

# Teeswater Community Calendar

## September 2020 (138th Edition)

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### Teeswater Highlanders Pipe Band

Please contact Band Manager Leah McKinnon at 519-392-8004 or 519-889-1789 (cell) for more information. We welcome new members at any level.

Beginners interested in learning piping or drumming are encouraged to contact the Band Manager. Our web site is at <https://www.libris.ca/pipers>

### In Memoriam

Mom, it has four years since God took you home, please believe that you did not go alone. Mom you are in our thoughts every day and in our hearts you will always stay.

Love, John, Betsy & Dennis, Connie, Paul and family.

### Teeswater & District Kinsmen

President – Craig Meyer – 519-901-3392  
[cm.habs@rogers.com](mailto:cm.habs@rogers.com)

## Hillcrest Central School

### A New Look – A New Year

Hillcrest Central School is nestled in the picturesque town of Teeswater, Ontario in southern Bruce County. We are a rural community with amenities within the town of Teeswater. Hillcrest Central School is home to the mighty Huskies! We have a lovely student body of approximately 135 students with caring and committed staff and parent community.

### Construction

Hillcrest Central School has undergone a major renovation this summer.



The existing entry to the school has been reconfigured to eliminate stairs from the parking lot. There is a new barrier-free main entrance with remote entry and monitoring system. The parking lot has been completely replaced to increase parking spots from twenty-two spaces to twenty eight spaces plus three barrier-free parking spots.



In addition, a student drop-off lane has been added and the bus loop has been re-surfaced with a new sidewalk added.

## Teeswater Sacred Heart School

LED light standards have been added to the parking areas and new LED perimeter lights added to the building. LED lights have also been added to the corridor. Lastly, the wash stations in the student washrooms were removed and replaced with touchless units.

### **Staff**

We have a number of new staff this year, and some staff who have moved to new positions/classrooms within the school, so things may look a little different this year.

A special welcome goes out to our new students and families. I know that you will find our school and community a wonderful place to be.

### Our Staff:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Stephanie Bouchard	Principal
Dona McDonald	Head Custodian
Vicki Hodgins	Office Manager
Emily McManaman	Early Childhood Educator
Ashley Lahey	Educational Support Personnel
Jessica Yungblut	Educational Support Personnel
Amanda Bonnett	Educational Support Personnel
Lindsay Murray	Educational Support Personnel
Ashlee Robinson	JK/SK Kindergarten
Melissa Cuneo	Grade 1
Mercedes TenPas	Grade 2/3
Taylor Weber	Grade 3/4
Julie Binning	Grade 5/6
Ryan Ratz	Grade 7/8
Cassie Voegtle	French, Prep Coverage and Guidance
Tim Woods	Prep Coverage
Lisa Jamieson	LRT, LCT, Prep Coverage and Lead Teacher

### Communication: Getting the News

Our monthly newsletters are an important means of communication between home, school and the community. The Hillcrest Central School newsletter will available on the 1st of every month and a mid-month update will be available a few weeks later. We will continue with an electronic newsletter, accessed on the Hillcrest Website, Facebook Page or sent to families through School Messenger.

School office hours are 8:30 a.m. — 3:45 p.m. The answering machine is available at all times.

Stephanie Bouchard

Principal

Hillcrest Central School

31 Hillcrest Street, PO Box 280, Teeswater,

Ontario, N0G2S0

519-392-6811 Ext. 527



Photos are the first days of school for our children in Teeswater.

## Five Star Quilters Guild

President: Pat Townsend

The Five Star Guild will not be meeting for the time being to safeguard the health of each member. If anyone has any suggestions for mini projects to work on over the fall, please contact someone on the Executive. As well, members are encouraged to keep in contact with each other by phone, email or Facebook during this challenging time.

You can contact the guild by email at [5starquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:5starquiltguild@gmail.com) for any further information.

## Did You Know .....by Ron Hill

This month I am going to try and review some of the story behind the first telephone system in Culross and Teeswater. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1875. According to the history book of Wightman Telecom 1908 to 2008, the first public phone in Teeswater was in 1878, Mildmay 1899, and Belmore 1905. In the Culross History Book, Ab Strome is mentioned as having a telephone on the 2nd. Concession as early as 1905.

Early in the 1900's, Belmore and area found themselves cut off from the outside world with the failure of the telegraph service. So a local farmer, Christian Johann, began working on it. In 1910 he managed to charter a company which became known as the South Bruce Rural Telephone Company. The first central office was in a house across from Hunkins general store in Belmore.

On 1912, the S.B.R.T. opted to sell 500 shares at \$100.00 per share. The company required at least two shares be sold for each mile of construction. In 1912, the subscriber promised to pay for his share at the rate of \$5.00 annually along with a \$5.00 a year service fee to pay for maintenance, etc. At the annual meeting in 1913, a Culross delegation attended. It consisted of T.B. Aitken, Kenneth McKenzie and a Mr. McRae. The company agreed to extend the lines into Culross Township.

