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"The church is on Fire", reported Joe Marley on August 11, 1997. The fire started at 4:30 pm. Kids, being kids, were playing with matches and accidentally started the church on fire. The action that took place next is one of the most impressive community events. The Springwater Fire Department was in charge when the call came in and were first on the scene. The 'All Stations' alert went out and the fire departments responded quickly. The 50 to 60 fire fighters came from all over: City of Barrie, Wasaga Beach, Tiny and Oro-Medonte. Parishioners helped with the removal of the statues as the fire was growing. A helicopter just happened to be flying back to the city, put down in the field and offered assistance. Chief Dennis Gannon was taken up to get a better view of what was occurring so the fire attack was more effective. Water trucks took the water from nearby Degroot's pit that saved precious parts of the Church.

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devastating fire, a great sadness spread through their hearts and tears were streaming down their cheeks. The tears soon turn into action. It is incredible that



the pews and statues were not damaged, and the side beams were intact. That was impressive fire fighting

skills and fast call to action. The devastating part was the amount of damaged that was caused to this historical grand church. Insurance covered most of the over two million dollars to restore the church and the people in the area raised more funds than required to rebuild the church.

The fire was attacked by the fire fighters until around 11:30pm. The team of around ten fighters that remained on vigil overnight until about noon the next day, had witnessed the saddest thing in recent memory. Their parents were buried in that graveyard, they had communion, got baptised, and got married in this church. Not one of them thought it would be restored to its original glory.

It only took three years to restore the church. There is no evidence that the church had burned at all.

God Bless!

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#### **Springwater News Hosts All Candidates Meeting**

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Thursday Sept. 8, 2022 7 pm - 9 pm

#### **Elmvale Community Hall** 33 Queen St W, Elmvale

Moderator: Linda Belcourt, Editor

All Springwater Candidates are invited to answer questions from the voters of the Township of Springwater.

#### I NEED YOUR HELP

Springwater News is committed to being a platform for our community. The next Municipal Election is October 24th and individuals running for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and councillor represent us. What do you want to hear our candidates discuss and debate?

In an effort to control the length of time of the meeting, I am asking the voters to submit questions to the Springwater News. I will be asking the candidates the questions that the voters send in. All candidates will be invited to introduce themselves in the next issue of the Springwater News. All candidates will be given equal space in the Sept. 1, 2022 paper to let us know how they are going to represent us. This will allow the two hours of the meeting to be focused on answering questions.

# Please submit your questions by September 5,

1. Springwater News Website. There will be a link to click on to submit your questions.

#### www.springwaternews.ca

2. Email: info@springwaternews.ca.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please submit your letters to the Editor. Email: info@springwaternews.ca or drop off at office. Contact information is on the right hand side of this page. Phone number and address must be supplied for all letters to the **editor.** The opinions expressed in articles contributed by interested parties and through the 'Letters to the Editor' do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this newspaper and/or the editor.

#### Editor:

Jewish Canadians are 10 times more likely than members of any other religious community to be the target of a hate crime.

This startling number came from a Statistics Canada report on police-reported hate crimes, issued this month.

As we have seen in the past, many Canadians will scan this report and dismiss it. We tell ourselves that other groups suffer too. We comfort ourselves that, if only an endless Middle East conflict were resolved, harmony would return at home. Most disturbingly, perhaps we harbour our own prejudices about Jewish people as a collective and believe, consciously or not, that they are not a group with which we need to concern ourselves.

It is often said that antisemitism is a symptom of a more insidious social disorder. This may be true. But it conversely serves as yet another reason to dismiss it as a problem in itself.

Canada is fortunately far more welcoming and safe than many or most other places on earth. But this is a product of concerted action against discrimination and the celebration of differences. It does not happen by accident.

The latest in a litany of evidence about anti-Jewish attitudes and behaviours in Canada calls out for us to act.

A new, grassroots movement of Canadians is standing with our Jewish neighbours against discrimination. In our unions, on our campuses, in our social circles and our places of worship, at our dinner tables and anywhere that presents an opportunity to advance Canadian values of acceptance, we are making our voices heard against antisemitism.

We invite you to learn more and, if you like, to join us at UpstandersCanada.com.

Patrick Johnson, Director, Upstanders Canada hq@upstanderscanada.com



#### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

It has been eleven months to the day that I took on this role as editor/owner. I have enjoyed talking with the readers and advertisers alike. I have followed my business plan. The first goal was to increase readership and create a design that was my own. I have branded the business with a logo based on the fresh spring water present in the two townships that I publish and deliver to. I am branded as "Good News". The procedures and staff are in place to ensure the paper is published and delivered every two weeks. I have been able to get out more in the community now that the pandemic restrictions are lessening. I am meeting many more fine people in our fine area. The feedback I am getting is very positive.

The current change I am working on is the online presence. The website is now mobile friendly and the ads on the website are linkable. There are many small business' that do not have a website or any online business. I am hoping to help our business' in this regard. Since the pandemic many people are shopping online as this was a accessible way to get items that were not available. I try to help the "Shop Local' way of life. I hope to increase the revenue for my local advertisers so that they can be found in search engines.

I do not have a 'Colour' attached to my paper. That is a rare thing in media, and I am proud of this. I have always voted and feel it is very important to be active in preserving our democracy. It was suggested to me that I would be a good fit for hosting an all candidates meeting because my paper does not show bias. I thought that hosting a Springwater All Candidates meeting was the best way for me to dive head first into Municipal politics information. Springwater News has hosted in the past. I started to research by talking to the volunteers that hosted in the past, politicians and listened to my readers. I soon realised there was more to politics than I ever could imagine. It is a lot of work to remain 'ALL SIDES' but I push on to achieve it. I have to make sure the decisions I make are mine, while listening to folks from all angles. Some of the formats of past All Candidate Meetings seemed bias to me so I have changed the format completely. I believe I have the trust of the community to be unbiased, so I hope I am a good fit for this role. I know Robert's Rules and have sat on a few boards. Before I purchased this paper, I did not keet up on the fine details of what goes on in council. Shame on me but I am changing that as I move forward.

My main role is to sort the questions that are submitted to me. This does not involve removing or changing questions to suit my personal agenda. I am solid steadfast on that one. I am only asking the questions, not influencing what questions will be asked. No one will see the questions ahead of time. The candidates will all equally see them 30 minutes prior to the meeting. Please give me your advice and suggestions. I am new at this, but Springwater News will not take sides.

I hope voters will send in their questions and we can all enjoy a forum that gives us the facts on Candidates to make a responsible decision on selecting our representatives for our Municipality.

One focus I had right from the day I purchased this newspaper was that I wanted to remain unbiased.

I wanted to produce a 'Good News' Paper. I do not want false allegations, slander, or half facts. I strive to print 'both sides' on issues. I am hoping to have more time in the future for this type of content. This is your newspaper!

**LET'S ALL VOTE** AND LETS ALL EDUCATE **OURSELVES ON WHOM** WILL BEST REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE TOWNSHIP.



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# BOOTS AND HEARTS BARN BURNER CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

On August 3, the Boots & Hearts Barn Burner hockey game took place at the Paul Sadlon centre. The game was a sell out and raised \$155,000 for local charities.

The event was well supported by many current and former NHL players. The fan favorite was John Tavaras, who sign many autographs for his young fans. Other fan favorites were Gary Roberts, Tyler Seguin, Andrew Mangiapane, Quinton Byfield and many more current and former NHL players. Jason Blaine provided live performance during the first intermission.



Photo Above: Tim McGinnis, representing Springwater News, talks to Hall of Famer, Mike Gartner, before the game.

#### **Parenting and Tantrums**

It is one thing to deal with the tantrum of a two-year-old. It's easy to pick him up and put him in his room, where he most likely will fall asleep. What if the child is between 5 and 8?

A toddler having a tantrum is angry and may simply lie on the floor and kick his feet. An older child tends to act out towards people or things when in the midst of a tantrum. She may yell out insults, slam doors, or even throw things around. Conventional wisdom holds that when a toddler has a tantrum, the best thing to do is to ignore it.

With an older child, it is hard to know what to ignore. If the child is being physically or verbally abusive, to ignore such behavior would seem to be condoning it.

The key to avoiding tantrums in older children is to keep communicating with them. If they are angry, let them explain why they are so angry. Don't argue with them, just listen. Once you convey to the child that you understand why she is so angry, you may be able to do some problem solving.

If she is angry because you have said "no" to a sleepover, you can explain your reasons once again and suggest a compromise. Perhaps she could go over for the evening, and you'll pick her up before bedtime. Asking a child what they might suggest as a compromise gets them into some logical thinking and out of the emotional turmoil, if only for a few moments. It's unlikely at this point, to revert to a tantrum.

Toddlers have tantrums because they do not have the skills to express what they want, or to argue their point. Older children have tantrums because they think they are not being heard.

The worst thing you can do with a child in a tantrum is to get angry and have a tantrum yourself. You need to stay calm, set the boundaries, and defuse things as much as you can. Tell the child that when he calms down, you will listen what he has to say.

If the child is out of control, being verbally abusive or damaging things, you need to step in. At this point you are not dealing with the issue, simply attempting to control the situation. Tell the child that they can be mad, but they cannot be abusive. When things have settled, you must reiterate with the child that such behavior is unacceptable. They must understand at an early age that being angry does not justify abusive words or behaviors.

Communication and anger management skills must be developed early. This is the first step in the elimination of family violence.

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. Follow Gwen on Facebook for inspiration.



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#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Elmvale BIA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Council meetings are live streamed online at **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.



Fitness Classes viewable August 29 | Registration opens September 6

#### Water & Wastewater Billing

Residential water meters have been read by the Township's third-party contractor, WAMCO waterworks. Bills have been mailed with a due date of August 26, 2022.

#### **Payment Options:**

Electronic: Payments can be made through My Springwater, online or by telephone banking through participating financial institutions.

*In Person/Mail*: Payments can be made during regular office hours. A drop-box is available.

Pre-Authorized Debit: Payments will be automatically withdrawn from your account.

#### We want to hear from you!

# REVIEW OUR 4-DAY WORK WEEK AND EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS

The Township of Springwater recently took steps to improve the work-life balance of its employees by piloting a 4-day work week with extended municipal office hours for residents. As we are close to the end of our 5-month trial period, we'd like to understand how this schedule has impacted you.

Complete the online survey at: surveymonkey.com/r/4-Day-Work-Week

The final day to submit a response is Friday, September 9, 2022.



#### Farmers' Market

The Springwater Farmers' Market-Elmvale runs every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the municipal parking lot at 33 Queen Street West. The Market features in-season produce, crafts, gifts and baked goods from local producers.

Are you a Simcoe County farmer or food producer? Consider joining us this season at the Market! Additional information and vendor application forms can be found at springwater.ca/FarmersMarket

The Market is operated in partnership with the Elmvale BIA.

#### **Bid Opportunities**

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the Springwater Water & Wastewater Master Plan Study (2022-29-PW)

Closes: August 23, 2022

For details and to submit a bid, visit: springwater.bidsandtenders.ca

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# Township of Springwater Municipal & School Board Election

## Election Day - October 24, 2022

Every four years, citizens have the opportunity to vote for their council and school board representatives. **Monday, October 24, 2022** is the next municipal election.

#### **Elected Officials**

In Springwater's municipal election you can elect the following positions:

- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor
- One (1) Ward Councillor for each of the five (5) wards
- School Board Trustee (English-Public, English-Separate, French-Public, or French-Separate)

#### Who is Running?

To view the list of municipal and school board candidates in your area, please visit **springwater.ca/Election**. Nominations close on August 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. The Certified List of Candidates will be posted to the Township website after 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2022.

#### How to Vote

Voters in the Township of Springwater will be able to cast their vote in the municipal election from the comfort of their own home—or anywhere they can access the internet or telephone. Voting opens at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022 and closes at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022. Information on how to vote will be mailed to all eligible electors in early October. Voter Help Centres will be open throughout the voting period for those who do not have access to the internet, need to be added to the voters list or require help voting. Dates, times and locations of the Voter Help Centres will be noted on the Voter Information Letter and are available at springwater.ca/Election under "Information for Voters".

#### **Registered Third Party Advertiser**

A registered third party is any individual, corporation or trade union that advertises to support or oppose a candidate or a question on the ballot. Registered third parties must follow many similar rules to that of a candidate. If you are interested in becoming a third party advertiser, please visit **springwater.ca/Election** under "Third Party Advertiser" or contact the Clerk's Department.

#### **Ward Boundaries**

The ward boundaries have not changed this term. Ward boundary maps are available to view on our website at **springwater.ca/Election**.

#### To Learn More

Please visit the Township's website at **springwater.ca/Election** or email clerks@springwater.ca with any questions.

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#### August 20, 2022 – 1-3 pm Shane Coultier

Canadian alt-folk singer-songwriter Shane Cloutier (aka #badassofacoustic) follows 2021 album release "Lie to Me 'til It's Over" with new single "Your Blues." With this new track Shane digs deep into the uncomfortable truth of toxic relationships, and introduces a new bluesy sound.

