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Upcoming Events

March 1	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. with worship band – Lent 2	March 29	Healing Pathway Chair Sessions following the service in the sanctuary
March 2	Visitors Workshop 2:00-4:00 p.m.	April 1	Lenten Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
March 4	Lenten Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	April 3	Good Friday Service 10:30 a.m. (office is closed)
	Noon Hour Concert: KLBC Clarinet Choir	April 5	Easter Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. with worship band, Easter choir and brass
March 8	Women's Day Celebration, hosted by the U.C.W., following the service	April 6	Easter Monday (office is closed)
March 11	Lenten Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	April 7	"Before I Go" Presentation 2:00-4:00 p.m.
	Noon Hour Concert: Seven Hills Fiddle Band	April 12	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
March 12	Men's Group 10:00 a.m.	April 18	Annual General Meeting and lunch following the service
March 15	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Lent 4	April 19	Worship Band
March 17	UCW Miriam Unit Meeting 1:30 p.m.	April 21	Cabaret (fundraiser for the Music Program) shows at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
March 18	Lenten Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	April 26	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
	Noon Hour Concert: Oakridge Four Barbershop Quartet	May 2	Volunteer Week Celebration, hosted by the UCW, following the service
March 22	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Lent 5	May 3	UCW Miriam Unit Meeting 1:30 p.m.
March 24	Walter Auld Fellowship Lunch 12:00 noon	May 5	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Canada Foodgrains Project begins
March 25	Lenten Bible Study 10:30 a.m.		Spring Rummage Sale 8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
	Noon Hour Concert: Bach to Vierne with organist Erwin Stroobach		Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. with worship band
March 29	Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. – Cookie Sunday		Walter Auld Fellowship Lunch 12:00 noon



Christmas Eve
Communion
Service - Dec. 24,
2025

Photo Credit -
Walt Radda

Photo Gallery

Fundraising Event (APCH): A Christmas Carol, Dec. 3, 2025



Photo
Credits:
Dennis
Eaton

Walking Gently Into the Season of Lent

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we are invited into a slower, deeper rhythm — a rhythm of reflection and hope. Lent is not about perfection or performance; it is about returning. Returning to what matters. Returning to God's presence. Returning to one another.



On **Ash Wednesday**, we will begin this journey with a **Labyrinth Walk**, an embodied prayer that allows the body, heart, and spirit to move together. Walking the labyrinth is not about finding a way out, but about trusting the path — step by step — as a sacred conversation with God. In the quiet turning of the path, ashes remind us of our humanity, our fragility and also our belovedness. It is a powerful way to begin Lent: grounded, gentle, and deeply present.

From **February 25 to April 1**, we will also gather for a **Lenten Bible Study**, walking through Scripture together in a spirit of curiosity and openness. This will not be a class focused on having the “right answers,” but a shared space where we read, listen, reflect and speak honestly about faith and life. Together, we will explore the stories that have shaped us, share our own experiences of God and create room for questions, wonder and growth. In a season that invites inward reflection, we do not walk alone — we walk together.

Throughout Lent, we will remain connected through **Still Point**, our midweek pause for breath, prayer, and grounding. Still Point offers a moment to step out of the noise of daily life and remember who we are and whose we are. Whether you join live or watch later, this shared pause becomes a thread that binds us as a community — reminding us that even in busy, uncertain times, we can return to centre. Again and again.

These practices — walking, reading, breathing, listening — shape us slowly but profoundly. They nurture resilience. They deepen faith. They strengthen community. Lent becomes not just something we observe, but something we live.



As Scripture reminds us:

“Be still, and know that I am God.”
(*Psalm 46:10*)

May this season be one where we walk gently, listen deeply, breathe fully and grow together — grounded in grace, held in community and guided by love.

The Music Team has been busy with preparations for our upcoming 23rd annual Noon Hour Concerts. Check out the poster found elsewhere in this newsletter for details. With the winter we have been experiencing, it'll be nice to look forward to five amazing concerts and enjoy some fellowship afterwards.

