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Director of Recreation, Parks and Properties retires after 42 years

Township of Springwater / August 15, 2019 – After 42 years of service in the municipal sector, Ron Belcourt, the Director of Recreation, Parks & Properties, has announced his retirement effective September 3, 2019. The Director is responsible for overseeing all municipal parks, facilities and recreation programming, as well as creating lasting partnerships with community groups.

Starting his career as a rink employee at the Flos Elmvale Arena in 1977, Belcourt has been a fixture in the community for over four decades. He joined Springwater Township when the municipality was amalgamated in 1994. Later that year, he assisted in the construction of a structural

knowledge of the past.”

When the Township opened its Administration Centre in 2009, Belcourt was the key staff contact during construction. As part of the building committee, he implemented Council’s vision for an environmentally sustainable and responsible building with ample recreation space at the adjacent sports park. The facility achieved a LEED Silver Certification in recognition of its limited impact on the environment.

Belcourt continues to leave a legacy as his retirement looms. Council recently approved a partnership agreement with the newly renovated Elmvale District High School to bring shared facility space to community members. Belcourt was instrumental in orchestrating this financially viable and creative solution. In exchange for capital support and a share of operating expenses, the Township will manage community use of the high school in the evenings and on weekends and school holidays. Community use may include new recreation programming, fitness memberships, and private and public rentals of the performance stage, gymnasium, commercial kitchen, fitness room and more.

Ron Belcourt with grandson Tripp at Homer Barrett Park in Elmvale “It certainly doesn’t feel like it has been 42 years since my first shift when I had to prepare the ice for future Canadian figure skating champions, Michelle Simpson and Brian Orser, to practice,” said Ron Belcourt. “Along the way, I have had the privilege to work with great coworkers, community volunteers, sporting organizations and residents from every part of Springwater. I look forward to the new challenges that await me as I volunteer in the community, spend time at the golf course, and finally attend to the jobs at home that have been put on hold for many years.”

Belcourt will continue to participate in the community as a resident of Springwater.

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addition at the Flos Elmvale Arena—Springwater Township’s first major project as a municipality.

“Ron has shown leadership through times of great change,” said Mayor Don Allen. “His dedication and commitment to the municipality has helped build the Township of Springwater into one of the best communities to live in Ontario. His retirement is tremendously well-deserved and we will miss his expertise, wealth of stories and

Merci from Festival du loup 2019

The Board of Directors at La Meute culturelle de Lafontaine and the Festival du loup Organizing Committee would like to thank everyone who made the 16th annual festival a howling great success, some even say, the best yet!

Thursday evening’s storytelling raised the bar with 2 hours stories, poetry, music and theatre that kept the audience on the edge of their seats and emotions. The venue welcomed the largest audience since storytelling inception 4 years ago and garnered no less than 3 standing ovations!

New acts on the Friday schedule were very much appreciated. The emerging talent show that was held in Penetanguishene for St-Jean Baptiste day in June helped bring the best youth up and comers to the festival stage to the audience’s delight. Magical moment post-show: a bonfire jam under the moon, perfect for people and wolves. The only thing missing was the marshmallows! Also new this year, graffiti artist Mique Michelle took out her spray cans to paint a wolf mural during the live music shows on Friday and Saturday nights. Throughout the weekend, all artists brought out their best and the crowd responded by dancing up a storm in the heat.

The 16th edition was a success on multiple levels, even financially! The wolf auction broke all records for quality of the art and profitability. Funds raised were shared with partner organizations that had provided the painters for the wooden wolves that added beauty to the festival space. Thank you to the Georgian Bay Cancer Centre and the Women’s Art Cooperative! Judging from bar revenues, the festival goers were letting the good times roll. Cheers to a great year!



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A heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who were involved in preparing and carrying out the event: organizers and planners, local businesses, partners, sponsors, 36 tractors and their drivers, and wolf painters among others. The efforts of more than 80 volunteers are to be commended, the largest contingent of help the festival has had, and an increased participation of 36%. Merci!

The spirit of togetherness that the wolf brought out at the turn of the century is alive and well judging from the great number of people who came from near and far to have fun with us in the heart of the Village of Lafontaine, despite the Saturday morning downpour. Merci to all for celebrating French culture, heritage and, especially music with us!

We look forward to another howling good time July 16-18, 2020, and hope you will join us!

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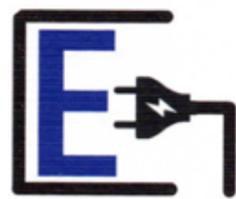
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Editor's Musings

On August 9th, John Prine, a two time Grammy-winner, singer-songwriter, among the English language's premier phrase-turners with music relevant to any age, was scheduled to perform in the Jack Singer Hall in Calgary - and someone had bought me a ticket. Unfortunately, the 72 year old (Oct 10, 1946) had a medical problem - heart I think - and cancelled until June 4th, 2020 same place.

Ticket prices vary from one supplier to another but at the vividseats.com site, they start at \$172 USD and climb to \$324 USD.

Cancelled but I already had my plane ticket so I went west.

I have a credit card that gathers points, I think one point for every dollar I spend. Part of the plan is that for 25,000 points plus tax (usually about \$142), I can fly return anywhere in North America. There are limited flights so if you want the ideal travel arrangement, you should prepare at least 6 months in advance. I didn't so I had to take what was available.

On Thursday, August 8th, I left my truck with brother Charles who dropped me at the Barrie Go Station for the 7:15 am train to Union Station.

At 9:06 I disembarked, walked out unto Front Street, Toronto, stood looking at the Fairmont Hotel, walked to the left hand side of it and just around the corner saw the 'Complementary' bus that takes you for the 10-15 minute ride to the Centre Island Billy Bishop Toronto Airport.

Following the crowd, I skipped the five minute ferry ride which runs every 30 minutes - sometimes 15 minutes - and took to the tunnel underneath. In conversation with another gentleman, he said to come with him. So when some people were taking the escalator, we went to an elevator. After, as we walked down the hall, he said to take a left/right/straight ahead and he parted through a door that I didn't even see. I guess he was an employee.

Getting into the terminal was effortless, I have steel in my leg, and when I passed the scanner, it did not even go into the alert mode. The waiting room is about the size of a hockey ice surface, and there are maybe only three gates out of there. Not sure!

The two main airlines are Porter and Air Canada who has an agreement with the airport for some flights. Everything out of the BB airport are propeller planes as neighbours / residents thought jets were noisier so they have been outlawed.

We flew to Montreal, landed at gate 1 and I hustled to get to gate 51 for the next flight. I arrived in Calgary about an

hour after Margaret Ann who purchased her own tickets because she was going to a convention in Calgary. I do believe the cost of her tickets are paid for by one of her organizations and although she scrimps on the cost as best she can, she (after some 50-100 flights) knows more about flying than me.

Eight days later I came home Air Canada Rouge. It was suggested I download the Air Canada app and thru the wifi offered on the plane (no tv screens), I could watch movies, tv shows and documentaries. There was no place to plug in my phone/ipad/laptop so be prepared.

A year ago in Alberta, I was there. One day, the temperature climbed to almost 40. On this trip, one day was above 20 and mornings started with a temp of well below 10. Since arriving home, I heard there were front warnings out there on the weekend past.

Margaret Ann and I rode the motorcycle to Canmore and back (180 kms) and got hit with six intermittent rainfalls. The best day of all was on Thursday and that was the day we moved her into the Hyatt Regency in downtown Calgary so missed out on a day of riding.

Among the highlights was taking my daughter-in-law to the Legion on Friday at 5 for the draws and eats. Jessie is well known for her participation/overseeing part of the operations at the Rec Centre. We no more than stepped in the door and were invited to sit down with three couples and totally enjoyed ourselves.

Her dad passed 10 years ago and she inherited a 6 cylinder, 1956 Chevrolet Biscayne, 4 door sedan which became my grandson's when he turned 16. In 10 years, the car put on 248 miles. Tim (my son) says the power steering and brakes don't work, the power locks, windows and seats aren't operational, the AC does not work and along with other problems (gas gauge, one door doesn't always open), it has no seatbelts. Of course Tim. None of those items existed then.

But he said take it for a ride and see what kind of reaction you get. Continually, where ever I stopped, someone would walk up and ask / admire and if they were my age, guess the year (first year of dual headlights) and the engine that was probably in it. Usually, they had a little story as well.

I always have a good time out there. There is no rush and as long as I look after my emails as best I can, life is relaxing. I don't have any specific plans as yet but maybe I'll go for another week in September, or later October, or November or....

In the line of 'Not Likely!', the President of the United States says he is interested in buying Greenland. He is being ridiculed for even suggesting it. But in 1867, Andrew Jackson was the president. Newspapers were merciless in deriding him for even suggesting the US buy Alaska. \$7.2 million later - can anyone look back and suggest it was a ridiculous thing to do.

Climate crazies & green activists are at it again Meat eaters should be banished from eating inside restaurants to the outside with smokers to prevent #climate change. The age of insanity has arrived.

Self serve checkouts - we were into a Walmart in our neighbourhood here. There was a lineup at the old check out mythology. There are only a few available and like many stores, not all of them were open. Meanwhile, at the self check out stations, only a few were being used and the one helper was busy with one confused customer while another waited for some help.

In Cochrane, Alberta, the Walmart has no self serves but I was told there were a few in Calgary.

I asked about it in a Costco and was told they had tried some but the customers did not like them so they had divested themselves of the liability.

Occasionally, I have seen an amusing comment were it says that if I wanted to check myself out, I could sit on the computer and shop Amazon.

Will the self serve system be successful?

When the bank in Elmvale got the ATM machine at its entrance, I was one of the people that said I'd never use it but gradually, it became the main way I deposited checks and withdrew money. Then there was not any work for the tellers, they became liabilities and the bank closed. Who would have guessed?

The best way to reveal the fraud of the AGW alarmists is to point out how wrong their forecasts have been during the last 30-40 yrs. That's why they keep moving the time for disaster to 10-20 yrs.+ into the future. Would you trust your money to an analyst who is always wrong?

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Cochrane, Alberta with a population of 30,000 people has 14 liquor (beer and spirits) stores when you google liquor stores. Their legal hours are from 10 am to 12 midnight but most run a 10 to 10 schedule. The price is not controlled by the government so a case of 24 Bud Light could cost \$35 in one store and \$40 in another. When you get to the counter, there is the 5% GST plus a 10 cent per can/bottle deposit fee refundable when you take them back to the recycling store.

They have one Cannabis store open and the okay has been given for six more. The wheels of government - red tape - don't always operate as fast as one would wish. All six of these applicants have their stores prepared and are paying their rent and other costs but with no income as yet, in some cases, finances are a little strained.

Thank you for the current warm period. It is much improved over the early 1970s when the world was cooler and everyone was afraid the next ice age was starting.

This morning, on CBC, the young gentleman was asked if he knew how to drive a stick shift as apparently, in the US of A, there has been a surge in the purchases of standard geared vehicles versus automatics. He didn't!

That got me thinking.

The first vehicle I drove was a 1946 VA Case tractor with four gears forward and obviously reverse.

Then we had the David Browns with two ranges and three gears ahead.

Dad had an Owatonna Swather with two levers and the more you pushed them forward, the faster you went.

The first car I drove was the three on a tree standard shift then we got a truck that has a 4 speed standard transmission.

Then the 68 Firebird had a 4 speed Muncie transmission.

Our next swather, the Versatile, had a hydrostatic drive so the more you pushed the one lever on you right, the other hand was on the steering wheel, the faster you went.

We had an old truck with two shift levers and I think it had 18 speeds. As you shifted up or down, you shifted both levers on almost every gear change.

Another truck I drove has a little pin on the gear shift and you pulled it up or pushed it down for whatever range you wanted to be in.

An army truck we had was an automatic, the same as a 9 speed automatic grader I once operated.

The 870 Case we had was a shuttle shift. You would put it in gear and thru the shuttle, there were three speeds per gear.

The ATVs we have had were either a three speed or four speed and the motorcycles have varied between four speeds all the way to six speeds.

So Charles, do you remember driving some of them?

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Bay Light Orchestra is a newly founded not-for-profit community organization, based in the Midland / North Simcoe area. Its mission is to provide a unique playing opportunity for musicians of all ages. The orchestra plays music from many genres and styles including jazz, rock and classical and the focus is on developing skills and having fun! **We are holding a registration evening on Thursday 5th September at First for Safety, Fourth St Midland at 7:00.** If you wish to join us or find out more about the orchestra we would be delighted to meet you.

We have grown since our inception in October 2018 and we have needed to hire a space in Georgian Bay Secondary School to accommodate the 17+ musicians from our area. The Orchestra is continuing to grow as word gets around North Simcoe, and press articles, social media are aiding the venture. We had a successful and well-supported first concert in May and we are looking forward to playing some wonderful Christmas music and songs from the shows as part of this season's repertoire.

The orchestra is the vision of its Music Director, Hilary Braime, who is a local professional musician and educator who has recently re-located to Canada from the UK. Hilary was trained at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and the Royal Academy of Music, London UK and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organization. She also runs classes for orchestral strings in the area. Hilary strongly believes in providing musical activity for all members of the ever-changing community and particularly encourages youth participation as well as those who may have retired and wish to re-vitalize a former skill on an instrument.

Bay Light Orchestra is uniquely cross-generational and inclusive with our players age ranging from 9-80! We have been lucky to have some really experienced and skilled players as well as those starting out in the orchestral world. As a Corporation, we have brought together an excellent Board of directors with a vast range of experience and skills to bring to the Orchestra administration and sustainability. All of these volunteers along with a volunteer professional musician as Music Director have made it possible to create Bay Light Orchestra from scratch. We are still seeking board members, sponsors and players, so if you wish to find out more about us, please contact our Music Director, Hilary Braime at hbraime57@gmail.com or call 705 529 2947. If you think you may have skills to offer as a board member, or if you wish to sponsor or donate to the orchestra please contact 705 209 1709. Sponsors and donors are always acknowledged in our programs and social media.

How can you stop ice cubes from sticking to the tray?

Coat your ice cube tray with vegetable oil spray before filling with water. This may help a little if you have stubborn trays or stubborn ice.

County takes further steps to help get waste materials off the streets

Midhurst/August 14, 2019 – The County continues to experience impacts to curbside waste collection services and is now taking further steps to get waste materials off the streets.

In addition to prioritizing garbage and organics to minimize collection misses of these materials, the County has brought in additional contractors to assist in the collection of recycling. Due to this shift in resources and the high priority placed on the collection of garbage, organics and recycling by our residents, County Council voted to cancel this year's curbside collection of electronics, which had been scheduled to occur from September 16 through 27, to allow more resources to focus on the collection of garbage, organics and recycling materials through the end of September.

"This decision was not taken lightly by Council or staff," said Warden George Cornell. "We pride ourselves in providing a high level of service and innovative and convenient waste collection programs to our residents. Hearing from our residents the importance of garbage, organics and recycling pick ups, we have taken the necessary action to prioritize these services. We apologize for the inconvenience and please know that staff and Council are working hard to ensure that our contractor meets our service expectations."

Residents are reminded that electronics can be dropped off at a County [waste management facility](#) free of charge at any time throughout the year during regular operating hours.

These actions are being taken since the County's contractor, Waste Connections, continues to experience challenges with staffing due to labour shortages, drivers reaching their maximum legally permitted hours to operate, and increased summer waste volumes. These issues are compounded by the heat and humidity, among other factors. The best way to receive information in real time is through the new Simcoe County Collects app, which can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play free of charge.

What residents need to know for August and September:

1. Materials should be set out at your curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day and left until 8 p.m. as routes are being adjusted
2. We are prioritizing the collection of **garbage and green bin organics** in order to reduce odour and animal impacts. Crews may return the next day for collection of garbage and organics if missed on your regular day, so please place these items back at the curb by 7 a.m. the following day
3. We expect further recycling collection misses. If **recycling** is missed, please bring recycling materials in from the curb for double collection on your next regularly scheduled day unless otherwise directed (see point 4 below)
4. In some instances, recycling collection crews will be sent out to zones which have been missed on alternate service days including Saturdays as resources allow. Alerts to these alternate service days will be posted through the County's channels:
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5. If missed, residents are encouraged to utilize cardboard boxes, plastic storage boxes, and blue or clear plastic bags for overflow recyclables. As always, to reduce issues with odours and contamination of recyclables, cans, bottles and cartons should be rinsed. Curbside electronics collection has been cancelled for 2019. As always, electronic materials can be dropped off free of charge at any County [waste management facility](#) during regular operating hours. Our new Simcoe County Collects app features information on all our waste management facilities, including their locations and operating hours

Wyevale's News Ruth Ann Caston 527-5274

Birthday wishes go out Charlie Stephenson, Bunny Hussey, Nayssa Hales, Jonathan Kanopoulos, Ryan Marley, Hunter Morrow, Russ Robitaille, Brenda Savage, Syd Small, Marilyn Bumstead, Lisa Bechard and Zachary Marion

Don't forget to get your tickets at the store for the corn roast in the church centre on Saturday, August 24 from 6:30 to 9:30. Music provided by Hy Five Country. Adults are \$5.00 and children are free. Activities provided for the children and all ages are invited to attend.

Marilyn Bumstead is now residing at 750 King Street in Midland. She would like to see your company.

Bid euchre starts up again on Friday, September 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. Adults \$2.50. Prizes & light lunch. Everyone welcome.

Sympathy goes out to Kim Nightingale and family on the passing of her husband Larry.

Wyevale U.C.W. meeting is on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

We hope all the school children had a great summer and are ready to go back to school to see their new teachers and all their friends again.

Anyone with news items for the paper please call me and leave a message at 705-527-5274

Once upon a time, there were four people; Their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it. So consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.

What is cinnamon, and where is it produced?
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Springwater Barns

Cathy Walton has been researching barns in Flos and Vespra Townships (now Springwater) for the last six years and has published the results in the book “Vanishing Barns”.
If you are interested in a copy, please contact Cathy at 705 728-1388 or snow-flake53@mail.com.

Concession 8, Lot 9 and 10, Vespra Township
2011 Mayer Road, Springwater Township

Concession 8, Lot 9 and 10, Vespra Township
2011 Mayer Road, Springwater Township

Owners		
1997	Bernie and Katherine (MacInnis) Mayer Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority bought 92 acres (Lot 10)	Built: L shaped barn built in 1878, second smaller barn built around 1928 Dimensions: 40 x 70' and 32 x 30', later barn 30 x 45'
1964-present	Bernhard (Benny) and Christa (Rehling) Mayer 200 acres	Features: main beam is from a single 70' tree, a plank on threshing floor is 19" wide
1954-1964	Niilo and Martta Klementi Tom Shaw and Rella Payton Herb Johnston	Materials: Three sides of the foundation are of stone, with the front of cedar block construction.
~1887 ¹	Fishers built current house O. F. Wright	Water Source: artesian well



Bernie and Benny replaced many of the sleepers in the main barn with trees from their woodlot.



The hay fork was pushed into the hay on the barn floor. The horse then pulled the rope up through the carriage. Once the load hit the carriage it would go across the mow and be released by the trip rope.

Fishers built the current house after the log house had burnt. Herb Johnston set up a slaughter house on the property and sold beef around the area during the depression. The 12 x 16' slaughter house remains with a 36 inch pulley still in place. Klementis had pigs and cattle hauled to the Toronto stock yards and chickens sent to the Archie stock yard in Toronto. Klementis had a sauna in the basement which neighbours would pay 25 cents to use Sundays after church. Bernie and Katherine removed the sauna during renovations.

The larger barn had pigs and cattle below with hay, straw and grain above. A hay fork is still attached to a track hung at the very top of the barn. The smaller barn had a small pen for cattle with hay, straw and grain above. There was no floor above the granary and the straw was stacked on the beams using planks to stand on. After a rainfall Benny's daughters Joanne and Madelaine helped to roll the bales of hay or straw in the field to dry before they were put into the barns.

Benny Mayer started raising pigs when he and his wife Christa first bought the farm in 1964. When the piglets were born they were placed under heat lamps to keep them warm. Sons Bernie and Stuart would sometimes fall asleep under the piglets heat lamp. Benny did not have a tractor the first couple of years so when the Co-op delivered 200 bags of feed in the winter they were left at the end of the driveway. Benny and his brother-in-law Hanz Rehling would drag the bags to the barn with a toboggan. When the price of pigs fell Benny introduced cattle to the farm. In 1981 Benny was kicked in the leg by a cattle beast. Shortly after, he got out of livestock altogether. Today the farm is cash cropped and wheat, corn and soy beans grown.

Katherine and Bernie Mayer, Roy Klementi.



Prior to barn boards being replaced, the lettering at the top of the barn read 1878, with O F W, standing for O.F. Wright.



The view from the back shows foundations made from wood, stone and cement.

Vanishing Barns



Remembering The Gentle Giants
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by Cathy Walton

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Smashfest VIII

Last year I had the great privilege of attending Smashfest, a charity Ping Pong tournament hosted by NHL player Dominic Moore in the name of concussion and cancer research. I was so blown away by last years event that I really wasn't sure if this years edition could meet the bar it set, and man was I ever wrong.

Smashfest offers an incredible fan experience that provides an unparalleled access to the some of the NHLs brightest stars. Those attending the event can enter their name for a chance to play in the pro-am, where you get teamed up with an NHL player for a quick tournament before the main event.

The event is catered with all kinds of delicious appetizers, an open bar, and even has an auction where you can bid on all kinds of sports related



items. The main auction item from this year's event was an autographed picture by none other than Tiger Woods.

