

# WHAT'S UP DOC

## February 2025



OCSA  
Ontario Community  
Support Association

Ontario 

**Trefry Centre 705-246-0036**

**manager@trefrycentre.ca**

**Programs Serving: Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add'l, Laird, Tarbutt, Village of Hilton Beach, Township of Hilton, Jocelyn, St. Joseph, Johnson, Plummer Add'l, Town of Bruce Mines, Thessalon, and part of Huron Shores**



**Serving Seniors  
65+  
& Persons with a  
Disability  
Programs:  
Adult Day Out  
Transportation  
Meals on Wheels  
Diner's Club  
Exercise  
Friendly Visiting  
Home  
Maintenance**

# Notice

Family Day February 17 - Centre is closed



## Floor Curling at Laird Hall Fridays 1-4 pm

The rules are the same as regular curling but there's no sweeping. The hardwood rocks slide over the floor on wax. We have "pushers" available for anyone unable to bend over. We finish off with a bit of socializing - tea and treats. Please bring indoor shoes. Beginners welcome.



## Pancake Breakfast - February 23

Hilton Beach Community Hall

10 am - 1 pm

\$ 12



JOHNSON

# FAMILY DAY FUN DAY

FEBRUARY 17TH,  
2025

1:00 PM -  
4:00 PM

ACTIVITIES  
LOG SAWING, NAIL DRIVING,  
2X4 RACES, BUM SLIDES,  
FACE PAINTING AND MORE!



1 Cameron Drive, Desbarats, ON Johnson Township Community Center



## Keeping Connected Monthly Social

Thessalon Marina,  
Harbour View Building  
**3rd Tuesday every month**

- Free tea, coffee and snacks.
- Opportunities for cards (euchre, crowns, crib, etc.) board games, socialize, craft, or just sit and enjoy the view of Lake Huron amongst friends.
- Learn about services in your community.
- Stay connected and engaged. All those 65+ are welcome to attend.

• Canadian Hearing Services are available for consultation or to fix hearing aids.  
For more information contact Susan at 705-342-2217 or [susan@thessalon.ca](mailto:susan@thessalon.ca)

