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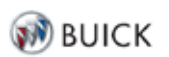
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## Pandemic Hard on Rising Stars as Experienced by Graham Scott Fleming - Local Hero on the Rise

It's been a long and difficult year for many due to the pandemic, and Graham Scott Fleming didn't know where he was going when the industry shut down. One thing is for sure - music will always be there to provide that much needed positivity and light, and Graham hopes sharing his stories through music will do just that. Graham said, "I never thought two years ago I would be in the position I am now." In the time during the pandemic he released 3 singles; 'Déjà Vu.', 'Highlife' and 'Better Man'. His music was national featured. 'Better Man' was nationally featured by Sting Radio's Trending Track and Roger's Radio's One to Watch.

Graham Scott Fleming is a singer/songwriter from Elmvale, Ontario with a voice that is unlikely to be forgotten. After winning first place in a competition called North of Nashville star in 2011, Graham's career as an independent artist was launched. From there he hit the ground running and didn't look back. He began writing his own original music which eventually led him to open for acts like Derrick Ruttan, High Valley, and Jason Blaine. He has also had the opportunity to collaborate and co-write with such names as Jason McCoy, Jane Bach, Phil Barton, JT Harding and many others.

Graham released his first EP 'Young Wild & Free' in 2016, at a time which

could easily be described as a slightly 'chaotic' period in Graham's life! Not only was Graham writing original music and planning an EP release, he was starring as Charlie Price in Mirvish's production of Kinky Boots. Kinky Boots was a smash hit in Toronto running for 2+ years, and was extended three times due to the success of the show. Graham was nominated for a Dora Award for Best Male Actor in a musical for his memorable performance. After Kinky Boots closed in Toronto, Graham made a big move to NYC where he made his Broadway debut in Miss Saigon. Between NYC and Ontario, Graham also starred in such shows as the Canadian Premier of Ghost: The Musical, the World premier of Jukebox Hero, and the World Premier of My Very Own British Invasion plus snagged a supporting lead role in a Hallmark movie called 'Love You Like Christmas', where he wrote original music for the film score. Needless to say, Graham has had a pretty incredible run in many sectors of the music industry, which he is forever grateful for.

Missing his small-town roots and the music he grew up listening to, Graham is emerging himself back into the country music scene with a 2021 release of his new single 'Déjà Vu.'. These tunes are sure to have you belting out loud and catching all the feels.

# Graham Scott Fleming

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

2022 CCMA AWARDS - FIRST BALLOT

VIDEO OF THE YEAR:

'BETTER MAN'

SONGWRITER(S) OF THE YEAR:

GRAHAM SCOTT FLEMING 'BETTER MAN'

RECORD PRODUCER(S) OF THE YEAR:

THE AGENDA ('BETTER MAN')

VIDEO DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR:

AJ ASTLE - ROADHOUSE PROD. ('BETTER MAN')



**Graham Scott Fleming born and raised in Elmvale by his parents, Kevin and Cindy Fleming. He will be playing locally this summer. Worth Checking it out!**



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Be sure to check out his new singles 'Déjà Vu.', 'Highlife' and 'Better Man' on all streaming platforms - out everywhere!!

He is now nominated for **Rising Star of the Year at the 2022 CMA Ontario Awards**. He will also perform at the Tailgate Party concert in the afternoon before the awards on June 5.

Hosted by Jason McCoy and Robyn Ottolini, the CMA Ontario Awards Show will close out the CMA Ontario Festival & Awards Weekend June 2-5, 2022 in London, Ontario. The CMA Ontario Awards will acknowledge the talent and achievements of Ontario's country music industry across 19 categories.

**RIISING STAR AWARD** -

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Graham Scott Fleming

Nate Haller

Sacha

Shae Dupuy

The music industry is small and Graham knows three of the fellow Rising Star nominees.

**Don't forget to follow along the journey on Instagram @grahamsfleming!**

We are all cheering for you Graham Scott Fleming, our hometown hero!



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### Is cost of living your top election concern? Voting for climate solutions can help make life affordable.

The provincial election is just around the corner,  
and there are many important issues on the minds of  
voters – affordable housing, food affordability and  
health care, just to name a few. But there's another  
important issue that voters need to consider, which  
both causes and is caused by these other issues:  
climate change.

One of the challenges we face in stopping climate  
change is how it intersects with so many other  
aspects of our lives, including where we live, how  
we get around, what we eat and our overall health  
and well-being.

For example, a lack of affordable housing and  
public transit in cities forces people to use  
greenhouse gas-creating cars to travel to and from  
work. Smoke from forest fires in northern Ontario  
is affecting air quality throughout the province.  
And extreme weather events like droughts and  
floods impact our farmers' ability to produce food,  
decreasing food availability and driving up its cost.  
But these issues also provide us with an opportunity.  
Steps we can take to reduce our climate impact  
can also help strengthen communities, through  
solutions like affordable, eco-friendly housing,  
widely available public transit and sustainable,  
locally grown food.

In its most recent report, the Intergovernmental  
Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) – a United  
Nations body made up of thousands of scientists  
and other experts – made it clear that individuals,  
organizations and governments need to take  
immediate action to avoid the most severe impacts  
of climate change.

When releasing the report, the Chair of the IPCC  
stated "The scientific evidence is unequivocal:  
climate change is a threat to human wellbeing  
and the health of the planet. Any further delay in  
concerted global action will miss a brief and rapidly  
closing window to secure a liveable future."

Evidence of this can already be seen in Ontario

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

and across Canada. Wildfires, extreme weather,  
changing weather patterns and increased flooding  
are all early signs of what is to come unless action  
is taken. Last year, a record-breaking heat wave  
caused nearly 600 deaths in BC, and a record  
amount of land was destroyed by forest fire in  
Ontario. The science shows that things are only  
going to get worse, unless we join together and  
take action.

The good news is that solutions already exist  
for these problems. What's been missing is the  
political will to put them into practice. It's our  
responsibility to ensure we elect political leaders  
that will take the action we all need – not just on  
affordability, but on climate change as well.

How do you know which candidate is the right  
choice? The best approach is to ask them. Go  
to their website and ask them what they'll do  
to stop climate change if they are elected. A  
coalition of environmental organizations has also  
collected commitments from the four main parties  
about important environmental issues that need  
to be considered in Ontario, which gives helpful  
insight into each party's position: [http://www.  
greenprosperity.ca/election/](http://www.greenprosperity.ca/election/).

This election, when you cast your vote, please  
give thought to our changing climate and to which  
candidate is committed to stopping it. Our futures,  
and our children's futures, truly depend on it.

**submitted by Mark Simmons**

Dear Editor,

Proper public consultation on changes to  
environmental law and policy used to be something  
that Ontarians could count on, thanks to our  
Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR).

But not anymore.

Twice in recent years the Courts have found that the  
Government of Ontario broke the law by failing to  
consult with the public as required under the EBR -  
the first time when it cancelled the province's carbon  
cap-and-trade program without consultation; the  
second, when it rushed through changes to the rules  
governing minister's zoning orders (MZOs), also  
without consulting.

Now, with the passing of Bill 109, the More Homes  
for Everyone Act, 2022 on April 14, the government  
has done it again.

The new law includes significant changes to  
the Planning Act to expedite development while  
circumventing policies intended to limit destruction  
and harm to Ontario's already hard-hit farmland,  
natural areas and wildlife.

Though the EBR requires at least a 30-day public  
consultation period for such legislative amendments,  
the government pushed Bill 109 through the  
Legislature at lightning speed – just 15 days from  
when it was introduced.

The bill became law halfway through the public  
consultation period, making a mockery of our  
environmental rights!

Ontarians should expect and demand that  
governments respect and uphold the legal  
requirements for public consultation when passing  
new environmental laws or altering existing ones.

At stake are the lands and waters that provide local  
food, mitigate floods, sequester carbon, conserve  
biodiversity and offer access to the outdoors, so vital  
to our health and well-being.

Fast-tracking development at the expense of these  
essential benefits is short-sighted in the extreme and  
compromises the rights and interests of current and  
future generations. And furthermore, it's against the  
law.

Sincerely, Kate Harries

Huronion regional representative, Ontario Nature

Editor

As a Ukrainian born Canadian I would like to thank all the folks who  
have contributed to the cause of Ukraine, since the illegal occupation  
started. In particular, I wish to thank the Elmvale Presbyterian  
church, the Midhurst Community Recreation Association ( MCRA  
, and the Askennonia & Midland area Pickleball Club ( MAP ), for  
their support for Ukraine in their greatest hour of need. Especially  
I would like to thank all the organizers of these & other events,  
who recognized the need for donations, both monetary & clothing,  
to help the innocent citizens of a free & democratic country under  
attack by a vengeful neighbour.

I would be remiss in not thanking also the various citizens of Simcoe  
County who have accepted Ukrainian refugees into their homes &  
are providing them with a " NEW LIFE " in Canada. It makes me  
proud to be Canadian!

I would also thank the Springwater News for advertising & writing  
about these events in their large distribution area. Thank you ALL  
again, **George Potopnyk, Wasaga Beach.**

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Lion Scott McLean 25 Years of Service to Lions



Join us in congratulating Lion Scott McLean who was presented a chevron award by Jerry Rebidoux recognizing his 25 year of service to Lions last night. His contributions to our club and community are countless. Thanks for all you do. We can all take a Lion Scott that make the community great!  
*Submitted by Lion Jen Rebidoux*

Elmvale Lioness Lions Club

*Submitted by Brenda Sutton*

There are now two Lions Clubs in Elmvale! The second club was originally the Elmvale Lioness Club. The Lions Club International have streamlined and no longer have the Lioness divisions. The lovely group of Elmvale Lioness ladies decided to become Lions! We had a choice to join the Elmvale District Lions Club or to turn our existing Elmvale Lioness Club into a full Lions Club. Lions International stopped recognising Lioness Clubs many years ago but our Multiple District decided they would keep the Lioness Clubs as a branch of an existing club. The Elmvale District Lions have been supporting the Elmvale Lioness club as branch. Elmvale District Lions Club also support the Leo's Club (youth Lions group) as a branch. Lions International no longer accepted that the Lioness should be supported by a main club and should join the main club. We figured we have different talents and interests hence we became a separate club. As with all Lions, we support each other.

Saturday, May 7th was the Chris Lewis Day of Service. We ladies decided to focus on cleaning up two of the local parks and connecting trail. We met at the Heritage Park. We picked up garbage in that park. We proceeded to follow the trail along the Wye River picking up trash and finished up at Bishop Park. We filled several bags.

Thankfully it was a beautiful day! We really enjoyed our time together! Elmvale truly is a beautiful village!

We look forward to once again having a booth at the Springwater Farmers Market! We will be selling our famous peameal on a bun and cinnamon buns! All money we raise stays in our community!

We are a female member club but men would be welcome. We are a close knit club that work well together. If you are thinking of joining our club please contact Lynn Patkau 705-322-3309.



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## New Extended Office Hours

The Township Administration Centre is now 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.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m.

### Cultural Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

### Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m.

### Elmvale BIA Board Meeting

Thursday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Council meetings are live streamed online at [springwater.ca/Live](https://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.

## GET ACTIVE

## JUNE IS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH!



For a list of suggested activities, visit: [springwater.ca/Recreation](https://springwater.ca/Recreation)

## 2021 Annual Report

The 2021 Annual Report has been released, detailing the accomplishments, projects and initiatives that the municipality has undertaken throughout the past year.

Visit: [springwater.ca/AnnualReport2021](https://springwater.ca/AnnualReport2021)

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Scan the QR Code above for quick access to the public survey and information on public engagement sessions happening throughout the Township this spring.

## Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

**Fire Hall Pre-Qualification**  
(2022-25-PW)

Closes: June 6, 2022

**External Audit Services**  
(2022-21-FIN)

Closes: June 16, 2022

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

## Property Tax Billing

The 2022 final tax rates were approved by Springwater Council at the regular council meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. The 2022 final tax bills will be prepared by late June with due dates of July 20 and September 21, 2022.

## Water & Wastewater Billing

Water & Wastewater bills have been mailed. Payment is due by May 27, 2022. To see a list of payment options, visit: [springwater.ca/Water](https://springwater.ca/Water)

## Burn Permits

All outdoor burning in Springwater requires a permit. Recreational burn permits cost \$15 and can be purchased online at [springwater.ca/BurnPermit](https://springwater.ca/BurnPermit)

Open air burn permits can be obtained by contacting Springwater Fire & Emergency Services at 705-728-4784 Ext. 2016

## Job Opportunities

The Township is currently recruiting for the following positions:

**Building Official – Inspections**

Closes: May 27, 2022

**Library Program Assistant (Student)**

Closes: June 3, 2022

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

## Candidate Information Sessions

Those interested in running as a candidate or registering as a Third-Party Advertiser in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections 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.

Thursday, June 16, 2022, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Virtual Session hosted via Zoom

Thursday, July 7, 2022, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | In-Person Session at Rotary Place (Orillia Room) 100 University Avenue, Orillia ON

For further information and to learn how to register, visit [springwater.ca/Election](https://springwater.ca/Election). The Nomination Period is May 2 to August 19, 2022.



## Stewart L Page Scholarships Available

A scholarship was set up in memory of Stewart L. Page in 1968 and still continues.

### Simcoe County Agricultural Hall of Fame

#### Stewart L. Page

1897-1973

Inducted 1984

Stewart Lewis Page was born Oct. 11, 1897 at Thornhill in York County.

He was a graduate of Richmond Hill

High School, served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1918 and attend the Ontario Agricultural College in 1924.

Mr. Page was assistant agricultural representative in Wentworth County in 1924 and became the representative for North Simcoe in 1925, an office that he held until 1967.

He organized the first Boys and Girls Club in North Simcoe, the Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Junior Fair section of the Barrie Fair, the first crop convention and seed fair and the first Junior Soil and Crop Club with 59 members in 1950. That club led to the first soils course at O.A.C. in 1951.

He helped to initiate, and organize

the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and the first certified seed potato growers in the county, the "Lafontaine Restricted Seed Potato Area."

He initiated the first tuber unit method of producing seed potatoes with their own patented bags

"Norsimcoe Brand" resulting in the championship at the Royal Winter Fair.

His accomplishments extended into the community where he was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Theatre Guild, Drama Club, Corinthian Masonic Lodge, County Library Board and Collier Street United Church.

He was author of "At the First Table" for the county council. He married Margery E. Wright on Mar. 22, 1922 at Richmond Hill. The couple had

no children.

His induction into the Hall of Fame was sponsored by the North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association.



Courtesy Simcoe County Agricultural Hall of Fame

A scholarship is available for those continuing their post secondary education in agriculture. Applications are available in the guidance department of local secondary schools in North Simcoe or from [myrna.jones48@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.jones48@gmail.com).

If you find yourself feeling useless, remember it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, and four U.S. presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

## Waypoint Announces Dr. Kevin Young as New Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief of Staff

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care President and CEO Carol Lambie and Board Vice Chair Ernest Vaillancourt are pleased to announce that the board has approved the recruitment of Dr. Kevin Young, an innovative and inspiring leader, as the hospital's new Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief of Staff.

Dr. Young will replace Dr. Nadiya Sunderji who is being welcomed to her new position as Waypoint's President and CEO June 13, 2022. As Waypoint's current Medical Director of Integrated Care and the Physician Lead for the North Simcoe/Muskoka Specialized Geriatrics Services (SGS) program, Dr. Young has been an integral part of Waypoint's physician leadership since 2017 collaborating with, and supporting psychiatrists, general practitioners, specialists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and all levels of leaders and staff across the hospital.

