

# Gooderham CONNECTION



Your Town, Your News



## Library News

The Gooderham Library branch is currently holding **Computer Basics for Seniors Classes** on Thursday nights from 7-9pm. Please see Marilyn at the library for more information or call 705 447-3163



## **Branch Hours**

MONDAY- Closed  
TUESDAY 7pm- 9pm  
WEDNESDAY 1pm - 4pm  
THURSDAY 7pm -9pm  
SATURDAY 10am -12pm

## **Gooderham Should Be Proud!**

The words ‘Thank You’ are not enough to express the gratitude felt for all those who helped put together the Benefit Dance for Stuart Taylor and his family. The number of people from all over the county that came forward and contributed to this cause is phenomenal. People really showed true compassion for the Taylor family and it’s a blessing to be part of such a wonderful group of people. Many local businesses and citizens contributed time, money, prizes, food, beverages, entertainment and so much more to assist this young family in their time of tragedy. A guess of close to 200 people give or take a few attended the dance and were entertained by the wonderful music of the Crosscuts. It provided an opportunity for those to reflect with friends on their fun times spent with Stuart and a look towards how things will be when he's able to return home. Many were able to feel better just to see his great little guys Colt and Alex and have a chance to catch up with Heather. Right now that is difficult for a woman who is currently doing all she can to be by Stuarts side, while managing to continue her job as a teacher at the Bancroft High School and look after Colt and Alex with the help of her parents Lorna and Doug McCabe and brother Dan and his wife Trish. Everyone who participated should be proud, we really showed what can happen when a community pulls together. Once again, thank you. The dance was a huge success and raised in excess of \$5000.00 for Stuart and his family.

*During the month of Jan. five LCBO stores (Haliburton, Wilberforce, Gooderham, Kinmount and Minden) all collected donations for Stuart Taylor through their coin box program. Combined they raised over \$1800.00 ( \$835.00 of which was raised at the Gooderham store from their coin box and bottle drive donations.) Thank you to all who donated!*

## Gooderham Star



This issue we are featuring 6 year old Willie Craftchick. Willie is in Grade 1 at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton. Every morning the Principal reads the announcements and names children who have performed acts of kindness. Recently Willie was mentioned on two separate occasions for being helpful in his class! When asked for her opinion of Willie, his teacher, Mrs. Burk said that Willie is a “quietly helpful student, which is a good way to be. He doesn’t make a big show of being helpful, he just quietly helps out”. At that young age, school can be such a fun place, full of friends, games and other activities and to learn that Willie routinely stops to help out in his class is great. Not only does your teacher and principal think you are a fine example for the other students at your school, but we think you are a great example for everyone. Your willingness to help others is a good thing Willie—way to go Star!

## **Myriah Stoughton** **2010 Community** **Spirit Award** **Recipient** by Barb Bader

At our annual Community Christmas dinner we presented the 2010 Community Spirit Award and our recipient this year was worthy of the honour. On our journey through life we meet a lot of people who have impacted our lives in a special way. Our Community Spirit Award recipient is one of those unforgettable people. Some people are born givers and our award winner this year is definitely a giver. From early on in life Myriah Stoughton learned the importance of giving of herself to others. Anyone who knows Myriah knows how hard she has worked for her community throughout the years. And at 84 she is still volunteering whenever and wherever she is needed. She has volunteered with many committees and groups. She has also worked with the Horseshoe

Day's Committee and when I say worked I mean really worked. I have worked with her and that little mite of a lady can work rings around me, in fact she makes me tired just watching her. She has also volunteered with the lunch committees, Church functions, lending a helping hand at community weddings and helping to prepare and serve at the Shriners dinners. Wherever there is a need you will find Myriah there. She is well respected within the Community, just mention her name and people smile and say "she's one great lady". She does not let her age hold her back and she still goes to Curves with her daughter three times a week.

