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REMEMBERING HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Photo above: Donna's dress showing the back bought for the Royal York Banquet

Photo Below: Royal Visit invitation July 4, 1959 to Penetanguishene Wharf



Minesing resident Donna Johnston recalls two visits with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

She was just twenty-five when she went to see Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Duke of Edinburgh Prince Phillip at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on June 29th, 1959. She again visited the Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip at the Penetanguishene Docks on July 4, 1959.

George Graham Johnston, Simcoe Centre MPP, ran as the Progressive Conservative candidate in the 1943 Ontario general election. He defeated Liberal O.E. Todd by 523 votes. He was re-elected five times before his death in 1960. This status of MPP earned an invitation to the Royal York Banquet. George's wife, Alice, was in the hospital and was unable to attend. Donna Johnston, George's daughter in law, accompanied him instead. George's son Al was Donna's husband.

It was a big impact on Donna's life at the time. Donna explained, "For someone like me, a country girl, it was really something". Donna was thrilled to pieces to attend the banquet. She had to have a dress fitting for the Queen, and she found it in Midland for \$200.00. The dress is a beautiful blue that perfectly matches her eyes. The front has soft flowing shoulders and fitted on the front. The back is grand with the long flowing scarfs.

The second time George and Donna met Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Duke of Edinburgh Prince Phillip was at the Penetanguishene Dock. Donna remembers that they were given directions to only speak to the Queen if she spoke first. No handshake should be offered unless it was offered first by the Royal visitors. The highlight of this visit was that Prince Philip shook George's hand and asked why he was there. George explained that



Photo above: George Johnston facing Prince Phillip with Donna Johnston to his left.

Photo Below: Donna on the farm, in Minesing, on her way to meet the Queen at Penetanguishene Wharf on Saturday July 4, 1959



he was MPP for Simcoe Centre and Prince Phillips shook his hand again.

It was a time that Donna will never forget. Donna and Al Johnston honoured the Queen after the news of her death. Photos were spread out; the dress was hanging and stories were recalled for any visitors that wanted to come to mourn and honour the life of the longest reigning monarch in British history. Donna and Al Johnston welcomed people to their home and any visitor could see the honour and pride they had for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Thanks, Donna for the Ode to the Queen.



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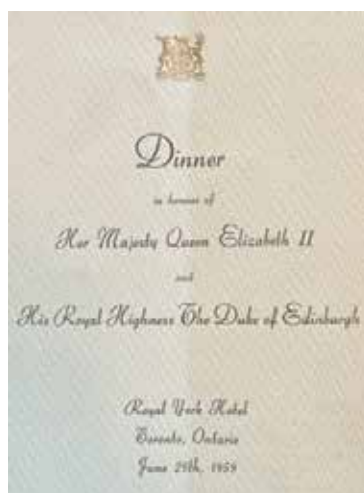


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With back to school just underway, I wanted to share a positive story about some local teachers and the experience I had growing up.

When I was a child, I started elementary school as every child does. I went through grades 1, 2, and 3, under the radar. At the end of grade 3, my parents were told that my brother and I were falling behind in school and that they needed to get help to pull us up to where we should be for reading, writing, and math. My mom got hooked on phonics and we began to work on our reading, and writing.

We moved into grade 4 and about part way through the year, we were put into the Special Education Class. They told our parents that my brother and I would need an IEP (Individual Education Plan) and that we would spend the majority of our time in the Special Education Classroom for the foreseeable future.

In the next few years, we had teachers come and go from that classroom. They would stay for 6 months or a year and then off they went.

I went into grade 6 and we got a new teacher in our class. He was a sweet man with a kind face and a big bushy mustache. His name was Larry Gardiner. Most people around here would know Mr. Gardiner as a local farmer, teacher, and an overall wonderful man.

To me, Mr. Gardiner was my hero. Being a kid in special ed came with a lot of bullying. I was bullied for being stupid, being fat, you name it. It was a very tough time for me in elementary school. I struggled so much. Math was just awful for me. When I looked at a page of numbers, it all became so confusing, and I would cry. I did not get it, not one bit.

I had another teacher in grade 6 tell me while we were doing an Entrepreneurship assignment, that I probably will not be going to college and that I should just probably figure out what I wanted to do for a job. I was in grade 6! This really stuck with me for a long time. This was also the same class where I got to come back to do "regular" schoolwork but when I asked questions about the assignment given, I was brushed off and told to go talk to Mr. Gardiner.

Of course, when this happened, I would be upset, frustrated, and made to feel stupid by that particular teacher. I would walk down to the special ed class and Mr. Gardiner was always there to greet me with a smile. He would sit me down, tell me not to worry, and that we would get through the problem or assignment together. Mr. Gardiner was my constant throughout the last 3 crucial years of elementary school. He believed in me, even

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when I did not even believe in myself. Mr. Gardiner got me through elementary school. He was my saving grace. Without him I would have fallen through the cracks of the education system. I was recently diagnosed with ADHD as a 36-year-old adult. Everything from my childhood now makes sense. I was in a one size fits all school system that did not work for me, because it was not made for me.

When I got into high school, I was able to fight my way through with hard work, quite a bit of crying, and determination and get myself out of special ed. I was able to be in the applied classes with the "regular" kids for the first time in a very long time. I was able to make it through Elmvale High School with the help of wonderful teachers there as well, such as Mr. Lefaive who helped me to discover my love for music and singing, that lasts until this day and Mr. Minty who pushed me to be my best by allowing his classes to redo assignments to get a better mark. He knew I could do better and challenged me on the daily in my later years of high school. I was on the honour roll the last 3 years of high school, which for me was just incredible considering how bad elementary school was.

These are the teachers that helped shape my life and have helped to shape me into who I am today.

I went to college. I have three diplomas. I work full-time as a Library Specialist where I am responsible for tech programming and tech help with seniors.

I love my job, family, and my life.

From the bottom of my heart, I really want to thank the teachers who believed in me, went above and beyond when no one else did. I will be forever grateful. **Submitted by Ashley Prince**

Dear Editor:

Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered for her efforts to modernize the monarchy, but at PETA, we will always be grateful that she modernized her wardrobe.

Queen Elizabeth took the throne at a time when wearing fur was not only acceptable but also desirable. Some years ago, like most of us, she evolved in her thinking on the issue and took the bold step of banning it from the royal wardrobe. When I met her in 1961, while she and Prince Phillip were visiting India, I was sad to hear that she missed her beloved corgis when she traveled, but I didn't anticipate that she would open her heart to animals who are violently killed for their fur. The Queen's decision to avoid real fur put her in the company of such public figures as Michelle Obama, Barbara Bush, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, and Princess Diana, all of whom swore off fur.

PETA's hat is off to her, and after a respectful interval, PETA U.K. will ask King Charles III to replace the Canadian bear fur used on the King's Guard's famous "busby" caps with faux fur. That will help further the Queen's legacy in a wonderful way.

Very truly yours, Ingrid Newkirk,

President,

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals



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Margaret Ann Jacobs always wanted to be in the centre of everything. While at the geographical centre of North America, she found a copy of one of North America's favourite newspaper in the Chamber of Commerce's office.



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Interested in learning about a new Seniors' complex in Elmvalle? Join the directors of the Elmvalle Active Seniors' at their booth at the Elmvalle Fall Fair.

Georgian College Community Saddened Over Tragic Accident



The Georgian College community is profoundly saddened to confirm one of the six young people who died in the tragic accident was a current Georgian student. Jason Ono-O'Connor was an exceptional student in our automotive business degree program with a very bright future ahead. He was consistently on the Dean's List and liked and respected by fellow students and faculty. Jason was recently chosen to be a director in the 2023 Georgian Auto Show — a highly sought role among our students, and true recognition of his academic excellence and commitment to the industry.

The family shared with us how much Jason loved his program and how excited he was about his upcoming career.

To Jason's family, friends, classmates, college faculty and staff, I offer my deepest condolences — as well as to the families and friends of all these promising young people who lost their lives. As a father, my heart is breaking.

In memory of Jason, the Georgian flag has been lowered at the Barrie Campus. A community support fund has also been set up for those who wish to join collective efforts to support the families.

Hometown Special Moment

Submitted by Susan

As my husband and I walked through Foodland in Elmvale we noticed two young ladies pushing in training shopping carts.

One little girl was trying to navigate her cart with one hand and a decorative blue bird in the other.

The girls were excited about returning to school and how they would be taking the bus together.

I bent down and looked at her bird as she told me all about it. All at once this little girl held her hand out and offered me her blue bird. "Would you like to take my little bird home"? All at once I could feel the tears starting to appear in my eyes. I told her how my mother had given me a blue bird pin before her journey to heaven. The little girl understood and then smiled as I sang a song my mother used to sing, "There'll be blue birds over the white cliffs of Dover".

Since my mothers passing I have made nests with blue birds and many have found loving homes.

So I asked if I may give her a nest for her blue bird and looked at her friend and offered her one of my blue birds in a nest. Both agreed and they mentioned the one girl had a younger sister. Three nests with little birds will be waiting for you at the entrance of the Elmvale Presbyterian Church next Sunday.

What those little girls didn't know is they gave me the most beautiful gift of all.

Being a senior and often feeling so lonely throughout the pandemic I missed the days when we could chat with the locals and sing an occasional song.

Thank you to the two girls that I met and please forgive me for not remembering your names. This is called a senior moment but that's another story.

Thank you to the father who told me he grew up in Phelpston. I could never thank you enough for the time you took to listen to me, share my story and a song with the girls.

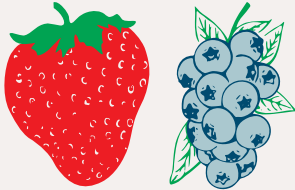
Thank you everyone who attended the All Candidates meeting hosted by the Springwater News. There has been overwhelming positive feedback from the voters and candidates.

At the time of printing of this edition ,the All Candidates Meeting has not been uploaded to the website, due to technical issues. We are working hard to have it up by the next edition.

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Township Seeks Community Input to Help Write Springwater's Next 20 Years

The Township of Springwater is seeking input from residents and stakeholders to help build a Community-Based Strategic Plan for the municipality with a 20-year outlook. The plan will be a guiding document that forecasts what life in Springwater will look like for the next two decades.

Through the creation of a Community-Based Strategic Plan, the municipality will be provided with strategic direction and better equipped to decide on future priorities of the Township. The plan will also assist with infrastructure planning, budget development, and establish a framework for the development of other plans within the municipality.

Working with Ottawa-based consulting firm McSweeney & Associates, the Township has launched a public consultation process to support the development of its strategic plan. The process will involve a variety of public outreach initiatives, including the release of an online survey through the project webpage at www.springwater.ca/OurFuture.

Everyone in Springwater, from residents and business owners to students, workers and occasional visitors, are invited to complete the online survey, which will be live until September 30, 2022. The Township is also making paper copies available at the Township Administration Centre, each Springwater Public Library branch, the Elmvale Arena, and community events like the Springwater Farmers' Market – Elmvale.

"The creation of our strategic plan will truly be a community-based process," says Springwater Mayor Don Allen. "The approach we are taking will give everyone in the community a chance to consider what they love about Springwater, what they'd like our future to look like, and how we will get there. The feedback that we collect will directly lead into the strategic priorities and actions identified in the plan."

Township CAO Jeff Schmidt adds, "The new plan will set the strategic direction for the corporation and define how the Township can continue to grow in a dynamic and sustainable way. Specifically, the plan will establish a common vision and define the shared goals and priorities of the corporation and the community."

For more information on Springwater's community-based strategic planning process and to complete the online survey, visit www.springwater.ca/OurFuture.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Recreation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 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.

Bid Opportunities

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

Asphalt Patching and Repairs
(2022-37-PW)
Closes: September 16, 2022

One Digital Sign Board
(2022-35-RPF)
Closes: September 21, 2022

Homer Barrett Park Playground
(2022-12-RFP)
Closes: September 22, 2022

Station 5 Firehall Renovations
(2022-30-RPF)
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Complete our online survey!

The Strategic Plan will be our community vision and blueprint. It will allow us to consider what we love about Springwater, what we'd like our future to look like, and how we will get there.

Your voice matters. We're listening.
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Visit: www.springwater.ca/OurFuture



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.

Who is Running?

To view the list of municipal and school board candidates in your area, please visit springwater.ca/Election.

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”.

Are you on the Voters List?

If you are a resident, owner, tenant, or spouse of an owner or tenant of property in Springwater, a Canadian citizen and 18 years of age or older on election day (October 24), you can vote.

We all play a role in ensuring a fair electoral system. It is the responsibility of every elector to make sure their information is up-to-date and accurately reflected for electoral purposes. Check to ensure you are registered to vote by visiting springwater.ca/VoterLookup.

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.

