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## Water is Life - Advocating for the Protection of Our Pristine Water



Green Party Leader, MPP Mike Schreiner, paid Elmvale a visit this Earth last week! On Tuesday, April 19th, MPP Schreiner addressed a group of about 30 citizens who actively protect our pure groundwater at the Flow.

Despite the wet snow and cold wind, environmentally minded supporters listened to MPP Schreiner's address advocating for the protection of our pristine water.

The Leader of the Ontario Green Party pronounced, **"Water is Life. We have to protect it and that's why we are calling for a moratorium on new gravel mining applications and applications that expand gravel mining pits."**



## Donations Appreciated to Elmvale & District Food Bank

Elmvale & District Food Bank has recently received some wonderful donations from Community organizations.

Elmvale Lioness Club provided Easter Baskets for our younger clients while Elmvale Lions Club provided chocolate Easter Bunnies. Baskets and chocolate were provided to clients together with turkeys or ham for a wonderful Easter meal.

With Mother's Day fast approaching, once again, Springwater Libraries have provided Mother's Day bags to be given out to all mothers at the Food Bank. Each bag contains items for mother to enjoy together with a gift certificate from Steelers Restaurant. We thank everyone who contributed towards the



Elmvale & District Food Bank is open Wednesday from 4-6 pm and Thursday 10 am-noon. With the continuing rising costs of everything, we realize that many families are still struggling and may need assistance. The Elmvale & District Food Bank is available to all residents of the Township of Springwater and any families within the busing area for our supporting schools, Wyevalle, Hillsdale, Minesing, Forest Hills, OLOL, HCES and EDHS. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the food bank at 705-322-9096.



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bags and we say a special thank you to Steelers – who are always willing to support the Community.

Barrie/Huron Rotary Club continued its distribution of PEI potatoes. Elmvale & District Food Bank received over 500 pounds of potatoes so every client will be benefiting from this wonderful donation.

Tiny Township Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt– accepting donations to Elmvale & District Lions Club. Also the community of Anten Mills held Easter events. Both of these events were very fun and successful and the foodbank was the recipient of lots of food and monetary donations.

We always have a big thank you to individuals and organizations dropping off items on a continuing basis throughout the year. All donations are greatly appreciated.



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Email: info@springwaternews.ca or drop off at office. Contact information is on the right hand side of this page. **Phone number and address must be supplied for all letters to the editor**

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Dear editor,  
The media, oil and gas industry and the Federal Government MP's are pushing for expanding fossil fuels to Europe during this Ukraine war crisis is misguided, dangerous and immoral. More fossil fuel expansion guarantees more years of climate destruction that will harm us all in the long run. Speaking of the long run, the newest IPCC report was clear: fossil fuel expansion now will increase human suffering in the next 20 years. I don't want to see my grandchildren and great grandchildren suffer the consequences of our Federal government continuing to support Big Oil with billion dollar annual subsidies while destroying the environment at the same time. Sincerely, William Everitt  
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by Joshua Strange

The temperature barely hovers above 0° and a strong chill westerly wind blows into the station with the midnight train out of Kyiv, Ukraine.

Aboard are over 500 refugees fleeing the barbaric inhumane invasion of Russian forces that began February 24th. They are from all across Ukraine, Mariupol', Donetsk, Kharkiv, and a few lucky ones from Bucha and many other places too countless to name.

In a tent on the platform a small cadre of international Volunteers ready themselves for the nights . There



is Steve a Veteran and former Navy Seal from Pennsylvania, Bruno a student from Przemysl, Paddy a police officer from Boston, Eric a soldier from Taiwan and myself, Joshua a Chef, originally from Elmvale.

Together we prepare hot meals, sandwiches, hot coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Parsing out containers and filling them to the brim with the nights offerings.

This night we will be serving a traditional Ukrainian Goulash rich with vegetables and meat sided with a tabbouleh salad. For sandwiches we offer Ham and Cheese, Egg Salad, and Pizza Panini's. The dessert is banana bread, pound cake and pudding.

We are all volunteers from the World Central Kitchen, a NGO created in 2010 by Chef José Andres after a devastating earthquake hit Haiti. And just like in 2010, when news of the Russian invasion broke World Central Kitchen was mobilized within hours. Field Kitchens across Ukraine in Kyiv, Lviv, Kharkiv and one massive kitchen Przemysl, Poland were set up.

As this train and the others that follow, arrive and unload their passengers over the course of the night and day breaks myself and the other members of my WCK team are relieved by another team who will take another 10 hour shift for the trains that arrive during the day. Like a well oiled machine, more food, breakfast items this time, arrive to replace the night offerings.

I will be heading home for a short 5 hour sleep. Then I will be heading to the Przemysl kitchen to put my 18 years worth of culinary skills and a Chef to work cooking in what is now the worlds largest kitchen. This is where WCK "Fights the Chaos" a veritable legion of trained cooks chefs and volunteers will execute preparing cooking and packaging some 10,000 meals hot meals and five to six thousand sandwiches over the course of the day.

I fall into the routine quite quickly. Cook during the day, distribute the meals during the night, rest when I can. But this first week would not prepare for the weeks to come and the tasks that I would find myself undertaking.

**Authors Note:** The Kharkiv Kitchen mentioned in this article was destroyed by a Russian Missile strike on April 18th 2022, resulting in 2 Dead and 18 wounded.

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**Riddle:**  
There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

## Happy National Volunteer Week! Join Our Team the King's Wharf Theatre

Happy National Volunteer Week! For over two decades, volunteers have been an integral part of the success of the King's Wharf Theatre, and this year will be no exception. With three productions on stage from late June to late August, plus a special panto production in the fall, the popular theatre will require many helping hands to assist the thousands of theatregoers that will attend more than 80 performances this year. Join the volunteer team in Penetanguishene for the 2022 Season.

"Quite simply, we couldn't do what we do at the King's Wharf Theatre without our volunteers' support and commitment to the arts," says Alex Mustakas, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. "We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers who would like to donate their time and energy to provide a positive and enriching experience for everyone who visits the theatre in Penetanguishene."

Do you have a passion for theatre? If so, becoming a volunteer at the theatre is a fantastic opportunity to learn what it's like

welcoming patrons, checking tickets, leading audience members to their seats, and more. They may also assist with special events or help spread the word about upcoming shows through local distribution of promotional materials.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. The week is an annual celebration recognizing that volunteers provide vital support to their communities. The initiative also encourages more people to consider volunteering. This year's theme for National Volunteer Week is Volunteering Is Empathy In Action – it affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at the King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene, contact Ellen Berwick, Director of Audience Services



to work behind-the-scenes, while helping others to discover the exciting experience of attending a live performance. Whether you're retired and looking for interesting social activities that can also help others, or looking to expand the customer service experience on your résumé, volunteering at the theatre is a rewarding activity that allows you to make a positive contribution to your community.

Volunteers do a variety of tasks including acting as ambassadors for the theatre by ushering at performances – duties include

by email at [ellenb@draytonentertainment.com](mailto:ellenb@draytonentertainment.com), phone at 519-621-5511 ext. 253, or visit [www.draytonentertainment.com/Online/article/volunteer](http://www.draytonentertainment.com/Online/article/volunteer).

**The 2022 Season at the King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene includes *Sorry, I'm Canadian 2* (June 23 to July 10), *Buying the Farm* (July 21 to Aug 6), *On Golden Pond* (Aug 11 to Aug 28), and *Wizard of Oz: The Panto* (Nov 10 to Nov 26). For more information, please visit [www.kingswharftheatre.com](http://www.kingswharftheatre.com).**



**From all of us at Midhurst Pharmasave, thank you to our amazing community for the great turn out at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

## Get ready for gardening season with the Ontario SPCA Gardeners' Gathering fundraiser



The Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre's annual Gardeners' Gathering fundraising is celebrating its 15th season this year with a week of activities beginning May 1 to get winter-weary gardeners excited about the planting season ahead.

Interested in learning how to create a cut flower garden so you can enjoy beautiful floral arrangements all season long? Cady McLaughlin of Georgian Roots Farms will show you how during a virtual webinar on May 1 at 1 p.m. Tickets are just \$10.

Bid on amazing items in the Gardeners' Gathering Virtual Silent Auction where you will find gardening items, animal related products, indulgent treats to pamper yourself, and everything in between. The auction opens on May 1 at 12 noon and bidding remains open until 4 p.m. on May 8. Visit [givergy.ca/GardenersGathering](http://givergy.ca/GardenersGathering) when the auction opens and get bidding to help animals in need!

To wrap things up, local musician Dylan Lock is showing his support by performing a live virtual classic rock concert on Facebook on Friday, May 6 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be opportunities through the performance to donate. Get ready to rock out with this amazingly talented artist, and help animals in need.

The Gardeners' Gathering is sponsored by Tay Newmarket Hydro, For Sale on Georgian Bay, Desjardins Credit Union and The Georgian Bay Dream Team. Funds raised go to the Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre to help animals in need and make community support services possible.

"The Gardeners' Gathering is a chance to get excited about the season ahead, learn new gardening tips and tricks and – most importantly – help change the lives of animals in our community," says Robin Elliott, Community Development Coordinator, Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre. "We hope you will join us, and other like-minded gardening enthusiasts and animal advocates, for this fun community event."

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [ontariospca.ca/midland](http://ontariospca.ca/midland)

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## New Extended Office Hours

As of Monday, April 25, the Township Administration Centre is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. These hours will remain in effect during the Township's five month compressed work week pilot program.

The Township strives to provide a high standard of service to all residents. Learn more about our commitments to you at [springwater.ca.CustomerServiceStandards](http://springwater.ca.CustomerServiceStandards)

## Upcoming Meetings

Cultural Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Special Council Meeting - IT Master Plan  
Wednesday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m.

Council Meeting  
Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Council meetings are live streamed online at [springwater.ca/Live](http://springwater.ca/Live). A call-in option is also available. Board and committee meetings can be accessed via Zoom Conferencing. View the agendas for details.

## Bid Opportunities

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

Supply and Delivery of Various Waste Containers with Scheduled and Ad Hoc Disposal Services (Non-Residential)  
(2022-23-PW)  
Closes: May 10, 2022

Program Management of Roads, Watermains and Sewer Projects of the 2022 State of Good Repair Projects with Options for 2023 and 2024.  
(2022-20-PW)  
Closes: May 18, 2022

For details and to submit a bid, visit: [springwater.bidsandtenders.ca](http://springwater.bidsandtenders.ca)

## Career Opportunities

The Township is currently recruiting for the following job opportunities:

Various student positions  
(2022-23 to 2022-26)  
Close: April 30, 2022

Asset Management Coordinator  
(2022-33)  
Closes: May 2, 2022

Zoning Compliance Coordinator  
(2022-41)  
Closes: May 5, 2022

Roads Supervisor  
(2022-42)  
Closes: May 5, 2022

For details, consult the job descriptions at [springwater.ca/Careers](http://springwater.ca/Careers)

## Water & Wastewater Billing

Residential water meters will be read at the end of April by the Township's third-party contractor, WAMCO waterworks. Bills will be mailed at the beginning of May with a due date at the end of May.

Sign up for a pre-authorized debit plan for property tax and water/wastewater bills at [springwater.ca/DirectDebit](http://springwater.ca/DirectDebit)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates Fourth Dose Eligibility

The Ontario government has expanded eligibility for fourth doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to individuals aged 60 and over as well as First Nation, Inuit and Métis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and over.