In the main event, this years star studded cast featured the likes of Mark Scheifele, Fredrik Andersson and new Maple Leaf Alexander Kerfoot. Ultimately it was the now five time reigning champ Patrick Eaves who took home the title.

Another year, another amazing Smashfest in the books. Smashfest once again exceeded all the hype and expectations that surrounded it. Year-after-year this event provides an amazing opportunity for fans and players of the great game of hockey to come together in support of a great cause. If you're an NHL fan living in the GTA, I strongly encourage you to make Smashfest a staple of your summers going forward. Once again, Smashfest is Atmosphere approved!

Georgian offering one-on-one help to people who want to go back to college

Georgian is hosting an event on Aug. 20 to support mature students interested in going back to college – whether full-time or to study part-time.

Get Help to Go Back offers an opportunity to connect with college admissions and recruitment staff. Participants can speak to a career consultant, go on a campus tour, get one-on-one support with both full- and part-time program research, college applications, and more.

Plus, if you apply in person at the event, Georgian will cover your Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) application fee.

“We've had a great response to our Get Help to Go Back events – especially for those who have been out of school for a while,” said Kailey Hawkins, Interim Manager of Student Recruitment at Georgian. “If you're thinking of training for a new career but aren't sure where to start, our knowledgeable and friendly staff from our student recruitment team, part-time studies and academic upgrading are here to help with ideas and provide information about how to take that next step. We can make the process easier for mature learners.”

Anyone interested in participating should [RSVP online](#) to ensure adequate staffing. Get Help to Go Back will take place at all seven campus locations in Barrie, Midland, Muskoka (Bracebridge), Orillia, Owen Sound, Orangeville and South Georgian Bay (Collingwood), from 5 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 20.

Participants are welcome to bring family and friends



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Upcoming Meetings

Heritage Advisory Committee | August 27
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Committee of Adjustment | August 28
7:00 p.m. at the Township Admin. Centre

Cultural Advisory Committee | September 3
6:30 p.m. at the Township Admin. Centre

Council Meeting | September 4
6:30 p.m. at the Township Admin. Centre

Bidding Opportunities

The Township is currently accepting bids for the following:

Closes at 2:00 p.m. on August 29, 2019

- 2019-17-PW Engineering Services for the Design & Rehabilitation for the St. Vincent Street Bridge

Closes at 2:00 p.m. on September 5, 2019

- 2019-11-PW Twinning - Anten Mills Standpipe
- 2019-31-PW Double Micro-Surface and Single Surface Treatment

Visit springwater.bidsandtenders.ca for details and to register for upcoming bids.

We're Hiring

The Township is currently recruiting:

- **IT Technician (full-time, permanent)**
Apply by 12 p.m. on August 30, 2019
- **Director of Finance/Treasurer (full-time, permanent)**
Apply by 12 p.m. on September 13, 2019

Interested applicants may submit their resume:

- Online at springwater.ca/careers
- In person at the Township Administration Centre
- By mail to the attention of Human Resources at 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, Ontario, L9X 1A8

Read the full job postings and see more information at springwater.ca/careers.

The Township Administration Centre will be closed for Labour Day on Monday, September 2. For after hours assistance, please contact 705-725-2715.

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Did you know that the current municipal office is located on the former site of the Midhurst Forest Station that began operating in 1922? The Township of Springwater (est. 1994) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year by holding a special event during Doors Open. Activities for the whole family will take place at the Township Administration Centre located at 2231 Nursery Road in Minesing, including building tours, surprise giveaways, and displays of cultural, political and natural artifacts.

Be part of our exhibit

Share your photos of what culture and history in Springwater mean to you! We're looking for residents' photos to feature at our Doors Open event. Your photo can be of the past or present, featuring our natural heritage, agriculture, events, community and everything between. Submit your photo(s) online at springwater.ca/DoorsOpen or by email to Janine.Peck@springwater.ca.

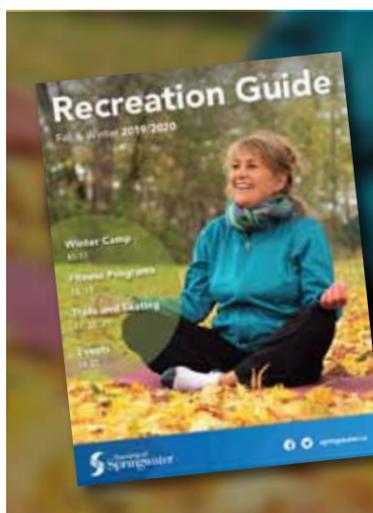
2019 Fall Watermain Flushing Notice

Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) will be flushing watermain for the Township of Springwater on operated water systems in your area. Please REDUCE water use from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. so that OCWA can effectively complete the maintenance.

Dates and locations

- September 23 to September 27: Midhurst and Minesing water systems
- September 30 to October 4: Elmvale, Snow Valley and Vespra Downs water systems
- October 7 to October 11: Del Trend (this includes Carson Road, Glen Huron Drive, Paddy Dunn's Circle, Anthony Crescent, Deluca Crescent, Kanata Crescent, Channen Crescent and Wendat Trail) and Hillsdale water systems
- October 15 to October 18: Anten Mills and Phelpston water systems

For more information, please visit springwater.ca/water.



2019/2020 Fall & Winter Recreation Guide

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Back to School Blow Out Sale

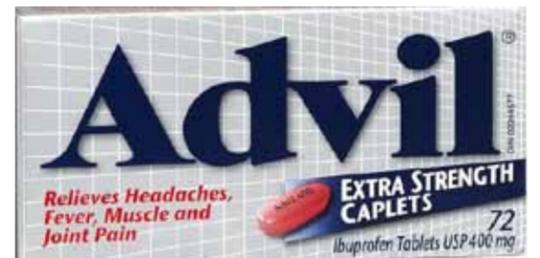
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Letters to the Editor Please include phone number with any L to E

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We're in a climate emergency. Let's act like it.

Dear Editor,
For weeks, I've been among the thousands of people in Canada calling for the CBC to host a federal leaders' debate on climate change and a Green New Deal. We're calling on the CBC to fulfill its mandate as our national, public broadcaster and ensure that voters across Canada have the information they need to cast their vote to tackle climate emergency.

Earlier this year, Canada declared a national climate emergency. Before and after that, dozens of cities and towns have done the same and, according to the CBC's journalistic standards and practices, our national broadcaster has a responsibility, during national emergencies, to provide special, critical coverage. This is one of those moments.

The CBC can and should host this debate, but every media outlet in Canada, including this one, should support this critical debate. The IPCC has given us 11 years to get our act together and keep global temperature rise below catastrophic levels. The government we elect this fall will lead us through 4 of those years, and it's up to our media to ensure voters have the information they want and need to cast a vote for real climate action.

Thank you, Sincerely,
Noel Macartney

Shaming PC PAINT male driver

My husband and I were going to the Toronto-Dominion Bank in Wasaga Beach shortly after noon on August 2, 2019. My husband has a disability sticker, however no disability spots were free and we had to park two rows back. As we were walking to the bank along the side of the drive, the above vehicle slowed beside my husband and the male driver yelled at him "move your fat ass". He walks with a cane, has major spinal injuries and two replacement knees - so yes he is a little slow and careful! I am the only person allowed to remark on his "ass" and it is nice and tight and definitely not fat - he is almost 80 years old. Another gentleman walking with a cane observed this interaction and suggested that my husband wallop him with his cane - he did not do so.

PC PAINT then parked in the now free disability spot and as I wrote down his plate information, there did not appear to be a disability sticker visible at the front of his windshield area. I plan to petition the aging control witches to have PC PAINT'S ass drop one half inch each month, for life.

Maret Wannamaker, Phelpston

Policy Statements

To: John Brassard Conservative M P for Barrie Innisfil

Recently you sent a message to your constituents in which you outline the policies of the Conservative leader, Andrew Scheer. While most of the statements are dream catchers - our government should be a "force for peace and freedom", and a "disciplined protector of tax dollars". All good stuff. The message goes on to state that Canada should be "a welcoming land of refuge for the world's persecuted and afflicted" - very encouraging rhetoric, but how many millions of people are persecuted? The number must be in the millions, and how many more are afflicted? Perhaps a billion or more?

Does the Conservative party seriously consider welcoming all those who are persecuted and afflicted? As a motherhood statement I understand the desire of Mr. Scheer to be seen as the champion of the oppressed and downtrodden, but to suggest that such a goal would become the policy of potentially our next government is a concern.

War is a constant threat - the Middle East, India / Pakistan, Russia and the Ukraine - the list is endless, and Andrew Scheer is promoting Canada as a refuge for those in peril - has he considered the ramifications of his assertions?

Or given the disruptions to our weather patterns due to global warming, how well will Mr. Scheer's promises hold up if drought wipes out crops in southern Europe and north Africa - millions of people will be looking for a refuge. Is the Conservative Party, assuming it can form the next government, willing to stand by its commitment?

Yes, Canada should welcome immigrants, yes, our government should offer aid when disaster strikes. But Canada should not be thought of a "refuge" for any and all seeking relief.

When God commanded Noah to build an ark, quotas were established. Perhaps Mr. Scheer should temper his rhetoric.

Joffe McCleary Barrie Ontario

Province Moves to Constrain Conservation Authorities' Programs and Services

NEWMARKET (August 19, 2019) Conservation authorities and Conservation Ontario are stunned by a letter that the Province circulated recommending that conservation authorities start shutting down any programs not related to their 'core mandate' as described by the Province in the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act earlier this year.

Conservation authorities (CAs) and their member municipalities received letters from Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), addressed to 'whom it may concern' on Friday evening (August 16) recommending that CAs start to wind down any programs not directly related to their 'core mandate'.

"This is confusing and extremely disappointing," said Kim Gavine, General Manager of Conservation Ontario, the Association which represents Ontario's 36 conservation authorities. Conservation authorities provide a wide variety of watershed management programs in partnership with all levels of government. These programs help to reduce or prevent the costly and devastating damages of flooding, protect water resources, help to reduce pollution from getting to the Great Lakes and support healthy watersheds.

"We've been caught completely by surprise," Gavine said. "We've been working for months in good faith with the government to make a number of planning and development approvals streamlining changes to support their agenda to eliminate the deficit and implement the Housing Strategy." There was no consultation with Conservation Ontario or the CAs about this letter before it was circulated.

"I can only assume they are trying to avoid criticism about downloading conservation authorities' programs and services to municipalities," she said. Conservation authorities' provincial funding for natural hazards was reduced by 50 percent earlier this year. Gavine pointed out that what the government is proposing isn't taking into consideration the fact that the CA Act is still a work in progress.

"The changes being proposed by the government to the Conservation Authorities Act haven't even been proclaimed and we are only starting discussions about the regulations that go with the legislation which will specify which actual programs and services are mandatory," she said. After mandatory programs and services are agreed upon by the Province and conservation authorities, then CAs can begin to negotiate the remaining non-mandatory programs with their member municipalities.

"It was a very pre-emptive move that disregards the process and relationship that conservation authorities and municipalities have together." 30

For more information: Kim Gavine, General Manager, Conservation Ontario 905.895.0716 ext 231 (Cell) 905.251.3268 kgavine@conservationontario.ca

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Across

- 1 Baking container
- 4 Realizes
- 8 Quick on the uptake
- 11 Implement
- 12 Module
- 13 Neither here ___ there
- 14 Pose
- 15 It might just come to you
- 16 Mole
- 17 Lacks
- 19 Filled a sketchpad
- 21 Pay for
- 23 Kind of fire
- 26 Mediator
- 30 Leaves home?
- 31 Regarded guardedly
- 32 Creative people
- 34 Wheels' partner
- 36 ___ - brush?
- 37 The Oilers, for one
- 39 Takes charge
- 43 One to thank
- 45 People of a Broadway show
- 47 Boot part
- 48 Q-Tip target
- 49 "Trick" joint
- 50 "Takes ___ to know ..."
- 51 Have real existence
- 52 Spring purchase
- 53 Common door sign

Down

- 1 Word on a door
- 2 Atlas section
- 3 NBA team
- 4 Feliciano's instrument
- 5 Denouement
- 6 Seven up, e.g.
- 7 Watch intently
- 8 Makes a comeback
- 9 Make a sharp explosive noise
- 10 Assay
- 18 Threads companion
- 20 Aggregate
- 22 Darjeeling or oolong
- 24 Big Apple player
- 25 Twenty Questions answer
- 26 Canadian fox
- 27 Word with electric or socket
- 28 Main picture
- 29 The 60's was a protest ___
- 33 Oblique
- 35 Gridiron stat
- 38 Stable locks
- 40 Tittle
- 41 Over
- 42 Observed
- 43 Vote for
- 44 Stick in the water
- 46 Call

Noise Bylaw ENFORCED

Dear Editor/Mike -

I thoroughly enjoy every issue of your Springwater News. Thank you so much for doing all that is necessary to keep the paper up and running and out and available - so informative and so appreciated!

I'm writing just to add a comment to D.R.M.'s timely and appreciated L to E, Noise Bylaw ENFORCED.

I certainly agree with all the points made and find the noise not only a nuisance but as someone with a hearing disorder (neuralgia induced auditory hypersensitivity), the extreme noise literally causes me excruciating pain.

My point, however, is this. I'm very sorry to tell you that as someone who spends about \$1500 a week on "lifestyle" - in restaurants, at home decor stores and gardening centres, bakeries, local cheese shops, and farm stands etc. - I have stopped doing so in our local communities because of the people operating these motorcycles and other unnecessarily loud (offensive and assaultive!) vehicles. And I know from neighbours and friends that they are doing the same thing. If you do see me out, I'm the one with the NR33 yellow earplugs in - I cannot chance getting hurt by one of these arrogant yet obviously insecure vehicle operators. I use that language specifically because the vehicles aren't as much the issue as the people choosing to use the vehicles to create the noise.

So, thanks to D.R.M. for revisiting this very important issue and for you publishing it.

And just to recap, among the so many other problems they cause, we must also recognize the significant, negative economic impacts these excessive noise-makers have on our communities.

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BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

BLUFF & DOUBLE-BLUFF

By: Brian Gunnell

E-W Vulnerable

South West North East
1NT Pass 3NT All Pass

♠ QT3					
♥ T7					
♦ QJT95					
♣ A98					
♠ A872	North				♥ K95
♥ A84	West				♦ Q652
♦ 832		East			♣ 764
♣ T75			Declarer		♠ QJ3
					♠ J64
					♥ KJ93
					♦ AK
					♣ K642

South opens a 15-17 1NT, opposite which a 9-point hand is very much on the borderline between bidding game and inviting game. But North's 9-pointer is a particularly fine specimen, what with that 5-card suit and all those lovely Tens, so in this case North has no qualms whatsoever about bidding 3NT directly.

West's opening lead is his 4th best Spade to East's King. East returns the Spade Nine and, in this situation, it sometimes pays for West to duck the trick, thereby maintaining communications between the E-W hands (so that East still has a Spade to lead if and when he gets in again). But here that is not necessary. West has the ♥A as a fast entry and has no need to duck the second Spade. So, West wins the ♠A and leads a third round, won by Dummy's Queen.

At this point, Declarer has 8 top tricks and must guess the Heart suit correctly if she is to make her contract. When she leads a Heart from Dummy should she play the King or the Jack? It may seem like a pure guess, but in fact Declarer has a clue. West didn't duck that second Spade! Presumably he didn't think it was necessary, and the strong inference is that West has a fast entry, namely the ♥A. So Declarer finesses the Jack and brings home her contract!

If West is a truly devious fellow (and many bridge players are) then he might duck the second Spade anyway, even though it is unnecessary. That could prompt an alert Declarer to conclude that West has no fast entry, and therefore that the ♥A must be with East. In that case, Declarer hops up with the King and goes down one! Then again, if Declarer knows that West is of the devious persuasion, she might smell a rat and guess right anyway. And if West guesses that Declarer will smell a rat then he might ...

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ANTEN MILLS NEWS

by Dennis Gannon

Where to start? That's the question I've had to ask myself as I sat down to write this edition's column. There are a number of items that will be of interest so in what order do I put them in. Pondering is over and here we go.



In the last edition I wrote about Clarke's blueberries and how tasty and plentiful they were. I went out last week and picked with Joan and as you can see from the photo, they are big and take my word, tasty. It took us less than 10 minutes to pick 3 litres and we only picked from 2 bushes. We were told that next week will likely be the last for picking so if you haven't gone by, do so. Cauliflower and broccoli were on the self serve stand and you can't get any fresher than farm picked.

The summer vacation is coming to a close and the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association is all set to welcome everyone back into the village with the second annual Anten Mills Fall Family Fun Day. This is a welcome revival of a community tradition that slid away. Held the Saturday after the September long weekend, it's going to be a fun filled active day. Starting at 11AM, there will be events for all ages. Returning this year are the Obstacle Course bouncy castle, the Henna tattoo artist and the skateboard park. As well there will be family games of musical chairs, limbo contests, tug of war, jumbo Jenga, Connect 4 as well new this year Bingo, a classic favourite. For the foodies, there will be a bake sale along with a lunchtime bbq. For the older kids (or adults thinking they are kids) horseshoes will be back starting at 1. Get your partner ready for some afternoon fun. The organizers have done a superb job of arranging a fun filled day. But they need help. All the hard work of organizing is done and they need a number of people, young or old to donate an hour or so to supervise the events. This is an excellent opportunity for those new or returning high school students to work on their hours or a family to get involved in a small way initially and perhaps take on a bigger role for future events. If you want more information on volunteering, check the Anten Mills community Facebook page or drop me a note. We will be happy to share the information. So remember the date, Saturday September 7 starting at 11 and wrapping up around 3 and we will see you there. As with all our events, we will be accepting donations for the food bank which is in short supply at this time so please give generously.

If you follow Springwater Township on Twitter or their news links, you may have seen that the Township Council approved the purchase of 12 SaveStations. SaveStations are best described as a weatherproof house for Automatic External Defibrillators or AED. Public access AED are lifesaving devices that are used in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest, the number one killer behind cancer. Placed outside, the AED will be accessible 24/7/365 for the public to use. We will be moving our AED from inside the community hall to the exterior in early fall. There is much more to report on this so watch this column for more information as it becomes available.

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NVCA Media Release

UTOPIA, Ontario (August 9, 2019) – Today, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) released a new Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP). The purpose of the plan is to guide how the NVCA manages the watershed and its resources over the next 20 years.

When developing the plan, the NVCA consulted with its eighteen watershed municipalities, three county partners, the agricultural and development communities and non-governmental organizations. First Nations groups were also contacted as part of the consultation process.

Through the consultation and the Conservation Authorities Act, the IWMP has a strong focus on the environmental, economic and social needs of the watershed. These issues are addressed by managing both natural resources and human activities together.

"This is a very important document for the NVCA and everyone who lives, works and plays in our watershed," said Doug Hevenor, CAO of NVCA. "By maintaining a healthy environment, it enables us to have healthy lifestyles, recreational opportunities and business growth."

The issues addressed in the IWMP are: water quality and quantity, flood and erosion management, resilient biodiversity and habitats, sustainable economic and recreation opportunities, improved quality of life and neighbourhood desirability, and the ability of the watershed to adapt to stressors such as climate change and urban growth.

"The NVCA understands that our watershed is changing all the time," continued Hevenor. "The Integrated Watershed Management Plan is designed to be a living document so that it can be revisited and updated to reflect these changes."

The IWMP was partially funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Climate Implementation Fund.

For more information about the IWMP or how it was put together, [please visit NVCA's website](http://www.nvca.on.ca).

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Township, Ron Belcourt has announced his retirement. I had the privilege of being a working colleague of Ron when I was with the township and we have always been in contact with each other over the years on projects and events at the community centre and parks. On behalf of all of us in Anten Mills we wish you a long and prosperous retirement Ron and now you will get to be a volunteer!

In this the last local entrepreneurs list I would introduce you to Edward Wilson, cabinet and kitchen builder, Paul Priest, President of Sexton's Mechanical Ltd., Michelle Weller, realtor and Don Jacques of ADEC Electrical Services.

That's all for this edition. As always send me your announcements or information at antenmills1@gmail.com

Phelpston Horseshoe Tournament



It was a great day for horseshoes in Phelpston on Sunday August 4th. Another successful Phelpston Winger Dinger with 15 ladies teams and 14 men's teams battling it out for the coveted championship titles. This year saw some new names on the trophies. Nancy Daniels and Robyn Cooper took the ladies championship and Cam Cooper and Joey Hayes won the men's.



The Horseshoe Tournament has been an ongoing event in Phelpston for many years. It is always great to see so many come out and support our community. This is our biggest fundraiser and all money raised goes directly back into the community. We would like to thank Springwater Township for all of their support, the new pavilion was definitely appreciated as an escape from the sun! And a huge thank you to the many volunteers that give their time to make this amazing community event happen.

The Phelpston Winger Dinger occurs every year on the Sunday of the August long weekend. Mark your calendars and come out to join us next year!

Phelpston Parks and Recreation Committee

Rinse your washing machine.
Over time detergent builds up on the inner working of your washing machine, forcing it to work harder and slowing it down.

Simple fix: 2 or 3 times a year run a couple extra rinse cycles through it. First, add 4 or 5 cups of white, distilled vinegar to a hot water rinse cycle. Follow it up with another cycle of clean water. The vinegar will help clean out the gunk while the second rinses out any residue.

Splatters inside the microwave make it work harder, which can wear it down over time. Microwaves heat all the food you put inside it, including the stuff stuck to the walls.

