

Teeswater Community Calendar

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If you would like to submit information, please be sure to have it in by the 10th day of the month previous. To view online, see Municipality of South Bruce website, under the NEWS tab.

Five Star Quilters Guild

President: Pat Townsend

We are gearing up on how we will meet in 2021! We are getting into the 21st century! Details to follow soon. Continue to stay in touch with your guild member quilters by email and

Facebook. New members welcome! Contact the guild at 5starquiltguild@gmail.com.

Teeswater Culross Horticultural Society

We will be arranging our meetings when it is safe to do so. You will be notified
Bev Berndt President 519 392-6664 or rbberndt@wightman.ca

Hello to Spring! We see many signs like the return of the robins, trees being tapped for syrup and people excited to get out of their homes. I even have some flowers springing through the ground.

There is hope on horizon as everyone prepares to get their Vaccine.

As for the Horticultural meetings dates have not been decided as yet. It depends on criteria from our Public Health guidelines.

We will be having our annual planting of the flower beds and planters in June. We will have more updates in in May.

"The roofs are shining from the rain,
The sparrows twitter as they fly,
And with a windy April grace
The little clouds go by.
Yet the back yards are bare and brown
With only one unchanging tree--
I could not be so sure of Spring
Save that it sings in me."

By Sara Teasdale, *April*

Join the Teeswater Good Food Box Team!



The Teeswater Good Food Box makes affordable, fresh produce available to everyone in the Teeswater area with the support of local volunteers including volunteer coordinators Sharon Yorke and Bev Wheeler. A box can be pre-ordered for \$20 and includes a variety of fruits and vegetables. Right now, the Good Food Box is recruiting new volunteers to join the team at their monthly packing day. Volunteers support the program in a variety of ways including sorting fresh produce for the boxes, delivering boxes to community members in need of support, and leading the volunteer team. If you're interested in helping or ordering a box, contact Bev Wheeler at 519-392-8891.



Did You Knowby Ron Hill

My topic this month will be a little exploration on the origins and reasons for April 1st getting termed as "April Fool's Day". Some believe it started in 1582 when France switched from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. This is the one we use today which states New Year's begins on January 1st. The old Julian Calendar had the New Year beginning on the 1st of April. It was said some people were slow to get the news or failed to recognize the change in dates. You have to remember the spreading of news in 1582 would be a slow and difficult job compared to today's news broadcasts. At any rate, those who were slow to change became the butt of jokes and were called "April Fools". In France it was common to pin a "poisson d'avril" (April fish) on those people's backs. The "April fish" symbolized a young easily caught fish or a gullible person. As I have indicated in previous memos, the British Empire and America didn't convert to the Gregorian Calendar until 1752.

Some historians have also linked April Fool's Day to a Roman festival "Hilaria" (Latin for joyful) where people dressed in disguises to mock their fellow citizens at the end of March.

April Fool's Day spread to Britain in the 18th century. In Scotland, it became a two-day event which had people sent on phony errands as a prank. The phony errand was said to be "hunting the gowk" (gowk is a word for a cuckoo bird, a symbol of a fool.)

Today, I guess some newspapers and TV stations have gone to great lengths to set down some news item as an April 1st news event. Here are a few of some of the ones I came across.

In the U.S.A. in 1992, the National Public Radio ran a spot with former President Richard Nixon saying he was going to run for President again. It turned out it was an actor not Nixon and the news segment was an April Fools prank that caught the country by surprise.

In 2008 the C.B.C. radio program "As It Happens" interviews a Royal Canadian Mint spokesman who "broke the news" of plans to replace the Canadian five-dollar bill with a three dollar coin. The coin was going to be named the "threenie" in line with the nickname "loonie" for the one dollar coin and "toonie" for the two dollar coin.

Here is another. In 1993 a radio station in San Diego California told listeners that a "Space Shuttle" had been diverted to land at a small local airport. Over one thousand people drove out to the airport in mid-morning rush hour to see the

arrival. Of course, there was no shuttle flying that day.

So, whenever or wherever April Fool's Day got its start, the fact is in 2021 it'll soon be with us again. How are you going to handle it?