Vaccine appointments can be booked by visiting [ontario.ca/BookVaccine](http://ontario.ca/BookVaccine), by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900, or through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, select pharmacies and primary care settings.

## Thank You!

The Township of Springwater thanks our many volunteers for their contributions to the community.



### National Volunteer Week

## Springwater Swing

Monday, June 13 | Barrie Country Club

Don't delay - Register now for the Springwater Swing!

Proceeds support physician recruitment, our community assistance program, and other worthwhile initiatives. For registration and sponsorship information, visit:

[springwater.ca/SpringwaterSwing](http://springwater.ca/SpringwaterSwing)



## Spring Road Sweeping

Weather permitting, spring road sweeping will begin in the Township on Monday, May 2. The sweepers will start in the areas of Paddy Dunn's Circle, Carson Ridge and Snow Valley Highlands, move into Midhurst and then continue moving north. There will be two sweepers, a water truck and a dump truck. Please do not rake sand into piles at the road or the end of your driveway as the sweepers are unable to pick up the material.

## 2022 Spring Watermain Flushing Notice

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) will be flushing watermains for the Township. It is very important to **REDUCE** water use from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the dates listed below so that OCWA can effectively complete the maintenance. For areas being swabbed, we ask that residents **STOP** using water during these hours.

**May 2 – May 6**  
**May 5**

Snow Valley (includes Highlands, Lowlands and Centre Vespra)  
**SWABBING** - Vespra Downs

During or after this flushing period, you may experience discoloured water and/or low water pressure. For more information, visit [springwater.ca/Water](http://springwater.ca/Water)



# Election 2022

## Information for Candidates and Third-Party Advertisers

Candidate Nomination Packages and Third-Party Registration Packages are now available at the Township Administration Centre and through the Township's website at [springwater.ca/Election](https://springwater.ca/Election). The Nomination Period is May 2 to August 19, 2022.

Prospective candidates and those interested in registering as a Third-Party Advertiser are encouraged to attend a free information session hosted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in partnership with Springwater and several neighbouring municipalities. Topics to be covered include: roles and responsibilities of elected officials and third-party advertisers, eligibility rules, nomination process, campaign finances, compliance audit, voters' list, and key dates.

The 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections will be held on **Monday, October 24, 2022**.

Date & Time	Location	Details
Thursday, June 16, 2022 6:00 - 8:00 pm	The virtual session will be hosted via Zoom. All registered participants will receive an email with connection details prior to the session.	Please find the registration link at <a href="https://springwater.ca/Election">springwater.ca/Election</a> . If you encounter technical difficulties during registration, contact <a href="mailto:clerks@springwater.ca">clerks@springwater.ca</a>
Thursday, July 7, 2022 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Rotary Place - Orillia Room 100 University Avenue, Orillia, ON L3V 6H1	Seating is limited for the in-person session. Please reserve your spot by contacting Sheila Spring at 705-487-2171 x2140 or <a href="mailto:sspring@oro-medonte.ca">sspring@oro-medonte.ca</a>


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### Council Meeting Highlights: April 6, 2022

#### Next Council Meeting: April 20, 2022

*This summary is not a full representation of the meeting. For the official record, please refer to the minutes in the next Council Agenda.*

*Past Council Meetings are available for viewing on the Township's YouTube channel.*

#### Community Improvement Plan Award

The Township's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) supports eligible businesses through municipal funding opportunities. There are eight program areas, spanning from permit fee rebates and historic property improvements to new signage and façade improvements.

Council has awarded The Palace Tavern, located at 13 Queen Street West in Elmvale, with \$1,500 under the Signage Improvement Program.

The CIP program helps to enhance and promote Springwater businesses, while preserving local heritage. Funds are still available. Learn more about the program and the application process at [springwater.ca/CIP](https://springwater.ca/CIP)

#### Agreement with Rad Adventures

Council authorized an agreement that will allow Rad Adventures to offer outdoor mountain biking programs from Tree Nursery Sports Park for the 2022 season.

#### Support for York University School of Medicine Proposal

Council has authorized the Township to issue a letter of support for York University's proposal to the Province for a new School of Medicine in York Region. The new school would help to increase the

number of primary care physicians in Ontario and address current shortages in Simcoe and Muskoka municipalities.

#### North Simcoe Rail Trail Surface Upgrades

The Township has received a Federal Development Grant in the amount of \$750,000 to resurface up to 30 kms of track along the North Simcoe Rail Trail to increase its accessibility.

As per the grant criteria and with Council's authorization, the Township will provide the remaining funds required to complete the project, up to \$250,000. Staff are continuing to seek and apply for additional third-party funding to reduce the Township's 25% contribution. Committee must be in place before October 1 of an election year to hear applications for compliance audits of candidates' election campaign finances.

*The rest of the Springwater Council Highlights and minutes are on the [www.springwaternews.ca](https://www.springwaternews.ca) website*



Mayor Don's Update



Thank You to Our Community Volunteers

It's National Volunteer Week—a time to collectively cheer the individual and combined contributions that almost 13 million Canadian volunteers make all year round. This year's theme, "Volunteering is Empathy in Action: Volunteers Bring Heart to Canada's Communities", highlights the strong link between volunteerism and empathy.

In Springwater, many of the local services provided to our community are run and operated by volunteers. From December to March, our outdoor rinks remain open thanks to individuals who donate their time to prepare and maintain the ice at eleven parks across the Township. Additionally, our Community Recreation Association volunteers contribute tremendously to our quality of life by delivering recreation programs, improving local parks, and hosting great events like last week's Easter Eggstravaganza. Finally, we would be remiss in forgetting our Volunteer Firefighters who put their lives on the line to keep our community healthy and safe.

To each of our Springwater volunteers, thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm and all the special gifts you bring to our community!

New Extended Office Hours

The Township Administration Centre is now open for an extra hour each day, with newly scheduled hours from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday to Friday. These hours will remain in effect during the Township's five month compressed work week pilot program which started on April 25, 2022. The move comes in an effort to provide an improved work/life balance for staff as well as flexibility for residents who may have trouble accessing Township services before 4:30 pm. The Township strives to provide a high standard of service to all residents. Learn more about our commitments to you at [springwater.ca/CustomerServiceStandards](http://springwater.ca/CustomerServiceStandards).

Future Springwater Community Hub

Share your thoughts and feedback on what you would like to see in the future Springwater Community Hub at 1132 Snow Valley Road. The Township's public engagement consultant 8 80 Cities will be popping up at events throughout the Township to capture your ideas for the layout, design, and programming of the Community Hub. Residents and interested stakeholders are also invited to submit feedback through an online survey found at [springwater.ca/OurSpringwater](http://springwater.ca/OurSpringwater).

The Community Hub is intended to become the central focus of the Township and a gathering place for all residents. Your contributions will be invaluable in identifying priorities and achieving our shared vision for this important community space.

Register for Summer Camps

The arrival of warmer weather means summer camp opportunities are on the horizon. Springwater Summer Day Camps are open to residents of Springwater who are between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. Our camps will create a fun and safe environment for children to interact and experience games, outdoor adventure, arts and crafts, and other exciting activities. Games and camp activities will be modified to promote physical distancing, with the majority planned to take place outdoors. The camps will run from Monday to Friday through July and August in locations including Elmvale, Minesing, and Midhurst. For more information and to register, visit [springwater.ca/Camps](http://springwater.ca/Camps).

Homer Barrett Park Playground

The Township will soon commence a public consultation process for the new playground to be constructed at Homer Barrett Park in Elmvale. The project will be funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund, from which the Township received \$200,000 for accessible playground equipment. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to share your ideas for the new playground space. Project updates and community engagement opportunities will be posted to the Township's website at [springwater.ca/HomerBarrettParkPlayground](http://springwater.ca/HomerBarrettParkPlayground).

Mental Health Week

The Township will "Shine Green" next month alongside New Path Youth & Family Services for Children's Mental Health Week. From May 2 to 8, the Township Administration Centre will be lit up with green lights to highlight the importance of children's and young people's mental health. We are also encouraging our staff, Council, and residents

to wear the colour green, which is used for this campaign because it represents hope, growth, and transformation.

It is estimated that 1 in 5 children and youth in Simcoe County has a diagnosable mental health concern. By raising awareness, we can decrease the stigma around mental health and encourage children and youth to access the supports they require. Families can learn about New Path's free services for children and youth by visiting [newpath.ca](http://newpath.ca).

Every year, Children's Mental Health Week runs alongside the CMHA's Mental Health Week in Canada. The 2022 theme for Mental Health Week is "This is Empathy". As part of the campaign, I will be sharing a video message on behalf of Springwater to encourage us all to #GetReal about how to help. During Mental Health Week, the CMHA will showcase videos from different communities on their social media platforms. Learn more at [mentalhealthweek.ca/2022](http://mentalhealthweek.ca/2022)

Other resources available in Ontario free of charge:

- Your primary care provider
- ConnexOntario 1-866-531-2600 – Ontario's mental health, addictions, and problem gambling help line
- Big White Wall – Anonymous online education and discussion platform
- Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868
- Good2Talk (post-secondary students) 1-866-925-5454

Simcoe County Bursary Awards

The County of Simcoe is offering education bursaries of up to \$3000 to Simcoe County students attending a post-secondary institution in Ontario. Eligible applicants must reside in Simcoe County and submit an online application by July 29, 2022. For eligibility criteria and additional information, visit [simcoe.ca/StudentBursary](http://simcoe.ca/StudentBursary).

Springwater Swing

A special thank you to those who have signed on to sponsor our 14th annual Springwater Swing charity golf tournament taking place on Monday, June 13 at the Barrie Country Club. I hope you have been practicing your putting as we are now just seven weeks away from the big day. We still have a number of sponsorship opportunities available for anyone looking to support this great cause while enjoying a fun day of golf. Proceeds from this year's tournament will go towards physician recruitment, our community assistance program, and other worthwhile initiatives. For registration information and sponsorship opportunities, visit [springwater.ca/SpringwaterSwing](http://springwater.ca/SpringwaterSwing).

Simcoe County Leader in Waste Diversion

The County of Simcoe has retained its status as a provincial leader in waste diversion. In late 2021, provincial data from 2020 showed the County's residential waste diversion rates were the second in Ontario, with a 64% diversion rate. This is the County's highest diversion rate since recordings began in 2006. Though the 14-year streak continues, there is still more work that can be done to improve waste diversion locally. More than 50% of what we throw to the curb could be diverted within our existing programs, particularly organics. In an effort to make further improvements, we must provide education on diversion programs and promote the importance of separating materials.

Municipal Elections 2022

Municipal elections occur every four years, coming up again on October 24, 2022. Nominations for ward councillors, deputy mayor and mayor start on May 2 until August 19, 2022. Although the provincial election will be happening on June 2, municipal politics is very important, as it most affects every day living as a resident of Springwater. Details of the procedure for running as a candidate are found at <https://www.springwater.ca/en/township-hall/elections.aspx>.

As current mayor of Springwater, I have decided not to run for the 2022 to 2026 term. I was deputy mayor from 2014 to 2018 and mayor from 2018 to 2022 and served as a Simcoe County councillor for that period as well. I have sat on numerous committees and boards during that time. Serving as a councillor gives one a tremendous opportunity to learn and have input on the issues of the Township and County and work with many good people in the community. It also affords the opportunity to work with the dedicated and hardworking staff we have working at the Township and the County.

