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"Fusion 4 Inclusion" Buddy Benches



Waterford Public School has left their mark!

Loneliness, bullying and isolation are experiences that some students have during the recess/lunch hour on the playground at school. The goal of a Buddy Bench is to eliminate loneliness, foster friendships, and to educate and spread the messages of inclusion and kindness. These outcomes were the contributing factors for the students from Fusion4Inclusion in identifying the establishment of Buddy Benches at the elementary school level as a goal for their group.

Last school year the Buddy Bench project began in Waterford. When approached Deb Opersko, the principal of Waterford Public School, welcomed the opportunity to have Buddy Benches established at her school. In June, high school students involved with Fusion 4 Inclusion from Waterford District Secondary School delivered interactive presentations to the students at Waterford Public School introducing to them to the purpose and value of having Buddy Benches at their school. On September 19th, 2019, two (2) Buddy Benches were created by the students at Waterford Public School. The benches were made possible with the support of The Rotary Club of Norfolk-Sunrise. What a wonderful day; all students had the opportunity to participate by painting their handprints and decorating the benches.

Submitted by Sharon Norrington

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Pieceful Art

Keith and Linda have been doing some really great pieces of art over at Pieceful Arts, which is a creative studio space for everyone. They offer supplies and workshops in mosaics, acrylic painting and more. Participants can also use open studio time to create projects of their choice. Larger groups can receive reduced studio rates, paint nights or workshop pricing.

Tuesdays 10-12 are pay what you can painting. All supplies provided. It's not a class, but a time to connect and create with other community members. We support and mentor each other.

Wednesday 10-4 and Friday 1-3 are open studio time.

Pieceful Arts is located at 16 Robinson Street here in Simcoe – Phone number 226-802-2334.





Submitted by Keith, Linda & Suzanne

Simcoe Fair Ribbons

Keith and Linda entered their items in this year's fair and wanted to share their ribbons they won for the items that they made at Pieceful Arts.









Congratulations to both Keith and Linda!
Your items are fabulous!

Congratulations Jennie!



Community Living Ontario Board Election Results

At the 66th Annual Conference, they held elections for both Council and the Board of the Directors, the results are below.

2019-2020 Community Living Ontario Board of Directors

Jill Teeple (President)
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Yvonne Spicer (Council-appointed)
Heather Campbell
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David Hill
Brittany Manu
Leanne Wheatstone
Marcel St-Jean
Doug Cooper
Jennie Chanda

Fishing

I tried my luck at the Lynn River fishing spot. The carp were too lazy to bite that day but I am eager to try again!! Anyone know of any good spots to fish, please let me know.



Submitted by Zeb

Remembering Mom

Anne thought she would celebrate her mother's birthday by releasing a balloon in her memory. It soared through the clouds until it disappeared. Anne feels her mother got it.



Community rallies one last time for Joey



The late Joey Bomberry of Simcoe took his last ride in the Bickle fire truck on Tuesday afternoon from Jason Smith Funeral Chapel to the Norfolk County Fire Station. Along for the ride were Bomberry's friends and colleagues from the Norfolk fire department.

The streets of Simcoe were lined with community members on Tuesday afternoon as the funeral procession for the late Joey Bomberry travelled from Jason Smith Funeral Chapel to the Norfolk County Fire Station.

In 2017 Bomberry was diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer. The community rallied together then for a fundraiser to cover any expenses he faced. An estimated 1,000 people attended to show their support.

Bomberry died on Friday at age 65. The community rallied together again on Tuesday afternoon to show love and support to his family, friends, and colleagues.

During his years in Simcoe, the lifelong volunteer had a huge impact on the sporting and firefighting community. The extremely active community member was involved with the fire department, minor hockey, junior hockey, local baseball, Norfolk County Fair, Waterford Pumpkin Fest, and Friday the 13th.

"I think that was just his personality, he loved being involved in everything," said Kate Coleman, who grew up with Bomberry being part of her extended family. "Everyone looked out for him, cared for him, and included him. I don't think anyone would have ever turned away Joey's offer to help with anything."

Within the fire hall a large collection of Bomberry's hats were displayed alongside photos and other memorabilia of his life. The firefighters plan on keeping Bomberry's presence at the hall by displaying a photo of him, and a few of his hats as well.

When asked for stories of their time spent with Bomberry, many of his friends said there were just too many stories to begin to boil it down to one.

"I saw him at a ton of fires," said OPP Const. Ed Sanchuk. "If you didn't check in with Joey Bomberry you were getting in trouble."

A common theme between his colleagues was that he was always on time, he showed up for every shift, and he never missed a call.

"He's been part of our group here at the fire department for 50 plus years," said Mike Tatarka. "It's going to be certainly different to not see him around."