"As a valued and respected leader in our region and the province, we are excited to announce Dr. Young's appointment to this senior leadership role," notes Lambie. "Dr. Young joined Waypoint full-time in September 2019, expanding upon his part time role as the Physician Lead for SGS. He has influenced quality of care throughout the hospital by strengthening holistic person centred care increasing our capacity for supporting the physical health of patients, worked with SGS leaders and partners to launch a digital health initiative for residents in long term care facilities and their families to reduce isolation during the pandemic, and has influenced provincial thinking on standards of care for seniors."

Dr. Young received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Toronto and went on to do postgraduate training in geriatrics and general internal medicine. He also has a PhD in Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. He serves as the co-medical director for the Provincial Geriatric Leadership Office and is a recognized author, collaborator, presenter and teacher. He has a strong academic background holding an academic appointment at McMaster, and contributing to the training of University of Toronto Family Medicine learners. Dr. Young has published many peer reviewed publications including for Nature Medicine, the Journal of Immunology and the Journal of Molecular Medicine.

"Dr. Young has been an extraordinary leader

throughout Waypoint's pandemic response, with visible impacts on quality of care, staff morale and engagement, organizational culture and trust, including vaccine education, retention through redeployment, and managing outbreaks including on the psychogeriatric Horizon Program," says Dr. Sunderji. "He demonstrates a strong commitment to Waypoint, our values and the strategic plan. Over many years, he has contributed to system transformation, building and strengthening new and existing partnerships in our region through SGS, the Central Ontario Health Team for Specialized Populations, Ontario Health Central, and with acute care hospitals, primary care and community partners alike."

In recognition of his contributions, he was recently awarded both Waypoint's Core Value award for Leadership and the Jane Chamberlin award for leadership from the Association of General Hospital Psychiatric Services. His background and contributions will add to the diversity of experiences and perspectives of the hospital's senior leadership team

### Vanishing Barns: Remembering the 18<sup>th</sup> century gentle giants through photos, stories, diaries and genealogy.



Cathy Johnston Walton

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Ritchie's Feed or Simcoe County Museum.

**Vanishing Barns** - Cathy Walton has been researching barns in Flos and Vespra Townships (now Springwater) for the last six years and has published the results in the book "Vanishing Barns".

If you are interested in a copy, please contact Cathy at 705 728-1388 or [snow-flake53@mail.com](mailto:snow-flake53@mail.com).

### The Johnston Farm - Built 1879

Concession 11, E ½ Lot 5, Vespra Township  
2760 Ronald Road, Springwater Township

Concession 11, E ½ Lot 5, Vespra Township  
2760 Ronald Road, Springwater Township

#### Owners

1989-present George W. and Blanche (Hrncir) Johnston  
1959-1989 Alan and Donna (Priest) Johnston  
1922-1959 George G. and Alice (Young) Johnston  
rented to Irvin Johnston, Lloyd Johnson  
Walter Fralick, Wes Johnston, Ray Adams  
-1922 Ted Dibben (west 50 acres)  
Alfred Armstrong Senior  
~1887~1918<sup>3</sup> William Armstrong (east 50 acres)  
1879 Sam Plowright 100 acres

**Built:** both barns moved  
**Dimensions:** 40 x 60', moved from the east 50 acres to the west 50 acres, foundation added, 36 x 60' torn down and moved from Concession 11, E ½ Lot 6  
**Water Source:** dug well, artesian flow

Sam Plowright cleared the 100 acres. By 1887 Sam had sold the east 50 acres to Alfred Armstrong. George G. Johnston bought the east 50 acres and had Billy Rowell build the 40 x 60' barn on mud sills. When George G. purchased the west 50 acres a few years later, he had the barn moved ¼ mile and put on a foundation. Prior to that there was only a house and pig pen.

George G. tore down the 'low' barn that he owned across the road at Lot 6 and had it rebuilt on Lot 5. There are several beams in these barns which show the scorch marks left from the devastating fire of 1881. Stanchions for cattle were removed in 1960 and cement mangers put in.

The farm was heavy clay, and in the spring the water would flow down from Minesing and flood the barn. A culvert added to the ditch at the bottom of the hill in the 1990s solved the water problem. Tile draining by Alan made growing crops easier. Alan grew hay, wheat, and mixed grain and later corn and soy beans. George W. completed tile draining the farm, and his sons continue with the same crops.

Alan Johnston, *A History of Vespra Township* p. 645.



Yearlings are moved from Concession 12, W ½ Lot 3, Vespra Township and finished at this farm. The beef cattle have access to both barns with a common barn yard.



Ray Adams added a loft to the 36 x 60' low barn and probably put in the connection between the two barns.



The low barn housed pigs for a few years. During wet years feed for the pigs had to be bought, making it less financially feasible. Alan's son Gary was offered 10¢ by his Dad to clean out pig pens and 25¢ by his Mom not to.



A separator room was under the barn bridge prior to 1960. The cream was sold and the milk given to pigs and calves. Alan built a wooden silo between the two barns, but it was only used a few years.



Mayor Don's Update



2021 Annual Report

The Township of Springwater has released its 2021 Annual Report. This report details the accomplishments, projects and initiatives that the municipality has undertaken throughout the past year. Although the COVID-19 pandemic created challenges worldwide, Council and Staff were able to move the business of the Township forward successfully. The report is available online at [springwater.ca/AnnualReport2021](http://springwater.ca/AnnualReport2021) or a hard copy can be picked up from the Township Administration Centre.

Community Based Strategic Plan

On May 18, Springwater Council awarded McSweeney & Associates Consulting Inc. the contract to develop a Community Based Strategic Plan for the Township. As a municipality with a significant amount of forecasted growth, a number of changes are anticipated in the social, economic and cultural make-up of the community. The Strategic Plan will assist in guiding the municipality in decision-making, planning and execution of key initiatives and projects throughout the next 20 years. The goal is to build a vibrant and prosperous community where people want to live, work, play and retire. Community engagement will be a key factor in determining the strategic priorities and actions identified in the plan. Look for opportunities to have your say in the coming months. More information will be shared soon in the Springwater Link and on the Township's website and social media.

Applying for a Building Permit

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, together with soaring housing and gasoline prices, has triggered an ever-increasing focus on staying local. This, in turn, has led to the increased housing demand and construction activity we are seeing today. With construction speeding up across Ontario, the Township's Building Services Department is experiencing a very high volume of new building permit applications. In 2021, there were 704 permits issued in total, whereas in 2022, 480 permit applications were submitted in the first five months. Over the last year, Township staff have focused on creating efficiencies where possible in order to address the increased activity. A new CityView Portal was implemented to streamline the permit application process and provide online access to services. Additionally, Council authorized the addition of three full-time positions to be funded through building fees, including a Building Official-Building Inspector, Building Official-Plans Examiner, and Zoning Compliance Coordinator.

Staff are doing their best to process all applications as quickly as possible, though at this time, the processing time for complete applications is 4 to 6 weeks. To aid in this process and prevent permit delays for your project, the best solution is to plan ahead:

- Finalize your plans as soon as possible so there is no need to resubmit your application due to a project change.
- Take time to understand the permit application process and necessary paperwork.
- Make sure the application you submit is complete, with all required drawings.
- Check to see if your property is subject to any external reviews or other applicable laws.
- Plan for delays by building "cushion time" into your project to use as needed.

More information on the process is provided on the Township's website at [springwater.ca/BuildingPermits](http://springwater.ca/BuildingPermits).

Celebrate Recreation and Parks Month

The month of June is Recreation and Parks Month (JRPM)—a national movement promoting the benefits of recreation and parks for physical, social

and environmental health. There are lots of great ways to get active in the Township of Springwater. We encourage all residents to participate in JRPM by taking part in a recreation activity or heading outside to enjoy our spectacular trails, conservation areas, parks and playgrounds. To help you get active and moving, the Township's Recreation, Parks and Facilities department has come up with a list of suggested activities for the month of June. Download the JRPM2022 Calendar at [springwater.ca/Recreation](http://springwater.ca/Recreation).

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 hosting three additional public workshops 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

| Date / Time                   | Description   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| May 26,<br>3:00 pm - 9:00 pm  | Come out and have your say at an Open House at the Midhurst Community Centre.   |
| May 27<br>2:00 pm - 11:00 pm  | Find 8 80 Cities at the Midhurst library branch from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, then have your say during the Pop-Up Open House at the Anten Mills Community Centre. Stick around the Anten Mills Community Centre for an outdoor movie night.<br><b>Open House:</b><br>6:00 pm - 8:30 pm<br><b>Movie:</b><br>8:30 pm - 11:00 pm |
| June 4<br>10:30 am - 12:00 pm | A second Virtual Public Workshop date has been added. Register online at <a href="http://springwater.ca/OurSpringwater">springwater.ca/OurSpringwater</a> .   |

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.

Burn Permits

As we head into the warmer months, please keep in mind that all outdoor burning in the Township requires a burn permit. Only property owners (as per the tax roll) are authorized to purchase a Recreational Burn Permit online at [springwater.ca/BurnPermit](http://springwater.ca/BurnPermit) or at the Township Administration Centre. If you require an Open Air Burn Permit, please call Springwater Fire & Emergency Services at 705-728-4784 Ext. 2016.

Springwater Swing

We're less than a month away from the 14th annual Springwater Swing charity golf tournament, which takes place on Monday, June 13. Register your team now for an entertaining round of golf and dinner at the Barrie Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament will go towards physician recruitment, our community assistance program and other worthwhile initiatives. The \$225 registration fee per golfer includes a round of golf, cart, lunch and a delicious dinner. For registration information and sponsorship opportunities, visit [springwater.ca/SpringwaterSwing](http://springwater.ca/SpringwaterSwing).

Midhurst Soap Box Derby & Classic Car Show

The Midhurst Soap Box Derby & Classic Car Show returns to the Midhurst Community Centre (74 Doran Road) on Saturday, June 18. Children and youth between 8 and 16 years of age are invited to participate in the Derby, and anyone above the age of 6 can enter into the Car Show. More information can be found on the Midhurst Soap Box Derby & Classic Car Show Facebook page at [facebook.com/Midhurst-Soap-Box-Derby-Classic-Car-Show-333249317170608](https://facebook.com/Midhurst-Soap-Box-Derby-Classic-Car-Show-333249317170608).

Continue to be well and enjoy the sunshine. Don.

Huronia Road Closed May 16 to 30 as Part of Big Bay Point Road Transportation Improvements

Huronia Road will be closed from Big Bay Point Road to Ellis Drive from May 16 to 30. The closure is part of the Big Bay Point Road Transportation Improvements project which started last August.

Drivers can expect delays in the area and detours will be in place around the closure. Access to all businesses will remain open.

Barrie Transit Route 3 is on detour between May 16 and May 30. Stops 752, 9, 116, 113, 118, 879, and 878 will be temporarily closed. Visit [www.barrie.ca/TransitNotices](http://www.barrie.ca/TransitNotices) for more information.

Big Bay Point Road is being widened to five lanes to alleviate congestion in Barrie's south-end and accommodate growth. The project features include:

- road widening from 2 to 5 lanes, including continuous two-way left turn median
- 1.5m Bicycle lanes with 0.5m buffer on both sides of the road
- construction of new curbs, sidewalk and improved drainage systems
- watermain replacement
- intersection and illumination improvements

The project is expected to be complete by the end of the year. For more details on the project, visit the Big Bay Point Road Transportation Improvements page via [www.barrie.ca/Roadwork](http://www.barrie.ca/Roadwork).

United Way Simcoe Muskoka Embarks on New Three-Year Community Investment Plan

United Way Simcoe Muskoka (UWSM) is embarking on the development of their next three-year strategy on community investment. In 2019 the Community Investment Plan laid out a shift in focus to a single priority under "Poverty Reduction and Inclusion". An investment framework and funding model were constructed, consisting of multi-year collaborative projects designed to have significant impact within each of their sub-regions.

Now mid-way through the third year of the collaborative projects that were identified under this community investment model, the renewal of the three-year strategy provides an opportunity to evaluate its social impact and the effectiveness of the approach. This process will help to establish strategic priorities for community investment over the next three years. To help facilitate this work, UWSM has hired Byrch & Associates to support these conversations.

"This is an important phase in charting the course for Community Investment and Engagement to address poverty in our region," says Sharon McCormick, Chief Administrative Officer at UWSM. "We look forward to gaining your input, feedback, guidance and creative thoughts as we move forward."

UWSM recognizes that the success of this framework to maximize community impact is thanks to the guidance, contribution and efforts of committed individuals and organizations.

As a member of the public, and someone who is aware of the Community Investment program of United Way, we are interested in hearing from you. Your input will help to shape this new three-year strategy.

If you would like to take part in a focus group that will help inform the Community Investment Strategy, please email Ligaya Byrch at [ligayabyrch@hotmail.com](mailto:ligayabyrch@hotmail.com) by 5:00pm May 16, 2022.

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## A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

By Marilyn Hughes, Volunteer Writer  
Senior Advisory Committee-Township of Tiny

In these times of conducting so much of our business online and requests to provide our personal details, have you wondered how you can protect your personal information from Identify Theft? The upcoming Coffee and Connect workshop on May 31st will be discussing this topic. It is being held at the Wyebridge Community Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Refreshments are provided as well. If you don't have a device, you can request a loaner iPad. If needed, transportation is available through Community Reach and can be requested upon sign-up. To register, contact Lisa at 705-529-1789 or email [seniors@tiny.ca](mailto:seniors@tiny.ca).

June is Parks, Recreation and Seniors' Month and there is much to celebrate! On June 1st you can participate in person at the 2022 Accessibility and Senior Symposium at the Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession Rd. 8 E). This event is being held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a boxed lunch. The agenda will include many interesting topics such as, Tiny's Local Aging Plan annual update, Accessibility and Independent Living information as well as the 2021 Senior of The Year Award. There will be will an opportunity to connect with other seniors and have some fun. This event is hosted by the Township of Tiny, the Senior Advisory, and Accessibility Advisory Committees. Be sure to put this event on your calendar. Registration is required as follows: by phone 705-526-4204 ext. 3, by emailing [seniors@tiny.ca](mailto:seniors@tiny.ca), or online at [www.tiny.ca/events/senior-symposium](http://www.tiny.ca/events/senior-symposium).

Make your opinion count! The Township of Tiny is seeking input from the public, particularly from persons with disabilities, as it relates to access to municipal beaches, parks, and trails. Take the survey, which closes June 1st, on the Accessibility Advisory Committee page at [www.tiny.ca/accessibility2022](http://www.tiny.ca/accessibility2022). On June 2nd participate in a virtual public consultation meeting about proposed accessibility changes to several parks in Tiny. It will be held at 3:00 p.m. prior to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting. More details can be found at [www.tiny.ca/news](http://www.tiny.ca/news). If you wish to attend to learn more and/or provide your input, contact Laura Russell, Deputy Clerk, at [lrussell@tiny.ca](mailto:lrussell@tiny.ca) or 705-526-4204, ext. 229, by Friday, May 27, 2022. Additionally, you can provide written comments to [lrussell@tiny.ca](mailto:lrussell@tiny.ca) or by mail to the Township of Tiny, 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, ON, L0L 2J0.

We all know that exercise benefits us in so many ways, not only for a healthy body but good mental health, so get your shoes on and discover the benefits of Nordixx Pole Walking on June 9th. You can learn about the benefits and proper use of walking poles. Participants can bring their own poles; however, poles can be provided if needed. This activity is being held at Wye Marsh from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. More details are provided on the Township's events calendar. Pre-registration is required as follows: online at [www.wyemarsh.com/pole-walking](http://www.wyemarsh.com/pole-walking), by phone 705-526-7809 or email [info@wyemarsh.com](mailto:info@wyemarsh.com). In addition, Tiny is offering several other activities throughout the summer including Pickleball, Shuffleboard and the Women's Cooperative Art Circle. If interested in any of these activities, please contact Emma Clench at [eclench@tiny.ca](mailto:eclench@tiny.ca), or call 705-526-4204 ext. 250.