FEBRUARY 19TH  
ECHO BAY HALL

DOORS  
OPEN AT  
12:30PM

# SENIORS PRIZE BINGO

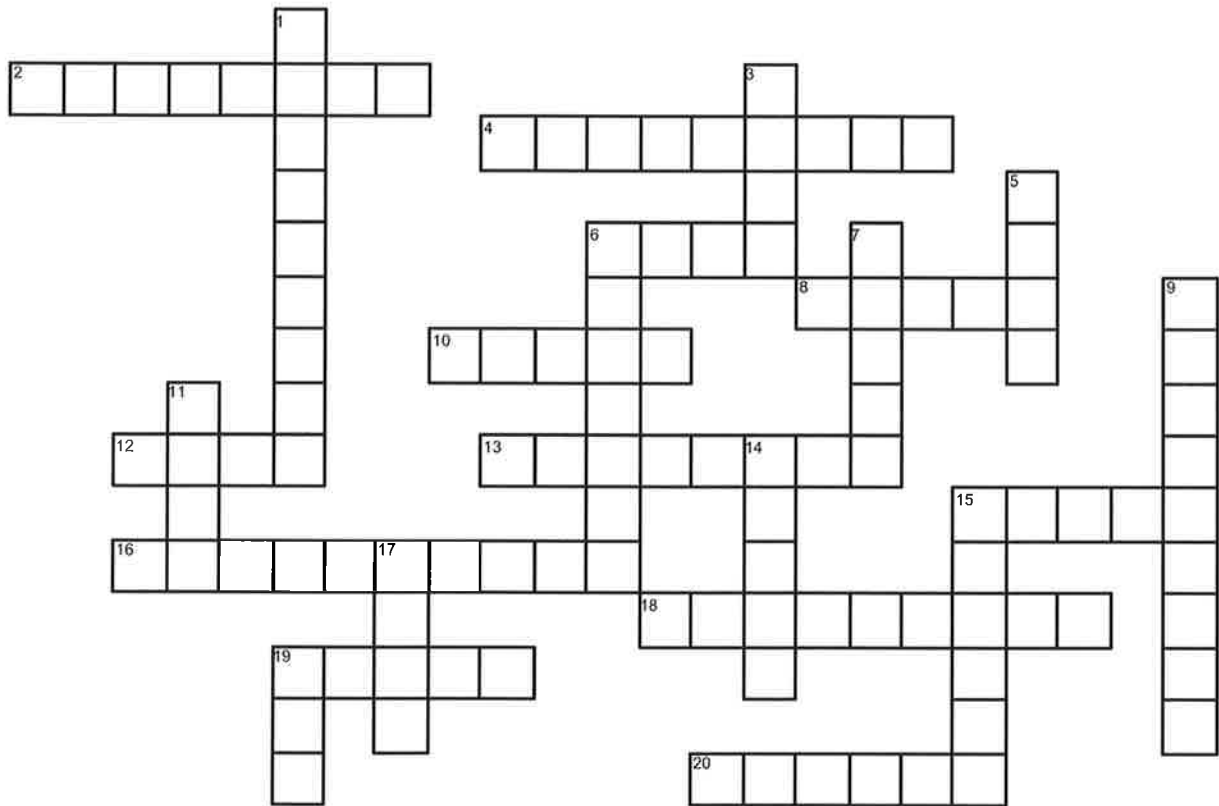
BINGO  
STARTS  
AT 1PM



PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED  
TO BRING A SMALL PRIZE TO  
ADD TO THE PRIZE TABLE



# Valentine's Day Crossword Fun



## ACROSS

- 2 A piece of jewelry worn around one's neck.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ and girlfriend.
- 6 "Be \_\_\_\_\_."
- 8 School children often exchange these on Valentine's Day.
- 10 He shoots invisible arrows to make people fall in love.
- 12 The most popular flower for Valentine's Day.
- 13 Valentine's Day falls on \_\_\_\_\_ 14.
- 15 "\_\_\_\_\_ Valentine's Day!"
- 16 A safe place to store jewelry. (Two words.)
- 18 My friend gave me heart-shaped box full of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19 Bees make this substance, which is also a nickname for someone who is loved.
- 20 St. Valentine is known as the patron saint of \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

- 1 "Will you be my \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 3 Husband and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 In "XOXOXOX," an X represents this action.
- 6 Did the mail carrier leave any Valentines in your \_\_\_\_\_?
- 7 School children sometimes celebrate with a Valentine's Day \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 A stuffed animal often given as a Valentine's gift. (Two words.)
- 11 "I \_\_\_\_\_ you."
- 14 Bow and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 Children may read and eat candy \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17 A man usually gives a woman a \_\_\_\_\_ when he asks her to marry him.
- 19 In "XOXOXOX," an O represents this action.

Seniors 65+ or persons with a disability,  
living between Echo Bay and Desbarats, including St Joseph Island  
all income levels are eligible for

# *Meals on Wheels*

Hot meals, cooked fresh & delivered to your door.

**\$13.80/DAY FOR SOUP, MEAL AND DESSERT**

**(AS LOW AS \$9.60 WITH SLIDING SCALE BASED ON HOUSEHOLD INCOME)**

4 week rotating menu with  
diabetic dessert option

**CALL 705-246-0036 OR VISIT**

**TREFRYCENTRE.CA**

**FOR MORE DETAILS**



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**Dr HS Trefry Memorial Centre**

