



February 2014

# Gooderham Connection

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Winter Issue

## *Community Spirit Award 2013*

Our 2013 Community Spirit Award was presented at our annual Christmas Dinner. This year we were honoured to present not one, but two Community Spirit Awards. This year we honoured two young boys Owen and Willie Craftchick.

These two young men ages 11 and 9 saw a need in our community and were willing to work in order to see that need fulfilled. They set up their own bottle drive and collected CTC money to purchase some of the equipment they needed. Last winter Owen decided that he wanted to play floor hockey, so through Facebook and talking to other people in the Community he started a floor hockey group who met at the Community centre on Thurs. evenings.

Willie on the other hand decided that he wanted to start a baseball team during the spring and early summer. He was also willing to work and do chores in order to make extra money, even though it was hard work he was willing to do it in order to get the things he needed.



These two ambitious, committed young men are a shining example to each of us and an encouragement that if we see a need in our community to go for it and meet that need. Whether we are 9 or 90 we can make a difference in our community. Owen and Willie, we were proud to present this years Community Spirit awards to both of you. *You are an inspiration to each one of us.* Congratulations boys!

The Barr and Billings families are thrilled with the arrival of their precious twin boys. Wayne and Nicole and big sister Cora are delighted to introduce us to their new sons and baby brothers: Liam Peter Barr Born on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> weighing in at 7.1 lbs and arriving at 12:30 P.M and Aiden William Barr weighing in at 6.6 lbs who made his arrival at 1:00 P.M. Proud Grandparents are Ron Barr, Elaine Anderson, Kathy Milsap. Rob Billings, Val Henderson, Cindy Billings and of course Great Grandma Marilyn Billings. I am sure these little ones will grow up with lots of love and perhaps a little spoiling by their doting Grandparents.



## *WELCOME NEW BABIES*

Barb and Fred Bader welcome with love their newest little grandbaby, a handsome little boy. Proud parents Janine and Pete Vinski were blessed on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with their son Isaiah Timothy Stephen Vinski. Isaiah weighed in at 9 lbs 11 ozs. Big sisters Aletheia and Abigail are delighted to have little Isaiah to love and cuddle. Congratulations everyone!



The Graham and Warburton families are happy to welcome the newest addition to their family. Lauren Graham and Tanner Warburton are proud to present their new little baby boy Garrison Jacob Dwayne Warburton, born on January 13th 2014, weighing in at 8 lbs 12 ozs. Delighted grandparents Dave and Marg Graham and Dwayne and Tammy Warburton will have lots of fun spoiling this handsome little boy. Congratulations!

### A VERY BIG THANK YOU

"Elva Bates granddaughter, Tracey Ward, thanks all the folks whose donations totalled \$100.00 at GCAG's November 16/13 Craft Sale in support of her 2014 ride in the Princess Margaret Cancer Center's *Ride for Cancer Research* by riding her bicycle from Toronto to Hamilton.

If you wish to donate to Princess Margaret, or monitor Tracey's progress toward her goal of \$2,500.00, go to <http://www.conquercancer.ca/site/TR?> Tax receipts are issued.



## Valentines Dinner

Want to celebrate Valentines Day with your sweetheart and your family, mark your calendar for *February 15<sup>th</sup>*. The Bandstand committee is putting on a spaghetti dinner for the Community. The dinner will include spaghetti, Italian bread, tea/coffee and desert. This is a great way to beat the February blahs. We will cook the dinner for you and clean up afterwards, you can't beat that. Come and enjoy an evening with family and friends. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:30. Tickets are \$12:00 for adults and children under 12 will be \$6:00. Tickets will be sold at the door. This is another great way you can add your support to the building of our new Bandstand.

### BUY SHOP & SWAP SALE

Mark your calendar for **Saturday May**

**17th**. Gooderham is having a giant Buy Shop and Swap sale in town. If you have anything to sell you can rent a table in the center of town for \$10.00 and set up shop. If you are looking for something for your home or cottage check out the tables or maybe you just want to swap something you have for something that you see on the tables. If you would like a table for the sale

contact Barb Bader at [705-447-2207](tel:705-447-2207) or [b.bader@sympatico.ca](mailto:b.bader@sympatico.ca) for more information. All proceeds from the sale of the tables will go back into the community.