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with its combination of both rural and urban communities and many attractive amenities. Plans continue to come forward for significant growth which will be implemented over the next 30 years, involving residential, commercial and industrial developments in the Township. Getting this implemented properly will be vital to the continuing and growing success of the Township.

Having a Council of people who are willing to work together as a team and have a strong working relationship with staff is key. This term of Council has been difficult because there has been divisiveness and tension between some of the councilors which has prevented Council from working as an effective team and has caused stress with the staff. Notwithstanding, a lot has been accomplished in the Township. It is time to get younger, energetic and hardworking people to run for Council who can work better together and with staff and bring a fresh approach to the governance of Springwater. Please consider running for councilor in your ward. I would be glad to discuss this further with anyone who is interested. 705-302-4253.

These are my thoughts and not necessarily those of Council. Happy Spring.

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30 Chief	24 Artist's asset
32 YMCA offering	25 Hanging place
33 Recipe direction	26 Stretched out
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*A recording of these sessions is also available for public viewing on the County's YouTube channel.*

- Service Simcoe

**Earth Day** was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, to inspire an appreciation of the natural world through conservation and protection. Earth Day, celebrated on April 22 each year, is a key time to unite our community and make a positive impact on the environment. This year, the County is promoting Earth Day through social media and a proclamation. Click the image above to find out more about Earth Day activities at the Simcoe County Museum that share information on various ways we can invest in our planet and include hands-on recycling, upcycling, and nature activities.

#### **2022 Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund**

In 2018-2019, staff undertook an analysis of the \$200,000 Arts, Culture and Heritage (Built, Natural and Environmental) Grant and the \$300,000 Simcoe County Tourism Development Fund (SCTDF). In November 2019 County Council approved blending of the two programs for greater efficiencies in both scope and impact. \$100,000 would be reallocated from the SCTDF to the \$200,000 Arts, Culture and Heritage (Built, Natural and Environmental) Grant for a new \$300,000 Simcoe County Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program. In 2022, the grant was renamed the 'Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund'.

On April 12, 2022, Council approved the recommendations for disbursement of the 2022 Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund. The County of Simcoe has approved 87 successful applications totalling \$471,396.93 through the 2022 Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund to enhance existing tourism, culture and sport projects throughout the County.

#### **2022 Simcoe County Homelessness Enumeration Preliminary Results**

In March 2021, municipal Service Managers (SMs) were informed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) through an updated Ministerial Directive that all SMs were required to complete a homeless enumeration and start the development of a By-Name List by the end of 2021. The Simcoe County Homelessness Enumeration was scheduled for November 17 – 23, 2021. However, due to a surge in COVID-19 cases and outbreaks at that time, the County of Simcoe was granted an extension to complete enumeration, with data to be submitted to the MMAH by February 15, 2022.

On March 22, 2022, Council received the 2022 Simcoe

County Homelessness Enumeration Preliminary Results. The enumeration results demonstrate the highest count of people experiencing homelessness to date. A total of 441 surveys were completed and 722 people experiencing homelessness were counted. Preliminary analysis indicates a number of factors contributing to the high count, including greater need in the community.

#### **Municipal Comprehensive Review - Special Meeting of Council Working Session (Presentation by: Stefan Krzeczunowicz, Hemson Consulting; Sal Spitale, North South Environmental; Nick McDonald, Meridian Planning)**

The MCR is a planning project required to be completed as directed by the Province, so that the County's Official Plan is brought into full conformity with the provincial growth plan (A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2020). The MCR project is being completed by all upper-tier and single-tier municipalities that are subject to the provincial growth plan.

On April 12, 2022 a Special Meeting of Council working session took place to provide Council and the public with an update on the tasks underway for this project and build upon the presentations and discussions that occurred during the previous December 9, 2021 Special Meeting of Council on the MCR. A particular focus of this working session was on the Land Needs Assessment work that has been completed to identify if and where more land may be needed in the County for future population and employment growth. Further partner consultation, engagement and education initiatives will follow over the coming months, including an Open House and Public Meeting.

#### **2022 Tax Ratios and Tax Rates (Presentation by: Peter Frise, Municipal Tax Consultants Inc.)**

On April 12, 2022, Council approved that the 2022 tax ratios and rates be approved. For 2022, there will be no changes to the current policy for tax ratios, no change to the current policy for farmland awaiting development or commercial and industrial vacant / excess land.

While 2021 should have been the first year of a new reassessment cycle, with all destination values being updated to reflect January 1, 2020 market conditions, the Province put a pause on reassessment in the spring of 2020. This decision was made in response to the ongoing pandemic. This means that property taxes for 2022 will again rely on the full destination values based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date.

A change Small Scale On-Farm Business Sub-Class (SSOFB) threshold to \$100,000. SSOFB provides a special property tax treatment for commercial and industrial operations on farm properties. These subclasses are optional for municipal property tax purposes and are intended to give municipalities a means of supporting small scale Agri-food enterprises. As part of the Province's 2021 Fall Economic Statement it was announced that this threshold would be increased to 100,000 for the purposes of education tax. The County chose to extend its program from the original 50,000 threshold.

**Bi-weekly Spring Leaf & Yard Collections** begins April 11 (Zone 1) & April 18 (Zone 2). Determine your collection week by downloading the Simcoe County Collects App. Place materials out by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection weeks. Collections will occur during the week, not necessarily on your regular collection day. Does not apply to residents of Barrie and Orillia. Download the Simcoe County Collects App or view your Waste Management Calendar for full details.

## **Georgian to Match County of Simcoe Bursaries for Postsecondary Students**

Georgian College will be matching the County of Simcoe in offering bursaries to new students to assist in their postsecondary studies beginning in September.

The County recently announced up to 21 \$3,000 bursaries, through its Education Bursary Program, are available to County of Simcoe residents attending a postsecondary institution in Ontario. For those successful applicants who are registered to attend Georgian in September, the college will automatically offer a matching \$3,000 bursary.

"We're excited to partner with the County of Simcoe to offer local residents even more reason to choose Georgian for their postsecondary education," said Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO, Georgian College. "We encourage future students to get to know Georgian and experience everything we have to offer. This matching bursary opportunity will give those selected by the County 3,000 more reasons to come to Georgian."

Georgian offers more than 130 career-focused programs at its seven campuses, is a recognized leader in co-operative education and has one of the highest graduate employment rates among Ontario colleges.

Eligible bursary applicants must follow the County of Simcoe's application process including:

- Be a resident of a participating Simcoe County municipality and a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Have graduated, or be eligible for graduation in the year of application, from a secondary school in Simcoe County
- Demonstrate interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or in community organizations
- Submit a 500-word essay on a pre-determined topic, as well as an explanation as to why they should be awarded a bursary

Applicants must also provide a copy of their Grade 12 or first-year postsecondary transcript and proof of enrolment at an Ontario university or college in an undergraduate program as a full-time student.

This Education Bursary Program is consistent with the County's commitment to education, as well as encouraging community involvement and civic responsibility.

"The County's student bursary program supports students and families across the region in pursuing their education and skill development goals," said Warden George Cornell. "We are grateful to partner with

Georgian College, a provincial leader in higher education and training, to enhance these bursaries and provide additional assistance and resources to local students."

**The deadline to submit an online application is July 29, 2022. For more information about the program and to apply, visit [simcoe.ca/studentbursary](http://simcoe.ca/studentbursary).**



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City recognizes Earth Day by celebrating Recent Approval of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan  
Plan sets out to achieve net-zero emission by 2050

The City of Barrie has established a plan with actions and strategies for improving energy efficiency and reducing community-wide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. On March 28, 2022, Barrie City Council approved the Community Energy & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, entitled Inspiring Climate Action in Barrie. The plan establishes ambitious targets, including a commitment to achieve net-zero emission by 2050.

“This plan will help the community better understand current energy consumption, identify energy efficiency opportunities, and help meet the community’s climate priorities,” said Adam McMullin, Manager of Energy Management. “Together, we can collectively re-imagine the way we travel, work, and play to maximize the positive benefits to our environment, health, economy – making Barrie a better place to live for everyone.” Without further climate action, Barrie’s community energy use is estimated to increase by 36% by 2050, and GHG emissions are expected to increase by 40% by 2050, compared to 2018 levels. Barrie aims to reduce overall GHG emissions 45% below 2018 levels by 2030 and to become net-zero by 2050. To achieve these targets, strategies and actions have been developed that are tailored to the Barrie community.

The plan was developed with extensive public and stakeholder engagement. A Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) was established, comprised of membership representing local conservation authorities, school boards, utility companies, Council, City staff, environmental organizations, local health care services, post-secondary institutions, and the construction & development industry. Staff also engaged the public through multiple surveys and virtual public information meetings.

To view the full Community Energy & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, visit [www.barrie.ca/EnergyEfficiency](http://www.barrie.ca/EnergyEfficiency)



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Love Nature

Spring Wildflowers

By: Patrick Jackson, Stewardship & Conservation Manager, Wye Marsh

Spring is the season of new life and change. There are many indicators when spring is upon us such as birds returning from migration, insects hatching, frogs singing, and a parade of spring ephemerals blooming.

Spring ephemerals are a group of short-lived, hardy wildflowers that are able to survive the weather extremes of spring. The first of the ephemerals each year is typically Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*). This incredible burgundy/green mottled wetland flower is able to increase the temperature of its tissues to melt through the snow, giving it an edge in the all-important pollination race. The first flowers that many of us will actually see are a small yellow flower called Coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*), which inhabits roadsides and trails across Simcoe County.

As we move towards end of April; Hepaticas, Early Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum giganteum*), Bloodroot


(*Sanguinaria Canadensis*), and Yellow Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*) begin flowering in local woodlots, giving them a smattering of whites, purples, and yellow (colours often associated with Easter). In wetlands such as the Wye Marsh, Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*) should begin flowering within the next week, painting the area in bright yellow.

Looking forward to the remainder of May; Red & White Trilliums (*Trillium erectum* & *grandiflorum*), Dutchman’s Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*), Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), and Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*) will blossom in an amazing array of shapes, adding to the colourful landscape. By the May 24 weekend, many of the trilliums will begin to fade, signaling the end of this beautiful seasonal transition.

April & May truly are a wonderful time of year to be out enjoying nature around Simcoe County. Thanks to our varied habitat, the Marsh is an excellent place to come for a stroll and view some of the many spring wildflowers that call Ontario home.