And then you won't want to miss:



CABARET SHOW - April 18

2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

*Come out for an afternoon or evening of great music
presented by a talented cast of adults and youth with a live band*

Directed by Lisa and Dan Kapp

Tickets come on sale Sunday, March 22 after church

**mark your calendars, limited reserved seating*
more details to follow*

There will be a bar (wine and beer), with fancy foods available, plus coffee and tea. Enjoy a talented cast from the community and Cambridge Street United, with Voices of Victory joining in on several songs. Do get your tickets early as we anticipate this selling out quickly.

We again will be augmenting our Easter Choir and look forward to an uplifting service as we celebrate our risen Saviour. The Good Friday service is a very moving service, which really helps put Easter into perspective.



Again, we thank all those who will be adding to the Music Ministry this upcoming season, both performers and helpers.

Lisa Kapp sang "God With Us To Dwell" during the Cantata on December 14, 2025.

Photo Credit: Dennis Eaton

23rd
Season!

Music to shake off the snow!

2026

Noon Hour Concerts

Come enjoy some wonderful music! Concerts start at noon
Freewill offering welcome

Feb 25

*Trumpets
and Beyond*

Trumpets: Dan Kapp

Michelle Magee

Martin Neuland

Clarinet:

Janis Neuland

March 4

*KLCB
Clarinet Choir*

March 11

*Seven Hills
Fiddle Band*

Director:

Alanna Jenish



March 18

*Oakridge Four
Barbershop
quartet*

March 25

*Bach to Vierne
Organist:
Erwin Stroobach*

Bring your lunch and stay for a social time afterward
Tea & coffee provided

Cambridge Street United Church, 61 Cambridge St N, Lindsay

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

80+ Milestone Birthday Wishes to: **Lillian Cooper** who turned 80 on December 24, 2025, **Garth Mackay** who turns 80 on March 12, **Joanne Johnson** who turns 85 on April 9 and **Betty Burton** who turns 80 on April 20.