Elmer Zinn's father supplied telephone plies 25 feet long and 5 inches at the top for \$1.00 per pole. In 1923 the company bought exchanges in Mildmay and Teeswater for \$9,000.00. The company continued to prosper. By 1956, the company had 1221 phones in operation. The phone was attached to the wall. It was 1 1/2 to 2 feet tall and 10 or 12 inches wide. It had two large dry cell batteries which had to be replaced periodically.

Customers were placed on lines with four or five customers to the line. To use the phone, you pressed a little dial and rang to get central. The central office had one or two switchboard operators. Central then rang the number of the person you wished to speak to. Sometimes when you picked up the phone, one of the other customers on the line was using it, so you just had to wait until they hung up before you could make your call. It was said, not to be uncommon, that other people on the line could and would pick up their phone and listen in on your news.

Your number in the phone book might read 54-r-22. The first number, 54, I believe was your line number. The last two numbers, the two and the two meant central reached you by ringing two longs

and two short beeps. You also heard the rings of the other four or five customers on the line, so you had to pay attention when the phone rang to make sure it was your ring. Their ring could be a long and two shorts or three longs and a short or some other variation like that. So identifying your ring was an important factor.

Party lines, as they were called, could also be a problem when you were in a rush to get through a call and two people were already on the line just chattering. You had to wait till they were through.

I remember back in the 1950's, it was my job in those early days to call of the school buses when storm or snow days arose. With five or six separate operators to let know by shortly after 7:00am, nothing could start your day worse than when you picked up the phone and two women (or men) were on the line chatting about something important like the "price of corn in Egypt".

But we survived those times and those of you in your seventies or older will remember the many experiences you had talking on and using the "party line" system on our local telephone. It was so different to our telephone and communication use today. Next month the S.B.R.T. company story will continue.



Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

**AND DON'T FORGET...**

Dryers should be properly grounded. Check the **outdoor vent flap** to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

### FACT

- ① The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

## Red Hat Ladies - T's H<sub>2</sub>O Lilies

"Queen" Lorraine Riley 519-392-6088

Hurrah - we dusted off our red hats! Well, as least 7 Red Hat Ladies did. And it was done with social distancing (and masks). The September meeting was to be an outdoor meeting at Hiliary W. Not being the best of weather, we were able to meet inside her shed, eat our own "brown bag" lunch, and have a visit. It was great just get out and see some friends. Thanks Hiliary.

And on that day, "Queen" Lorraine was celebrating her birthday and the next day would be Lorraine's and Wes's 60th wedding anniversary. Our best wishes and congratulations go out to them.



As was expected, the September "Fall Fling", inviting many Red Hat Ladies groups, has been postponed until September 2021. The theme is the same - the Roaring Twenties - lots of time to get your "roaring red hat attire" ready.

Now to figure out how to meet again? November will not see a meeting if the Covid-19 restrictions continue. But December means Christmas gatherings and it is hoped that something can be planned. So stay tuned.

Meanwhile, social distance, wear masks, wash your hands, and STAY SAFE. Red Hat Ladies can still have fun!

## Teeswater Curling Club

Fall is officially here and yes, winter is just around the corner. The curling season was cut short this past winter due to the pandemic and as we all know our lives are still not back to normal. 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](http://www.teeswatercurlingclub.com). Anyone interested in renting the Agri-curl lounge after November 1st, please contact Tammy Fischer at 519-357-7846.

## Teeswater Agricultural Society

At time of writing we are only days away from our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Drive Thru BBQ Chicken Dinner. Thanks to everyone who supported our dinner; our number of ticket sales have surpassed last year! BOOO HOOO...It is with heavy hearts we are announcing the cancellation of the 2020 Ye Old Spook Haus for this year due to COVID-19. We did our best to see that it was going to run; but in the end we have to consider the safety of everyone in our Community. Spook Haus will be back in 2021, bigger and spookier!

No need to be sad; we have FUN HALLOWEEN VIRTUAL CONTESTS!

Halloween Colouring Contest for kids 5 and under. Pumpkin carving too! Categories are 6-10 year olds, and 10-13 year olds. Let's see your best CARVING!

Scarecrow Contest, one entry per Family. Feel free to dress up in the pictures! Contests open October 1<sup>st</sup> and close on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Photos will be posted on Facebook. Check out our FACEBOOK page for more info.

Also, BEST HALLOWEEN DECORATED HOUSE CONTEST! Have your house decorated by October 23<sup>rd</sup> and judging will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Call Susie (392-8205) for more details or visit Facebook page. Please leave decorations up till Halloween! Prizes to be won for all Contests!

We have partnered with the Teeswater Fire and Rescue to have cash calendars for 2020. They will be wall size calendars for \$20.00 with lots of pictures of our organizations.

Draws will be held every Friday of the year with special draws throughout the year for a total value of \$5,000.00

The Early Bird Draw for \$500.00 will be October 28<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from these will go to community projects. These make great birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts!