#### August 27, 2022 – 1-3 pm Jeff Gunn

Jeff Gunn is a guitarist, songwriter and producer who co-wrote/co-produced Emmanuel Jal's Juno-nominated album The Key (Gatwitch/Universal). He is the author of the Hidden Sounds: Discover Your Own Method on Guitar (Mayfair Music Publications) and a regular "guitar tips" contributor in print and film with Acoustic Guitar Magazine, Guitar World, Canadian Musician, Overdrive (Thailand), and The Guitar Mag (Thailand). He co-wrote the song "Scars" with Jal and Nelly Furtado for the film The Good Lie (Warner Brothers 2014) and The Black Prince (2017) soundtrack. He has recorded with Emmanuel Jal, Nelly Furtado, Bibi McGill, Mark Pellizzer, Kae Sun, Domanique Grant, Rayzak, performed with DMC, Swizz Beatz, Kate Todd, Tanika Charles, and continues to serve as musical director for Jal opening for such acts as Nico & Vinz, Peter Gabriel, Bonnie Raitt, Angelique Kidjo, Xavier Rudd, Mumford & Sons and Ellie Goulding. He has performed at Glastonbury, Juno Songwriters' Circle, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Ringo Starr's Birthday Concert at Capitol Records, United Nations, Grammy Museum Concert Series in Honour of Bob Marley, Jimmy Kimmel's Annual Italian Festival, and at the Dalai Lama One World Concert.

#### **Mayor Don's Update**



#### 2022 Springwater Swing Golf Tournament Proceeds

I would once again like to thank everyone who supported the Township's 14th annual Springwater Swing charity golf tournament at the Barrie Country Club. We had

121 golfers and 31 sponsors generously contributing to the event this past June. The final figure has now been determined and I am pleased to share that we succeeded in raising approximately \$41,000! The proceeds will go towards the Community Assistance Program, physician recruitment, and charitable and community organizations, in accordance with Township procedures.

# Resident Survey: 4-Day Work Week and Extended Hours

Last April, Council approved a pilot project to implement a 4-day compressed work week at the Township for a five-month trial period. Under the project, Township staff were given the option to take advantage of a 4-day work week, reaching their same 35- or 40-hour time requirement. The project allowed the municipality to expand its service hours by an hour each day, with the Township Administration Centre presently open from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday to Friday. As we are now four months into the pilot project, the Township would like to hear from residents to understand the impacts and benefits of this work schedule on you. Please take a few minutes to complete our online survey at surveymonkey.com/r/4-Day-Work-Week.

#### **Accelerated High Speed Internet Program**

On August 4, 2022, the Ontario government announced a new investment to bring high-speed internet to up to 266,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses in as many as 339 municipalities across Ontario. The project areas are still being finalized, though Springwater has been identified as a municipality to benefit from the investment. The Province has signed agreements with eight internet service providers, with Rogers Communications Canada Inc. selected as the provider to carry out most of the projects in Simcoe County. The contracts are part of Ontario's \$4 billion investment and plan to connect every corner of the province by the end of 2025. Further information and ongoing updates are provided on the Township's website at springwater. ca/CommunityBroadband.

#### **Memorial Tree and Bench Policy**

At its August 3 meeting, Springwater Council approved a new policy that will allow members of the public to dedicate a memorial bench, tree and/or plaque in a municipal green space. Under the policy, such dedications may be made by individuals, organizations or corporations for:

- Springwater residents in memory of a loved one;
- Past Springwater residents who are deceased;
- Persons who are deceased and were non-residents, but who have made a significant contribution to public service, charitable works, or volunteering in Springwater; and,
- Past residents or non-residents who are deceased and have performed a heroic act in the service of others in Springwater.

Memorial benches and/or plaques will be in place for a ten-year term, after which the donor will have the opportunity to renew their contract. The purchase, supply, delivery and installation of commemorative items will be the responsibility of the donor, based on fees established through the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

#### North Simcoe Rail Trail Resurfacing

G. Priest Services Inc. has been awarded the tender for improving the accessibility of the North Simcoe Rail Trail. The work will involve replacing 30 km of the existing trail surface with an accessible surface material, replacing culverts, leveling and resurfacing four trail entrance parking lots, and installing new entrance gates that meet accessibility standards. The project area spans from just north of County Road 90 to 5 km north of Elmvale. Of the \$1,000,000 in total project costs, \$750,000 will be provided through grant funding received through FedDev Ontario. The Township was also successful in its application for \$30,000 through the County of Simcoe's Trails Connecting Communities Program. This amount will help to offset the remaining project costs that are the responsibility of the municipality.

#### SCORRA Trail Use Agreement

Prior to 2019, the Simcoe County Off Road Riders Association (SCORRA) had an agreement with the Township to use road allowances and parts of the North Simcoe Rail Trail as off-road vehicle (ORV) routes. In February 2022, it requested a renewal of this expired agreement, with greater permissions to include the following trails and unopened road allowances:

- Coughlin Phelpston Trail Link, from Flos Road 4 West and Horseshoe Valley Road West;
- Unopened road section between Williams Tract Orrock Creek Tract;
- Unopened road section of Baseline Road between Flos Road 4 and Mill Street;
- Unopened road section of Flos Road 5 East between Baseline Road and the County Forest Caston Tract;
- Unopened road section of Flos Road 7 West of Penetanguishene Road; and,
- Unopened road section of Old Penetanguishene Road, north of Flos Road 7.

At its August 3 meeting, Council voted not to approve SCORRA's request to access the North Simcoe Rail Trail (NSRT) between Coughlin Road and Phelpston. The Township has received many complaints of speeding and near misses with pedestrians and non-motorized trail users. Furthermore, a speed radar check conducted along the NSRT last year found 63 ORVs to be exceeding 40 km/h with a top speed of 85 km/h. Though access to the NSRT was not granted, staff are entering into negotiations with the Central Ontario ATV Club and SCORRA regarding operations, maintenance and access to the unopened road allowances included in the request.

# **Public Access Automatic External Defibrillator Policy**

Since 2006, the Township has had an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program in place, with the first AED unit installed at the Elmvale Community Arena. Since then, the program has expanded to include 17 public access AEDs throughout the municipality. Due to the significant interest our community has shown in the program, the Township has developed a new policy to guide public requests for AED units to be installed in Township parks and facilities. The approved policy will provide criteria for staff to objectively consider these requests and ensure consistency with the purchase of equipment, placement and maintenance of AEDs. During the 2023 budget deliberations, staff will bring forward a request to ensure adequate funds are allocated to support the policy and the ongoing maintenance, monthly monitoring and end-of-life replacement of all public access AEDs located on municipal property.



#### **School Crossing Guard Program Policy**

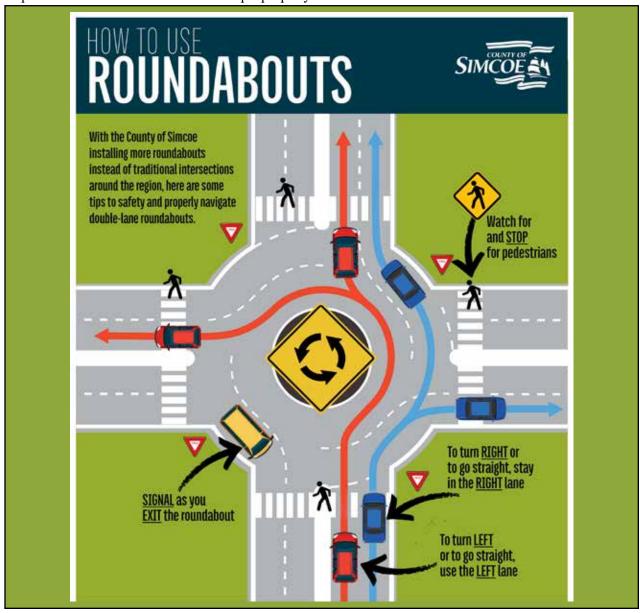
Council has adopted a new policy that provides a clear and consistent framework for the administration, evaluation, approval, implementation and review of school crossing guards within the Township of Springwater. The policy will help staff determine the most appropriate locations for a school crossing guard and where they are most needed. Under the policy, a crossing guard may be considered for a location if the following criteria are met:

- The location is a designated pedestrian crossing;
- School-aged pedestrians are attending schools operated under a local school board;
- School-aged pedestrians live within the school's walking boundaries;
- School-aged pedestrians that cross at the location are between ages five 5 and 12; and,
- At least 30 school-aged pedestrians cross at the location (at specified times).

Requests for the consideration of a school crossing guard must be submitted in writing to the Manager, Recreation, Parks and Facilities.

#### **CUPE Collective Agreement**

At its August 3 meeting, Council approved a By-law to ratify the Collective Agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2380-09 for the Township's outside workers. The agreement was reached through joint discussions in which both parties worked collaboratively to negotiate mutually beneficial terms. I am pleased an amicable agreement was reached that values the work our employees do every day, without any disruption to Township programs and services. It is an affordable settlement that protects taxpayers' interests while providing for fair and equitable compensation. In effect through December 31, 2024, the agreement includes a total wage increase of 2.5% in 2022, 2% in 2023 and 2% in 2024 for CUPE members. The Township has accounted for the immediate financial impact associated with the agreement in the approved 2022 Budget and the forecasted 2023-2024 Multi-Year Budget.





Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, but no atmosphere



Council Meeting Highlights: August 3, 2022 Next Council Meeting: September 7, 2022

#### Allocation of 2022 Springwater Swing Golf Tournament Proceeds

Council approved the allocation of the 2022 Springwater Swing proceeds totalling approximately \$41,000. The funds will go towards the Community Assistance Program, physician recruitment, and charitable and community organizations.

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#### Rainbow Crosswalk and Sidewalk

As the result of a delegation to Council by the Elmvale District High School (EDHS) Gay Straight Alliance Club, Council has approved staff to partner with EDHS on the installation of a rainbow crosswalk at the intersection of Queen Street and Maria Street in Elmvale. To further promote inclusion and support towards the LGBTQ+ community in Springwater, a

Administration Centre. The projects have been approved for funding up to an amount of \$9,000, with an additional funding contribution to be provided by EDHS for the Elmvale Crosswalk.

rainbow sidewalk will be painted

at the front of the Township

#### North Simcoe Rail Trail Resurfacing

The North Simcoe Rail Trail Resurfacing tender was awarded to G. Priest Services Inc. in the amount of \$995,202.62 including HST recoveries. The work will involve resurfacing 30 km of the existing trail as well as replacing culverts and trail gates.

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Council approved a new policy that will allow members of the public to dedicate a bench, tree and/ or plaque in a municipal green space in memory of a loved one. Under the policy, the purchase, supply, delivery and installation of such commemorative items will be the responsibility of the donor, based on fees established through the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

#### **School Crossing Guard Program Policy**

A new policy was adopted by Council to provide a clear and consistent framework for staff to analyze existing and newly requested school crossing locations, to determine if a crossing guard is warranted. The policy conforms to the Ontario Traffic Council School Crossing Guard Guide and

As part of the approvals for the Colgan 1 and Colgan 2 residential subdivisions located on County Road 14 in Colgan, the developer is required to construct road improvements as a result of the expected increase in traffic. All costs for the required improvements are being paid for by the developer, Tribute Communities. On August 9, 2022, Council approved the request to temporarily close County Road 14 between Concession Road 7 and Concession Road 8, within the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio for a duration of 9 weeks to facilitate the construction of a new roundabout. The actual dates of closure and reopening of the road will be confirmed with the developer's contractor and communicated to residents in advance and is anticipated to be between August and September.

#### 2023 High level Draft Budget Assumptions

The County's 2023 budget schedule has Council providing initial direction and assumptions for the development of the budget draft, with consideration, projected recommendation, and final approval in January 2023 due to the October 2022 municipal election. Historically the budget is approved in November, which allows the County to begin issuing tenders and completing budget work earlier in the year.

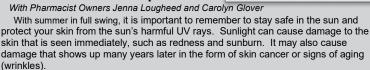
Staff proposed draft budget assumptions and directions for 2023 that included a tax levy increase ranging from 3 to 5% to support existing service levels and capital contribution. This figure is based on several factors, including maintaining programs and services with funding and expense assumptions as outlined, general inflation rate set at 2% based on the Bank of Canada's target CPI approximate rate of 2%, Non-residential Building Construction price index estimated at 12%, and fuel and utility cost increases updated with recent trends.

On August 9, 2022, Council approved the proposed draft budget assumptions and directions which staff will incorporate into the draft 2023 County of Simcoe budget. As noted above, the budget will follow a review and approval process through the new County Council.

# MIDHURST PHARMACY

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#### **Sun Care Tips**



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the Highway Traffic Act.

#### **OPA & ZBA - Elmvale Home Building Centre**

Council has adopted an Official Plan Amendment to facilitate an expansion of the BMR Pro Elmvale (Formerly Elmvale Home Building Centre) at 121 Yonge Street South. The amendment will require Council's approval of an implementing Zoning By-law, subject to the approval of the Official Plan Amendment by the County of Simcoe.

#### D. Hickling Stage 2 Subdivision Agreement

Council authorized the execution of the Stage Two Subdivision Agreement related to Phase 1B of the D. Hickling Subdivision. Phase 1B is planned to include 647 residential units and is the next phase of development to commence within the Midhurst Secondary Plan Area. The Stage Two Subdivision Agreement allows the developer to install roadway, sanitary, storm and watermain infrastructure for Phase 1B.

This summary is not a full representation of the meeting. For the official record, please refer to the minutes in the next Council Agenda. Past Council Meetings are available for viewing on the Township's YouTube channel.

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#### **New Temporary Homeless Shelter Facility**

County staff and area partners worked extremely hard to transition out of the temporary emergency motel model with pandemic specific funding from other levels of government coming to an end. More than 76 per cent of those who were sheltering in the temporary emergency motel shelter model have been connected with services and supports and other housing/shelter options. Of those who chose not to exercise any of these options, outreach teams continue to work to strengthen connections to the wide range of homelessness prevention services and supports throughout the region.