Myriah has her priorities in order family first, Church & Community after that. She has lived in Gooderham or surrounding area all of her life. She did move to Salmon Lake with her family for a few years but moved back to Gooderham to finish her education and that's where she met Cliff, the

love of her life. They married just before her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday and have been married for 68 yrs, now that's commitment. They have four children, Sharon, Wayne, Joan and Boyd. Ask any of the kids and they will tell you she was and is the greatest Mom, the best there is. She has a strong set of convictions and as Sharon puts it you had better abide by them. As her kids were growing up she was totally committed to them. She was always there for them and supported them in all their endeavours and enjoyed going to their hockey games, which were pretty rough in those days. Today she is an avid supporter and is thrilled to have her grandson "Jessie" playing in Junior A hockey. She taught them good moral values and the value of earning a dollar. She is loved and adored by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grand daughter. She is truly a blessed woman. Congratulations Myriah!

*``If we're not supposed to eat animals, how come they are made out of meat?``-Tom Snyder*

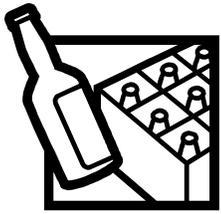
## **Spotlight On** **Quality Tree Service**

This issue we are profiling Quality Tree Service. Owned and operated by Ron Mintz. Ron is a local boy who was born and raised in Gooderham. He started his business 20 years ago and at present during the busy season he employ's two men. His business involves professional tree removals, tree trimming, lot clearing and cutting out new drive-ways, stump removal, firewood sales and snow ploughing in winter months. So you can see he is a busy

man. He and his wife Karen live in Gooderham and she works for the CIBC in Haliburton. He has two children David and Danielle, two step children Jessica and Taylor and their beloved dog Bailey completes the family. In his earlier years he loved to play hockey and from what I am told he was a pretty good hockey player but now he is content to follow his nephew Cody's hockey career and attend as many games as he can. He enjoys the outdoors especially hunting and fishing. You can reach Ron at 705-457-6671

## **Meet & Greet**

The "Point in Time" center for children, youth and parents is holding a 'Meet & Greet' on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 6-7pm at the McCausland Memorial Center. Come and bring your children and meet the staff from Point in Time. There will be fun food activities for children, and time for parents to have a break and ask questions. For more information contact Dawn Hurd at 705 457-5345 ext. 311



## Bottle Drive Update

The Gooderham LCBO's bottle drive for kids recreational sports has provided local kids with weekly soccer and hip hop dance classes since Oct. The bottle drive funds have paid the instructors fees, making these classes free for all the kids who attend. Although each class started out with strong attendance, the numbers have been dwindling. On average, there are now only 4 or 5 kids running around the community center on Wed. nights having a great time playing soccer. However we have had to cancel the Hip Hop dance classes due to lack of attendance. But we are hoping to have more success with the Karate classes that have started last week on Tuesday evenings. This is a great opportunity to provide kids with healthy activities at no cost to families- which is very rare these days. We have

instructors willing to teach and the funds available to hire them, we just need the kids in order to keep these programs going. The bottle drive just purchased 20 yoga mats and donated them to the community center for the Karate classes. Having these mats now opens up the possibility of holding many other types of classes here in town, such as yoga, gymnastics and other fitness classes.

### Gooderham Website

The staff at the Gooderham LCBO are always looking for new project ideas and are currently looking into creating a website for our town to help advertise local businesses, showcase some of our beautiful scenic spots and seasonal activities to be enjoyed, etc. They really want to make this a community effort so share your thoughts and ideas of how to best show off Gooderham on the world wide web. Matt, Jennifer and Heather would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Stop in the store sometime or call 705 447-2557



## Station 3

### Fire Hall News

The Station 3 firefighters association just purchased approximately \$1400.00 worth of scene lighting. These 2 sets of extendable lights are going to be mounted on the pumper truck to light up their work area when responding to motor vehicle calls.

Station 3 also recently sent one volunteer on the first half of a 4 day Incident Command course in Norwood at the Eastern Ontario Fire Academy. The second half of the course will be completed in March.

Another volunteer has just completed the Officer 101 Course also at the Eastern Ontario Fire Academy.

## **DONNA'S DINNER**

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*"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain*

## Ward 3 Report by Councillor, Cec Ryall

The Christmas and New Year season has come and gone. So has my first two months as being your Councillor. Although most of it was a learning experience, there was much going on in Ward 3 (Glamorgan).

Earlier this month we turned the lights on our community Christmas Tree that Phil Paul, Brian Horner, Dawson Haywood, Jack Haywood and Aubrey Bauld let me help them plant in December.