1601 C Line Richards Landing ON P0R 1J0

**Ontario**



Meals on Wheels Menu - Trefry Centre			
WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
Chicken Noodle Soup Hot Chicken Sandwich Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Pumpkin Swirl Cake	Root veg soup Beef Stew Scalloped Potatoes Peas Carrot cake	Broccoli Soup Chicken Stew (Dumpling Topping) Rice Creamed Corn Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies	Beet soup Meat loaf Mashed Potatoes and gravy Vegetable medley Rhubarb cake
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Creamy Beef and mushroom soup Beef meatballs Penne tomato sauce veg medley Cinnamon Pin Wheels	Tomato Rice Soup Roasted Chicken Mashed potatoes w/ gravy Roasted carrot Apple crisp	Minestrone Hamburger with a bun Tomato, pickle, onion for burger Roasted Potatoes Seasonal Cheesecake	Tortellini Soup Toupee Ham Scalloped Potatoes Vegetable Medley Lemon Snow
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Creamy sausage and rice soup Sausages Macaroni and Cheese Peas Apple Coffee Cake	Loaded Potato Soup Vegetarian Chili Cheesy herbed biscuit Yellow wax beans Raisin Date Squares	Carrot Soup Beef Stroganoff Peas Braised Cabbage Chocolate Mayo Cake	Tomato Soup Battered Haddock Roasted Potatoes Coleslaw Cinnamon Sugar Blondie

*Spots Available!*

## ADULT DAY OUT

**\$16**

Bruce Station (Tuesday) 3 openings  
Echo Bay (Wednesday) 2 openings  
Richards Landing (Thursday) wait list



### Includes:

coffee, muffin, lunch, fun games, crafts, social interaction with other clients, as well as our trained staff and caring volunteers

**Call 705-246-0036 for more information**



# Ontario Tax Credits and Programs

More information at [www.ontario.ca](http://www.ontario.ca) or by asking your income tax preparer.

## Seniors

### [Ontario Seniors Care at Home Tax Credit](#)

If you are 70 years or older, find out if you are eligible for a tax credit to help with eligible medical expenses, including those that support aging at home.

### [Reduced Co-payment for Lower Income Seniors](#)

Depending on your annual income, you may be able to have the ODB \$100 annual deductible waived and have your co-payment reduced to \$2 per prescription.

### [ODB: Ontario Drug Benefit Program](#)

Find out if the cost of your prescription drugs are covered by the province.

### [Ontario Seniors' Public Transit Tax Credit](#)

If you're 65 years or older, find out if you could get a tax credit to help with public transit costs.

### [GAINS: Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income System](#)

If you are 65+ years old and receive the federal Old Age Security pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement payments, you could get up to \$87 per month to ensure your income stays above a certain amount.

### [Ontario Senior Homeowners' Property Tax Grant](#)

If you are 64+ years old and own a home, you could get up to \$500 to help with the cost of property taxes.

### [Home and Vehicle Modification Program](#)

You could get money to help with the cost of making your home and vehicle more accessible if you or your child has a disability that restricts mobility.

### [Trillium Drug Program](#)

If you have high prescription drug costs and a low household income, you may be able to pay \$2 or less for every prescription.

### [Dental care for low-income seniors](#)

Learn how to access free, routine dental care for eligible seniors 65 years or older.

## Housing

### [Seniors' Home Safety Tax Credit](#)

Find out if you're eligible for a tax credit to help you make your home safer and more accessible.

### [Ontario Electricity Support Program](#)

This credit lowers electricity bills for lower-income households by providing a credit directly to your monthly bill. OESP eligibility is based on household income and household size.

### [Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Programs](#)

Low to moderate income households may be eligible for housing assistance. Please contact your local Service Manager to see if you're eligible.

### [Home and Vehicle Modification Program](#)

You could get money to help with the cost of making your home and vehicle more accessible if you or your child has a disability that restricts mobility.

### [Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit](#)

This credit helps low- to moderate-income individuals and families with property taxes and the sales tax on energy. The credit is part of the Ontario Trillium Benefit.