On June 17th, the annual Mayors Charity Golf Tournament is being at Orr Lake Golf Club with all proceeds going to many worthwhile charities. Whether you would like to join in the fun of competing, donate or bid on silent auction items, please access the site online at [www.tiny.ca/events/golf](http://www.tiny.ca/events/golf), or contact [jjosiah@tiny.ca](mailto:jjosiah@tiny.ca), or call 705-526-4204 ext. 288.

### Ongoing programs:

**Communications:** A great way to keep informed on what's happening in the municipality is through TinyConnect. You can receive information via text, email, voice or TTY/TDD. There are several ways to register and receive updates, such as online at [www.tinyconnect.ca](http://www.tinyconnect.ca), or phone 705-526-4204 ext. 301.

**Transportation:** CT Link – a community transportation service for Simcoe residents for medical (priority) and other appointments within Simcoe County and other destinations. If wheelchair assistance is required, advise when booking. To request this service, go online to [ctlink.ca](http://ctlink.ca) or Dial 211 for assistance. Access to transportation is also available through Community Reach and can be requested by phone at 705-528-6999, or email [information@communityreach.ca](mailto:information@communityreach.ca).

“True life is lived when tiny changes occur.” Leo Tolstoy

## MIDHURST PHARMACY

Let's Talk About...

### Seasonal Allergies

With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover  
Spring has finally sprung (we hope!) and with it, the start of seasonal allergies (also known as hay fever or allergic rhinitis). One plant can release a billion grains of pollen into the air. Allergies are caused when the body overreacts to certain substances like pollen (allergens) which signal the immune system to release histamine and other chemicals.

Symptoms of allergies can include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, nasal & palate itching, coughing and red, itchy, watery eyes. The best way to prevent allergies is to avoid the allergen. If this is not possible, starting therapies as soon as symptoms present and continuing until the allergen is gone are best. To reduce and manage allergy symptoms there are a number of oral medications (such as antihistamines), nasal sprays and eye drops available over-the-counter and on prescription.

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## Local Immigration Partnership shows support for Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven

Midhurst/May 20, 2022 – The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership is pleased to show its support for Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven through a series of Information Sessions. The information sessions for community organizations and volunteers will discuss existing community resources and supports, as well as challenges and opportunities.

The online information sessions will be offered on May 26th and June 2nd. Details for participants are listed below.

### SESSION 1:

Date Thursday, May 26, 2022

Time 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Location online

DetailsParticipants may register by e-mailing [scip@simcoe.ca](mailto:scip@simcoe.ca) to receive the meeting link

### SESSION 2:

Date Thursday, June 2, 2022

Time 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location online

DetailsParticipants may register by e-mailing [scip@simcoe.ca](mailto:scip@simcoe.ca) to receive the meeting link

About the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership  
The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership was established in 2011 and is funded by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada. The Partnership Council is comprised of numerous community leaders, including representatives from education, policing, libraries, economic development, health, housing family counselling and supports, employment services, settlement services, government, and the United Way of Greater Simcoe County. Visit [immigration.simcoe.ca](http://immigration.simcoe.ca) for more information

## EDHS Students to Fight Phrag at Tiny Marsh.

Elmvale District High School students will be spending a day at the Tiny Marsh Provincial Wildlife Area this week to learn about invasive phragmites and help to fight the weed that threatens the future of the wetland.



### DATE FRIDAY MAY 27

TIME 10:30 am to 2:30. Best time for visuals and interviews from noon to 1:30 pm

LOCATION Tiny Marsh at the Trotter Dyke parking lot, off the Tiny Flos Townline.

CONTACT David Hawke - [vol@mtmconservation.org](mailto:vol@mtmconservation.org) - 705-737-6061

The students - members of the school's environmental

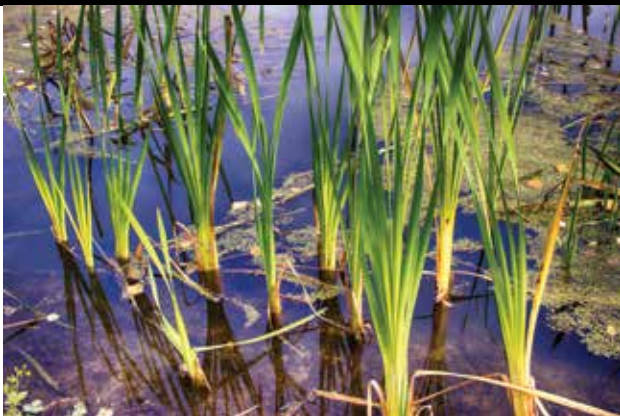
studies group as well as its outdoors club - will be working along one of the dykes that transects the marsh as well as elsewhere along the shoreline. They will be preparing the sites of the emerging phragmites for major cutting by other volunteers later in the year. Members of the M-T-M Conservation Association's invasives committee and staff from the Severn Sound Environmental Association will be on hand to assist.

Tiny Marsh, managed on behalf of the Ontario government by M-T-M Conservation Association, is in the second year of a three-year project funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada with support from the Township of Tiny and other organizations. While the shoreline and dykes are tackled manually by volunteers, the stands of phragmites growing in the water will be cut by amphibious vehicles.

### ABOUT PHRAGMITES

Phragmites australis subsp. Australis (Common Reed) originates from Europe and Asia. This species has invaded many wetlands in eastern North America. It outcompetes native wetland plants, degrades wildlife habitat and disrupts natural wetland functions. Monoculture stands of Invasive Phragmites have been shown to result in significant changes in water quality, movement and cycling.

The effect on biodiversity is dramatic. Thick stands choke out native plants' growth, significantly reducing plant richness and diversity.



Toxins released from the roots have an allelopathic effect, which means they inhibit growth of native species. Significantly increased plant biomass, stem density and shading make the wetland inhospitable to amphibians such as turtles and snakes. Nutrient cycling and food chains are altered through reduced aquatic invertebrates. Annual accumulation of leaf litter and recalcitrant stems along with the development of a dense network of roots and rhizomes greatly increases organic matter accretion over sand, gravel, and rocky substrates, creating unsuitable conditions for fish nest building and egg deposition.

Although some birds may nest in its thickets, the habitat is not ideal since Invasive Phragmites doesn't support enough insects for them to feed their young.



Sports with Patrick Townes



It is clear from the start of the major league season that there is something different about the balls that are being used. At the start of the season, pitchers were blaming control issues with the texture of the ball. Many pitchers simply said that the ball felt different and it was harder to grip. One major statistic that is used across the board for pitchers is spin rate. For the top pitchers such as Garrett Cole this season, who plays for the Yankees, the spin rate is significantly down. What does this mean?

If pitchers do not have the same grip, they are not able to spin the ball to make it move. Alternatively, the ball is so hard to grip they have to slow down to make sure they are throwing strikes.

Well into the season now, the hitters are having an issue with a “dead” ball. With all the technology being used now, it is easy to tell that certain hits are coming off the bat at the same speed and at the same launch angle, yet they are travelling significantly different distances. Some are saying it is the league trying to sway the game away from the home run or strike out mentality. There are not many games now where teams string together four hits in a row to score runs. Take the Jays for example -- the offence seems much different with no home runs; however other stats like doubles and singles are similar. Overall, home runs are down.

About 5 years ago the Simcoe Rural Fastball League and many other local leagues noticed a difference in the balls that were being manufactured. Many balls would split after the first game of use. Complaints were filed but reasoning was never provided as to why the balls were of a substandard condition. Time went on and the balls improved.

So what gives with the balls? Is it the league trying to shake things up? I personally think the manufacturer is solely to blame. Who knows if


they are experimenting with different materials or ordering parts from different locations? You would thing that there would be a standard to keep things the exact same, but that is not the way the world works. Things are made in different places and availability and manufacturers change over time. Also, staff turnovers at these factories may play a part. The art and skills of the “older” generation may be wearing off without proper succession planning. Succession planning may be the key to life in many cases -- leave someone after you with the same exact skills to carry on the consistency of the art. If they are new people making the balls, that could play a major part in the overall consistency.

The Blue Jays are bending, but they have not broken. The season is long and teams like the Yankees will face injuries. The pitching has been good. The hitting has been leaving them behind. It is no secret that they need a left-handed hitter. They are too right-hand dominant in the lineup.

How can you describe the Maple Leafs? Disappointing, but not unexpected results. The playoff format has them against the Tampa Bay Lightning who will win the Stanley Cup. It was a tough opponent and they took them to seven games. If the first round opponent was any other team, the management and coach would have been on the way out. There will be significant changes next year, but not at the management level

It is great to drive around and see the local balls parks being used. Summer is here and local baseball is back.

The Barrie Baycats won their first two games at home -- one in the bottom of the ninth, and the other in the bottom of the tenth, Barrie traveled to Kitchener on Monday after my deadline. Next home games are Thursday at 7:30 pm against Guelph, and London on Saturday at 4:00 pm



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Ford Government Spends Earth Day in Private Meeting with Gravel Mining Industry

Ford government promises ‘working group’ will continue meetings after election  
The Ford government has invited representatives of the gravel mining and cement industries to attend a private virtual meeting on Earth Day (Friday, April 22) to discuss the “challenges and/or barriers that the aggregate industry continues to face.” (See Agenda: Aggregate Industry Check-In”)  
This private meeting is happening as more municipalities pass resolutions endorsing a moratorium, a temporary pause, on all new gravel mining approvals in Ontario, proposed by the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition.  
Municipalities, who have a number of concerns with gravel mining that the Ontario government has so far failed to address, are not invited to participate in the so-called ‘Working Group’. Municipalities have important concerns about gravel mining that require urgent attention including unjustified low property tax assessments, the lack of municipal control over the impacts these sites have, and now the prospect that gravel mines may become large scale soil dumps.  
“One of the first things the Ford government did was to hold a ‘secret summit’ in the spring of 2019 with the gravel mining industry.” said Graham Flint, spokesperson with the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition, “That meeting was the start of a number of changes requested by the industry, such as the limiting of the role of Conservation Authorities, the erosion of the Endangered Species Act, and removal of some of the few tools municipalities had to deal with gravel mining in their jurisdictions.  
“A new round of concessions to the gravel mining industry could further endanger groundwater, farmland, wetlands and the natural environment. A moratorium on new gravel mining approvals is necessary to stop the ‘behind closed door relationship’ between the industry and this government, and start an independent review process that includes municipalities, affected communities, Indigenous Nations and independent scientists and experts” added Flint.  
The invitation to attend the working group was circulated by Andrew Ogilivie

Intercounty Baseball League



2022 Team Schedule

|                   |                |    |                     |                                 |         |
|-------------------|----------------|----|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Thu May 26 7:30pm | Barrie Baycats | VS | Guelph Royals       | Vintage Throne Stadium          | TICKETS |
| Sat May 28 4:00pm | Barrie Baycats | VS | London Majors       | Vintage Throne Stadium          | TICKETS |
| Sun May 29 2:05pm | Barrie Baycats | AT | Hamilton Cardinals  | Bernie Arbour Memorial Stadium  |         |
| Wed Jun 1 7:30pm  | Barrie Baycats | AT | Toronto Maple Leafs | Dominico Field at Christie Pits |         |
| Sat Jun 4 6:05pm  | Barrie Baycats | AT | Welland Jackfish    | Welland Stadium                 |         |
| Sun Jun 5 7:00pm  | Barrie Baycats | VS | Welland Jackfish    | Vintage Throne Stadium          | TICKETS |
| Thu Jun 9 7:30pm  | Barrie Baycats | VS | Toronto Maple Leafs | Vintage Throne Stadium          | TICKETS |
| Fri Jun 10 7:35pm | Barrie Baycats | AT | Hamilton Cardinals  | Bernie Arbour Memorial Stadium  |         |
| Sun Jun 12 7:00pm | Barrie Baycats | VS | Guelph Royals       | Vintage Throne Stadium          | TICKETS |

Recent Games

| Away                | Home                | Score  | Date        | Time    | Box Score |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Barrie Baycats      | Kitchener Panthers  | 6 - 4  | Mon, May 23 | 5:04 PM | final     |
| Guelph Royals       | London Majors       | 1 - 6  | Mon, May 23 | 1:14 PM | final     |
| Guelph Royals       | Hamilton Cardinals  | 6 - 4  | Sun, May 22 | 2:09 PM | final     |
| Brantford Red Sox   | Toronto Maple Leafs | 2 - 3  | Sun, May 22 | 2:08 PM | final     |
| Hamilton Cardinals  | Barrie Baycats      | 3 - 4  | Sat, May 21 | 4:10 PM | final     |
| London Majors       | Welland Jackfish    | 7 - 8  | Sat, May 21 | 1:09 PM | final     |
| Hamilton Cardinals  | Brantford Red Sox   | 11 - 1 | Fri, May 20 | 8:12 PM | final     |
| Toronto Maple Leafs | Barrie Baycats      | 1 - 2  | Thu, May 19 | 7:43 PM | final     |
| Brantford Red Sox   | Welland Jackfish    | 1 - 8  | Thu, May 19 | 7:40 PM | final     |
| London Majors       | Toronto Maple Leafs | 6 - 3  | Sun, May 15 | 2:11 PM | final     |



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**North Shore Trail Consultation Invites Residents to Share Feedback on Vegetation Management Plan**

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie is looking for feedback on the preferred approach to maintaining the North Shore Trail. City staff will present maintenance options for the North Shore Trail at a virtual meeting on May 18 at 7 p.m. and invite feedback. Participants must register in advance by visiting [buildingbarrie.ca/NorthShoreTrail](http://buildingbarrie.ca/NorthShoreTrail). In addition, an online survey will be open until June 3 to collect public feedback.

The original North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan was created in 2011. Staff now have a draft update that, once approved, will be used to implement vegetation maintenance work along the trail system.

- Key considerations for the updates include:**
- Implement a maintenance plan to create vigorous long-term tree coverage
  - Invasive species management (garlic mustard, phragmites, dog strangling vine, sumac, etc)
  - Create views to the waterfront for those who use the trail
  - Encourage plant growth to support pollinator and bird habitats
  - Create educational and interpretive signage

Learn more, give your feedback, and register for the meeting at [buildingbarrie.ca/NorthShoreTrail](http://buildingbarrie.ca/NorthShoreTrail).

For more information on trails in Barrie visit [barrie.ca/trails](http://barrie.ca/trails).

**Indigenous Knowledge Series Training**

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|---|--|---|
|   | Dates: June 23-24, 2022<br>Time: 9:30am-4pm<br>Location: Best Western Hotel<br>35 Hart Drive, Barrie   |   |
|  | Please join us for a two day engaging session that focuses on 4 components:<br>Cultural Safety ~ Cultural Awareness<br>Cultural Sensitivity ~ Self Identification  |   |
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### ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

The first Anten Mills Movie Night of 2022 is tomorrow, Friday May 27 at the community centre and under the pavilion. But it's not just a movie night. Starting at 6PM it will also be your opportunity to help shape the future Springwater Community Hub that will be built at the corner of Bayfield St and Snow Valley Rd. Partnering with 8 80 Cities this will be a fun evening starting with wood fired Outdoor Ovens cooked pizzas supplied by Pie Wood Pizza. These tasty pizzas are going to be cooked in a woodfired pizza oven in front of your eyes. There will be kids activities, donuts for dessert from the Elmvale Bakery and at 8:30, Ron's Gone Wrong with popcorn is going to be shown under the pavilion. This will be a great way to wind down the week with a free meal and some family fun. It is also the last official opportunity to get your input on what Springwater needs for recreation, education and adventure. Everyone in the community regardless of age is invited to attend and we encourage our friends and neighbours from Apto, Fergusonvale, Phelpston, Minesing and Edenvale to join in. Remember to bring your chairs for the movie along with your favorite beverages.