The County is committed to working with community partners to identify additional supportive and transitional housing options in Simcoe County.

On August 9, 2022, Council approved the plan to temporarily expand emergency homelessness shelter capacity in the City of Barrie and area through the procurement of a temporary homeless shelter facility on County-owned land. A procurement process will identify a modular, temporary solution that could be opened as early as November 2022 – ahead of the winter months. The County expects the temporary shelter to include up to 50 beds. Costs related to the acquisition and site preparation, in addition to operating costs, will be accommodated through the approved \$800,000 contribution from the County of Simcoe Social Services Reserve and the \$400,000 contribution from the City of Barrie's Reinvestment Reserve

Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agendas from the Joint Council and Committee Meeting on August 9, 2022. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

A recording of these sessions is also available for public viewing on the County's YouTube channel.

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# County of Simcoe Official Plan Amendment No. 7 (Municipal Comprehensive Review, Phase 1 Growth Management)

The County is undertaking a Municipal Comprehensive Review to bring the County Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan. To meet the provincial targets, the County must plan for a population of 555,000 and 198,000 jobs by 2051

Official Plan Amendment No. 7 establishes population and employment forecasts to local municipalities to 2051, as well as intensification and density targets for each municipality and Community Area and Employment Area expansion lands. Local municipalities are free to amend their official plans to include more intensification and higher density.

Throughout the MCR process, the County has been working with all our relevant stakeholders, holding more than 70 meetings with municipalities, provincial agencies and other key groups.

On August 9, 2022, Council adopted County of Simcoe Official Plan Amendment No. 7 (Municipal Comprehensive Review, Phase 1 Growth Management). This is the first phase in a multi-phase MCR process. Future MCR work to be completed and brought to County Council will address additional MCR components outlined in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. These include Settlement Area Boundary expansions, designating Employment Lands, and refining the mapping for both the Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System.

# Temporary Road Closure – CR 14 – Roundabout Construction

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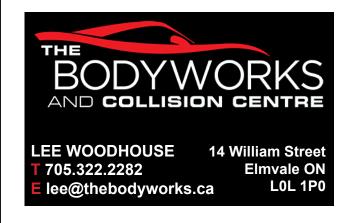
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#### **Sports** with Patrick Townes



A storied tradition returned to Vasey over the July 22nd and 23rd weekend. The Vasey Countrymen and Vasey Giants Minor Ball hosted the Vasey Field Day, newly crowned the Peter Robinson Memorial Vasey Field Day. The Vasey Field Day has a long tradition

and was an annual tournament that was a highlight on the calendar for many years between the 50's and the early 2000's. This year's edition was played in honour of former Vasey fastball player and minor ball volunteer, Peter Robinson.

Peter was fondly known in the Vasey community, and was an active participant at Unity United Church of Vasey, and with VOX Huronia Choir, as well as being involved with Vasey Minor Ball, Coldwater Minor Hockey and the Midland Curling Club. He is greatly missed by friends, family, colleagues and the community, especially from the Vasey Countrymen. Peter is a face that is deeply missed in the fastball community.

The participating teams included the Countrymen, Wyevale Junior Tribe, Minesing Mallards, Uhthoff Nationals, Waubaushene Dodgers, Keswick Hitmen, Owen Sound Junior Selects, and Goulding Park Brewers. The Owen Sound team won last year's Canadian Junior Men's Championship and finished 2nd place in this year's National Championship.

At the end of the day, it was the Owen Sound Junior Selects who defeated the Uhthoff Nationals in the" A" final and the Minesing Mallards defeated the host Countrymen in the "B" final. The tournament started with a spirited 9-inning game between the Mallards who were ousted by the Junior Selects.

It was a coming out party for the ever-building Wyevale Junior Tribe who upset the Countrymen in their first game of the tournament, who are the defending Simcoe Rural Fastball League Champions. Wyevale's strong pitching performances were led by Ryan Wagner and Isaac McGinnis. McGinnis and Logan Sandercock homered for Wyevale.

In other fastball action, Austin Cooper participated in the Junior Men's Championship in Carp this year. He was a member of the Alvinston Aces and played 2nd base.

The Simcoe Rural Fastball League has commenced the playoff season. Top-seeded Vasey and Waubaushene get a bye in the first round. Currently, Coldwater leads the best of five series over Waverley by a margin of 2-0; and Minesing defeated Wyevale 3-0 to advance to the semi-finals. Schedule is to be confirmed and will be posted on my twitter page.

# ON THE FIELD WITH THE HILLSDALE HAYMAKERS Written by: Taylor Shewell

The U-13 team 2 is sponsored by **Ewart Ball Septic Services** and is currently in the Group A finals.

#### **Next Week's Games:**

Playoffs started for the U9-U17 teams on July 25th. For the up-to-date schedule head over to http://www.gbmsl.ca

#### **GBMSL Results**

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U9	W	19-18
U11-1	L	5-27
U11-2	W	25-24
U13-1	L	5-8
U13-2	W	8-5
U17	W	17-7

Photos below: Hillsdale Haymakers U13-2 VS Wyevale Tribe on July 26th.

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#### **Update From Doug Downey MPP**

#### Ontario Re-introduces the Plan to Build Act

As part of the Ontario government's commitment to implement the 2022 Budget and build a stronger Ontario for workers, businesses and families, the Ontario government has re-introduced the Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures), 2022 in the Legislature.

To help those who qualify for disability support, the government is delivering on its commitment to increase rates for income support by five per cent beginning September 2022, for families and persons under the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). Beginning in September, the government will increase both the ODSP rate and the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program maximum monthly amount by five per cent. Future ODSP rates will also be adjusted to inflation.

The Ontario Disability Support Program supports more than 500,000 people and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities provides support to approximately 31,000 children with severe disabilities as of June 2022.

These enhancements build on the government's plan to support the most vulnerable, including investing in expanding home and community care, creating longer-term housing solutions and keeping people safe. The Ontario government also successfully negotiated an agreement with the federal government to provide a combined \$126 million through a fifth round of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) that will add to rent banks, keep vulnerable Ontarians housed, and create long-term housing solutions in response to the increased need for services during

COVID-19.

To help fill gaps in learning for students after two years of pandemic disruptions, the government is also investing \$225 million for direct payments to parents. This is in addition to the previously announced \$175 million tutoring support program, the largest of its kind in Ontario's history. The government will provide more details to families in the coming days as to how they can access this new support. The government is building on this program by investing an additional \$225 million for direct payments to parents to help with the extra support their kids need to catch up.

This additional funding will put money directly into the pockets of parents and guardians and is in addition to more than \$26.6 billion the province is investing in public education this years – the most eve in Ontario's history.

The additional investment in tutoring supports and increased ODSP rate will be funded from existing contingencies contained in the government's fiscal plan as presented in the 2022 Budget.

Building on the Province's record of transparency and accountability, the government has also released the 2022-23 First Quarter Finances, which provides updated information about the evolution of Ontario's economic and fiscal outlook since the 2022 Budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Due to higher-than-projected taxation revenues, the government is projecting a deficit of \$18.8 billion in 2022-23 an improvement of \$1.1 billion from the outlook presented in the 2022 Budget.

#### **Update From Doug Shipley MP**

When I drive through our riding this time of year, I love to see the towering corn stalks in many of the farmer's fields nearby. I also enjoy stopping at farm stands to pick up locally raised meats for the grill and produce for fresh summer salads. There is nothing better than seeing exactly where your food came from and knowing how it got to your dinner table.

I am grateful for the hard work that our local farming families continue to do in order to provide us with fresh produce, meats, and dairy. Thank you to our farmers for feeding our local and global communities. Recently, I have been hearing more from local



farmers as there is growing concern over the proposed plan by the Liberal party to limit the use of nitrogen fertilizers. This plan aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with fertilizers 30% by 2030. Limiting the use of nitrogen fertilizer could result in reduced crop yield, translating to less profit and higher food prices. While it is important to prioritize our environment, this should not be done at the expense of our farmers and the rising cost of groceries. This proposed legislation comes on the heels of near debilitating tariffs imposed on imported fertilizer earlier in 2022.

Farmers are facing significant pressure on their livelihoods including inflation, and weather, and now proposed policies that substantially cut into their profits and impede their ability to grow enough crops. I will continue to advocate for our farming community here in Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte and support those tackling food insecurity in Canada.

As always, if you or your family have concerns with any federal matters, please contact me at 705-728-2596 or doug.shipley@parl.gc.ca.

Doug Shipley, MP Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte





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#### Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn

# IT BLOWED UP REAL GOOD! I will try anything once.... Twice, if it doesn't kill me LOU! I love

if it doesn't kill me LOL! I love canoeing and kayaking around Orr Lake. It is a peaceful way to check out your surroundings while afloat. It is usually a 'three-hour cruise' to paddle the perimeter at my tempo, and that includes a leisurely stop

at the dam on the southwest side of the Lake for a picnic lunch.

Lately, I have been kayaking around in my portable size, 6-footer with feet dangling out to get some much need sun rays. I have a 16-foot cedar strip canoe that I bought in 1989 which is not the typical rib-style construction, but a clear fibreglass sealed style (both inside and out). This was one of the last canoes made by the Trent Canoe Company and I treasure it, greatly. However, on the move here it was terribly injured with a few deep scratches that I have yet to attend to. That will be a project for this week as the cooler nights of August are telling me I better get this boat afloat before the summer is just a memory. Here's hoping for a great Indian Summer!



I am seeing paddle boards everywhere on the lake now. It looks like a great way to get exercise and strengthen your core muscles but somehow it was not a draw for me. Too much work heh heh. 'Never say never' is one of my mottos, however, and it was not long before I was surrounded with friends and relatives pumping up their boards on my front yard. I resisted the urge to try it out for myself because, frankly, I did not have the urge. Just not my 'thing.' As I watched my daughter-in-law push off for the first time on her board, I could feel the tension as

she steadied her balance and started to paddle along the shoreline. I took a few snaps of her holding the paddle up in victory as she gained control of her ship. Maybe I should try it, I thought, just so I could say I made the attempt, at least.

I hopped onto the board kneeling, being careful to centre myself before standing and attempting to get my balance. I plopped the paddle into the water and off I went for a short ride down the shoreline. Luckily enough, I did not fall off once, and that is only because I did not want to get wet! I did enjoy the ride and would definitely recommend it as a great way to work all your muscles as well as gaining good balance.

Having convinced my D-I-L to leave the board for me to play with, I was quite proud to show off my new skill to my sister-in-law as she was bringing her board up over the weekend. We did a much longer trek this time and I felt much more confident. I thought it would soon be another good pastime if ever I decided to buy one for myself. Nahhh...probably not, but then... 'never say never'!

I carefully brought the borrowed board out of the water and decided to let it dry out a bit in the sun before deflating it for safe storage. I am not sure exactly what happened but I set it on its side so it would not get full sun while drying off. It was now time for a dip in the cool waters and a good chat with my favourite sis-in-law.

It would be hard to describe the sound that we heard after about ten minutes in the water. Think of fireworks as in what they call a 'salute' in pyrotechnics or just imagine a really loud screeech, followed by the sound of a gunshot close to the ear. All the geese on the shore scattered at once and I nearly jumped out of my skin! Neighbours came running and we all wondered what the heck just blew up?!

It did not take long to notice that the board I had so gently leaned up against the picnic table to dry, was now about twenty feet away, looking totally deflated (as did I). After realizing it was not World War 3 and we were safe to come out of hiding, I got on the computer and guess what? I bought a paddle board....

Thank you, Amazon! Leisure activities aside, I am still hoping to post pets that desperately need a home so check these two out and thanks for caring!

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Jack and Sophia are major cuddle bugs! These two are at the perfect age; they are through the Kitten craziness but still have lots of life and love to add to a wonderful family. Sophie and Jack Jack are bonded so must stay together.

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#### Fridays in August

Beat the heat at the Farmer's Market in Elmvale and the outside humidity at the Midhurst Branch, pop into the library for an amazing weekly craft!

#### **Saturdays in August**

At our drop in Lego program at Midhurst and Elmvale branches, 10am-12noon we will have a new weekly theme/challenge for you to build. Fill out a ballot to enter a draw for a prize.

#### **Minesing Branch Family Draw**

Pop by the Minesing Branch and fill out a ballot to enter a prize winning draw for the month of August. The draw will take place Thursday August 25.

#### Take and Make

On Friday August 26 be sure to drop by your branch and pick up this month's free take and make craft by Kaitlyn – a pool noodle boat! While supplies last.

#### Early ON Preschool Play Wednesdays

EarlyON for ages 0-6 + caregiver is back at the Elmvale Library Wednesdays 9:30am-12noon. Registration required at earlyonsimcoenorth.ca Questions? Call (705) 526-2456.

#### **Krafting with Kathy**

This month's free kit will include supplies to make a cute Minion pencil holder. Available Thursday September 1 while supplies last.

#### Labour Day Holiday Hours

Please note all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed on Monday September 5 and will reopen to regular branch hours Tuesday September 6.

#### Take and Make Craft by Kaitlyn

This month Kaitlyn has a two for one special! You can make both a small apple craft and a hedgehog bookmark. Thursday September 15 while supplies last

#### **Storytime in September**

Join Miss Amanda for storytime back in the library! Drop in! No Registration required. Free! Tuesdays starting September 21, 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Thursdays starting September 22, 10:30am at Elmvale Branch.