### [Northern Ontario Energy Credit](#)











This credit helps Northern Ontario residents with the higher energy costs they face living in the north. The credit is part of the Ontario Trillium Benefit.

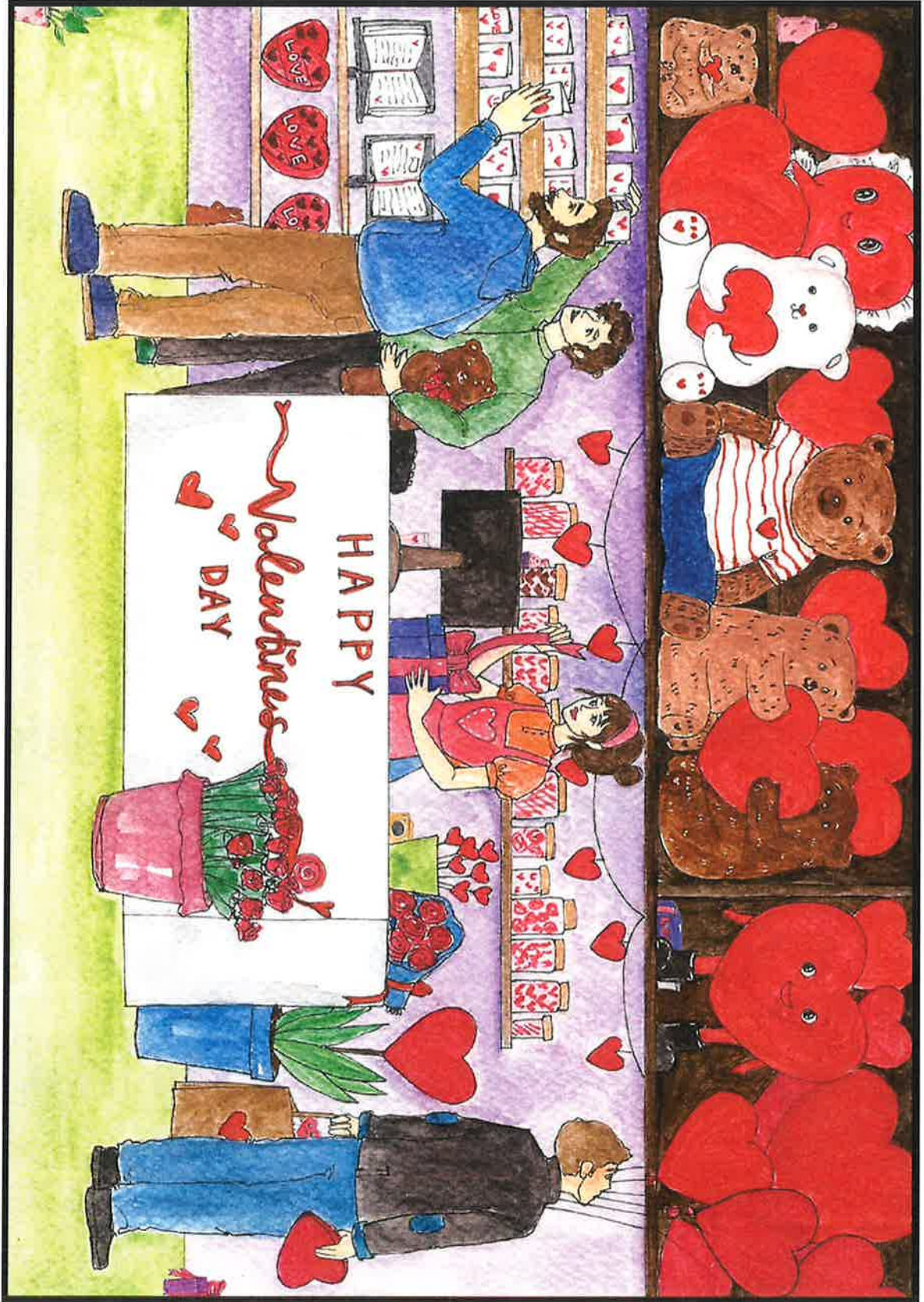
### [Ontario Senior Homeowners' Property Tax Grant](#)

If you are 64+ years old and own a home, you could get up to \$500 to help with the cost of property taxes.