Bearbells and Beagles by Leslie Noonan

 Sleeping Giant Provincial Park in Thunder Bay is a nature lover’s heaven. There is a great mix of trails for both the novice and experienced hiker that pass along rocky beaches, through old growth forest and climbs up the giant itself. A word to the wise if you think to cool off in Lake Superior though. Even on the hottest of days the waters of Kitchi Gami are cold enough to freeze the toes off a brass monkey! Then there is the weather to contend with. After a very tough few hours of clambering up wet rocks I was rewarded with a spectacular view of...mist. Lots and lots of mist, with the added bonus of a potential misstep providing a very speedy descent down the cliff face.



found out how little food or clothing they did bring. It seemed these adventurous ladies were planning on surviving on wine and trail mix. Whether it was the wine or their natural exuberance, these strangers invited me in to have a drink. It was only once the sun was getting low over the water that I realized how long I had spent having a drink, or two, and that I needed to cover the last few kilometers to my own site. It was the motion of standing up that caused me to regret this enjoyable stop over, as the trees swayed and trail mix scattered around me. I began to tipsoily tiptoe through the dense forest, wondering if bears preferred their supper marinated. I made it to my site in time to set up for the night before settling in for a very deep

After gingerly climbing back down to the lower trail I headed for my backcountry site on the west side of the park. Sleeping Giant is a popular destination for both day hikers and overnight enthusiast, as was evident by the number of people I passed out on the main trails. This changed very quickly though once I headed further into the backcountry and I truly felt alone. That is, until I come upon a group of women on their first backcountry experience who understand how to back for a terrific few days. With wine, lots and lots of wine. It was truly amazing the amount of wine they had managed to pack in. Well, until I

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Enjoy a healthy and flavourful chopped salad made with in-season, fibre-packed cabbage. This recipe takes coleslaw to a whole new level with the addition of fresh dill and edamame. Use store bought bottled Italian dressing or make your own with the recipe below. Consider the addition of shrimp or feta for an extra layer of flavour or keep it plant-based and vegan.



### Did You Know?

Versatile cabbage is an affordable, low calorie nutrition powerhouse containing fibre and vitamins K and C. Cabbage keeps well in the refrigerator for weeks and tastes great raw or cooked. Edamame beans are whole immature soybeans. They are a good source of protein and can be found in the freezer section of the grocery store.



Edamame

### INGREDIENTS

#### SALAD

- 2 cups (500 ml) chopped red or white cabbage
- 1 cup (250 ml) leafy greens (optional)
- 2-4 peppers sliced
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked edamame (optional)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped fresh dill
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) feta (optional)
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked shrimp (optional)

#### SALAD DRESSING

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) Vegetable Oil
- 1/4 cup (63 ml) Lemon Juice
- 1/4 cup (63 ml) White Vinegar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) Salt
- 1/4 tsp (1.25 ml) Dry Mustard Powder or 1 Tsp (5 ml) Dijon or yellow mustard
- 1/4 tsp (1.25 ml) Onion Powder
- 1/4 tsp (1.25 ml) Garlic Powder
- 1/4 tsp (1.25 ml) Paprika
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) Oregano (dried)
- 1/4 tsp (1.25 ml) Thyme (dried)

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine the chopped salad ingredients in a bowl and mix well.
  2. Use store bought bottled Italian dressing or if making your own, combine the salad dressing ingredients in a bowl and whisk or add to a mason jar and shake well.
  3. Toss the chopped salad with 1/2 cup (125 ml) of salad dressing or to taste. Serve cold.
  4. This salad will keep in the fridge for 3 days.
- ENJOY!**

*Submitted by: Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD, a consulting and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce.*

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## DOUG DOWNEY MPP

### Ontario Building New Long-Term Care Beds in Barrie

#### Support for Seniors in our Community

The Ontario government is adding 104 new and upgrading 152 beds at Owen Hill Care Community in Barrie. This is part of the government's \$6.4 billion commitment to build more than 30,000 net new beds by 2028 and 28,000 upgraded long-term care beds across the province.

"Owen Hill is an exceptional Care Community here in Barrie. For many years, they have provided high-quality and compassionate care to residents with various conditions and circumstances. I am proud to be announcing this expansion to support the Owen Hill Care Community, so they may continue this work in our city for years to come," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. "I also want to thank all of the exceptional staff and volunteers at Owen Hill for ensuring that high quality resident care is always a top priority. Those who have loved ones residing in this facility know all too well how much the staff cares about their patients and how dedicated they are to providing the best care possible."

There are now 859 new and 764 upgraded long-term care beds in development, under construction or completed in Simcoe County, including the following projects:

- 19 new beds at Georgian Manor
- 51 new and 109 upgraded beds at The Villa Care Centre
- 68 new and 60 upgraded beds at Sara Vista
- 128 new beds at Victoria Village Manor
- 2 new and 62 upgraded beds at Grove Park
- 80 new and 112 upgraded beds at Schlegel Villages – Barrie
- 34 new beds at Simcoe Manor and Village – Beeton
- 36 new and 60 upgraded beds at Collingwood Nursing Home
- 64 new and 66 upgraded beds at IOOF Seniors Homes Inc. Barrie
- 34 new and 94 upgraded beds at Oak Terrace Redevelopment
- 47 new and 49 upgraded beds at Stayner Care Centre

"This redevelopment project could not be possible without the support of MPP Doug Downey and the



Ontario government," said Nitin Jain, President and CEO of Sienna Senior Living. "Owen Hill Care Community has been an integral part of Barrie for over 50 years. As part of Sienna's \$600 million redevelopment plan, we will transform Owen Hill into a larger, modern care community that will support our residents in all aspects of lifestyle and care needs. We are incredibly grateful for the steps the province has taken to strengthen the long-term care system so it can serve seniors for generations to come."

The government has a plan to fix long-term care and to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve both now and in the future. The plan is built on three pillars: staffing and care; accountability, enforcement, and transparency; and building modern, safe, comfortable homes for seniors.

### QUICK FACTS

- As of today, Ontario has 28,278 new and 24,924 upgraded beds in the development pipeline — which means more than 94 percent of the 30,000 net new beds being delivered are in the planning, construction and opening stages of the development process.
- Ontario plans to invest an additional \$3.7 billion, beginning in 2024-25, on top of the historic \$2.68 billion already invested, to support this new series of allocations for the development of 10,000 net new and more than 12,000 upgraded beds across the province. These historic investments would bring the total to \$6.4 billion since spring 2019.
- In response to the evolving Omicron situation, the Province has put additional measures in place to protect residents, staff and caregivers, including making fourth doses of the COVID-19 vaccine available to residents who received their third dose at least three months ago, and making third doses of the COVID-19.



### RVH to Enhance Cancer Diagnosis with New, Advanced PET-CT Technology

After announcing almost \$4 million in funding for a PET-CT scanner and its associated renovations, MPPs Doug Downey and Andrea Khanjin joined Janice Skot, RVH President and CEO, staff and physicians in one of RVH's Imaging suites. From left to right: Dr. Gord Paul, RVH radiologist and Nuclear Medicine Clinical Lead.; Charlotte Wallis,

Chair, RVH Board of Directors; Heather Gillis, RVH Operations Director, Medical Imaging & Laboratory Medicine; Janice Skot, RVH President and CEO; Dr. Drew Schemmer, RVH Chief of Medical Imaging; Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte; Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie—Innisfil; and David Wilson, RVH Manager, Medical Imaging.

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### Free Mental Health Program for Youth is Set for Simcoe/Muskoka Next Month

YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care are partnering on 'Y Mind' - an innovative mental health program for youth experiencing anxiety and depression.

A new early intervention mental health program aimed at decreasing the barriers youth face when trying to access mental health supports, is coming to Simcoe County next month. In partnership with Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care, the YMCA will provide this seven-week program, for youth ages 18-30, which gives timely access to support networks, mental health services, and mental wellness programming in a non-stigmatizing community setting at no cost. No medical referral is required.

The goal of Y Mind, says YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka CEO Jill Tettmann, is to engage young people experiencing mild to moderate anxiety and depression with early intervention, to help them learn effective skills to improve their mental health.

"The pandemic has increased rates of anxiety and depression amongst our young people. Increasing accessibility to mental health support, through Y Mind, is vital to the wellbeing of our communities," says Tettmann.

"By providing this program at no cost and without requiring a diagnosis or medical referral, Y Mind will break down barriers to mental health support and

### Free Mental Health Program ...continued



help youth access the support they need in a timely way. I'm looking forward to seeing the many positive impacts this program will have on individual youth and families," says Janette McGee, General Manager of Youth Services at the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka.

The program is designed to help close existing service gaps and help youth access the tools they need to thrive, including the mental health benefits of physical activity through a complimentary, two-month YMCA Fitness Membership. It will be co-facilitated by two mental health practitioners that will lead closed groups of 10-12 participants over the course of seven weeks. The group sessions will teach participants how to improve their mental health using evidenced-based tools and strategies grounded in mindfulness and Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT). Sessions will also include fun activities to demonstrate ACT and mindfulness strategies as well as take-home resources to help participants cope with stress and anxiety between weekly group sessions.

"Y Mind will be a safe and welcoming place for the youth in our communities to connect with others who have similar experiences and learn new ways to improve their mental health. I'm grateful for this unique opportunity to bring greater support to youth and am looking forward to helping improve their holistic wellbeing," says Amanda Fellows, Program Manager, Community Development at Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County.

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Services department has been delivering youth counselling and support programs to young people ages 12-30 years old since 2007. Y Mind will complement the YMCA's current suite of social services and increase access to mental health support.

The first Y Mind Youth program begins Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022, from 1:30-4:00pm. Limited spaces for these online sessions are still available. Participants will receive a \$25 gift card, a copy of the book "The Happiness Trap", a two-month complimentary YMCA Fitness Membership and access to technology to complete the program, if needed. To learn more or register, call or text 705-790-2338 or email YouthCall@cfssc.ca.



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### Smile Campaign a Success!

This year's smile campaign was a huge success thanks to the support of Steelers Restaurant in Elmvale and the generosity shown by the residents of Springwater. A total of 35 bags were put together and taken to the Elmvale Foodbank. Pictured above is staff member Kathy with Debbie from the Food Bank and Sue from Steelers. Thanks to this community effort there will be moms in our community with smiles on Mother's Day this year!

### Kids Take and Make Flower Suncatcher

Colourful and fun, each one is different! Kits available starting Friday April 29.

### Adult Take and Make Card: Mother's Day

Supplies are available starting Monday May 2 while supplies last.

### Balloon Sculpture/Face Painting Workshop

Ages 8+, teens and adults are invited to learn some balloon twisting techniques and face painting tips and tricks with Mabel Moon! **Tuesday May 3 (Midhurst Branch)** or **Thursday June 9 (Elmvale Branch)** 4:30pm or 6:30pm. Cost \$15 for a 1.5 hour workshop. Registration required.

### Krafting with Kathy: Gratitude Jar

You'll be grateful you picked up this gratitude jar craft, available in branch Thursday May 5 while supplies last.

### Storytime IN PERSON Events!

Mark your calendar for these special outdoor storytime events happening in May! Tuesday May 10, 10:30am at Hickling Trail and Thursday May 26, 10:30am at Homer Barrett Park. Registration is required.

**St John Ambulance:** Home Alone, Babysitter's Course

**Home Alone:** Saturday May 14, 9am-12pm. Ages 10 and 11. Cost \$55.

**Babysitter's Course:** Saturday May 14, 9am-4:30pm. Ages 12+. Cost \$70. Please bring a doll, snack and lunch. See our website for payment/further details.

### Natural Pest Gardening Tips

Gail Cocker from Simcoe County Master Gardeners will teach us about natural pest control options for gardening. Tuesday May 17, 6pm on zoom. Registration is required.

### Victoria Day Closure

Please note all branches of Springwater Library will be closed on Monday May 23 and will reopen to regular hours on Tuesday May 24.

### Kids Take and Make: Clothespin Dragonfly

All the supplies you need are in these kits available on Friday May 27.

### Knit 2 Together

Calling all "Yarn Divas" of all ages who love to meet and chat because let's face it, "Knit Happens". Beginners welcome! Thursdays 6:30pm Elmvale Branch. The group requests that attendees please wear a mask.



