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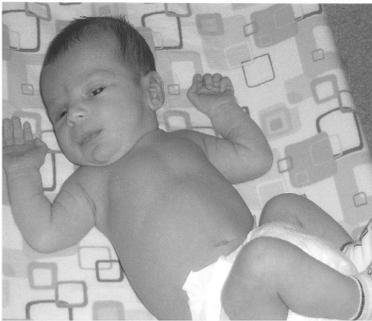
Gooderham CONNECTION



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Your Town, Your News

New Babies



My name is Evan Lloyd Guest. Mommy is Shannon (Billings) and Daddy is Randy. I was born on Aug. 15 weighing 7lbs, 7oz. My grandparents are Eric Billings and Cynthia Manly from Gooderham and Jean & Lloyd Guest from Peterborough.



Linsey Trotter & Steve Mullan are pleased to introduce everyone to Marlene Marie Mullan, who was born July 11 weighing 8lbs, 10 oz. Proud grandparents are Alfred and Joan Trotter of Gooderham, and Walma Mullan from Orillia

Life Saving Tools On Their Way!

Only four short months ago, the Gooderham Volunteer Firefighters determined that they needed life saving extrication equipment. Their fundraising campaign began on the May long weekend, with their first BBQ. They also put together a fantastic raffle prize, for which they sold tickets all summer long. By the end of Summer they had raised the \$17,500.00 needed, with the help of generous donations of \$6800.00 from the LCBO's bottle drive, \$2000.00 from the Haliburton Rotary Club, \$1000.00 from the Kinmount Lions Club, \$500.00 from the Gooderham Community Action Group as well as many private donations from a cheque for \$1000.00 to spare change thrown in their boot, it is all greatly appreciated. These new tools will be arriving any day now, and after a weekend long training course this Fall, the equipment will be on their truck and in service. Now lets hope it never has to be used. Congratulations Station 3, you all did a great job!

Gooderham Cool Kids By Barb Bader

We want to introduce you to Gooderham's newest Cool Kids, who just happen to be new students this year: William Craftchick, Lucas Graham, Logan Mellette, Brayden Billings and Grace Wooten. These five cuties started kindergarten this year and when you look at them you can see that Gooderham's future is in good hands. As I talked to each of them it seems that they all agree that they love their teacher. Grace told me that her favorite thing about school is her teacher and her special friend Sophie. Lucas also loves going to school and thinks the bus is fun. Brayden loves school and playing with his friends. Logan likes to make things out of play dough. Willie loves school and thinks the bus ride is cool. They also like to paint and make pictures.

This is just the beginning of so many new and exciting experiences for you to discover as the world opens up for each of you. Beginning school and the independence that goes along with that is a big milestone in a young child's life. We are very proud of you all. Way to go kids!

Top: William, Brayden, Logan
Bottom: Lucas, Grace

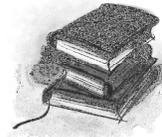


Spotlight On

This issue we are profiling Kei's Lucky Dollar Store. The original store was built by Adam Walker in 1905....while the house portion was built in 1898 by S. S, Hadley. Over the years the store has had many owners. In 1982 Kei and Sherry Cheong purchased the property and shortly after expanded the business to what we now know as Kei's Lucky Dollar store. Sherry moved to Canada from China in 1977 where she met and married Kei who had moved here from Malaysia. Together they had two wonderful children, Stanley and Linda, who now work in the store. Sherry and Kei are a hard working team and through their efforts they have grown the store to a thriving and successful business. The store is open from 8:00 in the morning to 8:00 in the evening 364

days a year. They only take one day off a year and are closed on Christmas day, however, they themselves do not take that day off. They designate that time to repaint their floors. Their hard work has allowed them to put their two children through University. Stanley has already completed his education and Linda is still pursuing her degree. We appreciate having you in our community Kei and Sherry and want to thank you for all your donations and help with so many of our community projects.