To Learn More

Please visit the Township’s website at springwater.ca/Election or email the Clerk’s Department at clerks@springwater.ca with any questions.



Board & Committee Member Recruitment

Make a difference in your community! The Township is currently recruiting new members to serve on the following boards and committees during the 2022-2026 Term of Office:

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Committee of Adjustment
- Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee
- Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Springwater Public Library Board
- Fence-Viewer
- Livestock Investigator

Those interested must submit a completed application form to the Clerk’s Office by October 16 at 5:30 p.m. For details, visit: springwater.ca/CommitteeRecruitment

Registration is now open for fall fitness classes!



Browse and register for programs at townshipofspringwater.perfectmind.com



Stuff the Truck for the Elmvale & District Food Bank!

Springwater Firefighters will be driving through the Township to collect food donations for the Elmvale & District Food Bank.

When: Wednesday, September 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Anten Mills, Midhurst, Minesing, Elmvale, Hillsdale, Phelpston & Snow Valley.

How: Leave donations at the end of your driveway for the firefighters to pick up.

Final Tax Billing

The 2022 final tax bills were mailed on June 26, 2022. The first installment was due July 20, 2022. The next installment is due September 22, 2022.

Pre-Authorized Debit Form:

The Township of Springwater offers an online form for residents to sign up for a pre-authorized debit plan for property tax and water/wastewater bills. Sign up at springwater.ca/DirectDebit

Mayor Don's Update



Municipal Election

The 2022 Municipal Election is fast approaching with our next Springwater Council to be decided on Monday, October 24. I hope many of you were able to attend one of the candidates meetings this past week to learn more about those running for office this term. If not, there are other ways to inform yourself on each candidate's platform. Follow local news media or visit springwater.ca/Election to find candidates' contact information, websites, and social media channels. And most importantly, make sure you exercise your right to vote! Internet and telephone voting is open from October 14 to 24, 2022. There will also be Voter Help Centres 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. Information on Voter Help Centres will be mailed to all eligible electors in early October and available at springwater.ca/Election.

Elmvale Active Seniors' Residence Presentation Centre Opening



On September 7, we celebrated the grand opening of the Elmvalle Active Seniors' Residence Presentation Centre. This was a significant milestone for the group of volunteers on the EASR Board, who have been working tirelessly and passionately to get this much needed project off the ground. EASR is a non-profit organization established specifically to create a retirement complex in Elmvalle that allows seniors to remain active and engaged members of their community. Springwater Council lent our support to the project in 2020 by assisting the EASR Board in obtaining an MZO from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The project is currently moving through the site plan approval process in consultation with the Township and other applicable authorities. The proposed senior's complex includes up to 240 one and two bedroom, affordable senior's apartments, underground parking, and a medical centre. With affordable housing options for seniors being in short supply locally, the Elmvalle Active Seniors' Residence is an important step forward for our community. I am confident it will be of great benefit to the town of Elmvalle and beyond. My congratulations and best wishes go out the EASR Board and staff.

Springwater Farmers' Market – Elmvalle

The last day of the season for the Springwater Farmers' Market – Elmvalle is Friday, September 16. Make sure you get out and support our local farmers, producers, and artisans. The Market runs from 9 am to 2 pm in the municipal parking lot at 33 Queen Street West. We thank our vendors for another great summer and look forward to seeing them again next year.

2022 AMO Conference Highlights

From August 15 to 17, the Township of Springwater joined municipal leaders from across the province for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's 2022 AMO Conference. For the first year since 2019, the conference was held in-person, with the City of Ottawa hosting this time. Chief Administrative Officer Jeff Schmidt, Clerk Renée Ainsworth and myself attended on behalf of the Township. Though the Township of Springwater did not provide for any delegations this year, a number of important topics relevant to our municipality were discussed. These included economic recovery, climate change, integrated approaches to mental health & addictions, and achieving attainable housing in rural Ontario, among many other topics. The conference also included a Ministers' Forum, a Women's Leadership Forum, a Municipal Trailblazers panel discussion, messages from Provincial Leaders, and valuable

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Stonemanor Woods Phase 2 Park



I am pleased to share that the new neighbourhood park in the Stonemanor Woods Phase 2 development has officially opened to the public. The Township hosted a ribbon cutting event last Friday to celebrate this great new addition to our municipality. The new park was designed by Alexander Budrevics & Associates with extensive input from residents. It is a highly integrated space that will serve a diverse range of ages and abilities for many years to come. As selected by our community, park features include junior and senior play structures, a tennis court, a basketball court, two pickleball courts, and a large open field space. The amenities are connected by accessible paths, with landscaping and seeding throughout. Thank you to everyone who helped shape the design of the new park by responding to our public outreach initiatives last year. This space was developed with your wishes and interests in mind.

Community Based Strategic Plan Survey

What is your vision for the future of Springwater? Our municipality's Community-Based Strategic Plan is now in development and your feedback is critical to determining what our next 20 years look like. If you are a Springwater resident, business owner, worker, student, or community stakeholder, please share your thoughts by completing the public survey found at springwater.ca/OurFuture. The Township has also made paper copies of the survey available at the Township Administration Centre, each branch of the Springwater Public Library, the Elmvalle Arena, and community events like the Springwater Farmers' Market – Elmvalle.

The Community-Based Strategic Plan will be a highly important document that guides the Township in its decision-making, planning, and execution of key projects and initiatives for the next two decades. It will inform everything from our infrastructure and budget development to the way we communicate and the future partnerships we will have. The goal is to build a vibrant and prosperous community where people want to live, work, play and retire.

The survey is open until September 30, 2022. Don't miss your chance to have your say by letting us know what's important to you.

Fall Fairs & Festivals

After two years of cancelled events, we are thrilled to once again be able to celebrate the fall season as a community. Be sure to check out the following fairs and festivals happening throughout the Township in September and October:

1. **Midhurst Autumnfest** – Midhurst Autumnfest Fall Fair is back on September 24 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Midhurst Pavilion. An annual tradition in the community of Midhurst since 1969, this event features vendors, activities, and games for the whole family.

2. **Anten Mills Autumn Artisan and Crafters Fair** – The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association is hosting their annual Artisan and Crafters Fair on October 1 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will feature products created by local authors, artists and crafters, door prizes, and a pancake breakfast. All proceeds from the breakfast (two pancakes for a

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3. **Festival at Fort Willow** – Experience the Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area come to life on October 1 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Festival at Fort Willow is an annual event where visitors can experience what life was like at Fort Willow pre-European contact, during the Fur Trade and the War of 1812. Learn more at springwater.ca/FortWillow.

4. **Elmvale Fall Fair** – The Flos Agricultural Society is hosting the 160th annual Elmvalle Fall Fair over Thanksgiving weekend, October 6 to 8. This popular community tradition includes a midway, animals, food, tractor pulls, exhibits, fun, contests, and more. Event details can be found at elmvallefallfair.com.

Traffic Safety in School Zones

The safety of children is important to everyone in our community. Drivers should be extra vigilant when driving near schools to help keep our school zones safe for students, families, and pedestrians. If you have to drive or park in a school zone, please remember the following tips to help minimize the potential for dangerous situations to occur.

Driving through School Zones

- Slow down and be ready to stop at all times.
- Stop for school buses and be aware of children running in front of or behind buses.
- Do not perform U-turns in school zones.
- Do not pass other vehicles in a school zone.
- Expect the unexpected. Children may cross the street at the wrong place, run into traffic or ride in front of your vehicle without warning.
- Obey all laws including the posted speed limits.
- Avoid distraction within your vehicle and ensure your children are secured in a correctly installed child-restraint seat.
- Obey crossing guard signals and yield to pedestrians.

Parking in School Zones

- Avoid double parking.
- Watch for signs indicating No Stopping and No Parking.
- Keep fire routes and bus zones clear.
- Leave nine metres between your car and crosswalks and/or stop signs. Parking too close to these locations makes it difficult to see children when crossing the road.
- Ensure your children exit by the passenger side of your vehicle.
- Use designated crosswalks or cross at an intersection when parking across the street.



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Walking to School

The number of kids being driven to school has increased dramatically over the past few decades. In 1956 about 56% walked to school.

By 2016 kids aged 11 to 13 the number of kids cycling or walking has decreased to 27.9 %.

In the last five years alone 5 deaths and 31 injuries among children under 14 occurred near schools during the school year.

Statistics show the vast majority of school-aged kids still aren't getting enough physical activity – only five per cent of children and youth in Canada between the ages of five and 19 reach the daily minimum of 12,000 steps.

Unnecessary car trips to and from school are responsible for 20% of all morning rush hour traffic!

There are a myriad of benefits of walking to school

- enhance a child's psychological well being
- become more attentive and alert
- increase concentration
- improve memory
- by improving alertness, concentration, and memory overall academic performance improves
- increase energy levels
- more flexible
- improve coordination
- help make muscles stronger and leaner
- strengthen immune system
- reduce body fat
- help control body weight and greatly reduce chances of becoming obese
- help make bones strong and healthy
- reduce risk of developing non-insulin diabetes

The question that begs to be answered is- Why

would any parent deprive their child of such astounding benefits that can be achieved by the simple act of putting one foot in front of the other?

And as an extra bonus parents do not have to fork out any extra money!

Here are some worthwhile suggestions for parents.

If you honestly believe it is too far for your child to walk, then drive them part way to school, say one third to one half and let them walk the rest of the way.

It is a win for everyone including the ecological health of the environment.

Parents will help reduce the nasty disease-triggering pollutants spewing out of hundreds of cars in front of the school.

One cannot help but wonder about the negative impact of children getting out of cars in front of their school and breathing in the poisonous exhausts of dozens and dozens of cars.

As well, parents will save on gasoline and help reduce dangerous traffic jams in front of schools. Starting tomorrow help your child reach 12, 000 steps by the simple act of walking to and from school.

Gwen Petreman, Children's Author Illustrator Educator Presenter. Please visit my blog: enviroidgoodtoknow.blogspot.com

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Studies show that about 70% of adults over 50 years old experience nocturnal leg cramps. A cramp occurs when a muscle involuntarily contracts and cannot relax. The most common areas of the body that experience muscle cramping are the calves, thighs, feet, hands, arms and rib cage.

There are many theories on the potential causes of muscle cramps including tired muscles, poor stretching, dehydration, exertion in heat, flat feet, standing on concrete, prolonged sitting and mineral deficiencies (such as calcium, magnesium and potassium)

To treat a muscle cramp: stop what you are doing and massage the muscle and stretch it slowly.

To prevent cramps: do stretching exercises regularly and stay hydrated. If you continue to have cramps that may disturb your sleep – speak with your doctor or pharmacist about potential therapeutic options.

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Tiny enacted By-law 22-061 on August 31, 2022 under Sections 24 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13 as amended.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The amendments to the Zoning By-law will implement the policies of Official Plan Amendment No. 2 and establish regulations that:

- 1) Establish a definition of Short-Term Rental Accommodation that:
 - a) Includes the term secondary to identify that the primary use of a dwelling is for residential purposes and that a short-term rental accommodation use is secondary.
 - b) Categorically separates dwelling unit rental for longer periods as differing from those that are rented for 28 days or less. Rental of a dwelling unit for 28 days or less is a defined as a Short-Term Rental Accommodation.
 - c) Identifies that various types of commercial accommodation types are not Short-Term Rental Accommodations.
- 2) Permits Short-Term Rental Accommodations in zones where dwelling units are a permitted use.
- 3) Establishes a minimum parking requirement of 1 parking space per two bedrooms for a Short-Term Rental Accommodation.
- 4) Prohibits a Short-Term Rental Accommodations from being located in an accessory building.

A key map illustrating the location of the subject lands is not provided as the proposed amendments would apply to all lands within the geographic boundaries of the Township of Tiny.

The rezoning is deemed to comply with the general intent and purpose of Official Plan Amendment Number 2 adopted by By-law 22-060.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to Council before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public meeting, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by Council as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL

Any person or public body may appeal the above-noted zoning by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Tiny by no later than October 5, 2022 at 4:30 PM, a notice of appeal and the reasons for the appeal, together with the required fee of \$1,100.00 for each application appealed, paid by certified cheque or money order, made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, a copy of an appeal form is available from their website at www.olt.gov.on.ca or by calling toll free 1-800-855-1155.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If no notice of appeal is filed in the aforesaid manner within the above described time period, the zoning by-law shall be deemed to have come into force on the day it was passed once Official Plan Amendment Number 2 is approved by the County of Simcoe.


MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE: September 15, 2022

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Liz Grummett, Oro-Medonte/Springwater School Board Trustee
Born and raised in Elmvale, I grew up learning the importance of developing a strong connection with your community. My 22 years of working in the mental health field gives me insight into the challenges faced by children and the skills to work with parents, teachers and community. I believe in putting students first and ensuring that schools provide a safe, inclusive environment so students can achieve their full potential. I value cooperation, the opportunity to succeed for all our children, open communication and trust.