If you haven't been down to the community park recently you have missed the dazzling display of tulips and daffodils that are blooming away. Thanks to the generous donation last fall of bulbs and the efforts of the volunteers who planted them, our anniversary garden is blooming and the perennials have started to show their splendor as well. The anniversary garden is for all to enjoy and work on and in. The garden needs some weeding and as always the addition of any perennials is welcomed. If you are dividing plants in your garden or are at the nursery and see something that would look great consider making the donation. Last fall most of the plants were identified with markers so if you want to weed and are concerned don't fret. Look for a marker or a similar plant. The goal of the garden is to encourage as many native plants as possible along with assisting the pollinators so vital to local farm crops. Help keep it neat and growing healthy.



Springwater councilors have an initiative whereby they are giving away lawn signs to promote the slowing down of traffic. Speeding is always an issue on many streets and roadways. Along Horseshoe

Valley Road the posted speed limit is 60 kph. Rarely is it obeyed. Commercial vehicles, particularly the gravel haulers that have dumped their load in Clearview and then are off to a gravel pit in the Orillia area are some of the worst offenders. It is almost forgotten that this is a residential area where children and families live. Wilson Dr is posted at both 50 and 60 kph and speeding is an issue along this road as well. In many cases it is locals who are the offenders. The message to slow down needs to be reinforced and the authorities responsible for patrolling and ensuring the laws are followed need to step up their enforcement efforts. What would be amazing is to have a sea of yellow signs all along Horseshoe and Wilson spreading the message to slow down to all who travel these roads. Councilor Maw - Chapman was out delivering these signs and if you contact her you can likely get a sign. Check out the Township of Springwater website to find out how to reach Wanda and let's see if this can help keep our roads safe.



Over the past two weekends there has been some unfortunate deliberate damage caused to property and vehicles toward the south end of the village. Damage was done to signs along the rail trail, to equipment at the construction site, group mailboxes overturned and personal property at homes destroyed. The interesting part is that in the first instance it is suggested that it occurred around 3 AM. The OPP were notified and those who have security cameras were asked to check their footage. It should be noted that these acts were not committed by those in vehicles but in fact on foot. This type of destructive behavior must be curtailed and parents should know where their children are. If you have any information on who may be responsible for these acts, notify the OPP. The OPP have an online reporting tool that can also be used to report or update an occurrence. The OPP website is [OPP.ca](http://OPP.ca) and the online reporting can be found there. This area is served by the Huronia West detachment.

A reminder that the Kids Got Talent event is running from now until June 21. Sponsored by Communities Connecting for Children this is a great opportunity to show the many different talents our youth have. More information is available on their website, bit.ly/3FeXTli.

Pickup softball for kids and adults is scheduled to begin next weekend. Watch the Anten Mills Community Facebook page for details and get out and have some fun.

Everyone has heard that election day is June 2. It is our democratic right and duty to vote. There are plenty of options to do so this year so I encourage you to just do it. There are no good excuses not to perform your right.

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

### ONE DAY ONLY Vaccination Clinic

In partnership with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit the Elmvale branch is hosting a vaccination clinic. Walk-ins are accepted for ages 12+ receiving their dose 1, 2, 3 or booster and children ages 5-11 for paediatric dose 1 and 2.

### Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven, Simcoe County

Local Immigration Partnership is hosting two online information sessions on how we as a community can help support Ukrainian evacuees that are arriving in Simcoe County. Sessions are: Thursday May 26, 2pm-4pm or Thursday June 2, 6:30pm-8:30pm. To register please visit the library's website.

### Kids Take and Make: Clothespin Dragonfly

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

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

Supplies are available starting Wednesday June 1 while supplies last.

### Krafting with Kathy: Dad's Secret Stache Bag

This month's take home and make craft is a special treat bag for Dads. Make your unique bag with the supplies included and fill it with his favourite treats! Available Thursday June 2.

### Pride Month Craft

June is pride month and we have a colourful craft to assemble that is perfect for any age! This is both a free take and make at home kit or you can make it in the Midhurst and Elmvale Branch on the PA day Friday June 3, 10am-5pm.

### Summer Reading Program Registration

Hey summer readers, don't forget to sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club through the Readsquared app! Be sure to check out our "How to guide" on Youtube on navigating and signing up your children on the Readsquared app. We are so excited for a summer filled with reading, prizes and FUN! Registration opens Monday June 6.

### 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 June 7 (Elmvale Branch) 4:30pm or 6:30pm. Cost \$15 for a 1.5 hour workshop. Registration required.

### Piping Plover Info Event

Learn more about this delightful local shore bird and the recovery strategy and habitat protection measures that are being conducted on Woodland Beach. Monday June 6, 6:30pm on zoom. Registration is required.



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## County of Simcoe Donates Ambulance to Hamlet of Pangnirtung in Nunavut

In the lead-up to National Paramedic Services Week, the County of Simcoe has donated a refurbished ambulance to the Hamlet of Pangnirtung in Nunavut for critical use in Canada's northern communities.



"Canada's North serves as an important reminder of the natural beauty and resilience of the citizens of our country," said Deputy Warden Lynn Dollin. "We know that the need in the North is great and costs are often out of reach for smaller communities. It is our hope that this refurbished ambulance from our fleet will continue to serve Canadians in their times of need. Our sincere thanks is owed to retired Chief of the Region of Waterloo Emergency Service, John Prno, for the volunteer co-ordination of this donation and delivery."

As the County of Simcoe's Paramedic vehicle fleet continues to grow and expand, some ambulances are taken out of commission and repurposed, sold (so proceeds can be invested), or donated (to support communities and organizations in need). The refurbished ambulance will be shipped to the Hamlet of Pangnirtung, Nunavut on June 13, 2022 to help communities provide critical care to those who require assistance.



"Thank you to the County of Simcoe for getting in touch with the Hamlet of Pangnirtung to donate an ambulance and stretcher to our community," said Jamie Evic, Senior Administrative Officer for the Hamlet of Pangnirtung. "The ambulance will be very useful for our emergency response team. We really appreciate your help and contribution to the Hamlet of Pangnirtung with this piece of critical infrastructure."

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## St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program



County of Simcoe Paramedic Services (CSPS) is proud to support the St. John Ambulance (SJA) Therapy Dog Program through a donation of \$2,500 and a partnership supporting the mental health of CSPS paramedics.

This St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program (also known as Support Dogs) is another component of the Mental Health program that will be available to all County of Simcoe Paramedics Services staff. The program will assist Paramedics in real time, and through scheduled visits for continued support for the mental health of CSPS Paramedics. The SJA Therapy Dog Program will begin with a therapy dog and their handler (teams) to visit Stations starting May 23 during Paramedic Services Week. Visits will be scheduled to coincide with evening shift changes, allowing Paramedics to have a short visit to support their mental health.

### About the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program

It is the mission of this Support Dog Initiative to use the unique skill set of the program volunteers and their dogs as leaders in service delivery excellence through a professional, knowledgeable, compassionate and inclusive approach to support the CSPS staff's mental health. Every staff member experiences the challenges and impacts of the profession of paramedicine in a unique way. Each person needs a safe, secure, caring, inclusive, supportive and nonjudgmental environment to understand these experiences and feelings. Research suggests that Support Dogs can have positive benefits for individuals who have experienced trauma. As such, CSPS and SJA have agreed to this Support Dog Initiative to offer CSPS Staff an opportunity to have access to mental health support of Support Dogs from SJA Therapy Dog Program.

### About the County of Simcoe

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

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## The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Helps 36 Northern Cats Find New Homes

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society welcomed 36 Northern cats today as part of a re-homing partnership to bring these feline friends to areas of the province where there are families waiting to adopt.

The cat transfer took place in partnership with the Second Chance Pet Network in Dryden, located approximately 1,300 kilometres north of Sudbury, to help make room for other animals at the Northern shelter. In many Northern communities, there are more adoptable animals than there are families who can give them homes.

Once ready for adoption, the cats will be available through the Ontario SPCA Provincial Education & Animal Centre in Stouffville, the Sudbury & District Animal Centre, the Ontario SPCA Barrie Animal Centre and the Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre. Animals adopted through the Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.



“By working together, we are able to find animals homes in areas of the province where families are waiting to adopt a furry family member,” says Arista Wogenstahl, Transfer Team Lead, Community Outreach Services, Ontario SPCA

and Humane Society. “Through this re-homing mission, these cats will find loving homes and the Second Chance Pet Network will have the capacity to assist more animals who need sheltering and care in the North.”

“Second Chance Pet Network faces some unique issues in helping people and their animals, whether it be with medical care, people having to surrender animals or trying to find good homes for them,” says Ann Owens, Founder and Director, Second Chance Pet Network. “We also have a large problem with community/feral cats and newborn kittens. We are so profoundly grateful to the Ontario SPCA for taking these animals that once had a home and placing them into their animal centres where they have a much better chance of finding new homes. We also would not be able to care for the number of feral colonies that we have if not for all the food the Ontario SPCA sends us. We are so happy to have their support!”

A lack of access to basic animal wellness services, such as veterinarians and spay/neuter services, has contributed to an increase in animal populations across Northern Canada. The Ontario SPCA and its partners work alongside communities to deliver much-needed resources, such as food and mobile wellness services, and to manage animal populations through spay/neuter and re-homing initiatives.

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### Spring Pea Risotto

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### INGREDIENTS (4 Servings)

- 1 1/4 cup (313 ml) Peas (shelled fresh or frozen)
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 1/2 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/4 cup (313 ml) arborio rice (short-grain Italian rice)
- 4 cups (1 litre) water
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) butter or vegan margarine
- Zest of 1/4 lemon
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1-2 oz (30-60 ml) freshly grated parmesan or nutritional yeast to taste (vegan)
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) salt or to taste
- *Optional* - Shaved Parmesan or nutritional yeast (vegan option), for topping
- *Optional* - Handful fresh herbs (i.e., chives, parsley, mint or basil) for garnish
- *Optional* - Extra lemon zest for garnish
- *Optional* - Freshly ground black pepper to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a medium-sized sauce pan, heat the water on high until it begins steaming. Keep hot on low heat.
2. Heat a medium-sized, heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat. Add the olive oil, onion and sauté for 6 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon until soft and golden. Add in the garlic, stirring continuously to ensure the garlic doesn't burn for 1-2 minutes.
3. Add rice and lemon zest to the onion mixture, stirring with a wooden spoon for 2 minutes or until the rice becomes translucent with an opaque white center.
4. Add the hot water 1/2 cup (125 ml) at a time, stirring continuously, until the water is almost completely absorbed and the rice is creamy and translucent (i.e., the center is no longer white). A practise in patience is needed here as it will take about 25-30 minutes to slowly incorporate the water into the rice mixture.
5. Stir in the parmesan or nutritional yeast, butter or margarine, lemon juice, and peas. Let the peas cook until just warmed through, about 3-4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
6. *Optional* - Garnish with extra lemon zest, fresh herbs, shaved parmesan or nutritional yeast.

### ENJOY!

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

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## Bearbells and Beagles

by Leslie Noonan



In the 1980's there was a television program called "That's Incredible", featuring unusual objects and daring stunts. Viewers would be amazed by everything from paranormal phenomena to snake charming. Snake charming you say! This seemed a perfect career

choice for a certain impressionable little girl. It was while visiting friends on the farm that this same child, with clearly impaired survival skills, found the perfect opportunity to try out her newfound career. A most unwilling snake, sporting the requisite brown spotted body with a small rattle, was stumbled across and duly snatched by his poor body in the general approximation of where a neck would be. Unfortunately, the little girl had forgotten to both inform her new partner of his role in this adventure, or to soothe his beastly little soul with flute music. The result was both dramatic and inevitable. Shrieks echoed across the fields and brought the adults running, including one mom with a terror of snakes. This led to a speedy drive to Collingwood hospital, which still carried the anti-venom at this time. Let's be clear, the injection was much more painful than the bite, especially with the nurse providing the unwanted wisdom of, "that's what you get for playing with snakes!"



Fast forward a few decades, to another encounter with a massasauga rattler on a beautiful spring day during a hike around McCrae Lake up to the Eagles Nest. This is a spectacular hike through the Canadian Shield and an area brimming with animals including bear, beaver and deer. The aforementioned young girl was now sporting the occasional grey hair and maybe a wrinkle or two, and with a much more developed sense of self-preservation. One section of the trail passes along the side of a beaver dam and across several flat rocks, warm in the sun. It was with one foot poised to step across these rocks that a distinctive buzz sounded from directly under the same raised foot. Well that sounds familiar. Slowly stepping back revealed the grey and brown snake that I had met with before. Massasauga rattle snakes are a small and timid snake, at least when they are not being grabbed, or stepped on. Lesson learned, and with a great deal of respect this hiker continued on with only a brief vision of wicker baskets and flute music.



Massasauga Rattles snakes are shy and gentle giants. They are endangered and there are big fines for killing one. Their rattle sounds like a buzz not a rattle. If you hear it slowly back away. Most people get bit raking leaves. The narrow neck is the best way to identify it. Fox snakes are very close in appearance but has no neck. They only bite for defence. The venom is for digesting their food so they use it last resort.



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## Ontario's Turtle Need a 'Brake'

The 8 species of turtles found in Ontario are the Midland Painted Turtle, Snapping Turtle, Blanding's Turtle, Spotted Turtle, Norther Map Turtle, Wood Turtle, Stinkpot (Musk) Turtle, and the Spiny Softshell Turtle. Midland Painted Turtles and Snapping Turtles are the most commonly sighted turtle species with widespread populations in Ontario which you may see basking along the shorelines of Georgian Bay, at Wye Marsh or at Tiny Marsh. Sadly, all 8 of these species are listed as At Risk, Threatened, or Endangered. Habitat loss and road mortality are the leading reasons why.



Please be watchful for our shelled friends on the roadways, especially in spring during their nesting season. Their dark shells and slow nature often have them mistaken for debris on the road, leading to road mortality. Turtles will travel great distances for prime nesting habitat in sandy areas - often on the side of roads in marshy areas. If you see a turtle on the road, please brake and give it space. If it safe to do you may encourage it across the road from behind, or carefully pick it up with two hands from the middle. Carry it low to the ground so as not to drop it and be mindful of scratching claws. If the turtle is a Snapping Turtle identifiable by their large size, sharp beak-like mouth, and spikey tail, DO NOT attempt to lift it - they are

swift with their powerful bite. Just encourage the turtle to move along from a safe distance.



Protected wetland habitat like Wye Marsh is crucial for our turtle populations. They allow turtles to safely nest and mature to breeding age for the next generation to replenish a healthy population. It is always a happy day standing in the sunshine on the boardwalk at Wye Marsh, scanning the lily pads and cattails for basking turtles. We hope you will join us on the boardwalk to spot the different species who live in Wye Marsh, including Painted Turtles, Blanding's Turtles, and Snapping Turtles.