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**ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon**



The weather over the Easter weekend was certainly a challenge. Strong winds, rain, snow and everything in between. Mother Nature was making certain we knew she was in charge. That didn't stop the efforts of some very special volunteers in the community as the annual Anten Mills CRA Easter Eggstravaganza



Egg Hunt went off without a hitch. There was a great turnout of families from the community who gathered in the park in anticipation of the hunt. The little ones filled their baskets with eggs while proud parents and



grandparents took photos. The middle aged group searched for their numbered egg out in the ballfield with their friends and the older kids learned some history and information about the community through the scavenger hunt. Everyone had the opportunity to get a photo with the Easter Bunny which was also a great hit. It was nice to see so many families out and hopefully as more events are scheduled throughout the year community members will continue to



participate. A special thank you to those who stepped forward to assist with the event and it demonstrates that there are people willing to help when needed.

There are several dates of significance in May that should be acknowledged. The first is a centenary anniversary. What in this community is going to be 100 years that should be acknowledged you ask? On May 8, 1922 the first of over 1,344,600 trees were planted on the east side of what is now called Wilson Dr. in the Hendrie Forest tract. The original planting was scotch and red pine and as the years have gone on and through selective harvesting, many more hardwood trees are growing. On Horseshoe Valley Rd near Nursery Rd there is a cairn acknowledging that this was the first in Ontario reforestation project. Anten Mills was very much the home to an early logging industry as the train tracks and Hendrie rail station were hubs of activity. Both now long gone but acknowledged as the North Simcoe Railtrail and a history board is located where the station existed by the snowmobile club building. A provincial correctional facility known as Camp Hendrie was built in the forest and the buildings are still in existence along Horseshoe Valley Rd and the property has been repurposed. The Wagner family had a pulpwood business in the village that removed over 15,000 cords of wood from the forest. In 1982 on the 60th anniversary, Simcoe County was named the Canadian Forestry Capital of Canada and a celebration took place where the cairn is located. Regrettably some people do not acknowledge the importance of this wonderful property and the history that resulted from its creation. What was once deforested wasteland with blowing sand has become a jewel for our community. Over the Easter weekend there were individuals in the forest who had what is described as a large gathering. They started a fire which they left unattended and a substantially large number of beverage containers and garbage spread about. It is up to us to protect our forest and to respect its history and heritage. If you see anything



illegal occurring in the forest, take a photo and send it to the OPP and County of Simcoe so that they can investigate and hold those responsible accountable.

The other date that you need to know and put a placeholder in your calendar now is May 27. You may have seen or heard that the Township of Springwater is engaging the entire community in discussions on what the new community hub at the corner of Bayfield St and Snow Valley Rd may look like and contain. We know already that a new fire and separate paramedic station will be built with the fire station construction starting within the year. A number of community members have already had an opportunity already to share their thoughts with the consultant. The Anten Mills CRA is pleased to partner with 880 cities, the consultant on the visioning work, to present a Family Movie Night on Friday May 27. There will be an opportunity to discuss and understand what the property could look like and offer thoughts, suggestions and opinions. This will be a total family experience and more details will be available in the next edition of this column as well as on the Anten Mills Community Facebook page. There will be a number of other opportunities over the month of May starting on May 1 so keep watch on the Springwater and Anten Mills Facebook pages and mark your calendar now, May 27 will be a fun night.

One activity that has been missed by many over this two year health crisis is progressive euchre that was being played on Thursday nights at the community centre. The CRA is working with the community volunteers who have looked after this evening and the township and hope to announce the resumption of this in the coming weeks. If you enjoyed the evening of friendly competition stay tuned and when details have been finalized they will be announced.

**That's all for this week, Thanks for Reading, Be Well and Stay Safe**



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by Jason Weening

I know I’ve covered this topic before but it’s a topic worth repeating. Repeating over and over and over and over. You know what I mean, dad? Questions. Do you get any questions from your kids? Many questions? Countless questions? Repeated questions? Repeated questions? Maybe this is fresh on my mind as we just got home from grocery shopping with our nine kids. And yesterday we went out for dinner as a family. It’s been an expensive weekend.

But before we went out for dinner we visited the library. Our kids love books and I love free and the library is full of books that are free so it’s a win-win. It’s a great place to learn and a great place to learn to ask dad questions quietly. We were there for a couple hours reading books. Some of us were not reading so much as knocking books off shelves. Some of us were putting books back on shelves. And some were asking dad if they could play video games on the library computers. I kindly reminded these small people that we were at the library to look at books not to look at screens. (Have you noticed screens on the gas pumps now? As if we don’t have enough screens in our lives already!)

As we checked out a mountainous stack of books my patient wife hinted that it would be nice to go out for dinner as a family to round out the whole family afternoon we were experiencing. We decided to visit Chik-fil-a for dinner and it was a great time had by all. It was early evening as we left the restaurant and that’s when the “almost home from somewhere” questions began.

The most interesting question of the drive home came from Emerald, one of our 6-year-old twins. She tried to build a solid case before her actual inquiry. “I’m hungry. We didn’t have anything to eat at the library. Can I have something to eat when we get home?” Huh? Wha? Did I just imagine forking over much of my life-savings to feed this crew? Was it all a dream? Maybe she asked out of habit. Usually when we are returning late from visiting friends or family I hear many requests for snackage when we arrive home. I just want to go to bed but many small people seem to require nourishment before going to bed.

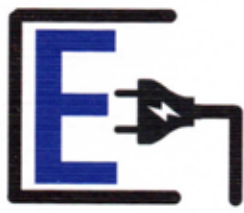
I don’t recall having snacks after returning home late at night when I was young. I do recall one or both of my parents kindly going over the order of operations before we walked in the door. “Brush your teeth. Get your jammies on. Go to bed.” There was no meal. No food. No snacks. Only bedtime preparation and completion.

So as I pondered Emerald’s question, dumb-founded, one of my teenage daughters jumped in to answer it. “We were just at Chik-fil-a. I don’t think you need anything to eat.” What a glorious moment! She understood. She was repeating sentences that could have been spoken by her father. It was wonderful! Emerald did remember she had just eaten and I was off the hook from being the bad guy.

So dads even if you get asked lots and lots of questions just remember it’s worth it. And it’s part of our job. Answer questions, help our kids, teach them wisdom. Don’t give up! Don’t grow weary in answering questions! Time flies! Make every moment count!

Jason Weening answers questions from nine curious children and asks questions to one wise wife. For less answers to more questions check out heydads.ca.

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## Playground Installations Set to Begin this Spring and More to Come!

April showers bring May flowers...and in 2022, new playground installations in at least three Midland parks! Thanks to the resident feedback we received last year, playground equipment was chosen, and the vendors are scheduled to begin work this spring and summer to install new modern safe playground features in Pete Pettersen Park, Bayview Park and Little Lake Park.

As of now, weather permitting, the installation of the new playgrounds will begin on the following dates:

- Pete Pettersen Park – last week of May (dependent on the level of ground saturation);
- Bayview Park – July 4th; and
- Little Lake Park – July 18th.

There is a chance the installations will take place earlier for Bayview Park and Little Lake Park, however due to unpredictable supply chain delays, we're expecting it won't begin before the dates above.

In addition, we have also issued an RFP to identify vendors to install new playground equipment in Mac McAllen Park, Edgehill Park and Tiffin Park. The RFP closes soon and depending on supply and availability, there is the potential for installs to take place in one or

more of these parks in 2022 as well.

"In 2021, the Town of Midland Operations Department launched the Playground Replacements & Restorations project on Engaging Midland, seeking input from residents on the themes and features for playground replacement equipment in three Town parks," said Dylan Flannery, Director of Operations. "Thanks to the incredible feedback received, not only will we see new playground equipment installed in at least three parks this year, but the feedback aided us in issuing the RFP for the next three parks significantly earlier this year."

"While it was disappointing when the old unsafe equipment was removed, I want to thank our staff for the extra efforts to procure the project and communicate with our residents," said Deputy Mayor Mike Ross. "Thank you as well to my fellow councillors for supporting the fiscally responsible recommendation made during the budget to support more playground upgrades. Great teamwork!"

For more information on the Playground Replacements & Restorations project, please visit: [EngagingMidland.ca/Playground-Replacements-Restorations](https://EngagingMidland.ca/Playground-Replacements-Restorations).



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### Little Lake Park

The accessible swing set at Little Lake Park is on the right which will remain, and the old saucer swing area in the background will be removed. The new structures will be going right in the middle.



Renderings of the playground equipment that will be installed in Little Lake Park in 2022.

### New Playground Installations

#### Pete Pettersen Park

The previous structure at Pete Pettersen Park has been removed and the new installation will be in the same location.



Renderings of the new playground structure that will be installed at Pete Pettersen Park in 2022.



#### Bayview Park

The current remaining structure will be removed this spring and the new playground equipment will be installed in the centre of this image, same as the previous structure.



Renderings of the new playground structure that will be installed at Bayview Park in 2022



## Have Your Say on the future Springwater Community Hub

The Springwater Community Hub will become the central focus of the Township and a gathering place for all residents.

**Our Springwater** is a community engagement process that will culminate in a guiding vision for the layout, design and programming of the future Community Hub at 1132 Snow Valley Road.

Your contributions will be valuable in identifying priorities and achieving our shared vision for this important community place.

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### Sports with Patrick Townes



The 2021-2022 curling season came to an end last week with the wrap-up playoffs for the Friday Senior Men's League. The finals were played between the teams skipped by Russ Madore and Mike Townes. A back and forth game went down to the final shots, even after Madore made a big double take-out for 4 in the 7th end. Congratulations to team Madore – John Stevenson, Rick Morash, Marv Hebner, Russ Madore. The Townes' team members included Gord Wilson, Dave Lewis and Daniel Thompson. Even through the troubles of Covid, the Elmvale Curling Club managed to have a fantastic year.

Following the end of the Yankees and Guardians game on Friday night, the Yankees fans in right field threw garbage on the field and at the Guardian outfielders. This is simply a disgusting act and all those fans should never be allowed back at a game again. Jays' fans cannot voice too much judgement because it has also happened on home turf.

The Saginaw Spirt and their General Manager Dave Drinkill were awarded the first overall pick in the upcoming Ontario Hockey League entry draft.

Only two Major League Baseball players have more than 4,000 hits - Pete Rose and Ty Cobb. There are now 33 players who have more than 3,000 hits when Miguel Cabrera hit the mark over the weekend. What a great career and a great player. The only other active player is Albert Puljols who also has over 3,000 hits. Umpires are not doing well in terms solidifying their role in the future. Jays' games have not been well-umpired and were classified as one of the top 5 worst games over the past two seasons. One thing that impresses me is how well some players know the strike zone, even early on in the season.

Buck Martinez is a voice of the Blue Jays that will be missed as he battles cancer. There are just some voices that you get use to over time and take comfort in listening to, whether it is watching the game or trying to nap on the couch. Get well soon Buck!

Once again there has been a lot of chat about Major League Baseball teams running up the score. The Giants have been taking some heat for this. In the latest game they were up 7 runs and a player stole second and then tried to score before getting thrown out at the plate. To be clear, a 7-run lead is large, but it is not enough. These players get paid money to hit and score runs. There should be no resentment with teams running up scores at all in a professional league. Maybe a mercy rule is required with all this crying in baseball.



**Monday Senior Champions** with the Harold Townes Memorial Trophy.  
John Stevenson, Rick Morash, Marv Hebner, Skip Russ Madore and Mike Townes presenting the trophy.