***The Gooderham Community Action Group would like to report to the community and thank everyone who has contributed to the bottle drive. The Bottle drive is a great way to provide funds for our community. We want to especially thank **Tim-Br-Mart** for providing the shed for us, without their generosity there would be no bottle drive. Of course it takes the help of everyone who donated bottles to the drive to make it the success it is. A big thank you to all of you. You are the ones responsible for what we have accomplished. Bravo Gooderham!***

## **Bottle Drive Funds**

We took in over 2 years **\$6629.45**

### **2012 Expenses**

Bridge repairs	800.00
Bottle drive shed floor	290.00
Canada Day	443.67
Community Spirit Awards	133.23
Christmas Blessing	955.74

**\$2622.64**

### **2013 Expenses**

Karate	1000.00
Baseball	203.83
Community Garden	550.00
Canada Day	1261.28
140th Birthday	110.81
Bursary	500.00
Santa Claus Parade	100.00
Community Spirit Awards	82.25
Christmas Blessing	771.50

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# THE WINTER OF MOUSE DISCONTENT

As some readers may recall (or have tried to forget) I cleaned out the mouse poop porch in the spring, and in a moment of "live and let live" sympathy for a mother mouse trying to save her baby I didn't finish my cleaning. At the time I am sure many, if not all, readers thought, "That's pretty stupid." Well, sure, but the traps were baited less than two weeks later, so my sympathy did not really go much past Mother's Day. I kept traps baited all summer and fall, Tuhk the cat dispatched a few on the porch or close to the house, and Lunker the dog even grabbed one not too long ago as it made a mad dash across the snow.

Just before Christmas Tuhk was sitting in the kitchen, staring intently at the fridge. As I had never seen him open the fridge door by staring at it I wondered what was going on. I found out when I saw him chase after a mouse. Dang. It was just before Christmas last year that we had a mouse invasion. Maybe they are attracted to the pretty lights? As I set the traps I thought, "Aha. The children of the children of Mouse Mom." Three trespassers were caught, traps remain set in the house and on the porch, and I have numerous cotton balls saturated with peppermint oil as my other line of defense.

According to the fountain of information, knowledge, and piano-playing cat videos--aka the Interweb--mice are not fond of the smell of peppermint oil. Luckily I am, so I've strategically placed them in every room. So far so good in 2014, at least in the house. Outside, in this cold and snowy winter, there is a disturbing story playing out in my car.

It began when I found a nest in the glove box. I picked it out, swore a lot, set a car trap, caught nothing. The bait was gone. Dang. So, I reset the trap, caught one or two, didn't see any poop or mess and the traps were still baited. So I got a little complacent and didn't bother rebaiting/resetting after my snowscrapper landed on it after a particularly annoying session of windshield scraping.

Now, mid-January, the horror show has begun. As you read this it may still be going on.

On the evening of January 16, I put two baskets of laundry in the trunk of the car, and finally reset the trap in the front of the car. My hope was that if a mouse was in the car it would opt to stay with delicious peanut butter and stay out of the trunk. On Friday, January 17, the trap was intact. When I looked in the trunk I saw a little pile of white fluff. What the hey? My winter gear pack was still zipped tight, no paper in the trunk to chew on. Hmmm. I removed the little fluff pile before it could become a home. I moved the trap to the trunk. The next morning there was a victim in the trap. His ear looked pretty rough.

At the Parkside Laundromat I was unpleasantly surprised by mouse poop in one of the baskets, and really, really unpleasantly surprised when I realized where the fluff had come from. My made in Canada Stanfield's were chewed! Holey with crap. Apparently nothing is sacred to mice.

I reset the trap Saturday night. Sunday morning's victim had more than a rough looking ear. His face was missing. Oh, dear. Hannibal the Cannibal Lectermouse is living in my car. This could get uglier. Anyone know how to reach Clarisse?

Sally Kenerson

# *The Gooderham Sky*

The winter stars bring one of the most recognizable constellations into view, Orion the Hunter. His hour glass shape of bright stars make it stand out on these cold, crisp nights halfway up in the south sky. This great hunter of ancient mythology was placed high in the sky as honour and so were many of the animals he hunted. To his lower right lies one of his two hunting dogs, Canis major and to his upper right marked by two stars, one bright and one faint, is Canis minor...the little dog. His shield marked by a line of curved, faint stars on his left wards off Taurus the Bull though there is no mention of these two ever doing battle.

