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We All Came Together and Pulled Off Our 160th Elmvale Fall Fair



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EDHS in Friday Parade
Go Rowdies



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1st Place Cheering
EDHS Rowdies in
Friday Parade
Go Rowdies



Tractor Pull

A few rain drops didn't deter us from attending the fair this 160th anniversary fair year.

Thank you everyone for your support, without your support our fair would not of been possible.

Two years of no fairs, no gatherings was made up in one weekend.

Friends and neighbours were once again reacquainted from many months of been apart.

I would like to thank all the directors and all the volunteers for the dedication and support, without all of you, our fair would not of been possible.

Our community also needs to be acknowledged. Without your support attending the fair each day, our fair would not of been the success it was.

Thank you everyone .

We'll see you all next year at the fair.
Doug Ritchie, Flos Agriculture Secretary



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includes Orr Lake, Waverley and some Tiny Beaches Road areas

265 in the Wyebridge area L0K 2E0

975 in Wyevalle L0L 2T0 including Conc. 8 and some TBRS areas,

1325 in Perkinsfield including Balm Beach to Whippoorwill

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Letter to Editor

I read with interest Mayor Don's update in your
paper dated September 29. Subsequently I searched
the online edition and found that his writings had
been edited. I have since discovered that there
was pressure brought to bear by a candidate on the
publisher and thus the edit.

Intimidation and/or manipulation of the press is not
acceptable on any level. Our public TV network CBC
is THE prime example of being bought and paid for.
In this case using our very own tax dollars.

Politics in general can be messy. The public watches
constant bantering by elected officials of all stripes
and much of the time it's with a healthy serving of
contempt. Question period in Ottawa likely serves
as the largest example of the origins of public
contempt and rightfully so. The format of Question
Period requires all-parties vote to renovate it and is
likely to NEVER happen because it would result in
accountability.

Election promises, commitments and platforms
are very similar. They are usually created by well-
intended candidates who want to make a difference.
The problem arises when these are offered up as truths
but the reality is that often, through various levels
of government acts and regulations, the promise is
simply not achievable. Additionally, without thorough
research and knowledge, often the candidate arrives
at the swearing in ceremony destined to fail at his/her
promise and the public becomes hostile, disappointed,
and disillusioned. Our voter turnout rate very likely
exposes this fact.

As a member of the Council who approved the
158 conditions of the Midhurst Secondary Plan and
endured relentless hostile attacks mostly from the
ratepayers, I can assure the public that Mayor Don's
honest attempt to present the facts and therefore
expose the platform a candidate in as misguided is
much appreciated. Current residents of Midhurst will
NOT be required to hook up to public sewers. Period.

Misguided facts are not unique solely to one
candidate.

As you can see, it's very important to seek out
the truths of all platforms of all candidates for all
positions for Council before casting your ballot.

Rick Webster

Dear Editor

The prospect of forced sewer hookups has been a
discussion for many years in Midhurst. As a resident
myself I questioned the possibility of being forced to
switch from my septic system to a municipal sewer
system and the associated costs. News of the new
sewage treatment plant being built to accommodate
proposed new Secondary Plan homes and existing
Midhurst residences has caused many to ask if
this is an impending possibility. Residents are also
wondering if the effluent discharge pipe from the
plant into Willow Creek will be built for a larger
capacity.

These are valid questions that many residents have
been asking and this is why I have addressed them
from day one on my platform as a councilor seeking
election. I am of the firm belief that candidates with
ever-evolving platforms did not have a firm grasp of
the issues in the first place. It is important to note
that I do not know if this issue will be in front of
this coming council however, voters deserve to know
how their elected representative would vote should
sewer hookups become an issue

Despite what the mayor states in Mayor Don's
Update article dated September 29, 2022, in the
Springwater News, letting residents and voters know
my stance on an issue that is important to them is far
from misinformation. I am of the belief that current
political figures should not be influencing political
outcomes in present elections and I thank those
councillors who addressed this matter in their last
council meeting.

Philip Fisher

EDITOR'S NOTES

Springwater News remains steadfast to remain un-
biased during this election. It has proven to be a difficult
task. I thank the readers that have called and sent
messages on how refreshing the Springwater News is
without negative election information.

I have worked hard researching Election Laws and
Third Party Advertising and have wonderful legal
council. I do not have any third party advertising
in the my paper. All ads were paid by candidates
themselves.