# FIND THE HIDDEN OBJECTS

Can you find all 10?

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Trefry Centre  
**Diner's Club**

Tuesday February 25th  
RC Legion Richards Landing

Doors open 11am

**\$16/person**

ticket online @ [www.trefrycentre.ca](http://www.trefrycentre.ca)  
or at Trefry Centre office



**Chicken Parmesan,  
roasted potatoes, mixed veggies,  
cheesy biscuits, dessert,  
coffee & tea**

**GUEST SPEAKER JODY LEMIEUX  
NORTH SHORE FAMILY HEALTH TEAM**







**STAND UP! PROG**  
**EDEE 12 WEEK**



# ALGOMATRAD

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC, DANCE,  
ART, AND HERITAGE CRAFT TRADITIONS



## 50+ Community Program 2025

All ages welcome!

Join us for dances,  
music, inspiring  
presentations and  
hands-on workshops!



### February Workshops & Events

stay tuned for upcoming programs in March!

Ontario 

#### Wool Felting\*

w/ Mireille Gagnon-Moes, Feb 11  
1pm-4:30pm @ Desbarats United Church

#### Beginner Basketweaving\*

w/ Heather Pepper, Feb 13  
10am-1:30pm @ Desbarats United Church

#### Mixed Media Art\*

w/ Isabelle Michaud, Feb 23  
10am-1:30pm @ Blind River Curling Club

*aussi en français!*

#### Song Sharing Circle

w/ Les Anges, Feb 23  
2-5pm @ Blind River Curling Club

*aussi en français!*

#### Irish Tune Sessions

Feb 5 @ Ije's in Desbarats  
6:30pm Slow session  
8:00pm Irish session w/ Raymond Schryer

#### Dance Basics: Squares, Waltz & More!

Feb 6 @ Old Town Hall,  
Richards Landing, 2-4:00pm  
Feb 13 @ Johnson Twp Community Centre,  
2-4:00pm

#### Old-Time Dance

w/ Don & Lyn Duo & dance caller Donna Bisson  
Feb 20 @ Desbarats Arena, 2-4:30pm

\*Register at [algomatrad.ca](http://algomatrad.ca)

Or contact us! 705-943-9127  
[tori@algomatrad.ca](mailto:tori@algomatrad.ca)

## Communicating effectively

Effective communication can be difficult at the best of times, but if the person you care for has reduced mental capabilities, communication can be even more challenging. Good communication skills are important for caregiving, and can help prevent accidents, avoid other health problems, increase quality of life, and maintain a healthy relationship between you and the person you care for.

### Types of communication

There are various types of communication that caregivers can use to share or receive information. Three of these types are verbal, non-verbal, and visual communication. If you are having trouble communicating with the person you care for, try using a different type of communication. Learn about each so you have a strategy for every situation.



#### Communicate verbally

Talk to the person you care for and engage them in conversation. For those who may become easily confused, try using short, simple sentences and speak slowly. Ask simple questions to better understand their requests or feelings. This will help prevent frustration and misunderstandings.

#### Communicate non-verbally

Body language, gestures, and facial expressions all carry meaning. Those with cognitive impairments may find this kind of communication easier to understand. Practice non-verbal by nodding and shaking your head clearly, smiling, using hand gestures, and pointing to the things you are speaking about.



#### Communicate visually

Visual communication involves the use of graphics, pictures, and colours to communicate. Writing or drawing instructions can be helpful for those with memory impairments. Similarly, colour-coding can help to identify important objects around the house.