Wye Marsh has over 25km of trails to explore, from winding through the cedar groves, into hardwood forest, to the floating boardwalk which immerses visitors in the cattails. It is a magical place for all ages to be inspired and fall in love with nature. Trails are accessible for all ages and abilities, with some loops being stroller friendly. Trails are open daily from 9:00am-4:30pm. There are live animal demonstrations on weekend at 1:00pm. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$9 for children aged 4-18, \$9 for seniors aged 65+, and children under 4 are free. To plan a visit to Wye Marsh, please visit: <https://www.wyemarsh.com/>

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.



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### HEY DADS!



**HEY DADS!** Have you ever lost your tools? Have you ever lost your keys? Your wallet? Glasses? Okay, okay, one thing at a time here. I've found that when you find yourself with kids you find yourself looking for things. Or misplacing things. Or plain old losing things. Like your mind. Sometimes those things turn up and sometimes they don't. A few years ago I started keeping a list of not-so-odd things that I found in odd places. The thing and the place didn't match up at all. It happened just the other day again actually so here's four real-life examples of misplaced items in misplaced places.

1. **Brick in bedroom.** Now maybe if you're really in the doghouse your wife might be hiding something on you but I really hope it doesn't come to that. This was a brick in my boys' room. There's lots of things in there like birds' nests and sticks and Legos and guitars and shiny rocks. But why a brick? It actually did serve a purpose although I'm not exactly sure how it got up there. Our crooked old farmhouse had old doors on old hinges on old walls so they sometimes swung shut on us. Something heavy like a brick was often needed to prop the doors open on a windy summer day to help cool the indoor atmosphere.

2. **Oatmeal in bathroom sink.** Okay I could see

how this could happen. Child gets bowl of oatmeal from mother. Child walks away with oatmeal. Child decides it has had enough oatmeal. Child looks for location to dump remaining oatmeal. Child finds bathroom sink. Child returns empty bowl to mother. "I'm done mother." Case closed.

3. **Diaper in a cup.** I literally have nothing to say about this one. Well maybe one thing. Just...why? Why?

4. **GLUE IN LAPTOP COMPUTER PLUG!** Needless to say, we haven't used that computer in a few days. For the life of me I can't figure out why our 3-year-old son, Arrow, thought this would be a great idea. Maybe he was trying to be helpful so the plug wouldn't fall out. Maybe he just likes sticking stuff in bottles of glue. So he grabbed a hanging power cable from the laptop and dipped it in the glue and then plugged it back into the computer. At least it won't fall out now. I remember parents telling us not to stick forks in electrical outlets or toasters. But power cords in glue? Don't recall that one.

I haven't even got to the missing tools yet! I guess I'll continue the list next week. Remember dads, you can replace all the junk your kids lose or break or misplace but you can't replace your kids. Actually we watched "The Sandlot" this week and it turns out you can't replace an autographed Babe Ruth baseball. But most other stuff is replaceable. I'm trying to be patient with my kids and their oatmeal and their diapers. It's a challenge. But I think we're up to it aren't we? Time flies! Make every moment count!

*Jason Weening looks for stuff that his nine kids lose. Usually his wife finds the stuff. If you know why the diaper got in the cup let him know at heydads.ca.*

## RVH Becomes the First Canadian Regional Health Centre to Adopt MOLLI

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH), the home of the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre and its innovative oncoplastic surgery department, has adopted the MOLLI® device – a precise, easy-to-use new technology for breast cancer surgery.

According to Dr. Renee Hanrahan, a Canadian leader in oncologic and oncoplastic/reconstructive breast surgery at RVH, MOLLI has many benefits that make it an excellent choice for operating rooms anywhere – from academic centres in large cities to community hospitals in smaller regions.

"First, we know that about 80 per cent of breast cancer surgeries are performed outside of academic centres and take place mainly in health centres like ours. Having a technology that is easy to implement and inherently easy to learn makes it simpler and faster for surgeons to incorporate it into practice," said Dr. Hanrahan. "Second, MOLLI is not only intuitive, but it also allows for greater precision when choosing an incision site, which is important for an oncologic and aesthetic outcome and from an efficacy standpoint. And third, MOLLI helps create flexibility and efficiency in scheduling surgeries, which in turn eases surgical backlogs."

MOLLI® features the smallest localization marker on the market and is designed to give a better patient experience over traditional wire localization. The MOLLI Wand® detects the marker and visualizes its

location on a tablet, helping surgeons locate lesions more efficiently with improved accuracy. The marker is implanted by a radiologist up to 30 days before surgery. The technology has also been designed to be compatible with conventional mammography and ultrasound imaging, facilitating a smooth transition into hospitals.




"This is a great benefit for women as it allows for convenient timing of marker placement when it best suits our patients," says Dr. Drew Schemmer, Medical Director/Chief of Medical Imaging at RVH. "The surgeons are able to determine the most aesthetically pleasing approach to remove the target within 30 days of their surgery."


MOLLI gives surgeons more flexibility to make incisions where they want to reduce visible scars. Being wire-free without radioactive technology also means hospitals avoid expensive equipment and extensive safety regulations around radiation and disposal protocols, making MOLLI accessible to smaller regional health centres as well as large urban ones.

"We are excited and honoured to be part of the work Dr. Hanrahan is doing at RVH," said Fazila Seker, PhD, President and CEO of MOLLI Surgical Inc. "We know that greater precision equals more surgical options for patients – which is why we're delighted to see our device in the hands of a skilled oncoplastic surgeon as she makes a difference in the lives of people living with breast cancer both in her community, and beyond."

A CANADIAN CABIN PARTY WITH THE



IN SUPPORT OF:



A Canadian Cabin Party is the theme for a unique event to raise funds for Hospice in Simcoe County. The Jim Cuddy Trio will headline the evening, with two local bands rounding out the entertainment. Three local hospices – located in Barrie, Orillia and Penetang – will share the proceeds raised from the ticket sales, auction items and draws in support of their programs and services.


The event will take place on June 3, at The Heights on Horseshoe Valley Road. "This fundraiser is truly one of a kind," says one of the organizers Trish Campbell. "From the music, to the decorations, food and overall vibe, it has a real Canadiana feel to it."

Campbell and a group of friends decided to plan the special fundraiser more than a year ago in support of the local healthcare facilities that provide quality, respectful care for those living with a life-limiting illness.

A virtual silent auction will be available to the public beginning May 17th and can be found at <https://trellis.org/an-evening-with-the-jim-cuddy-trio> There is an incredible array of products and services available for bid donated by more than a 100 generous companies and individuals.

The major event corporate sponsors include Biederman Enterprises, Currie Freightliner, The Peggy Hill Team and Point to Point Communications. Additional sponsors include HGR Graham, Tim Horton's Barrie and Team Micks.

**The event is nearly sold-out, those interested in attending are asked to contact: [josie@hospicesimcoe.ca](mailto:josie@hospicesimcoe.ca)**



EMPOWERING CHILDREN & YOUTH

It may seem early in the year to be thinking about heading back to school, but Glowing Hearts Charity (GHC) is already hard at work preparing for its 2022 Backpacks for Youth program and nominations are now open! Last year, through the generosity of community members and sponsors, GHC was able to support 600 children/youth with the supplies they needed to head back to school, and this year that goal has increased to support 1000 students!

Backpacks, school supplies, water bottles, and lunch kits will be packed specifically for each child to reflect the information shared with GHC, giving students supported through the program what they need to head back to the classroom feeling excited and empowered to start the new school year.

GHC gets the supplies directly into the hands of those who need them most through community members, partners, agencies, and schools nominating students and household members nominating their own children/youth. Nominators are anonymous, and if a child is nominated by someone outside of the household, GHC reaches out to confirm whether or not they want to be included in the program. You can nominate a student, become a sponsor, make a monetary donation, or drop off quality backpacks and school supplies at one of the locations found on their website.

**<https://www.glowingheartcharity.org/backpacks>**  
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Your Community News



Centre Flos Women's Institute Collectively, over 400 Years of Service!

Photo: L-R: Margaret Ann Jacobs - 51 years; Doreen Lambie - 35 years; Lois Bertram - 55 years; Lorraine Cobbett - 47 years; Elaine Steele - 28 years; Dollie Moulden - 26 years; Mary Stone - 29 years; Linda Van Rassel - 26 years; Carrie Nesbitt - 43 years; Susan Elliott -36 years; Donna Kenwell - Centre Flos President. not pictured - Betty Cook - 31 years. We would also like to acknowledge the service of our Honorary Life Members - Marion Clute - 50 years; and Nora Knuff - 66 years.

Centre Flos Women's Institute celebrated being able to meet again in person by recognizing the accomplishments of some of our members. These women have contributed, collectively, over 400 years of service!

May Court Club of Barrie Supports Women's inTuition



Photo (left to right): Bev Jackson - Vice President of May Court Club of Barrie, Christina Luksa - Sr. Development Officer at Georgian College, Anni Jessup - Volunteer, Sunshine Committee, Anne Wilson - President of May Court Club of Barrie.

The May Court Club of Barrie has donated \$1000.00 to the Georgian College Women's inTuition Program. This program empowers female students in financial need. May Court has already donated \$3000.00 and has committed to a second round of \$3000.00 in \$1000.00 yearly increments. The student this year is

a mature student who after 20 years in the workplace is returning to school to become a PSW (Personal Support Worker). "A timely choice" according to Anne Wilson, President of the May Court Club of Barrie.



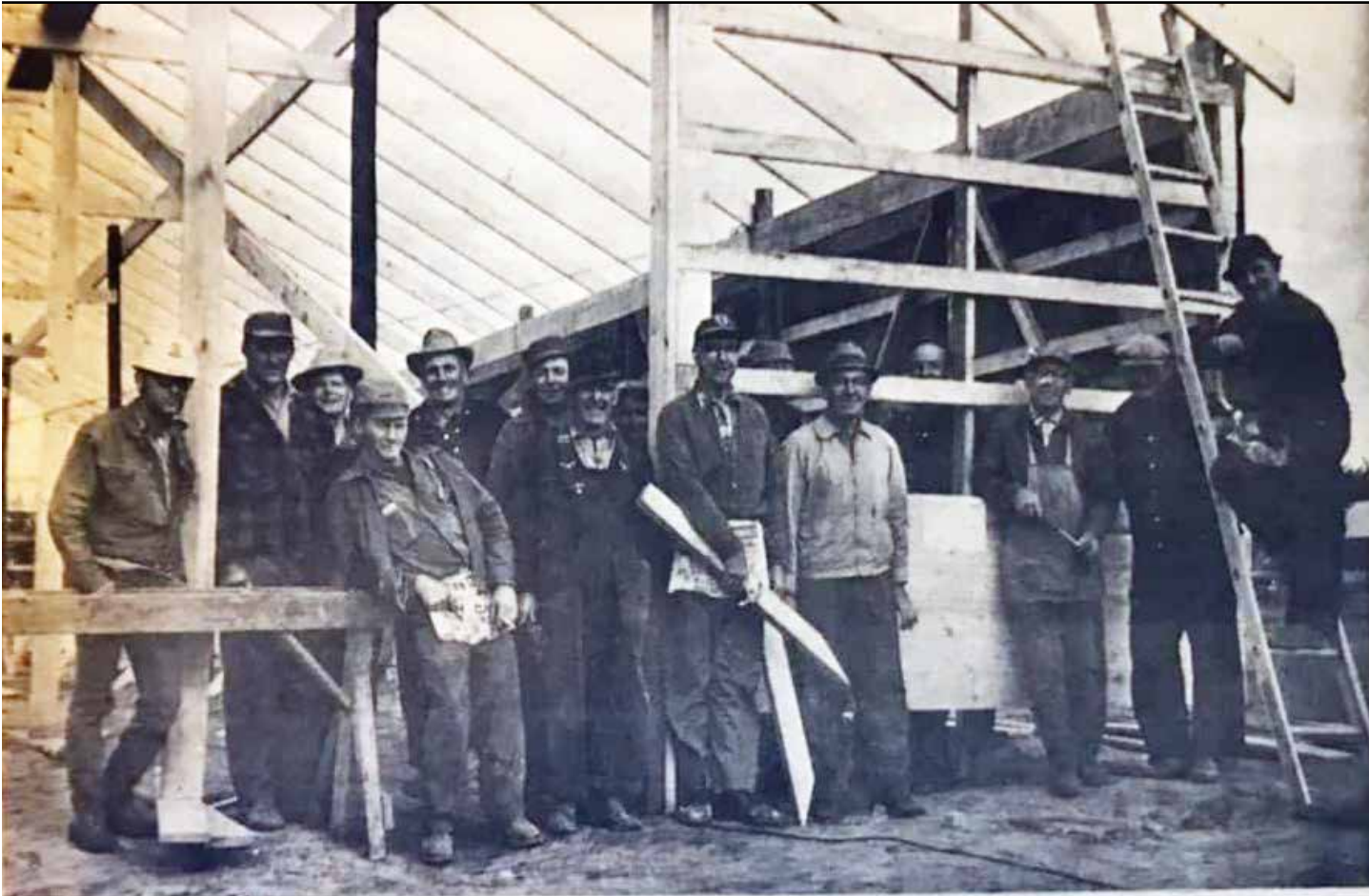
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Craighurst Women's Institute  
Met in May

Craighurst W I met May 17, once again in one member's outdoor lounge in Medonte. We opened as per usual, just after one lady told us of the sale of her farm and the buy of a new/old log house. Meeting had to come to order, and have the roll call, a bird you had seen and heard. Next, minutes were read and treasurer report given. Bank balance is still in the black. We have redone the Craighurst Foodland Bulletin Board Sign, with great co-operation from the new owner Jason Frank. It is maintained by us, and we put up notices of Community events. Please leave any flyer you have in the black box beside the sign. First on the agenda was the food selling we will be doing at the National Fiddle Day Event at Eady Hall this Saturday. The Catering Bosses spelled out what needs doing, and the hands went up left and right. There will be old-time music, and square dancing and probably foot stomping and toe tapping. Should be fun. We discussed the W I headquarters, and changes that have been made there. Rural internet service also was a topic. We received an update on our Christmas shut-ins. And finally, a letter to the Township on the state of Craighurst Park will be resent, with different media this time. To finish, we had a quiz, with trick questions, the answers all names of birds. Like for instance what bird's name is the same as a lantern in the wind? [Flicker] Next Meeting will be night out in Craighurst at HQ Restaurant.

I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.



1969 Elmvale Lance:

New Barn Will be Ready for Fair

It was a hard job just to get them to stop work long enough to have their picture snapped. That's the kind of attitude the volunteers at the Elmvale Fair grounds have taken in tackling their jobs. Shown above are some of the Flos-Elmvale men who have donated their time to make sure a new horse barn will be ready in time for the fair. And it will.





A HOUSING PLAN FOR RENTERS AND BUYERS

Ontario Liberal housing plan put land speculators on notice



The Ontario Liberals have announced their plan to make housing more affordable and available to both renters and home buyers – a key component of the party’s bold vision for Ontario, A Place to Grow. The comprehensive plan includes nearly forty policies that will make buying, renting, and living in a home easier and more affordable.

“Safe and affordable housing demands a bold and unified vision from all levels of government,” says Barrie–Springwater–Oro-Medonte Ontario Liberal candidate Jeff Lehman. “Our plan will ensure we not only build 1.5 million homes to increase supply now, but will work with local partners to ensure Ontarians have the choice to live where they want to build their life, while staying closer to their community.”

The Ontario Liberal plan will build 1.5 million homes, including truly affordable homes like new social and supportive housing for people who need it. To help double the pace of home building, the Liberal plan will create a new Ontario Home Building Corporation (OHBC) to finance and build new, affordable homes.