Many of the media outlets in Ontario have reported
abusive behaviour during an election. I would never
had anticipated that this would be the case in our
fine Townships of Tiny and Springwater. As a media
representative, I have experienced repeated insults,
harassment, abusive behaviour and bullying. I am
choosing to not report on whom has done this to me,
as this as it may enhance the behaviour. I choose to
remain strong and ignore the behaviour.

I urge the readers of this paper to do your research

EDITOR'S NOTES (Continued)

on candidates and make an educated and informed
decision to decide the members of our next council.
It is critical during this election that we all vote. The
future of our Township will be determined by this.

A couple of facts I would like to point out. The
Official Plan does not have content in it that states the
existing residents of Midhurst will have to connect to
the new sewer system and cost households thousands
of dollars. This is a decision that will be made by the
elected councilors at a future time.

Letters to the editor or articles that are submitted to
me are not my submissions. I simply choose what to
publish and what not to. The policy of the Springwater
News is to avoid defamation and slander. It is a
"Good News" paper.

I have had a number of readers ask me about Mayor
Don's Article, submitted to me last edition, and Jack
Hanna article's submitted to me on May 28, 2022
on swaying the election. These are articles are their
opinion.

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Election Day - October 24, 2022

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Who is Running?

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

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. Voter Look-Up and Online Voter Registration will only be available until Wednesday, October 19, 2022. For voter assistance past this date, please visit a Voter Help Centre listed below.

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 was mailed to all eligible electors at the end of September. If you have not received your Voter Information Letter, please contact clerks@springwater.ca, call 705-728-4784 ext. 2304 or visit a Voter Help Centre.

Voter Help Centres

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, need a replacement Voter Information Letter or require help voting. Dates, times and locations of the Voter Help Centres are listed below:

Saturday, October 15	Tuesday, October 18	Thursday, October 20	Saturday, October 22	Monday, October 24
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Minesing Community Centre	Administration Centre	Administration Centre	Elmvale Arena	Administration Centre
2347 Ronald Road	2231 Nursery Road	2231 Nursery Road	14 George Street	2231 Nursery Road

Please note that the only location open for in-person voting services on Election Day (October 24, 2022) for those requiring access to the internet, need to be added to the Voters List, need a replacement Voter Information Letter or requiring help voting, is the Township Administration Centre from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Free Internet access is also available at the following locations:

- All branches of the Springwater Public Library, during regular business hours
- Administration Centre (2231 Nursery Road) during regular business hours

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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 contact the Clerk's Department by email at clerks@springwater.ca or phone at 705-728-4784 ext. 2304 with any questions.

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Linda Murray Recognised



Photo above, left to right: Matt Garwood, Linda Murray and Lorna Wilson.


Lorna Wilson, Matt Garwood and Beth Wink, executive members of District 5, had the honour of recognizing one of our most valuable members of District 5, Linda Murray at the Elmvale fair

Linda has given her time, passion, leadership, her wiliness to guide our youth not only to her community of Elmvale, the Elmvale Agricultural Society, The Scouting community but she brought also brought her passion, commitment to keep Agricultural awareness alive to District 5 as Director and as our provincial director at OAAS.

Linda is a genuine person who gives with out a thought and is always open to ideas and change but keeps her eye on the message we need to share and educate. Agriculture and our youth are important to her and we see it in all she does she keeps them front and centre and by doing this Linda has made this a better world.