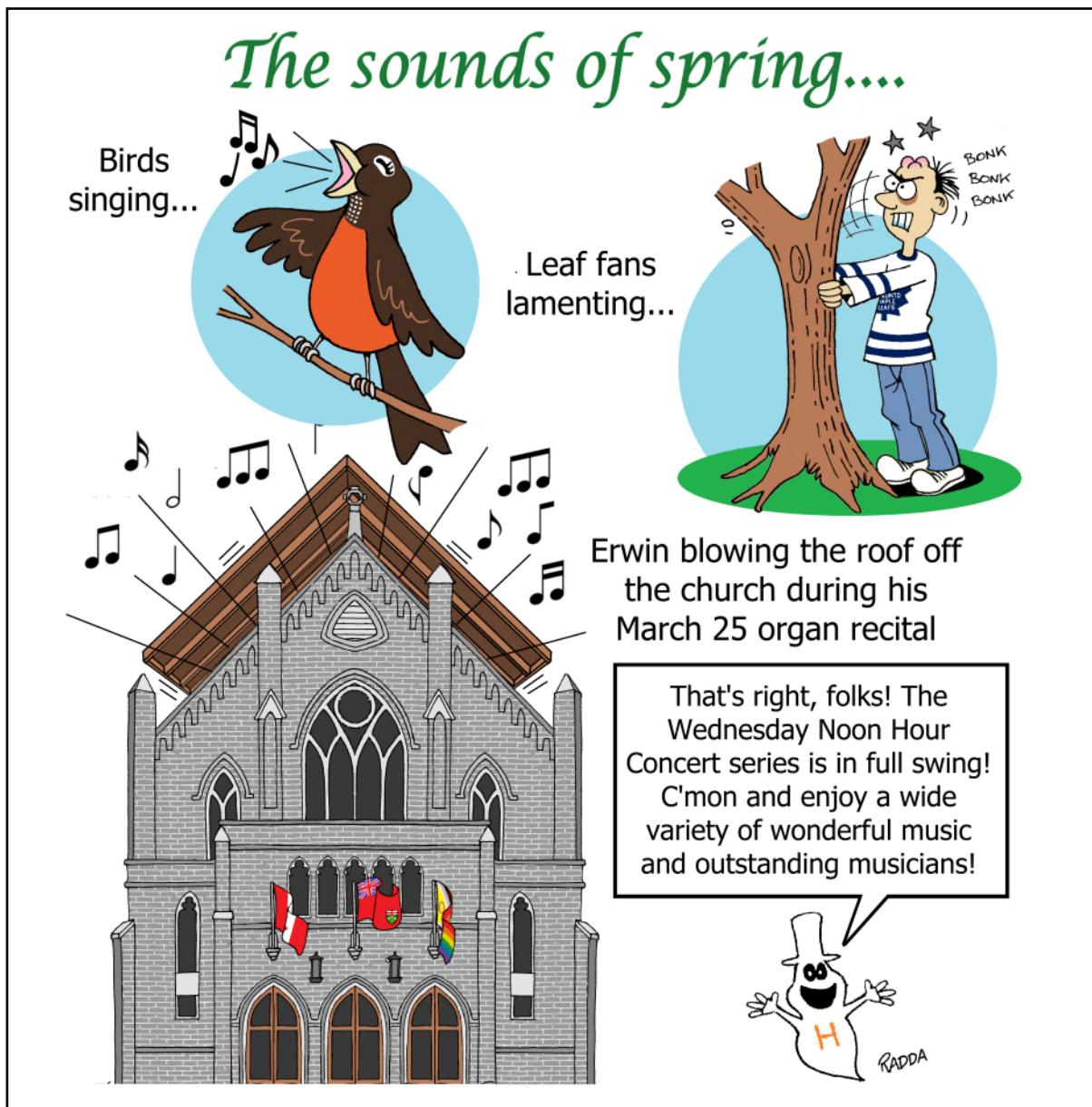
- Condolences to the family and friends of **Ron Neale** who died on November 16, 2025.
- Condolences to **Alvira Copping and family** on the death of **Fred Copping** on December 9, 2025.
- Condolences to **Heidi Kaphengst** and family on the death of **Hans Beekhof** on December 16, 2025.
- Condolences to the family and friends of **Bill Walden** who died on his 90th birthday, January 22, 2026.
- Congratulations to **Jason Willock**, Co-operators Willock Insurance Group Ltd, who was inducted into the City of Kawartha Lakes Business Hall of Fame of Junior Achievement Northern and Eastern Ontario. This prestigious recognition celebrates exceptional local leaders whose business achievements, community involvement, and lifelong commitment to excellence have strengthened the economic and cultural fabric of the City of Kawartha Lakes region.
- Condolences to **Yvonne Noble** and family on the death of **Bob Noble** on January 30, 2026.
- Condolences to **Sheldon Rutledge** on the death of his mother Elizabeth Rutledge on February 7, 2026.
- Condolences to **Jean Butterworth** and family on the death of her partner Don Barry on February 8, 2026.
- Condolences to **Janey Hill** and family on the death of her father Arthur (Bud) Jones on February 11, 2026.

Our “Staying In Touch” Initiative was born out of the recent Flourishing Workshop hosted by The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne.

Our idea of “Flourishing” was to establish an emergency plan for our church. We chose to always put the health and safety of our members first. Colleen and Andrew Rafton are working with us.

We began with a brief congregational survey to determine what our members want. From the survey responses we have created a data base and are inputting survey responses. Initial results show that members who normally attend Sunday worship services want us to notice when they are missing. And some members would appreciate a phone call to stay in touch.

Our next steps include the establishment of a telephone tree and to identify groups or clusters. If groups have a spokesperson it will go a long way to see no one is overlooked. Our goal is to care and look out for one another. We will keep you informed as we make progress on this initiative.



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many contributors, photographers (Bruce Glass, Carl Kimmett, Shelly Johnston, Nancy Payne, Pam Putman and Walt Radda), technical adviser (Heather Eaton) and reviewers (especially Nancy Payne and Janey Hill) who have made this issue of the *Chronicle* possible.