This OHBC will work with local communities, as well as not-for-profit and private housing partners to build and maintain affordable homes of all types, either as a primary financing source or builder. Any homes sold by the OHBC will be available only to first-time home buyers, and any proceeds will go directly back into creating more affordable homes. The OHBC will have a mandate to immediately address the housing affordability crisis, cooling the market by ensuring homes – including affordable public homes – are built rapidly.

Ontario Liberals’ comprehensive housing plan to double the pace of home building will also empower local governments to build more homes. As an important step toward zoning reform, an Ontario Liberal government will work quickly, together with municipal partners to allow homes with up to three units and two storeys to be built as-of-right across our province – with this permission also extending to secondary and laneway suites. For more information on the Ontario Liberal Platform, please visit: <https://ontarioliberal.ca/platform/>

The Liberal plan for housing affordability will also:

- Ban new non-resident ownership and put a tax on empty homes;

- Introduce “use it or lose it” levies on speculators sitting on serviced land who have approved building permits, and use the funds generated to get more affordable housing built;

- Bring back rent control to all homes across Ontario;
- Enforce larger fines for persistently negligent landlords;

- Regulate home inspectors and make home inspections a legal right;

- Ensure buyers are refunded sooner for cancelled housing projects, with significantly higher interest rates on lost deposits.

County of Simcoe Hosts Ceremonial Tree Planting to Celebrate Centennial

Nearly one hundred years ago to the day, past County of Simcoe Warden J.J. Banting gathered with provincial and municipal representatives to plant the first ever tree seedlings in the Hendrie Tract, establishing the roots of what would grow into the Simcoe County Forest.



Though unable to attend that first plant, this moment in Simcoe County history would not have been possible without the work of former Ontario Premier E.C. Drury (Simcoe County and Oro-Medonte resident) and his commitment to establishing the Agreement Forest program. This program enabled municipalities to work with the province to purchase marginalized wastelands for reforestation efforts.



Fast forward 100 years, and the Simcoe County Forest now spans more than 33,000 acres across more than 150 properties, making it the largest and one of the most productive municipal forest networks in Ontario. The Simcoe County Forest serves multiple purposes, from recreational use to tourism, and environmental benefits to economic contributions, this self-sustaining working forest continues to grow and expand. The Simcoe County Forest is owned and managed by the County of Simcoe and is not considered Crown Land.



Warden George Cornell and County Councillors were joined by representatives from the Canadian Institute of Forestry and members of the Drury family at the E.C. Drury cairn located in the Township of Oro-Medonte to commemorate this milestone occasion in the County's history.

SPIRITUAL

My 24th May Memories

by Ed Donnelly  
When I was in school this holiday was called Queen Victoria’s Birthday, but I don’t hear that anymore, but my parents no doubt followed that tradition. But I don’t remember doing anything that weekend except finishing planting the large garden that we had. This garden not only was for our family (which was small) but for the Barrie market as well.

But after mother passed before my early teen years, there was a cease in gardening, and we just took cleaned fowl to market along with apples from our orchards. Now this would be a weekend for doing nothing that I remember, except cleaning windows etc.

But when I got my drivers licence and a year or two earlier, my older friends who had their licence, we would go down to the Nottawasaga River fishing, but not really serious about catching anything, just doing something to get away from the farming, I guess.

We camped out over night one time in a local park and woke in the morning sore and tired as could be. The weather could be variable this time of year, and even wet and cold at times, so it was hard to plan anything big. Except the time I was invited to make a fourth for a canoe/fishing trip to Algonquin Park. I wrote about this trip and sent it into the Springwater News some time ago. It was quite a memory of which I will only spell out the highlights. First of all, we caught all the fish we could eat and carry home legally and secondly it rained all weekend, and poured thunderstorm on our way out of the park. We portaged into this special lake taking all day, fished two days and the fourth day spent coming out. I remembered carrying a canoe over my head and walking through these very tall pine trees when the lightening and thunder crashed simultaneously! I smelt the smoke from where it hit the tree and my friend felt the shock. It was that close. (Praise God for His Mercy) I will never forget that weekend ever.

After I got my first car, I was able to drive to ball tournaments that were held annually on this weekend. The coach’s wife would bring food along and we would have a picnic between games, this was something to look forward to each year.

So, the years have crept along and not being one that enjoyed the bumper to bumper traffic on Mondays I would avoid the weekend of May 24 for that reason. And now here I sit looking at being eighty on my next birthday enjoying the long weekend in May, thankful to the Lord for His many blessings.

Jewish Heritage Education Classes

Am Shalom Congregation will offer no-fee Jewish Heritage education classes commencing in September 2022 for children aged 4-13. This initiative is a first ever for the region and will be offered to all Jewish children in the Barrie, Innisfil and Simcoe community for members of the Synagogue

Rabbi Audrey Kaufman, spiritual Leader of the congregation explained, “Last fall, I suddenly woke in the middle of the night with a dream – actually an epiphany – that our beloved Am Shalom Congregation was offering free Jewish education... the days of charging fees for our students had come to an end! When I awoke in the morning and recalled my dream, I thought...why not? We can make it happen!”

With the generous support of donors, the program has become a reality. “Taught by professional Jewish educators, this educational program will provide students an opportunity to embrace their history as they move forward into their future as Canadian Jewish citizens,” explained the Rabbi.

By participating in the program, students receive a well-rounded education, understanding and appreciation of Reform Judaism that will help prepare them for and continue well after their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.

Furthermore, students will develop an understanding of Hebrew necessary for meaningful Jewish living, as well as an interest and desire to participate in local, national and world Jewish affairs, to take leadership positions in Jewish life, and to contribute toward the fulfillment of a just society and a united humankind.

To become a member of the Am Shalom Congregation, please contact Rabbi Audrey Kaufman at [rabbiamshalom@gmail.com](mailto:rabbiamshalom@gmail.com)



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## Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council



### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk of Hope and Life Promotion

Let's walk together to remember those we have loved and lost to suicide, to raise awareness of suicide in our community, and to support those who are struggling.

*Rain or Shine*

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**

**Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Walk 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

*Barrie City Hall, 70 Collier St, Barrie ON, L4M 1G7*

There will be an opening ceremony, smudging, guest speakers, entertainment, reflection, and walking. There is no fee to register as a walker, however we ask that you either seek pledges, bring a donation or make a donation online at [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org).

Pledge forms are available on our website [www.hopeequalslife.ca](http://www.hopeequalslife.ca) or [Facebook Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council](https://www.facebook.com/SimcoeCountySuicideAwarenessCouncil) or call Suzan 705-896-4180

All funds raised will go directly to the Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council to support and promote awareness through our initiatives, programs, and community events.

## Walk of Hope and Life Promotion

### Who will you be walking for?



Please join the Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council (SCSAC) on Saturday, May 28, 2022 our 10th Annual Walk of Hope and Life Promotion. The walk will begin at the Barrie City Hall and proceed down and along the waterfront. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the walk taking place between 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please see the attached documents (in two formats) for overview of the event.

There will be an opening ceremony, smudging, guest speakers, entertainment, reflection, and walking.

This walk is taking place to remember those who have been loved and lost to suicide, to raise awareness of suicide in our community, and to support those who are struggling. Let's walk together.

There is no fee to register as a walker, however we ask that you either seek pledges, bring a donation or make a donation online at [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org). Pledge forms are available on our website [www.hopeequalslife.ca](http://www.hopeequalslife.ca) or [Facebook Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council](https://www.facebook.com/SimcoeCountySuicideAwarenessCouncil).

Businesses in the downtown area and along the walking route have been invited to participate and also support walkers by displaying purple balloons. All funds raised will go directly to the Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council to support and promote awareness through our initiatives, programs, and community events.

## Health and Wellness

### Empowered People Take Time to Determine What They Want

We often hear of terms like 'personal power' or 'empowerment'. What does this really mean? Some think that being empowered requires money, position or intelligence. While these might help in some situations, they are not necessary requirements.

We have all known two-year-olds who have an incredible amount of personal power. They know how to take a stand. What can we learn from them? Well, the first criterion they demonstrate is a clear knowing of what they want, and what they don't want. If we are not sure what we really want, it's hard to be assertive.

Next, they have a belief that they can have things their way. They are not always correct about this, but holding this belief sets the stage for putting some effort into the matter. They have a willingness to speak up for what they believe in or what they want. If they feel they are not being heard, they are not embarrassed to speak a little louder, or to make a bit of a fuss. They are persistent. They will not back off the first time their wishes are not honored. They are not afraid that others will be annoyed if they express themselves. And if they are being hurt, they will scream at the top of their lungs.

This is not to suggest that empowerment means acting like an infant. Throwing tantrums is not a demonstration of personal power. The empowered individual takes the time to determine what he or she truly wants. This means separating your own wants and needs from externally imposed 'shoulds'.

You must believe in your heart that you have value, and that you have a right to work towards meeting your needs. You must also develop the courage to speak up for yourself, and/or the self-control to express yourself calmly. You don't give up all attempts because it didn't work out the first time you tried. You may have to come back again and again, from different angles.

You may need the assistance of an objective, professional third party. This might be your minister, doctor, teacher, or therapist. If the feedback you get is that your wishes are reasonable, then that individual may assist you in getting your point across.

Some people believe that their best way to live is to be always co-operative and accommodating. These are positive living skills to be sure, but if they are utilized continually, in a process of denying your true self, they will turn you into a chameleon. If you please everyone but yourself, they will all be happy, and you will be sad and unfulfilled. This is not the way to live life.

Your life is your gift, to be lived according to your inner spirit. Listen to your inner two-year-old, whenever, from deep inside your own being, you hear that definitive "NO!" You can translate that impulse and emotion so that you come across as a composed adult, but you do not have to live 'yes' when your heart says 'no.'

*Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit [www.gwen.ca](http://www.gwen.ca). Follow Gwen on Facebook for in-spiration.*

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## Rosie's Devotions



### Unsung Heroes

We remember the bad times, the bad news, and the bad people who have affected our lives by what they have done. Every day, television and newspapers scream out tragedies, horrific devastation, and suffering. Our minds are

automatically drawn to such events.

But what about the good times, the good news, and the good people who have affected our lives and the lives of others by their good deeds and actions — the unsung heroes whom we don't hear about — people who changed the world for good?

Let us think, for example, about the fire fighters, the search and rescue personnel, the men and women in the police force, the doctors and nurses, the heroic men and women who risk and sometimes sacrifice their lives, so that we can live in safety and peace. After the United States Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850, making it illegal to assist black slaves escaping to their freedom, a secret network of black and white abolitionists helped African-Americans escape from enslavement in the American south to free northern states or to Canada. Hundreds of people risked their lives and made tremendous sacrifices as genuine heroes of what became known as the Underground Railroad, the largest anti-slavery freedom movement in North America, which brought between 30,000 and 40,000 fugitives to freedom.

The 100-year anniversary of the four-day Battle of Vimy Ridge in the First World War helped to define Canada as an independent country, rather than a British colony. The 97,184 brave soldiers of all four divisions of the Canadian Corps, which fought together for the first time, suffered 10,602 casualties — 3,598 killed and 7,004 wounded — but their heroic sacrifice marked a significant Allied advance in the war, hastening its end.

There are many other people who have sacrificed themselves in order to bring about much-needed changes in this world. Their sacrifices, though, are nothing compared to the greatest sacrifice of all time: God the Father sacrificed His Son Jesus to suffer and die on the cross for the sins of the whole world.

**For all of us.**

**For you and me.**

***To receive the forgiveness that He died to purchase for us, all we have to do is to believe. "But my faith isn't strong enough," you say. The Bible says:***

**Romans 10:9-10** – If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (NIV 2011)

Let's make sure that the praises of our risen Hero are sung tomorrow!

**Prayer:** Lord God, thank You for moving within the hearts of unsung heroes. Continue to move within each and every one of us so that we may give compassion to those who need compassion, bring peace to those who are in turmoil, render aid to those in need, and share the good news of forgiveness and eternal life that You offer as a free gift to all people. Amen.



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PD Programs are here!

SPY DAY

Saturday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m.

Find clues and puzzles around the library. This program is held at the library for ages 7+. Register with your library card by phone or in person. Cost \$1.00.

FATHERS DAY CARD AND TIE CRAFT

Wednesday June 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Make a Father’s Day card barbeque style and a tie which can later be used as a bookmark! This program is held in \_\_\_\_ person and costs \$1.00. Register with your library card by phone or in person.

FAMILY STORY TIME AND SING ALONG

Biweekly program beginning June 3rd at 9:45 a.m. This program will be held every two weeks. Story time and sing along. We will also draw a picture. Open to ages 0-6 years with Parent/ Caregiver. Register by calling the library or in person at the circulation desk. Don’t have a library card? Drop in anyway and join in.

BIG TOYS FOR LITTLE GIRLS AND BOYS

Saturday June 11th from 10-12 p.m. Open to ages 3-11. Held at the Penetanguishene Fire Department, 2 Robbillard Rd., Penetanguishene. Participants will enjoy a story read at each station, a discussion with the presenter and a tour of the vehicle. A box lunch and loot bag will complete your day. Registration with library card is required by June 5th at the library. No cost for registration.

New @PPL

The library gardens are growing. Stop by and enjoy all the lovely plants and flowers. The WiFi tent is open. Have a seat under our outdoor tent and use the wifi anytime day or night.

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Community Events

ONGOING EVENTS:

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm Every Monday

Midland Bridge Club 12:45 pm - 4 pm

Tues.: Duplicate Bridge, Wed., Learn to Play Bridge and Thurs.: Duplicate Bridge

Coffee Parties

Centre Flos Women’s Institute on each last Thursday of the month at Heritage Park from 9:30 am to 11 am on June 30, July 28 and August 25

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Midhurst United Church – 91 Doran Road, Midhurst; Website: midhurstunitedchurch.ca

Up-Coming Events:

Roast Beef Dinner: Saturday, May 28.

We are once again offering a delicious Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings and homemade pies for dessert! Tickets are \$30 and available by calling 705 722 6331. \*Please note – we are offering pick-up only of dinners between 4 – 6 p.m.

Mt. St. Louis Spring Bazaar: Sat. May 28, 10 am. to 1 pm., Plant and Bake Sale, Basket Draw, Tent sale - many assorted items, free coffee! Corner of Mt. St. Louis Road and Concession 4.

Plant and Bake Sale: Saturday, June 4, 8:00 a.m. – noon: There will be a large selection of plants from the gardens of our congregation and lots of home-made baking! Get there early for the best selection!

Life in the Garden Tour: Saturday, July 9, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It’s back! We are excited to once again, host our Life in the Garden Tour. Garden Tour Passports are \$30.00 (Available June 4) and include a tour of 6 amazing gardens, a delicious lunch at Midhurst United Church, Artisans and a Silent Auction. A fundraiser for Midhurst United Church. Please see our website for more information: midhurstunitedchurch.ca or call 705 722 6331

COVID-19 pop-up and walk-in vaccination clinics

Thursday, May 26

Clinic location: POP UP Clinic - Barrie Public Library - Painswick Branch, 48 Dean Avenue, Barrie

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Clinic location: POP UP Clinic - Tiny Township Community Centre, 91 Concession Rd. 8 E, Tiny

Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Clinic location: POP UP Clinic - Springwater Library - Elmvale Branch, 50 Queen St. W, Elmvale

Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

COLDWATER RESIDENT CELEBRATING \$50,000 WIN WITH DAILY KENO

Brandon Monague of Coldwater knows how to pick ‘em. Her DAILY KENO 7 Pick resulted in a \$50,000 win in the April 8, 2022 EVENING draw.

Brandon, a regular player with OLG for about 30 years, enjoys playing DAILY KENO and LOTTO MAX when the jackpot is big. "I play my own numbers but they are random picks," he shared while at the OLG Prize Centre to pick up his winnings. "I also once won \$25,000 on an INSTANT ticket in 2017."