#### Simcoe Author Talks

This month we host two author Catherine MacKenzie, and her book, Please Join Us, a propulsive thriller about secret organisations, hidden agendas and the lengths one woman will go to reclaim her life. Thursday September 22, 7pm via Zoom. Registration required.

#### **Creative Adults**

Connect with other adults by signing up for a Beeswax Food Saver Workshop Saturday September 24, 1 pm Midhurst Branch. Then register for an Acrylic Painting Workshop Monday September 26, 1pm Elmvale Branch. This program has a suggested donation of \$10.



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# NEW PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN SIMCOE COUNTY TO SUPPORT FAMILIES OF YOUNG CHILDREN UP TO SIX YEARS OF AGE

New Path Youth & Family Services is pleased to announce the launch of a new program to help parents of children, four months to six years of age, support healthy relationships with their children. The Circle of Security Parenting<sup>TM</sup> program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. This free, 8-week group for parents helps them learn strategies to strengthen the attachment critical to a child's current and future wellbeing.

"Positive relationships are central to positive mental health and well-being. Circle of Security focuses on the importance of connecting with our children to build relationships and knowing that it is never too late to do so," says Holly Kehoe, Early Years Counsellor at New Path Youth and Family Services. "This builds a secure attachment that helps in all areas of a child's life. For example, it may lead to more confidence, better outcomes in school, and the ability to have more positive and lasting relationships with others beyond caregivers."

The program is a partnership between New Path, EarlyON Child and Family Centres across Simcoe, and Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions with a goal of helping as many families in our region as possible. For now, the program will be run virtually. To find out if this program is a good fit for your family, parents and caregivers are encouraged make an appointment through the Quick Access Child and Youth Mental Health Clinic: www.newpath.ca/quick-access-child-and-youth-mental-health-clinic or if you do not have internet access, call New Path Youth & Family Services at 705-725-7656.

"Circle of Security is an incredible program helping caregivers understand and look at their children in a different way; as young people with thoughts and feelings and needing to connect with their caregiver. As a facilitator of the program, it was such an astounding experience to see caregivers go from "I don't know what's wrong with my child" to seeing their child's distress and how their own trauma and experiences inhibited their ability to attend to that distress, which impacted the parent-child relationship," says Val. St Pierre, Family Support Worker, Team Lead. "Circle of Security provides caregivers with tools and strategies to help recognize those moments of distress and opportunities to correct their own behaviour to enhance and repair the relationship with their child. What an honour to see the transformation of relationships and moments of connection between the child and their caregiver."

About New Path Youth & Family Services New Path Youth & Family Services of Simcoe County is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization. We are an accredited children's mental health agency providing a range of innovative and timely services

for children, youth and their families. We are the Lead Agency for children's mental health in Simcoe with the goal of enhancing the experience and outcomes of children, youth and their families seeking assistance with mental health and wellness.

New Path is currently offering call-in, in-person and virtual mental health services for children, youth and their families in Simcoe County. A range of free mental health services are offered by professional counsellors. Families can access a range of free counselling and therapy services by booking an appointment through the Quick Access Child and Youth Mental Health Clinic: www.newpath.ca/quickaccess-child-and-youth-mental-health-clinic or for those without internet access, by calling New Path Youth & Family Services at 705-725-7656. To learn more about New Path Youth and Family Services, to donate, or get involved please visit www.newpath.ca, follow us on social media Facebook: New Path Youth & Family Services Twitter: @NewPathYFS or sign up for our TrailSigns Newsletter.

About EarlyON Child and Family Centres EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer parents and caregivers with children prenatal to 6 years of age, a range of free services which can assist them in their parenting or caregiving role.

EarlyON Child and Family programs are built on the four foundations of learning: Belonging, Well-being, Expression and Engagement. All sites provide access to play and inquiry-based learning, information on child development, parent education, early learning activities, referrals to community resources, nutrition information and pre- and post-natal resources. EarlyON Centres provide services that are child and family centered, community driven, integrated and collaborative, developmentally appropriate, socially inclusive, and evidence based.

About Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions is a Child Welfare (Simcoe & Muskoka) and Children's Mental Health (Muskoka only) agency licensed by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. We support children, youth, families and communities with multiple services for children and youth up to 18 years old.

We are committed to working collaboratively to build a safe and strong community where children, youth and families thrive. Our services include child protection, family support, family creation through adoption, kinship, customary care and foster care, and in our Muskoka branches, we offer children's mental health services.

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#### **Teen Day Go Karting**

Friday, August 26th from 10:00 until 1:00 Fun outing for teens ages 10-14 yrs at Balm Beach Go Karting. The session includes Go Karting and Mini-Golf. Lunch is included. Must have library card to participate. Cost \$5.00. Registration is required.

#### **Pirates of Penetang Carnival**

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Pictured left to right are: Karen Lill, New Path Early Years Counsellor; Catherine Wulterkens, New Path Early Years Counsellor; Holly Kehoe, New Path Early Years Counsellors; and Kathy Beaupre, New Path, Early Years Program Supervisor. The Circle of Security Parenting<sup>TM</sup> program helps parents of children four months to six years of age support healthy relationships with their children.











So this began the last half of my solo trek along the Ganaraska trail. I had now completed the trail from Orillia to Copeland forest, up to Midland and the south west to Midhurst, Angus, Creemore and Wasaga Beach. By now I had grown used to the weight of my pack, although it still left bruises every time

I hoisted it on my arms and then onto my back. My feet had unfortunately not fared well. When distance



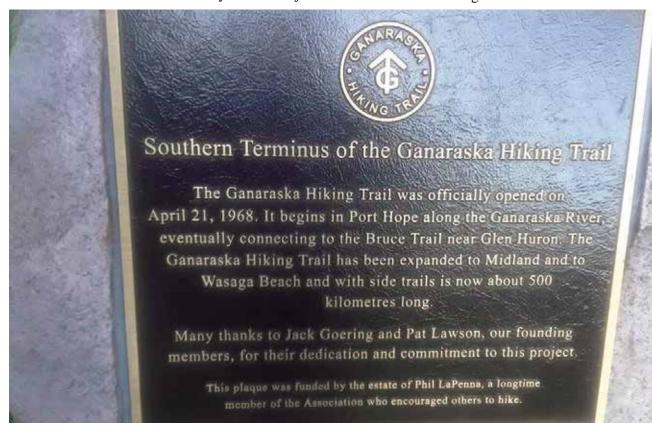
hiking it is important to trim your toe nails very short and wear shoes at least one size too big to prevent nail injury. Despite doing this my big toe nail had turned blue from lack of blood flow and was going to fall off. It is aching now as I write this, three years later. I made the decision to switch from my hiking shoes into hiking sandals to prevent further injury. Oh, with socks for ticks. Stylish!!

After a full day of cars and trains I arrived in Port Hope. A very nice lady that I met on the train drove me to the southern terminus, as apparently the area around the train station was "sketchy". She was just the first of many wonderful strangers I met along this section of trail that cheered me on and helped me out. Trail angels indeed. My favourite was an elderly lady who spoke no English, but let me fill up my water bottles with her hose and then gave me cucumbers from her garden. There are still good people in this world.

I spent the next few days heading north through the Ganaraska forest and then into Lindsey and Fenlon Falls. The Ganaraska Forest is a beautiful area and popular with outdoors people, including ATV'ers. I was only a few kilometres into the trails that I came across a group of ATV'ers with their kids. They were clearly uncertain where they were and where they were going. I have the advantage of physical maps and not just phone apps. Here is a word of warning; apps are not always accurate about either your current location or route and you should always have a physical map and compass. Sometimes old school is the safest means of navigation. While providing the ATVer's with directions, they became fascinated by my story of a solo hike and how far I had come, and still had to go. The men of the group were especially concerned that I would be camping out alone. After sharing some snacks with me, we went our separate ways, only to meet up 6 hours later as I set up camp on the side of the trail. The roar of the engines announced the group, and then as they saw me, a loud "whoop" erupted from the adults. They had made their way to their destination for lunch and then made it their mission to find me again to make sure I was ok. They again shared their snacks with me, and who doesn't love some olives and Greek appetizers after a long day of hiking!



Although I did have to remind them to not throw the leftovers on the ground near my tent, as I really did not want animal visitors during the night. As the last of the light faded, I bade farewell to the group and settled in for another night alone.





#### Ask a Therapist:

by Sarah Covey

#### On Catastrophization

Q: I find my thoughts go straight to the worst case scenario and I don't know how to manage that tendency better. Can you help?

A: It sounds like you have what I call the "what if" voice taking up residence in your headspace. This is the voice that operates out of anticipatory anxiety at its worst and out of risk management at its best. It is the voice that questions every decision and every interpretation of an event that has a tendency to envision the worst possible outcome as the first consideration.

People who struggle with the common cognitive distortion of catastrophization tend to worry a lot about what will go wrong instead of considering what will go right. The truth is, it is important to consider potential dangers and risks when making our plans and decisions; however, for some personalities this pattern of thinking is debilitating if it remains the only framework for consideration and the default processing mode.

People who catastrophize are telling themselves the story - automatically - that the worst outcome is the predictable one. They project a narrative into the imagined future that goes directly to catastrophe and fail to also include the other, equally possible, imagined future stories that encompass more positive outcomes.

Naturally, if you are always worried about the worst case scenario or waiting for the other shoe to drop you will be living in a heightened state of anxiety which is unhelpful for day-to-day functioning. Your system responds as if the worst thing is already happening and you have to navigate the stress of the catastrophe in real time. Of course, this catastrophe is only psychological. It hasn't actually come to be.

To combat the mental patterns that form through catastrophization, you need to tell yourself ALL the possible stories about how things could play out to soften and temper the hyper-focus on the worst version of events. Tell yourself the best case scenario and imaginatively play out all the other potentially different stories that could fall between those two extremes. Expanding your thinking to include other scenarios will allow you to release the grip of that negative bias.

Also, when you do think about the worst case scenario, you can imagine the "what if" thought through to an "even if" to remind yourself of your resilience even if adversity comes. Sometimes we have and will navigate very hard things but you have survived all your hard days so far! Even if that worst case scenario unfolds you can find a way to be supported through the struggle or the grief and you will be okay.

When catastrophization and worry are taking over your headspace, you are borrowing trouble and impacting your wellness today. If you are struggling with these types of thinking patterns, it can be very helpful to speak to a therapist who can guide you through some tools to protect your wellbeing in each present moment so that the anticipatory anxiety doesn't steal your current joy.

Covey Wellness Centre is located at 12B Stone Street and our bookshop is currently open to the public Monday through Friday 9-5 and 9-2 at the Farmer's Market on Fridays! Please visit CoveyWellnessCentre.com and submit the form on our Contact page to book an appointment or to inquire about our products and services. Follow us on social media @coveywellnesscentre and Eventbrite for the latest updates, resources, and event tickets!

Join us to celebrate at our GRAND OPENING EVENT on September 10th and bring a friend!



Mike Stone.... A Gentle Giant. Strong, stoic and kind. A pillar of our small community. Raised as a small town farm boy with deep core values as part of the Columbus/Stone family and educated himself to be a successful businessman. Owner of the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home for many decades. He took care of our deceased loved ones with respect and dealt with our grief with grace and class. He was an acclaimed Lion's Club member, responsible for many fundraisers and charitable events. Married a beautiful, sophisticated scholar/teacher and raised two fine children who are both self made success stories with brilliant careers. Mike's ambitious nature started the very necessary Elmvale Food Bank which was named after his efforts. He had a quiet, wry sense of dry humour that I loved. I would

get a real kick out of him passing out cards that said "Thank you for smoking; your local funeral director"

He gave the best squishy hugs that made you feel you mattered and always greeted me with a genuine smile and a joke. His presence will be beyond missed in this little town that he worked so hard to develop and improve. Proud to call him a cousin and a friend. Condolences to Faye, Jason, Angie, the Burnetts, the Stones, the Columbus cousins and all who loved him. All the volunteers and clients of the Elmvale & District Food Bank are greatly saddened to learn of Mike Stone's passing and we send sincere condolences to Mike's family. Mike and the Lions Club were inspired to found the food bank more than three decades ago and it was first located in



Photo above: Dennis Willer, Mike Stone and Linda Collins photo taken around Dec. 1, 2010.

# Georgian Launches Free UpSkill Tourism Micro-credentials For The Hospitality and Tourism Sector

Georgian College is introducing an UpSkill Tourism micro-credential program to address the labour challenges experienced in the hospitality and tourism sector.

This fully-funded program offers two distinct and unique micro-credentials that are aimed at supporting the employment skills gap and training challenges specific to today's hotel, resort and restaurant industries in the Muskoka, Simcoe, Dufferin, Grey and Bruce regions.

"After consultation with employer and community partners, the UpSkill Tourism program was developed as an innovative and responsive solution to the challenges in the hospitality and tourism industry," said Sara Tuck, Manager of Continuing Education and Corporate Training at Georgian. "We're excited to offer micro-credentials that provide professional development for frontline workers as well as support business owners, managers and supervisors."

The first of the offerings, Tier one, UpSkill Tourism Micro-credential Frontline Service, will launch in September through a blend of online, asynchronous learning. Participants will explore the skills, concepts and values required for frontline workers in the evolving industry. The modules include 21st Century Skills, Customer Experience, Communicating for Success, Safety 101, Diversity and Inclusion, Emotional Intelligence, and Kitchen Theory and Operations which will include Food Handlers and Smart Serve certifications.