Thanks to Elva Bates, for providing us with the historical information on the store. If you would like to know more about the history of the store or other historical events you will find them in Elva's book "A Journey through Glamorgan's Past"



Library News

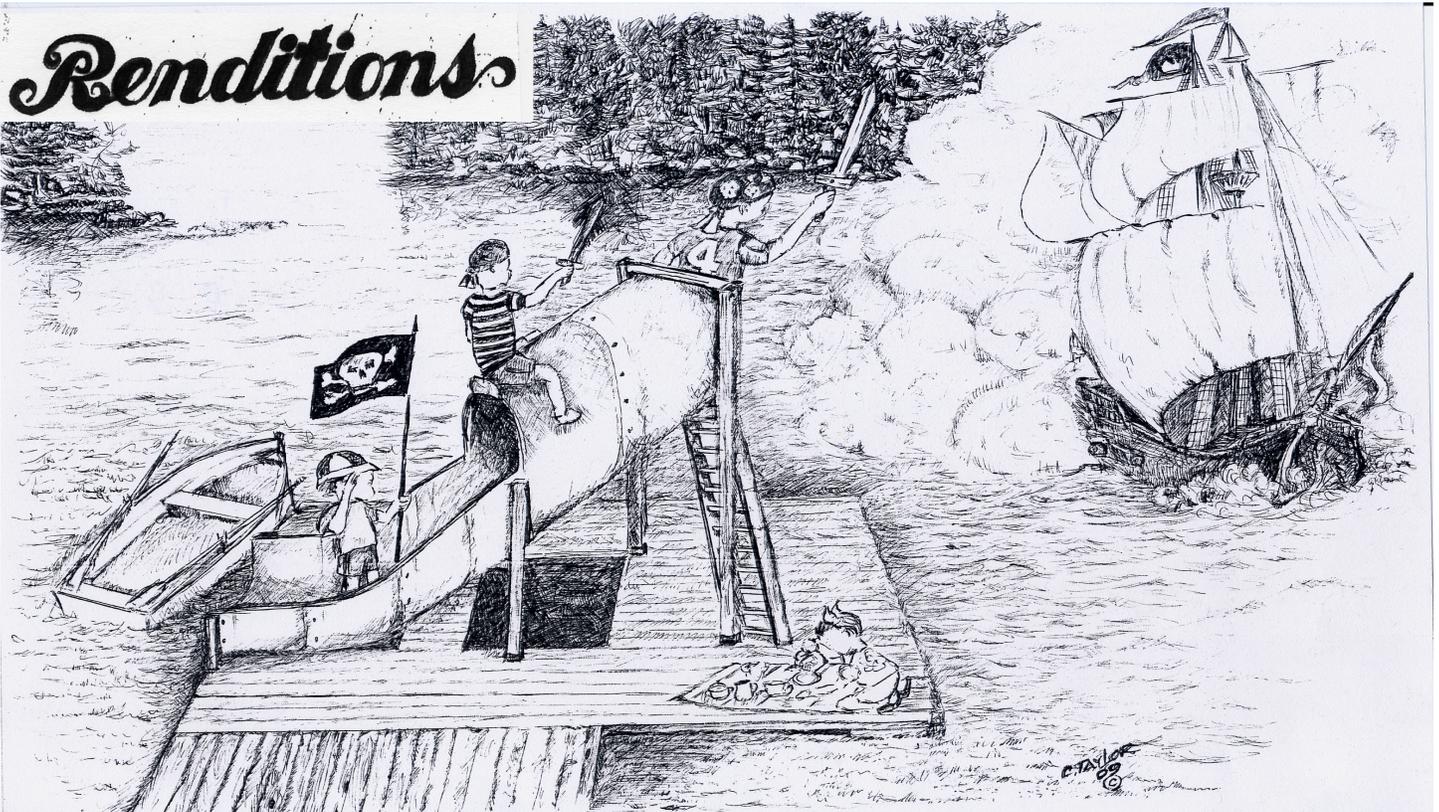
Our library has new hours;

Tuesday 7-9pm Wednesday 1-4pm
Thursday 7-9pm Sat. 10-12 noon.

Their Book Club resumes again this October, meeting the 1st Thursday of each month. Bring your favourite book, or what you are currently reading to discuss with the others, or see Marilyn to find out the latest book club selection.

Congratulations to Emma Graham for winning the Agent 009 TD Summer reading program. Lucas won a new book for signing up and reading 10 books this past summer.

"If you could kick the person responsible for most of your troubles in the backside, you wouldn't be able to sit down for two weeks."



Caitlan Reminisces About Her Trip To Africa

My first impression of Africa was that it was busy and bursting with life. There is no such thing as a holiday- they work all the time. I was shocked to see little kids and people walking around wearing winter coats. I was surprised to see that men held hands, not for the reason you would think. There it is a sign of friendship. Women do all the work in the kitchen, but I was impressed to see so many of them out ploughing the fields with a hoe. One woman had a six day old baby on her back. You would not know that she had just given birth. The temperature during the day was mid to high 20's but at night it got very cold around 10 degrees, I slept with five fleece blankets and a light sleeping bag.