The 61-year-old father says he was sitting at the breakfast table when he checked his ticket using the OLG App. "I was very happy to see Big Winner pop up," he smiled. "I had to check it again to be sure. I never expected this to happen!"

Brandon hasn't told anyone about his big win yet. "I plan to surprise my wife with the news tonight! I knew I would need to show her the cheque for her to believe me," he laughed. "She will be shocked and happy!"



He plans to pay some bills and celebrate with a family vacation.

OLG is booking in-person prize claim appointments at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto. We strongly encourage those with claims between \$1,000 and \$49,999.90 to submit them online or mail them, as appointment availability at this prize level is limited. Submitting claims online is fast and secure. Customers with prizes over \$50,000 are asked to call 1-800-387-0098 to discuss available prize claim options.

DAILY KENO players pick their strategy (from a 2 Pick to a 10 Pick) and pick their bet (\$1, \$2, \$5 or \$10) to pick their prize. Visit the DAILY KENO page on OLG.ca for more information.

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The Family of Donalda Columbus would like to extend their sincere thanks for everyone's generosity of spirit and thoughtfulness in recognizing the impact that our Mom had on so many lives.

We were heartened to see all who came to pay tribute to her at the visitation and funeral service.

Our Mother was one never to seek the centre of attention but rather influenced others in her own quiet and unobtrusive way from 1922 to 2022. She always lead by example and although her departure has left us with a sense of feeling somewhat less than whole we are so thankful for her legacy that remains.

Thanks to all of you who were thinking of us at this difficult time, who extended condolences, sent flowers, food, phone calls, Sympathy cards, and Mass cards.

Thank you also for your generous donations to the Food Bank, Hospice Simcoe and our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Additionally we want to recognize the staff at the Sara Vista for the attentiveness and compassion they showed our Mom while she was in their care.

Lynn-Stone Funeral Home and their staff were a Godsend in providing guidance, compassion and attention to detail during the loss of our Mom.

We celebrate life in her honour, just as she would want us to.

### COMING EVENTS



July 14th-17th, 2022

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**Final Service at St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church in Hillsdale**  
May 29, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

In 1851 (16 years before Confederation) a church work was established by the early settlers in Hillsdale.

For over the next 171 years the church has connected our community of Hillsdale as a hub of fellowship, community life and greatest of all worship.

In the past few years there has been an exodus away from church attendance in Hillsdale and across our communities. This has resulted in dwindling leadership. Prayerful thought and discussion has preceeded this difficult decision, made on April 25th, 2022 to dissolve the congregation at St. Andrew's Hillsdale.

The closing service will be held Sunday, May 29th, 2022 at 2 pm. We warmly invite anyone interested to attend this 'Celebration of 171 plus years of life' at St. Andrew's Hillsdale, 6 Mill Street West, Hillsdale.

**Mt. St. Louis Spring Bazaar**  
Sat. May 28, 9 am. to 1 pm.

**Plant and Bake Sale, Basket Draw**  
Tent sale - many assorted items, free coffee!

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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THE OPP REPORT

HURONIA WEST OPP KEPT BUSY DURING CANADA ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) remained extremely proactive to ensure public safety during this year's Canada Road Safety Week.

The safety campaign ran from Tuesday May 17th to Monday May 23rd 2022. In addition to responding to an influx in various calls for service, officers made it a priority to conduct proactive enforcement to maximize the safety of local residents along with visitors to the area including Wasaga Beach, Clearview Township, and Springwater Township.

Enforcement results are as follows;

- Provincial Offence Notices - 504
- Impaired - 11
- Drive While Prohibited - 5
- Marine - 5

Although the campaign has concluded, The Huronia West OPP will continue to observe and hold those accountable for any dangerous related behaviour on our roadways, trails, and waterways.

The OPP continues to encourage citizens to contact police immediately by calling 9-1-1 if they suspect an impaired driver or any other dangerous behaviour occurring.

CHARGES LAID IN SPRINGWATER COLLISION

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid impaired driving charges in relation to a two-vehicle collision in Springwater Township.

On May 21, 2022, just after 1:30 a.m., Huronia West OPP responded to a two passenger vehicle collision on Highway 27 in Springwater Township. Upon officer arrival, the passenger of one vehicle fled on foot and the driver was arrested at the scene. Members of the Central Region Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Canine attended and located the passenger a short time later. The passenger was arrested and later released.

The occupants in the second involved vehicle reported no injuries.

As a result of the investigation, Antonio CARDOSO, age 54, of Mississauga, has **been charged with:**

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Dangerous operation
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood on June 14, 2022.

Highway 27 was closed briefly for the police investigation and has since reopened.

Anyone with any information in relation to this investigation who has not yet spoken with police is asked to call Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Orillia OPP Warn the Public of Local Frauds

The Orillia detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is warning the public of several frauds that have occurred recently in the City of Orillia and surrounding townships.

In recent reported cases, the victims are told they have a loved one who is incarcerated or facing a large fine from police. For their loved one to be released from police custody, the victims are directed to attend their local bank and withdraw a large sum of

cash. Arrangements are made for the cash to be left at a specific location where a “courier” will pick it up. Victims are advised that they cannot tell anyone of the arrangements and given specific direction to not tell their lending institution where the funds are being directed.

Police have also received three complaints of online sales through popular social media apps, where a potential buyer requests to pay by cheque. They request to pay extra and have the balance of funds e-transferred back to their account by the victim. The cheque is fraudulent and the funds that are sent by the victim are then lost.

**Tip #1:** The police will not contact you to immediately pay any fine. Police would not send a courier to collect funds. In these cases, the caller can sound very convincing and can be very demanding.

**Tip #2:** If you receive an incoming call from what you believe is a legitimate business or service, always verify the organization by calling back on a phone number that you know is valid for that organization. Scammers can “spoof” phone numbers to appear to represent a legitimate business.

**Tip #3:** If receiving funds by cheque, always ensure that your financial institution clears the transaction prior to utilizing the funds or releasing the good you are selling.

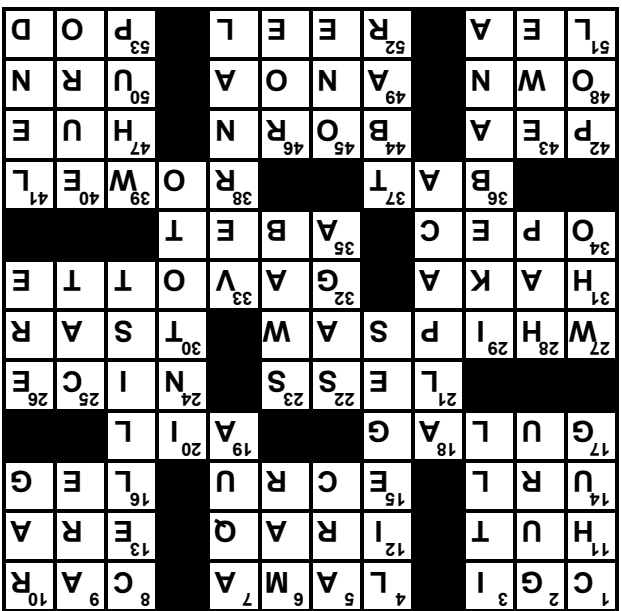
The Orillia OPP will continue to work with community lenders, who remain vigilant in assisting and educating their customers to prevent Fraud. Any local service groups seeking more information on Fraud Prevention can contact Orillia OPP Community Mobilization Unit at 705-326-3536 for more information.

The Orillia OPP is committed to serving our province, including the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn and the City of Orillia, by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety. If you have any information about crime in our community please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or report minor occurrences online by visiting [www.opp.ca/reporting](http://www.opp.ca/reporting). You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com) if you have any information on this crime or any other crime. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.



Driver Charged with Impaired Driving after Failing to Stop for Police

Members of the Orillia detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged a Severn man with impaired driving after police



attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation in the City of Orillia.

On May 19, 2022, shortly after 9:30 pm, an officer on patrol observed a vehicle driving erratically on Highway 12 in the City of Orillia. Upon initiating a traffic stop, the vehicle continued for a distance until the officer was able to stop the vehicle by pulling in front of it. Upon speaking with the driver an impaired driving investigation was initiated. The driver was subsequently arrested and transported to the OPP detachment for further investigation.

As a result, Michael McCauley , age 31, of Severn, ON, has **been charged with:**

- Operation while impaired
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Dangerous Operation (CC)
- Fail to Stop for Police (Highway Traffic Act)

The accused was released on an Appearance Notice and is set to appear on June 7, 2022, at the Ontario Court of Justice, Orillia. He was also issued an 90 day Administrative Drivers Licence Suspension and had his vehicle impounded.

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Quick Response by OPP as Vehicle Theft Solved in Short Order

A report to the OPP Communications Center at 10:40 p.m. May 17, 2022 of a vehicle theft from an Overhead Bridge Road business lead to a vehicle stop on Simcoe County Road 93 and the arrest of the driver at 11:02 p.m. May 17, 2022.

Officers completed their investigation and have charged Jeffrey Bruce TELL 45 years of Penetanguishene with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

Theft over \$5,000 of a Motor Vehicle

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition contrary to a Prohibition Order
- Possession of a Prohibited Device or Ammunition
- Operation while Prohibited

The accused was released on a recognizance and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.



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## Protecting our Precious Pollinators

The more I read about the incredibly important role pollinators play in the future existence of all of us, the more concerned I become about their alarming decline all over the world.

It is hard to fathom that our health, well being, and our future existence here on Earth is dependent on tiny insignificant-looking, sometimes annoying insects, flitting from flower to flower.

Pollinators are all connected with all other species in the fragile web of life.

The value and importance of each strand may not be obvious until it is destroyed.

The extinction of one species can ripple right through the web of life and negatively impact the health and well-being of all of us.



We need pollinators as 450,000 species depend entirely on pollinators – one third mouthful of all the food we eat, including meat.

Alfalfa eaten by cows is pollinated by leaf cutter bees.

Many of the over 850 native bee species here in Canada face extinction.

On Earth Day, 2019 the UN provided us with an alarming report – our bumblebee population had declined an astounding 89 per cent!

It turns out one of the best food sources for pollinators are native plants. Native plants are extremely adaptive as they have evolved over thousands of years to become drought and pest resistant, and readily grow in poor soil conditions.

Unfortunately, many domesticated flowers grown in our gardens have been bred for beauty and many no longer produce nectar!

Here in Ontario, we have over 270,000 km of roads with roadsides dominated by a riot of naturalized flora which turn out to be incredible food sources for our pollinators.

Research has demonstrated that pollinating insects such as bees, moths, beetles, wasps, ants, and butterflies all visit roadside flowers frequently.

It is estimated that pollinators provide upwards of 217 billion dollars to the world economy.

Pollinator's rights here in Ontario alone are responsible for \$897 million dollars worth of agricultural crops per year.

It is expected that all municipalities are familiar with the Growing Forward 2 Guide (LandManagersGuide.Ontario.Corridor.FINAL.PDF) jointly produced by the federal and provincial governments, which describes in great detail everything required to implement “best practices” to maintain flowering roadside plants readily available to our pollinators.

Bees need evergreen trees! A concerted effort should be made to plant as many evergreens as possible in groups of 3 (without shade single evergreen trees will often dry out and die in sunny winter months).

Worker honey bees will go in search of resin from evergreen trees. They tear the resin from trees and mix it with the wax from the beehive. This antibiotic mixture makes the hive waterproof and the mixture will be used to entomb any invading insects.

A few years ago Councilor Mike McCann spearheaded an initiative to make Barrie an official Bee City.

Since that time, the City has implemented a number of measures to increase food sources and safe habitats for pollinators such as reducing the number of mowing cycles per summer, increasing the number of naturalized spaces, replacing planting areas with native species, supporting the planting of native trees, restoring and enhancing the shoreline restoration, and creating an in-house native flower-enhanced seed mix.

On June 18, Barrie is hosting a Pollinator Week from June 20-26. The City will promote learning opportunities about the importance of pollinators.

When planting your garden consider adding as many native and pollinating plants as possible such as blue vervain, cup plants, ironweed, cone flowers, black-eyed Susans, coreopsis, asters, borage, butterfly bush, butterfly weed, dahlias, daisies, lavender, marigolds snapdragons, and sunflowers.

Homeowners are encouraged to leave flowering dandelions on their lawns until they go into seed as they are great nectar sources for bees. If we all do a little bit, we can accomplish a lot to help reduce the decline of our precious pollinators.

*Submitted by Gwen Petreman Children's Author*

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## Help Combat the Spongy (LDD) Moth with a FREE Burlap Kit

The City of Barrie is offering free burlap kits for residents to help combat the Spongy (LDD) Moth. These invasive species feed on tree leaves, destroying tree growth and taking away a tree's ability to produce new leaves.

Placing a burlap sack around the tree trunk from June to mid-July provides a resting place for caterpillars, which can then be removed to prevent them from morphing into cocoons. Residents can pick up a free burlap kit at the following locations (while supplies last):

- Friday, May 27: City Hall, 70 Collier Street, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28: Dorian Parker Centre, 227 Sunnidale Road, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

• Wednesday, June 1: Peggy Hill Team Community Centre, 171 Mapleton Avenue, from 3 – 6 p.m.

• Friday, June 3: Southshore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive, from 3 – 6 p.m.

• Saturday, June 11: Dorian Parker Centre, 227 Sunnidale Road, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### More ways to help prevent the Spongy (LDD) Moth spread

The City will be implementing several management options for the Spongy (LDD) Moth and encourages residents to join in. These activities include:

- Mid-May to June: staff will sticky-band City park trees and inject TreeAzin, an injection made from Neem tree seed to manage insect pests in woodlot, urban and residential environment trees, to protect high-value trees where multiple years of defoliation has occurred. Residents can also tape trees on their property to stop instar (tiny stage) caterpillars from reaching the treetop.
- June to mid-July: staff will burlap park and street trees in high-population areas. Residents can use a City-supplied kit or make their own burlap bands, collect the cocoons and leave dead caterpillars on their trees to help control this pest.
- August onward: egg mass scraping to prepare for 2023.

*For more information and steps to help fight Spongy (LDD) Moths, visit 'Pests & Diseases' at [barrie.ca/UrbanForestry](http://barrie.ca/UrbanForestry).*



## Schreiner announces Ontario Greens' Local Food & Farming Strategy for a More Affordable and Climate-ready Province

Today, Leader Mike Schreiner announced the Ontario Greens' Local Food & Farming Strategy for a more affordable and climate-ready province. Schreiner was joined virtually by Dr. Ralph Martin, sustainable food expert and former professor at the University of Guelph.

### Under the strategy, Ontario Greens will:

1. Immediately cancel all plans for Highway 413 which will pave over 2,000 acres of prime farmland and unleash sprawl on even more farmland
  2. Introduce a mandatory and enforceable Grocery Code of Conduct to clamp down on predatory pricing by powerful grocery chains and protect local farmers and consumers
  3. Permanently protect prime farmland, including a freeze on urban boundaries, to prevent prime farmland from being lost to non-agricultural use, such as urban sprawl, highways, and gravel mining
  4. Move class 1 and 2 soils from the Whitebelt to the Greenbelt
  5. Support local farmers, value-added on farm production, food hubs, wholesale markets, farmers markets, local processing facilities and local food supply chains
  6. Provide financial support for sustainable farmers to help local producers prepare for the future, including \$1 billion for regenerative agriculture and environmental services, and \$250 million to increase the Risk Management Program to improve financial security for farmers
- “Doug Ford’s sprawl agenda is paving over the farmland that feeds us, putting Ontario’s food security at risk and threatening the province’s \$50 billion food and farming sector that employs over 875,000 people,” Schreiner stated. “This will only make grocery bills even more expensive.”