Leeann Pendleton, Oro-Medonte/Springwater School Board Trustee
If elected I will be a dedicated member available to the public for concerns and feedback. I believe that the quality education of our young people is vital to our society as a whole. The nature of education and society has undergone a significant change, our schools must reflect this and prepare our students for challenges that they face today and in the future. As trustee with significant public policy and budgeting knowledge, I will work hard to ensure that all policies and decisions lead us to the goal of a safe and effective environment for students and staff.



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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Tiny enacted By-law 22-060 on August 31, 2022 under Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13 as amended, to adopt Amendment No. 2 to the Official Plan to establish policies for Short-Term Rental Accommodations.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the Official Plan set the policy framework for the passing of an implementing Zoning By-law Amendment (By-law 22-061 passed concurrently) and a Short-Term Rental Accommodation Licencing By-law (By-law 22-017). The Official Plan policies achieve the following:

- 1) Recognize that the short-term rental of dwelling units (often cottages) has occurred for years.
- 2) Recognize that dedicated Short-Term Rental Accommodations is a more recent phenomenon that needs to be effectively managed to protect the planned function of residential areas.
- 3) Include policies requiring the Township to enact an amending Zoning By-law and a new Licencing By-law to regulate Short-Term Rental Accommodations.
- 4) Require regulations to:
 - a. Define Short-Term Rental Accommodations.
 - b. Permit Short-Term Rental Accommodations in zones that permit a dwelling unit.
 - c. Establish regulations to ensure the planned function of residential areas are maintained.
 - d. Establish regulations to ensure the character of residential areas are maintained.
 - e. Establish regulations to minimize the negative impacts of Short-Term Rental Accommodations.

A key map illustrating the location of the subject lands is not provided as the proposed amendments apply to all lands within the geographic boundaries of the Township of Tiny.

Any and all written submissions relating to this matter that were made to Council before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this matter that were made at a public meeting, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by Council as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

REGARDING THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2

The County of Simcoe is the approval authority for all Official Plan Amendments for the Township of Tiny. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person’s or public body’s address, fax number or email address) is made to:


Nathan Westendorp, MCIP, RPP
Director Planning/Chief Planner
County of Simcoe, Planning Department
Email: Nathan.Westendorp@simcoe.ca

WHO CAN FILE AN APPEAL

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal the decision of the County of Simcoe to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the OLT, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE: September 15, 2022



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GBGH announces new president and CEO



The Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Board of Directors has appointed Matthew Lawson as the president and CEO of the organization, effective immediately, after a comprehensive national executive search during the summer. Lawson has served in the interim role since June 24, following the resignation of past president and CEO Gail Hunt. Prior to being the CEO, Lawson was the hospital's executive vice president and chief financial officer.

"Having already been part of the GBGH team, this organization and the Board have been fortunate to experience Matthew's energy and expertise for some time now," says Tim Kastelic, chair, GBGH Board of Directors. "We have consistently been impressed by his strategic insights, as well as his commitment to GBGH's people – including not just the community we serve, but also the team members who work, practice and volunteer at the hospital. Matthew has transformed many aspects of the hospital through his past contributions and we look forward to his many future successes at GBGH."

Since joining the organization in June 2021, Lawson has proven himself to be a highly skilled financial expert, an effective and approachable leader, a

champion of patient-centred care, and a tenacious advocate for the hospital.

"When I first joined GBGH last year, I was instantly inspired by the organization's culture and energized by the future prospects of this hospital," says Lawson. "Although we've seen some challenging times related to the pandemic and staffing in recent years, hospitals will always face some adversity. Regardless, I am committed to advancing the strategic goals and priorities of GBGH as we continue to foster a patient-centric approach in everything we do. More specifically, our goals include the growth and alignment of services with community needs, including securing approval for an MRI, expanding clinical programs such as surgery and pushing ahead with approvals for an acute mental health program."

Given the current human resources challenges across the health sector, Lawson is also prioritizing engagement with the GBGH team and making this hospital a sought-after workplace for talented healthcare professionals.

Lawson is a chartered professional accountant (CPA) and certified management accountant (CMA). He also holds an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration, a Masters in Health Administration and is a certified health executive with the Canadian College of Health Leaders.

Prior to joining GBGH as EVP and eventually becoming interim president and CEO, Lawson was the chief performance officer at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) in Barrie. In this role, he was responsible for a variety of financial, administrative and support service functions. While at RVH for more than a decade, Lawson led teams on both corporate and clinical sides of the organization, gaining a valuable understanding of the many aspects involved in hospital operations.

The CEO Selection Committee, established in the spring, was comprised of directors from the hospital's Board, as well as medical leadership representation.

Update From Doug Shipley MP

Last week, two events took place that will see changes in Parliament and the House of Commons. On Thursday, September 8, Queen Elizabeth II passed away at the age of 96. She was the longest-reigning British monarch. The passing of Queen Elizabeth means that King Charles III will automatically transition into the role of head of state of Canada.

On September 10, the membership of the Conservative Party of Canada elected a new leader, Pierre Poilievre, who will also be the leader of the Official Opposition. I am proud to support MP Poilievre and look forward to the party continuing to come together as a team to fight for Canadian families.

While I always enjoy spending time in the riding and meeting residents, I am eager to return to Ottawa and get back to work on the issues that matter most to constituents. To accommodate Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral on September 19, and the Canadian commemorations also taking place that day, Parliament will resume on September 20 for the fall session.

We are halfway into September, and already starting to feel cooler nights ahead of the first day of fall next week. While I enjoy all the seasons, there is something about fall in Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte that feels extra special. Something I love about this time of year is the fall festivals. Springwater is home to many festivals including the Midhurst Autumnfest on September 24, and the Elmvalle Fall Fair on October 7-8. These festivals are a fun outing for the whole family and showcase the important agricultural sector in the region. If you are attending the festivals, feel free to stop by my booth to say hello!

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

Back-to-school Tips From Kidney Clothes



It's that time of year again! Summer is coming to an end and that means getting ready for back-to-school. There is a lot to do to get the kids ready for the upcoming school year, but Kidney Clothes has one important task you should add to your list -- one that will

not only make getting the kids ready for school in the morning a bit easier, but also help people in our community – clean out those closets!

This long weekend, spend some time with your kids going through closets and drawers and taking inventory of what they have. Pull out anything that no longer fits, as well as anything they just don't like or that doesn't spark joy. Marie Kondo isn't just for adults – kids and teens should be happy about their wardrobe too!

Getting rid of the clutter will make it easier for them to find what they are looking for and put together outfits, meaning less time spent in the morning searching for their favourite sweater. It will also help you decide if there is anything they still need for the school year (and prevent you from spending money on things they don't need!)

Once the closets are organized, the things you don't want can be donated to Kidney Clothes. Arrange a pickup by calling 1-800-414-3484 or visit the website at kidneyclothes.ca and support people in your community living with kidney disease.

If your kids are older, Kidney Clothes can help them earn the volunteer hours they need to graduate high school by hosting a Kidney Clothes Drive! Hosting a clothing drive is easy. Students spread the word that they are participating and ask people for donations of their unwanted clothing and cloth-based items



(like outerwear, shoes, and bedding). The clothing collected will be picked up by Kidney Clothes and repurposed into funds that The Kidney Foundation of Canada uses to support Canadians living with kidney disease.

If you or someone you know wants to earn volunteer hours, help people in our community and protect the environment, contact Kidney Clothes at donate@kidneyclothes.ca to learn more about the Clothes Drive or other volunteer opportunities.

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Jo Knows Nutrition

Salmon Fillets with Mango-Peach Salsa

This healthy salmon with mango-salsa recipe is deceptively easy to make and gourmet enough for company. Serve over salad greens or pair it with steamed rice. You can make the salsa ahead of time as it keeps well in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

3. Bake in the oven for 10 to 20 minutes. The general rule of thumb is to cook salmon for about 10 minutes per inch (2.5 cm) of thickness.
4. In a bowl, combine the mango, peach, pepper, onion, and cilantro.
5. Add the lime or orange juice, sesame oil, toasted sesame seeds and salt. Set aside.
6. When cooked, top salmon with mango salsa and serve on salad greens or with rice. ENJOY!



INGREDIENTS

- 4 salmon fillets
- Salmon Marinade
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) honey or pure maple syrup
- 1-2 cloves crushed garlic or 1/4-1/2 teaspoon (1.25-2.5 ml) garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) soy sauce
- Peach-Mango Salsa
- 2 large mangoes, diced or 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) frozen mango
- 2 large peaches, diced or 1 cup (250 ml) frozen peaches
- 2 red bell peppers, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) red onion, diced
- Handful (1/4 cup; 63 ml) of cilantro finely chopped
- juice of 1 lime or 2 tablespoons (30 ml) orange juice
- 1-2 teaspoons (5-10 ml) sesame oil
- 1-2 tablespoons (15-30 ml) sesame seeds, toasted
- ¼ teaspoon salt or to taste

Submitted by: Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD, a consulting and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce.
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Did You Know?
Salmon is a wonderful source of heart and brain protective omega-3 fatty acids and high-quality protein. Health Canada recommends that adults consume fish at least twice per week as part of a healthy diet.

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 400 F (200 C)

1. Combine the olive oil, honey or maple syrup, garlic, sesame oil and soy sauce Pour over salmon.
2. Marinade the salmon for 10 to 30 minutes.

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Cricut Classes



Intro to Cricut

Ages 13+ learn how to create in Cricut Design Space. These classes will provide an overview of how to create a project on a Cricut machine. **Paper and Drawing Classes: Saturday September 17, 2pm at Midhurst Branch or Tuesday September 27, 6pm at Elmvalle Branch. Cost \$5. Vinyl Classes: Thursday October 6, 6pm at Midhurst Branch or Tuesday October 11, 6pm at Elmvalle Branch. Cost \$5.**

Early ON Preschool Play Wednesdays

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

Senior Tech Help

Tech-minded amazing volunteer Armando is back! He offers 30 to 45 minute appointments to teach technical skills to seniors. **Wednesdays starting September 14, 10:30am-12noon.** To book your appointment call the Midhurst branch (705) 737-5650.

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.

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. Suggested donation of \$10.** Then register for an Acrylic Painting Workshop Monday September 26, 2pm Elmvalle Branch. **This program has a suggested donation of \$25.**

Autumnfest in Midhurst

Drop by the library's table at this year's Autumnfest at the Midhurst Pavilion on **Saturday September 24** for your chance to play some games, spin the wheel of fortune and enter a draw to win a free light saber!

Decodable Storywalk

October is Dyslexia Awareness month. Come to both the Midhurst and the Elmvalle branches for the month of October and read a phonics friendly story!

Homeschool Meet and Greet

Meet new homeschool families at this drop in opportunity. Exchange ideas, games and toys will be provided. This is an informal drop in space with no registration required. All ages welcome! **Tuesday October 4, 1:30pm-3pm, Elmvalle Branch.**

Come see us at the Elmvalle Fall Fair!

The library will have a table in the arena with lots of free stuff (the smiles are free too!). We are so thrilled the fall fair is back on this year and are eager to share everything the library offers to you so drop by and say hi! Friday October 7, Saturday October 8.

Firetruck at Storytime!

Come meet Sparky, see a firetruck and meet some firefighters in Springwater! **Tuesday October 11, 10:30am Elmvalle Branch. Registration required.**



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Sweat for Pets at the Wye Marsh in Support of the Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre



Join the Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre on Sept. 25 and get active to help change the lives of animals in need.

Whether you have a pet or just love animals, take part in a fun-filled day of activities in support of the Ontario SPCA's Sweat for Pets fundraiser at the Wye Marsh, located at 16160 Highway 12 East in Midland.

Get moving by taking part in a one-kilometre or three-kilometre walk (your choice!) and celebrate your success by encouraging family, friends and co-workers to pledge their support by making a donation to your Sweat for Pets online personal fundraising page.

Sweat for Pets aims to inspire people of all ages to get active and have fun while raising funds to help vulnerable animals in need. The Ontario SPCA is a registered charity that depends on donor dollars. Funds raised through Sweat for Pets support life-changing work to give animals a second chance.

"Sweat for Pets is all about having fun and supporting vulnerable animals in your community," says Caytlynn Croisier, Manager, Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre. "Every dollar raised during our campaign provides life-changing care and shelter to animals as we prepare them to find their loving forever home. Sweat for Pets is a small ask with a big impact."

A special thank you to For Sale on Georgian Bay for sponsoring the event! Participants will be provided with breakfast and lunch and can take part in a variety of activities the entire family will enjoy. Music by local artist Marlon Gibbons, 'Doga' with Soul Set Yoga and an OPP Canine Unit demonstration are just part of the fun. There are also lots of prizes to be won!