Glen Covert reviewed his "To-Do List" for building improvements and repairs of the Gooderham facilities with me earlier this month. I would like to thank him and this crew for the prompt repairs that they have made to our community centre. Glen also worked with me to get six stackable armed chairs for the Gooderham Library, after I put my butt through one of the existing chairs when I was visiting Marilyn Billings. Marilyn and I are also trying to increase the number of operating hours for the Gooderham Library.

The Gooderham Ice Rink has been operating since before Christmas, which is due in great part to the effort of Brian Horner who has spent many-a-night helping me flood the ice surface.

The Gooderham Community Action Group is now waiting for an answer from Celebrate Canada on their application for a \$2,000 grant to help with our July 1st celebrations. Irene Cook deserves great credit for helping me complete the 19-page application form on their behalf.

I have discussed the possibility of expanding the heritage displays at the McCausland Centre with Chuck Viner. We need to put together a group that will gather and organize a variety of pictures and other items that would show a story of Gooderham and the greater Glamorgan area.

I am currently working with the HATVA, OFTR, the local snowmobile clubs, the municipality and Jim Dewey to establish a managed and insured link trail that will extend east on Lakeshore Road.

Reeve Burton has asked Council to look into new Council working groups to investigate: low cost housing, business retention, green energy, trails management and a municipal recreation programme. This could lead to creation of a managed trail industry for Highlands East, which would cover both motorized and non-motorized trails, along with their spin-offs businesses.

I would also like to call a public meeting at the McCausland Centre in late February or March to explore these projects and any other that would improve our way of life in Gooderham, Ward 3 and all of Highlands East.

Unfortunately, the community lost Bob Wilson on January 6<sup>th</sup>. I know the condolences and best wishes of the entire community go out to Mrs Wilson and to her family.

Special thanks goes out to all those who attended the fund raiser for the Stuart Taylor Family that was held at the McCausland Centre on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Jason Stoughton and many other concerned people put together an unbelievably great evening.

## **Wanted Alive!!!**

### Artists and Artisans for Highlands East Studio Tour

If you live or cottage in Highlands East and would like to have an effective venue for your art with a friendly group of like-minded artists, call NOW 705 447-3241 for 2011 for Tour information. Ninth annual.

*The Friendly Tour*

## Are you ready for Combat?

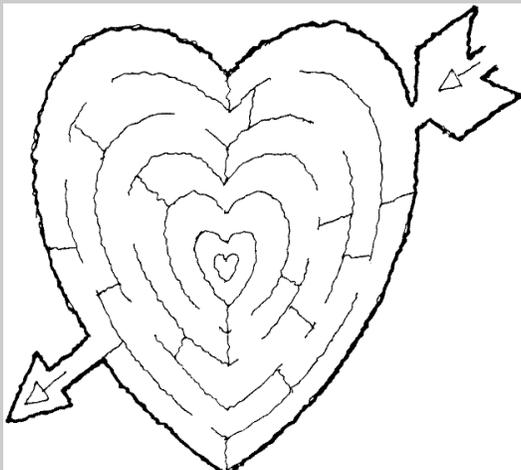
If you are looking for an intense, fast paced workout guaranteed to get your heart rate up, we are excited to announce "Cardio Combat" classes could soon be coming to town! These 45 minute classes would be held at the McCausland Memorial Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:15pm –8pm. The class would include a warm up that could involve karate kicks and punches to bring the heart rate up, and ending with a cool down period. The classes will give you a fairly good work out, and people can work at their own pace to start. The cost will be only \$5.00 per class and are open to people of all ages and fitness levels. Contact Jennifer Horner for more information at 705 447-2556 or email [goodhorner@bell.net](mailto:goodhorner@bell.net) Classes will begin if there is enough interest shown. So sign up soon!

If you are looking for a little slower paced workout, still designed to increase your heart rate and break a sweat, check out the Dance/fitness classes on Wed. evening. They are a lot of fun, and it's really easy to catch on to the moves. New people attend each week, and there is a wide age range of ladies who attend. They are also at the McCausland Memorial Center on Wed. evenings from 7-8pm.



Art work by Nolan Nicholson

## Kids Corner



Knock Knock  
Who's There?

Toad.

Toad Who?

Toad you I knew a good knock knock joke!