Orion looks like a large, rectangle of four stars standing on its end with the upper two stars marking Orion's shoulders and the bottom two marking his feet. A conspicuous slanted line of three stars in the middle mark his belt and his sword is a faint line of stars hanging down from there.

Orion's belt stars point to the right to the sky's brightest star, Sirius, which marks Canis major, the big dog. No other star shines brighter than Sirius (to our perspective) and any that do are either a planet or satellites (compare Sirius's twinkling shine to the brighter, steady shine of Jupiter, our largest planet, farther up on Orion's right). To the left, the belt stars point way over to the reddish star of Aldebran, the brighter of a small pattern of V shaped stars that make up the face of Taurus the Bull with Aldebran being the bull's eye.

Orion holds a treasure of wonders for the amateur astronomer. Rigel, the bluish white star of Orion's right foot is an large star, classed as a blue supergiant. It is nearly twice as hot as our own sun and 40,000 times as bright consuming its energy very rapidly and spewing it out in intense UV light. If our planet were part of its system, we would need to be 200 times farther from it or roughly 5 times as far as Neptune is from our sun for it to bear life. It will live fast and hard and end its life in a violent super novae explosion in just millions of years.

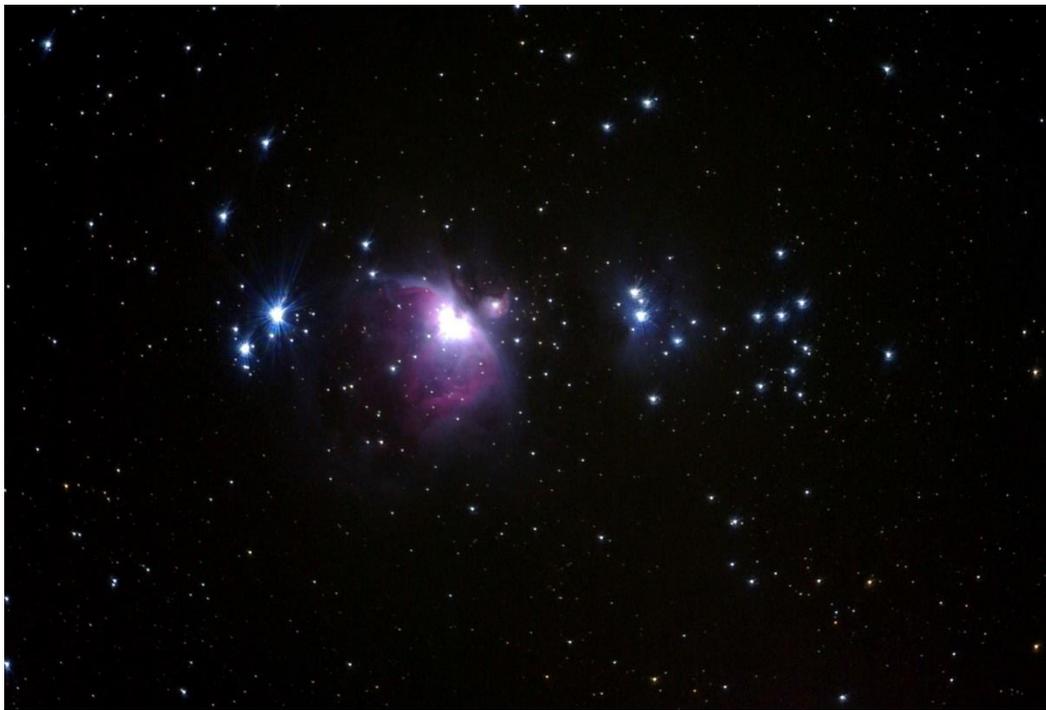
Betelgeuse, the reddish star that marks Orion's right shoulder is almost there. A red supergiant, it is running out of fuel and puffing off its outer shells of gas. If it were our sun, its outer edge would extend out to Jupiter, some 500 million miles from our sun's position. Compare the contrast of colours between the two big stars.