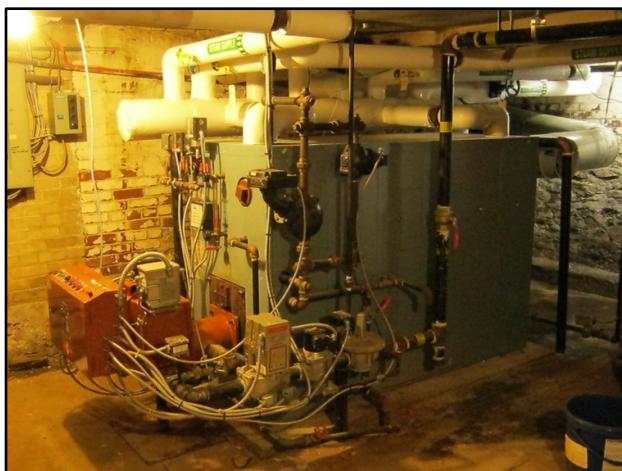


Dennis Eaton

As we draw near to the end of the heating season, I thought you might be interested to know a little about how we keep the old church warm through the winter. It is with a steam boiler system I have nicknamed "The Dragon" (I call it other names when it is not operating properly, which are not printable here). I call it that because the racket the boiler makes when it is running does sound a little monstrous and whenever a curious child asks me what it is that is making all that noise, I will tell them that it's the dragon that lives in the basement. When the kids hear this their eyes grow wide, but almost invariably they will then ask if they can go and see it.

The boiler (1st photo) is in fact a little like a dragon in the way it operates. A huge, very hot flame is fired through a row of connected cast iron sections containing water. The heat of the flame converts the water into steam, which then travels upward through a complex network of pipes to the many radiators situated around the building. As the steam cools and turns back into water, it is carried by a second, smaller pipe that accompanies the first back to boiler and the process repeats itself. The flame that heats our current boiler is produced by natural gas. The original boiler (year unknown) was powered by coal — the blackened coal chute still exists in the basement, right next to the electrical panel for the solar panels on the church roof — an interesting juxtaposition of old and new technologies (2nd photo). The steam piping system is clearly visible in the old sections of the church. In the 1957 addition, it runs through the walls and a warren of tunnels in the floor (3rd photo).

I'm sure you have all heard the noises the steam pipes make as they expand and contract, the bangs, groans and moans that sound at times like a living thing — it can be particularly unnerving when you're alone in the building late at night. When you hear these noises, just know that it is the dragon talking to you.



Soup Fest, January 4, 2026

Nancy Payne



This year's Soup Fest, held after the service on January 4, 2026, saw more than \$700 raised for A Place Called Home, which also received donations of leftover soups.

Photo Credits:
Nancy Payne



Jennifer Lopinski of A Place Called Home presents the Golden Ladle trophy to Marilyn Warner at Soup Fest as organizer Denis Grignon looks on.

United Church Women Report

Sharon Tracy

The U.C.W. is looking forward to another busy year of fund raising activities to support our church and local charities. Members of the U.C.W. enjoy interesting programs and fellowship with delicious treats at our monthly meetings. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 in the gym — all are welcome to attend. You can find the U.C.W. newsletter in the downloads section of the church website.



The U.C.W. Annual General Meeting was rescheduled from January 20th to February 17th due to weather. Our 2026 budget will be approved by members at that time.

Two new events are being planned for this year. Cake will be served in the gym at both events following the service. The first is tied to International Women's Day on Sunday March 8th. As part of this event, Women's Resources will be speaking to our U.C.W. meeting on March 17th. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend. The U.C.W. will present a donation to Women's Resources at that meeting. The second event is a celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Week on Sunday April 19th.

As I look outside, it is hard to believe that the spring rummage sale is just a little over two months away. Please keep that in mind if you are looking for a new home for your no longer needed treasures. Donations are welcome the week prior to the sale. Donations of reusable bags are also appreciated.

Anne Bradstreet said "if we had no winter, spring would not be so pleasant." While I don't want to wish any time away, I am certainly looking forward to a pleasant spring.