Thank you Linda for all you do and continue to do

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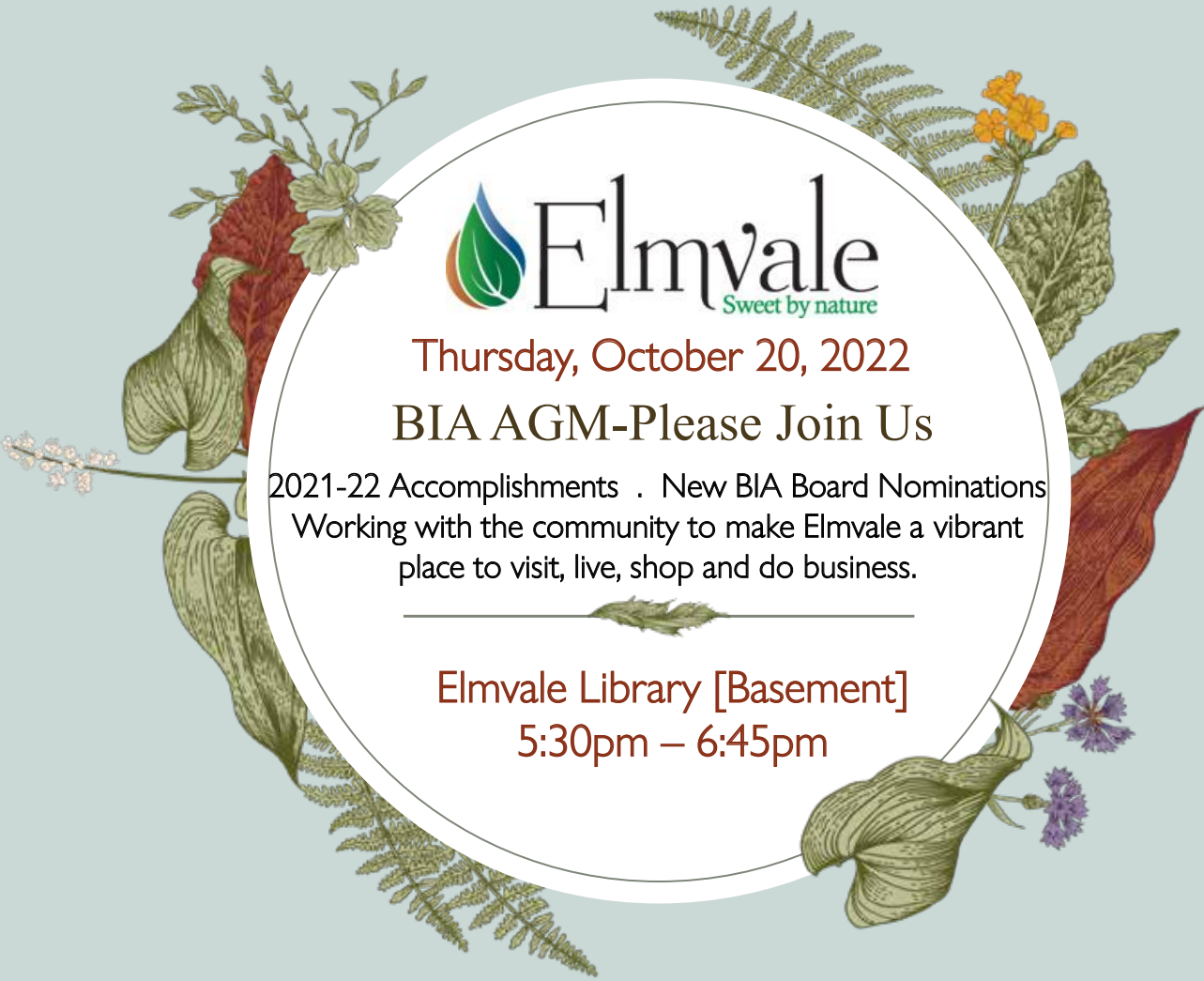


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Thursday, October 20, 2022
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2021-22 Accomplishments . New BIA Board Nominations
Working with the community to make Elmvale a vibrant place to visit, live, shop and do business.

Elmvale Library [Basement]
5:30pm – 6:45pm



Upcoming Meetings

Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Elmvale BIA Annual General Meeting
Thursday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Elmvale Library Branch

Recreation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Council and Committee meetings are live streamed online at springwater.ca/Live. To view the meeting agendas, please visit: springwater.civicweb.net/Portal

Notice of Hasty Tract Watermain Servicing Project

The Township is undertaking a project to construct and extend water servicing from Bayfield Street/Highway 26 to the west property boundary of the Hasty Tract. The project will provide water to a new Community Hub, County Ambulance Post and Township Fire Station. Due to the nature of this work, there will be hazards related to construction activity and delays for traffic control until December 2022. These delays and hazards will be minor in nature and are related to normal construction activity.



New Draft Official Plan Available for Consultation

The Township is pleased to release the first Draft of its New Official Plan for public review and consultation. The New Draft Official Plan text and schedules are now available to view online at springwater.ca/OPR. Comments on the New Draft Official Plan can be submitted to planning@springwater.ca. Comments are requested by Friday, December 23, 2022, to be considered in the final Draft Official Plan to be brought forward to Council for adoption in 2023.