Finally, lying along the sword of Orion is the Great Orion nebulae, also known as M42 in Messier's catalog. This enormous cloud of hydrogen gas some 1500 light years distant is being pushed and squeezed and producing newborn stars, a stellar nursery. Even a small pair of binoculars will show this greyish white, patch of gas which is being ionized by the baby stars it's producing, causing it to glow. Though visually stunning in large telescopes where its delicate strands of gas really show, it's not until you take a long exposure picture where the faint reddish glow of the hydrogen gas reveals itself.

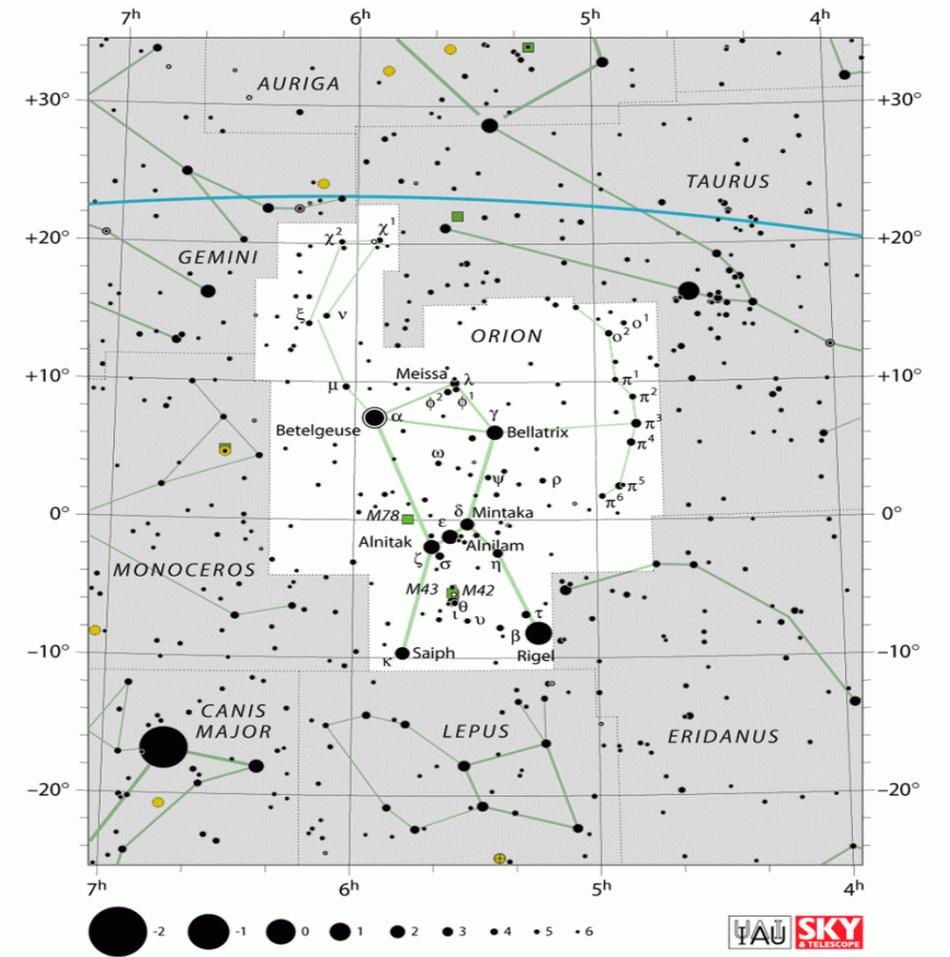
So take some time to admire this wonderful, winter constellation as so many have for thousands of years.

Clear skies,

*Brian Mould*



Pictures courtesy of Brian Mould



## W(h)ine and Fight Book Club

In December the W(h)ine and Fight Book Club at the Gooderham Public Library spent 45 minutes with Cathy Marie Buchanan, author of our book club pick *The Painted Girls*.

Thanks to our tech wizard, Margaret, we were able to have a Skype question and answer session.

Cathy told us how she researched the book (including a trip to Paris, where the story takes place), how she melded fact with fiction, and how she did most of her final re-write in the winter at the family cottage on Mississagua Lake. So there's a local connection to the book.