Participants can enroll in modules that are relevant to them and they will receive digital badges upon



the Lions Club building on the 7thConcession of Flos. Michael has been a keen and active supporter of the food bank ever since as it grew and moved to the Anglican Church building in the 1990s, to the Elmvale Community Hall in 2010. While renovations were carried out at the Community Hall, the food bank moved to what is now the Elmvale Laundromat (formerly Marg's clothing store) and then back to the Community Hall.

For many years Michael worked hard with the Food Bank board so that it would have a building of its own all on one floor and with the support of Springwater Township this happened in 2021. It is entirely appropriate that the new food bank is named the Michael Stone Building.

Over the years Michael, always very active in the community, inspired the food bank to grow to better serve community members in need — ensuring that citizens have access to food consistent with the Canada Food Guide, that families are able to celebrate Christmas (through the hamper program), Easter and Thanksgiving, that children have backpacks for school and to ensure that everyone is a valued and respected member of our community.

Thank you Michael. (Community Member submission)

#### Lion's Family

It is with deep sorrow we share our Lions Family lost a long standing member and friend, Lion Mike Stone who has passed away.

Lion Mike generously served our community for 50 years. A life well lived, with a passion for helping others in need. Gone from our sight but not from our hearts. He was a mentor to many and an inspiration to us all. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

Rest In Peace Lion Mike

#### continued Georgian Launches Free UpSkill...

completion. Once they complete five modules, they'll receive the industry-recognized micro-credential. They'll also have the opportunity to apply for indemand positions with employer partners.

To be eligible, you can be employed, unemployed, underemployed, or from an underrepresented group such as persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, visible minorities, women, youth and newcomers seeking employment opportunities in the hospitality sector. You can self-identify to UpSkill Tourism staff or be referred to the program by eligible employers or an Employment Ontario service provider.

The second offering, Tier two, UpSkill Tourism Micro-credential Managers and Aspiring Leaders will launch January 2023.

For a limited time, UpSkill Tourism microcredential tuition and training costs are free for eligible participants and employers, and participants may also be eligible to receive a monetary bonus if the credential is completed in the provided timeline.

Registration for Tier one starting in September is now open and has limited capacity so register early. To learn more visit GeorgianCollege.ca/UpSkillTourism.

The project is funded in part by the Government of Canada's Sectoral Initiatives Program.

Photo below: The new fully-funded UpSkill Tourism micro-credential program will give workers in the hospitality and tourism sector the opportunity to acquire new skills needed to respond to the challenges in the industry.



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#### **ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon**

It is hard to believe that we are in the final stretch of summer vacation for this year already. We are past the middle of August and making plans for fall and winter activities already. Where did the dog days of summer go or did we even have them this year with the changes of weather we had. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, in North America it is the period from July 3 to August 11. During this time the weather is generally hot and humid. Other sources suggest that it is from mid summer to the later part. Whenever it is, we have had more 30 degree celsius days in August than in July. A few more warmer than average days would be nice along with the right amount of rain. We don't need the torrential downpours like we had earlier this month. In August to date at our weather station we have recorded over 2.5 inches with the largest single event occurring on August 4 with over 1.5 inches falling.

The reopening of Wilson Drive south of Hwy 26 has been delayed for another month the Township of Springwater has reported. The projected reopening will occur sometime in September as the contractors have been having difficulties with sinkholes occurring along the roadway. There appears to be more equipment and construction materials situated along the north end of the project so hopefully that means they are getting closer.

When the road does reopen, motorists who haven't been along Wilson will see that there are new traffic lights at the southern intersection of Snow Valley Rd and Wilson. They are now operational and should assist with concerns from travelers who were making left hand turns from Snow Valley onto Wilson particularly on weekends when cottage traffic was heavy. You will also notice that the new homes are now being constructed in the subdivision running between Snow Valley to Carson Rd. Traffic will soon be increasing even more when those homes are occupied.

The Anten Mills Autumn Artisan and Crafters Fair registration is full swing and spots are filling up quickly. The fair which is scheduled to occur on Saturday, October 1 will showcase the talents of local

artisans and crafters and will be a great opportunity to get some fall and thanksgiving items along with some early Christmas purchases. To register for your space, send an email to Jan at jancox1@sympatico. ca. Jan will be able to provide more details and should all the spaces fill up, there may be an opportunity this year to accommodate more crafters with overflow space. That's a detail still being worked on.



Are you having a corn roast in the near future? If you are then why not check out Clarke's over on Nursery Rd to see if they can assist you. While the blueberry picking is over for the season, they have a great selection of vegetables at their selfserve road stand. Tomatoes, potatoes, cauliflower, corn and other delicious fresh vegetables are available. In case you have a special occasion coming up or perhaps a little apology is required, there are gladiolus available as well. Help support our local farmers and get your fresh vegetables nearby.

You may notice school buses out and about over the next several weeks as drivers are getting accustomed to their new routes. You may also notice that there are different lights on the bus now. Starting this fall, a yellow flashing light will precede the red stopping lights as a bus pulls up to their stop. This feature will give motorists an advance warning that the bus is coming to a stop and perhaps avoid the panic

stopping some drivers do or the flyby many did.

Another light that many should see in our area and take notice of is a green flashing light used by

and take notice of is a green flashing light used by our volunteer firefighters. The Highway Traffic Act permits volunteer firefighters the ability to use a





green flashing light on the front of their vehicle as they respond to an emergency. It does not give them the right to disobey any traffic laws but should you see a vehicle either approaching you or from your rearview with a green flashing light, if it is safe to do so, provide them with safe passage. In our community, our volunteers need to drive to Minesing to get to the fire trucks so you may encounter them on our streets and roadways.

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

# 13th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Event

Hosted by Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes."

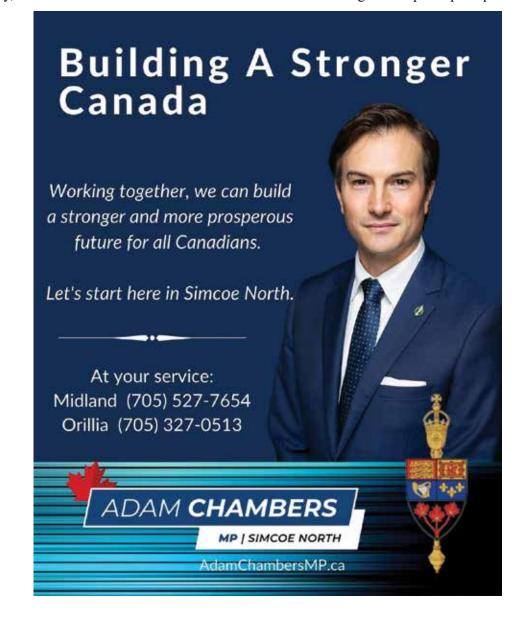
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is a community march where the community leads the way on the road to end domestic violence by walking one mile in red high-heeled shoes.

The Walk gives participants the opportunity to get their communities talking about a difficult subject while increasing awareness of the problem, offering opportunities for healing, and demonstrating their willingness to walk with women and children as allies, advocates and survivors.

Date: Saturday, September 10th 2022
Venue: Heritage Park, Downtown Barrie
Registration & Photos: 11:00 a.m.
Opening Remarks: 11:45 a.m.
Walk begins: 12:00 p.m.
Lunch & Prizes: 12:45 p.m.
Register yourself or a team: barrieshelter.com/
walk-a-mile

The 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' event in Barrie will benefit local women and children affected by intimate partner violence and supported by the Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie. Each year the fundraising goal is \$50,000 and we are hopeful that being back in Downtown Barrie's Heritage Park, we will reach our goal. The Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie relies heavily on community support and donations to be able to provide programs and services in Simcoe County. The Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie providing a safe and secure refuge for abused women and their children since 1981. We are a 27 bed facility offering 24 hour emergency and residential support. Funds raised from this event provide shelter, individual counselling, legal advocacy, housing transition services, a 24-hour crisis line, group support, and public education programs, all in the effort of creating the best life for women escaping abuse.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information contact please contact Teresa MacLennan 705-792-2186 or Teresa@barrieshelter.com





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#### **MINESING MOMENTS**

by Lorrie Norwood

Happy Thursday readers! I hope you have all been enjoying the beautiful weather that August has been delivering to us. It is nice to have the humidity gone, the days are much more bearable that's for sure.

Since the last article I wrote about pickle ball being held at the pavilion, Tuesdays do not seem to be working so it will be not proceeding on Tuesdays until further notice. Players will continue to play on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings as long as there are enough players for games. If you are still interested in learning to play Pickle Ball, feel free to come out and give it a try, they would love to have more players join. If you would like to reach out to someone who plays or for more information, feel free to contact Terry at terrycamack@look.ca

It has been good to see the yellow signs along George Johnson Road asking drivers to "slow down". I am not sure how well they are working but it's certainly a good reminder for drivers going through our village. The traffic seems to have increased over the last several weeks with travellers going to the beach. Please be patient and drive safely on your travels.

The local baseball diamonds are being used again and it's great to see. If you are looking for something to do during the week, come out and watch some of our local youth play ball. As an adult who grew up playing baseball locally it was always great to see neighbours in the stands rooting for the players. If you are interested in attending games the schedule can be found at https://gbmsl.ca/Schedule/

Minesing Recreation Committee will be hosting the Annual Labour Day Slo-Pitch tournament that had been put on hold for a couple of years. There are two more teams needed so if you have some friends, family or neighbours that want to put in a mixed team to participate in this fun filled recreational tournament, please reach out to Wanda at 705-725-6517 at your earliest opportunity. The organizers are also looking for volunteers to help out with various tasks over the weekend. It's

Labour Day Ball Tournament, September 2-4

a great way for students to get their community hours, reach out to Wanda to sign up. There will be a dance Friday night with a DJ, beer gardens, fun games and the Anglers and Hunters will be providing food this year. Come out for a great time and support the community.

Until next time, "Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt." John Muir

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#### **Jo Knows Nutrition**

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#### Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes and Fresh Basil

Fresh field tomatoes are landing by the basket-full at farmer's markets, roadside produce stands and local grocery stores. While a field tomato with a little salt and pepper is a delight, this roasted

tomato pasta dish capitalizes on the exceptional taste of tomatoes fresh from the farm to the table.



- 3 lb (660 g) field tomatoes, rinsed and cut into quarters
- •3-4 tablespoons (45 60 ml) olive oil
- 4-6 large cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) salt, optional
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb (450 g) pasta (i.e., regular, whole-wheat, gluten-free, or even rice stick)
- 1/4 cup (63 ml) fresh basil leaves, hand-torn into smaller pieces
- grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, vegan cheese or nutritional yeast for serving

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit (232



#### degrees Celsius)

- 2. Bring a large pot of salted water (1/2 teaspoon;
- 2.5 ml) to a boil for the pasta.
- 3. Spread the tomatoes and minced garlic cloves on a sheet pan, drizzle with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Roast the tomatoes for 20 to 25 minutes until shrunken and softened, flipping halfway through.
- 5. While the tomatoes are roasting, cook the pasta until al dente (i.e., still firm when bitten)
- 6. Reserve 2/3 cup (165 ml) of the pasta cooking water and drain the pasta in a sieve.
- 7. Put the drained pasta back into the pot and add a little olive oil and the roasted tomatoes, garlic and torn basil leaves. Toss gently to combine the ingredients.
- 8. Add some of the reserved pasta water if the pasta is sticking together.
- 9. Serve with lots of freshly grated cheese to taste. **ENJOY!**

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

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Field tomatoes are an excellent source of Vitamin A & Vitamin C which act as antioxidants in the body. This pasta dish also contains garlic & olive oil which benefit your heart health.





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#### SUPER HIDDEN GEMS

#### Wilkins Walk and Beach

When one thinks of wonderful outdoor spaces to explore in Barrie, Sunnidale Park and Arboretum, Ardagh Bluffs, Bear Creek Eco-Park and the many parks and beautiful beaches gracing the extensive Barrie waterfront most often come immediately to mind. However, quite by chance, I was fortunate enough to discover an extremely well kept secret situated right smack dab in the middle of a subdivision. Named after Barrie firefighter, William "Billy" Wilkins who tragically died in the line of duty on May 27, 2002 while fighting a raging house fire, this natural retreat is not one to be missed.



Officially located at 121 Crimson Ridge Road, Wilkins Walk Trail system also offers many other access points. Wilkins Walk is part of the larger Warnica Trail and is considered a "white" trail, which means it is not considered a very difficult trail, generally speaking, although there are some uphill sections that are slightly more challenging. For an easy walk, stay on the lower trails that skirt Hewitt's Creek. For a more demanding experience access the ridge to gain fabulous views of the creek and ravine landscape. The trail is approximately 2.1 kilometres and will not take most people more than 30 minutes or so to complete. All paths meander through a wooded area leading to a small beach. The highest point of the trail measures 252 metres.

Wilkins Beach is definitely a highlight of this hike. Small and very quaint it can get crowded in the summer on the weekends. It is mostly a sandy



beach with some pebbly sections. Primarily edged by the forest and marshland, it can also be accessed from the subdivision via Capps Drive and Crimson Ridge Road. This is a great spot to swim, canoe or kayak. Many families also like to picnic here. A couple of years ago, the beach was at risk of losing its official status as a public beach. There were concerns of overcrowding affecting the shoreline and a conservation project was put into motion to ensure recovery and future protection. As of now, the beach is once again frequented by neighbourhood homeowners and visitors. Local residents continue to share concerns regarding day trippers who often leave their garbage behind rather than following the "take only memories and leave only footprints" motto. This is something to keep in mind as you are enjoying the reportedly phenomenal sunsets at the end of the day before heading home.