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Master Plan Survey

What should a 21st century library look like in Springwater Township? We're reaching out to you about what

you want in a library and how to make your library as useful as possible to the residents, students and businesses in Springwater Township. We have a quick and easy 26 question survey for you that is **open until August 24, 2019**. Please visit our website and let us know what you want!

Our Open House Events are taking place: **Monday September 9, 6:30pm-8pm at Elmvale Branch, Tuesday September 10, 6:30pm-8pm at Midhurst Branch, Wednesday September 11, 2pm-3:30pm at the Springwater Township Admin Building and Wednesday September 11, 6:30pm-8pm at Minesing Branch.** The open house events promise to be fun and painless (we have treats!).



Lego Building Challenge

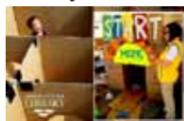
All ages are welcome to our weekly Lego building challenges happening throughout July and August! **Tuesdays in August 10:30am Midhurst Branch and Fridays in August 10:30am in Elmvale Branch.**



Summer Party!

Participants of the Summer Reading Camp or Club can purchase a \$5 ticket (adult or child) and join us at Rounds Ranch to celebrate a fun summer! All children must be accompanied by an adult (any additional adults are required to

pay full price for their ticket). Due to our private use of Rounds Ranch no food or drink service is available so please pack your water/snacks. **Tuesday August 19, 1:30pm-3:30pm Rounds Ranch (rain date Tuesday August 26).** A limited number of tickets can be purchased at your library branch.



Family Event Build a Maze

Families are encouraged to come race the maze everyone worked hard to build in the library using cardboard and it's beautifully decorated by you as well! **Friday August 26-Friday August 31.**



Kids Spa Day

Ages 7+ sign up with your friends and make some Key Lime Body Butter, paint your nails and indulge in some treats! **Saturday August 24, 1pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost \$3. Registration required.**



EarlyON Summer Hours

Please note the following changes to hours during August: **Elmvale Branch:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-3:30pm (one hour lunch closure 12noon-1pm) and **Midhurst Branch:** Fridays 9am-12noon.



Labour Day Holiday

Happy Labour Day! We will be **closed Monday September 2** and will reopen to regular branch hours on Tuesday September 3.



Regular Programming Returns!

September marks the return of some of our regular programming that took a break over summer: **Storytime** Tuesdays 10:30am at Midhurst Branch (starting September 10) and Fridays 10:30am at Elmvale Branch (starting September 20). **Tangled Threadz** the third Thursday of each month, 1pm-3pm at Midhurst Branch. **EarlyON** hours at the Elmvale Branch return to 9:30am-4pm (one hour closure for lunch 12noon-1pm). **EarlyON** hours at Midhurst Branch remain as 9am-12noon.



Ladies Movie Night Out

We are hosting a special PG-13 movie featuring "The Hustle" with Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson on **Friday September 6, 7pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost \$3.**

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Love Me Tender, Love Me Sweet

Ontario's tender fruit is in season now – enjoy a tasty treat

Summer is in full swing, and so are Ontario's peaches, pears, plums, cherries, nectarines, apricots and Coronation grapes. Pick up an array of these sweet treats while they are at their most ripe and flavourful at your local grocery stores, on-farm markets and farmers' markets across the province.

"Our hardworking farmers are harvesting a bounty of healthy, delicious tender fruit for you to enjoy right now," said Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "I invite everyone to eat, drink and be 'cherry' this summer with Ontario's terrific tender fruits."

"Summer is here, and that means consumers across Ontario can enjoy the sun and the wonderfully sweet tree-ripened fruit that farmers have nurtured over the spring," said Sarah Marahall, Manager of Ontario Tender Fruit Growers. "We encourage everyone to overindulge in peaches, nectarines, plums, grapes, apricots and pears before the trees and vines take a rest in the fall."

Ontario's tender fruit is delicious and nutritious. Peaches, nectarines and apricots are a good source of vitamin C, while pears are a great source of fibre. Plums are high in potassium, and cherries and grapes are high in antioxidants and folic acid.

Quick Facts

- The Niagara fruit belt produces 90 per cent of Ontario's tender fruit crop.
- For more than 40 years, Foodland Ontario has connected with families on how to recognize, prepare and enjoy locally grown foods.
- To know when all your local fruits and vegetables are in season, visit Foodland Ontario's Availability Guide.
- For storage tips, recipes and to learn more, visit Ontario Tender Fruit Growers.

De-Gunk Your Grill with an Onion Sponge
Onions are super cleaners for your barbecue. That's because they contain allicin, an antimicrobial. Just heat your grill to high, then halve an onion, skewer it on a fork and rub the cut side over the grates. If any burnt-on food is stubborn, squeeze on lemon juice - its acidity will break down the residue.



Family Movie Event

All ages can enjoy our special movie feature "Secret Life of Pets 2" on **Saturday September 14, 1pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost \$3.**



Lego Coding Club

Ages 6-10 can sign up now for a special club that focuses on the new Lego coding product. We'll learn how to program movement, make a sound or flash colours.

This program is limited to 8 participants so be sure to sign up soon! There is no cost for this program. **Mondays September 16, 23 & October 7 from 4:15pm-5pm at Midhurst Branch or Thursdays September 19, 26 & October 3 from 3:45pm-4:30pm at Minesing Branch.**



Sign Program

All ages can get creative decorating and painting a pre-cut sign of one of the following: Dream, Love, Live or Laugh.

Tuesday September 17, 3:45pm at Minesing Branch or Saturday September 21, 1pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost \$2.

Sandwich
John Montagu, Fourth Earl of Sandwich, was an important figure in the adventures of Captain Cook, who even named a group of islands after him. But in the United States, he will forever be known as the person after whom a delicious snack was named. His favorite was salt beef between two slices of toasted bread. People started calling it "the Sandwich," and the rest is history.

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September means the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are ready to get back to the classroom.

Our government is excited to share our brand new curriculum with students and teachers this year. This curriculum focuses on preparing students for future careers while embracing life skills such as financial literacy and a new math strategy, amongst other exciting changes.

Ontario's parents will also be receiving additional support this year. The provincial math strategy includes online resources to keep parents apprised of course material and current learning methods. The Parents' Bill of Rights takes additional steps to keep parents involved in the education of their children.

With these improvements to curriculum, combined with ongoing investments in local schools, we can ensure our students receive a world-class education at home in their communities.

A child's time at school sets them on course for the next chapter of their life. The friendships they make during this time can be long-lasting and impactful. We wish all educators, students, and parents a safe and happy school year.

While school may end, learning never does. Join MPP Andrea Khanjin and I on September 4th at the Southshore Community Centre between 12 pm – 3 pm for a Free Seniors Information Day. This event will provide information on local programs and service that benefit seniors. For more information, please contact either of our offices. Best wishes this back to school season.

Georgian Angel Network Launches Fund for Local Entrepreneurs

Barrie, Ontario – Georgian Angel Network (GAN) has launched the GAN Xcelerate Fund (GXF) which is looking for start-ups ready to grow their business. GXF will provide \$30,000 to 10 Ontario-based businesses with a preference to those located in the Barrie, Simcoe and Grey Counties, South Georgian Bay, Orangeville, and Muskoka regions over the next two years.



"The GXF funding will help start-up businesses get firmly established on a growth trajectory," says [Michael Badham](#), GAN Managing Director. "GAN's angel investors already support the innovative growth of companies that have proven themselves ready to grow and the GXF will provide the funding start-ups need to get themselves ready for continued growth".

16 GAN members have contributed a total of \$300,000 to establish the fund. GXF supports businesses by referring start-up founders to service providers who have developed specific packages for service to assist start-ups in the areas of accounting, banking, legal, mentorship, and branding and website development. Eligible businesses have already received support from the [Smart Start Seed Fund \(SSSF\)](#), supported by the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario and delivered by [Ontario Centres of Excellence \(OCE\)](#). SSSF helps transition start-ups from product development, to market entry and company building.

"The GXF is a great way for angel investors to support and promote high potential start-ups that have been de-risked by OCE and received seed-financing through the Smart Start Seed Fund," said Claudia Krywiak, Interim President and CEO, OCE. "We are very proud of the calibre of SmartStart companies and this a great example of the type of ecosystem network and private-sector follow-on investment that can be available for start-ups in Ontario."

For more information about the GXF visit www.georgianangelnet.ca/xcelerate-fund

ABOUT GEORGIAN ANGEL NETWORK

Georgian Angel Network (GAN) is a not for profit organization that connects angel investors in the Barrie, Simcoe and Grey Counties, South Georgian Bay, Orangeville, and Muskoka regions with entrepreneurs needing equity capital to commercialize their innovations. GAN serves as a catalyst for economic development, facilitating deal flow between accredited investors and high-quality investee opportunities as well as providing investor and investee education services. Since 2012 members of GAN have invested over \$15 million in 40 companies, through initial financings as well as follow-on financings. GAN is supported by the Government of Canada through funding from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong.
--Bertrand Russell

Turtle On The Line

ONTARIO, Thursday August 8, 2019 -

It is that time of year when many people partake in outdoor activities such as fishing, boating and personal watercraft fun. All these types of activities have the potential of turtle encounters. Hopefully not the case but sometimes turtles accidentally get hooked on a fishing line, struck by a watercraft or suffer an injury from a boat propeller. In the event of this occurring the following information is important to know in aid of helping the Ontario turtles.

As of today Thursday August 8th '1,259' turtles have been admitted to the turtle hospital at the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre in Peterborough this turtle season. These admissions are primarily since April. 90% are the result of being struck by a motor vehicle. Although the other 10% may seem like a low percentage the declining Ontario turtle population cannot sustain any losses. Even low levels of turtle mortality as a result of fishing, boating and personal watercraft related injuries that lead to death is sufficient enough to have an impact on the turtle population throughout Ontario.

THE 10%

To better understand why the 10% is just as concerning as the 90% please consider the following. Each year there are a large number of adult turtles being lost to road mortality, habitat loss, poaching, etc. This is a concern being that these turtles are the breeding pool and essential for ensuring future generations of turtles. Turtle species such as Snapping turtles and Blanding's turtles can take upwards of 20 years to reach sexual maturity so replacing just one Blanding's turtle lost for example could take well over 20 years to replace a turtle not able to recover from injuries sustained. At the other end of the spectrum with turtle nest predation being so high each year and the survival rate for turtle eggs and hatchlings being less than 1% there is a gap forming. Long-term research carried out by Algonquin Park has shown that it takes approximately 1,400 snapping turtle eggs to produce 1 turtle to go on to reach adulthood and sexual maturity being 17 to 20 years.

Predation increases dramatically every year as a result of factors such as the raccoon population that has escalated. A balance in nature that many years ago existed with some turtles eggs allotted to being a source of food various wildlife relied upon and the other turtle eggs seeing the incubation period through to produce hatchlings and reach adulthood and sexual maturity and the cycle repeats itself is now skewed. There are a far greater number of eggs ending up as food, far less eggs and hatchlings surviving to reach adulthood and far more adult turtles being lost to road mortality, habitat loss, poaching, etc.

On a continual basis year after year the aforementioned presents the distinct possibility of contributing to species extinction in the foreseeable future, some turtle species sooner than others. As we lose adult turtles the chance of replenishing the turtle population diminishes and high levels of predation hinders the chances of baby turtles going on to replace the adult turtles lost. It is for these reasons and more I share this information in hopes that any turtles that are accidentally injured, in particular adult turtles, as a result of fishing, boating or personal watercraft activities get the medical attention they need to hopefully survive their injuries. They are so vitally important to species recovery in Ontario.

HOOKED A TURTLE

The most effective practices to reduce or ideally avoid the chances of hooking a turtle on your fishing line are location, bait consideration and gear modification.

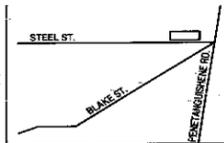
When fishing in an area you know there is turtle activity please cast your lines away from the immediate area turtles are known to inhabit. Better yet give consideration to fishing in another location you suspect or know to be less inhabited by turtles. If you are not sure or if unfamiliar with the area inquiring with a local bait supplier, store that sells fishing gear or asking locals is a great way to gather that sort of information.

Turtles are apt to go after your bait especially if using live or organic. As the janitors to our lakes and other bodies of water turtles in particular snapping turtles spend time busily foraging for and consuming carrion (dead animal & plant matter) on a regular basis. The "stinkier" your bait, the more attracted turtles might be to it. Turtles are quite fond of worms so fishing with live worms may also give turtles a reason to be interested. Using lures less appetizing to turtles can discourage them from taking an interest and possibly getting hooked.

There are endless types of lures available and information online to assist you in choosing the best lures being types turtles would not be interested in thus reducing the chances of accidentally hooking a turtle. Switching to fishing hooks without barbs improves the chances of being able to easily remove a fishing hook from a turtle should you hook one. A pair of heavy duty cutting pliers strong enough to cut a hook in half so if the barb is exposed the hook can more simply and painlessly be cut in half to allow the hook to slide out so the barb does not tear any flesh is helpful. By modifying your fishing gear and including helpful tools in your tackle box you can help prevent freshwater turtle injuries, mortality and maintain healthy turtle populations. This in turn helps to maintain a healthy lake and fish population as the turtles play a significant role in both.

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Should the turtle caught be a snapping turtle please exercise extreme caution if attempting to remove the hook. If you are not able to remove a hook with ease and/or avoiding harm to yourself or the turtle it makes no difference if the turtle is a snapping turtle or any other smaller species it is best that a vet or trained wildlife rehabilitator remove the hook to ensure you are not harmed attempting to do so and trauma to the turtle is minimized. Please do not put the turtle back in the water with a hook intact. If you catch a turtle such as a painted turtle or other small species and are able to safely remove the hook without seriously injuring that is great. If the turtle has incurred no injury the turtle should be returned to the water in the area you caught the turtle.

An X-ray may also be required to examine the turtle for injuries not obvious. In such circumstances leave the hook intact and please call the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC) home of Ontario's turtle hospital at 705-741-5000. Their trained staff will assess the turtle concern you have called about and determine the best course of action.

The Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre is home of the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre located in Peterborough and is presently the only wildlife rehabilitation centre dedicated "SOLEY" to providing medical and rehabilitative care to Ontario turtles. They admit turtles from all across Ontario. Once treated and rehabilitated the turtles are released back into their natural habitat at the point of origin where it is hoped they will live a long life and continue to reproduce for many decades.

Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre

1434 Chemong Road, Unit #4

Peterborough, Ontario 705-741-5000

If a turtle needs to be admitted to the OTCC it is always appreciated if you can drive the injured turtle to Peterborough but if you are not able to there is a 'Turtle Taxi' and a ride will be arranged via their network of 'Turtle Taxi' volunteers. OTCC is always looking for volunteers should you be interested in helping the turtles this way during turtle season. If you are interested in volunteering for the Turtle Taxi please phone 705-741-5000 or e-mail volunteer@ontarioturtle.ca. Thank you.

Please do not assume that a private animal clinic, wildlife rehabilitator or animal shelter in the area you are located or may be visiting will admit a turtle or is trained to offer turtle first aid or treatment. OTCC works in conjunction with 35 First Responder private animal clinics and wildlife rehabilitators throughout Ontario that are trained in "basic" turtle first aid and pain management. To ensure the best care possible and getting the appropriate help needed and the best care possible bypass guesswork and call the OTCC first. Think of them as turtle central through which All injured turtles are reported and then arrangements made in pursuit of the best medical care. When you speak with the OTCC staff they will assess the circumstances and determine the best course of action for the injured turtle.

If necessary OTCC will direct you to the nearest first response team able to administer basic first aid and/or pain management and temporarily admit the turtle until arrangements can be made to have the turtle transferred to the OTCC. The availability of the first response private animal clinics and/or wildlife rehabilitators varies so when OTCC has referred you to one please call the private animal clinic and/or wildlife rehabilitator you were referred to prior to going there to arrange a drop-off time.

Note: Should you hook a snapping turtle, yes, like any of the eight turtle species native to Ontario they can inflict a wound with their beak or scratch with their claws. Common sense must prevail if someone is considering removing a hook or attempting to remove a fishing hook from a



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snapping turtle and/or any species of turtle. It is expected that people know their limitations. That said though, if someone isn't comfortable handling a turtle in such circumstances you are encouraged to for your safety and to minimize the trauma to a turtle call the turtle hospital at the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre 705-741-5000.

HOOKED A TURTLE

Please do not cut your fishing line. A turtle returned to the water with a hook intact or injury sustained from being accidentally hooked could in time prove fatal to the turtle due to infection and/or internal injuries if the hook is swallowed. A fishing hook left in could certainly affect a turtles ability to eat and go about their daily life. This can be especially agonizing for a turtle. Untreated injuries and infections can lead to a sickly, diseased turtle affecting bodily functions, reproduction abilities and in some cases the health of other turtles and the aquatic environment.

Although there is a common belief that fish hooks will work their way free from a fish thus a turtle there is no guarantee of this outcome. Even if the case it could take an extended amount of time causing undue stress to the turtle and further injury.

In regards to the belief that a fish thus a turtle will be okay because the fish hook will 'dissolve' over time this is not the case. A fishing hook would deteriorate and/or in the case of older hooks rust away this being far different from dissolving and not without ill effects. Fishing hooks presently are most often manufactured from either high-level steel, steel allowed with vanadium or stainless steel, depending on the application. Further to this most quality fish hooks are treated with some form of corrosion-resistant surface coating. The old school thinking that a fishing hook will deteriorate (dissolve) is based on fishing hooks not made of the materials fishing hooks are made of today. Older fishing hooks were more susceptible to rusting away after a long while and then there was the accompanied thinking that this is okay as fish have stomachs that are pretty tough thus turtles would be viewed in the same way. This is not so.

A turtle is not a fish and if a turtle has a hook intact this could affect proper eating that can lead to malnutrition as well as many other health concerns. For a hook to deteriorate in freshwater rather than salt water would take a considerable amount of time given the quality of fishing hooks deterioration could be measured in years. Even leaving a portion of a hook in a turtle's mouth could result in the turtle swallowing it causing internal injuries and much suffering.

Biodegradable hooks that are truly comparable to the hooks most often used simply do not exist to date. There have been attempts but as far as I am aware no type of hook is available that is proven to perform as expected. Biodegradable materials seem to lack the tensile strength required and would rust quickly making them ineffective for fishing. Research and testing continues in this regard.

In addition to fishing hook injuries there are injuries that can be caused by a turtle ingesting or getting tangled in fishing line. The point being please do not discount any fishing related injury as being minor and not serious enough that a turtle would require medical attention. If the turtle has sustained injuries, swallowed a hook, gotten tangled in fishing line please call OTCC. Given that turtles act as the janitors of the lakes and other bodies of water people fish in and turtles activities contribute to maintaining a healthy fish population it is important to lookout for the health of the turtle population in Ontario. Thank you.

Note: Good news, in case anyone missed it. Earlier this month, the Government of Canada announced, Plantee Bioplastics Inc. will receive a grant of \$138,000 to help further the development of their biodegradable fishing line. This would be a help to turtles, fish and other animals both aquatic and on land and reduce plastic pollution.

BOATING & PERSONAL WATERCRAFT HAZARDS

A boat or personal watercraft strike can cause an injury to a turtle or result in death, especially if the strike involves a motor propeller. This can have a detrimental effect on a localized turtle population. If you know of a lake, river or pond that turtles inhabit please be mindful of their presence. Boat strikes are usually accidental but there have been incidences where turtles have been hit deliberately. Turtles in water actually move faster than they do on land so often they will move out of the way however on occasion timing can work against them. If you accidentally hit a turtle or know of a turtle that was struck or injured by a motor propeller please call OTCC immediately at 705-741-5000.

Thank you for reading this article it would be greatly appreciated for the sake of the turtles it could possible help if you could share this information with family, friends and associates and ask them to do the same.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Proposed 40.0 Meter Telecommunications Tower Site C6565
Located at 2632 Vespra Valley Road, Springwater ON**

ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC. has proposed a 40.0m tall shrouded monopole style telecommunication tower and related radio equipment on private property at 2632 Vespra Valley Road, Springwater, ON. The proposed structure will enhance wireless coverage for the Township; specifically this site will provide enhanced coverage along George Johnston Road, Snow Valley Road, Wilson Drive and the surrounding area.

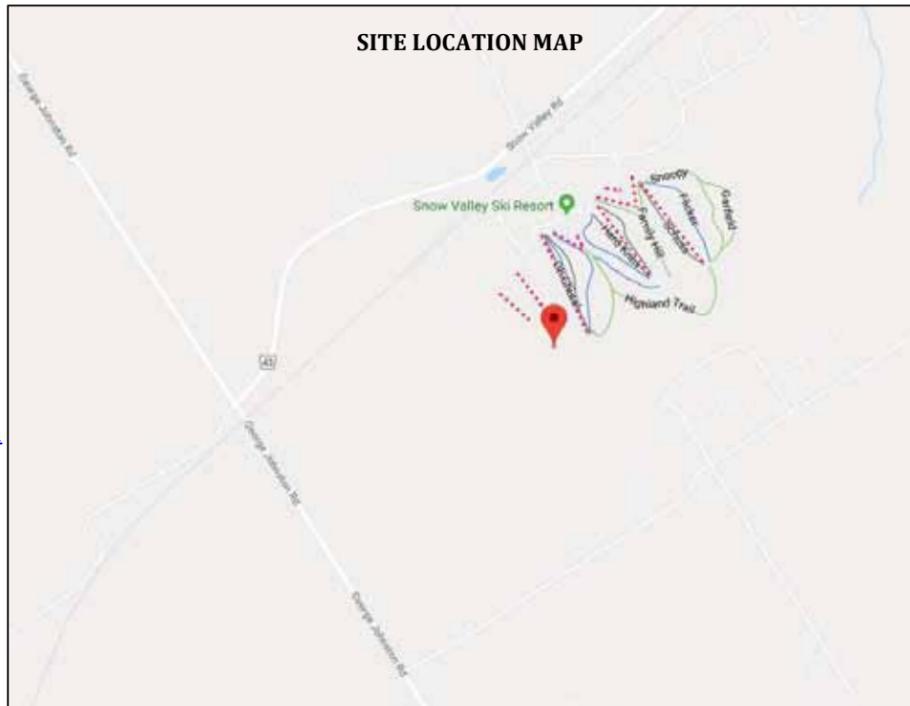
The geographic coordinates for the proposed site are as follows: Latitude: (NAD 83) N 44° 24' 24.7" & Longitude: (NAD 83) W 79° 47' 34.3". The facility is proposed in an Open Space zone and will occupy a ground compound area of 10.0m x 8.0m.