Teeswater Curling Club

Spring has sprung and by the time this month's Community Calendar is distributed the curling season will be over. It was definitely a winter of ups and downs with the pandemic continuing to rear its ugly head. It was somewhat of a risk to go to the effort and expense to put the ice in the Teeswater Agri-Curl facility for a curling season that may not happen. However, in hindsight it probably went as well as it could. There was a good response from the existing members of the club to return and we even gained some new faces. With the stay-at-home order brought down Boxing Day that extended to February 16 the season had to be paused. Thankfully the weather co-operated and the ice did not melt significantly during this time with the ice plant shut down. Once curling resumed it was possible to get another six weeks of curling in before warm weather brought it to an end on March 24. Unfortunately, Junior Curling was not able to run this year. For the past several years we have been able to open the club to youngsters to get some coaching in the game of curling and then work on their skills. With practice these beginning curlers may be the future Brad Gushue's or Emma Miskew's of professional curling. Or at least the Dave Hawkin's and Tammy Fischer's of local curling fame!

The Teeswater Curling Club has been in existence for over 50 years. In a small town like Teeswater the number of people available to participate in curling is limited and we are very much dependent on a healthy membership for this activity to survive. Curling is a game that truly can be played by anyone. It can be played competitively or just for fun. If you are intimidated watching the Scotties or the Briar with the flexibility in the stone delivery of professional curlers don't worry, push sticks allow curlers to deliver the rock in a standing position.

Next fall we will be preparing for another season and it would be great to have a stronger membership with more curlers. We look forward to welcoming you!

A curling joke; Q: What's a curler's favourite kind of food? A: *Take out!*

Red Hat Ladies - T's H2O Lilies

"Queen" Lorraine Riley
519-392-6088



"When April showers come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May..."

April - from the Latin word "aperio" meaning "to open" as in a bud opening because plants begin to grow.

Also, April celebrates Easter with the wearing on an Easter bonnet - something new for spring. We, Red Hat Ladies like our "bonnets" and we are missing the fun of designing and wearing one this year. When will we be able to meet again? Pictured is a memory from the past. *"In your Easter bonnets with all the frills upon it..."*
Happy Easter everyone.

Teeswater Agricultural Society

Winners for the February Cash Calendar draws are as follows:

Friday February 5th, \$25 - Melissa Parsons, Teeswater - winnings donated back
Friday, February 12th, \$25 - Ran Zettel, Chepstow
Friday, February 19th, \$25 - Shelby Hirschberger, Teeswater
Friday, February 26th, \$100 - Kimberly Whytock, Alberta

Once again thanks to everyone who supported this joint fundraiser with the Teeswater Fire Rescue; still many draws and chances to win!

As we continue working at keeping everyone connected in a safe environment, you'll want to Save the Date, Friday May 14th! Our Spring Ham & Scalloped Potato Drive Thru Dinner at our Agri-Curl Building! We will partner with Boomer's Cozy Restaurant to make this great meal. Yummy fresh Apple Pie and dinner rolls, made by Granny's General Store in Neustadt. Cost will be \$18/meal and pick up times will be 5:00, 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30.

Call to Pre Order by May 7th and arrange pick up time and payment. (E Transfers are available)
Contact: Wendy McKague @ 519-357-6564,
Marjan Ireland @ 519-530-9057, Jean Culliton @ 519-540-8947, Doreen McGlynn @ 519-357-1430

SKIP THE DISHES and the DINNER FUSS by calling US!

Thank you for your Support!

And we haven't forgotten about EASTER! Plans for Easter Events are being finalized for a colouring contest and scavenger hunt! Receive an Easter prize for participating! Watch our Facebook page for more information.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and Stay Safe!
Board Members of the TAS
Brent McKague, President
TAS Email: teeswaterfair@gmail.com

South Bruce Community Business Association

The South Bruce Community and Business Association recently passed a resolution at our AGM to address an issue which is becoming very alarming for any of our small businesses that rely on transportation by heavy trucks. As of late, businesses which operate trucks on the road, be it heavy trucks or medium duty, are having difficulty obtaining insurance for new drivers with less than 3 years of experience in a heavy truck. Age doesn't seem to be a factor, so a 50 year old who recently obtained an A-Z license would be a challenge to insure the same as a 20 year old.