Apart from being an amazing place to hike, bike, view smaller species of wildlife (and the occasional deer) or walk the dog, birders will be rewarded with the plethora of species to be found within the boundaries of the forest, wetland and beach areas. As well as the usual suspects (sparrows, finches, nuthatches, jays and chickadees) ornithophiles will additionally be rewarded with sightings of Green Herons, Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, Belted Kingfishers, Double Crested Cormorants, Red Headed Mergansers and Pileated Woodpeckers to name but a few. Binoculars are, therefore, a must!

Wilkins Walk and Beach make for an amazing day out with family or friends. Please add it to the list of one of Barrie's best kept secrets and remember to leave only your footprints.



#### Kathleen's Mount Kilimanjaro Climb

We all have "bucket list" items to achieve in life. They fuel that inner desire to challenge and sometimes help us face our greatest fears. At the start of September 2022, I will depart Barrie, Ontario on my way to join one of my closest friends and team mate Charlotte Blonde to trek up Mount Kilimanjaro, summiting the Uhuru Peak by September 10th, 2022! As avid outdoor adventurers and believers in the healing power of nature, we feel this trek is the perfect opportunity for personal challenge and an opportunity to support an organization that is very near to my heart, Hospice Simcoe!

Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain

in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain above sea level in the world. It towers 5,895 meters above sea level. We will be travelling the Lemosho Route which starts on the western side of the mountain and is considered one of the more remote sections. The Uhuru Peak, which we hope to reach by September 10th, is considered one of the official summits of Mount Kilimanjaro!! Over the past several years, I, like so many others, have lost some immediate family members and friends who were blessed to spend the final chapters of their lives at Hospice Simcoe. They received exceptional personal care, full of love, compassion, and support. This expert care extended to the resident and their family and friends who could reach out for support and guidance as they dealt with the loss of a loved one. I want to use the opportunity of this trekking adventure to support this wonderful, magical place we call Hospice Simcoe. I will dedicate this "Climb for Compassion" to my dear friend Tracy Latimer who recently left this world at age 43 and who was blessed to spend time at Hospice Simcoe where both she and her family were supported in the journey. She always showed everyone that with courage, determination and support you can achieve ANYTHING.

I will be posting updates, when possible, on my personal social media pages which will be linked/reposted to Hospice Simcoe's social media pages. ALL donations will go directly to Hospice Simcoe, so please consider donating whatever you can. We are hoping to raise \$7,000 for Hospice Simcoe! "

# COVID-19 Pop-up and Walk-in Vaccination Clinics Available in Simcoe Muskoka Aug. 18 to 21

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is continuing to offer one-day pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics at locations throughout Simcoe Muskoka, with upcoming clinics taking place from Aug. 15 to 21. Walk-ins for first and second doses for individuals five years and older, first booster doses for individuals 12 and up, and second booster doses for people 18 years and older who received their first booster dose five months (140 days) or a minimum of three months (84 days) ago are available at the following locations:

#### Thursday, Aug. 18

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – Stonebridge Town Centre, 291 Main St, Wasaga Beach Time: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Aug. 20

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – Wasaga Beach RecPlex, 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach

Time: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Sunday, Aug. 21

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – Barrie Supercentre - Walmart, 450 Bayfield St., Barrie Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – Tottenham Community and Fitness Centre, 139 Queen St. N., Tottenham

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Appointments for the GO-VAXX clinics may also be booked up to four days prior to the clinic through the COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

#### **MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

#### **Unofficial List of Registered Candidates**

#### Township of Springwater

Filings as of July 19, 2022 for the unofficial list: Mayor: Coughlin, Jennifer and Haight, Bill Deputy Mayor: Maw-Chapman, Wanda and Cabral, George and Gannon, Dennis

Councillor Ward 1: Garwood, Matthew and Horgan, Francis

Councillor Ward 2: Nelson-Hewitt, Chantal
Councillor Ward 3: Thompson, Brad and

Mainprize, Cory and Mahon, Hale
Councillor Ward 4: Moore, Anita and Smith,

Linda
Councillor Ward 5: Fisher, Phil and Zapolnik,
Dominika

Eligible Springwater voters will elect a number of different positions on Voting Day, including:

One (1) Mayor

One (1) Deputy Mayor

Five (5) Ward Councillors (one for each of Wards

1 to 5)

#### **Township of Tiny**

As of July 29, 2022 for unofficial list Mayor: **David Evans** and **Tony Mintoff** Deputy Mayor: **Sean Miskimins** and **Stephen Saltsman** 

Councillor (3 to be elected): John Bryant, Ema Canadic, Kelly Peter Helowka, Stephen McNamara, Janice Murton (withdrawn), Erik Schomann, Steffen Walma and Gibb Wishart

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#### **WYEVALE NEWS**

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Murray Archer, Ross Leonard, Levi Campbell, Erin Archer, Scott Marley, Cory Trew, Laura Pole, Charlie Stephenson, Nayssa Hales, Bunny Hussey, Rylan Marley, Sarah Charlesbois and Melissa Wilson.

Congratulations to Sharon and Freddy Caston who were married on August 6. All the best to both of you. Our Archer Family picnic was held last Sunday. Always look forward to seeing relatives that we have not seen for awhile. We thank Todd and Erin Archer who once again looked after the setting up, posters, balloons etc. And to Colleen Dundas who supplied the water balloons, eggs for the egg toss and al the prizes. Job well done.

We welcome back our minister, Rev. Bonnie Kelly after her vacation.

Our prayers go out to Ross Wylie, Marion Stott, Rae Henry, Don and Nancy, Ron, Tone and Linda Bye. Morley Marshall passed away on Aug. 14, 2022. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Fran and the family.

#### Celebrate Barrie's History by Nominating a Homeowner, Business or Individual/Group for the 2022 Heritage Awards

(The City of Barrie is accepting nominations for the 2022 Heritage Awards until Friday, September 30. The nomination form can be found at barrie.ca/ heritage.

The awards recognize property owners and individuals who have made strides in fostering local identity through heritage preservation and awareness within Barrie. Residents and businesses are invited to submit nominations for the following categories: residential buildings; commercial building with a business including office, restaurant or store; institutional building such as a church, school, or public facility; or an individual or group of people who stand out for their heritage contribution to the community.

Nominations for buildings with at least two of the following attributes will be considered:

- must be at least one hundred years old and be located in the City of Barrie
- well-maintained property and building
- building is sensitive to the heritage features of the property, especially if the property has been restored, rehabilitated or adaptively re-used
- enhances the streetscape/neighbourhood
- assists in revitalizing the community through heritage conservation

Nominations for an individual or group with the following attributes will be considered:

• demonstrate a commitment to heritage

- preservation
   built awareness and understanding of local
- history and heritage
   help revitalize the community through building

local heritage awareness

Heritage Week.

Award winners will be selected by the Heritage Barrie Committee this fall and the awards will be

presented at City Council in February 2023, during

#### **About the Municipal Election**

Voting Day is Monday, October 24, 2022. Nomination for candidates for the 2022 Municipal Election opens on Monday, May 2, 2022. The Nomination Period closes on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 2 p.m.

#### Local Student Earns Inaugural RVH Research Scholarship

Jessica Maher is spending her summer making an impact through local research thanks to a new scholarship from Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH).

Maher, a Tottenham resident and recent graduate of the Applied Life Sciences program at Lakehead University, is the first recipient of RVH's Laura E. Crook Scholarship for Community Health Research.

Announced this spring, the inaugural scholarship

Announced this spring, the inaugural scholarship worth \$6,000 honours the 37-year-medical career of retired family physician Dr. Laura Crook. It reflects her passion for supporting exceptional family medicine, maternal care, and research. The scholarship provides an opportunity for students to be curious, ask questions and become actively involved in community-based research.

"I am honoured to be the first recipient and to have the opportunity to enter this field at such an early stage of my academic career," says Maher. "I get to learn from amazing RVH mentors and role models to prepare me for a rewarding career as a clinicianscientist and in anticipation of attending University of Ottawa's medical school this fall."

Maher, along with her supervisor, Dr. Matthew Orava, family physician and research co-director at RVH's Family Medicine Teaching Unit, will leverage health system information captured by the Healthy Barrie initiative, a community-based partnership among the Barrie Community Family Health Team, City of Barrie and Simcoe Muskoka District Health

Unit. The project will focus on identifying and characterizing links between childhood or adult obesity and specific neighbourhood characteristics, such as walkability, green space, food security, transit accessibility, and air pollution, among others.

"As the old saying goes - an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," says Dr. Crook. "And that's why I am excited to see the next generation strive to tease out the ways environmental circumstances affect the health of people, that as family doctors, we work with every day."

The goal of the project is to help identify specific health disparities within the community that would allow for more focused interventions to boost the health of neighbourhoods across the community.

"I am so pleased to encourage Jessica's passion for clinical research with this award, and I look forward to learning more about the ways our community could enhance the health and well-being of our population," says Dr. Crook.

Each year, RVH's Research Institute awards highly accomplished undergraduate and medical students the opportunity to participate in a summer research training experience and conduct applied health research alongside RVH employees and professional staff.

The scholarship is made available by the fundraising efforts of the RVH Foundation. For more information regarding RVH's Research Institute visit www.rvhresearchinstitute.ca.



Photo Above: Jessica Maher, the first recipient of RVH's Laura E. Crook Scholarship for Community Health Research (right), is pictured with retired family physician Dr. Laura Crook (centre) and research supervisor, family physician and research co-director at RVH's Family Medicine Teaching Unit, Dr. Matthew Orava (left).

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#### **MENTAL HEALTH**

#### **Perceptions in Relationships**

Sometimes we get into trouble for things we did not even do. Remember, when you were a child and got blamed for something inappropriately? No doubt you felt angry, frustrated and resentful. If you protested your innocence, and you were believed, then you felt a little better. If you were not believed, the anger and resentment deepened.

In communication between adults, sometimes a person is judged without an opportunity to defend him or herself. This happens when we make assumptions about another's intention, or the feeling implied by their behavior.

For example, a child forgets to take out the garbage. It's not a high priority thing for the child, so it's easy to forget. However, the parent assumes the child forgot because he/she doesn't appreciate what the parents do for the child, has no respect, thinks children do not have to contribute, doesn't love the parents, or is trying to upset them on purpose. The parent reacts emotionally to the oversight, and the child cannot fathom why a garbage issue is such a big deal. Yes, the garbage emptying must be improved, but it has nothing to do with love.

On summer weekends, a husband may seem more motivated to play golf than to spend time with his wife. She concludes that he must not love her very much, and that golf is more important than the relationship. She starts talking divorce, and he cannot understand how they could have been so happy two days ago, and just because he's going golfing, it's all over. Perhaps they need to work out ways they can both get needs met, but loving golf does not mean he does not love her.

She is not in the mood for intimacy. She rebuffs his advances, and he decides that she is withholding, so responds with anger. He gives her the cold shoulder, and questions if she still finds him attractive. Really, she is experiencing PMS, is feeling a little depressed, and is also brooding about something that happened at work. They need to be able to talk about what's happening for them more openly, but declining intimacy does not mean rejection, punishment, or lack of love.

The best way to avoid a downhill slide in relationships is to check out your perceptions. Ask if the child appreciates what you do, and wants to be helpful; ask if he is golfing to avoid time together, or is just passionate about the game; ask if she's got a lot on her mind, or if her feelings towards you are changing. If you ask in a gentle, non-accusatory way, and accept that what the person tells you really is their truth, then you can avoid creating emotional chaos. Your relationships will remain much healthier, and communication will improve. Gwen Randall-Young is an author and awardwinning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit www.gwen.ca. Follow Gwen on Facebook for inspiration. Gwen Randall-Young Psychological Services Ltd. | Website

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#### Annie's Journal A Living Legacy, Part One

Written by Annie Warner Donnelly



The approach of our Jewish brothers and sisters to a Celebration of Life is to embrace the attributes of the whole person.

American writer, Ellen White, in her book "Ministry of Healing" helps us put this into

context: Next to angelic beings, the human family, formed in the image of God, is the noblest of His created works. God desires them to become all that He has made it possible for them to be, and to do their very best with the powers He has given them ... We are here for a purpose. God has given us His plan for our life, and He desires us to reach the highest standard of development.

Reaching the highest standard of development is not an easy task, but in 2 Corinthians 5 we learn that if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God ...

This process of old things – like old beliefs, old habits, old thoughts – passing away is part of the lifetime journey of a Christian.

For over eleven years, although there were times when it appeared that we were on different journeys, in fact, my husband Ed and I were journeying with Jesus toward the same goal. The Apostle Paul captured the essence of our journey with these words found in Philippians 3: Not that I have already attained or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

It was a privilege to journey with Ed. I learned a lot about him, and a lot about myself, and we learned a lot about God.

Consistently, Ed would say that regardless of whether God healed him or not, he was determined to hold onto his faith. From the time he learned he had cancer, Ed held on to words he found in Psalm 103, words that reminded him that God could heal all his diseases. But, it wasn't just the cancer that Ed battled for over five years that he asked healing for; Ed asked for healing in every aspect of his life that needed it.

I believe the process of dying was the hardest for Ed. When I would ask him how he was feeling, he would often answer, "I don't know". If you needed something demolished, or something built; if you needed a flowerbed created or tree stumps removed, Ed had lots of experience to draw upon. But dying? We don't gain experience in that until the moments are upon us.

As Ed's cancer progressed, he found comfort in 2 Corinthians, Chapter 4: Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day ... our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

These words helped Ed to not lose heart, to maintain his hope, to press on. Please watch for Part 2 in the next issue. Amen.