THIS NOTICE serves as an invitation to any interested members of the public to submit comments/questions to the individuals listed below by September 20, 2019 as well as to attend the public information session / open house September 12, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Minesing Community Centre, 2347 Ronald Road, Minesing, ON L0L 1Y0

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the approval of this site and its design is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED). For more information on the federal process pertaining to these installations please contact the local ISED office at: ic.spectrumtoronto-spectredtoronto.ic@canada.ca OR Tel: 1-855-465-6307

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County releases 2018 Progress Report on 5-Year Positive Aging Strategy

Midhurst/August 14, 2019 – The County of Simcoe has released its first report detailing the progress on the implementation of the recommendations outlined in *2018-2023 Simcoe County Positive Aging Strategy: Older Adults Strengthening our Communities*.

“Our inaugural report card highlights our commitment to fostering and promoting age-friendly communities in Simcoe County,” said Warden George Cornell. “Together with our community partners, the County continues to implement large-scale change, provide targeted funding and develop creative solutions that help all our residents remain active, social and engaged in our local communities.”

2018 key achievements are outlined below. The full progress report is available at www.simcoe.ca/age-friendly.

- In 2018, County Council approved \$500,000 in annual funding towards the implementation of an annual Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program to support the development of age-friendly housing that allows older adults to continue to live independently in their own homes
 - o 30 applicants across 14 municipalities have already accessed accessibility funding
- The County was awarded funding for three additional long-term care beds at Georgian Manor by the Ministry of Long-Term Care, bringing the total number of beds operated by the County of Simcoe to 146
- The Community Paramedicine Referral Program made more than 4,100 referrals for patients requiring additional services at home. 60 per cent of those referred received enhanced support as a result
- The Community Paramedicine Home Visit Program, which deploys Rapid Response Paramedic Units to provide in-home visits when not responding to 911 calls, provided 651 home visits and 128 follow-ups in Orillia, Oro-Medonte and Ramara. This program is expanding to North Simcoe in 2019

As the proportion of senior residents in Simcoe County continues to increase, the County is committed to working with community partners and the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee to implement the recommendations identified in the 2018-2023 Positive Aging Strategy.

About the Age-Friendly Community Initiative

The County of Simcoe received funding from the Government of Ontario as part of its Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program. This funding served to establish a baseline assessment of Simcoe County’s age-friendliness and develop a comprehensive strategy. A variety of community engagement processes collected feedback from residents 60 years of age and older, caregivers, and service providers for older adults to produce the *Building an Age-Friendly Simcoe County - 2016 Community Needs Assessment* and the County’s *2018-2023 Positive Aging Strategy*. Both documents are available at <http://www.simcoe.ca/age-friendly>.

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Proposed 45.0 Meter Telecommunications Tower Site C6564
Located at 560 Anne Street N, Springwater ON**

ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC. has proposed a 45.0m tall monopole style telecommunication tower and related radio equipment on private property at 560 Anne Street N, Springwater, ON. The proposed structure will enhance wireless coverage for the Township; specifically this site will provide enhanced coverage along Anne Street N, Wilson Drive/Ferndale Drive, Bayfield Street, Carson Road and the surrounding area.

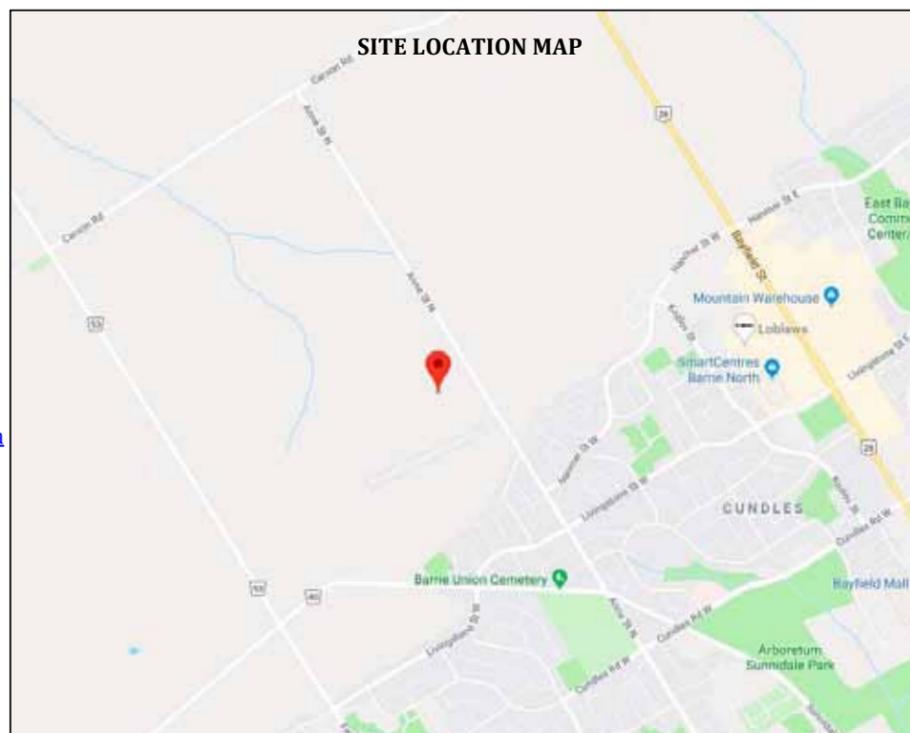
The geographic coordinates for the proposed site are as follows: Latitude: (NAD 83) N 44° 24' 34.4" & Longitude: (NAD 83) W 79° 43' 53.1". The facility is proposed in an Agricultural zone and will occupy a ground compound area of 15.0m x 15.0m.

THIS NOTICE serves as an invitation to any interested members of the public to submit comments/questions to the individuals listed below by September 20, 2019 as well as to attend the public information session / open house September 11, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Grenfel Community Centre, 1989 Sunnidale Road, Grenfel ON L0L 1Y0.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the approval of this site and its design is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED). For more information on the federal process pertaining to these installations please contact the local ISED office at: ic.spectrumtoronto-spectredtoronto.ic@canada.ca OR Tel: 1-855-465-6307

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Poison is absorbed or ingested; a poisonous animal can only deliver toxic chemicals if another animal touches or eats it.

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For example, frogs are usually poisonous while snakes are usually venomous.

If you have to choose between being bit by a venomous snake or touching a poisonous frog, you might want to go with the snake. As it turns out, snakes don't always inject venom when they bite: Some 20 percent or more of bites from venomous snakes are "dry bites" that create a wound but don't include venom. Poisonous animals can't choose when to apply their toxins.

Some animals you might not know are venomous; the duck-billed platypus, the gila monster, centipedes, Millipedes, the komodo dragon and coral!



Sports with Patrick Townes

Local fastball is coming to an end for the season...what? Your hometown Elmvale Expos were victorious in their playoff battle with Victoria Harbour in the midget division of the Georgian Bay Minor Softball Association. The team was 9-1 during the regular season and were led by strong pitching performances by Issak McGinnis and were led offensively by Nolan Maw. Both players are contributing players to their respective men's teams as well.

Elmvale defeated Vasey in two close games in the semi-finals, while Victoria Harbour defeated Minesing in the other semi-final. Congratulations to all players as



Back row: Coach Tim McGinnis, Shannon Webster, Ashleigh McLean, Lauren Kleingebbinck, Adrianna McGinnis, Jess Benny, Coach /manager Dan McLean, Erin Tjart
Front row: Megan Lillie, Karla Martin, Holly Trace, Dara Beacock, Madelyn Marin, Carey Coram
 Missing Darcy Fay, Nicole Townes

their seasons come to a close. Please send me pictures or updates on your other local teams for upcoming articles.

The Simcoe Rural Fastball League playoffs are well underway. Minesing and Uthoff faced off in the first round with Minesing winning the series. Vasey defeated Toanche and Wyevale finished off Waverley. Victoria Harbour was awarded a first-round bye for finishing first during the regular season. The second round is set to start this evening at various locations depending on the results of the first round. Vasey plays Minesing while Victoria Harbour faces off with Wyevale.

Elmvale Legion Spitfires are the Simcoe Ladies Fast Pitch League regular season champs for the fourth straight year.

The ladies won 11 games while losing 4 to clinch first place over the season.

On Saturday at the Playoff Tournament in the A Pool they first met the Minesing Moose Ladies team, a young improved team that gave them everything they could handle. The Spits squeezed out a win in the seventh inning. Next was the Phelpston Cougars -- a long standing league team with a lot of veteran players. The Spits came out on top due to some great pitching from Jess Benny and some key defensive plays.

The final was against the Georgian Bay Bulldogs; last year's defending Champions and this year's winners of the B Pool finishing first against the Herbert Boots and Barrie Red Ladies teams. The game was not close even from the onset; the Spitfires took charge right away with great pitching from Shannon Webster and some outstanding defensive catches from Carey Coram, Karla Martin, and Lauren Kleingebbinck. The bats also came alive with contributions from the entire team. The final score was 10 to 0, and the ladies won their third Playoff Championship in the last four years.

The Minesing Moose team was victorious in the Consolation Championship against the Barrie Red team.

The Barrie Baycats finished the regular season tied for first place with the Kitchener Panthers and that forced a one-game playoff for the league pennant.

The two teams met in Barrie and the Baycats won their eighth league pennant with a 4-2 win. Ryan Rijo doubled and drove in two runs while Starlin Rodriguez went 2-4. Kevin Atkinson also had a RBI and Conner Morro had two hits. Adrian Salcedo went seven innings, scattering four hits and striking out four. Santos Arias picked up a save pitching, even though he allowed two runs.

With the win, Barrie started against the last place Brantford Red Sox. The series went as expected as the Baycats swept Brantford 4 games to none. Barrie won 12-2, 10-0, 10-6 and 6-0 to advance to the semi-finals against the Welland Jackfish who beat London Majors 4 games to one.

In game one against Brantford, Conner Morro led the attack with a grand slam and Emilis Guerrero allowed one run over seven innings and struck out four.

In game two, Matthew St. Kitts flirted with a no-hitter but settled for a complete game four-hitter. He was four outs away from the no-hitter but a single by Austin Wilke

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CORN EVENT on the front lawn of the church. This year there is to be an added feature - a mini garage sale. The proceeds from the BBQ will be given to the Elmvale & District Food Bank to help raise the funds needed to build a much needed facility.

For all the years of its existence, the Food Bank has operated from different facilities in town, working from less than adequate spaces which impeded the ease of operation. Recently the Food Bank has been operating from the Springwater building and storage of excess food items has had to be up a flight of stairs. Carrying heavy bags and boxes up these is dangerous as well as more than some of the Food Bank volunteers can manage. Needless to say, the volunteers are cherishing the opportunity to work from a one storey building.

We are excited for them and proud that we can be a part of their project. You too can help by coming to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, refreshments and ice cream – **all you can eat for \$10-**, browse for bargains and find out more about the building from a representative of the Food Bank. The church is located at 22 Queen St. E. and **the event will happen rain or shine.**

spoiled his well-pitched game. St. Kitts finished with seven strikeouts. Kevin Atkinson went 3-4 with a homerun and Starlin Rodriguez went 3-for-4.

In game two, Barrie came from behind to win. Barrie scored seven runs in the sixth inning to take a 3-0 game lead against the Red Sox. Kyle DeGrace launched a grand slam in the big inning, Jordan Castaldo added a two-run round tripper and Kevin Atkinson when 3-4. Adrian Salcedo went six innings allowing six runs on nine hits and striking out seven to get the win.

Barrie completed the sweep with a 6-0 win in Brantford. Ryan Rijo went 5-for-5, Kyle DeGrace had three hits, Starlin Rodriguez and Connor Morro had two hits each. Emilis Guerrero tossed six shutout innings for the win while allowing four hits and striking out eight.

Kitchener defeated Toronto and Hamilton took care of Guelph in the first round. Those winners will play each other in round two and Welland will play the Baycats.

Game one against Welland was a nail-biter in Barrie. With the game tied 2-2 in the bottom of the ninth, Starlin Rodriguez singled with the bases loaded to lift the Baycats to a 3-2 win.

Glenn Jackson and Connor Morro had the other two RBI's while Ryan Rijo had two hits. Barrie was held to only six hits in game.

Santos Arias picked up the win after pitching one scoreless innings in relief of starter Adrian Salcedo who went eight innings allowing two runs on five hits and striking out 10.

Barrie traveled to Welland last Sunday and the home team was easy pickings for the Baycats. Barrie led 9-0 after five innings and finished with a 11-0 win.

Kyle DeGrace had a two-run homer and finished with three RBI. Ryan Spataro and Connor Morro each had three hits; Starlin Rodriguez had two hits as did Jon Waltenbury.

Matthew St. Kitts went six innings allowing only two hits and striking out two to pick up his second playoff win this season.

Barrie played Welland at home last Tuesday night after my deadline and they travel to Welland tonight (Thursday August 22nd) for game four. Game five, if necessary, is back in Barrie on Saturday August 24th @ 7:00 pm, game 6 in Welland Sunday August 25th @ 6:05 pm and game seven back in Barrie Tuesday August 27th @ 7:30 pm if the series goes the distance.

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The OPP Report

OPP Seeking Assistance in Theft Of Lawn Equipment Investigation



Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Southern Georgian Bay detachment are currently investigating the theft of lawn care

equipment from a Penetanguishene Cemetery. Thieves entered the locked storage building on Owen Street between 2:00 pm August 10 and 8:30 am August 12, 2019 and made off with the following lawn care equipment-



- John Deere - Ztrak Lawn Mower model Z925A 27 Professional V-Twin serial # W006X4D00491
- Competition Trailers Hydraulic Tilt Trailer with VIN: 2M9DS2249FH129055
- (1) Husqvarna 525L Grass Trimmer
- (2) Husqvarna 323L Grass Trimmer

OPP Investigate Break and Enters in Penetanguishene and Remind Property Owners to Participate in Lock It or Lose it

(PENETANGUSHENE, ON) - Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to two break and enter occurrences from mid July to mid August 2019 on Levi Simon Trail Penetanguishene.. Officers would like to take this opportunity to remind property owners to practice "Lock It or Lose It" as an effective way to help prevent residential type thefts. Entries can be prevented by locking your home and utilizing better lighting where the vehicles are parked and exterior doorways. The following Safe Guard Ontario Links provide some helpful tips for property owners so they may better protect their property from thieves.

https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Publications/home_security.html

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Each year, OPP officers investigate numerous reports of break and enter to area homes and are often successful in

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the apprehension of the offenders responsible. Much of this success is dependent on the eyes and ears of area residents and here are some tips that can assist community involvement in the detection, prevention and conviction of offenders:

If you have any information on these or other property crimes please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can submit your information online at www.p3tips.com or if you have any information on this crime or any other crime. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00. You can follow Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka on Twitter or Facebook.

OPP Marine Unit Week in Review Report for August 12-18, 2019

(GEORGIAN BAY TOWNSHIP, ON) - Members of the OPP Marine Unit attached to the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provided 33 hours of active marine patrol time on the waters of Simcoe North during August 12-18, 2019.

OPP marine officers who partnered throughout the week with fellow marine officers from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Parks Canada checked 51 vessels and operators for proper vessel equipment and sobriety while patrolling the waters of Georgian Bay and responded to 15 calls for marine related service from the public. Marine officers also responded to four false 911 calls from cell phones which consumed valuable patrol time of the officers. Vessel operators are reminded to secure their cell phones to help prevent these false 911 calls which needlessly tie up police and emergency response resources, please view False 911 calls for more information.

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Officers were on patrol for several community events such as the parade of lights and tug boat races of Tug Fest at the Midland Town Dock/ Midland Harbour and the annual fireworks display on Six Mile Lake. OPP and MNRF officers presented on marine & water safety to a group of campers staying at the Midland Town Dock.

Ten vessel operators received offence notices for marine based violations as follows - three operators for failing to have their Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) with them, one operator was charged for failing to have a spotter while towing a water skier, two operators for failing to have approved lifejackets with them, one vessel owner was charged for allowing a 14 year old to operate a personal watercraft (PWC) and three operators were charged with having open liquor aboard

OPP Marine Unit Remind Small Craft Operators to Wear Your Lifejacket

(TINY TOWNSHIP, ON) - Members of the OPP Marine Unit attached to the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be out patrolling the waters of Georgian Bay ensuring vessel operators are sober and have the proper equipment aboard for all passengers. This summer, marine officers have also been tasked to patrol the sandy shoreline of Tiny Township for pedal boat, kayak, canoe and stand up paddle board operators who often leave from shore without a lifejacket.

OPP Marine officers remind all vessel operators to please have a lifejacket with you for everyone aboard and wearing it is even better!. Not only is it required by law but it could a life!

Please view the following educational links from the Office of Safe Boating

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-menu-1362.htm>

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/fra/securitemaritime/desn-bsn-menu-1362.htm>

For anyone who is unsure of the equipment required for their vessel please view the following link to get the "APP" for their mobile device <https://csbc.ca/en/> or <https://csbc.ca/fr/> or view the Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/documents/TP-511e.pdf> <http://www.tc.gc.ca/documents/tp511f.pdf>

Orillia OPP Arrest Several Persons in Drug Warrant

On August 16, 2019 the Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) made several arrests in relation to the sale of illicit drugs within the City or Orillia.

The Orillia OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) along with Orillia OPP members, Central Region Emergency Response Unit (ERT) and Central Region Canine, executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) warrant at an Atherley Road address.

As a result of the investigation police seized a quantity of suspected fentanyl, cocaine and cash.

Police arrested and charged 6 people with drug related offences:

Katie GUEST, age 27, of Orillia has been charged with:

Two counts of Possession of a Schedule I Substance Contrary to Section 4(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Two counts of Trafficking of a Schedule I Substance Contrary to Section 5(2) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Contrary to Section 354(1)(a) of the Criminal Code.

The accused was released on a Promise to Appear for September 24, 2019 at the Ontario Court of Justice in

The rest of this article and many more can be read in the police report at www.springwaternews.ca

Gossip Part 1

By: Little Brown Bear (Ernest Matton) I.C.A.D.C., E.F.A.P., Certified Gladue Writer Addiction Behavioral Specialist E.F.T. Practitioner • T.I.R. Facilitator As my elderly grandmother used to say, "If gossip were a horse, we'd all be riding Kentucky Derby winners."

This is by far the most common social weapon. Although some types of gossip may help a person's reputation, the overwhelming majority of the "shock talk" people indulge in is harmful and mean spirited. To add to the sinister nature of this tactic, it is most often done behind the person's back. The scenario is familiar to all of us - *Person A* spreads a rumor about *Person B* to everyone who may be interested and by the time it gets back to *Person B*, the damage is done. *Person B* then goes to confront *Person A* who plays innocent or apologizes half-heartedly. But the damage is already done! True or not some of the people who have heard the rumor will believe it, others will wonder what to believe, and those who know it isn't true will sit back and hope it all goes away quickly.

We've all heard rumors about somebody at our school. The thing about rumors and gossip is that they are often difficult to prove or disprove. For this reason, once a rumor is set loose, it almost always follows the person in one way or another.

Rumors and gossip are often used as revenge or follow through on a threat. Threats of rumors are often used to get something out of a person. But more often or not they are just conversation. Something for one person to say in order to make themselves look important or to get attention. So how do you handle it if you are targeted by a gossip hound? Here are some tips:

- Remember that no matter what you say or do SOME people are going to believe the rumors. Your goal is to mitigate damages since it is next to impossible to make everyone believe your side of the story.
- Don't confront the person who spread the gossip about you in a public place or with an angry tone in your voice. Causing a scene or going on the offensive will only make them feel they are justified in spreading venom. It is best to avoid this person all together and to say nothing to them. But if you do have to say something, wait until you are calm and the

initial shock has passed.

- Rather than freaking out and running around trying to set the record straight, play it cool! When it gets back to you laugh lightly and say something like, "Is THAT what's going around about me? I wonder why somebody would go to so much trouble to spread a lie?" or **I must be important in someone's life to talk about me so, or I will say just as long as they spell my name right.** This does two things; it shows others that you have nothing to hide because you are not acting defensively, and it puts the burden of reliability back on the gossip spreader by making others wonder if there is a hidden agenda.

- Spread the gossip yourself, "Have you heard what so-and-so is saying about me? What a joke!" and do it with a smile. Always sound calm and confused, never bitter and resentful.