Are you ready to get active?? Visit sweatforpets.ca to register, donate and be a champion for animals in need in your community. The Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre is located on land which is the traditional and treaty territory of the Anishinabek people, now known as the Chippewa Tri-Council comprised of Beausoleil First Nation, Rama First Nation and the Georgina Island First Nation.



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FRANCIS HORGAN

WARD 1



Experience and Integrity

Alyssa Tess, Local Songwriter from Midhurst Releases Cheerful Indie Pop Single About Being in Love.



Alyssa Tess is an emerging singer-songwriter from the Georgian Bay Area. Born and raised in Midland, ON, Alyssa started her music career as a street performer in her small hometown. Later when she moved to Midhurst, ON, Alyssa expanded her performances to Barrie, ON and beyond. Alyssa has been an avid performer throughout Simcoe County and the GTA in various venues and settings for the past 10 years. Alyssa recently graduated from Humber College with a BA of Music in Voice (Toronto, ON). This summer, Alyssa has been performing as a solo street performer, gigging with her duo act and full band, and gearing up for the release of new music.

Alyssa released her debut EP "Twenty/Twenty" in 2017. "Twenty/Twenty" is Alyssa's first professionally produced album and is a heartfelt collection of originals about experiencing first love and finding oneself. It is available on all music platforms and has been played on CBC Radio.

In 2020, Alyssa released an

introspective single inspired by the emotional effects of the global pandemic. After releasing this song on all major music platforms, Alyssa knew there was more music she wanted to share with the world. Alyssa began preparing to go back into the studio to record new music.

On September 7, 2022, Alyssa releases "Daydream", her first single in two years! This bubbly indie-pop song is all about being head over heels in love. With a bright electric guitar solo, lush three part harmony and a smooth piano pad, this dreamy and whimsical song is sure to sweep you off your feet and get you bopping along with the beat.

"We are all finding our way back to normal in a post-pandemic world, and for me, that means finally getting back to doing the thing I love most: connecting with people through music! "Daydream" represents a more developed version of myself, my artisty, my song writing, and my bandleading. Bottomline, this song makes happy. We all benefit those little feel good things in our lives, so I thought I'd share my little piece of happy with you!"- Alyssa Tess

"Daydream" is available on Spotify, Apple Music, and all other music platforms on September 7, 2022. Alyssa has upcoming performances in Innisfil, Barrie and Midhurst, ON in September 2022. Follow Alyssa Tess on her website or socials to stay posted on future performance dates and other new music releases.

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Milton Boy Takes One Million Steps Aided by Robotic Legs

8-year-old Mitchell Robert wasn't supposed to walk. The love of his parents, support of a community and the existence of robotic legs all came together to ensure he would. And walk he did – hitting one million steps so far!

When the Milton-area Robert family raised funds for a life-changing robotic gait training device for their son Mitch, it was just the first step in what has become such a special story.

“This is our differently-abled superhero kiddo, Mitch,” said Kelley Robert, mom of Mitch in a video talking about the impact of the Trexo Robotic Gait Trainer.

Mitchell was born with an undiagnosed rare genetic disorder. “We have had genetic testing that always comes back inconclusive because he doesn’t fit a previously diagnosed disorder,” shares Mitch’s dad Marc. As a result, “He needs supportive devices to be able to make it through the world.”

After an overwhelmingly successful fundraiser where they exceeded their goal, Mitchell got his Trexo. Being upright and walking has improved his health. Access to explore his environment in a way he never could before, has allowed Mitch to really be a participant in his own life, whether that's at school or at the cottage. This summer, Mitch completed his first triathlon, using his Trexo, an adaptable bike and the help of his Dad for the swimming.

The Trexo team has been excitedly keeping track of Mitch's progress, eager to celebrate this milestone. Mitch is the first child in the Trexo community to reach one million steps.

“We are so proud of Mitch and thrilled to be included in the family celebration of his millionth step,” said Trexo Robotics co-founder and CEO Manmeet Maggu. “When Marc discovered the Trexo, he was looking for a way to help his son. He ended up helping so many more kiddos. We brought Marc on as our Customer Success Manager. He’s been an incredible resource and source of support for many families and kiddos in the Trexo community,” Maggu went on to share.

A Media Snippet accompanying this announcement is available by clicking on the image or link below:

About Trexo Robotics

Motivated by his nephew, who had Cerebral Palsy and was not expected to walk, Manmeet Maggu and his friend Rahul Udasi co-founded Trexo Robotics. “There was nothing out there for kids, and everyone wants to see their kids walk. As a Mechatronics engineer, I am probably the best person to build this,” said Maggu. Children with various disabilities that impact their mobility can benefit from getting upright and walking in the Trexo. Earlier in 2022, the children in the Trexo community collectively reached 20 million steps – the equivalent of a walk around the world.

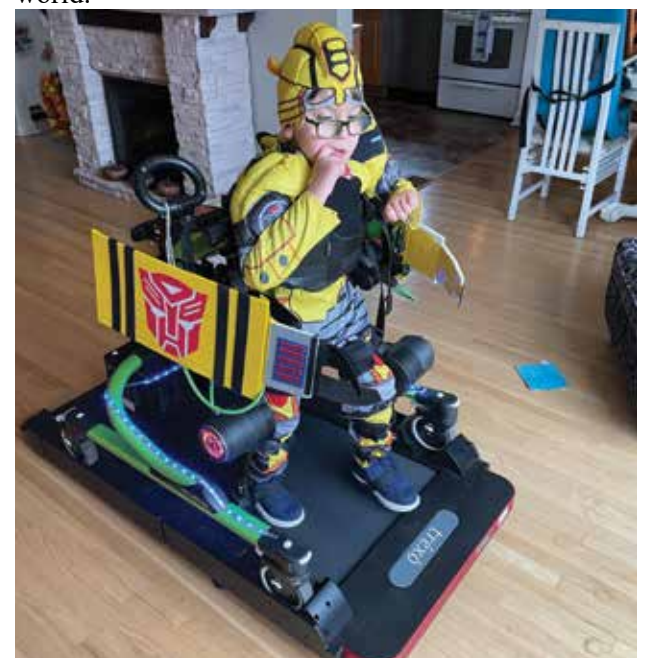


Photo above: Mitch and his Treco ready for Halloween

Elmvale Minor Players Had a Great Season!

Submitted by Adrianna McGinnis

Thank you and congrats to all Elmvale Minor players on a great season! On Tuesday Aug 30th we held our annual Year End Banquet at the Elmvale Arena Diamond.

The U7 and U9 players showed off their talents while running the bases. The U11, U13 and U17 players cheered on as their teammates received awards for their contributions to their team this season. The awards given out to each of the older teams were for Most Improved, Best Defensive, Best Offensive, Most Sportsmanlike and Heart/Hustle. We also awarded the Chris Minty and Lynda Ritchie Memorial Heart awards to 2 players for their love and dedication to the game.

Congrats again to all players, award winners or not. It was a pleasure watching each of these individuals play and continue to gain skills throughout the year while representing Elmvale Minor Baseball.



Photo above right to left: Chris Minty Heart Award Tom McGinnis, and Wes Covey



Photo above right to left: Lynda Ritchie Heart Award: Adrianna McGinnis, and Easton Morrow



Photo above right to left: U11 A: Cameron Lalonde, Harrison Kuypers, Brody Coram, Evan Dziama, and Carter Phillips



Photo above right to left: U11 B- Left to Right : Declan Hofman, William Taylor, Timmy Dyce, Easton Morrow, and Seamus Wicksted



Photo above right to left: U13 Lexi Burrell, Jacob Jones, Jacob Dubois, and Nicholas Lorimer



Photo above right to left: U17 Bentley Dodson, Jacob Dyce, Brody Leclair, and Wes Covey

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Jones Family Endowment Fund at HCF Supports Life Skills Program at Shelter Now

A generous donation from the Jones Family Endowment Fund at the Huronia Community Foundation will greatly assist the Life Skills Program at Shelter Now in Midland.

"These funds will go a long way in supporting our life skills program. The funds will be spent on groceries. It will allow us to provide more opportunities for those we serve to learn new recipes, kitchen hygiene and have access to nutrition. On behalf of all of us at Shelter Now, I would like to thank Barb and Ian Jones for their generosity" - Sonia Ladouceur Executive Director Shelter Now.

Photo below left to right: Charlotte Hall, Scott Warnock Executive Director HCF, Sonia Ladouceur Executive Director Shelter Now, Barb Jones (fundholder)



Quest Art School Gets Smart and Caring Grant

Through a Smart and Caring Grant from the Tom and Lucille Gay Memorial Endowment Fund at HCF Quest Art School + Gallery will be able to continue to provide programs to several local agencies.

"Quest Art School + Gallery is incredibly grateful to HCF for supporting our ability to provide creative connections and support for our partnerships with Community Living Huronia, Alzheimers Simcoe and the HERO Project. We provide these programmes to the recipients at no charge. Partnerships like this are absolutely vital to small organizations like Quest being able to deliver programmes that are accessible and focused on supporting local. Funding from HCF is truly an investment in enabling us to improve the quality of life and making a difference for all of our community members. We couldn't do these programmes without support like this!" - Virginia Eichorn Executive Director Quest Art School + Gallery

Photo below left to right: Virginia Eichorn Executive Director Quest Art School + Gallery, Michelle Lesperance, Scott Warnock Executive Director HCF, Tanya Pilon, CLH, Melanie Turner, Nicole Bingham CLH and Jean Miller Instructor



Centre Flos Women's Institute



It was a busy summer for Centre Flos Women's Institute, as we were able to resume hosting our Coffee Parties in Heritage Park. The Coffee Parties were held on the last Thursday of June, July, & August. This year, the proceeds from the events will go to the Elmvale & District Food Bank, Ukrainian relief, and local Indigenous projects. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our efforts! See you next summer!

Our regular monthly meetings resumed in September. This month, we visited Bunches of Blooms (www.bunchesofblooms.ca) at 2449 Crossland Rd. Susanne Flury welcomed the Centre Flos W.I. members and gave us a brief history of her horticultural efforts. We then toured her three extensive cutting beds. In her studio, we watched as she demonstrated creating a floral centrepiece. The pictures show Susanne working on her arrangement, and some of the WI members in attendance.

We next travelled further south to the Phelpston Roadhouse, where we enjoyed refreshments, and held the formal part of the meeting. President Margaret Ann Jacobs opened the meeting with the Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. Fittingly, Roll Call was 'our favourite flower'. Treasurer Mary Stone reported on the income and costs of hosting the Coffee Parties, and we decided how much would be donated to each group. We held a general discussion about the local structure of Women's Institutes. Although Centre Flos is flourishing with 24 members, many of our local branches have disbanded. There are currently only 2 branches in the district, which makes it problematic planning for events such as the soup, sandwich & pie lunch at the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival. Hopefully, the provincial FWIO will have some concrete information to us by our next meeting.

Centre Flos W.I. will meet again early in October to finalize our participation in the Elmvale Fall Fair (Thanksgiving weekend)

We mourn the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a long-standing member of Women's Institute.



Photo above: Susanne Flury of Bunches of Blooms (www.bunchesofblooms.ca) at 2449 Crossland Rd. In her studio, she demonstrated creating a floral centrepiece. The pictures show Susanne working on her arrangement.

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Help Keep Clothes and Other Reusable Items Out of Barrie's Landfill

City-wide curbside textile collection happening next week

City of Barrie residents are encouraged to help keep reusable items out of the landfill by participating in the next curbside collection of textiles (clothing, linens and shoes). The next textile curbside collection will take place the week of September 12 to 16, 2022.



Donating your items is easy:

1. Confirm your textile collection day (note that it will not be the same as your regular collection day for garbage, recycling and green bin material).
2. Place your items in a bag (preferably a clear bag, but if you don't have a clear bag, you can use any type of waterproof bag and put a label on the bag that says "textiles").
3. Put your items out on the curb on your textile collection day by 7 a.m., rain or shine. The bags will be picked up by Recycling Rewards trucks before 5 p.m. on your textile collection day.

Visit recyclingrewards.com/barrie or call 1-866-927-3873 to determine your textile collection day, to review the full list of acceptable items, or if you have questions.

Donations support Cornerstone to Recovery, a non-profit, charitable agency that provides community-based recovery programs for individuals and families experiencing and impacted by addiction.

Barrie has two curbside textile collections per year, and the next collection will take place in May 2023.

There are also five textile bins at facilities across the city that accept textile donations on an ongoing basis. The bin locations are as follows: Operations Centre at 165 Ferndale Drive North, Wastewater Maintenance Facility at 167 Bradford Street, Sadlon Arena at 555 Bayview Drive, Barrie Public Library (Painswick branch) at 48 Dean Avenue, and Allandale Recreation Centre at 190 Bayview Drive.