# Get Artsy this August with Arts Jam Studio Sessions!

Simcoe County, Ontario, August 4th, 2022 - safeword, with community partner The Gilbert Centre, proudly presents a three-part, online series of visual arts workshops called Arts Jam Studio Sessions! In conjunction with our 2SLGBTQ+ Arts Jam, we've invited three incredible visual artists to lead creative and interactive workshops for queer and trans youth. The Studio Sessions are FREE and will be held online via Zoom. This series is made possible



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# Rosie's Devotions by Rosemary Hagedorn

#### What Is God Like

When someone talks about God, do you envision Him as an old man with a long white beard, looking down from heaven and surveying the earth and its inhabitants? Or do you see God as an invisible force, unattainable and unreachable?

Sometimes, we expect God to fit our template, our design, and our thinking. But God is not within our limited, man-made boxes. He is outside and all around us. We seek the God we want, not the God Who is!

The God that I have come to know is a personal God; a God who loves us unconditionally; a God who listens to us and promises to be with us until the end of time; and a God Who sacrificed His one and only-begotten Son so that we may obtain eternal life.

But sometimes, we want God to work fast and on demand without suffering on our part. But God knows us better than we know ourselves. There is a reason that He doesn't give us what we want. All we need to do is trust in His wisdom and mercy.

Acts 17:22-29 — So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.

"He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve his needs — for he has no Rneeds. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.

"His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him — though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone." (NLT)

Revelation 1:8 – "I am the Alpha and the Omega — the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come — the Almighty One. (NLT) What is God like to you?

Prayer: Father in heaven, forgive us for putting things that we idolize ahead of You. Keep our focus on doing Your will and trusting in Your wisdom and guidance. Strengthen us to abide in You, even though the road gets rough and we are confronted with uncertainty. Change our hearts to worship only You, the great I AM. Amen.

continued Get Artsy...

by the generous sponsorship of the City of Barrie.

On Wednesday, August 10th at 7pm EDT, multi-disciplinary artist En Tze Loh will explore multiple artistic mediums and entrepreneurship. On Sunday, August 14th at 2pm EDT, multi-disciplinary artist Rihkee Strapp will explore the history and contemporary expressions of Woodland Pop Art. On Wednesday, August 24th at 7pm EDT, Barrie-based artist Sean George explores queer culture, blackout poetry and collaging through an interactive activity.

Attendance is open to the general public but we ask that attendees centre the participation of queer and trans youth in the space. Come learn, draw, and create art with us!

More information available here: https://www.safeword.ca/artsjamstudiosessions

# **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

<u>Coffee Parties</u> 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

#### **Centre Flos WI Coffee Parties**

At Heritage Park this summer. They will be held on the last Thursday of the month - June 30, July 28, and August 25 - from 9:30 am to 11 am. All are welcome!

#### **Good Vibes**

Every Thursday night from 7 to 10 p.m.

An open-mic music event Our location is the little white schoolhouse at the corner of Mount St. Louis Road and the 4th Line of Oro Medonte. Admission is a donation of \$5.00.

#### **Bay Shore Seniors' Club Bingo**

2000 Tiny Beaches Rd. S. Children's Bingo - 1 pm Adult's Bingo - 7:30 pm

Every Monday throughout the summer.

Elmvale Presbyterian Church Let's Do Lunch 2nd Monday of the month between 11:45 and 12:15. Call 705-322-1411 between 9am - 3 pm to order for your \$5 takeout. Pickup is Thursday at the East side of 22 Queen St. E. Delivery in town only.

#### Farmer's Market

Every Saturday in August from 8am – 12pm Unity United Church 4967 Vasey Road, at the 4th Line North. Fresh baked goods, garden produce, preserve and Peameal on a bun

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in the municipal parking lot at 33 Queen Street West. The Market features in-season produce, crafts, gifts and baked goods from local producers.

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Balm Beach Water Front

#### Wasaga Beach Jazz in the Park Tuesdays 7 pm

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#### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

#### **AUGUST**

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Estate of Eldon & Shirley Shantz, New Dundee - Sept. 4-8 - John
Deere tractors, tools and hardware, tool chests, Royal Doultons
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4-8 - gold and sterling jewellery, Birks sterling, silver dollars, stamps
Marion North Extensive Estate, Brantford - Sept. 11-15 - Lilliput
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# The link is below. https://webforms.springwater.ca/Recreation

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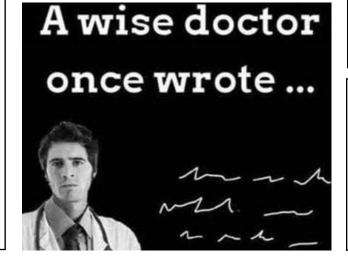
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#### The OPP Report

#### SEVERAL CALLS FROM CONCERNED CITIZENS RESULT IN IMPAIRED ARREST

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to several traffic complaints on Sunday, which resulted in an impaired driving arrest.

Police were called on August 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m., and responded in the area of Highway 26 in Springwater, after receiving several traffic complaints about the same vehicle. Officers quickly located and stopped the vehicle in the area of Horseshoe Valley Road. Police determined that the driver was impaired. Following further investigation, Bektash HAXHIU,

Operation While Impaired - Alcohol and Drugs

62 years old, from Toronto, was arrested and charged

· Operation While Impaired - Blood Alcohol Content

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood on the 4th of October 2022.

The OPP Huronia West Detachment would like to encourage motorists to report potential impaired drivers. Motorists can call 911, or \*OPP (\*677) on their mobile device and be put in contact with an emergency dispatcher. Using a mobile device to report a potential impaired driver will not result in a charge for using a hand-held communication device.

#### FATAL SINGLE VEHICLE COLLISION, RIDGE ROAD CLOSED

Members of the Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a serious single vehicle collision on Ridge Road between Range Road and Martine Crescent.

On August 15, 2022, shortly after 3:00 p.m., Orillia OPP, along with Oro-Medonte Fire, Barrie Fire and County of Simcoe Paramedics, responded to a singlevehicle collision where a southbound vehicle left the roadway. The lone occupant, James Ceschia (62) of Barrie was pronounced deceased at the scene.

OPP Central Region Traffic Reconstruction Members are on scene assisting with the investigation. Ridge Road between Range Road and Martine Crescent will remain closed for several hours. Motorists are asked to avoid the area until further notice.

The Orillia OPP request that any witnesses who have not already spoken to police or have dash cam footage of the collision, please call the Orillia OPP at 705-326-3536 or at 1-888-310-1122.

The Orillia OPP is committed to serving our province, including the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn and the City of Orillia. If you have any information about crime in our community, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To report minor occurrences online please visit www.opp.ca/ reporting. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at www.crimestopperssdm.com. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous. You will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

#### Alcohol / Drugs and Cars Never Ends Well

learned the hard way over the weekend that mixing alcohol or drugs with driving your car, never ends

Officers of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded to a report at 5:24 a.m. August 15, 2022, of a motorist passed out in the drive through of a Simcoe County Road 93, Midland fast food retailer. Investigators awoke the driver and entered a drinking and driving investigation resulting in Brendan MARCHILDON 31 years of Tay Township being criminally charged with Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs and further with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The OPP Communication Centre received a report at 7:50 p.m. August 13, 2022, of a possibly impaired driver trying to driveaway from a retail establishment on Lone Pine Road, Georgian Bay Township. A community member assisted police by maintaining the suspect and his vehicle within the parking lot until officers arrived. OPP investigators upon arrival spoke with the suspect driver and entered into an impaired by drug investigation.

As a result of this investigation, Christopher THERRIEN 38 years of Georgian Bay Township has been criminally charged with Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs and further with Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Heroin.

Both accused persons were released from police custody on a recognizance to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date as well they both face 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a seven day vehicle impound.

OPP officers wish to thank those community members who greatly assist us in our efforts to maintain road safety by reporting suspected impaired drivers and to our media partners who continue to support the community's interest in these investigations.

During the August 11-15, 2022, time period officers conducted seven R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) check stops at various locations checking 160 vehicles for signs of impairment.

Educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired driver on our roadways, waterways or trails please "Make the Call" and dial 911 as impaired driving never ends well, please make a plan to get home safely.

#### DROWNING IN WASAGA BEACH

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating the drowning of a swimmer in Nottawasaga River in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

On August 13, 2022, at approximately 5:20 p.m., officers responded to a call for a possible drowning in Wasaga Beach Provincial Park. Initial information was that a swimmer entered the water in beach area one close to the boat launch and failed to resurface.

Huronia West officers including the Marine Unit along with Wasaga Beach Fire Department and Simcoe County Paramedics located, recovered, and brought the victim to shore, where CPR was conducted. The victim was transported to hospital by ambulance and later pronounced deceased.

The deceased has been identified as Kuljit DHINSA, 42-year-old from Richmond Hill, Ontario.

The death is believed to be non-suspicious, and no foul play is suspected.

The Huronia West OPP are continuing the investigation in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario.

A post-mortem examination is scheduled to take place at the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto.

If anyone witnessed this incident and would like to speak with victim services, please call Victim Services Simcoe County at 705-725-7025 ext. 2120

The OPP supports proactive steps that will help reduce provincial drowning deaths.

- · always swim with a buddy
- · know your limits and swimming abilities
- · let someone know when and where you're going
- · test the waters with your feet, don't dive right in
- · don't swim while under the influence of alcohol

#### Overnight Fatal Two Vehicle Crash Closes **Highway 400 in Tay Township**

Highway 400 between Vasey Road and Highway 12 in Tay Township was fully closed shortly after 1:33 a.m. August 13, 2022 after officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded to a report of a serious two vehicle crash.

Attending officers along with Tay Township Fire Service and County of Simcoe Paramedics Services arrived at a scene situated in the south bound lanes of Highway 400 approximately 600 meters north of Vasey Road where a southbound pick up truck and trailer were struck by north bound car in the south bound lanes. The driver of the north bound car was pronounced deceased at the scene and the driver of the south bound pick up truck was taken to an area hospital by paramedics for treatment of non life threatening injuries sustained in the crash.

Highway 400 was reopened for vehicular traffic at 5:42 a.m. August 13, 2022 and the southbound lanes are expected to be reopened by 11:30 a.m. August 13, 2022. Investigators have confirmed the deceased driver of the north bound car as Myroslav BARAN, 49 years of Toronto. OPP investigators that continue to probe the cause of the crash will be assisted by a post mortem of the deceased that will be conducted in the near future.





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A \$ 2,000 Smart and Caring Grant from the John and Jan MacIntyre Community Endowment Fund at HCF will support the Digital Device Coaching for Seniors Program at Gateway Centre for Learning.

"Our digital world is a confusing and sophisticated environment for many seniors. For them to keep up, they need frequent and repetitive training and support. With fixed incomes this is not something they can afford often enough to realize any benefits and progress. This grant will go a long way in helping alleviate some of these barriers" according to Executive Director Jennifer Ellis.

Photo: left to right Jennifer Ellis Executive Director Gateway Centre for Learning. Jaxon Pretty Computer Training Instructor and Scott Warnock Executive Director Huronia Community Foundation



Since 2019 the LabX Media Group has provided \$ 6,000 through their Charity Fund at HCF to Scientists in School.

"The funds have been used to provide hands-on Scientists in School workshops in local schools, as well as community settings. Two of these were recently organized by the Midland Public Library and generously donated by LabX. We express our sincerest thanks" Terry Janssen-Hudson Outreach and Development Specialist Scientists in School.

Photo below: left to right, Terry Janssen-Hudson Scientists in School, Trish Hayes CEO & Chief Librarian Midland Public Library, Scott Warnock Executive Director Huronia Community Foundation, Alexandra Ruffle Account Manager LabX Media Group and Jamie Burns VP. HR and Operations LabX Media Group



A Smart and Caring Grant from the HCF Community Fund will provide some additional financial support to the CLH Foundation "COMMITMENT TO CARE" campaign.

The \$ 900.00 grant will assist CLH Developmental Support Services in covering the cost of essential health care items.

"The practice of covering the cost of critically needed (but unfunded) medical supplies is unique to CLH Developmental Support Services. These include over the counter medications, personal hygiene products, as well as essential health care items" said Sue-Ellen Boyes Director of Revenue Development Photo below: CLH Foundation pictured here with HCF Executive Director Scott Warnock.



A Smart and Caring Grant supported by the Helen Dubeau Family Fund and Leah P. Gignac Endowment Fund at HCF will assist with the Wig Bank Program at the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre. The program has been relaunched after being impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

" It is important for cancer patients to receive a quality wig. We strongly believe based on our interactions with local patients, who have accessed this service, it offers them something positive and rejuvenating during their cancer treatment. The wigs are part of who they are as they move through treatment" according to Eric Walter, Executive Director Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre pictured below with HCF Executive Director Scott Warnock.



A grant from the K.J. Ramolla Memorial Fund at HCF will assist We Are the Villagers support youngsters playing minor hockey this upcoming season.

"Our aim is to enrich and enhance the lives of children and youth leading toward a path of their dreams. The donation from the K.J. Ramolla Memorial Fund will be directed to children and youth that have an interest in minor hockey" said *Cathy Mills, Executive Director WATV in photo below.* 





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#### **HEY DADS**

HEY DADS! What fun things do you like to do in your bedroom? Chase bats around with towels and tennis rackets? If you haven't tried that yet you really should! It will enhance your marriage by leaps and bounds...and screams.