Job Opportunities

The Township is currently recruiting for the following job opportunities:

Municipal Law Enforcement Officer / Administrative Assistant
Closes: October 20, 2022

Employee Relations Advisor
Closes: October 20, 2022

Arena Attendant - Until filled

Arena Operator (Casual) - Until filled

For details, consult the job description at springwater.ca/Careers

Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

Professional Engineering Services for the Elmvale Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project (2022-45-PW)
Closes: October 26, 2022

Recreation Master Plan Update (2022-24-RPF)
Closes: November 3, 2022

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

Water and Wastewater Bills

Residential water meters are being read by the Township's third-party contractor, Wamco Waterworks. Bills will be mailed at the beginning of November with a due date at the end of November.

Winter Maintenance Reminders

The arrival of colder weather means winter parking regulations will soon take effect. Everyone must do their part to aid in the Township's snow removal process so roads and sidewalks can be cleared safely and efficiently.

Winter Parking

Parking is NOT permitted on roads from November 1 to March 31 between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Clear the Way

Remove items such as bins, basketball nets and planters from the end of your driveway and do not place steel stakes at the edge of the road to ensure the way is clear for snowplow operators.

For more information, contact bylaw@springwater.ca or 705-728-4784 ext. 2101.



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 the Clerk's Office by October 16 at 5:30 p.m. For details, visit: springwater.ca/CommitteeRecruitment



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SPRINGWATER'S COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGIC PLAN

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springwater.ca/OurFuture

Mayor Don's Update



We are now under two weeks from deciding who will serve on our next Springwater Council. Over the past eight years, it has been my honour to serve you, first as your Deputy Mayor and then as your Mayor. As I look back on these last two Terms of Council, I can't help but to feel proud of what our Township has accomplished. I have had the pleasure to be involved in a number of projects that have greatly benefited our municipality. We have opened new parks, modernized our services, and continued work on major infrastructure projects, including getting the approval and design started for the Craig Road extension and the completion of works on the Swaley Drain to make it functional again. In this time, many new businesses have been established in Springwater, contributing to the economic development of the Township.

One of my top priorities as Mayor was to see the Township's vision for a future Springwater community hub realized. Over a period of five years, we successfully negotiated the purchase of a 50-acre parcel of land from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to be used for the creation of this facility. As a part of the project, the Township also arranged a partnership with the County of Simcoe, whereby the County will purchase up to one acre of the Hasty Tract property for its new EMS post. The EMS post will be situated next to the Township's planned Fire Station 2 to create a combined emergency services area within the hub. Council approved the preliminary design for the new Fire Station 2 this past June, and staff have since proceeded with issuing a tender for the ultimate construction of the facility.

I am also proud that, together, we have worked throughout this global pandemic to provide relief for families and to support our small and local businesses. As a municipality, we handled the COVID-19 situation with compassion and without having to sacrifice the services our community relies on. We kept residents informed of the latest public health information, achieved a high level of vaccination locally, and kept our case count low. Although services and projects were impacted by the pandemic, staff and Council were still able to move the organization forward and achieve some or most of the initiatives that were originally planned.

In 2019 and 2020, we worked closely with the Elmvalle & District Food Bank to construct a new facility with the space to serve their clients more effectively. The Township committed a one-time capital contribution of \$100K towards the building, and the Food Bank fundraised another \$100K. The municipality also agreed to front end the necessary funds in excess of \$200k, to be repaid over a period of up to 10 years. In a single year, the Food Bank achieved the major milestone of repaying the Township loan it received. I have been happy to see this vital organization continue to thrive through the support and generosity of our community.

Another great initiative and result was Staff and Council working to establish a four-day work week with flexible working arrangements after a successful pilot testing program. This has improved staff morale, productivity and retention.

The work of building a great municipality is never finished. We have done our best to set Springwater up for a sustainable and prosperous future, though now it is time to pass the torch to a new Council. As we enter a new term, I encourage you to get involved in our local government and have a say in decisions that affect you. Some of the ways you can get involved today include volunteering on a municipal board or committee, providing feedback on our Draft Official Plan, completing the Community-Based Strategic Plan survey, and making sure you vote in the municipal election! Further details on all of these are available at www.springwater.ca.

