the Municipality of South Bruce regarding use of change rooms and will adhere to all marked out areas for the purposes of getting ready to go on the ice. All players, team staff and parents will exit the facility within 10 minutes following the conclusion of the ice time.
5. All players and parents /guardians will follow physical distancing rules within the facility and follow all signage for entry and exit points to the facility.
6. There will be no spitting while in the facility.
7. Bench area will be allowed for use during modified game play but physical distancing rules will be in effect.

Hillcrest Central School – Spirit Day Pics



Sacred Heart School, Teeswater



Call: (519) 392-6854 or register online

<https://www.bgcdsb.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=5912138&pageId=70191712>



Principal Greg McLean receives a cheque for the sum of \$4000 from Teeswater Culcross reunion committee member Judy Gowland. This donation is going towards supporting the purchase of a swingset and other phys-ed equipment. Helping Mr McLean receive the wonderful donation is Judy's grandson, Dawson. The Sacred Heart school community is very thankful for the support.

Teeswater United Church Women

Contact: [Sharon A. McDonald](mailto:Sharon.A.McDonald@teeswaterunitedchurchwomen.ca)

"There is a past which is gone forever, but there is a future which is still our own."

F.W. Robertson

It is now the month of November 2020. November 11th is Remembrance Day. Do not forget that day as the world changed after two world wars. And the world continues to change today - a world now coping with a pandemic, continuing world conflicts, poverty, refugee camps and on and on - it continues. Will there ever be peace in the

world? There is a hymn that could answer that question - "Let There Be Peace on Earth" - look it up!

Teeswater and Salem United Churches have decided to remain closed. Thus, the UCW are not meeting. But that does mean we cannot hold our own fellowship - "There is a future which is still our own". Watch/attend a "virtual" church service. And remember November 11th - *Lest We Forget*.

Teeswater & Salem United Church

Contact for a minister: 519-392-6815
Contact for church hall bookings: 519-392-6489

Salem and Teeswater United Church services are cancelled until further notice.

Members will be notified when services will start again.

Sacred Heart Church

Fr. Michael Anderson Parish Office 392-6935
Email: manderson@hamiltondiocese.com
Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Church
Website: www.formosaparish.ca

Sacred Heart Teeswater Catholic Women's League

President Lucy Luyten
New members always welcome. Meetings are temporarily cancelled until further notice.

Immaculate Conception, Formosa

Fr. Michael Anderson ... Parish Office 367-5341
Email: manderson@hamiltondiocese.com
Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Church
Website: www.formosaparish.ca

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The masses at Sacred Heart, Teeswater, Immaculate Conception, Formosa and St. Ann's, Riversdale are cancelled.



Knox Presbyterian Church 1859-2019

Minister: Rev. Owen Kim 519-507-9876
Contact: Wanda Inglis 519-392-8768

Kinlough Presbyterian Church

Minister: Rev. Owen Kim 519-507-9876
Contact: Bruce Bushell 519-395-3472

Belmore Community Events

Contact phone numbers:
Belmore News - Kim Harris: 519-327-8063 or 519-889-0326 email: belmorerentals@gmail.com
Hall/Meeting Room (Kim) ... 519-327-8063
Curling 519-335-3360

McIntosh & Mildmay United Churches

McIntosh contacts:
Dave Mawhinney 519-392-6710
Deanne Dickson 519-335-3748

Belmore Presbyterian Church

Contacts: Rev. Carel Grundlingh 226-222-0051
carel.grundlingh@gmail.com

Rev. Larry Skinner 519-492-0081
larryskinner@cyg.net

Abe Versteeg 519-327-8578

Walkerton Knights of Columbus

Contact: Peter Carter 519-392-8115
Hall Rental contact Bryan Huber 519-881-0757

The Hall is once again available to rent .

Formosa Info on Community Organizations and Meeting Places

Events held at Municipal Properties in Formosa have been cancelled until further notice, due to the corona virus. That would include events at the Formosa Parks, Formosa Community Centre, Formosa Recreation Centre.

The Formosa Community Centre can now be used but renters must sign a document stating that the new protocols will be followed.

Contacts for Formosa Organizations:

Formosa Lions Park ... Peter Evans 519-367-3492 or peter@formosalion.ca

Formosa Lions ... President Frank Jacobi 519-889-0478 or jacobidc@aol.com

Formosa Lioness ... President Mary Nichols 519-367-2785 or mnichols0803@gmail.com

Formosa Catholic Women's League ... President Marlene Voisin 519-367-2634 or fmvoisin@wightman.ca

Formosa Community Centre for bookings ... Sheryl Wilson 519-367-3234 or mrcr@town.southbruce.on.ca

Formosa Recreation Centre and Library ... Shirley Kuntz 519-37-5969 or kuntzide@wightman.ca

Pickleball ... Kathy Benninger 519-367-2722 or jkbenninger@wightman.ca

Note: Walkers may now walk through the Formosa Parks, but the washrooms are still closed and there is no water supplied but hydro is available. Campers are welcome if their trailers can supply their own water and washroom. To book camping call Peter Evans 519-367-3492 or peter@formosalion.ca. The Lions are waiting for Municipal and Provincial instructions for further updates.

Note: Fr. Mike Anderson is holding Mass in Formosa on Sat. at 7 pm. and Sun. at 11 am., Teeswater on Sun. at 9 am and Riversdale on Sat. at 5 pm. Wearing masks is mandatory.

Good News

Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic Christmas in the Country will look a little different this year and will actually have a name change.. After much concern and discussion the planning committee decided this 2020 event would be Lights Only. Last December 2019, on the Thursday evening a Drive - Through was held. This year 2020, that is what will take place in Formosa over the course of two 4-day weekends ... from Dec. 3 – 6 and Dec. 9 – 12 from 6 to 9 pm each night. Admission by donation only.

The committees are planning all kinds of exciting lighting and displays. The service clubs, organizations and interested volunteers will begin working on this community project. If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers please contact Joan Borho at billjoanborho@wightman.ca or 519-367-5894.

Christmas Cake

The Formosa Lioness has once again been busy baking their popular Christmas Fruit Cake and Gumdrop Cake. Because of Covid-19 the cakes are available ONLY at TNT General Store in Formosa. (The former Oberle's Store). Both Fruit Cake and Gumdrop Cake are priced at \$7.00 per pound and are available only as long as quantities last. Do plan to get your cake while you can. Thanks for supporting the Formosa Lioness and an early Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Formosa Lions

The Formosa Lions had a "distanced" meeting on Oct. 14, to look after a few business items. The Lions Lottery October Draw was made with the following \$40 winners:

Rosemary Benninger, Jenn Voisin, Fred Waechter, Andy Dales, and Trish & Dave Ruetz. The 2020 Lottery ends on Nov. 11 with draws made as follows: 23 draws at \$40, 1 draw each of \$200, \$300, \$500 and \$1000. Lions will be selling tickets for the 2021 Lottery. 300 tickets are sold at \$40 each so contact any Lion to get a ticket while you can.

Donations from the profit of the 2020 Lottery will be made to .. South Bruce Hospice \$5000, Lions Dog Guides \$500, Lions Club International Foundation \$1000, Wingham Hospital Telethon \$500. and Walkerton Hospital Telethon \$500.

Brian Donaldson sponsored by Lion President Frank Jacobi was inducted into the Formosa Club. A small group of Lions welcomed him with loud applause. Zone Chair Betty Ann Herman-Hundt brought greetings from District A-9. The next Formosa Lions meeting will take place virtually on Nov. 11. Members will be contacted re the Zoom contact.