When we moved to our old farmhouse just outside of Minesing I was in the middle of doing some renovations when we found some hidden treasures between the studs in one of the walls. My buddy Jeff and I had just finished the super enjoyable job of tearing out a pile of lath and plaster. We thought we heard some squeaks coming out of the wall. After removing some more material we discovered a few somewhat stunned bats hiding in the wall. We took them out of the wall and brought them outside to live a life of freedom somewhere else. Somewhere very, very else.

Or so I thought. What I didn't realize was that in old farmhouses there are old nooks and old crannies that may contain old bats that perhaps lived there longer than I had. Maybe they didn't appreciate my interruption to their daily routine. In the coming nights I would learn that my wife, Alli, didn't appreciate their interruption to her nightly routine.

It started out just as any other night..."Ma in her kerchief. And I in my cap. Had just settled down. To a long winter's nap." It was actually a summer's nap. And it wasn't very long because at some point in the middle of my dark slumber I felt someone smack me and say/scream/shout, "JAY! THERE'S A BAT IN HERE!" I stumbled out of my sleep in a groggy stupor unsure of what exactly was happening. I looked around and couldn't see anyone. Just a lump hidden under the covers beside me. But there was an unfamiliar sound.

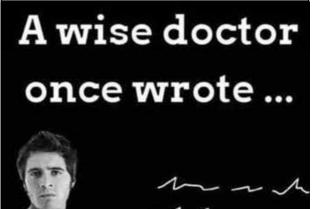
A flittering, fluttering sound that seemed to be going around and around in circles somewhere over my head. I would be lying if I didn't admit that my heartbeat increased a little bit. Like we tell our kids, "Feel the fear and do it anyways." Good grief.

And how is one supposed to catch a bat? I had no net, no trap, no bird of prey to send in pursuit. Turning on the light I discovered a pile of laundry! Clean or dirty, it didn't matter! It was just the ammunition I needed. I started tossing bath towels to and fro in a valiant attempt to subdue the winged predator. He escaped from one room and flew to another. I followed in hot pursuit and eventually apprehended the perpetrator with a well-aimed pitch of the towel.

I was able to gather him up and toss him out the front door into the night where he would be free to terrorize another Springwater family. And that's when I started spray-foaming exterior holes in our house and sleeping with a tennis racket under my bed. There would be more BAT-tles to come.

Dads, it's not every day we get to defend a damsel in distress but when the opportunity arises may we never be called cowards! Take courage! Time flies (so do bats)! Make every moment count!

Jason Weening protects nine kids and one wife from predators most days. For more heroic feats of courage check out www.heydads.ca.



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# Fake Green Dot Messages Offer Free Cash

Would you like \$100,000 that you never have to pay back? Who wouldn't? And Green Dot scammers know it.

Since we first wrote about Green Dot scammers in 2009 (we've been fighting these crooks for a long time!) they've pulled in a small fortune from victims. Now they've come up with another ruse, this time a series of phishing tricks aimed at both theft and the harvesting of confidential information.

Green Dot is a legitimate bank and, among other things, issues prepaid debit cards and top-up "money paks."

These have been used by scammers for a long time as a way of getting victims to send them advance fee money, as we explained in our original report (see https://scambusters.org/greendot.html).

Now, the crooks are pretending their target victims are entitled to cash if they'll just hand over their bank details and, if they have them, their Green Dot account information.

In a new alert, internet security outfit Trend Micro has issued a warning about the latest scam, which comes in three varieties, all using emails and text messages that lead to phony websites.

#### **Fake COVID Assistance Program**

There are a lot of these financial support scams around in the wake of the COVID pandemic. They all pretend you're in line for a big payout in return for

#### **ANNIVERSARY**



#### Happy 50th Anniversary Karen & Russ Stroud

Celebration at Elmvale Presbyterian Church Saturday, August 27th Drop in between 1 & 4 pm.

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providing your bank details.

In the Green Dot scam, victims get one of two messages offering them cash.

The first one pretends to be from Green Dot itself, claiming it's working with the federal government to distribute a no-strings payment of \$10,000. The second comes from a named person - "Janet Laura" in the Trend Micro alert - claiming she gets \$5,000 a month through a COVID relief program.

Both contain a link to a fake Green Dot page, which asks for personal information including name, Social Security number and date of birth. If you read it carefully, you'll spot occasional lapses into poor use

#### **IN MEMORY**



In Loving Memory of Etta Viola Maxim Passed away Aug. 19, 2017

Sad was the parting, no one can tell, So sudden on earth the sorrow fell; The blow was hard, the shock severe, To part with one we loved so dear. Dearer still as years depart Her memory lives within our heart.

Lovingly remembered by husband John, sons Randy, Philip and Douglas, Christine and Claire, Trish and Karla, Kurtis, Jessica, Ben Laurin and grandchildren

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of English, such as "assistant" instead of "assistance," which gives away the fact that it's a fake. But most importantly, it doesn't use the correct web address for the bank, which is GreenDot.com.

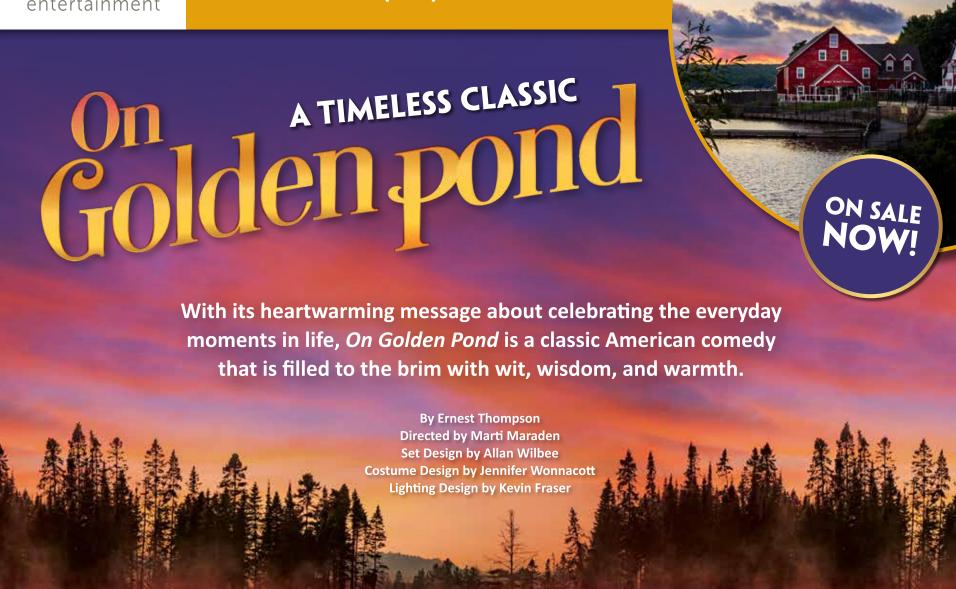
#### Fake Bonus Program

This one is aimed mainly at Green Dot account holders, though messages may be sent out at random to anyone.

Again, there are two formats, one offering a free, no-strings \$1,000 account "bonus" and the other from a person named "Trevor Kristen" claiming "I got \$100,000 in my Green Dot when i (sic) apply for it and you don't have to pay it back."



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#### **Obituaries**



STONE, MICHAEL JOSEPH

With much sadness, we announce Michael Joseph Stone's passing on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at RVH. "Digger," in his 78th year, was a life-long Elmvale resident and former owner of Lynn-Stone Funeral Home. Mike was the loving husband of Faye

(nee Burnett) and cherished his daughter Angela (Anthony) and son Jason (Kiaya). He was the very proud grandpa of Jack, Nathan, and William. Mike will be missed by his sister Eileen Birley (late Ron) and was an appreciative uncle of his niece Kim and grand nephew Bronson. Remembered fondly by his brother-in-law Bruce Burnett (Penny), sisterin-law Mary Jane Burnett (late Bob), and many Burnett nieces and nephews. Mike's friends and cousins abound from many regions, and he looked forward to every opportunity to spend time with them throughout his life. Be it as a spectator or participant in hockey, ball, or curling Mike was a sports enthusiast. More recently, as an avid golfer, he will be missed on the greens, the rough, and at the 19th hole by his many golfing buddies.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 9, from 2-4 pm and Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. A funeral mass took place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Elmvale on Thursday, August 11, at 11:00 a.m. with interment at Elmvale Cemetery. As a member of the Elmvale District Lions Club for fifty years, Michael believed strongly in Community and Service. The recent branding of the new Elmvale Food Bank as "The Michael Stone Building" was an esteemed honour. In Mike's memory, if you so wish, donations may be made to these two worthy organizations or a charity of your choice.



#### MARSHALL, Morley Robert William

Born on the baseline in Tiny Township on March 19, 1936, passed on August 14, 2022 at 11:50 pm. Morley Robert William Marshall born to the late George and Iva (Gardiner) Marshall. Married in 1962 to

Frances (Marchant) Marshall. Brother to Everrett and the late Wesley Marshall.

Raised four children Scott (Wanda) Marshall, Darlene (Norm) Crannie, Brenda (Howard) Walker, and Brian (Kim) Marshall. Step-father to Andy (Shelley) Haughton. Loving Poppa to Ashley (Beau), Travis (Bryanna), Tyler, Katelyn, Josh, Kylie (Derrin), Matt, Mansel and late grandson Daniel Walker. Great grandfather to Jayden and Dawson.

Passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer at Hospice Huronia Penetang with his family by his side.

A private service was held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale.

Interment Wyevale Cemetery.

P lease make any donations to Hospice Huronia or a charity of your choice in lieu of flowers.

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

Words seem so feeble in moments like these. Life is so precious, and death such a thief. The depths of your pain I cannot comprehend, but I'll stand alongside you in the darkness, my friend. Love is a bond that death cannot part. Gone from your arms, but still held in your heart.

By John Mark Green

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**DONNELLY, Thomas Edwin (Ed)** 



Thomas Edwin (Ed) Donnelly, in his 79th year, passed away at Simcoe Hospice on August 1, 2022, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Ed was born in Barrie, Ontario, on February 15, 1943, to Thomas William Donnelly and Eva Lorraine (Mason) Donnelly.

Ed is survived by his wife, Annie Warner Donnelly; sons Gary Todd Gore and Thomas Gregory (Greg) Gore (Genevieve); grandsons Marcus Philippe Gore and Jacob Robert Gore; brother Gerald Kenneth Donnelly (Joan); aunt Iva (Mason) Barnard and many cousins.

During his lifetime, after a career in Real Estate, Ed provided Handyman and Contracting Services. He was an avid golfer at the Tangle Creek Golf Course. He wrote many songs as he loved to entertain others as he played his guitar or the piano and sang.

A visitation was held at Adams Funeral Home, 445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie, from 1-5 pm on Saturday, August 13, 2022. His Celebration of Life was held in the funeral home chapel on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Burial took place in the Grenfel Cemetery following the service. Online messages may be left at www.adamsfuneralhome.ca.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the churches where Ed actively served, as he was able, until his passing: the Barrie Seventh-day Adventist Church; the Bracebridge Seventh-day Adventist Church; the Lakeview Seventh-day Adventist Church; and the Parry Sound Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In lieu of a reception, the family made a donation to Hospice Simcoe, and invites others to support this amazing opportunity we all have for superior mental, emotional, physical and spiritual care at a time when we need it most.

> Nature's first green is gold, Her hardest hue to hold. Her early leaf's a flower; But only so an hour. Then leaf subsides to leaf, So Eden sank to grief, So dawn goes down to day Nothing gold can stay.

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#### **Local Children Enjoy "Camp Ignite Your Potential"**



Ten Simcoe area children aged 11-14 years experienced a fun-filled time at "Camp Ignite Your Potential" at the Midland Fire Station during the week of August 2nd to 5th. The camp was hosted by the Midland Fire Department in conjunction with Southern Georgian Bay Ontario Provincial Police, Simcoe County Paramedic Services, and in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe. The enthusiastic and happy campers ended their action-packed week with a graduation ceremony on the last day.

"The Midland Fire Department was very pleased to once again host this event after a two-year hiatus during the pandemic," said Midland Fire Chief Paul Ryan. "We, along with OPP and Simcoe County EMS, were honoured to support Big Brothers Big

Sisters of North Simcoe and provide this opportunity for children and youth in North Simcoe to participate in hands-on activities to realize their potential while also learning about what we do as first responders in the community."

This 4-day camp was specifically designed to provide participants with certain challenges to help them succeed - reinforcing a positive attitude, team building, motivation and leadership skills. Throughout the week campers interacted with Fire, Police and Paramedic personnel and took part in events such as real fire

fighter training and learned about:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Search and Rescue
- Vehicle Rescue
- CPR
- OPP Unit Sections
- Simcoe County Paramedics Sections
- Displays and Presentations

"Camp Ignite Your Potential was first introduced in 2019 and we are grateful for the community support through a grant from the Midland Rotary Club, as well as assistance from Midland Fire Department as our host, OPP and Simcoe County Paramedic Services," said LeeAnne Addley, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe Mentoring Coordinator.

"Some of our Littles attending the camp this year are matched with a big brother or sister, and others attending are on our waitlist to be matched. This camp provides our Littles the opportunity to gain new skills, ask questions, engage with others, see potential career opportunities, and of course, have fun!"

About Big Brothers Big Sisters:

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Canada is a federation comprised of over 100 agencies in over 1100 communities across Canada providing life changing mentoring experiences through volunteer mentors for young Canadians facing challenges. Supported by the BBBS Canada national federation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe helped over 200 local children to realize their potential in 2021/2022. For information about BBBS North Simcoe please visit their website at https://northsimcoe.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.





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