**Sunday Afternoon Mix Champions:**  
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**Annie's Journal by Annie Warner***Written by Annie Warner Donnelly*

Dr. Edward de Bono dedicated his life to helping people improve their thinking. He said: You can analyse the past, but you need to design the future.

Our decisions are designing our future so, if next year we want to look back and be satisfied with what we're experiencing in the moment, making good decisions today is a must.

We can start by asking ourselves good questions:

- . Can I clearly state the decision to be made?
- . Do I believe that God is asking me to make this decision?
- . What are the facts related to this decision?
- . What are the consequences (good and not so good) of making this decision?
- . What are the consequences (good and not so good) of not making this decision?
- . What is the deadline for making this decision?
- . Why should I meet this deadline?
- . How will I seek the Lord's guidance in this situation?

**Proverbs 19:20** - Listen to counsel and receive instruction that you may be wise in your latter days. June Hunt, founder of Hope for the Heart, a worldwide Biblical counselling ministry, says that it's best to seek counsel from those who are: grounded in the Word of God; mature in Godly wisdom and understanding; and living successfully because, with God's help, they overcame similar circumstances. Let's make a list of who these people are in our lives so we always know who to consult.

**Proverbs 16:9** - A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. Not every open door has been opened by God. Perhaps an open door is part of an answer. On the other hand, it may have nothing to do

with our final decision. Have there been times when you looked beyond your heart's plans, and discovered that God, in His heart, had planned something that you hadn't thought of? Maybe you didn't credit God at the time, but looking back, can you see now that it was His plan?

**Hunt recommends these ways of testing our decisions.**

**Scriptural Test:** Has God already spoken about it in His Word?

**Secrecy Test:** Would it bother me if everyone knew this was my decision?

**Survey Test:** What if everyone followed my example?

**Spiritual Test:** Am I being people-pressured or Holy Spirit led?

**Stumbling Test:** Could this cause another person to stumble?

**Serenity Test:** Have I prayed and received peace about this decision?

**Sanctification Test:** Will this keep me from growing in the character of Christ?

If we allow the Holy Spirit to help us, our decisions will exhibit the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When these character traits are evident in our decisions, we will live with few regrets.

**Philippians 4:6-7** says Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**May it be so. Amen.**

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**Rosie's Devotions**

Back in the 1950s, an American panel game show entitled "To tell the truth" was a big hit with viewers, including me. As a teenager, I enjoyed trying to figure out who the "real" person was before the panel guessed.

The show featured a panel of four celebrities whose object was to correctly identify the "real" person, who was accompanied by two impostors. The impostors would pretend to be the "real" character and were allowed to lie, whereas the "real" character had to tell the truth. After questioning the characters, the panel had to identify which of the three challengers was telling the truth. Most of the time, I guessed wrong, because the impostors were pretty good at hiding their real character.

It seems to me that many Christians are pretty good at hiding their real character. We don't like revealing our real self, fearing that we would lose the respect of others if they knew about our inner struggles and pain. Likewise, the world somehow expects church people to be perfect, and some church people hate to admit that they're not. Despite their efforts, church people have come to be known as hypocrites!

**Ephesians 4:25** – So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. (NRSV)

As Christians, are we the "real deal" to everyone we encounter, or are we putting on a false front by pretending that as Christians, we do not have any problems?

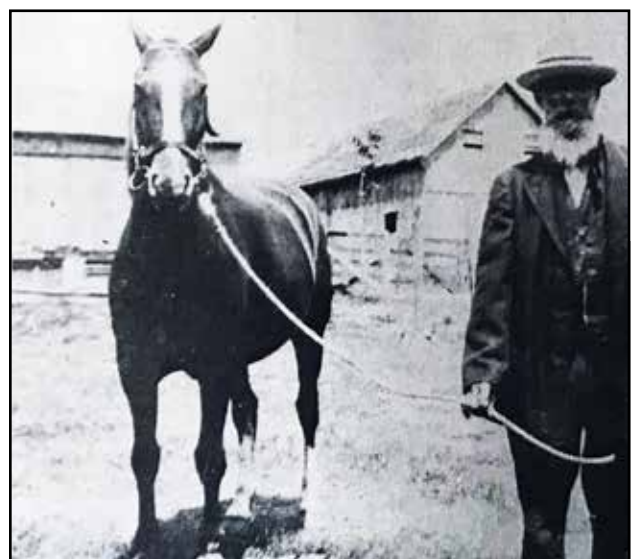
I am reminded of the "motley crew" that God has chosen to spread His message of hope and forgiveness. King David committed adultery with Bathsheba, tried to cover up her pregnancy, and when he failed, had her husband Uriah killed. King David's life was a roller coaster of emotional highs and lows, yet God used him.

Moses killed an Egyptian for hitting a Hebrew man, yet he was chosen by God to lead the Jewish people out of slavery into the promised land.

The truth is that in spite of not having it all together, God will use us, too, to further His kingdom on earth.

We all have fallen short; none of us is perfect. Isn't that why Jesus paid the price of dying on a cross for us?

**Prayer:** Lord God, you know the struggles and pain that each one of us is going through. Help us to become "real" to our brothers and sisters in Christ and to our community. Help us to let go of our pride and to share our suffering with each other, knowing that others will be able to identify with our pain and be drawn to You, Who are with us always. **Amen.**

**Health and Wellness****Real Communication**

by *Gwen Randall-Young*

**"When people talk listen completely. Most people never listen."**  
~ Ernest Hemingway

In my experience as a psychologist, what people want more than anything is to be heard and understood. It's not just about hearing the words but understanding the meaning and feeling behind them.

One of the biggest impediments to good communication is not listening effectively. Just because you have heard the words another has spoken does not mean you understand their meaning, or their feelings. We can repeat their words, but that does not show them that we understand what is behind them.

Often in difficult discussions with partners, teens or in the workplace, each has their point of view and tries to impress that upon the other. While the other is speaking, the listener may be preparing their response and not listening.

If someone has told you that you just do not understand, then you are missing something. First, we must be clear about our intent: are we wanting to argue, to prove our point, or to truly understand where the other is coming from? If you truly want to understand, you can say, "Tell me what I am not understanding?"

There is a very effective strategy you can begin to implement immediately that may surprise you in how well it works. Listen to what the person is telling you and get as much information about their position as you can. Ask questions if you need clarification. For a moment, imagine you are the other person.

Then the two of you can switch positions and express what you think the other has been trying to say. See if you can convincingly present their point of view, or

their side of the argument.

Doing this is valuable for two reasons: first, it requires listening well enough to hear all of the information; second, it requires that you look at the situation from the perspective of the other.

If two people are having a disagreement, or are trying to communicate about something important, a profound deepening of understanding can occur if they take a few moments and each role-plays the position of the other.

This does not mean simply parroting what the other has said. It means truly stepping into the role of the other, and sincerely expressing their viewpoint. Ask if you have it right and allow the other to continue explaining until he or she agrees that you have expressed it accurately.

This alone may not solve the problem, but at least each knows the other's point of view. There is mutual understanding. Next comes the part where you work as a team to decide how to deal with the differences.

With couples, it is very important to resolve important issues, and if there is a stalemate it is wise to have a counselling session or two.

With children, often the parent overrules, in the best interest of the child.

Give the child comfort and compassion as it helps if they know you understand how they feel.

A similar situation exists in the workplace. Sometimes the boss or manager makes a unilateral decision. It is then for you to decide if you can live with that, or if it is time to move on.

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**THROWBACK THURSDAY**

*Photos and Editorial courtesy of Admin: Ric Archer, Facebook Group, You might be from Elmvale...If you...*

This week's Flashback picture shows the late Mr. David Brown of Waverley holding a horse which he owned.

This picture was taken before 1914 because this horse went overseas for service in the First World War. Mr. Brown received \$240 for selling the horse.

This picture, which was submitted by Garfield Brown of Waverley, also shows the style of dress which was worn back around the turn of the century. Mr. Brown's hat is a particularly fashionable head piece.

The horse looks very fit and when he was hitched up to a buggy, he could probably really fly down a township road.

Springwater News is urging readers to submit their photos for this Throwback feature.

*Originally from the Elmvale Lance.*

**Photo to right: Mr. David Brown of Waverley sells horse to be used as war horse for \$150.00.**



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THE OPP REPORT

HURONIA WEST OPP SUCCESSFULLY ARREST MALE WITH FIREARM

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged a male who was in possession of a loaded firearm.

On Sunday, April 24, 2022, at approximately 8:00 a.m. members from the Huronia West OPP responded to a call for service involving a male outside with a firearm within the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Shortly after, the male was located by police in a vehicle where he then fled the area. Subsequently a pursuit was initiated where the vehicle was followed into a local parking lot. Further attempts to flee police resulted in the suspect vehicle becoming disabled in a ditch.

Multiple officers flooded the area and a high-risk takedown was conducted on the vehicle. After the suspect refused to obey commands, he was successfully controlled by the use of a Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) and taken into police custody without further incident. A search of the vehicle resulted in locating a loaded firearm.

As a result, James HODGKINSON, 23-years-old, of Wiarton, has been charged criminally with the following:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - BAC 80 plus
- Dangerous operation
- Flight from peace officer
- Careless storage of a firearm
- Possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose
- Carrying concealed weapon
- Firearm - Use while committing offence
- Criminal Harassment
- Failure to Comply with Undertaking

The accused was held for a bail hearing and remanded into custody.

This incident can be a reminder to the public on what police officers locally and beyond respond to without hesitation to ensure public safety is kept at the highest level possible.

OPP Assisted by Area Residents Calling In Two Suspect Vehicles for Impaired Driving Investigations on Area Roadways

After noticing suspicious driving activity recently, several community members made calls to the Ontario Provincial Police Communications Center that resulted in two local drivers being investigated for impaired driving offences.

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment responded at approximately 7:07 p.m. April 21, 2022 to a driving complaint on Davis Drive in Tay Township. After the lone driver was spoken to, officers commenced an impaired driving investigation resulting in Lesa Marlene SMITH 48 years of Tay Township being charged with Operation while impaired - alcohol and further with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

Second Incident

At approximately 12:16 p.m. April 24, 2022 officers responded to several driving complaints from within the Town of Midland and also on Highway 12 resulting in the suspect vehicle being stopped on Highway 93, Tiny Township. After speaking with the lone driver, an impaired driving investigation was commenced resulting in Matthew LECLAIR 39 years of Midland being charged with Operation while impaired - drugs and further with Failure or refusal to comply with demand contrary to the

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The accused persons were both released from custody on a recognizance to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on May 5, 2022 and also face a drivers licence suspension of 90 days and their vehicles were towed and impounded for 7 days as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines.

Educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired driver or operator please “Make the Call” and dial 911 and help prevent a crash. If you are heading out on the town or on the trails, please make a plan to get home safely.

HURONIA WEST OPP INVESTIGATING FATAL COLLISION

Driver arrested

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have made an arrest in regards to a two-vehicle collision that occurred within the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Just prior to midnight on Saturday, April 09, 2022, members from the Huronia West OPP, along with emergency services, responded to a two-vehicle collision on Mosley Street in Wasaga Beach.

Both drivers were transported to local hospitals where one was pronounced deceased as a result of the collision.