- If anyone asks if the rumor is true say, "No of course not, but does it really matter what I say? I just wish I knew why so-and-so started this one in the first place." If it is true, omit the "No" and just say, "Does it really matter what I say? I just wish I knew why so-and-so spread this around in the first place!"

- Calm is key! Always be calm, even baffled, when the rumor is mentioned. If you freak out in protest it looks like you have something to hide. Even if you do have something to hide, playing it cool is always best.

Don't retaliate with your own gossip.

I will continue with part two, in my next column. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please write me or email at littlebrownbear@bell.net we are now offering home visit for individual or couple's counselling. For appointments please call. (647) 964-3663.

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Many scholars knew that the dawn of the new Millennium was accompanied by the surfacing of a potent, powerful, subtle energy field. This dominating force carries the seeds of a dramatic and therefore potentially stressful *evolution in consciousness*. Unsuspecting and unaware that anything like this could happen, many are needlessly suffering; alienated, confused, frightened and labelled by society. These have been my experiences since 1980.

Physical, emotional and psychological symptoms of what I have termed *The Pandora Process* are manifesting in every social and economic stratum. This remarkable transformative journey, when recognized and supported, can naturally transform ordinary people. In a loving and accepting environment, the new souls, *Real People*, can be gently birthed and integrated into mainstream life. Ultimately, the discernable shifts in thinking and behaviour create positive vibrational influences on every dimension. As suffering and pain are healed and released on the transformative journey, each person's ascendance blueprint is unique; the physical, emotional and mental bodies fuse in the Earth's inbound higher vibrational reality. We begin to manifest *Love and Light* allowing us to see further into the universal realm of *Cosmic Consciousness*. Deepening feelings of joy, fullness and delight make every moment precious and beautiful.

During *The Pandora Process*, your etheric chest; your spiritual heart container opens, exposing the essence of an evolving soul: *Divine Love*. Truth, peace and understanding survived the eons in the external promises of religion and wisdom traditions. *HOPE* survived previous incarnations in the internal promises of *LOVE* mysteriously encrypted in our DNA links.

Life has survived on Earth due to the essence of a sacred forcefield that is manifesting now. It is the link to our eternal home. *IT IS ABOUT LOVE!*

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-- Are You Over Using Your Chapstick? --

As it turns out chapstick doesn't even moisturize. Most lip balms don't work by adding moisture; instead they seal your lips to protect it from losing its own moisture. The ingredients actually create a watertight barrier that stops your lips from getting rid of moisture. Especially on dry, cold, or windy days...so you lips stay soft and just feel moist.

If you ever feel like you accidentally ingested some after you apply...it's ok! You aren't harming anything of you lick a little bit off your lips. Obviously there's a reason you've never seen active ingredients in lip balms or chapstick in your favorite recipes. Luckily the amount you consume from licking your lips every so often isn't going to do you harm.

Lips aren't the only place that you can use your trusty chapstick. Surprisingly, runners use chapstick to prevent chapping around their noses in cold weather. Honestly, if I have a cold and my nose gets chapped from blowing it, I will put lip balm on my skin to sooth the burn.

You can even rub it into cuticles to moisturize them, tame unruly eyebrows, and even to lubricate a stuck zipper. Just be sure to keep separate tubes for different uses!

According to a two-year study by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, many indoor plants absorb air pollutants through their leaves and roots and convert them into breathable air. Within 24 hours, some plants can remove up to 87 percent of toxic indoor air.

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OMA says there are things that small and mid-size communities can do to attract and retain doctors

At this year's Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual conference, Dr. Sohail Gandhi, President of the Ontario Medical Association, stressed the importance of working together to ensure health care is part of community planning.

Ontario's 31,500 doctors are working for patients in every corner of the province and understand the challenges that smaller communities face. "Many communities don't have enough family doctors. We've all heard about small towns losing one or two doctors in a short period and then scrambling to attract replacements. The bottom line is that more doctors where we live means fewer sick days, stronger economic growth, and longer, healthier, happier lives," stressed Dr. Gandhi.

There are things that small and mid-size communities can do to attract and retain doctors. This starts with making succession plans with local doctors sooner rather than later. It is important to encourage doctors in your community to take on medical residents – "trainee doctors" who need to work under the supervision of an experienced physician in an applied setting. By giving residents an opportunity to live in your community for their education, they just might stay.

Dr. Gandhi added, "Not everyone wants to live in a big city. Small and mid-sized communities are some of the best places in the world to live. Community-minded purpose, reasonable real estate and rent, easy access to the great outdoors, and friendly and welcoming people is a big competitive advantage. That's why I moved to a small town to practice medicine some 25 years ago – and stayed."

Once residents are in your community, make them feel at home. They're looking for lifestyle, not just a job. Local businesses can come together with the municipality to create a welcome package, like a complimentary pass to the YMCA, local parks and attractions, or specials at the local restaurant or bakery. Make sure they're invited to community events. Anything to get this excellent talent feeling at home and envisioning putting down roots.

Along with doctors, communities need health care infrastructure. The top-of-mind definition of infrastructure – like sewers and roads – usually heads the list in the planning process. But growing municipalities can do a lot to ensure that health care infrastructure keeps up with future demand – and at limited cost to taxpayers.

Ontario's Planning Act allows municipalities to require community benefits from developers where their projects exceed local zoning by-law densities. Traditionally, this funding is earmarked for projects like street improvements, playgrounds, daycare spaces, or affordable housing. These are all important, but as communities grow, appropriate commercial space will be needed to welcome and encourage new health care practitioners and facilities. This could be a physician's clinic, or an office for the new Ontario Health Teams.

The OMA is working closely with government to fix Ontario's health care system, solve critical issues like hallway medicine, and deliver the high-quality care our patients deserve.

"Ontario's doctors are the front line of our health care system. We see every day what works and what doesn't, and will always stand up for what will best serve patients. Together, we can build a system that works better for all of us," emphasized Dr. Gandhi.

What is the meaning of alarm, as in a three-alarm fire? Obviously, the more alarms there are, the more serious the fire, but what does an alarm measure?

An alarm is a warning, signal, or call to action. It originated as a call to arms -- "All'arme!" (To arms!) in Old Italian. As used by fire departments, the signal is preceded by a number, which alerts the dispatcher to the magnitude of the fire and the response required. The numbers represent preestablished assignments of apparatus and manpower and allow the dispatcher to know instantly how much equipment and how many firefighters will be needed to do the job. The higher the number is, the more of each will be required.

Where does the word barbecue come from?

It comes from the Spanish word *barbacoa*, which originally described a late-17th-century framework of sticks set on posts. This framework was used in the Caribbean to hang meat to be smoked or dried over a fire. Later the word was used to describe any kind of feast where animals were roasted and lots of food was served. The use of the word to describe a grill or griddle began in about the 1930s.

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SARA EMICK FROM ANCASTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CROWNED 2019 CNE AMBASSADOR OF THE FAIRS



Sara Emick, 2019 CNE Ambassador of the Fairs

(Toronto, ON) August 19, 2019 – The Canadian National Exhibition is pleased to announce Sara Emick from Ancaster Fair (Ancaster Agricultural Society) as the winner of the 48th annual Ambassador of the Fairs Competition. The exclusive yearlong role of Ambassador of the Fairs will take Sara across Ontario as a representative of the CNE and all agricultural fairs in the province.

Competing with more than 60 contestants over three days at the CNE, Emick was one of seven finalists who participated in the final round of the competition on Sunday, August 18. Finalists were interviewed and judged on a wide range of criteria including: knowledge of the CNE and Canadian agriculture, poise, self-confidence, public speaking and overall impression. The first runner-up was Ally Spielmacher from Durham Agricultural Society and the second runner-up was Kayla Tiller from Glencoe Agricultural Society.

The Ambassador of the Fairs competition is a longstanding tradition at the CNE, aiming to educate and celebrate Canada's rich history in agriculture. The contest has seen more than 3000 contestants from over 100 communities across the province throughout its 48 years. As the newly crowned winner of the 2019 CNE Ambassador of the Fairs, Emick will participate in a series of official duties during the remaining 15 days of Canada's largest fair while also representing her local agricultural community. Emick has graduated from Brock University and has moved on to Humber College where she is now studying Post Graduate Public Relations.

2019 Winning Contestants
Ambassador of the Fairs: Sara Emick, Ancaster Agricultural Society

1st Runner-Up: Ally Spielmacher, Durham Agricultural Society

2nd Runner-Up: Kayla Tiller, Glencoe Agricultural Society

Semi Finalists
Lucia Beggs, Bobcaygeon Agricultural Society

Corine Bateman, Flos Agricultural Society
Lydia Zehr, Stratford Agricultural Society
Emma Somerville, Sutton Agricultural Society

About the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) Founded in 1879, the Canadian National Exhibition is Canada's largest community celebration and among the Top 10 largest fairs in North America. The 2017 CNE attracted 1.56 million people over 18 days, and the fair has an annual economic impact of \$128.3 million on the province of Ontario and \$93.1 million on the Greater Toronto Area. www.TheEx.com

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In the service of their current mission, Leftists have contradicted themselves on positions that used to be part of the liberal bible. Sixties feminists are now expected to tolerate men in women's sports and women's bathrooms. Labor unions are expected to tolerate open borders that steal jobs and force down wages, and environmentalists are expected to look the other way as tent cities produce mountains of trash and human feces on the streets. Today's Left isn't chipping away at civil society. They're taking a jackhammer to it.

How I benefitted from a regular practice of Kundalini Yoga

By: Candace Castro

I learned 3 important things through my practice:

1. Don't be afraid to be broken. It was when I was the most broken that my heart finally opened and I began to see what authentic love is and how I had been surrounded by Love all along.

2. Get out of your comfort zone because you may be living a script that is not for you. Don't believe that it is ever too late to find a new and expanded role for you, maybe even a starring role! I went to an ashram in India for 6 weeks to certify to become a yoga teacher at the age of 60. I am continuing to step out of my comfort zone whenever the opportunity arises.

3. Love where you are. Don't buy into the myth that you are too old or don't have the right credentials or that you don't have anything of value to offer others. We all have our unique talents and gifts. Keep challenging yourself.

Love for me now means creating value in the world - for me and for other people - instead of equating value with money. What is my value? What can I leave that will be of value? Of course in order to do this, I have learned, and am continuing to learn; to love myself first. Only then can I truly act in love towards others.

And now, well into the Third Act of my life, I'm not sliding into decrepitude! I'm still learning and growing. I'm learning to let go of negative self-talk. I am learning to let go of thinking that I am not enough. And I am learning that it is never too late!

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Craigs at Craighurst Celebrate 200 Years on the Penetang Road

Thomas Craig and family emigrated from Kendal, England to Medonte, Upper Canada, in September 1819. They settled on lot 43, Penetanguishene Road, and 7 generations later they marked the milestone with a Family Reunion on the original homestead, now the home of Allan Craig, on Saturday August 3, 2019.



Here is the an inside display view

They had a Friends and Neighbours drop-in the next day.

Craig descendants came from Vancouver, Calgary, Halifax, Burlington, Sudbury and yes, Elmvalle. They saw the Family Bible, Thos. Craig's oath of allegiance (necessary to be considered for a land grant), his petition for land, and the actual parchment deed, granted after the settlement duties were performed.



No horsepower on this vehicle. Driven instead by Abe Craig's Great and Great Great Grandsons

Some of the other memorabilia to be seen were a letter of Commendation to Matilda Crawford Craig, dated 1835, from her employer Captain Keating at the Naval Establishment, the 1884 wedding dress of Susan Moon, Mrs Abraham Craig, a summer lace dress from the 1910's, Abe Craig's 1902 buggy (not his horse), Thomas Craig's 1840 surveyor's chain, an anvil that was the focus of a "guess my weight" contest, an 1854 drawing book with a picture of Barrie in its youth on the front, RAF pilot Edward Talbot's "short snorter", and Simcoe County Constable Robert Craig's handcuffs and badge.



Outdoor exhibits at Craig Reunion

Attendees went home with a sampler of Craig maple syrup and an appreciation for these early pioneers on the Penetanguishene Road.

It's the dead of summer, and you're driving on the highway. With gas prices on the rise again, however, you choose not to run the air conditioning because of the strain it will place on your gas tank. Driving with the windows open will help you conserve gas. Or will it? During highway driving running the AC doesn't make much of a difference. There would be no savings from turning off the air conditioning because opening the windows would create drag, reducing the car's normal gas mileage. Consumer Reports tested the theory while driving a Toyota Camry at 65 miles per hour, and found that choosing air or windows didn't make a justifiable difference. That's not to say that air conditioning is always the best option. The Department of Energy's website suggests that turning off the air conditioner may improve fuel economy when driving at speeds under 40 mph.

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Mayor Don's Update - by Don Allen

Retirements

Most of you know that CAO Robert Brindley will be retiring effective August 31st after a 35 year career in the municipal sector and 7 years with Springwater. I will miss his positive, creative, supportive presence. He has been great to share ideas and work with. I know he will do well in the next interests he chooses to pursue, and I wish him great health, happiness and success. Thank you, Robert, for all you have done with and for Springwater.

After 42 years of service in the municipal sector, Ron Belcourt is retiring as Springwater's Director of Recreation, Parks & Properties. He joined Springwater Township when the municipality was amalgamated in 1994. Ron has had a hand in helping to develop virtually every important project over his career with Springwater. His knowledge of the history of the Township development is unmatched. It is always fun to hear him tell some of the "good stories" of what has gone on over the years in Springwater. We are glad you will be remaining close Ron so we can stay in contact. All the best to you and family and thank you for all you have accomplished.

New CAO

As a result of effective succession planning, the Township is pleased to welcome Jeff Schmidt as Springwater's new CAO effective September 1, 2019. Schmidt has worked for the Township since 2013 as the Director of Finance and since 2018 as the Deputy CAO/Director of Finance. Since Jeff arrived, he has led made many positive changes in the Township to find savings, increase efficiencies, and prepare for the future through long range financial planning and asset management.

Schmidt is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) with an Honours Bachelor of Administrative Studies degree. Prior to working with the Township of Springwater, he held the position of Director of Finance & Treasurer with the Township of King and has held previous management positions with the City of Barrie and the Regional Municipality of York. I have worked with Jeff for the last 5 years and am very much looking forward to working with him as CAO.

LINX Transit Service and Elmvale bus shelter

New LINX Transit Service routes have been added to this ever-growing Simcoe County transit system. Routes just added include: Route 2 – Wasaga Beach to Barrie (south) with stops in Clearview and Essa; Route 3 – Orillia to Barrie (north) with stops in Oro-Medonte; Route 4 – LINX is assuming the existing Collingwood to Wasaga Beach Link with no alternations to current operations. Ridership on the new routes (only) is free until September 2. Ridership is increasing and the existing routes include stops in Elmvale and Midhurst in Springwater.

The Elmvale & District Lions Club graciously committed \$7,500 towards a contemporary bus shelter to be erected at the Elmvale stop. Council contributed the remaining

balance of \$1,200 in order to purchase a 5'x10' bus shelter with solar LED lighting and a bench for community members.

Springwater Swing Golf Tournament Proceeds

The 13th Annual Springwater Swing Golf Tournament, hosted at Orr Lake Golf Club on June 12th, raised net proceeds of \$37,471. The tournament was a great success due to the support of the golfers attending and generous sponsorships received. Funds yet to be allocated from prior year's proceeds were added to this to get \$67,866 in net proceeds to be allocated. Council approved the allocation of this amount as follows:

- Barrie and Area Physician recruitment \$8,000
- South Georgian Bay Physician recruitment \$3,000
- Elmvale & District Area Food Bank \$2,500
- Purchase 12 Outdoor Save Stations (below) \$33,000
- Charitable and Community Organizations Initiatives \$21,366

Save Stations

Council approved the purchase of 12 outdoor Save Stations that provide the community the power to save a life when needed. A Save Station is a public AED (defibrillator) that delivers life-saving support at the critical time frame of an emergency. Some of the proceeds from the Springwater Swing Golf Tournament are being used to purchase these to be installed at locations across Springwater, from parks to community centres to libraries. A public unveiling of these newly installed units will occur on September 7 at the Anten Mills Fun Fair. This is the largest purchase of any one community to make AEDs truly accessible by having them at multiple locations.

Elmvale District High School (EDHS) Joint Use and Cost Sharing Agreement

Since 2012 Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has worked extensively with Township staff, representatives from the community and Councils to get approved and built the \$8.5 million addition to EDHS, which was officially opened April 26, 2019. Key to this addition was SCDSB and the Township entering into a Partnership Agreement to enable the Township to manage community use of parts of the school facility from 6pm to 10pm daily, weekdays and school holidays. Proposed uses of the facility will include recreation programs, fitness memberships, gymnasium rentals for sports programs, theatrical groups/



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enhancement of school and community programming for the "nice to have extras" that are not funded by the Ministry of Education. In addition to the community fund raising, the Township has committed \$50,000 per year for 10 years for the capital construction cost.

The Township will enter into a revenue sharing/cost sharing agreement with the SCDSB for the identified areas of the facility that will be used for this purpose.

The Township will develop a fee structure for the facility in accordance with current Township policies to cover the Township's portion of operating costs.

An Administrative Committee shall be formed to attend to the implementation of this Agreement and review decisions of a newly formed Working Committee. The Working Committee shall be formed to attend to the day-to-day needs of the facility and its users

This is a tremendous, innovative accomplishment as a result of creativity and hard work of many dedicated people over the years. This partnership will serve the EDHS students, the local community and the Township with a first- class facility for recreational, leisure and lifelong learning opportunities for many years to come.

Elmvale Farmers Market

Again this year, the Friday market offers lots of good fresh produce and crafts at very reasonable prices. From 9am to 2pm in the parking lot at the Elmvale Community Hall over 20 vendors feature in-season produce, crafts, gifts and baked goods from local producers across Simcoe County. This supports the local economy and gets the freshest food for your family.

All Way Stops – St Vincent Street, Midhurst

A pilot project for all way stops on St. Vincent Street at Cedar Creek Drive and on St. Vincent Street at Jodies Lane has occurred since September 2018. Of the feedback received through emails and phone calls, 70% of the respondents were in favour of keeping the all way stops at both intersections.

Prior to the installation of the all way stop intersections, only 34.1% of traffic was at or below the speed limit. Since the installation, 67.46% of traffic is at or below 50km/h. In addition, the traffic travelling between 51km/h to 60km/h has decreased from 45.5% to 28.85% and traffic going between 10km/h to 20 km/h above the speed limit has decreased from 17.7% to 3.39%. Traffic going over 20km/h above the speed limit has decreased from 2.7% to 0.3%. Council has approved the all way stops remain on a permanent basis.

Other

Edwin Espinal We all breathed a sigh of relief when we finally heard there was some progress in the 18-month battle to get Edwin out of prison and have the prospect of freedom. He is out of prison on bail until his court case comes up next May. This is due to the incredible hard work of the Spring family and supporters. I hope we can get him to Canada for a visit in the interim.

The **No Stopping Zone on Forest Hill Drive** from Pierce Court to Mid Park Boulevard in Midhurst has had the no parking hours extend now to prohibit parking from 8:00am to 10:00am Monday to Friday.

A review of the 2006 **Open Air Burning Bylaw** has need reviewed and revised to a new draft bylaw to be presented to Council at its September 4, 2019 open meeting.

Upcoming Events - August

Mining Slo-Pitch Labour Day Tournament August 30, 31 & September 1 at Tree Nursery Sports Park. Visit the Mining Community Page on Facebook for more information

The comments here reflect my perspective and do not necessarily represent those of the whole of Council.

Check out my recent radio interview reviewing current Springwater news items with Rock95 and 107.5 KOOL FM news director Dan Blakeley. See <https://barrie360.com/springwater-update/>

Contact me at don.allen@springwater.ca or 705-728-4784 ext. 2013 to set a time to meet or reach me directly at 705-302-4253. We can also stay connected on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @MayorDonAllen and review updates on www.donallen.ca.

A man is not idle because he is absorbed in thought. There is a visible labor and there is an invisible labor. --Victor Hugo

PUBLIC NOTICE

TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER

Signum Wireless, in accordance with its obligations under the *Radiocommunications Act* and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada procedure CPC-2-0-03 (2014), hereby notifies the residents in the vicinity of Champlain Road and Concession Road 17 E of its intentions to develop a Telecommunication Tower at the location shown here consisting of :

- A 45 metre shrouded tri-pole telecommunication tower
- An equipment shelter at the base,
- and perimeter security fencing

The purpose of the proposed tower is to provide the infrastructure for carriers to improve wireless communication services in the immediate area.

45 Metre Shrouded Tri-Pole Tower
771 Champlain Road, Tiny Township, ON

Co-ordinates: 44.816636, -79.947794

ANY PERSON may make a written submission to the individuals listed below before **September 23, 2019** with respect to this matter.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the approval of telecommunication facilities and their design are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada .

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed tower and site will be available for review during a Public Open House on **September 14th, 2019** from **10:00 AM—12:00 PM** at the Lafontaine Community Centre located at 342 Lafontaine Rd W, Tiny, ON L9M 0H1. Additional information may also be obtained through the following contacts:

<p>Signum Wireless - contracted to:</p> <p>Dylan Goldman FONTUR International Inc. 70 East Beaver Creek Rd, Suite 22 Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3B2 Fax: 866-234-7873 Email: ON1293.signum.info@fonturinternational.com</p>	<p>LUA Contact:</p> <p>Shawn Persaud, BA, MCIP, RPP Director of Planning & Development The Corporation of the Township of Tiny 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, ON L0L 2J0 Phone: 705-526-4204 ext. 240 Email: spersaud@tiny.ca</p>
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Ask a Therapist with Sarah Joy Covey, RP

Q: I'm starting to get anxious about the back-to-school changes for my family. How can I simplify my planning and preparation to reduce the stress that we feel?