# INCOME TAX CLINIC

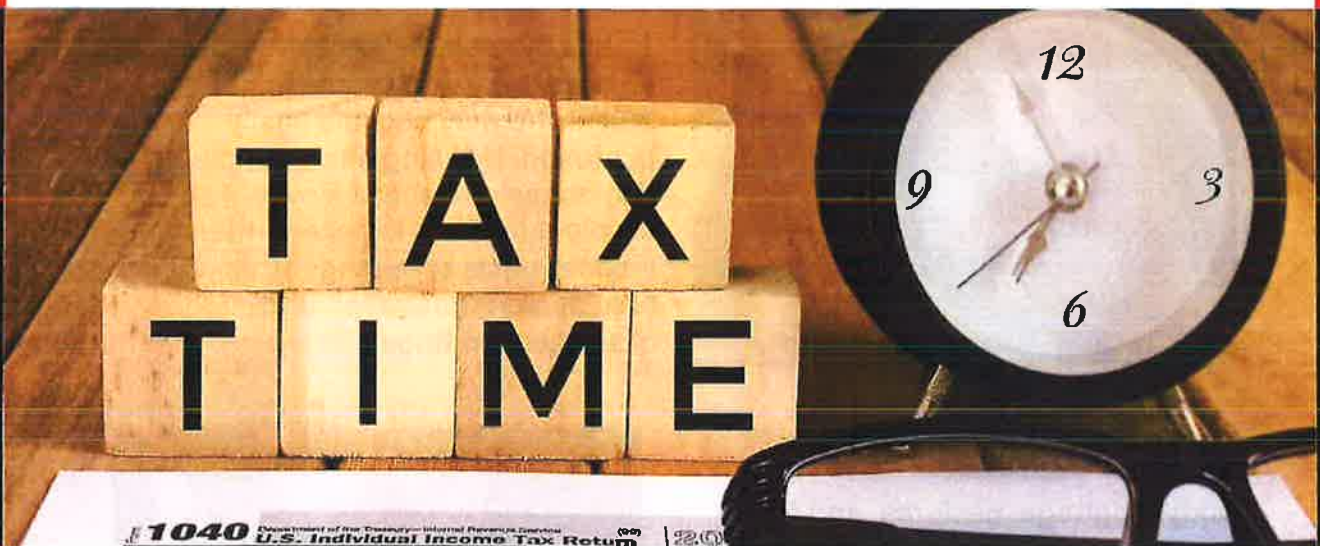
Trefry Memorial Center

Wednesday March 26, 2025

1:00PM - 3:00PM

CALL **TREFRY MEMORIAL CENTER** FOR REGISTRATION

705-246-0036



## PLEASE BRING WITH YOU:

- T4's and/or T5's
- Charity/Medical Receipts
- Rent Receipts
- Monthly Bus Pass Receipts
- Any other documents you would like to claim



Canada Revenue  
Agency

Agence du revenu  
du Canada



United Way  
Sault Ste. Marie &  
Algoma District

# A-MAZING LOVE



You gnome how to make me smile!