Our flight seemed to take forever, it was very long and we were anxious to get there. When we arrived we were taken to a women's shelter or hostel. It was gated and guarded at night. A guard was there to open the gate for those coming and going. It was a very clean place but you did have to worry about bed bugs. We stayed there for most of the trip. We were able to climb to

a plateau on a mountain and stayed in a cabin for two nights. It was very cold on top of the mountain but the view took our breath away. In the mornings when the sun hit the peaks it was so beautiful, the sun glowed a magnificent golden red. The last three nights of our trip we stayed at a camp. It was another great place to stay and there we were able to have our own cabin. While we were there we got to see some of Africa's wild life from a boat and also from a land rover. It was an experience I will always remember.

While we were there we did a lot of things. We visited two orphanages, one was more structured and had a lot of programs. The other one was run by Efrida a 62 year old woman who lost her husband 13 years ago. She feeds about 150 to 200 children every day because they have no other way of getting food. We brought her some food and when that runs out she will once again have to go around the villages and ask for hand outs for the kids. We visited several different villages and observed how they lived and how their culture works. We also spent two days with a group made up of mostly women with AIDS. We helped them plough their fields in the morning and in the afternoon the men dug a pit-latrine while the women and I were taught how to

prepare food African style. They said that I was very good at African cooking and that I should get rid of my boyfriend and they would find me a nice local boy instead, I declined profusely and told them that I am happy with my Matt. The next afternoon we helped the women take the corn off the husk (it was hard as a rock much like cow corn). We put it in a large mortar and pestle to be ground. We were able to spend some time talking and sharing with these women, fortunately there was a woman there who could speak a little English. They also taught us some words in their native language. One of the fun things we got to do was to learn an African dance at one of the villages. We provided the entertainment for them as they laughed at me because I couldn't seem to get the right hip movements, however, we had a lot of fun and danced for a good half an hour. One of the things that I will never forget was to see the people selling roasted mice on sticks. Apparently it is a delicacy for them, needless to say I did not try one. All in all I will never forget my trip to Africa and the awesome people I met there. In closing I would like to thank all of the people who donated money and worked so hard to help me to attain my goal of going to this amazing country. Thank you

Autumn is really the best of the seasons; and I'm not sure that old age isn't the best part of life. But of course, like autumn, it doesn't last. -C.S. Lewis

The Action group is having a MacMillan's Gourmet Cookies and Muffins Dough mixes fundraising-sale. They are simple- just scoop them out and pop them in the oven. You can bake as many as you want and the dough can be thawed and refrozen. They also have a variety of other foods as well, like cheese cakes, butter tarts, Hors D'Oeuvres, Quiche & Pizza. See order sheets at the Post Office, or contact

Barb at 447-2207 for more info. Mixes will also be on sale at the Crafty Christmas Sale on Nov. 14. All proceeds go back into your community.

The Action Group is still accepting nominations for the Community Spirit Award. Email your suggestions to gc.actiongroup@gmail.com or contact Barb Bader.

Kids Corner

Who won the skeleton beauty contest? No body!

What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost? Bamboo!

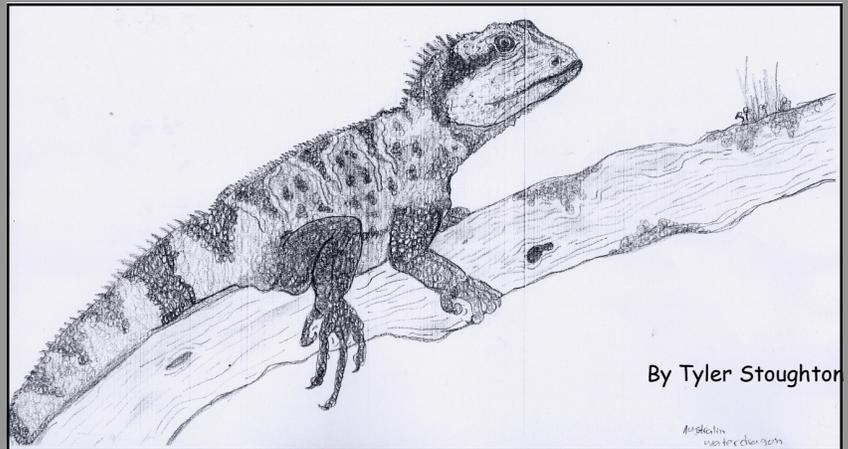
What's a ghost's favorite ride at the carnival? The roller ghostr!

Who did the ghost invite to his party? Anyone he could dig up

When does a ghost have breakfast? In the moaning.

What do you call a goblin who gets too close to a bonfire? A toasty ghosty!

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? He had no guts!



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