This is a very serious issue and has the potential to result in an industry which is already short people, to have even more challenges filling positions. It isn't necessarily an issue with our local insurance providers, but the underwriters who back the policies are not comfortable with new drivers, hence the difficulty getting coverage. The risk rating is examined province wide, so while our local businesses in South Bruce may not have a higher frequency of claims, if any other area of the province is seeing issues with new drivers, this blanket policy ends up affecting our small businesses here.

I beg the question of how a new driver will get 3 years of experience if they or the company they work for, cannot obtain reasonably priced insurance to cover them? Is it fair for businesses which operate in rural areas to be lumped in at the same risk level that a trucking company that is based in a

large centre? SBCBA will be doing our part to raise this issue with insurance companies and discuss with our politicians to help find a resolution that will allow our local businesses to hire new drivers and remove this impediment to business growth.

Please, if you know of a person or business which has had difficulty obtaining insurance for an A-Z or D-Z driver, please contact secretary@sbcb.ca with a quick note describing the circumstance.

Thank you,
Adam Ireland, SBCBA Chair

Teeswater Harriers



Teeswater Harriers Running Club

The Teeswater Harriers Running Club (THRC) was established in 2016 to provide support and a forum for runners in the Teeswater area. Some of us run for enjoyment and fitness; other members are interested in entering races and competing. We range in age from twelve to seventy-five. The club embraces all kinds of running, from sprints and hill-running to marathons, and ultra-marathons. Anyone can join. Membership for all runners is free.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic we have necessarily suspended club runs and group training, though a few of us are still running daily, out in the country and around town. We look forward to a time when we can run together and enter races again, maybe later this year! You can find more information on our website at www.libris.ca/harriers

Hillcrest Central School

The Grade 6/7/8 students have organized a 25 DAY CHALLENGE for ALL Hillcrest students and families. They have been introducing a new challenge each day. Students have been completing the challenges at school with their classes. In addition, we have been putting the challenges on FACEBOOK and are encouraging families to complete the challenges TOGETHER at home. At TEE, we do everything TOGETHER because together we are better, stronger and happier!

The following 4 pictures are of student doing 25 jumping jacks, 25 lunges and 25 push-ups.



Learn More about the NWMO's Upcoming Borehole Drilling and Testing in South Bruce

Borehole drilling and testing is one of the ways the NWMO collects information about the deep underground. Work at borehole one is planned to begin shortly, and drilling of borehole two will begin later this summer. Each borehole will take approximately nine months to drill and test. Stop by the Teeswater Learn More Centre to pick up a pamphlet on borehole drilling or tune into an

upcoming South Bruce Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting where we'll be sharing updates on our drilling progress.



Pictured here: Long time Teeswater resident Heather O'Connell has joined the NWMO to help the local engagement team. Residents are encouraged to drop in the office to learn more about the NWMO's Borehole Drilling and Testing program.

Teeswater & Salem United Church

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

Members will be notified when services will start again.

Teeswater United Church Women

Contact: Sharon A. McDonald

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything"
"William Shakespeare

April 4th - Easter Sunday.
Not just a day for Easter Bunnies and looking for Easter Eggs, but a time for Christians to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after His crucifixion on Good Friday. It is spring, a time for renewal, as spring brings on a season of new life for all. How will we be able to celebrate in 2021 with a world pandemic? We pray that we will be able to gather in churches, visit with friends and family and enjoy.

Happy Easter everyone. Blessings to all

Sacred Heart Church, Teeswater

Fr. Michael Anderson

Parish Office 392-6935
Email: manderson@hamiltondiocese.com
Facebook Page: Immaculate Conception Church

Sacred Heart CWL News

"Our regular April meeting is changed to the second Thursday, April 8th, at 8pm by zoom. Watch your email for the link. Please join us.
Sacred Heart CWL
President, Jean Culliton
519-392-6790"

Immaculate Conception, Formosa

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



Knox Presbyterian Church

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

In person services have been suspended at this time due to COVID-19 concerns. Session continues to monitor and will update on any changes. Weekly services continue to be available online. The basement renovation project is underway. New windows have been installed. Next steps are the insulation and dry-walling.

Thank You to the Board of Managers and those who have volunteered with the demolition and clean up.