A: With back-to-school less than two weeks away, it's not surprising that it is occupying your thoughts! Most families experience a sort of bittersweet reality when the longer, less-structured summer days begin to give way to the fall weather and school routines. As with most seasons of life that come to a close, the back-to-school start up is greeted with mixed feelings. Some kids are excited to return to their friends with a freshly sharpened set of pencil crayons in hand. Others may feel nervous about the social atmosphere of school and want to stay curled up in their rooms with Harry Potter instead. Still others may be starting at a new school and they don't know what to expect or how they are to navigate an unfamiliar building. Some parents can't wait for their kids to have structured days and be out of the house again while others are sad to see them go and wish summer didn't have to end. Whatever you and your family members may be feeling, there are a few things to consider that may help facilitate the transition and give you all greater peace of mind.

Normalize the stress. Any type of transition holds a certain amount of stress that can't be avoided. Part of moving from what is comfortable and familiar into the unknown is to feel somewhat apprehensive and worried but it's important not to let those concerns dominate your head space. As a proactive measure against the natural stress of this changing season, consider increasing your self-care over the next few weeks to allow for some decompression. Maybe book a massage, increase your time in nature or on the yoga mat, plan a tea break with a friend to chat back and forth and encourage one another in your concerns, or set up a session with a counsellor to process your thoughts and feelings. Take whatever steps you need to release that stress on a daily basis so it doesn't build up to an unmanageable point. And don't forget past successes! Even though stress can increase as a result of the new school year approaching, remind yourself that you have navigated transitions before and have survived! You are resilient and so are your kids!

Anticipate the best. Most anxiety is future-oriented; that is, we worry about something in the future that has not yet happened based on a "what if" scenario. For example, what if my daughter's best friend is not in her class this year? What if my son doesn't like his teacher? What if the kids can't get back to a regular sleeping schedule? What if I buy back-to-school clothes and then they don't fit in October because of a growth spurt? What if she still can't do long division? You get the idea. This anticipatory anxiety is often rooted in catastrophic thinking where we assume the worst case scenario instead of the best case scenario. The truth is, we really don't know how it will work out for our kids at school this year but, in the absence of concrete evidence to the contrary, we can choose to anticipate the best instead of fearing the worst. Why not reframe those "what ifs" to paint a more positive picture of what is equally possible? If we can harness the excitement of anticipating the best, we will reduce that unnecessary worry and set ourselves up to welcome (not dread) this next phase in family life. You never know, this may be the year of the best teacher, indoor shoes that fit for 10 whole months, and long division mastery!

Simplify the routine. Start with the basics - sleeping, eating, and exercise - and begin to move towards a routine that will work for the transition to school. Bedtimes tend to be less predictable and structured in the summer so if you are able to gradually work back into a sleep schedule that will compliment the school routine over the next couple of weeks, you may all find that the early morning is less of a shock to your system. Getting adequate sleep for all members of the family is an essential element in stress reduction and overall resilience throughout the transition. Think ahead about the nutrition that you want to have available for your kids that works well for school lunches and stock up so you don't have that last minute shopping stress! Get into the habit of prepping food on the weekends for the week so that healthy snacks are readily available. Make time to move your bodies every day and think about how some time outdoors can be a part of your routine, even after school starts up again. If you look after those basics, you'll build a solid foundation for a healthy transition.

Take it as it comes. No matter how much we plan or prepare, we will still have to take things one step at a time. Inevitably, something will be forgotten in the back-to-school shopping but, thankfully, you can still find scientific calculators and white-out in September. Consider an after school point of connection - maybe at snack time or dinner - where you can check in with your kids about their highs and lows or their laughter and learning so that you can have a pulse on how things are going as you all get used to the new routine. With ongoing communication and feedback we can respond and adjust along the way to refine the routine to suit our family's needs as they emerge. In general, we can minimize anxiety by consciously and intentionally living in the present moment and not getting ahead of ourselves. Try to balance that planning with proactive and positive thinking and enjoy each day as it unfolds! Summer isn't over yet!

To submit YOUR question for consideration in a future column, or for more information about psychotherapy services that could help with stress management or transitions (for teens or parents), email sarahjoycovey@gmail.com.

County investment ensures the sky is the limit for the future of Lake Simcoe Regional Airport

Midhurst/August 13, 2019 – County Council has approved the execution of agreements with the City of Barrie and Township of Oro-Medonte to purchase additional shares and become the majority owner of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (LSRA). Effective January 1, 2020, the County of Simcoe will own a 90-per-cent stake in the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, which is set to undergo rapid expansion in an effort to boost regional economic development, create jobs and grow commercial, passenger and commuter air traffic.

“Simcoe County is one of the fastest growing regions in Ontario, we're the fourth most popular tourist destination and home to more than 16,000 businesses,” said Warden George Cornell. “Our investment in the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport will allow us to capitalize on future opportunities that help drive our economic prosperity, create jobs and enhance transportation options for our residents. Our strong financial position allows the County to make this strategic investment at this time and we thank our partners at Barrie and Oro-Medonte for their commitment to advancing the airport's long-term strategic plan.”

The County of Simcoe has held shares in the LSRA since 2014. On Tuesday, August 13, County Council approved the acquisition of an additional 50 shares from the City of Barrie and 20 shares from the Township of Oro-Medonte, which will see the County of Simcoe become the majority shareholder. The City of Barrie will continue as a key joint owner holding a 10-per-cent stake in the regional airport.

In June 2018, airport shareholders approved a new Strategic Plan for the LSRA, which presented a three-phase plan focussed on developing infrastructure, including a runway expansion from 6,001 to 7,000 ft to allow for greater aviation activities. The County remains committed to the expansion opportunity, which will allow LSRA to become a true regional commercial airport with the infrastructure and capacity to become a centre for corporate aviation and support regional domestic and international markets.

As one of ten commercially significant regional airports selected by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority to form part of the Southern Ontario Airport Network, Lake Simcoe Regional Airport is also well-placed to support economic development needs on a larger scale. The investment in the expansion of Lake Simcoe Regional Airport will allow Simcoe County to help meet forecasted demands in air service across Southern Ontario and thereby increase the competitiveness of our region, province and country.

For more information on economic development efforts by the County of Simcoe is available at simcoe.ca/edo. To download the *Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Strategic Plan - April 2018*, go to <https://simcoe.civicweb.net/document/45119>.

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

U.S. Losing Football Fields Per Minute of Natural Lands: A new analysis by Conservation Science Partners and the Center for American Progress found that every minute, the U.S. loses two football fields' worth of natural landscapes to development from activities including agriculture, construction, sprawl and fossil fuel extraction. That's higher than the rate of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon (which is roughly two football fields every three minutes). Over the 16-year period from 2001 to 2017, it resulted in total losses of 24 million acres — the equivalent to nine Grand Canyon national parks. Climate change is also driving land loss through mechanisms such as coastal erosion due to sea level rise, as the deadly cliff collapse in Encinitas last week highlighted. These losses are doubly



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Tiny Mayor's Monthly Column

Tiny's Community Garden is now open! Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 9am to 11am. Located at Perkinsfield Park (43 County Rd 6 S). Stop by for some fresh produce or learn more about the garden from our on-site Environmental Stewards. As part of Tiny's Local Food Project, the community garden offers rental plots to members of the public.



Have you heard about Tiny's new rolling boardwalks? We've installed 350 metres of rolling boardwalks at Lafontaine Beach Park, constructed of wooden planks and decommissioned fire hose. The boardwalks, which are being piloted this summer, are a cost-effective way to enhance mobility for pedestrians, individuals experiencing mobility-related issues, and wheelchair and stroller users.

Tiny's Fire and Emergency Services Family Fun Day is on Saturday, August 24 from 11am to 2pm at the Wyevale fire station (817 County Rd 6 S). Enjoy a free BBQ lunch, a Jaws of Life demo, fire hose target practice and more. Bring your fire extinguisher for a free inspection. Admission is free with a Food Bank donation.

The Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament and Dinner is on Friday, September 13 at Brooklea. Funds raised will benefit 17 local charities. Register now individually or as a four-some for 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and dinner. Dinner-only attendees are also welcome.

Our next Town Hall Meeting is on Thursday, September 19 from 7pm to 9pm at the Wyebridge Community Centre (8340 Hwy 93). Meet your members of Council and get real-time updates on your community.

Save the Date: Our Health Speaker Series – Outrunning Cancer (September 3), Terry Fox Day (September 15), Doors Open Simcoe County (September 21), and Farm Crawl (October 5).

Find full details about Tiny events, programs and news at www.tiny.ca.

Did You Know: Tiny needs your help to reduce the spread of invasive Phragmites. Volunteer for a community dig or learn about safely removing invasive Phragmites from your property. Visit our Volunteering Opportunities webpage for details.

Until next month!
 Mayor George Cornell

devastating since natural lands serve as carbon sinks and habitat for innumerable species. The report's ultimate recommendation is to protect 30 percent of the country's lands and oceans by 2030, and 50 percent by 2050.

“A new paper documents “remarkably different” land temperatures from one instrumental data set to another. In some regions there is as much as an 0.8°C conflict in recorded temperature anomalies for CRU, NASA, BEST, and NOAA.”



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 As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Faust

Elmvale BIA Update

Music in the Park is winding up for the Summer with two more performances of local artists for visitors to enjoy.

This week Saturday, August 24th enjoy the sounds of Darcy Windover.



Saturday August 31, the BIA is pleased to present our final performance of Music in the Park with Ryan Harvey MacIntyre



Music in the Park has been a great success this Summer, we have enjoyed the various local artists and visitors have been able to check out the many businesses that are open while they listen to some amazing talent.

Check out the new patio!

Downtown Elmvale has a patio available to patrons. Steeler's Restaurant and Pub opened it's much anticipated outdoor patio this past weekend. It is a great way for guests to enjoy a meal and check out the local Elmvale amenities and enjoy the summer sunshine. Stealers is located at 23 Queen Street W in Elmvale



Elmvale BIA Business Highlight

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Senior Wish Association is Granting a Special Senior His Motorcycle Wish

August 2019 – Senior Wish Association - (Simcoe County, ON) – The main initiative of the Senior Wish Association is to grant wishes for seniors in our community Seniors who made wishes as children are now wishing for different things, many of the wishes we grant are very simple.

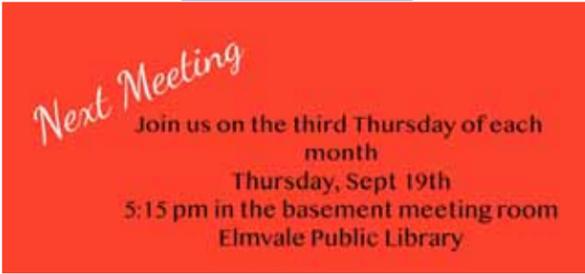
A special senior from Coleman Care Centre is having his wish granted by getting a ride on a motorcycle. The senior, John, was previously in a motorcycle accident which left him injured. As a special wish he has wanted to experience the thrill of a motorcycle ride once again. John will be hosted in the side car of a motorcycle generously provided and driven by Teresa Vincent.

They will depart from the Coleman Care Centre (140 Cundles Road West, Barrie, ON) at 10AM on Monday, August 19, 2019 for a scenic ride around Barrie.

We invite the media to meet John, Karen Andrews – Director of Recreation, Coleman Care Centre, Patricia Imrie – Chair of Senior Wish Association and Teresa Vincent - T's Cafe - DIY Motorcycle Cafe and UCI Branding, Barrie. Asked why she wanted to participate in this wish, Teresa said "I feel so privileged to be the person to provide a ride for a senior who in the past knows the thrill of being on a motorcycle; I want to make that memory come back for him"

Senior Wish Association is a registered provincial charity providing programs and initiatives for lonely and marginalized seniors and facilitating their inclusion through wish granting, companionship, recreational activities, inter-generational programs, educational opportunities for youth and families and the dissemination of health and safety best practices. Last year over 4,000 seniors in the Barrie area benefitted from Senior Wish. With a growing demand for programs and initiatives, the Senior Wish Association is currently expanding to communities across Simcoe County.

Contact: Patricia Imrie Chair Senior Wish Association
Tel: 705-791-2026 Email: pattyimrie@gmail.com
www.aseniorwish.com



Is Your Wife Always on Your Back?

Vytatutas Kirkliauskas, with his wife Neringa, traversed a muddy course and won the annual wife-carrying championships in Finland on Saturday. It was the second consecutive victory for the Lithuanian couple in the international event, held for the 31st time in Sonkajarvi, Finland. They ran an 830-foot obstacle course, walking in mud and crossing waist-high water and wooden barriers in one minute and 6.72 seconds. First prize is the wife's weight in beer. Contestants from a dozen countries took part in the event, inspired by a Finnish folk legend involving the kidnapping of women by pillagers. National competitions occur in the United States, Australia, Poland and England, with China organizing an event in 2020. In 2018, a Maine couple, Jesse Wall and Christine Arsenault, won 12 cases of beer at the North American Wife Carrying Championship in Newry, Maine.

How can i get fleas out of my home?

Try this. Place a shallow pan filled with water and a little dishwashing liquid in the room that is infested. At night, turn on a lamp and focus it right over the pan. Turn off all the other lights. The fleas will jump at the light and fall into the pan. You'll be amazed at the number of fleas you'll catch the first night. Change the solution as needed. Although you won't catch any fleas on some nights, continue the treatment for at least two weeks to get the next generation of fleas after they hatch.

Collingwood volunteers needed August 24th in fight against aggressive invasive plant

August 19th Collingwood, ON – The date is set and we need volunteers for this year's massive cull of *Phragmites Australis*, an invasive grass that grows so thick that turtles can become trapped and die.

This August 24th from 9am to 12pm, the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and other partners will be going head-to-head with phragmites, a grass that grows up to 10 feet high. The effort this year is made possible in large part to a financial contribution by the W. Garfield Weston Foundation.

"Phragmites is an extremely fast-growing, invasive, non-native grass," says George Powell, a member of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust. "It continues to take over Georgian Bay shoreline, invade wetlands and threaten our most precious ecosystems, like wetlands."

If left unchecked, *Phragmites* will cause serious damage to the biodiversity of our area. It out-competes native wetland plant species, creating a monoculture that compromises desirable habitat for all manner of wildlife. Phragmites also releases toxins from its roots into the surrounding soil, which impede the growth of and even kill off neighbouring vegetation.

Where & when

Everyone is welcome to come and volunteer next Saturday, from children to seniors, for an hour or for the entire morning. At noon, volunteers and family are invited to join in a complimentary BBQ lunch. There are two locations for cutting. The rallying points are the north end of Hickory Street where it terminates at the parking lot of the Collingwood Arboretum, and at 49 Huron Street in the parking lot just east of Sobeyes in front of the Iron Skillet. The lunch BBQ will be held at 49 Huron Street at noon.

Volunteers are asked to please register [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fight-the-phrag-in-collingwood-tickets-69210940787). They should expect to spend the day outside and in the water/muck, and should bring sunscreen, a hat, drinking water, clothes that can get wet/dirty, gloves (if possible) and sturdy footwear. This event is eligible for high school volunteer hours, so don't forget to bring your forms.

Sign up here!

Those interested can learn more and are asked to please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fight-the-phrag-in-collingwood-tickets-69210940787>.

Funding for this year's project is provided by the W. Garfield Weston Foundation, WWF's Loblaw Water Fund, Environment and Climate Change Canada EcoAction program, and the Town of Collingwood.

For more information, contact Sarah Campbell at scampbell@nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479 ext 243

For specific media inquiries, please contact: [Carl Michener, Outwrite Communications](mailto:Carl.Michener@outwritecommunications.com), 416 476 7484 watershedtrust.ca.

More information on Phragmites can be found on the NVCA website (www.nvca.on.ca). To report a sighting of Phragmites, contact the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or use your smartphone to report at www.eddmaps.org/ontario/

Golden Gate Bridge. Connecting San Francisco and Marin County in 1937, for many years this was the longest suspension bridge in world. Experts thought that winds, ocean currents, and fog would make it impossible to build. It took about four years to complete the beautiful 1.2-mile-long bridge. It is held by 80,000 mi worth of steel wire, and the cables that link the two towers are 36.5 inches in diameter the biggest ever made.



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Mon: Aphasia Communication Group - The Stroke Recovery Association (Barrie District). All sessions free 705-737-9202.
Mon: 9 am. Coffee Club and Art Group - 9:30 am Pool and 10 am Tiny Stitches The Place 300 Balm Beach Rd. Perkinsfield
Mon: 10 to 11:30/7:30 to 9 p.m. Ladies Interdenominational Bible Study Willow Creek Church 2387 Gill Rd. 705-722-7582
Every Mon: 4:20/5:45 Drop in Yoga classes at the Villa Nursing Home Midland Yonge St. Donna Boudreau 795 427 0740
Mon: 1 p.m. Elmvale Community Hall, euchre/bid euchre
Mon & Wed: 1 pm - 3 pm at the Penetanguishene Arena. Seniors shuffle board 245-7611 for info. Register at town hall.
Mon 1-2:30 pm **Midland Library** Better Days Addiction Support Group with Chigamik Community Health Centre provides a non-judgmental space and explores strategies to assist individuals reduce or quit using alcohol and/or substances. Simply drop-in! 526-4216 or kelly@midlandlibrary.com
Mon: 7 pm Midland District Railroad Club at Huronia Airport - basement of white building 705-526-3461
Mon: 7:30 Bingo at Bayshore Seniors Club Woodland Beach for the months of July and August. Everyone Welcome
Every Monday: MCC 8-10:30 FREE Midland Jams Plugged In 527 4420 www.midlandculturalcentre.com FB @Midland Jams
Every Tues & Thurs year round 8:30-12 noon - Georgian Bay Heritage League meet in Perkinsfield behind Country Bath & Kitchen on Cty Rd 6. Join us to restore wooden boats built in this area. 705.526.5039. Facebook Georgian Bay Heritage League .
Tues: 9:30 Coffee Club - 12:30 Bid Euchre @ The Place
Tues 1:30 pm Coldwater Legion Euchre, www.coldwaterlegion.com 705 686 3388 Branch 270@rogers.com
Tues. 1:30-3:30 & 6:30-9:00 pm Adult Pickleball - \$10 Homer Barrett Park, Elmvale Equipment provided For info contact: mamadaleno@hotmail.ca craddock.debbie@hotmail.com
3rd Tues: Elmvale Legion 2-4 pm Veteran's Drop In Day.
Tues: 5:30 Ages 4-8 and 6:30 ages 9-14. Art Classes Creative Madness Art Studio 705 322 6588 Elmvale
First Tuesday: 6:30 - 8:30 PM Georgian Bay Coin and Stamp Club North Simcoe Sport/Recreation Centre. 705-534-3771
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month: Elmvale District Lions Club dinner and General Meeting, 7 pm at Lions Hall Flos Conc 7. New members welcome. 705-734-4350
Tues: 7 pm Bid Euchre Bayshore Seniors Club Woodland Beach.
1st Tues: 7 pm Elmvale Legion General Meeting 322 1042
Tues: 7:30 pm: Bid Euchre and darts Barrie Legion
Wed: 9 am Coffee Club - 10 am Pool - 12:30 pm Games Afternoon
2nd Wed: 1:30 pm Camera Club Georgian Bay Swinging Seniors "The Place" 300 Balm Beach Road
Every Wed morning 10 am Spirit Café for a time of fellowship and conversation. All welcome. St John's United Church.
First Wed/Month: Regular meeting of the Georgian Bay Métis Council at 355 Cranston Cres. Midland 526-6335
Wed: CHAIR YOGA 10:00 - 11:00 am. Gentle exercises with soothing music. Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors 300 Balm Beach Road West 705 526 5074
Wed: 12-1:00 Lunch, \$8 at Barrie Legion. 728-1412
Every Wed: 1 pm Bridge at Bayshore Senior Citizens' 2000 Tiny Beaches Rd S Woodland Beach
Wed: 1 pm Royal Canadian Legion Elmvale District 262 Legion Seniors (55+). Table Shuffleboard and social.
First Wed 7 - 9 PM Progressive Euchre: Join us for a fun filled evening at St Paul's Anglican Church, 5 Noraline Ave. Midhurst Everyone is welcome!
2nd Wed: 7 pm LA General Meeting Elmvale Legion.
2nd and last Wed: 7 - 8:30 pm.- Wasaga Cancer Support group meetings open to all cancer survivors, caregivers and family members at Body'n Balance Physiotherapy (705) 429 - 9619.
Wed: 7:30 pm Fun darts at Coldwater Legion
Wed: 7:30 pm Cribbage at Barrie Legion.
4th Wed: 7:30 pm Horticultural Society meets Elmvale Legion
Thurs: 9 am Coffee Club- 10-3 p.m. Tiny Stitches, The Place Perkinsfield, 526-5074
2nd Thursday each month 9:30 - noon PROBUS (Professional Business) club consisting of people 55 plus meet at the Wasaga Stars arena for coffee, a business meeting and a guest speaker. Probus is a non fund-raising organization.
Every Third Thurs 10 am -noon - Barrie Kempenfelt Probus Club meets at the Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 147, 410 St. Vincent Street - Barrie Ontario - (Entrance on Ferris Lane)
3rd Thurs: Free Community Breakfast at All Saints Anglican Church Hall 1 Peel St. Penetanguishene 549 2223
3rd Thurs: 10 am - noon - The raging grannies meet at Woods Park retirement facility 110 Lillian Cres. in Barrie. 322-1575
4th Thurs: 1-3 Nottawasaga Bay Stroke Recovery meet at 135, 32nd St. Wasaga Beach Guests speakers 429-9571

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Thurs: Shuffleboard at 1 pm at the Coldwater Legion
Every Thurs: 1:30 pm Darts at Bayshore Senior Citizens' 2000 Tiny Beaches Rd S Woodland Beach
4th Thurs: 1:30 pm Diabetes support group meets at the Health and Wellness Center at Penetang General Hospital 549-0881
4th Thurs: 3-5 pm Parkinson's support group meetings at the Superstore Midland 526-9170.
Third Thurs: 6:30- 8:30 PM Georgian Bay Coin and Stamp Club meets at the Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach. 705-429-4948
3rd Thurs 5:15 Elmvale BIA meet in Elmvale Library
Thurs: 7 - 10 pm Good Vibes Coffeehouse at Mount St. Louis Road and 4th of Oro-Medonte
Thurs: 7 pm Bid Euchre at the Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors Centre, 526-5074
Thurs: 7 pm - Elmvale Com Hall Euchre/Bid Euchre Lunch.
Thurs: Darts at 7:30 pm at the Coldwater Legion
Fri June 14 to Sept 27 9 am - 2 pm Springwater Elmvale Farmers Market at the Community Hall.
Fri: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Club - 9:30 Pool, 12:30 p.m. Bridge - Includes Coffee/Tea/Cookies Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors "The Place", Perkinsfield, 705-526-5074
Every Friday 1:30 pm Shuffleboard at Bayshore Senior Citizens' 2000 Tiny Beaches Rd. S Woodland Beach
Fri: 5:30 pm WB Lions Bingo at RecPlex 429-3331
Fri: 6 pm Steak Darts at Coldwater Legion
Every Sat during summer 1-4 pm - Music in the Elmvale Gateway park except July 20
Sat: 3 pm Meat Darts BBQ at Legion, Branch 147, Barrie,
Sat: 5:00 Meat Darts Elmvale Legion. 322-1042 Welcome!
Sun: 9:45 am Knox Flos Presbyterian Church Services
Sun: 10 am - St. John's United Church welcomes you for worship. 27 Yonge St. S, Elmvale. www.unitedchurchelmvalle.org
Sun: 11 am Christian Science Society Church services at 159 Collier St. Barrie

DAILY EVENTS - All on the website at www.springwaternews.ca with greater information.