"It's crazy, it's going to be a lot different without him here," echoed co-worker Wayne Bartlett. "He brought a sense of humour, and got his work done."

Ward 7 councillor Kim Huffman described Bomberry as a gatekeeper of the community, and said he was the definition of Norfolk County.

"He was always at the arena and the fire hall," said Bill Peever, friend of Bomberry. "I've known him since I was a kid, and my kids all knew him too. He was just everywhere all the time, he'd bend over backwards for you."

Bomberry was described by friends and family as someone that always had a smile on his face, and never complained regardless of what was going on in his life.

"Joey was a fantastic individual, a superb human being, and I have nothing but praise for that man," said Sanchuk. "It's a real sad day in Norfolk



County, we lost a phenomenal firefighter, but more importantly community member.

"It was an honour and a privilege to give him an escort here with the Norfolk County OPP, we had several officers out today," said Sanchuk.

Coleman added that the corner of West St. and Talbot St., where Bomberry lived, will never be the same.

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Subway Day

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Subway Day in September.

Here are some of the businesses we visited. You can connect with us to make sure your business gets a package to participate.







Our next Subway Day will be Friday, May 29th, see you then!

Congratulations Melissa!

Community Living Access wants to congratulate Melissa Sherman. Melissa has just opened her own business, called MC's Outback. The menu looks amazing, with a full variety of options and we can't wait to order group lunches!





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And so it is....

Kevin is now publishing a monthly article in the Hub magazine titled "This, that and the other with Kevin". His first article is now available in the November issue.

Congratulations Kevin!



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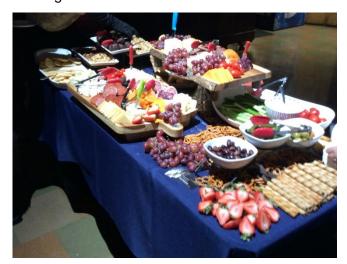
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Kevin's quarterly article "And so it is..." will resume in our newsletter in the New Year.

On October 24th over 140 'Crawlers' (participants) many of them decked out in their Halloween Best gathered at **The Greens at Renton** to board 4 decorated School Buses. Their mission that night was to enjoy the food and beverage at 5 of Norfolk County's amazing restaurants/venues.



As each bus disembarked into the early evening our celebrated Bus Ambassadors were there to facilitate an evening of fun, laughter, and fellowship as they journeyed between the venues. The true stars of the evening were The Greens at Renton; Ramblin' Road Brewery; The Backstage Capitol with caterer Kaley's Restaurant; The Gibbled Goose & Destination 1207; and The Old Town Hall with caterer Chef Michael Reitz. Their wonderful food and beverages were the talk of the evening.



An important part of The Food Crawl for All success was working with our Media Sponsor MyFm and Oldies 99.7 – who help spread the word of this incredible event. A very large "thank you" to our Bus Sponsors; Vaden Bussche Irrigation and Millards Chartered Professional Accountants and our Draw Prize Sponsors (see their logos on page 8).

What an Amazing Night!





The evening's adventure/party continued when all four buses met back at the **Greens at Renton**. **Chef Danielle** and her team of staff all in costumes provided everyone with more incredible food and beverage as we continued to celebrated with major prize draws. If that was not enough, we were entertained by the **Canadian Country Cruiser Dance Team** (go to our Facebook and Instagram accounts for more pictures).

Food Crawl for All 2019



What a Wonderful Evening of celebration! <u>Make sure you Save the Date</u> [Thursday, October 22nd 2019] for our **2020 Food Crawl for All.** Your support helps Community Living Access provide quality support to people with disabilities to live ordinary and extraordinary lives.









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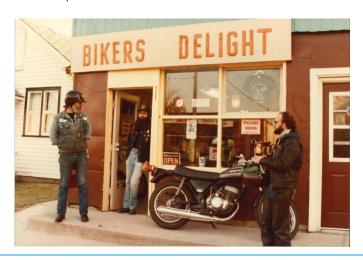
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Our calendars are selling fast. Purchase yours to be in the weekly draws for 2020. Make sure you tune in on Facebook every Friday at 1 pm to see if we draw your name!

The 2020 Calendar focuses on the "The Early Years" and features pictures that go back to the beginning of when Friday the 13th began in Port Dover. There are some great shots and lots of small articles about how it has progressed throughout the years, and the draws that happen every Friday. The first draw of 2020 happens on Friday, January 3rd and we will be giving away \$300.

There are 2 Friday the 13^{th's} in 2020 and on each of those, the draw prize increases to \$1,300, and to finish off the year the last draw will be \$300.







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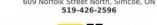
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