While I will be leaving this role, I look forward to continuing to work with you to help strengthen our Township. We are fortunate to have such great staff and so many caring individuals and community groups who are dedicated to making Springwater a great place to call home. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor.

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Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agendas from the Council Meeting on September 27, 2022 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 13, 2022. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

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

- Service Simcoe

The 2018-2022 Council term will be known most for responding to and supporting the recovery from COVID-19; however, County Council led and directed countless programs and initiatives that improved our communities and the lives of the residents we serve.

Snowmobile Club Property Use Agreement

Snowmobile clubs operate over 1,000 km of groomed trails in Simcoe County. The County of Simcoe entered into a Property Use Agreement with several snowmobile clubs in 2011 to allow snowmobile trails on specified locations of the County Road System, including the McKinnon Bridge in Minesing Wetland. The Property Use Agreement, including the

Midland Police Services Board

This statement provides information to the public concerning false and misleading material published on various websites by current Town Councillor and former civilian employee of the Midland Police Services Board, William Gordon. Police Services Boards are required by law to provide civilian oversight of municipal police services. These responsibilities include giving "...orders and directions to the chief of police, but not to other members of the police force..." and monitoring "...his or her performance". Following Midland Council's decision to contract local policing to the OPP, the Midland Police Services Board issued a formal direction to its then Chief Michael Osborne on September 18, 2017 to retain all records of the Midland Police Service as well as complying with long-standing Board Policy No. 13 governing mandatory retention of Board and Police Service records.

Despite the Board's direction, and without advising the Board, Mr. Osborne instructed civilian IT Manager Gordon to locate something "...justifying why I cannot simply give our computers with the hard drives intact – to the town when we close down..." (Mr. Gordon's description of his task to a Barrie Police colleague on December 14, 2017). On December 18th, Mr. Osborne sent an email to Mr. Gordon asking if he had "any luck accessing policies from other police services regarding drives etc. after they are done using them." The email chain that day included Mr. Gordon reporting his lack of progress finding such a justification, but assuring Mr. Osborne, "We will find one". Neither the electronic data nor the hardware storing it belonged to Mr. Osborne or Mr. Gordon. Despite that, Mr. Osborne directed Mr. Gordon to destroy data and hardware without informing the Board, in contravention of his employer's September 18, 2017 direction. Preserving all of the related records would be important for the proper outcome of various legal proceedings involving Mr. Osborne's conduct while chief.

On Friday February 2, 2018 the Board delivered a letter reminding Mr. Osborne of his obligation to retain

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5-year renewal, expired as of December 31, 2021.

On September 27, 2022, Council approved the Warden and County Clerk to execute the Property Use Agreement with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, District 4, District 7 and Mid Ontario Snowmobile Trails to continue to use and maintain McKinnon Bridge; County Road crossings and to use other property within the County Road systems.

Letter from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, dated August 16, 2022 regarding Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS) Final Report 2018-2021

In 2018, a multi-sectoral plan known as the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS) was launched by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit with an aim to reduce opioid-related harms as a result of the significant growth in the rates of morbidity and mortality linked to problematic opioid use in the 10 years prior. Originally the action plan was developed with all activities wrapping up in 2020; however, in March of that year the COVID-19 global pandemic was declared. It was soon recognized that the pandemic greatly impacted people who use drugs locally, provincially and nationally. Due to this, SMOS activities continued into 2021.

The initial large spike in deaths that occurred in 2017, both in Simcoe Muskoka and provincially, stabilized in Simcoe Muskoka from 2017 to 2019; however, it increased significantly again in 2020 along with the COVID-19 pandemic, both in Simcoe Muskoka and the province. With the great need that exists, there is still much progress to be made on many of the SMOS goals and activities, and on new priority areas that have emerged since the action plan was created.