# THE 3 WORDS GAME

Think of 3 words  
which start with ST-

1

Think of 3 words  
which end in -ER

7

Think of 3 words  
which rhyme with  
DAY

13

Think of 3 words  
which start with TR-

2

Think of 3 words  
which end in -FUL

8

Think of 3 words  
which rhyme with  
CLOWN

14

Think of 3 words  
which start with IN-

3

Think of 3 words  
which end in -ION

9

Think of 3 words  
which rhyme with  
SPOON

15

Think of 3 words  
which start with RE-

4

Think of 3 words  
which end in -ING

10

Think of 3 words  
which rhyme with  
BUY

16

Think of 3 words  
which start with  
COM-

5

Think of 3 words  
which end in -ED

11

Think of 3 words  
which rhyme with  
FOOD

17

Think of 3 words  
which start with DE-

6

Think of 3 words  
which end in -MENT

12

Think of 3 words  
which rhyme with  
BLUE

18

# Molten Double Chocolate Mug Cake

By Jessie Sheehan

**Total Time** 3 minutes

**Yield:** 1 mug cake

## Ingredients

3 Tbsp. vegetable oil

¼ cup (50 g) granulated sugar

1 large egg yolk

½ tsp. vanilla extract

3 Tbsp. sour cream

½ tsp. baking powder

½ tsp. kosher salt

3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour

2 Tbsp. Dutch-processed cocoa powder

3 Tbsp. semisweet chocolate chips

Vanilla ice cream, for serving



**Step 1:** Stir together the oil and sugar in a 12- to 14-ounce ceramic, microwave-safe mug, using a fork. Stir in the egg yolk and vanilla, and then the sour cream. Stir in the baking powder and salt, and then the flour and cocoa powder.

**Step 2:** Stir in the chocolate chips and microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes, depending on your microwave (in my microwave, 1½ minutes is just about golden). The cake is done when it rises above the edge of the mug (or close to it) and its top looks glossy and set, but not wet.

**Step 3:** Let cool briefly—it will collapse—sorry, but true. The center will be more molten-like than cake-like, very soft, and very hot—be careful! Enjoy ASAP with vanilla ice cream.

Finally, a word to the mug-cake-making wise: The size of your mug and the strength of your microwave will both impact the success of your cake. Using a 12- to 14- ounce ceramic mug guarantees no overflowing of cake in my microwave, but if yours is all-powerful, consider preparing and microwaving yours in a cereal bowl for assurance. If you are into sharing, this makes two servings. If you are not (that'd be me), consider it one serving.

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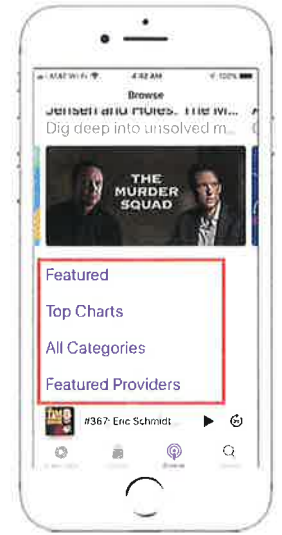
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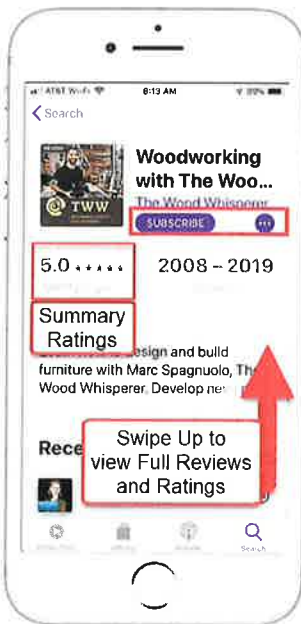
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Go to **Settings > Podcasts > Only Download on Wi-Fi** and turn On (green).

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or visit [www.trefrycentre.ca](http://www.trefrycentre.ca) or follow us on Facebook



## Meals on Wheels

Freshly prepared meals delivered hot to your door, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Reduced rates may be offered, based on household income.

## Adult Day Out

Providing respite for caregivers. A safe, fun environment for loved ones to spend time with our staff & volunteers.

Tues-Bruce Station, Wed- Echo Bay,  
& Thurs-Trefry Centre 9:30am -3pm



## Home Maintenance Program

Reimbursing low income seniors for costs like snow removal, housekeeping, and yard work to help keep them living at home.



## Exercise Classes

- \* 10am Monday & Thursday with Anne at Bruce Station Hall
- \* 10am Friday with Margo at Laird Hall

- \* 10am Wed with Margo at Trefry
- \* Wed classes are also on Zoom. Call us to get a link for the Zoom class.



## Friendly Visiting

Seniors living alone, or lonely can be matched up with a volunteer for weekly in home visits.