As a result of the investigation, Jefferson DANCE, 44-years-old, of Wasaga Beach, has been charged with the following:

- Dangerous Operation Causing Death

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood, on May 17, 2022.

Police continue appealing to any witnesses who may have witnessed the crash or be in possession of dash cam footage to assist with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

Unwanted Persons Call to OPP Leads to Numerous Firearms Related Charges

A call by a community member to the OPP at 6:50 p.m. April 16, 2022 reporting an unwanted person at a Beauchamp Court, Midland residence has resulted in numerous firearms related charges for a Penetanguishene resident. Responding officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police located Alex DAKA 39 years of Penetanguishene near the scene who was arrested as part of another ongoing investigation.

Further investigation of property the accused had in his possession resulted in the seizure of the following, a .22 calibre handgun with ammunition along with two airsoft pistols and an edged weapon.

As a result the arrested person has been charged with the following offences.

- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court (four counts)
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order (four counts)



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- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
- Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

The accused was held for a bail hearing and will be appearing before the the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

Impaired Charges Laid after Minor Collison in Tiny Township

A Penetanguishene man faces impaired driving charges after his truck went into the ditch on the 4th Concession of Tiny Township around 7:30pm on April 13, 2022. Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police attended the scene and assisted in removing the male from his vehicle. While investigating the collision it was noted that the driver was displaying signs of alcohol consumption. A roadside screen test was performed and as a result the male was arrested and transported to the detachment to provide breath samples.

Ernest SCHAUMP, 64 years of Penetanguishene was charged with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code:

- Operation Over 80 mg

The driver's license of the accused has been suspended for 90 days and the vehicle was towed to be impounded for 7 days. The accused was released from police custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

Police remind motorists that enforcement is essential to save lives and reduce injuries on our trails, roadways and waterways. Educating the public about safe driving practices is a priority.

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## GBGH Reminding Community to Avoid Visiting Emergency Room for Mild COVID-19 Symptoms

With the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in our region, Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is once again seeing an increase in Emergency department (ED) visits among COVID positive patients, particularly those with mild symptoms.

GBGH wants to remind the community to please avoid visiting the Emergency department if they are experiencing mild COVID-19 symptoms such as cough, sore throat, congestion, fatigue, and aches. If someone is experiencing severe symptoms, such as having trouble breathing, then it is appropriate to seek medical care.

"GBGH's Emergency department is always here for you if you're ill or injured," says Dr. Vikram Ralhan, chief of staff and Emergency physician, GBGH. "To ensure those who are sick or injured can be seen in a timely manner, we ask people to carefully consider if they need to visit the ED. If you think you have COVID-19 and are not experiencing symptoms, or have mild symptoms similar to a cold, please avoid coming to the ED. COVID-19 positive people visiting the hospital seeking treatment for mild symptoms puts other vulnerable patients at risk of exposure to the virus."

For mild symptoms, patients are advised to stay home, isolate and monitor their symptoms in case they worsen. Visiting the Emergency department with mild symptoms causes delays care for patients with more severe illness.

Additionally, GBGH is reminding the public the hospital and its Emergency department is not a COVID-19 testing site. Those who have mild or no symptoms should not attend the Emergency department for a test. If someone is symptomatic they should assume they are positive, regardless of a test result, and isolate from others.

## Craighurst Women's Institute

The Craighurst Women's Institute came out of hibernation on Tuesday April 19 and met at one member's garage, now called a "lounge" since it has heaters and chairs galore. We haven't met since December, so we were very happy to have a before meeting visit. Some have new cars, some have new verandahs, one had caught a fisher in a trap, robbing her honey yard (although we weren't sure if fishers like sweets).

Then President Sheila Craig called the meeting to order, and it began with the Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect, as per usual. Roll call was pay your dues for next year. Minutes and Treasurer's report were received. In the correspondence section we had sent a letter, a paper letter, to Oro-Medonte Township lamenting the state of Craighurst Park. To date we have had no reply, and will be following up. It was on paper did I mention? We thought that would add gravitas. We look forward to having the concerns addressed.

The last meeting of 2021-22 was declared over, and we installed our new executive and chairs of committees for 2022-23. Then member Carol did a presentation on Kate Aiken. Her cookbook is legendary, one that many women used and still do. Kate was from Beeton in Simcoe County, where

she farmed. "She achieved fame as a domestic entrepreneur, cook, beauty and women's lifestyle guru and radio broadcaster" (from virtual museum on internet)

Planning for the hopeful more normal year will take place in June. We intend lunching and meeting at Craighurst Park, May - September, keeping all safe from germs - but wary of the state of the park's driveway.

**Next meeting will be May 16, place and time pending.**



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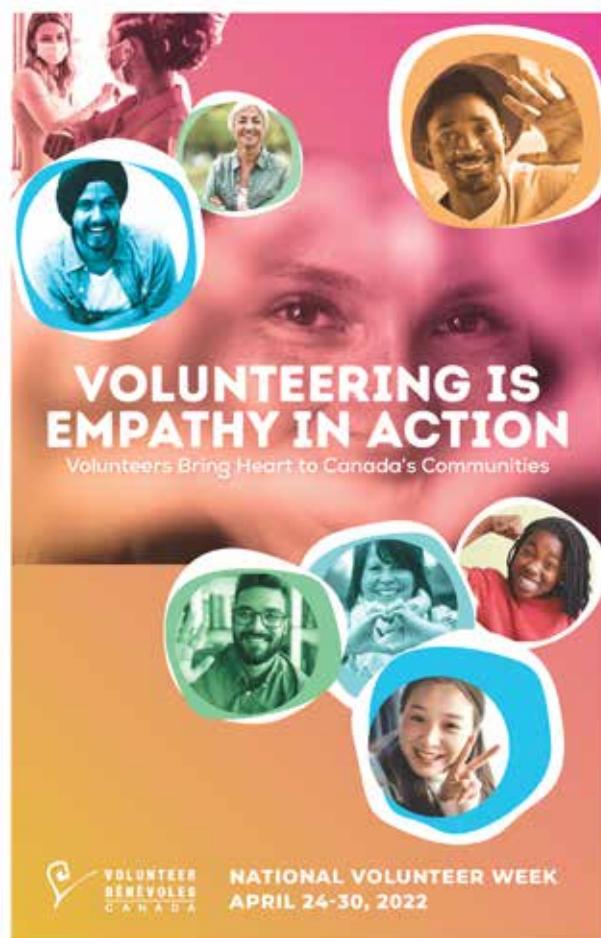
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Volunteering can help us develop empathy, to see the world through the eyes of others. It can connect people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, expanding our views. It can build our capacity to work collectively and contribute to a vibrant, inclusive society.

From coast to coast to coast in formal and informal settings, volunteers create caring, collaborative, and compassionate communities. During National Volunteer Week 2022, we celebrate the contributions of Canada's millions of volunteers: their actions, their understanding, and their genuine concern for the world around them.

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## Obituaries



**CORBETT, Gail Patricia**  
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Passed away unexpectedly at her home on Friday, April 22, 2022, at the age of 78. Loving wife of James ("Ted") Corbett and mother of Leslie Joy Corbett (Tim Robert Curry). Cherished grandmother to Lucas James Corbett and Logan Xavier Corbett. Survived by her sister Doreen Bradshaw and several nieces, nephews, and in-laws. Predeceased by her siblings George Shaver, Shirley Shaver, Brian Shaver, and Dorothy Tustin. Gail will be forever in our hearts and memories. Friends and relatives will be received at Legacy Funeral Home, 55 Cedar Pointe Drive, Barrie on Friday, April 29, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. until time of Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock p.m. Memorial donations to a charity of choice would be appreciated.

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My Angel in the sky.  
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since we've been apart,  
and I'll always have a part of you  
locked safely in my heart.

**Love always, Linda, Darrell, Sheri and families**

## Obituaries

**WOOD, Dorothy Marie**

We announce with deep sorrow the passing of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother (Marie) Dorothy Wood predeceased by her husband Brian D. Wood. Predeceased by parents Mary and Peter Ladoucer, by her sister Audrey (Len) Bridges, Frank (Mary) Ladoucer, Marion (Len) Perrault, Barb (Murray) Smith.

Mother to Karen (Gerry) McKeown, Susan (Michael) Murphy, Glenn Wood, Dale MacDonald and Dean (Frances Graham) Wood. Grandchildren Jennifer (Paul) Van de Coevering, Conal (Adriana) and Peter (Muriel) McKeown, John (Lois), Jason and Jeffery (Trish) Murphy, Angela (Predeceased Ken) Perigo, Lisa and Roger Beaudoin, Johnnie and Scott MacDonald, Marisa Wood (Jamie), Natasha (Zac) Beatson. Great grandchildren Erica, Dena, Thomas, Lucas, Mathew, Maya, Biancha, Simon, Madison, Brooke, Reagen, Michael Patrick, Grace, Jack, Halley, Stirling, Maxime, Jeunelle, Ewen, Scarlett and Rowan, and many nieces and nephews.

Mom lived her life to the fullest always looking to live a daily, humble life. Mom, a devout Catholic, was deeply committed to her beliefs. Born and raised in Midland mom spent her 96.5 years in Midland. She was a Midland frontier knowledge of its residents and history.

Mom volunteered for Brownies, Guides, Meals on Wheels and Red Cross and a CWL member for 70 years.

We will miss our Mother, an excellent homemaker and an example for our good manners. When times get tough Mom always said "put your back to the wall!"

Love you mom, your soul is now dancing in the kitchen with Dad and your family. No more suffering!

Special thanks to Dr. Grundmanis and all the doctors and nurses at Georgian Bay Hospital and Huronia Hospice. Donations may be made to the Georgian Bay Hospital, Hospice Huronia, and St. Margaret's Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Carson Funeral Homes – JH Lynn Chapel, 290 First Street, Midland (705) 526-6551.

**A memorial mass will be held on Friday April 22, 2022 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church at 2:30pm.**



**NAHUIS, Antonius (Tony)  
Gradus**

Born in Beltrum, Netherlands on January 17, 1929, he passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 in his 94th year. Beloved husband of Anna Maria

(nee Baks). Cherished father of Jeff (Persi), Roy (Arlene), Mary (Paul), John (Anne) and Tony. Predeceased by son Phillip. Proud grandfather (Opa) to Chad, Adam, Matthew, Robert (Sarah), Steven (Nicole), Megan, Gabrielle (deceased), Timothy, Mark, Bill, Dan and Bobby. Great grandfather (Opa) to Scarlett, Walker, Blake, Johanna and Annika.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale on Friday, April 8th from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service in the chapel at the funeral home on Saturday at 1 pm. The service can be viewed on YouTube beginning at 12:55 pm. Search: Lynn-Stone Funeral Home.

If you wish to make a donation in Tony's memory please consider the Elmvale Food Bank, O.L.O.L. Church, 1600 Flos Rd. 4 W., Phelpston, ON L0L2K0, or Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation. **Donations may be made directly to the charity. Please advise [lynnstone@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynnstone@sympatico.ca) so that the family can be notified.**

The family extends their sincere thanks to Dr. Jennifer Johnson and the staff of the Specialized Senior's Unit of RVH for the great care that Dad received. Many thanks to extended family for your prayers, support and comfort food.