Finally, spring is around the corner! The sun shining, birds singing, buds bursting out... everything comes to life again. Some of you are ready for gardening, farming, and having a spring-house-clean which are exciting. But, we are unfortunately still in the midst of pandemic. All of us are eagerly hoping for a normal life, free from restrictions. We all want to have Easter dinner with our friends and family without the distancing. It's sad. Celebrating Easter during a pandemic must be tough. Every Easter season we witness what nature brings us, which is the richness of life! When everyone said "It's over!" under the cross of Jesus, God was silent. But, on the third day God of Life rolled the stone away and emptied the grave. Jesus has risen! As nature revives life after a long winter, Jesus' resurrection has brought the brokenhearted comfort, the saddened joy, and the despaired hope.

Now, we see the end of the tunnel as some of us have been vaccinated and more people are getting vaccines to stop transmission. It seems to be a waiting game for herd immunity. It's hopeful. So, as we wait to go "Back to Normal", we are encouraged to spread hope, support, and friendship with family and friends in the spirit of Easter. Then each of us will be a channel of God's blessing for hopeful futures.

Would you join me in a short prayer?

"Dear God, thank You for bringing us the new season of spring that we could see joy and comfort even in the midst of pandemic; thank You for raising Jesus Christ from the grave, so that we can have hope even in the darkness; thank You for encouraging our community to be safe and supportive!

Merciful God, Continue to bless those who are holding this community together, those who are isolated from loved ones, and young people who are looking for a better future. Dear Father, bless each family in this community spiritually and emotionally as we celebrate Easter with the hope for a normal life! Amen."

Happy Easter!
Rev. Owen Kim,
Knox Presbyterian Church, Teeswater

Kinlough Presbyterian Church

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

Wingham Hospital Auxiliary News

Throughout December to March, members of the Wingham Hospital Auxiliary have sold tickets on a beautiful quilt donated by quilter Hilda Wales. Sales went very well and all the tickets have been sold.

The Quilt Draw will be held on April 1, 2021 at 1 pm at the Wingham Hospital. Due to the pandemic, the Auxiliary has not met and currently has no plans for future initiatives.

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

Belmore Community Drive-By Showers (Joint) for Keri Hoskins and Carman Stafford

Date: Sunday, May 2 Time: 1:30 to 3:00 at-around the Belmore Community Centre. To contribute to a community gift for either bride, please see Kathy VanEngen at The Workshop in Wingham, Jane Raper, Chris Dickson or Karla Dickson by April 28. Hope to see you rain or shine!

Belmore Community Drive-By Shower for Michaela Tolton

Date: Saturday, May 8 Time: 1:30 to 3:00 at-around the Belmore Community Centre. To contribute to a community gift, please see Kathy VanEngen at The Workshop in Wingham, Karen Mawhinney, Chantelle Mawhinney, Chris Dickson or Karla Dickson by April 28. Hope to see you rain or shine!

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.

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 mcrc@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

Recipes Wanted!

The Formosa 2022 Homecoming Souvenir and Cookbook Committees are creating a Formosa Homecoming cookbook. Submit your family's most cherished recipes and have your chance to memorialize them in our 'Heritage Cookbook.' Email recipes to: susannecassidy@ttpoint.ca or mail to Shirley Kuntz, Box 54, Formosa, ON N0G 1W0.

Go "Back to Your Roots" by including a brief history of your personal connection to Formosa.

No limit on recipes submitted: Deadline for submissions May 1, 2021.

With the Pandemic still rearing its ugly head, upcoming fundraisers in Formosa (Fabulous Feast, Mother's Day Breakfast and Father's Day Breakfast) are still on hold.

The Formosa Country Christmas (FCC) committees have been meeting, thanks to email, telephone and Zoom. They are planning a Drive-Thru again this year. The 2020 well attended event prompted the Committees to extend the event to four evenings in 2021. (December 2, 3, 4 and 5) The route will be the same as last year, if you are coming from the North ... down the main street, past the chain-saw larger-than-life Nativity Scene to the Lions/Lioness Park where the North Pole can be visited or vice versa if you are coming from the South.

The FCC ideas/dream committee has ideas galore racing around in their heads. Formosians will again decorate their homes and the dream committee will be putting up lights and the FCC paper committees have also started meeting, planning ways to raise funds to build on the 2020 profits so that more lights and decorations, safety equipment and other supplies can be purchased. The FCC has been incorporated as a Not-for-profit corporation. Meetings to plan for insurance have also been held.

Families can once again enjoy the largest light and display show in southern Bruce Grey Counties.