Ontario is losing farmland at an alarming rate of 175 acres a day due to sprawl — that’s the equivalent of 5 family farms per week.

Farmers are on the frontlines of the climate crisis. Climate-fuelled extreme weather like flooding, droughts, heatwaves and storms are presenting significant challenges for family farms across the province.

“As the climate emergency worsens, we have to support local food and farming,” Schreiner said. “Or life will get even more expensive and the economy will take a big hit. We desperately need to support local food and farmers so our grocery bills aren’t at the mercy of geopolitics and global supply chains.”

“Greens are the only party with new solutions to support local farmers, the agri-food economy, and address the skyrocketing price of groceries. We have the leadership to deliver on a more affordable, healthy, prosperous climate-ready Ontario.”

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Come ready to share memories, laugh at the good times, and remember the full life they lived. Beverages and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Casual dress only as we request that what you wear matches the cheerful spirit of the gathering.

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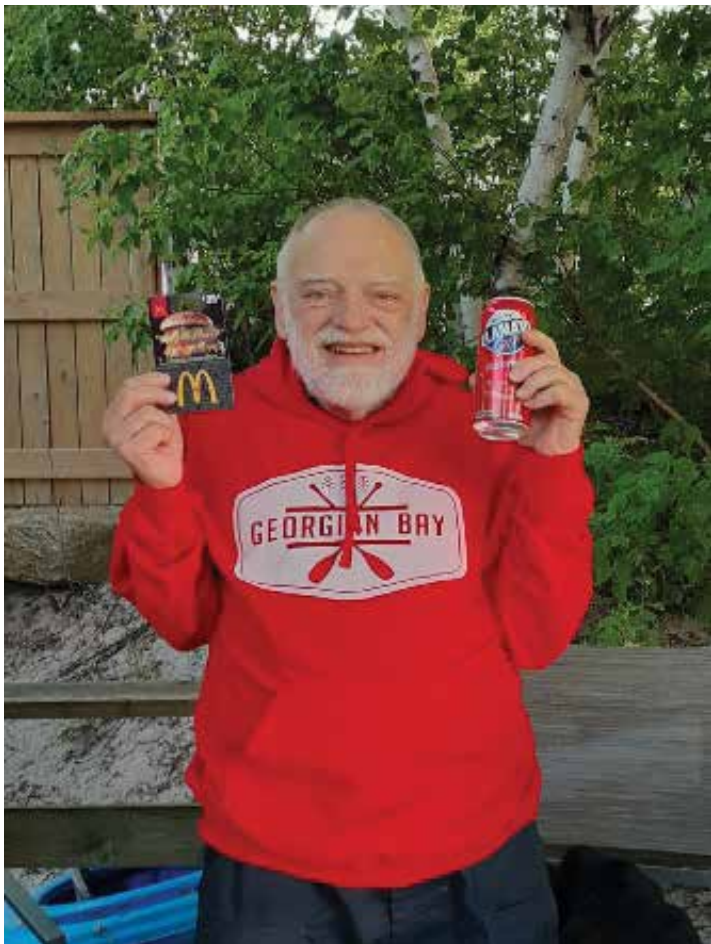
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Obituaries



**BECKING, Betty**  
1945 - 2022  
  
Betty passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, May 18th in her 76th year after a courageous battle with cancer.

Loving wife and best friend of John Becking. Cherished mother of Brad (Linda), Cathie, and Keri. Adored by her grandchildren Jessica, Emily, Kaitlyn and Justin. Betty would always describe her grandchildren as her great pride and joy. She is the youngest of her three sisters Blanche Irving (Les), predeceased by her sister Midge Drexler (Jim). A loved Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Betty was an amazing woman with a smile that could light up a room and a spunky personality that was the life of the party. Always the first to volunteer for her kids and grandkids functions with open arms and a smile. Betty loved travelling with her husband, spending time with her grandkids at the cottage, and the loud roar of a motorcycle run going past her cottage at Bluewater Beach. Betty grew up in the town of Elora and moved to Ariss with her husband where they built two homes and raised their family. In retirement they moved to their cottage in Tiny Ontario to enjoy the lake life, bon fires and sunsets on the beach. She will be missed by all of her wonderful friends that she cherished in her life.

Thank you to the Bayshore nurses and especially nurse Melissa Kerr who showed immense kindness and compassion on Betty's journey home. A family service was held at the WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL and Memory Gardens. A Celebration of Life to receive extended family and friends will take place at a later date. Those who knew Betty know that she would rather give than receive. In lieu of flowers and to honour Betty's character, please make a donation to the charity of your choice.



**KIRK, Helen Elaine**  
Helen Elaine Kirk (nee McGinnis) passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 16, 2022 with her family at her side. Helen was predeceased by her parents, Anne and George, her loving husband Douglas, her beloved daughter Janice and her siblings Tom, Margaret, Jean, Marion, Mary, Joe and Bernadette.

Lovingly remembered by her children Lynda and Howard (Theresa).  
The "G" was adored by her grandchildren Angela (Chris aka the big "C"), Natalie, Kirk, Ashley (Ian), Gabrielle, Emily (Cody) and Justine and her great-grandchildren Charlotte, Sam, Rylan and Shaylah. Helen was a proud member of the Canadian Women's Army Corp from 1943 to 1945. Her favourite activities included travel, cooking, reading, gardening, crossword puzzles and dancing the night away at the Sergeant's Mess. Her most treasured time was spent with her family. Helen's unconditional love, witty sense of humour, intelligence and kindness will be cherished by all that were blessed to have her in their life. Helen was the matriarch of our family and we will miss her loving guidance. We offer our deepest gratitude to Helen's team of caregivers from the Dearness Home in London, ON. Funeral took place on May 16, 2022 in London, Ontario.



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**GLEADALL, Shirley Eileen Isobelle**

We are sad to share that our wonderful, indomitable mother, Shirley Eileen Isobelle Gleadall (nee Player) has passed from this world on May 10th, 2022.

She was 92 years old.

She will be remembered for her stories, her insightfulness, her creativity, and her ability to make every person she met feel important and valued. Shirley was encyclopedic in her knowledge of the history of Coldwater and surrounding area. Her aptitude for retention of our connections, our familial relationships, and people's names was unequalled, and we marveled at her ability to retain and retrieve this information and the ensuing stories she shared.

For over 70 years, she gave generously to the community - in the classroom, through the Women's Institute, 4H Club, Committee of Adjustment, Coldwater Music Festival, catering events with Ruth Hoyle, or tours at the Coldwater Mill. Shirley believed success bred more success and her efforts in her volunteer activities helped people and organizations achieve meaningful results. She has been recognized many times for her community work, including most recently 2016 Citizen of the Year SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce with acknowledgements from other jurisdictions.

She was a lifetime member of the Women's Institute and held many roles within the local districts as well as at the Provincial levels in the 1990s.

Her impact in the classroom – from 1949 to 1974 in a full-time capacity and more than 15 years afterwards as a supply teacher – is legendary. She was creative in her planning and could adapt to the needs and capabilities of her students, helping pupils excel, build confidence, and learn new skills. Student success and break through moments caused such excitement and joy for her.

She was a trail blazer, a progressive representative for women of her generation, and challenged established practices and stated her opinion fearlessly.

Mostly, she will be missed as a fun, irreverent, sometimes naughty, always relevant, engaging, and intellectual person. We will miss her laugh, her insights, and the strength of her presence.

Shirley was the third child of Marietta and Lionel Player of Elmvale, ON. She is predeceased by her husband Jim in 2007 and her son Bill (Laurie) in 2016, her brothers Leonard and William, and infant grandson Kevin. She is survived by her cherished sister, Edith and is lovingly remembered by her daughter Jane (Harry) and son Jim (Kari). Shirley was devoted to her extended family including grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and the Draper first cousins. Special loving relationships endure with Matthew, Christopher (Eden), Kyle (Alyisha), Orson, Troy and Damian.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, May 29th at the Coldwater United Church, with visitation from 12:30 to 2:00, and a memorial service commencing at 2:00. A reception will follow at the Matchedash Community Heritage Centre where an outdoor tented venue will be set up.

Donations may be made to The Coldwater Mill, or the Mariposa House Hospice, Severn, or a charity of your choice and may be made through the **Coldwater Funeral Home (705) 686-3344**.

*Friends are invited to send condolences to the family at [www.coldwaterfuneralhome.com](http://www.coldwaterfuneralhome.com)*



**HABERFELLNER, Helga Margarete**  
January 22, 1928 – April 11, 2022

It is with great sorrow that the family of Dr Helga Haberfellner (nee Samitz), announce her passing peacefully at the family home with her children by her side. Helga was born in Salzburg, Austria and was fortunate to escape the scars of war. She graduated from medical school in Innsbruck in 1954. In 1955 she immigrated to Canada to be with her soon to be husband Rudolf Haberfellner. They were married the next day and raised four children: Helga Jr (Paul), Eric (Sheila), Edith (Joel) and John (Janina). Dr Helga took a position at the Woman's College Hospital in Toronto where she worked her way up to Associate Chief Physician - Family Practice Group. Dr Helga also lectured as an associate professor at the University of Toronto. Helga was predeceased by her husband Rudolf (2015) and is survived by her children and seven grandchildren, Cecelia (Eric & Sheila); Rose, Robyn, Johanna and Matt (Edie & Joel) and Alexandra and Erika (John and Janina). A family service was held recently in Toronto.



**GRIER, Eileen Ellen**  
Passed away peacefully due to complications of coronavirus, at Hillcrest Village Midland, on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Eileen Grier (nee Knuff) in her 94th year, formerly of Wasaga Beach, was predeceased by her husband William Grier. Loving mother of Brian (Karen), Barbara, Richard and Perry. Predeceased by her parents Cecil and Nellie Knuff and daughter Brenda.

Interment will follow a private family graveside service at the Elmvale Cemetery.

If desired memorial donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

The Grier family gratefully acknowledges the wonderful care that their mother received from the staff at Hillcrest Village, Heritage Unit.

*Messages may be sent to the family at [lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://lynnstonefuneralhome.com)*



**WOOD, Vera Eileen**  
Passed away peacefully at Hospice Simcoe in Barrie on Friday, May 20, 2022. Vera Wood (nee Maw) of Barrie, formerly of Minesing in her 98th year. Beloved wife of the late Harry Wood. Dear mother of Harold (Debra) Wood of Moonstone. Grandmother of Christina Wood (Donovan White) and Tracy (Jason) Hill. Sister of the late Jack (survived by Deloris) Maw, Arthur (survived by Yvonne) Maw, late Fred (Audrey) Maw, Glen (late Peggy) Maw, Winston (survived by Marilyn) Maw, Doris (late Raymond) Ward, and the late Helen (Del) Priest.

Visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 11-1 pm on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

A funeral service will be in the Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday at 1 pm. Interment Minesing Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Hospice Simcoe would be appreciated.

*Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com)*

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Elmvalle District High School



The drip area around the pavilion had grown up in weeds; this was just the challenge needed to bring out the best in Cooper Thevnissen and Benjamin Henley.

George Allen worked with EDHS staff, as has been the case for more than a dozen years, to bring students to Heritage Park in Elmvalle to help with spring maintenance. These students would make their teachers, their peers, and their whole community proud.

George and Ruth supplied the gang with BBQ peameal burgers and ice cream bars when they took a brief rest for lunch. It was nice to return to pre-pandemic activities which enhance our parks. Heritage Park is a jewel in Simcoe County which attracts dozens to our community.



Reg Cowan helped with the supervision of students and cleaned and worked up flower beds.



George had reconstructed four of the deteriorating benches in the park, and now Christina Desousa and Rebecca Jardine painted them.



The students also helped Ruth Allen who had once again accepted the challenge of cleaning the kitchen and kitchen equipment.

Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn



CAN'T SEE THE FOREST – FOR THE TREES?

Much of my life as a youngster involved life at the cottage, as I've mentioned many times, I'm sure. Swimming, biking, canoeing, and hiking through the forests around Bass Lake, in particular, was a daily event in the summers of the early 60's. There is a wealth of knowledge to be gained through the quiet (no cell phones way, way back then, LOL), un-interrupted, slow-paced meander under a green canopy of maple, oak, birch, or elm populated stand of trees. Often the undergrowth would feature smaller cedar, spruce and other pine-related species and the pungent smell of the leaf-laden earth still lingers in my earliest childhood memories.

You could hear the 'soft winds' whispering through the tree-tops reminiscent of Gordon Lightfoot's 'Pussy Willows, Cat-Tails (soft winds and roses)' hit of 1968. A favourite, I might add. Gran and Pop, having lived in Orillia in the 30's and early 40's were compatriots of the senior Lightfoots and often danced the night away at local parties or a New Year's celebration. (Stories for another day including who she termed, "that reprobate Leacock"). But I digress, as always...

In a forest, you can get lost. Lost in the sense that you forget all the day-to-day problems and issues or petty intolerances of our so, so, busy world. I wonder how many youngsters today would prefer to trek the small, wooded areas, hoping to find a stream full of tadpoles, slimy green frogs or slithery Garter snakes. Batting away the blackflies and mosquitos was tantamount to earning your summer stripes (or I should say lumps and bumps that you scratched too much)! Discovery of a long-expired puffball (fungi that seems to 'puff' up overnight to amazing diameters) that you could stomp on meant you had instant entertainment watching the 'spore smoke' puff into the air. Well, I'm afraid it might sit a sad second choice (if at all) to the more popular Ipad or tablet game app.



Over the last 25 years, I've had the privilege of taking leisurely walks through the Orr Lake tract of the Simcoe County forests. Up and down the small logging lanes and far into the boggy areas of its southern boundaries would form a popular route as I scavenged no less than four types of raspberries (for my annual jamming session). Recently, however, I noticed an unusual sight as I was driving north on Hwy 93. A quick look to the right provided a clear view into the depths

of the forest that I'd not seen before.

As the snow was gone and the bugs were still asleep, I decided to stop in at the access off Moonstone Road and take my first spring walk through my much-loved forest. I walked through a good part of my usual route and can tell you I felt sad, very sad. It looked like a few hundred elephants were startled in the middle of the night and could not find their way out. Wide swaths of pine logs, branches, brush, and bracken were strewn everywhere, laced with the deep wide gouges of the tracks from heavy equipment. Of course, we know the MNR (I'm assuming) has to manage and maintain this tract of forest, but it still felt much like a pillage of the landscape and theft of much of the natural habitat for the local flora and fauna. I could barely take a step without tripping over the wood refuse or falling through the weak clusters of branches and small logs that could trap a hiker's calf or a doe's fragile front leg. There would be no escape from a predator in this forest, where normally a White Tail deer could pivot on a dime and dash away at up to 35 MPH! Everywhere you looked seemed a trail of 'left to rot', disarray. I wonder the impact on the small animals that would normally have camouflage in the dense undergrowth, now flattened. The saddest part was seeing the main access into the forest so widened that the once lush, black and red raspberry patches were crushed into oblivion.

Is this the care and concern for our natural resource that I read about in "A Silvicultural Guide to Managing Southern Ontario Forests" or is it just... the way it is. I could certainly cite improvements. Take a long walk this weekend and you be the judge. Myself?

I feel like running over there this weekend and picking up a few branches or maybe saving a small tree with its roots still half in the ground. Hoping that is allowed.... guess I'll find out.

Here's to a summer of regrowth!!  
Mel moments to be continued....



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