Visit barrie.ca/AlternativeOptions for more information about the curbside textile collection and the textile donation bins.



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

It's hard to believe that we are already in the middle of September and there is so much going on. The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association Autumn Artisan Fair is booked up with 14 local artisans and crafters ready to share their hard work with you. This is a no commercial fair so everything you see has been handcrafted, designed, baked, cooked or made by the artisans. The fair is Saturday, October 1 from 10 until 2 at the Anten Mills Community Centre, 3985 Horseshoe Valley Rd. W in Anten Mills. To kick off the morning, fluffy delicious pancakes are being offered for the low price of a Tonnies with all proceeds going to the Elmvale and District Food Bank. There is no fee to come and shop and all the vendors have offered a gift from their table as door prizes. If you forgot to sign up and have a small tent, contact Jan by email, jancox1@sympatico.ca and she will see what she can do for you. Remember that you can also bring donations for the food bank as bins will be available for donations at the fair.

The Elmvale and District Food Bank has two great events going on next week. The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign runs from September 19 to 25 and the Elmvale location has named the food bank as their recipient this year. On Wednesday, September 21 all Springwater fire stations will be out that night collecting donations as they try to Stuff the Fire Truck. Watch the Anten Mills Community Facebook page for details on what time they will be in the community. The food bank is also very appreciative of our donations so please do what you can.

Construction is slowly moving along which has an impact on our community. First is the reopening of Wilson Drive south of Hwy 26. It was delayed yet again and there has been no date established as yet when we can expect to be able to use it. It would be best if all the work was completed before opening occurs to keep traffic flowing as it is a major artery. The First View home subdivision along Wilson has seen its first coat of asphalt laid and underground works are progressing. Homes are shown on the company website ranging in size from just over 2000 square feet to 4200. The SWIFT broadband high speed internet project is also slowly moving. Crews are in the village on a sporadic base and last week they were working along Lawrence. According to their website, the earliest the work will be completed is at the end of October and possible service at the end of November. For those patiently waiting it has been a long wait considering it was to be done by this past spring.

With the shocking news that Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away last Thursday it was impressive to see that many in the village who



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have our National Flag flying, quickly lowered it to half mast. The flags should remain that way until the official period of mourning has ended which is likely the day following her funeral which would mean that on Tuesday, September 20 the flags can return to the top. The Queen's funeral will be televised and it may be a National holiday in Canada which has yet to be declared as of writing this column.

This is a great time of year for fresh vegetables and the Clarke's vegetable stand over on Nursery Rd has a terrific selection. The stand is self-serve and on the honour system with an e-transfer opportunity so help support local and stop by.

One of the great social activities put on by the CRA is the Thursday night euchre at the community centre. Over the summer a few people turned out and had some social time with friends and neighbours. The hosts of the fall, winter and spring euchre night have had a well deserved and enjoyable summer and are gearing up for the new season. They need to work out some details and in the next edition of the paper they will be shared.

In late August two very dedicated and involved members of the Anten Mills community moved into their temporary home as they await the completion of their new digs. Rick Webster served a term as our ward councillor and was the past Chair of the CRA. Kim Tyler was the previous Anten Mills News columnist and served as well as the recording secretary for the CRA. Both dedicated much to the community during their time here and will be missed. Their home was always beautifully decorated at Christmas and hopefully will continue with the new owners. The reindeer and sleigh that adorned their front lawn has a new home and will again be prominent in the community this year. Thanks Rick and Kim for all that you have done and enjoy your new home.

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

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Location: Anten Mills Community Centre
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The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association will be hosting a pancake breakfast beginning at 10 a.m. while supplies last!
Two pancakes for a toonie, all proceeds to support the Elmvale and District Food Bank.

Please note this event is for the sale of products from local crafters, artists and authors and no franchise products will be sold.

Women's Senior Provincial Lawn Bowling Championship 2022



Midland Lawn Bowling Club hosted the Women's Senior Provincial Lawn Bowling Championship. Congratulations to the women champs:
GOLD: Rosalie Parsons-Brown, Joanne Bugler & Paula Travers
SILVER: Glenda Courtice, Sandy Weatherall & Theresa Bester
BRONZE: Barb Eaton, Johanna Hoita & Sandra Ronson Midland Lawn Bowling Club.



Congratulations to the men champs:
Gold: Albert Wu, Arnie Markowitz & Hossien Zhain
Silver: Wayne Martin, Larry Chaput & Dan Greener
Bronze: Robb Barsevich, Barry Holloway & Brian Minns
Ceremonies began with a parade with piper Ivan Miller leading. Following the piper were three former National Senior Women's Triples medalists from the Midland Club. Cindy Higgins, Carol Finlayson and Peggie Dundas



Maureen Walsh at the Midland Lawn Bowling Club

The ELMVALE BIKE NIGHT Team Were Pleased to Present \$1275 to the Elmvale Legion



The ELMVALE BIKE NIGHT team were pleased to present \$1275 to the Elmvale Legion Branch 262. We cannot thank everyone enough for coming out on Thursdays and your continued support for our local community



Bearbells and Beagles by Leslie Noonan



So you may have been following my story about my previous solo trip along the Ganaraska trail. If so, you know that things were not going well. At this point I was demoralized and had just pulled off a toenail and had a massive blister. I was unsure if I could continue into the next gruelling section of trail in the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park. Well, of course I did. I have one of those personalities that must finish what I start out to do, regardless of the consequences, and this next section had some serious consequences.

I headed out from Moore's Falls with the goal of putting up camp in Victoria Lake. By this time a thirty kilometre hike seemed like nothing, yet I was about to be pushed to my physical limitations. The Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands is just that; full on wildlands with no cell signal, minimal trail, and at times gruelling hiking up and down the Canadian Shield. I would spend three days within the park



and have no contact with another person, see a plane, hear a car or have any other indication that the human world still existed. Victoria Lake is gorgeous, and I set up camp to the sound of loons. Early in the morning I was woke by the sound of elk bugling as the sun rose over the horizon while a heavy mist lay over the lake. I set out and within a few km came to an area that my map said to use the 1.5 km beaver dam to traverse between lakes. This was late summer, and the vegetation was thick and heavy. I was unable to locate the dam so I started a methodical circle pattern in the swamp to try to find it, as there was no other way for me to get across the lake. It was then that I fell into a water channel. My large pack prevented me from falling through all the way, so there I was with my legs dangling in water of an unknown depth, while my upper body is stuck in thick reeds 10 feet high. I had few choices. If I unhooked my pack, I risked falling all the way into the channel and having the vegetative mats form over my head and drowning. On the other hand, I could not get myself out of the channel with the weight of my pack holding me down. Remember when I mentioned at the start of this series that I forgot something? Well, I forgot a GPS. So here I am, stuck, in an area



where I may never be found and unable to get help. I spent hours trying to desperately to pull myself out. I admit it, I gave up. I put my head down on the reeds, and resigned myself to dying there; until I thought about how my children would never know what happened to me. I couldn't let that happen to them. With one last burst of energy I dragged myself out of the channel, giving myself a painful hernia in the process. As I headed back to shore I stumbled against a brush pile. Wait, not a brush pile, a beaver dam covered in small bushes and grass. Groan. And this is only the beginning of this day, and it gets so much more interesting.



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A Tasty Gem: The Apple Pie Trail

Fall aficionados look forward to the harvest season with great anticipation every year. Inspired by South Georgian Bay’s apple growing history, the Apple Pie Trail is a self-guided exploration of the region offering a variety of culinary, wining and dining and outdoor experiences that is not to be missed.

The history of apple growing in the region is an interesting one. For example, every McIntosh apple can trace its heritage to a single tree discovered by John McIntosh in 1811. The 200th anniversary of this event was celebrated in Dundas County in 2011. Reportedly, David Doran brought the first known seedlings to the St. Vincent Township area, now part of the municipality of Meaford, in 1837. (St. Vincent Heritage Association, 2004) The deep waters of Nottawasaga Bay combined with the protective shield of the Niagara Escarpment created a perfect microclimate for the growing of apples. Eventually, an infrastructure was built to process apples which included dehydrating, canning, juicing and fermenting into cider vinegar. Products were shipped directly from the dock at Cape Rich. This industry flourished in this particular area until 1942 when 258 acres of land (almost 9000 trees) were expropriated for a military tank and firing range, now a Land Forces Central Area Training Centre. (Pedlar 1989)

To offset this loss, orchards were eventually planted

southeast of St. Vincent into the Beaver Valley reaching 16 000 acres by the 1930’s. (Findlay 2010) Historically, orchards were smaller plots between 1 acre on average in 1921. This went up to an average of 12 acres in 1983. (Pedlar 1984) Peak production took place in the 1990’s when there were 150 orchards comprising 7000 acres. Today there are less than 30 family orchards consisting of 3500 to 4000 acres. From the early days of orchardists cultivating thousands of different varieties with flavours ranging from pineapple to liquorice (Grey Roots Archives) the selection has been reduced considerably but still includes all time favourites such as MacIntosh, Ida Red and Spy and the currently uber popular darlings, Honey Crisp and Red Prince. Maps are available identifying all the orchards currently in operation but be sure to call ahead first to find out details regarding opening hours and apple centric activities.

The initiation of the Apple Pie Trail was a way to bring new life into the industry. Key highlights f the trail include stops in Blue Mountain Village, the Beaver Valley area, Thornbury and Meaford. For those wanting a culinary experience that incorporates local produce, including apples, into the menu, be sure to stop at Blue Mountain and Craigleith to check out a number of dining establishments including Copper Blues Bar and Grill, Kaytoo Restaurant and Bar, Rusty’s at Blue, The Pottery Restaurant and Surf

Cafe. Live entertainment is never far away at Blue. In the Beaver Valley area stop by Ravenna Country Market, Georgian Hills Vineyards, T & K Orchards, Grey and Gold Cider, Farmer’s Pantry, Spy Cider House and Distillery, Blackbird Pie Co. Free Spirit Tours and the Beaver Valley Orchard and Cidery. It’s important to note the scenery in this area is enough to make it a worthwhile family outing. Along with an extremely quaint main street and scenic harbour and river, Thornbury offers Loft Gallery Inc. the Thornbury Bakery Cafe, The Cheese Gallery, Bruce Wine Bar, Thornbury Village Cider House and Brewery, Goldsmith’s Orchard Market and Thornbury Farmers’ Market. Finally, head over to Meaford to visit the Meaford Hall Arts and Cultural Centre, Meaford Museum at the Harbour, Meaford Farmers’ Market, Good Family Farms, Windswept Orchard and Coffin Ridge Boutique Winery. Recently, there has been a renewed interest in lost and abandoned orchards that has resulted in the “Lost Orchard Project” that has Windswept Orchard playing a lead role using these apples in the creation of their cider.

By supporting this event, you are supporting a long standing local tradition and the men and women and their families that make this industry such a proud part of our history. Hope to see you on the trail. #ApplePieTrail

HEY DADS

HEY DADS! Do you like storms? How about your kids? (I mean do your kids like thunderstorms, not do you like your kids...) I bet you’ve had some small person come running into your room at night when thunder shakes the house and lightning flashes outside the windows. If you’ve ever been in a tent or trailer during a thunderstorm maybe you’ve felt a legitimate fear. No one likes it when a tree crashes down on their tent.

I remember camping at Mara Provincial Park in Orillia when I was a kid somewhere around 1995. I’m pretty sure it was a tornado that came barrelling through as it sounded like a freight train. We fled from our tents as people throughout the campground headed for their vans and the solid brick-built bathrooms. A few trees came down and some tents were flooded but everyone came out alive.

I have a few memories of the 1985 Barrie tornado but I was just a young lad. We lived in the Holland Marsh just south of Barrie. My aunt was babysitting us that day and I remember the rain just pounding on our big living room window. The wind was blowing so hard it was driving the rain into the house beneath both the screen door and the main door. That was scary for a little kid!

There are some great wide open spaces around Springwater where you can really see the storms coming in. One summer a few years ago the kids and I just sat on our swingset watching a huge storm blow in from the northwest. Our house was surrounded by

hundreds of acres of fields so our views of the sky seemed to go on forever. We could see the lightning light up the night sky for miles around.

What causes us to fear storms? The power of the wind, the sound of the thunder, the flash of the lightning? I try using statistical logic to calm the little ones that come running using phrases like, “In my forty years I don’t know of a single person that died in a thunderstorm, do you?” That doesn’t seem to help. They still prefer to hide under the blankets or bury their head in my chest. Maybe it just comes with time. At some point the fear of storms becomes a sense of admiration of the raw power that they contain.