**SPRING
RUMMAGE SALE**

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Cambridge Street United Church

61 Cambridge St. N., in Lindsay, ON

Regular Sale:
8:00am to 12:00pm

Bring-Your-Bag-to-Fill Sale
12:30-2:00 PM

NEW PRICE **\$4.00 and up** depending on size of your bag

NEW TIMES

Clothing for women, men & children
Shoes - Bedding - Books - Toys
Puzzles - Housewares - Baked Goods
and lots more!



IMPORTANT RECYCLING UPDATE – HELP US KEEP COSTS DOWN

We're sharing an important update that affects all groups using our building, our own church groups and renters alike. As of January 1, 2026, the City of Kawartha Lakes curbside recycling program is limited to residential properties only. Unfortunately, this means recycling collection is no longer provided for **places of worship**. While we can still recycle by using landfill depots (with tipping fees) or arranging private collection, both options come with added costs for the church. We have a couple of wonderful church neighbours who are graciously letting Walt put some of our recycling at their curbside. However, to help us manage the volume of recycling, we kindly ask that, if possible, everyone pitch in and **take any recycling (paper and plastics) that might have been used at the meeting or event home with you**. Small efforts like this make a big difference and help keep costs down and Walt making fewer trips to the landfill. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Property Team Leader, Martin Scott, or custodian, Walt Radda. Thank you!

Photo Gallery

Cambridge Moments

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Bruce Glass and Shelley
Johnston



Joys of Christmas event, Saturday, November 15, 2025



Carole Tully was the guest speaker at the Walter Auld luncheon on January 27, 2026. She spoke about her life challenges from being affected since birth by cerebral palsy to teaching for 20 years to raising three children to never giving up. She is quite an inspiration.

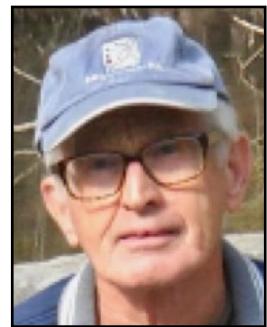


Pancake Sunday, February 8, 2026.

One of my fun days in mid-winter is February 2. We all want to hear Wiarton Willie predict an early spring.

In Celtic times in Ireland, these days were known as the Imbolc season. It was a time of the return of the light, renewal and the promise of spring. St. Brighid was the patron saint responsible for keeping the hearth fire burning.

In biblical days, February 2 is 40 days after the birth of Jesus and the child would have been brought to the synagogue to be blessed by the rabbi 40 days after birth.



In Christian days in medieval Europe, February 2 was known as Candlemas Day and candles were brought from home to the priest for a blessing so they would last until real spring on March 21. Farmers would check their animal fodder to ensure it would last until spring pasture time. This time of the year was the beginning of the light and people would begin to look forward to the spring season.

Okay, so how did this tradition get to North America? There was a large immigration of German immigrants to the mid U.S.A. about 1850. They brought their festival of "Dachstag" with them. In Germany, they watched for the badger to come out of his den but in Pennsylvania, groundhogs were more common so they celebrated "Grundaks" on February 2. There was a subsequent movement of German peoples to Kitchener, then all across Canada.

Ontario believes in Wiarton Willie but most provinces have their own tradition of looking down a burrow for their critter to make a weather prediction. So, while I enjoy all this fun, my choice this year was for Shubenacadie Sam in Nova Scotia who refused to come out of his home because of the nasty weather. One smart groundhog.

So as this winter weather continues, I will wait for March 21, when we know that Mother Nature has spring marked on her calendar.



Some people ask “what does the outreach team really do and what does it get involved with?” In short, the team keeps its eye on what is happening in our world, in our community and in our church, especially when it comes to supporting recognized agency requests.

Our monthly Cookie Sundays support local programs related to education, food and shelter including warm blankets in winter. At year-end, we were able to support Five Counties Children’s Services, A Place Called Home, Hospice and Kawartha Food Source. A special donation from the Outreach Team provided a family, selected from Women’s Resources, a joyful Christmas with gifts purchased by the Outreach Team. (see photo below).