We are having our film Cawaja Ukrainian Film Festival every Saturday at 7:30 pm, in the Cawaja Church Hall on 5 Brook Av. Tiny Consession 11. (no film on Aug 3) It is by donation. Contact Marika 705 361-2089 The Tentative line up as follows:
Aug 22 7-10 pm at the Midland Cultural Centre MCC Variety Night mccsarahpendlebury@outlook.com 705 527 4420 x 3407
Aug 24 Georgian Triangle Music Festival Wasaga Beach www.georgiantrianglemusicfest.com
Aug 24 10:30 to 3:30 Art evaluation at the Orillia Museum
Aug 24: Music in Elmvale Gateway Park by the Shipyard Kitchen Party
Aug 24, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Corn Roast and Dance Wyevale United Church Hy Five Country Band Tickets at Wyevale store and at the door Adults \$5.00 Kids free
Aug 25, 3rd in a series of Summer concerts with BBQ Lance Dobinson, Vocal and Guitar, Back by Popular Demand 8th Season Wasaga Beach United Church, 380 Zoo Park Rd. BBQ 5:30-6:30p.m. Hamburger/Hot dog + Drink \$6.00 Concert -Free Will offering 7:00p.m.
Aug 29: 9-11 am Coffee in Heritage Park for the Centre Flos Women's Institute. Proceeds will support our local **Food Bank and 4-H Lifestyles Club**
Aug 30-Sept 2 59th Annual Steam-Era Show at Hume's Auction Farm Halton Hills www.steam-era.com
Aug 31: Music in Gateway Park in Elmvale by Ryan Harevy-Macintyre
Aug 31 Coldwater Elvis day at the Legion Entertainment by Terry Chisholm 2-6. Canteen open
Sept 3: 7:30 pm Midland Cultural Centre - Our Health - Outrunning Cancer Speakers are:Suzanne Beatty, Jason Townson, Christian Stevens., Call 705-527-4420 for tickets.
Sat, Sept 7 2:00 pm, Ontario Ancestors Simcoe County Branch meet at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane Barrie, Speakers: Janice Laking & Bill Sargeant Topic: Sir Robert Barrie <https://simcoe.ogs.on.ca/> Or calling 1-855-697-6687 X 328 All are Welcome
Sun Sept 8, 2:30 p.m. Annual Memorial Service at the Soldier's Monument Waverley - Every year, the Waverley community holds a service to remember those who gave their lives during the two World Wars and Korean War. The Soldier's Monument represents those Serviceman from the former Townships of Tiny, Tay, Flos and Medonte. Please plan to attend to honour those who gave their lives so that we might live in freedom.
 Wed Sept 11 10-12 noon Barrie Women's Connection - MORNING COFFEE at Bethel Community Church 128 St. Vincent Barrie featuring Donna King from Welcome Wagon and Cathy Goddard speaker Blessings in Adversity 705 735 0926
Sept 12 Oro-Medonte Community Centre 7:30PM. info.omhs@gmail.com www.gardenontario.org/site.php/oromedonte **Mystical, Magical world of Mushrooms!** Bob Bowles will inform you about the species of mushrooms that grow in our area and many interesting facts about them.
Sept 25, 7:30 pm EDGE Elmvale Legion, 7 John St., Elmvale Speaker: Dugald Cameron, Toronto Bulb Society Topic: Planting A Spectacular Spring Garden (705) 322-5317 www.gardenontario.org

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Controlling Others

Have you ever noticed that the more we try to control others, the more unmanageable our lives become? Why is this? Probably because it is a losing battle, yet we continue to sink more and more of our personal resources (time, energy) into the project. The more we try to impose our will upon another, the more resistance they will offer. While parents definitely do have to exercise some control when it comes to children, there is a difference between setting boundaries, and trying to control every aspect of their lives. While adults in relationship do have a right to expect to have important needs met, demanding that another transform into the person we need them to be is inappropriate. Often people come in for therapy wanting the therapist to change the other. Sometimes they are unwilling to look at themselves, or think that they are not doing anything to contribute to the problem. Their aim is to prove the "wrongness" of the other. However, generally both are contributing to the problem. We draw partners into our lives who will trigger places in us that need healing due to long past experiences, often from childhood. When we say someone "pushes our buttons," they did not give us those buttons. They come from old hurts. We blame the partner for the hurt or anger that has been triggered. Instead, we need to work to heal our old wounds. Generally, this happens best in the context of professional therapy. When we understand how we are triggering each other, we can be respectful each other's old pain, while each works on themselves to heal it, rather than expecting the partner to make all our "owies" better. When we are triggered, it is our inner child who is reacting to the situation, not our wise adult. That's why we can sound like bickering children. We need to bring our wise adults into the room. If we demonstrate love and acceptance towards those in our lives, there is a good chance we can "elicit" some of the behaviours we desire. This will not work if we are overly critical of the other, or are focusing on a multitude of behaviours all at the same time. If we choose one thing as a focus, explaining to the other why it is important-and without judging or criticizing-then requesting a different behavior, chances are good the other will comply. If there is still resistance, it may be because the person has tuned us out after a history of repeated criticism. In that case, we may have to offer a trade-"I will change something you do not like, if you will do the same for me." That immediately creates a more even playing field, and with luck, some teamwork may follow. Or, of course, couple's counselling before the "children" wreck everything!
Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning Registered Psychologist practicing in Sherwood Park, Canada. For information on her books, MP3 recordings and resources go to www.gwen.ca Follow her on Facebook for daily inspiration.

Caused by sluggish blood or insufficient sleep, yawning carries superstitions of devilry, disappointment, ill omen, and danger. Hindus snap their fingers three times after a yawn and call on their god for protection. Covering a yawn with one's hand was once a method of preventing the devil from entering or a caution against losing one's breath entirely. The connotations of ill omen probably stem from the belief that to show a yawn was to make oneself vulnerable to spirits entering the wide-open chasm of the mouth. A covered mouth was an easy remedy for that.

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*Three Little Words
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*Just a memory fond and true.
To show, dear mother, we think of you!"*

In Loving Memory of Allan Lambie

May 28, 1949 to September 02, 2017

*God's Garden
God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone....
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
Always missed, Forever loved*

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In memory of Connie McLean

September 1, 2009

*We thought of you with love today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too
We think of you in silence.
We remember how you look.
Now all we have is memories.
And your pictures in our book
Your memory is out keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.*

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7th annual Georgian Triangle Music Festival Coming to Wasaga Beach August 23rd & 24th.

WASAGA BEACH – August 12th, 2019- Georgian Sands by ELM Developments- Georgian Triangle Music Festival returns to Wasaga Beach, August 23rd & 24th, 2019. The festival features 6 host venues across town, that includes a headline ticketed event at the RecPlex, a free community concert with a charity BBQ at the Youth/Active Living Center, along with Barcelos, Boston Pizza, The Beach Bar and Main Street Market hosting free entertainment.

Featuring over 30 acts, there is a variety of entertainment for music lovers of all ages. Acts include Ken Tizzard Band, Sohayla Smith Band, David Stone, The Mike McCarthy Band, Eden Warsaw, Jay Kipps, Sydney Riley, Swampy and the Note Troll, The Adopted and Austin McCarthy Band.

August 24th, features headliners Bonds of Mara, a newly formed Canadian supergroup, consisting of current and former members of some notable, multi-platinum selling acts.

Members Brian Byrne (Ex-I Mother Earth), Sal Costa (Ex-My Darkest Days), Dave Benedict (Default) and Rich Beddoe (Ex-Finger 11 and of Saint Asonia) will perform at the RecPlex, doors at 7pm. Joining them will be Altered Fate, Excellerater, and Crowfoot.

For venue, tickets and schedule information, please visit our website and find us on social media @GeoTriMusicFest.

Ferris Wheel

The Ferris Wheel was designed as the American competitor to the Eiffel Tower. George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr., was a young engineer whose company was given the task of coming up with something "daring and unique." This kind of amusement park wheel had been designed before, but not at this scale. Ferris's wheel was 250 feet in diameter and it carried 36 cars, each with a capacity of 60 people.



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Obituary

BREEDON, Mary Beatrice - Passed away at Victoria Village, Barrie on Saturday, August 10, 2019. Mary Breedon (nee Archer) of Barrie formerly of Elmvale, In her 85th year. Beloved wife of the late George Breedon. Dear mother of Dan (Beth) and Gary (Shirley). Loving grandmother of Joe, Lindy, Derek, Trisha, Michelle and Tim. Sister of the late Doris Grainger. Sister-in-law of James, Bill, and the late Shirley & Betty Dermott, Harold, Charles, Jack & Roy Breedon and Velma Bentley. Friends called at the **Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale** from 2-4 and 7-9 pm Tuesday, August 13. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Wednesday, August 14 at 11 am. Interment Elmvale Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society or the charity of your choice.



ECCLESHALL, Margaret

(nee: Reay) (Former school secretary at Warminster, Moonstone, Harriet Todd and Hillsdale; Co-founder/instructor of Hillsdale YMCA; Past-president of Orillia Channel Cats; Synchronized swimmer; Ballroom and square dance instructor; Volunteer at William B. Wright School;

Avid canoeist, kayaker and sailor; Gardener, Animal lover, Garage sale fanatic; Poker and bingo player) Unexpectedly at the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, on Monday, August 12, 2019; in her 90th year ("No, don't say it that way," she would have said, "I'm only 89.") Margaret, of Big Cedar Estates, formerly of Orr Lake and Elmvale, will be dearly missed by her beloved husband of 68 years, Tony Eccleshall. Loving mother of Anne Dunston & husband Ray of Australia, Mark Eccleshall & wife Susan of Barrie, and Susan Eccleshall of Orr Lake. Proud Nanny of Ryan, Shaun, Jack & Daniel. Younger sister "Nip" of Peter Reay of the U.K. Following cremation, a Memorial Service was held at the **Mundell Funeral Home, 79 West St. N., Orillia** on Tuesday, August 20 at 11:00 a.m. If desired, Memorial Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society or Salvation Army would be gratefully appreciated. Messages of condolence are welcome at www.mundellfuneralhome.com

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Emms, Bonnie - Passed away peacefully at Grove Park Home, Barrie on Saturday August 10, 2019 at the age of 86. Beloved wife of the late George Emms. Loved mother of Marlene Gow. Cherished grandmother of Kim and Mike Gow. Friends called at **ADAMS FUNERAL HOME, 445 St. Vincent St. Barrie** on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. Interment will be held at a later date at Allenwood Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family. Messages of condolence may be forwarded through adamsfuneralhome.ca

FLEMING, Evelyn Mae - Passed away peacefully at Hillcrest Village on Thursday, August 8, 2019. Evelyn Fleming (nee Shackleton) formerly of Elmvale in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late George Fleming. Dear mother of Robert (Joy Lynn) Fleming of Toronto and the late June Baker and her husband Keith. Cherished grandmother of Stephen (Aimee), Samuel, Kimberly (Janice), Angela (Robert), Jennifer and proud great grandmother. Sister of Doris Lillie of Toronto and the late Bill Shackleton. Sister-in-law of the late Doris (Bob) Stroud and Beatrice (Jim) Lambie.

A visitation was held at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church on Monday, August 12th from 11 am until the time of the service at 2 pm. Interment Elmvale Cemetery Memorial donations to the Elmvale Presbyterian Church would be appreciated.

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Locke, Michele - (Trustee for the Simcoe County District School Board). Passed away with her sons by her side at the Georgian Bay General Hospital, Midland on Thursday, August 8th, 2019, in her 56th year. Michele Locke of Tiny, ON. Dear friend of Robert Locke. Cherished mother

of Phil Locke, Clinton Locke and the late Christopher Locke. Daughter of Carol and Brian Saville and the late Wayne Moreau. She will be fondly remembered by her siblings Monique Saville, Brad Saville, Lisa Saville, Lori Evelyn and Barry Saville. She will also be greatly missed her many friends. Michele was a gentle soul with a big heart, always putting others first. Most of her spare time was dedicated to volunteering for many local organizations including; The Guest House, Community Reach and many other organizations focusing on environmental issues and issues being faced by the Aboriginal peoples, just to name a few of the causes that she was a part of. Please join us at the **Midland Legion (196 Queen St, Midland) on October 12th, 2019 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the life of this amazing and caring woman.** If desired, memorial donations by cheque or online to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Diabetes Canada would be appreciated. Condolences maybe left at nichollsfuneral.ca. **Arrangements entrusted to the Nicholls Funeral Home, 330 Midland Ave., Midland, ON L4R 3K7.**



MCGURK, JEAN ELLEN (nee LEWIS) - Passed away peacefully at Hospice Simcoe, Barrie, Ontario on Saturday August 10, 2019 in her 98th year. Dear mother of Ken (Dinah) Rabey, grandmother of Michael & Tiffany. Proud great-grandmother of Emma, Devin, Chloe, Cameron &

Aiden. Great-great grandmother of Grayson. Jean will be fondly remembered by the Rabey family & friends.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, 15 Yonge St S Elmvale, Ontario from 2 pm - 4pm.

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All the funds raised will support critical emerging care needs at Georgian Bay General Hospital, which will help to purchase important patient care equipment such as IV Infusion Pumps, Telemetry Packs for ICU and an ultrasound machine.

"It is inspiring to witness our community come together in support of Georgian Bay General Hospital," says Nicole Kraftscik, executive director, GBGH Foundation. "We rely on our community to fund all of the equipment and infrastructure upgrades for our hospital, as the government does not fund these critical capital expenditures. Our sincere thanks to Gerard and his team of volunteers for this incredible donation."

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eczema at home by applying a topical 1% hydrocortisone cream to the areas, twice a day. You can also take Benadryl medicine to help with any itching. In addition, it's important to try to remove any triggers, such as harsh detergents. You can soothe dry skin by taking warm baths and using a mild soap. In addition, use emollients to help the water in your skin stay put. If you don't notice your symptoms appear to improve, you should see your doctor.

Prescription Treatment for Eczema

Doctors are often willing to offer you prescription products to help with the treatment of eczema. Most dermatologists will offer steroid creams or corticosteroid medications. Most frequently, doctors use Protopic or Elidel. Sometimes an oral antibiotic is used if a secondary bacterial infection is detected. If you've noticed you or your child has symptoms and signs of eczema, try at-home treatments first. Start with hydrocortisone cream and allergy medication. If you don't notice any relief, or if there are signs of infection present, it's important to see your doctor. A doctor can help relieve your suffering with prescription medication, getting you on your way toward clear skin!

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-- The Basics of Eczema: Causes, Treatment and Prevention Tips --

What is Eczema?

Chances are, your dermatologist will diagnose you with eczema if you're experiencing any type of atopic dermatitis (inflammation condition of the skin). However, it's important to know true eczema consists of acute lesions that are often filled with fluid. When the dry, flaky, itchy lesions break open, the fluid can ooze out and cause the skin to weep. After this fluid dries up, there is often a thin, scaly crust on the skin. This type of skin condition is very common in young infants and adults. Most people who experience eczema have their first outbreak before the age of five. While eczema is not typically viewed an allergic reaction rash, there are allergy contact dermatitis conditions you can get, which are often grouped right along with eczema. Often, sufferers will not experience eczema their entire life, but some do suffer with chronic eczema.

What is the Cause of Eczema?

Most experts believe eczema is hereditary and possibly due to genetic abnormal immunologic issues. In addition, it's believed it can be triggered by environmental factors. When you know exactly what you should steer clear of, you can reduce the number of eczema outbreaks you have. So, it's important to educate yourself on the possible triggers.

- Here are a few things you should try to avoid, if you want to prevent eczema.
- Harsh Soaps
 - Detergents
 - Solvents
 - Scented Moisturizer
 - Rough Wool Clothes
 - Low Humidity
 - Rubber Gloves
 - Sweating
 - Staphylococcal Bacteria
 - Excessive Hand Washing
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Treating Eczema at Home

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Rounds Ranch is proud to present our first annual Sunflower Festival! The Festival will take place on August 30th – September 1st, running from 10am – 10pm.

At the Sunflower Festival we have a lot of exciting events! During the day we have our Sunflower Experience where guests will take part in a scenic and educational wagon ride around the farm, stopping at various points to learn about the crops grown in the fields, with the main destination being the Sunflower Field. Once at the Sunflower field guests can take photos with several varieties of gorgeous Sunflowers! Each guest will also have an opportunity to pick their own Sunflower to cut from the field and take home! The Sunflowers make a great centerpiece in any home!

In addition to the Sunflower Experience package, the Sunflower Festival includes a Campfire, a Flashlight Cornmaze, and Square & Line Dancing. We also offer a BBQ & Corn Boil for an additional cost.

All regular Rounds Ranch activities are also included in the Sunflower Festival, such as our petting zoo, buckaroo bouncer jumping pillows, boxcars, pedal carts, cornfusions corn maze, zip lines, and more!

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- Sunday Little Rocks/Bantam

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 17th

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Welcome Back Sunday

Come join us on Sunday September 8th at St John's United Church for a special service and BBQ starting at 10am. Following this at approx. 11.45am, a community baseball game, with dessert, will be held at the arena. To register a team, or yourself, contact Robyn at mckrobyn16@gmail.com.

Also save the dates for:

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Visit www.unitedchurchelmvale.org or call (705)322-5809 for more info.

EVERYONE WELCOME



Our Elmvale Scouting season will be starting Monday, September 9, 2019 6:30 pm at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church.

Scouting is open for all youth aged 5 to 25. We love to camp, play games, create lots of interesting items, bake, cook, garden. The options are limitless. If you are interested, please join us on September 9. Our beavers and cubs (SK - gr 5) will be meeting on Mondays and Scout Troop (gr 6-9) will be meeting on Thursday. For more information, please contact Tracy Kelly - 322 6756.

Lightning Strike Causes Toilet to Explode

A lightning strike on a Florida home's septic tank had an unexpected result -- a toilet exploded inside the home. Marylou Ward, co-owner of the Port Charlotte home, said there was a loud boom when lightning struck the home's septic tank and caused a toilet inside the house to shatter. "We come in here and the toilet was laying on the floor," Ward told local news. "There's all pieces everywhere." She said the strike ruined the home's indoor plumbing and destroyed the septic tank. She said her family was lucky no one was using the toilet at the time of the lightning. Ward said a plumber who examined the damage explained the lightning must have ignited the methane gas inside the septic tank, causing the explosion. "I already sent a picture out to my kids and said don't do it! Here's the proof of why you shouldn't go near the bathrooms in a thunderstorm," Ward said.

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Culture Alliance

HEART OF GEORGIAN BAY (August 12, 2019): The Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay (Culture Alliance) is inviting community members who live, work, and/or volunteer in Beausoleil First Nation, Midland, Penetanguishene, Tay, and/or Tiny to apply to join the new regional culture committee.

Applicants will be selected based on their skills and experience. "We're looking for six community members to help support cultural development in the region and implement the Culture Alliance's strategic priorities," said Councillor Cindy Hastings, Culture Alliance Committee Member.