As the kids get older they seem to grow out of it. Someday there won’t be anyone left at home to come running to us when the storms rage. We’ll probably miss that won’t we? Part of our role as dads is to protect our families. Protect them from real risks and protect them from perceived risks. And it does feel good to know that there are a few small people in the world who trust and love us enough to come running for comfort and protection. So dad, enjoy those nights when you’re awakened abruptly by someone jumping on your gut. They need your protection and comfort and remember they won’t be home forever. Time flies! Make every moment count.

Jason Weening sometimes has his sleep interrupted by nine kids and one cozy wife. For more meteorological insights check out www.heydads.ca.



Annie's Journal
A Living Legacy, Part One
Written by Annie Warner Donnelly



Let's think about this: I may not have been born in the same country as you were. I may not be able to speak your native language. I may not have learned about your culture yet. My hopes and dreams may be different from yours. But, when I smile

at you, and you smile at me, a connection is formed between us.

According to Ron Gutman's book called, Smile: The Astonishing Power of a Simple Act:

"Researchers have used 3-D ultrasound imaging to capture vivid pictures in which babies appear to smile in their mother's womb. Interestingly, smiling is one of the first facial expressions we learn to control.

When babies are born, they first smile in their sleep ... When they're just over a month old, they actually learn to consciously smile. Learning how to smile is accepted today as a developmental milestone in children. This was first observed in 1872.

Even blind babies smile in response to the sound of the human voice! By three months of age, babies learn they can inspire smiles in others by looking at them. Shortly thereafter, they begin to engage in one of the first childhood games they initiate: the smiling exchange game.

As noted by the American Academy of Pediatrics, a 'smiling exchange' occurs when a baby smiles at someone in order to get that person to smile back, and when the person smiles back, the baby smiles again."

As our children, teenagers and young adults go to school, we can only imagine the challenges they are facing. Family members may be dealing with: the loss of a job or income; difficulty meeting financial obligations or essential needs; the death of a family member, friend or colleague; feelings of loneliness or isolation; emotional distress; physical health problems; challenges in personal relationships with members of their household; or serious thoughts of suicide. How can smiles make a difference in such challenging circumstances?

Let's remember this: smiles have a way of defusing tension. They help to break down barriers and foster trust. They are an outward sign of a positive outlook inside of us. Smiles are usually followed by kind words and actions. Smiles are a visible sign of a peace-seeking personality.

Mark Lauren, an elite Special Operations physical trainer says: "You only get good at what you do." The value of a smile should never be underestimated. Smiles come from a loving heart. Whether we admit it or not, we all benefit from the love and comfort that exists within the person who chooses to get good at sharing a smile.

What wonderful things must babies be thinking to smile in their sleep, and to want to play the smiling exchange game with us from such an early age?

Here's an idea: Let's continue to play the smiling exchange game with those around us. Every loving gesture counts. How God must love us to have created us with the ability to share this simple act of love with Him, and with those around us! Amen.



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Owners		Built: 1875
1996-2019	Clarence (Joe) and Marie (Vause)	Dimensions: 40 x 80'
1990-1996	Samuel and Penelope (Windtatt) Srigley	Features: Srigleys put the barn on a foundation
	Sam, Penelope(Windtatt) Harold, Jean, (Wright) Joe and Marie (Vause) Srigley	Water Source: artesian well
1960-1990	Lloyd and Erma (Elliott) Srigley	
1930s-1960	Mervin and Marjorie (Dixon) Fralick	
	Harry Rowell rented from Fralick's	
1868-	Thomas and Emma Kerfoot	

From Thomas Kerfoot's Diary:

Dec. 9, 1875: George Kerfoot went to town with a load of hay 2275 lbs. in the load at \$13.25 per ton

Dec. 11, 1875: A load of hay 2075 lbs. and sold it all for \$14.00.

April 13, 1882: Emma went to Barrie with Telfer. Got 15¢ for eggs and 28¢ for some of her butter, and \$1.00 a bushel for onions. She got two bushels of Scotch Fife wheat for seed, \$1.10 per bushel.

Mar. 7, 1885: I (Thomas Kerfoot) took 12 ½ lbs. of beef up to F. Jacobs this eve, 6 cents per lb. and I gave him \$1.50 and we considered ourselves square with one another about threshing and reaping.

Marjorie Fralick lost her ring finger in a pulley when they were putting hay or straw up into the barn. Myrtle (Fralick) Jamieson, Bernice (Fralick) Martin and Marion (Fralick) Snider-Beauchamp would help in the grain bin when the grain was coming in.

Joe and Marie Srigley, Alan G. Johnston, *A History of the Community of Minesing*
p. 101-103.



The threshing floor was on the ground. Srigleys added a foundation and made it all stable. A wooden silo inside the barn was torn out. Access to the upstairs was an outside ladder.



Harry Stokes was a barn framer who assisted in barn building.
He made a scale model of this barn. (Model courtesy of Alan Johnston)



Prior to the foundation being added, the threshing floor was on the ground.
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You would not buy a car without brakes, or a house with a leaky basement, so why would you commit to a relationship where something fundamental is missing? Let's look at those fundamentals, assuming that you've already screened for major dysfunctional problems.

1) First and foremost is good communication. We've heard this a zillion times, but what does it really mean? It means that you can talk openly to one another, without fear of criticism or anger. It means that you feel heard and understood. It also means that most times you feel closer to one another after having talked. It also means that you are honest with each other. If you do not have this kind of communication, then you won't be able to work through issues related to finances, sex, etc. and then you will have more problems than just communication!

2) Next, there must be some kind of commitment to growth. This comes from the understanding that a relationship is not a static thing, but is ever changing, and we must grow in order to keep up. We all have blind spots, and must be willing to learn and expand our awareness. If you don't grow, you may wake up one day to a partner who says he/she has outgrown the relationship. By then, it's usually too late to catch up.

3) There must also be shared goals. You need to be able to look ahead and have some sense of where you are going, or you will surely end up somewhere else. These goals can be revised as time goes on, but they must be talked about, for if you each have a different idea of the future, then you are on a collision course.

4) Finally, you must both have the ability to handle conflict. Conflict is inevitable, in fact it is often the signal that change is needed. If it is not channeled appropriately, it becomes a destructive force, and eats away at the relationship. There are a multitude of books on the subject of conflict resolution, and if they don't help, you can seek counselling.

If you concentrate on these four fundamental areas, then you are well on the way to having a relationship that you can celebrate!

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.

Rosie's Devotions by Rosemary Hagedorn



Following the Leader

I have an entire collection of Walt Disney classic movies on VHS videotape that either I purchased or were given to me as gifts. All my children and grandchildren have enjoyed watching them over the years. But technology changes, and a VHS player has become obsolete. Today, there is a variety

of ways to watch old classics, so I am in the process of getting rid of some of these old cassette tapes.

The other day, I decided to watch Peter Pan before putting the tape into the bag with the others. There is a part in the movie where the Lost Boys are singing the following song:

*Following the leader, the leader, the leader,
We're following the leader wherever he may go.*

– Oliver Wallace, Ted Sears, and Winston Hibler

This made me question, Who am I following?

In today's society, there are hundreds of voices on the television and the Internet that scream out, "Follow me!" They promise weight loss if we wear this or take that pill. There are gadgets that stop pain or perform many other so-called miracles, if we only follow the advertiser's commands. I admit that I'm one of those gullible people who has given in to the demands of some of these advertisements on the television.

Christians profess to be followers of Jesus, their Leader, their Saviour, their Helper, and their Shepherd.

We are sheep.

Matthew 9:36 – And what pity He felt for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd. (TLB)

The Shepherd is Jesus.

John 10:11 – I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (TLB)

The sheep follow the shepherd.

John 10:27 – My sheep recognize my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (TLB)

Sometimes, when we give in to false promises or we go astray, Jesus promises to leave the other ninety-nine sheep in order to bring us back into His fold.

Matthew 12:11-12a – This was his answer: "If you had just one sheep, and it fell into a well on the Sabbath, would you work to rescue it that day? Of course you would. And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep!" (TLB)

Who are you following?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Shepherd of our souls and minds, direct our paths, and be with us as we discern the real from the unreal. Forgive our straying and our listening to empty promises. Help us to follow You in mind, body, and spirit. Amen.

Town of Midland Pays Tribute to Memory of Queen Elizabeth II with Condolences Book at Town Hall

The Town of Midland will pay tribute to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II with a book of condolences at Town Hall and invites citizens to stop in and pay their respects by signing the book starting Monday, September 12th.

"The Town of Midland joins all Canadians and people around the world in offering our condolences to the Royal Family as they mourn the passing of her Majesty the Queen," said Mayor Stewart Strathearn. "We honour her legacy with this book and invite all residents to stop by to share their memories, thoughts and prayers."

The Town will also offer the opportunity to our local seniors' residences and will arrange to take the book to each location for signatures and messages. The Town will later send the signed book of condolences to the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Midland.

The book of condolences will be available to the public starting Monday September 12th starting at 11:00am and will remain available during regular operating hours Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The Government of Canada is also inviting Canadians to sign and view an online book of condolences on the Canadian Heritage Website at canada.ca/canadian-heritage.

ALLISTON RESIDENT'S DREAMS ARE NOW DREAMIER WITH \$164,196 LOTTO MAX WIN

Norine Tulloch of Alliston has \$164,196 to put toward his dreams after winning a LOTTO MAX second prize in the August 23, 2022 draw.

Norine, a father of four, said he is a weekly player of LOTTO MAX. "I play my own numbers that are a combination of ones I've dreamt of and significant birthdates," he shared while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up his winnings. "When I scanned my ticket using the OLG App, I was in disbelief but very excited!"

The 43-year-old said he hid his ticket in his shoe. "I wasn't planning on telling anyone about my win, but I had to tell my daughter where I kept my ticket, just in case!" he laughed.

He plans on using his win towards a down payment on a house and will help his children with their education.

"I still feel disbelief, but so excited I want to scream at the top of my lungs!" he concluded.

The winning ticket was purchased at Malton Variety on Brandon Gate Drive in Mississauga

THROWBACK THURSDAY

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



Most of us are familiar with the "Saurin " curve on the way to Waverly. That road wasn't built until the 1930's. Before then you would have to take Cty. Rd. 6 to all points north. Here, in photos above, you can

see the road building equipment that was used. The house was the home of my great grandfather Albert Archer. This is where my grandad Bill Archer grew up. He is the older blonde haired boy in the picture

to the right. This home burnt in 1940. The property is Still owned by Archers... Gerry Archer, Grant's son lives there. Sheila Forgie , Brenda Rawn, Russell Archer, and Ruthann Caston. Submitted by Ric Archer

Community Events

SPECIAL EVENTS:

BBQ on Sat. Sept. 24th at Perkinsfield Park Tiny Township Lions TINY TOUR

Hunt for points of interest in the township in your own time. Collect discoveries and share them for prizes at the. Fee:\$20 per vehicle. See the Tiny Township Lions Facebook Page for more details.

Saturday October 1, 2022 at 7:30pm

An Evening of Entertainment

Proceeds will go to Elmvale Foodbank and the Brain Tumour Association. 50/50 tickets, door prizes, and raffles. Soft drinks and water available. Admission \$20 - Cash only.

Sunday October 2, 2022 at 10:30am

Midhurst United Church 135th Anniversary Service

In person or on ZOOM. Come celebrate and worship with us. All are welcome. Coffee and light refreshments will be served following the service for those attending in-person.

Sunday, October 2, 10 - 4

Makers Market & Holiday Home Tour

Inspirational self-drive tour of 4 holiday decorated homes, shop the Makers Market, enjoy tea/coffee/snack at the Heights of Horseshoe. Tickets \$35 at the May Court Shop (54B Maple Ave. Barrie) or on-line at WWW.BARRIEMAYCOURTCLUB.CA/EVENTS (service fee will apply)

Oct. 7 & 8, 2022

Elmvale Fall Fair

Fair Grounds

ONGOING EVENTS:

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm Every Monday

Midland Bridge Club 12:45 pm - 4 pm

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

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

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

The Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale

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.

Elmvale Splash Pad

Daily from 10 am to 7 pm

Homer Barrett Park

Balm Beach Summer Events: Busk 'Til Dusk

Thursdays 6pm - 9 pm

Balm Beach Water Front

Wasaga Beach Jazz in the Park

Tuesdays 7 pm

at the RecPlex, bring a lawn chair

Let's Do Lunch \$5:

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

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The Springwater Sports Heritage Committee will be hosting their delayed 2021 Hall of Fame Induction due to the COVID pandemic on Friday October 21, 2022 at Snow Valley Resort. The reception will be from 5:00pm to 6:15pm, the dinner will be from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and the Ceremony to Induct our four athletes, three builders and two teams will begin at 8:00pm. The dress code for the event will be Business Casual. Tickets are \$60.00 for the evening event. Tickets can be purchased starting August 17th, 2022 online through the township portal. **The link is below.**

<https://webforms.springwater.ca/Recreation/Sports-Heritage-Banquet-Guest-Tickets>

You can also go to the township office and they will help you with the purchase of your tickets or call the recreation department at 705-728-4784, extension 2083 and they will help you with the online purchase.