Calendars will be available to purchase at Boomers

Cosy or call Jean Culliton 519-392-6790, Doreen McGlynn 519-357-1430 or Brandon Fischer 519-357-0080

Stay Safe Everyone!  
Board Members of the TAS  
President: Brent McKague  
TAS Email: [teeswaterfair@gmail.com](mailto:teeswaterfair@gmail.com)

## **Teeswater-Culross Horticultural Society**

As we settle into fall our Horticultural Society is missing everyone's smiling face and social time. Our Members would like to Express our prayers and get well wishes to Jean Schiestel as she recovers.

She volunteered for many years as our secretary. Our membership fees will be increasing to \$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 9, 2020 at 7 pm. at the town hall permitting health restrictions. There will be no Pot Luck or refreshments. Masks will be worn. 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. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.  
Beverley Berndt, President  
[rbberndt@wightman.ca](mailto:rbberndt@wightman.ca) or 519-392-6664

## **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 again into October. Members will be notified when services will start again.  
Stay well

## **Teeswater United Church Women**

Contact: [Sharon A. McDonald](#)

*"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature." Anne Frank*

The reality of the world trying to lower the curve from Covid-19 is still present. Thus the UCW did not meet in September. What will October bring? It will bring the beautiful fall colours of nature. It will bring on the harvest of the land. And it will bring on Thanksgiving. Everyone can celebrate and enjoy this time, but Covid-19 may still dictate how one is to celebrate. Therefore, we do not know if we will have a "face to face" meeting in October. Meanwhile, enjoy an outdoor walk with social distancing, phone family and friends, wear your mask outdoors, and wash your hands - STAY SAFE.

*"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy" Anne Frank*

## **Sacred Heart Church**

Fr. Michael Anderson Parish Office 392-6935  
Email: [manderson@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:manderson@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Church  
Website: [www.formosaparish.ca](http://www.formosaparish.ca)  
Bulletin on website:  
Reopened with regular mass schedule with restrictions - 30% capacity, social distancing masks required.

Please attend the church where you are registered  
Sunday Reflection 1:30 pm Facebook Page

## **Sacred Heart Teeswater Catholic Women's League**

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](mailto:manderson@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Church  
Website: [www.formosaparish.ca](http://www.formosaparish.ca)

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## Knox Presbyterian Church 1859-2019

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

Knox Presbyterian Church is providing Worship Resources and video Sermons on a weekly basis. Electronic and hard copies are available.

If you would like to receive the resources or are in need of support, please contact Rev. Owen Kim ([maplemisson@gmail.com](mailto:maplemisson@gmail.com) or 519-507-9876) Or Wanda Inglis (519-392-8768). For further information, please visit our church website: [www.knoxteeswater.ca](http://www.knoxteeswater.ca)

## Presbyterian Church

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

## Walkerton Knights of Columbus

Contact: Peter Carter 519-392-8115  
The Hall is available to rent once again.  
Hall Rental contact Bryan Huber 519-881-0757

## Belmore Community Events

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

**Belmore Curling Club Lottery Dinner and Dance which was supposed to be Sat. Oct. 24, 2020 will be postponed until Sat. Oct. 16, 2021. Your current tickets will be honoured until next year!**

## 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](mailto:carel.grundlingh@gmail.com)

Rev. Larry Skinner 519-492-0081  
[larryskinner@cyg.net](mailto:larryskinner@cyg.net)

Abe Versteeg 519-327-8578

## Formosa Info on Community Organizations and Meeting Places

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](mailto:peter@formosalion.ca)

Formosa Lions ... President Frank Jacobi 519-889-0478 or [jacobidc@aol.com](mailto:jacobidc@aol.com)

Formosa Lioness ... President Mary Nichols 519-367-2785 or [mnichols0803@gmail.com](mailto:mnichols0803@gmail.com)

Formosa Catholic Women's League ... President Marlene Voisin 519-367-2634 or [fmvoisin@wightman.ca](mailto:fmvoisin@wightman.ca)

Formosa Community Centre for bookings ... Sheryl Wilson 519-367-3234 or [mcrc@town.southbruce.on.ca](mailto:mcrc@town.southbruce.on.ca)

Formosa Recreation Centre and Library ... Shirley Kuntz 519-37-5969 or [kuntzide@wightman.ca](mailto:kuntzide@wightman.ca)

Pickleball ... Kathy Benninger 519-367-2722 or [jkbenninger@wightman.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 in mandatory.

**Good News:** Christmas in the Country will be once again be held this December in Formosa. Because of the Covid 19 Pandemic it will look a little different this year. After much concern and deliberation the Christmas in the Country steering 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. The committees are planning all kinds of exciting lighting and displays. The service clubs and organizations and interested residents will begin working on these projects together with Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation the first week of October. If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers please send Shannon Wood an email at [s.wood@svca.on.ca](mailto:s.wood@svca.on.ca)