Visit CultureAlliance.ca to read the committee's Terms of Reference and download the application form. The Culture Alliance is accepting applications until September 6 at 12 p.m.

The Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay is supported by Beausoleil First Nation, Town of Midland, Town of Penetanguishene, Township of Tay, and Township of Tiny. Together, we celebrate, foster, promote, and leverage cultural resources in the Heart of Georgian Bay to grow a prosperous year-round creative economy and enhance the quality of life and cultural awareness for all residents. Visit our website at CultureAlliance.ca and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @CultureGBay

Senior Wish Association & Georgian Downs Grants Seniors Racing Wish!

August 2019 – Senior Wish Association - (Simcoe County, ON) – The main initiative of the Senior Wish Association is to grant wishes for seniors in our community. Seniors who made wishes as children are now wishing for different things, many of the wishes we grant are very simple.

A special senior from Woods Park Care Centre is having her exciting wish of watching the race horses granted! Agnes, an avid horse racing fan has wished to watch the races one more time and Georgian Downs and the Senior Wish Association have collaborated to make that wish happen.

On **Tuesday, August 20th** Agnes will arrive at Georgian Downs (located at 7485 - 5th Side Road, Innisfil, ON L9S 3S1) with Kayla (Activities Director at Woods Park) at 6PM where she will be given a special behind the scenes tour of the paddocks (6:30PM), racing starts at 7:15 where Agnes will have special seating and a great view of the horses.

We invite the media to meet Agnes and Kayla of Woods Park and Patricia Imrie, Chair of the Senior Wish Association. "If you loved horses as a kid, then you always love horses! Agnes will be thrilled to see her name in the racing program on Tuesday night, this is a special event for sure and we appreciate the attention to Agnes and Senior Wish from Georgian Downs to make Agnes' wish come true" Pat Imrie, Chair – Senior Wish Association.

Senior Wish Association is a registered provincial charity providing programs and initiatives for lonely and marginalized seniors and facilitating their inclusion through wish granting, companionship, recreational activities, inter-generational programs, educational opportunities for youth and families and the dissemination of health and safety best practices. Last year over 4,000 seniors in the Barrie area benefited from Senior Wish. With a growing demand for programs and initiatives, the Senior Wish Association is currently expanding to communities across Simcoe County.

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EDWIN ESPINAL AND RAUL ALVAREZ RELEASED FROM A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON IN HONDURAS!



Finally, after almost 19 months, our hopes and struggles with your strong advocacy and support have come true!

On Thursday August 9, 2019, Edwin Espinal was released on his own recognizance in a bail hearing in Tegucigalpa; Raul Alvarez was released on Friday August 16 with similar conditions. These are the moments that all supporters, families, Honduran and international human rights groups have been waiting for. As I write this update, I am in Tegucigalpa for a week to celebrate this momentous occasion with Edwin, Karen, Raul, their families, and international human rights supporters who have also traveled to Honduras for this event.

For the past week, Edwin has rested and spent time with Karen and his family. On the weekend, we travelled to a few quaint Honduran towns to get away from the city. Edwin has gone shopping, assembled a trampoline for his nieces in the backyard and is enjoying reading the newspaper and listening to music, things that he was unable to do for so long. I find it very exciting being with Edwin and Karen when people in the streets or at the grocery store or mall, come up and congratulate him on his release, thanking him for standing up for human rights of the Honduran people. Many he doesn't know. Edwin is very well respected in his community and throughout Honduras for his human rights work.

Edwin's Bail Hearing:

At Edwin's bail hearing of Thursday August 9th, three presiding judges from the National Jurisdiction Court were quick to bring down their decision for his release. Edwin and Raul's pre-trial detentions were arbitrary and unfounded (facts that we have been arguing for the past 19 months) yet they were sent to a maximum-security prison. This release was perhaps due to the arbitrary nature of their detention or the fact that President Juan Orlando Hernandez has lost credibility throughout the country and on the international stage. Yet it is disturbing that Edwin and Raul were severely compromised for such a long period, awaiting a decision that only took the three-judge panel 45 minutes to make. Why did it take three bail hearings for the judicial system to come to this resolution? Is it because President Juan Orlando Hernandez is about to fall?

Trial Hearing

Edwin attended his scheduled trial hearing on Thursday August 15th, which was another successful event to celebrate. (Raul's is later next week). The judges would not accept most of the circumstantial evidence presented by the public prosecutor. Edwin's lawyers provided solid arguments that made the prosecution's case look very weak. The court also flatly denied the prosecution's request for an appeal of

their decision. Edwin's full trial date is set for May 14, 2020 and his lawyer is confident that the decision will be very favourable. In attendance were representatives from the Canadian and EU Embassies. They both remarked that they would be following Edwin's upcoming trial.

Edwin and Raul must sign before a judge weekly and cannot leave the country. Edwin must apply for special permission to the courts if he wishes to visit Canada.

Protests Continue: Two Political Prisoners Remain

Despite this quick and very positive outcome in both hearings, yet 19 months in coming, two political prisoners remain in gruesome conditions. The most concerning is the case of Gustavo Caceres, who is mentally challenged; he cannot read, write, or speak. He was arrested when military police planted drugs on his person and took photos of him. Merely selling bags of water in the protest to support his mother and himself, his arrest was a setup.

A second political prisoner, Rommel Portillo, remains in La Tolva, arrested in late May after allegedly placing a tire on a fire burning outside the US Embassy. His court date is unknown; we fear for his safety in La Tolva. Like Edwin, Raul, and Gustavo's detention, being sent to a maximum-security prison is arbitrary and excessive for the alleged crime. Hence international human rights groups and those in Honduras continue to pressure authorities for his release. The Honduran people remain in the streets, marching and peacefully protesting the corruption of this narco-trafficking government of Juan Orlando Hernandez and demanding the release of all political prisoners.

Moving Forward

The Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor continues to advocate for Edwin's safety as he may face danger; Edwin will therefore be accompanied at all times for his protection. We also are concerned for Raul's wellbeing.

SCHMR is sponsoring an event: Canada's Role in Honduras in Toronto, on September 18 at 7 p.m., St. Stephens-In-The-Fields Church, 103 Bellevue Avenue, Toronto. Panel speakers include Yves Engler, a Montreal-based author and political activist, Grahame Russell, lawyer, author, political activist, and Director of Rights Action, and Tyler Shipley, author on Honduran history and politics and professor at York University. We are also hoping that Karen Spring will be able to speak at this event, yet understand that she may be unable to leave Honduras due to Edwin's safety concerns and her continuing work with the HSN.

The Toronto event will be held in Minister Chrystia



Freeland's riding in the midst of the October election. We wish to bring attention to the role our government during Freeland's tenure has played in Honduras. Canada continues to do business as usual with the Honduran regime, despite serious allegations against President Juan Orlando Hernandez for narco-trafficking, corruption and committing severe human rights abuses against the people. To date, Minister Freeland and PM Trudeau have not publicly spoken against the JOH government. For further information, please refer to the latest Toronto Star article by columnist Rick Salutin on Edwin and Karen's crisis entitled, *The strange and distasteful case of Canada and Honduras* found at: <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2019/08/15/the-strange-distasteful-case-of-canada-and-honduras.html>

In terms of a Canadian celebration for Edwin, we are eagerly anticipating the time when Edwin will be able to visit Canada. After Edwin is hopefully exonerated in his trial in May, 2020, SCHRM will be planning a community celebration to provide an opportunity for our extended family, friends, and community neighbours to meet Edwin and to celebrate his release from prison. Perhaps it may be earlier if Edwin obtains special permission from the courts and if a visitor visa to Canada is granted by our Canadian government (Edwin was denied a visitor visa twice to Canada in the past).

We thank our community who have supported the SCHRM in raising awareness of our Elmvale family crisis for the past nineteen months and your continued advocacy for political prisoners in Honduras. Also thank you to Michael Jacobs of Springwater News for publishing our bi-weekly updates and for his ongoing advocacy for our cause! We look forward to celebrating together with our whole community, hopefully in the very near future!

Janet Spring and the Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor Committee

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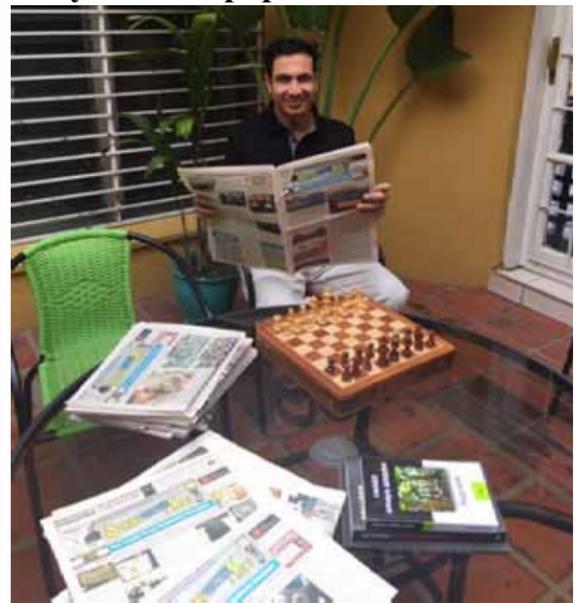
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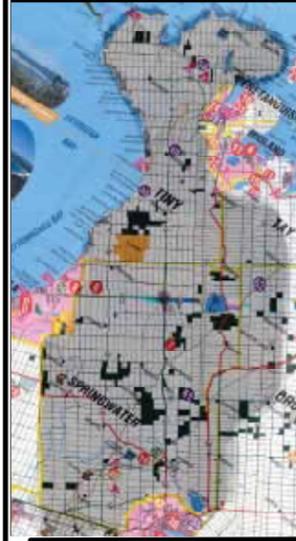
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Peter Cleland and his Store

In the twentieth century, newspaper obituaries generally gave little more than basic information about the deceased. In the nineteenth century, obituaries often gave more details of the life of the deceased, but usually were careful to speak only good of the dead. Occasionally an obituary spoke bluntly about someone in the community, and a good example is the 1877 notice from the Orillia and Barrie newspapers of the death of a well know local store keeper, Peter Cleland:

“The late Peter Cleland had chosen to sleep in the hay loft for some few nights, and on Wed. evening in question he had retired apparently quite well. On Thursday morning he wife went to awaken him for breakfast, but finding he did not answer her call she entered the loft and was horrified to find him a corpse. He lay on his back, partly dressed, with his arms folded, a hat over his eyes. Rumours arising that deceased had taken his own life, the family deemed it advisable to have a coroner’s inquest. The post mortem showed that death was caused by softening of the brain, producing rupture and hemorrhage. Mr. Cleland was born in Fyfe, Scotland in 1821, came to Canada some 35 years ago, and settled in Flos. Commencing business on a small scale, he rose to the proprietorship of an extensive general store, near the present village of Hillsdale, the only store in the northern county between Barrie and Penetanguishene employing at one time three teams for carrying products to and carrying goods from Toronto. At one time he owned 1300 acres of valuable land, besides other property, which made him a man of considerable means. Reverses of fortune came, leaving him a comparatively poor man.” “Much of his pecuniary loss was due to litigation in which he was frequently engaged, having apparently a mania for law suits which nothing could check. By many of the old residents he will be remembered as passionately fond of argument, very positive in his opinions, and apparently unable to bear having his views opposed or his statements contradicted. He was nevertheless, a man of many sterling qualities - sober, honest, industrious, enterprising, liberal, and a good neighbour and a faithful friend...at one time a township councillor...at another time represented the township at the County Council, both of which offices he filled with satisfaction to his constituents and credit to himself. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, a staunch Conservative in politics, a man who did much good for the neighbourhood in which he lived and whose sudden death will be heard of with deep regret.”

Peter Cleland was born in Aughtermuchty, Fifeshire, Scotland in 1821, the son of William Cleland and Margaret Balram. He seems to have been the only member of his family to move to Canada, although two of his brothers left Scotland to farm in England. Peter emigrated in 1845 on the ship Massachusetts, to New York on his way to Upper Canada. It is not clear what he did for the first two years, but Robert M. Miller (1840 - 1922) in his reminiscences says that settled in Flos Township. They may be true, although no other record has been found. Perhaps as a young single man he found employment or perhaps he had friends or relatives among the Scottish settlers in Flos Township. It is not possible to say who this connection was with, but it may well have been the Drysdale family, settlers in Flos Township who had lived not far from the Clelands in Scotland. By 1845 he had become a “merchant and trader” and was a resident of Medonte Township. His store was on lot 53, West Penetanguishene Road, south of Hillsdale and just south of the Presbyterian cemetery (4357 Penetanguishene Road, later known as the Shortreed farm and more recently as the Lesperance farm). Cleland bought this land in 1845 from James

Drysdale. In that is another mystery, as this James Drysdale (1759 - 1852) and his wife Christina Fergus were the parents of the James Drysdale Jr. who was the ancestor of the Flos Drysdales. However, the parents were thought to have lived and died in the Perth area (where they are buried) after emigrating to Canada, but the deed to Cleland says they were resident in Flos. Robert Miller said that Cleland commenced store-keeping in the middle of the forties on this lot and also says “...this being rough hills, the government had a survey taken, the same going through Hillsdale now, and this store had to be moved across to the new road.” This reference is a little unclear, but seems to say that the store was originally fronting on the old, original Penetanguishene Road, at the extreme west of the lot, but was physically moved to the east to front on the (present) newer, trespass Penetanguishene Road, which ran through lot 53. It was not on the west side of the trespass road, where the Shortreefs later built the huge brick house “Orchardbrae” (burned in 1932) but was on the east side of the trespass road. The present house at 4357 Penetanguishene Road, built by the Lesperances to replace a structure which burned in 1936 might rest on the old foundations of the Cleland store.

This store was an important service for these townships, as up to that time the only extensive sources of supplies were Barrie (then also a new town) and Penetanguishene. At a time when many of the settlers did not keep horses and there were few wheeled vehicle, most traffic moved by foot. Oxen did most of the field work, but did not move any faster than their driver. There was not even stage service on the Penetanguishene Road, so a store located closer to the settlement was a welcome addition. A few years, later, probably in the 1850s, Cleland had competition from the Green brothers’ store, located one lot south on lot 52, but on the Flos Township side.

Robert Miller gave a good description of the store: “Considering the time, this was a good general store. For a considerable time it was the only store on the second of Flos, and a great part of Medonte (Mr. Miller meant the only store servicing those areas).This store took in dressed pork, butter and eggs for store goods...This produce with his own team and hired man the storekeeper took to Toronto all the year through, the journey occupying five days, two days each way, and a day and night staying over in Toronto, and on his return he brought his store goods with him....The person who did the teaming for some length of time was a young man named James Hawke (1829 - 1910), who has now been living for a long time on the clay flats of Eady. The late Michael Hussey (1821 - 1913) hired himself with Mr. Peter Cleland, a store keeper along the Penetang Road, was engaged as teamster. In the summer time the team was hitched to take farm produce, which the store had taken in, to Toronto, and bring back a load of store goods, the time covering five days....”



4357 Penetanguishene Road, the site of the Cleland store, beginning about 1845, after it was moved from its location on the original road allowance to this site on the new (trespass) road location. The house shown in this photo built in 1936 by the Lesperance family to replace a house that burned. The Cleland store was located here and may have been on the foundation of this house.



2378 Old Second Line, Flos Township, the house built by the Cleland brothers in 1901



2025 Old Second Line, Flos Township. Although the style seems of an earlier date, this may be the house built by the Cleland brothers in 1894

the wholesaler to require that the merchant’s real estate be conveyed to or mortgaged to the wholesaler to secure the extension of credit for goods supplied. We can trace a little of Cleland’s business in this way. In 1855 he transferred his lands to Alexander Mortimer Smith, a wholesale grocer in Toronto, who no doubt was his major supplier. The lands were transferred back to Cleland in 1857 (this might relate to the economic depression of 1857-8) and at the same time a mortgage was given to the prominent Toronto dry goods wholesale merchant John McMurrich. When Cleland’s business began to decline, he seems not to have become a bankrupt, but was clearly in severe financial straights as McMurrich sold most of his lands (but not his home farm and store property) in the 1868 to 1870 period and Cleland had probably given up business by then. When, in 1867, the Craigs were defending against an application to have the post office moved from the Craig residence and court house into the hamlet of Craighurst, they mentioned the business being conducted to the north, but they mentioned only the Green brothers’ store, suggesting that Cleland might have ceased business by that date.

As the obituary comments, Cleland’s land holding had been quite extensive. Included were the following: lot 6 con 4 Medonte; SW quarter lot 5 con 5 Medonte; N half lot 53 con 1 Medonte; SE quarter lot 53 con 1 Flos; E half lot 65 con 1 Medonte (this seems to have been the Nichol’s tavern site, bought 1854; S or N half lot 48 con 1 Flos (bought in 1853, sold under power of sale 1868); part 10 acres lot 53 con 1 Flos (bought in 1854); N half lot 48 con 2 Flos; S half lot 70 con 1 Flos; S part lot 74 con 1 Flos; E half lot 5 con 4 Medonte; E half lot 7 con 4 Medonte; lot 4 con 5 Medonte; part lot 41 con 1 Flos (bought by 1855, sold under power of sale in 1870). This last property hold a mystery. It is the property long known as the Swan Shop and presently the home of John Poole in Craighurst. The house, one of the most interesting in the area, certainly seems to predate 1870, the date that it was conveyed to Joseph Swan. That farm had been owned by John Richardson, who conveyed the corner property (the Sinton garage at 3406 Penetanguishene Road and the house at number 3412 beside it) to his brother in law John Laing, who built the house and a blacksmith shop. The widow Isabella Laing Richardson carried on by arranging the marriage of her eldest daughter Isabella to Charles Houden, who farmed the land until the Richardson children were of age. The Richardsons could not convey title until that happened, and the lot (3418 Penetanguishene Road, just north of the Laing shop and house) was deeded to Cleland in 1863, but Cleland had purchased it at least by 1855. But why did Cleland own it? He seems never to have lived in Flos after 1845 and probably lived behind or over his store in Medonte. Why did he own the Craighurst lot and did he build the Swan Shop house? A change in assessed value in the 1870-2 period might suggest that the house was built by Joseph Swan, but in a slightly old fashioned style, and if so perhaps Cleland bought the lot with an intention to establish a store there but never did.

The obituary suggests that an addiction to litigation was a cause of Peter Cleland’s financial problems, but there were probably other contributing problems. When he commenced business about 1845, he could have located his store anywhere on the Road, as the communities of Craighurst and Hillsdale scarcely existed and there were no other stores nearby. But within about a decade he had competition from the Green brothers’ store very nearby. But the Cleland/Green locations had nothing else to offer by way of community services, apart from the Presbyterian church (later dismantled and moved to Vasey) and manse (still there - the McLaughlin house) just to the north of Cleland, and even the Presbyterian church was relocated to Hillsdale when Hillsdale became the center of business in the area and the place where the stage coach stopped. Peter Cleland’s store location was no longer convenient. This problem was only accentuated when the Penetanguishene Road was bypassed by the North Simcoe Railroad and even Hillsdale found itself poorly serviced by traffic.

In 1847 Peter Cleland married Annie McKay, daughter of George McKay of Toronto Township. She had been born in Pictou, Nova Scotia. George McKay (1788 - 1859 later moved to Simcoe County and was buried at Hillsdale.

Peter’s eldest son, Peter Balram Cleland (1844 - 1933) trained as a blacksmith in his youth but was a farmer most of his life. He settled at Palestine, Manitoba about 1873, perhaps on a military grant for service in the Northwest Rebellion, but moved to Alberta in the 1880s.

The second son, George McKenzie Cleland (1850 - 1941) was trained in Simcoe County as a carriage maker and followed that trade. He emigrated in the 1870s and in 1888 was living in Cheyenne, Wyoming but spent the later years of his life in San Mateo, California with his wife, Hattie Doolittle.

The third son, John Cleland had plans to settle in Manitoba soon after his father’s death, but did not take up his grant. He farmed his father’s property in lot 53 in Medonte but eventually did move to Alberta in the 1880s.

The three youngest sons, William Cleland (1857 - 1898), Albert Cleland (1861 - 1914) and Robert Cleland (1867 - 1947), farmed together in Flos township. They seemed to have struggled to deal with debts left by their father and to support their mother Annie, who died in 1911 in Edmonton. Several years after their father’s death, the remaining property was transferred to them by their mother and their siblings, but subject to a large mortgage of \$2000.00 which was in arrears to the extent of \$3000.00 and under threat of legal proceedings. The home property was transferred to the Shortreefs in 1890 and the boys then lived on the Old Second of Flos. They built a house on their farm in 1894 (this house seems to have been the house at 2025 Old Second Line) but also built a large brick house in 1901, on lot 57 con 2 Flos (2378 Old Second Line). William died in 1898 and his brothers sold their farm operation to the Jamiesons in 1903 and moved to the west. Robert married Marion Cumming of Flos in 1905, while a resident of Edmonton. Albert married Janette Hamilton in 1913, while a resident of Edmonton.

so four daughters. Jessie Cleland (1866 - 1886) married Joseph Rowat in very soon after. She may have been the mother of David Rowat, a child ad Cleland relatives. Joseph Rowat then moved to Manitoba and married again. and (1852 - 1920) married George W. Booth of the Orillia cabinet making and they moved to San Francisco. Lucy Cleland (1863 - 1884) died unmarried and married John Gibbard of North Norwich in 1890 but she died in 1881.



Gibbard’s map of 1853, showing the location of the Cleland store on the Penetanguishene Road, just south of what became Hillsdale