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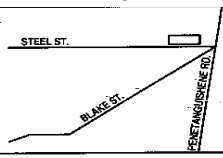
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The OPP Report

Male Charged for Break and Enter to Centennial Aquatic Centre

Officers from the Collingwood and The Blue Mountains Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a male in relation to a break and enter to the Centennial Aquatic Centre which took place over the weekend.

On September 10, 2022, shortly before midnight officers were dispatched to an alarm at the above-mentioned location where they found a smashed window on one of the entrance doors. While at scene officers also located a male nearby who was subsequently arrested for break and enter.

Charged with Mischief, Theft Under \$5000 and Break and Enter is 38-year-old Kyle HUGHSON of Collingwood. He is to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood on November 1, 2022.

Update on OPP Enforcement Activity in Community Speeding and Traffic Complaint Areas for the Month of August 2022

During the month of August 2022, uniform officers from the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have responded to public complaints of motorists and commercial vehicles speeding and other related traffic violations on area roadways.

Calls to the OPP Communications Centre and through the OPP Online Reporting have been recorded and acted upon as follows-

Officers investigated 92 reported collisions with the highest frequency being on Thursday afternoons.

Officers attended 42 complaint areas and issued 570 tickets and warned 25 drivers for their driving infractions.

Officers conducted R.I.D.E. check stops at 40 various locations, checking 1150 vehicles for signs of impairment.

Seven persons were charged with Impaired Driving after investigation.

Two drivers were charged with Dangerous Operation of a vehicle.

One Driver, was charged for a Stunt Driving offence - exceeding the posted speeds limits as follows with the introduction of the Moving Ontario More Safety Act, also known as the MOMS Act to increase road safety.

The first change is an increase in the previous seven-day vehicle impoundment period to 14 days.

The second change is the introduction of a lower speed threshold for street racing offenders on municipal roads. On roads with a posted speed limit of less than 80 km/h, drivers caught traveling 40 km/h over the speed limit face racing/stunt driving charges (the previous limit was 50 km/h over the speed limit).

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

Mischief Investigation in Cottage Country Leads OPP to Charge Toronto Man with Numerous Offences

A 911 call at approximately 12:04 p.m. September 5, 2022, to the OPP Communication Centre reporting an ongoing disturbance involving a number of

cottagers with a lone cottage neighbour that resulted in numerous units from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responding to the call on John Buchler Road, Georgian Bay Township.

Attending officers were able to locate the male suspect in the waters of the Trent Severn System near the "Little Chute". With the assistance of the OPP Marine Unit and members of Orillia OPP Detachment the male suspect was arrested at 3:00 p.m. September 6, 2022 and transported to Southern Georgian Bay Detachment for further investigation.

As a result of this investigation Thomas DIBAISE 41 years of Toronto was criminally charged with the following offences.

Mischief - obstructs, interrupts or interferes with the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property
Escape lawful custody

Uttering Threats - Cause death or Bodily Harm (six counts)

The accused was released on an undertaking with conditions and to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on October 27, 2022.

Mischief Investigation in Cottage Country Leads Further Charges for Cottager

At approximately 7:56 a.m. September 6, 2022, the OPP Communication Centre received numerous reports of an individual causing a disturbance in front of cottages on the Trent Severn System near the "Little Chute". A report was also received of a possible structure fire at a cottage possibly belonging to the same individual on the Severn Township side of the waterway.

The fire was extinguished by OPP officers and Georgian Bay Township Fire Service, and the suspect fled the scene. Through investigation, the suspect was located shortly thereafter operating a vehicle on White's Falls Marina Road, Severn Township.

Officers were able to safely stop the vehicle by deploying a tire deflation device. The driver Thomas DIBAISE 41 years of Toronto was arrested and transported to Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment. After further investigation, the accused was charged with the following criminal offences.

Mischief - obstructs, interrupts or interferes with any person in the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property (two counts)

Dangerous operation

Failure to comply with undertaking (four counts) and further

Drive motor vehicle - Perform stunt contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

The accused remains in custody and will appear before the Ontario of Justice at a future date.

If you have any information of a crime in your neighbourhood or workplace, please contact the OPP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca if you have any information on this or any other crime. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

OPP Investigating Serious Car vs Motorcycle Crash in Waverley

Highway 93 in front of the gas station / convenience store in Waverley, Tay Township became the scene of a serious car vs motorcycle crash and a resulting full road closure at approximately 2:15 p.m. September 10, 2022. Members of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded along with Tay Fire Services and County of Simcoe Paramedic Services to the crash scene and triaged the lone 55 year old male operator of the motorcycle who received life threatening injuries as a result of the crash.

The motorcycle operator was transported to an area hospital and later transported by Orange to a Toronto area trauma hospital for further medical treatment.

Members of the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) Team are attending to assist with the scene investigation.

Road crews are attempting a detour route for traffic using the Darby Road North and Darby Road South roadways.

As of 7:17 p.m. September 10, 2022 the closed section of Highway 93 in Waverley, Tay Township was reopened for vehicle use.

The investigation into the cause of the crash continues with the assistance of the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) Team. Investigators ask that anyone who may have witnessed the crash or has dashcam video is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp.ca.

LOCAL RESIDENT CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED AFTER COLLISION

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged an individual from Clearview Township with impaired driving following a collision late Friday afternoon.

On September 9, 2022, at approximately 6:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a collision on County Road 7 within Clearview Township. Police, along with the assistance of Georgian Ambulance attended the scene and noted the lone vehicle had rolled over with one occupant inside. Shortly thereafter officers entered into a drinking and driving investigation where the driver was subsequently arrested.

As a result, Sky Bloxam, 24 years of age, of Creemore, has been charged with:

Operation while impaired

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

Dangerous operation

The accused was released on an Appearance notice and is set to appear on October 18, 2022, at the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood. The involved vehicle was impounded for seven days and the driver was issued a 90-day Administrative Drivers Licence Suspension (ADLS).

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.



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Midhurst United Church is Celebrating 135 years

On Sunday October 2 at 10:30 am Midhurst United Church is celebrating 135 years of worship in the building now known as Midhurst United Church (MUC). The following history of 'the little red church in the vale' is based on an unpublished manuscript from 1987 written by Helen Coutts and the 2nd edition of the Midhurst Historical Society Pioneer History of Midhurst, 1975.



Photo below: MacWilliams picture of the church

The village of Midhurst is situated on the traditional lands of the Anishnaabeg people. In the early 1820's Oliver's Mills (later renamed Midhurst, after a small town in England) was settled by English, Scottish and Irish emigrants. They brought with them their many trades (farming, blacksmithing, carpentry, masonry etc.) and their Christian faith. During the early years the people of faith were invited to hold services in the homes of the members of the community.

In 1854 a hall was built on the east side of the site of the old St. Paul's Anglican Church property on Doran Road. The settlers held church services here until the building of the first St. Paul's Anglican Church in 1881. Union services between Anglicans and Presbyterians were conducted until 1883 when the new church was consecrated. At that time, the Presbyterians returned to the town hall to hold services until January 12, 1885 when a congregational meeting was held and a decision was made to try to build a church. A collection that night raised \$79.00

from 10 families and their 22 members. It took 2 years of planning and gathering up the necessary materials. The only materials purchased were cement and nails. Mr. William Finlay gave a corner of his farm land for the Church site.

The Presbyterian Church of Midhurst, a lovely frame building, later bricked, was dedicated on August 1887 by Rev. D.D. McLeod of Barrie.

On June 10, 1925 the Methodists, Congregationalists and some Presbyterian congregations were united to form the United Church of Canada, thus our name changed to Midhurst United Church (MUC).

In our 106th year, On November 7, 1994 Midhurst United Church members worshipped in our brand-new sanctuary.

On October 2, we are celebrating 135 years of work and worship within the community. All are welcome to come join us in this special service of thanksgiving.



Photo above: Current image of Midhurst United Church



Photo above: New sanctuary construction

MIDLAND DISTRICT SHRINE CLUB
SUPPORTS GBGH

Earlier this summer, members of the Midland District Shrine Club visited Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) to present a generous gift of \$1,000. The funds will be used to support the GBGH Foundation's Impact Fund, enabling the purchase of essential tools for your hospital and ensuring that exceptional care can be provided here for generations to come.

Collectively, the Midland District Shrine Club has contributed more than \$24,000 to the GBGH Foundation, in support of the hospital's highest priority equipment and technology needs.

Photo below left to right: Fred Aldred, President and Win Elliot, Past-President, Midland District Shrine Club; Nicole Kraftscik, Executive Director, GBGH Foundation; Bob Phillips, Past-President, Midland District Shrine Club.



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Back to School? The Ontario SPCA Shares Tips to Help Animals Cope With Change

The kids are back to school and while getting into a new fall routine can be an exciting time for families, the change in schedule can be hard on our beloved pets.

On days when your furry companion will be home alone, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society has some tips to help animals cope and reduce their stress:

1. Look into dog walking services, doggy daycare or ask a friend or family member that your animals know to take them for a walk and/or check in on them during the day.
2. An extra-long walk in the morning, a game of fetch, or a quick training session may help tire out your dog before everyone heads out the door. For cats, playtime with a wand toy or their favourite toy will help burn off extra energy.
3. When you leave, put on soft music designed specifically to help calm dogs or cats. Did you know that many dogs enjoy reggae, and cats tend to prefer soft classical music?
4. Place pheromone diffusers, available for both dogs and cats, around the house to help create a sense of calm.
5. Consider a "pet cam" to check on your pet. Some even toss treats for added enrichment and positive reinforcement.
6. Try having your dog or cat go to the same "place," such as their bed, when you leave to get them into the daily routine. Make sure to have an abundance of treats in the "place" to reward the behaviour.
7. Hide high value treats around the animal's area of the home to keep them distracted while you leave, and make sure to leave the house calmly and quietly to avoid causing anxiety for your animal.
8. Start transitioning in advance, when possible, to prepare your furry companion for their new routine. Get them used to what their new walk or playtime schedule will be, when their meals will be served and get them used to spending more time independently.

"A sudden change in schedule with longer time spent alone can be a big adjustment for our furry friends and we need to support them through the change," says Caytlynn Croisier, Manager, Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre. "Remember to also spend quality time with your pets when you get home from school!"

For more tips and resources on animal health and well-being, visit ontariospca.ca

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E.D.G.E.
We're Back for Another Meeting!



Elmvalle District Garden Enthusiasts are excited to be having another OPEN meeting. Thursday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. at Elmvalle Legion. This is an opportunity for our Horticultural group to meet and hear guest speaker, Charlotte Vostermans. Charlotte will enlighten us about vines with her talk “Queen of the Vines”. Please note we meet on Thursday at 7 p.m. (previously Wed. at 7:30 p.m.). Everyone is welcome to bring your own beverage but we will have bottled water in case you forget. Also available for sale there will be our Mason Bee Houses and Teacup Bird Feeders. These make great presents!

Also, mark your calendars for:
Thurs. Oct. 27th is our next open meeting with Denise Graham “The Importance of Bees”.
Thurs. Nov. 24th at 6 p.m. will be our Annual General Meeting and Dinner.

E.D.G.E. always welcomes all former members and interested new gardeners. Come check us out and bring a gardening friend on Thurs. Sept. 22nd at 7 p.m. Elmvalle Legion, 7 John Street.



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Thanksgiving Craft
Friday, September 16th at 04:00 pm
Make a fun turkey themed craft. For kids of all ages! Cost \$1.00. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Please sign up with your library card.

Painting Workshop for Adults
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 from 02:00 pm – 03:00 pm
This is a follow-along painting session, no materials needed. Cost:\$5.00 per participant. Sign up with your library card. 10 spots available.

Edible Craft for Children
Wednesday, September 28th from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Make a landscape, a creature, a person with candy, cookies, cream and other goodies. ALERT: Some items may contain peanut butter.
Cost: \$5.00. 10 spots available. Sign up with your library card.

New @PPL
Matinee movies starting September 19th at 1:00 pm. monthly. Admission \$2.00 Popcorn \$1.00

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Brian and Linda Belcourt are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Marie Margaret Ann Belcourt**, to **Brett John Charles Scott**, son of Murray and Lisa Scott.

Happy 66th Anniversary Morley and Margaret Marchant

Wow that's a lot of good years together. They knew how to have a good time.

Congratulations from your family and friends

NVCA August 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: August 26, 2022, held at the John Hix Administration Centre
For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit NVCA's website.