*Tears are the silent  
Language of Grief  
- Author unknown*



## Obituaries

**COLUMBUS, Donalda Alberta** (nee CLUTE)

Passed away quietly in her sleep, in the wee hours of the morning, Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in her 100th year. Donalda Columbus (nee Clute) beloved wife of the late James Columbus,

much loved mother of Mary Jean, Stan and his wife Charlene, Johanna and her husband Peter Whitfield and Ann and her husband Mark Archer. Treasured grandmother to Kelly, Jennifer, Gary, Curtis, Craig, Janessa, Julia, Hannah and Maitlin and very proud great grandmother to Paige, Drew, Ava, Kyla, Chloe, Sophia, Emmett and Alice. Aunt Donalda will be lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews as well as the extended Columbus family. Predeceased by her parents Ethel and Wallace Clute and her siblings, Stanley and Olive. She will be remembered for her committed community involvement with many organizations including the Maple Syrup Festival and Fall Fair, Board of Trades, the local Food Bank and the School Board. She operated the gas station at the four corners for many years after Jimmie's passing. She was a dedicated member of the CWL for over 60 years. Donalda enjoyed knitting, curling, playing Bridge, Bid Euchre, enjoyed singing (especially in the Choral Society) and made the best tea biscuits ever!

\* The family respectfully requests that masks be worn at the visitation and funeral mass.

A visitation will be held at Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale, on Sunday, April 24 from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 am on Monday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmvale.

Interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Phelpston will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations to O.L.O.L. Church, 1600 Flos Rd. W., Phelpston, ON L0L2K0, Hospice Simcoe, hospicesimcoe.ca or Elmvale Food Bank, elmvaledistrictfoodbank.net would be appreciated by the family. Please notify lynnstone@sympatico.ca of your donations so that the family can be notified.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at lynnstonefuneralhome.com

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**BRADY, Katherine Anne**

Katherine Anne Brady (Browning) of Wasaga Beach and formerly of Stroud, in her 85th year. Beloved wife of William Albert (Bill) Brady. Loving mother to the late Brian William Brady of Oklahoma

and the late Richard Wayne Brady. Loving grandmother to Matthew Brady of Penetang, Melissa (Jamie) Corbett of Crossland and Dallas (Levi) Brady of Nova Scotia. Cherished great-grandmother of Aiden Gonsalves (Rachel), Avaya Gonsalves, Mason Corbett and Kiera Corbett. Dear sister of Donald Browning and his wife Barbara of Barrie.

Friends may call at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 pm on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

A big thank you to Kathy's wonderful care team: Dr. David Evans, Dr. Rask and Dr. Kamra and to nurse Jen Caldas. They all made this process easier and made her comfortable during her short battle with cancer. Memorial donations can be made to MADD or to the RVH Cancer Centre. Katherine is finally reunited with her sons in heaven.

**Expressions of sympathy may be sent to**  
**www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com**

**D'COSTA, Ignatius**

Passed away peacefully at Hillcrest Village, Midland on Thursday, April 14th. Born on January 13, 1931 in Mumbai, India. Ignatius (Iggy) D'Costa, beloved

husband of the late Alba D'Costa. Cherished father of Pat (Gary) and Jennifer (Kevin). Loving grandfather to Ryan (Bailey) and Andrea. Ignatius will be fondly remembered by many relatives and friends.

Ignatius and his daughters immigrated to Canada in 1972 from Kampala, Uganda. He spent his career working at Toronto Dominion Bank and his retirement volunteering at the Heart & Stroke Foundation and preparing taxes for seniors. He was always an active member of the church community. Ignatius will always be remembered for his kindness, generosity and his "love of sweets".

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, April 30th at Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

**Expressions of sympathy may be sent to family at lynnstonefuneralhome.com**

**SPARROW, David James**

After a long and exceptional life, passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 93. David Sparrow of Wymbolwood Beach, dear husband of the late Bridget Sparrow (nee O'Sullivan). Cherished father of Paul and

his wife Deborah, Anne Campbell and her husband Chuck and Louise Sparrow and her husband Eric Pohl. Much loved grandfather of Devon Campbell, and her husband Ben Jillard. He will be forever missed by his great granddaughter Brody as well as a large extended family living across the globe. Predeceased by his son Kevin, grandson Colin Campbell, brother John and sister Betty. David spent his career in the education field in many roles, in Canada, Bahamas, and Tanzania. He was a staunch supporter of the Wymbolwood Beach Association, working diligently to raise funds through advertising sales, making his community a better place. Many of his children's friends loved and admired him. He was a true gentleman, and will be missed by all who knew him.



Please raise a cup of tea in his honour.

His ashes will be interred at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Perkinsfield.

A donation in David's memory can be made to the Wymbolwood Beach Association by e-transfer to paywymbolwood@gmail.com. Password "cottage". **Please note in message section: "in memory of Dave Sparrow"**. Cheques may be mailed to: Pat Dorman, 1021 Cutler Crt., Mississauga, ON L5H 4C9

**Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at lynnstonefuneralhome.**

**BRADY, Brian William**

Brian William Brady of Oklahoma, formerly of Phelpston and Stroud in his 64th year. Beloved son of William (Bill) and Kathy Brady of Wasaga Beach. Loving father to Matthew Brady of Penetang, Melissa (Jamie) Corbett of Crossland and Dallas (Levi) of Bear Lake, Nova Scotia. Cherished "Pa" to Aiden Gonsalves, Avaya Gonsalves, Mason Corbett and Kiera Corbett. Pre deceased by beloved brother Richard Wayne Brady.

**A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.**

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**Ontario Working for Workers by Investing over \$1.2m in Training  
for Good Jobs in Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte**

**Provincial is helping workers in Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte earn bigger paycheques and advance their careers**

The Ontario government is working for workers by investing \$1,083,108 in the The City of Barrie, and \$160,000 in Molded Precision Components. These projects will offer workers in Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte, especially those in skilled trades, the training they need to pursue the in-demand and well-paying jobs in our community.

Details were announced today by Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte, on behalf of Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

“This funding is focused on training local workers for local jobs, and ensuring our highly skilled labourers can remain in the communities that they love,” said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. “By investing in our community, we will inevitably see that investment returned through the creation of further jobs and economic development. I am grateful to see this funding come to two wonderful organizations in the riding.”

“The skills development fund will go a long way helping with the shortage in the workforce helping current and new team members develop applicable skills,” said David Yeaman, President of Molded Precision Components. “It is good to see Ontario investing in the workforce that makes this province great.”

“The City of Barrie and Georgian College along with regional partners County of Simcoe and the Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board

look forward to bringing industry focused training to the community that will meaningfully address the needs of our manufacturers, promote local job opportunities and further develop the skills of our local workforce,” said Nora Gavarre, Business Development Officer at the City of Barrie.

This initiative is supported through the government’s Skills Development Fund, which has provided over \$200 million in funding for innovative projects that address challenges to hiring, training, or retraining workers during the pandemic.

“Our government is working for workers every day. Through our Skills Development Fund, we’re giving workers the training they need to fill in-demand jobs, earn bigger paycheques and advance in rewarding careers that make their families and communities stronger,” said Minister McNaughton. “Our government has a workers-first plan to deliver a stronger Ontario. As build today for a better tomorrow, we need all hands on deck. We’re leaving nobody behind and we’re getting it done.”

This investment builds on the government’s ongoing efforts to attract, support and protect workers, making Ontario the top place in the world to work, live and raise a family. It follows legislation Minister McNaughton recently passed that provides foundational rights for digital platform workers, requirements for employers to disclose their electronic monitoring of employees and for businesses in high-risk settings to have Naloxone kits on hand, and several red tape

reductions to encourage out-of-province workers to help fill the generational labour shortage.

**Quick Facts**

- Data suggests that the need to replace retiring workers is greater for skilled trades workers than for other occupations. In 2016, nearly 1 in 3 journeypersons in Ontario were aged 55 years or older.
- In the fall of 2021, there were more than 360,000 jobs vacant in Ontario.
- Ontario’s Skills Development Fund is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.
- Additional Resources
- Skills Development Fund
- Employment Ontario: Free Programs and Services for Job Seekers, Workers and Employers
- The 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario

**Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn**



**DRIVE INS...THE PERFECT BUBBLE!**

Well before I could drive, I was lucky enough to experience the fun and excitement of watching a new movie come out on the big screen.

When I say the big screen, I mean the really big screen of a drive-in movie venue! I was so young in fact, I cannot even remember where it was, but it had to have been close enough to Bass Lake, our summer cottage/hotel.

Was there ever one near Orillia? If anyone knows, help me out. In the meantime, I will cite a few early memories.

Disney flicks were the popular choice and I recall a carload of the four of us kids watching Disney’s ‘One Hundred and One Dalmations,’ Hayley Mills in ‘That Darn Cat!’ or ‘The Trouble with Angels.’ Who could forget hunky Kurt Russell in ‘The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes’ or the first time you saw ‘Planet of the Apes’! I remember going to the Mustang Drive-in

near Picton, Ontario, as a teen. I actually wanted to watch the movie but somehow my date seemed non-interested. How could you miss one second of ‘Star Wars’ or ‘The Godfather’! In the early days, they had a broadcast sound system on huge speakers, but I recall the huge honking speaker you hung on your car window. These days it is as easy as turning on your car radio.

Well life gets busy as you grow up, get married and have kids of your own but we never stopped going to the Drive-In Theatre. The first Drive-In was born in Camden, New Jersey in the U.S.A. around 1933. The first feature film was ‘Wives Beware’...interesting.

We have lost many a Drive-In it is sad to say. The 400 Drive-In featured its last film in ‘97 as it was torn down the following year to make way for the Colossus Theatre. We’ve recently seen the Midland Drive-In retire and the Elmvale Drive-In has been sadly vacated quite a few years now.

I remember my brother telling me how they’d park their truck just on the outside of the corrugated metal fence and watch the movies for free! A buddy would pay to go in, park close to their clandestine spot and

share the turned-up sound system. And who hasn’t tried to sneak in the odd extra person by way of the trunk (not recommended!) or a carefully covered up body in the back seat who was laughing all the while (ssshhhh! LOL!).

I decided it was time to re-visit this fine theatre forum and trekked off to the Sunset Barrie, triple drive-in last Friday. Located off Hwy 11 on the 4th line of Oro-Medonte, it is quite

convenient. Fantastic Beast 3 was my movie pick, and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole adventure! No mozzies at this time of year and the popcorn kept me buttered up! I always go right to the front, set my seat as far back as possible, take off my shoes and lean back in the comfort of my own bubble! What a beautiful evening as you watched the sun set (hmmm great name!), and the stars begin to shine up in the heavens.

I could not understand why the occasional head lights popped on through the show. Quite distracting but I think there might be good reason. Could it be that you must restart your engine occasionally, to make sure the battery does not drain? Did light dawn on my minute brain particles that I should have done the same? As I started my car to leave for the night, the answer was apparent with the click, click, click sound of my dead battery.... No lie.

A quick jaunt through the children’s play park led me to the concession stand where the kindly staff gladly came to the rescue with a portable booster. Voila, I was ‘on the road again’! Thank you, Sunset Barrie!! A sidenote here. I mentioned my intended article to a long-time, close friend, Rick. Is it strange coincidence that he was hired to put up those corrugated steel fences around the triple screens as a teen, some fifty-plus years ago in the hot, sunny, summer sun? I would bet there were plenty of green-tinted, cold bottles of Coke imbibed on that job!

With a choice of six movies, in all rating categories, I know you will find a fun-filled evening for the whole family and a carload of wonderful memories. See you at the show!



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