On Cookie Sunday, we also give reference to supporting the Mission and Service fund, the outreach arm of the United Church of Canada. Numerous Canadian and worldwide projects are identified where the United Church is giving assistance to better the lives of others.

Under the leadership of Doreen Sinclair and her two volunteer lunch teams, the children at King Albert School receive a nutritious lunch each week and several Cambridge Street volunteers assist with the soup kitchen at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church.

The launch of the 5th annual Canadian Foodgrains Bank appeal has been introduced. This will be a new opportunity to connect with this amazing organization and local farmers. This will be a new partnership between the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and several local farmers.

The outreach team is grateful to have Cambridge Street recognize that our helping hands beyond the church walls give care, support and hope in these challenging times.

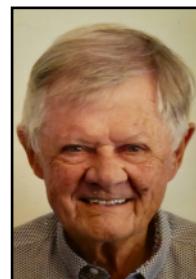
Whether you bake cookies for Cookie Sunday, volunteer your time or donate to our fundraising, you are making a difference.



Absent from the Photo: Doreen Sinclair

Photo Credit: Carl Kimmett

Bob Armstrong spoke to 25 men at the Cambridge Street Men's Group on February 12, 2026. He addressed the issues of supply management. At first blush, you might ask what on earth is supply management. If I want some product, I just go to the nearest grocery store, be it LaMantia's, Loblaws, Valu-mart or a corner store such as Circle K. But, how did those stores get the stock on the shelves for us to purchase?



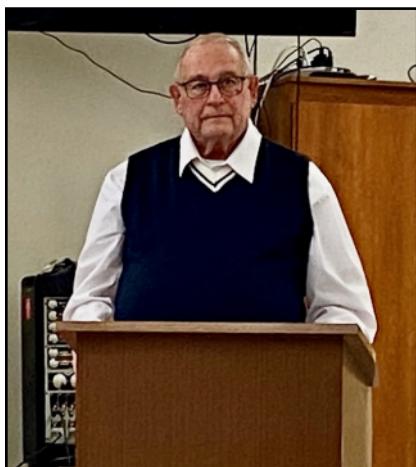
Bob is an expert about the supply of products and the ways to get the products to market. He has served on many organizations addressing the needs of buyers, the delivery of products to the shelf and the ups and downs of marketing and people working therein. The pandemic brought home many problems caught up in the supply of goods.

Of interest, Bob pointed out some of the hurdles of supply in Canada often arise from trade barriers between provinces. This has been a major problem for many decades. Sometimes the problems could be solved if all governments in Canada could just reach agreement not to tax goods coming from another province. After all, this is Canada; not President Trump walloping taxes in order to keep the production in their own back yard. With the difficulties arising from high tariffs imposed by the United States, we in Canada have to find ways to make products and deal with other areas of the world. Let's make a deal should be the way for provinces to survive and get ahead.

Canada needs to increase its production ability with more buildings and equipment. It is cheaper to move products by rail rather than truck transport when it comes to long distances to move the materials. The steel industry will benefit with the construction of bridges and rail products. Supply management of agricultural goods has been a target of the United States in negotiating trade deals. Bob pointed out that in the current Free Trade Agreement between Canada, United States and Mexico, we agreed to some changes in agricultural supply management and in practice, but the Americans did not use the benefit of the tariff reduction they got in the Agreement.

Addressing helping small businesses and small manufacturers should be undertaken, remembering that small businesses employ more people than the big companies.

Some obstructions to Canada being able to produce more are governments and those working in government because there is often a lack of understanding of what needs to be done and how to do it. During the discussion, Lloyd Wicks pointed out that years ago, he could make contact with government offices with the assistance of Bill Scott, our Member of Parliament at the time. Lloyd noted that the government personnel understood the job and were helpful, but today those experienced employees have moved on and the new employees do not have a good understanding of inquiries from people.



All in all, Bob Armstrong was fantastic and enabled all in attendance to have a greater understanding of the management of the chain of supply.

Photo Gallery

P.A. Day - Feb. 6, 2026 - Tour of the Old Lindsay Jail



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