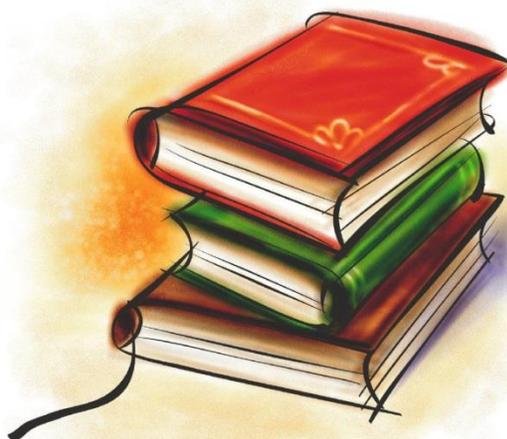
She also talked a little about the state of the publishing industry, the demise of independent bookstores, the problems even the big box bookstores have been having, e-books, and how authors are paid in these ever-changing tech times.

One interesting thing was that she had to re-write her original ending. Readers in the USA needed a more concrete happy ending than the one she had written. She said the first ending was a happy one, but apparently not happy enough for those south of the border. W&F liked the new ending.

Check out *The Painted Girls* if you'd like to learn about the lives of the girls in the ballet and the opera companies in Paris in the 1870s. Spoiler Alert! W(h)ine and Fight members are happy we did not live there then.

And one more thing! Cathy said something may be in the works to bring *The Painted Girls* to TV on the CW network. So, if you read the book, you can compare it to the TV show and decide which you like better.

Sally Kenerson



## **WARD 3 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT PREPARED BY CEC RYALL**

Winter came early this year and never left. Between the snow and the cold temperatures, this winter will be talked about well into the summer.

In January, we applied for our fourth Heritage Canada grant to assist the financing of this year's Gooderham Canada Day celebration. The 2013 event brought over 1,500 people to Gooderham and the 2014 Canada Day event should be even better. Unfortunately, we will not know until June if we are successful. So in May, the Gooderham Community Action Group will be assisting in coordinating a buy-swap-sell event that will be held in Gooderham to attract people to our core area and to help raise money for the 2014 Canada Day activities.

By the end of 2013, most of the major repairs to our critical municipal roads, culverts, bridges and buildings were completed. In 2014, we are going to focus on improving and upgrading what we have to meet current public demands. This includes looking into how to further improve economic opportunities across the municipality with several of these projects involving the greater Gooderham area.

Bill 119 dealing with the WSIB has been a challenge to many small businesses in our area. We have invited the WSIB to come to Highlands East on March 5<sup>th</sup> to conduct a public awareness work session and talk with anyone that wants to know more about this legislation. If you would like more information, please contact Curtis Tighe at 705-448-2981 ext. 226.

Over the course of this summer, Highlands East is planning to run 6 half-page inserts in the local newspapers to promote the activities and events that take place in our municipality. We are also looking for between 15-20 businesses to sponsor these inserts. If you have an event that should be promoted or if you would like to know more about buying an ad to sponsor the inserts, call Curtis.

There are still spaces available on the Exploration Centres in Cardiff, Wilberforce and Gooderham for new advertisers for this summer. The centres will be opened before the long weekend in May. If you are interested, please contact Curtis and he will give you the information on how you can be included.

Last December, Highlands East finished developing a provincially defined program that gave our staff a better picture of the current conditions and growing demand that is being placed on our roads, bridges, culverts and water treatment facilities. It also included a reporting system that will provide objective information on where we should focus our limited resources to get the best service and value for the municipality. Shortly, we will also be completing a 2014 Strategic Action Plan, with a similar measurement system, which will provide the municipality with defined economic, environmental and cultural direction. Together, these new tools will give us better clarity in putting together the 2014 municipal budget.

In 2014, we are also working with the Ministry of Natural Resources on the possibility of developing a recreational facility in the Greens Mountain area, which is just south of Gooderham. If the project is feasible, it could be an economic boost for Highlands East and especially Gooderham for 2015 and beyond. However, there are still many environmental and financial questions left to be answered but we have a company that is investigating those challenges for us. They will be conducting at least three public forums as part of that process before the recommendations are compiled and released in August of 2014.

Please, watch in the local newspapers for more information on these and several other projects that are currently being developed and will be released over the next few months.

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**February 15** – Valentine's Day Spaghetti  
Dinner-Robert McCausland Memorial  
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**February 20** –Chronic conditions workshop-  
Wilberforce

**May 17** – Swap and Shop Sale-  
Downtown Gooderham

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