Summary of Conservation Services financial grants from 2019 to 2022
NVCA's Conservation Services Department includes four program areas: Forestry, Stewardship, Land Management and Education.
Between 2019 and 2022, Conservation Services staff leveraged municipal levy and raised 2 – 3 times the amount in grants and user fees.

Below is an overview from each program over the last four years:

Forestry Program
Program levy: \$314,596
Grants/user fee's generated: \$1,304,103
Leveraging ability = ~ 4:1

Stewardship Program
Program levy: \$640,000
Grants/user fees generated: \$1,983,936
Leveraging ability = ~ 3:1

Lands Program
Program levy: \$561,935
Grants/user fees generated: \$344,983 in grants.
Leveraging ability varies depending on the year but is close to 1:1.

Education Program
Program levy: \$114,458
Grants/user fees generated: \$107,628 in grants.
Leveraging ability varies depending on the year but we are close to 1:1

In kind/volunteer contributions amounted to \$233,760
Purchase of stormwater pond monitoring equipment
NVCA's Watershed Science and Flood Services Programs will draw up to \$53,000 from reserves to purchase a HydroSurveyor to conduct bathymetry surveys to help determine sediment infilling rates of NVCA reservoirs, and when municipal stormwater pond clean outs may be necessary.
Municipal staff were canvased to determine on the use of this equipment to evaluate the need and cost

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Until we meet again. Miss you.

Love Mom, Dad, Nan, Angie (Kevin), Rick (Angela), Greg & Ryan (Wagner), Nicole & Melissa (Johnston)

NVCA August 2022 Board Meeting Highlights continued

recovery.

To date, the Town of Collingwood, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, and the Township of Clearview have expressed interest in principle in having the NVCA to complete stormwater management pond bathymetric surveys using the HydroSurveyor.

As a fee for service covering both staff time and rental of the equipment, the purchase cost of the HydroSurveyor is anticipated to be covered off over the 10-year amortization period as a capital asset and will generate program revenue.

2022-2025 NVCA Climate Change Action Plan
NVCA staff has developed the 2022 – 2025 Climate Action Plan, outlining the goals and actions required to support a sustainable watershed.

Encompassing all NVCA departments, the Climate Change Action Plan goals consist of:

Flood Protection
Work with partners and stakeholders to increase knowledge of how climate change will impact flooding and erosion levels in the Nottawasaga watershed communities.

Monitor
Enhance knowledge of the Nottawasaga Watershed's natural environment and its response to a changing climate.

Communicate and Educate
Facilitate partnerships and connect people to the Nottawasaga watershed in order to build awareness of climate change and capacity to adapt to climate impacts.

Natural Heritage
Improve natural heritage system in the Nottawasaga Watershed to build resilience and assist with adaptation and mitigation.

Stewardship and Land Conservation:
Increase watershed resistance and resilience to climate change through conservation, restoration, and improvement of natural systems.

Partnerships
Be leaders in sustainability making NVCA the partner of choice for local climate change initiatives.

Corporate Practices
Build corporate capacity to adapt to future climate projections and reduce NVCA's corporate carbon footprint by embracing a culture of conservation through using best practices and solutions while measuring progress and effectiveness.

(see the rest of this article online at www.springwaternews.ca)

Obituaries



O'CONNOR, Rafe Walter

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Rafe O'Connor in Indian Shores, Florida on Thursday, August 25, 2022. Rafe O'Connor of Wyevale in his 41st year. Beloved husband of Joanna (nee Hamelin). Dear father of

Ryder, Killian, Alora, and Arya. Son of Donald and Pamela O'Connor. Brother of Rory (Kirsten), Rachel (Nick), and Raven (Nick). Rafe will be missed by his grandmother Cynthia Sparling. Son-in-law of Jack and Heather Hamelin, and brother-in-law of Leah and Josh (Denise). Rafe will be fondly remembered by his aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, friends and beloved pets.

A visitation was held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale on Sunday, September 4, 2022 from 2-4 and 7-9.

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



CRAKE, Jean McLelland

Passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family at Hospice Huronia Penetanguishene, on Tuesday August 30, 2022. Cherished wife and best friend of Douglas Crake of Woodland Beach.

Forever loved and missed by her daughter Nicole and her son Matthew and his wife Kelly. Proud grandma of Kameron, Makala, Hanna, Sophie and Jack. She will be remembered by her nieces, nephews and the Leitch and Crake families. Jean enjoyed spending time with her family as well as gardening and fishing with Doug. At her request there will be no gathering at this time.

If you would like to make a donation in her memory, please consider Hospice Huronia.

A special thanks to brother Dave, and to the staff at Hospice Huronia for the compassion and care given to Jean and family.

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



HARLOW, George Struthers

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our father, George Struthers Harlow, on September 6, 2022, with this bride Joan by his side, at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie, Ontario.

During George's 90 years of life, he spent 67 wonderful years married to his high school sweetheart Joan. Together they had three sons, George Paul, Brian (Deanna) and David (Julie), five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He will be missed by his bothers, John (Josie), Ross (Beth), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is predeceased by his parents George and Janet (née: Naylor) Harlow.

Online Condolences can be given at www.adamsfuneralhome.ca

In Lieu of Flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to the Parkinson's Society Canada, RVH Foundation (Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre). The family wishes to acknowledge the care provided by the nurses and doctors of RVH Senior Care.

A Celebration of Life will be held later.



Obituaries



DONALD (FRED) BROX 1934 - 2022

Donald Frederick Brox (Fred) in his 89th year passed away peacefully at Hospice Simcoe August 24, 2022 surrounded by family. He is survived by his loving wife Audrey, of 70 years and his daughters, Gail Hall

(late Gilbert), Nancy Rowell (Frank) and his son, Howard Brox (Tara).

"Papa / GG" will always be remembered and missed by his eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly and enjoyed spending time with. He adored all the family dogs and spoiled them with treats, touches and new tricks.

Fred enjoyed a long career as a self-proclaimed "Agriculturalist". His career spanned over six decades with General Foods, Hostess Foods & OPDI.

As Director of Farm Operations, Fred oversaw production for millions of acres of "spuds" that went into making the potato chips we all love & enjoy today. Fred's knowledge was unrivalled in the potato industry where he became famous for knowing something about everything and everything about something.

Throughout his life, Fred upheld the Brox qualities of kindness, humour, hard work, intelligence, toughness, compassion and humility. He was an outstanding Lions Club member who amongst other distinctions, received the Melvin Jones Award from Lions International. Fred was an upright Brother of the Masonic Order with Kerr Lodge 230 (Barrie). He loved his community and was the best neighbour you could ever ask for or be pranked by.

The family would like to thank our "angels" at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Hennick Bridgepoint Hospital in Toronto, Toronto Western Hospital, CCAC and everyone at Hospice Simcoe.

The family will host "A Walk Down Memory Lane" at Mapleview Community Church (300 Mapleview Drive West, Barrie) September 18, 2022 from 2 pm to 4 pm. All are welcome.

If you wish to make a donation in Fred's name, the family would appreciate: Hospice Simcoe (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/2595>) or Cope Service Dogs (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E135322QE&id=48>)

Words of condolence may be left for the family at www.peacefultransition.ca

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Elmvale Active Seniors Residence
Official Opening of the Presentation Centre



Representatives from three levels of government gathered at the site of the Presentation Centre for The Elms Retirement Village for the Official Opening. The Chairman of the “Elmvale Active Seniors Residence”, Dan McLean, welcomed everyone, introduced the EASR Board of Directors and gave a brief summary of the evolution and progress of the project. Springwater Mayor Don Allen introduced attendees from Council and Administration and reminded everyone of the strong support Council has shown to the project. The speakers from the Provincial and Federal governments both thanked the volunteer Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment. In the photo above, Deputy Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, Councillor Anita Moore, CAO Jeff Schmidt, Councillors Wanda Maw-Chapman, George Cabral, Perry Ritchie, Mayor Don Allen, MP Doug Shipley and Keeragh Robertson (not shown) from MPP Doug Downey’s office are preparing to cut the ribbon to officially open the Presentation Centre. The Centre will be open three days a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Centre is located at 24 Yonge St., on the north end of the building more commonly recognized as the site of the McDonald’s restaurant. While drop-in visitors are welcome and

encouraged, people who are already on the official “Wait List” will be the highest priority. There are now over a hundred people on the wait list for one of the units in the complex; some of them are on the “active” list and others on the “inactive” list. The Elms Retirement Village will be constructed in three or four phases. The first phase will consist of sixty-six apartment-style suites and twelve garden homes. The suites in Elm Flats, the first four-story-building, will be offered in fifteen different configurations of one and two bedrooms with either one, 1.5 or two bathrooms. The garden homes, with six end-units and six centre-units, will have two bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. The goal of creating a community of active seniors will be advanced by the inclusion of numerous shared amenity spaces, both inside the complex and on the grounds surrounding it. Some of the amenity spaces will be constructed in Phase One and some others will be completed in future phases. For additional information about this much-needed project, please go to the website <https://the-elms.ca> . Here you will find links to the ongoing and upcoming events plus opportunities to get on the contact list for newsletter updates, getting on the “Wait List” for a unit in The Elms and becoming an active member in the organization.

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Kaitlyn Fairbairn, of Snow Valley
Selected to Represent Team
Canada Dance at the World
Tap Dance Championships in
Germany in November.

Kaitlyn is a graduate of Minesing Central PS where she graduated as Top Academic Student and also Won the Ontario Principals Award for Leadership. She now attends Barrie North Collegiate where she is a captain of the Senior Girls Basketball team, the creator of the Barrie North Dance Team and Student Council President.

After a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, dancers from across Canada were excited to once again try out for the Canadian National Tap Team. A local resident has auditioned and has been accepted to be a part of the largest and most prestigious dance team in all of Canada, Team Canada Dance, which will attend the IDO World Tap Dance Championships in Riesa, Germany from November 22-26, 2022. There are two groups of dancers representing Canada, one from the east (ON), and one from the west (includes dancers from MB, AB, SK, BC) – but we are all ONE TEAM!

Selected to represent Canada this year is Kaitlyn Fairbairn who trains at All That’s Dance and More in Barrie.

It is unfortunate that Canada still does not recognize our dancers as the athletes they are when they compete at world level competitions. These athletes train for many hours per day, some up to 7 days a week! Our dancers must fundraise and seek sponsorship on their own to cover the cost to attend these competitions.

We hope that you will help support Katy that will proudly represent your community as well as Canada at the World Championships.

Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn



‘DOES ANYBODY
REALLY KNOW WHAT
TIME IT IS?’

‘Does anybody really care?’ Words from the song by Chicago Transit Authority (1969). It would not be out of the norm that someone would ask you the time. Perhaps, just to start a conversation. Today, a quick glance at your iPhone or Android device will show you the time and just about any query can be answered in seconds!

Tick, tick, tick, the time goes by so fast and there is never enough of it. Is it time to feed the cats? Is it



time to get the garbage out before they sneak by in those huge trucks with automated arms? I ran up the lane the other day, rolling my HUGE bin, in a futile attempt to catch the driver before he set down the last container for my neighbour. He either could not or would not see me as I waved frantically. I decided it was not worth the effort to run to the next driveway and the \$10.00 I would have to spend to deliver my garbage to the waste facility will just teach me a lesson. Get it out on time or, the night before?

Time does go by

too quickly. I am expert at multi-tasking, but it does not always give you the best outcome. I decide I am not happy with the consistency of my latest jam (concord grape) so while I am packing up for a two-day excursion to a friends off-grid acreage, I empty all the jars of runny jam back into the pot and simmer it for that extra twenty minutes I think it needs. I get it up to boil and then set to simmer as I put the oven timer on ten minutes. I am in disbelief as the beeping reminds me what ten minutes really is. It’s no time at all! I set it time after time as I run around doing mini chores. Finally, it is ready to go back into the re-sterilized jars, but I’m still irked that I didn’t take the time in the first place, to do it right.

As I listen to that song by Chicago, on the YouTube playback, I am immersed in the memories of that time and era. The Queen would have been 43 years old and had sat on the Throne for sixteen years. I did not know of her passing until I saw Flags at half mast last Thursday and yes, I asked my Android what happened. It seemed, after 70 years on the throne, her time and rule were over. It became a sad day for many who held a high respect for the Monarchy and mourn the end of an era.

I also looked back to September 11th, 2001 (911). I turned off my phone and held my own moment of silence to remember those that had realized on that day, there was no more time. A silent prayer went out to those souls and the devastated families and friends that would no longer share a meal, a hug, a laugh, or a tomorrow with their loved ones. Indeed, time is precious.

Memories are so important. So, take the time today to know the meaning of finite. We are all blessed for having this moment and the opportunity to make it a really, really, good memory for yourself and for anyone you have the good fortune to have in your life. Yes, the present is a gift!



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