On September 13, 2022, Committee of the Whole received the final Report on Actions (2018-2021) and an update on the 2022 priorities, while an approach is developed to plan for a refreshed drug strategy. *(Read the rest on www.SpringwaterNews.ca)*

all MPS records after becoming concerned that Mr. Osborne and Mr. Gordon intended to destroy electronic records and storage devices when the switch to OPP policing happened on February 8th. The next business day, Monday February 5th, Mr. Gordon emailed the company scheduled to carry out the destruction on Friday, February 9th to ask about rescheduling the destruction. When the company replied they could destroy the items that day, Mr. Gordon replied he would be there about 11:30 Monday morning. Mr. Osborne's instructions led to Mr. Gordon destroying 105 lbs. of MPS hard drives (a couple banker's boxes, according to Mr. Gordon). On February 8th, Mr. Osborne informed the Board "All hard drives are being maintained intact" when he knew that two banker's boxes of hard drives were just destroyed three days before, at his direction. The Invoice confirming the destruction of the hard drives is attached. The MPS file servers were left onsite after Osborne and Gordon departed that day. Town IT personnel established that the file servers were encrypted, and no encryption keys had been provided to allow access to any electronic records stored there.

When necessary, the Town and the Board need to be able to access MPS electronic records to comply with Freedom of Information laws, to respond to lawsuits against the Town and Board, and to comply with subpoenas in proceedings involving other parties. Eventually, a legal proceeding was launched in 2019 seeking the encryption keys to enable access to electronic records stored on the servers. After the destruction of the two boxes of hard drives first came to light in 2021, Midland Town Council asked staff to request the OPP to investigate. That investigation concluded that 'criminal intent' was unlikely to be proved beyond a reasonable doubt, and no charges would be laid. These are the correct facts which the Midland Police Services Board believes the public is entitled to know.

Midland Police Services Board
George Dixon, Board Chair and Spokesperson



Photo above: Jr. Ambassador Contest Winner Riley KleinGebbinck on left and Ambassador Contest Winner: Camry Miller on right

MIDHURST PHARMACY



Let's Talk About...

Learning to Swallow Pills

With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover

Many parents ask us to help their children learn to swallow pills. Crushing pills can have a very bitter taste and liquid versions are not always available/wanted. Here are some practical tips:

- Have the parent model how to put in the mouth and swallow
- Practice with candies in increasing size. Often a child can handle smaller sizes to start and will eventually be able to take larger tablets
- Pills can be placed in yogurt, apple sauce or pudding to ease the swallowing process
- Sitting up and tilting the head back or to the side is usually more successful

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Photo above: Elmvale 4-H Dairy



Photo above: EDHS Rowdie Float

FLOS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Elmvale Fall Fair 2022 AWARD WINNERS

Ambassador Contest:

Winner: Camry Miller

Jr. Ambassador Contest:

Winner: Riley KleinGebbinck

Best Rural Display:

Winner : Amy Spence
2nd: Steve & Nicole Nahuis
3rd: Matthew & Janelle Lambie

Residential Decorating Contest:

Winner: Karen Locke/Brian Lambie
2nd: Len & Edna Langman
3rd: Greg & Trila Miller

Business Decorating Contest:

Winner: Four Corner Tea Room
2nd: BounceBack Physio
3rd: Steeler's

Junior Fair:

Elementary Student accumulating the most points
Winner: Allie Wiens HCES

Small Animals Show

Best in Show – Rachael Leadley

Bicycle Draw:

(Donated by Elmvale & District Maple Syrup Committee)

Winner: William Langman

Sheep Show:

Overall Grand Champion Ram Lambs,
Market Lambs & Champion Ewe:
Jordan Bell

Overall Grand Champion Ewe lambs

Winner: Mary & Derek Robertson

Overall Grand Champion Flock

Winner: Whitney Ball

Top Youth Showperson: Olivia Schlosser

Things From the Past:

Best Antique entry: David Archer

Baby Show:

Overall Winner of the "Mary Bertram Memorial Trophy":

Leigha Potts-Smith

4-H Achievement Day:

Beef Club:

Champion Calf: Faith Walker
Champion Yearling: Morgan Walker
Champion Showperson: Morgan Walker
Res Champion Showperson: Faith Walker

Elmvale Dairy Club:

Grand Champion Animal: Tyler Phillips
Reserve Grand Champion: Cameron Robertson
Champion Showperson: Josh Stone
Res Champion Showperson: Sydney Robinson

Overall Grand Champion Showperson :
Morgan Walker

Reserve Grand Champion Showperson :
Josh Stone

Domestic Science:

Exhibitor winning the most points in the Domestic Science Section, sponsored by PineRitch Fur farm Ltd

Winner : Peggy French

Handcrafts:

Viewers' Choice Quilt – sponsored by the Phelpsston Quilters' Group

Winner: Martha Leonard

Elaine Parnell Memorial Quilt of the Fair,:

Winner: Sandra Upton

Bea Lambie Memorial Quilt

Winner: Martha Leonard

New Exhibitor Award

Winner: Emily Mitchell

Exhibitor winning the most points in the Handcraft Section – **Ricky Hummelink Memorial:**

Winner: Bev Donaldson

Flowers:

New Exhibitor Award

Winner: Fran Kasper

Grain & Forage:

Exhibitor with the highest points-\$100 Gift Cert from Holmes Agro:

Winner: Howard Martin

Field & Garden Produce

Exhibitor with the highest points

Winner: Linda Marchant

Beef Show:

OVERALL CHAMPIONS:

Grand Champion Bull: Medonte Highlands

Grand Champion Female: Chester Tupling

Grand Champion Breeder's Herd & Get-of-Sire:
Chester Tupling

Dairy Show:

Class 15: Holsteins

Champion & Reserve Jr Female :

Jay Robertson

Champion & Reserve Sr Female & Best

Herd:

Trevor KleinGebbinck

Class 16: Jersey

Champion & Reserve Jr Female: Mark &

Julie Parnell

Champion & Reserve Sr Female: Mark &

Julie Parnell

Best Herd: Mark & Julie Parnell

Overall Grand Champion Female: Trevor

KleinGebbinck

Overall Reserve Grand Champion Female:

Mark & Julie Parnell

Exhibitors' Sweepstakes; \$100 cash

Winner: Jay Robertson

Parade Winners:

Church: 1st: Elmvale Presbyterian Church

Community Group: 1st - Klink's "A" Team

Family entry; 1st – Chris Cross

"Fun" Group 1st: North Simcoe Jr. Farmers

Heavy Horse Show:

Best Horse on the Grounds: SkyRidge

Clydesdales,

Pattie Hossie

Junior Showperson: Wade Bruce,

RiverDance Belgians

Best Team : Rusty McArthur

Royal Canadian Legion Draw - \$500:

Winner: Justin Green, Barrie


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Sports with Patrick Townes



Sports are emotional; there is no question of that. I have implemented a 24-hour rule, in not only sports but in everyday life (personal and professional). I take time to reflect on things for 24 hours before reacting or drawing conclusions. Especially before sending email responses out sometimes! It was a shocking and sad ending to the Blue Jays season. The Seattle Mariners marched back after being down by an 8-1 margin, and leaping ahead of the Blue Jays by hitting two doubles in the 9th inning against Romero who has been solid all season. Emotions overwhelmed me after the game on this past Saturday -- now I am reflecting on the events 24 hours later on Sunday evening.

Speaking from experience, everything happens in lightning speed when you are managing a baseball or fastball game. Decisions have to be made sometimes in split seconds and many decisions are reactive rather than proactive. It is easy to play the “blame game” after a game like that, especially with social media criticizing all the miss-steps after the fact, and not live during the game. I personally only questioned two things from the last game of the season, and I questioned them right after they happened.

#1 – Pulling the starting pitcher too early. You have to face it that the Blue Jays do not have the best bullpen in the playoffs. They had one of their main guys on the mound with only 95 pitches and sometimes you just need to ride them out, especially when they have handled the lineup like Gausman did in the early innings. The mindset of opposing batters can be challenging to read; sometimes hitters are just looking for a different pitcher to come in for a different look, when others are hoping to see Gausman for one more at-bat. Gausman pitches splitters which is advantageous in the Rogers Centre, and also pitches decent to left-handed power hitters. He should have been left in to get out of his own jam, especially with lots of breathing room.

#2 – It seemed like such a minor move, but Schneider removed Merrifield after getting hit in the head with a pitch. Schneider is very protective of his players and that is one of the main reasons why he will be back as the manager for next season and beyond. But Merrifield may have been actually healthy and fine to play. You bring a player into the game that may or may not have been ready and Merrifield has been one of the team’s hottest hitters as of late. It seemed to take some wind out of the sails and all of a sudden you do not have you’re “A” lineup on the field.

Schneider is exactly what this team needed this season. He is familiar with all the young players, he defends his players, and he is not afraid to call out players when they do something wrong. The old manager was always happy and a manager simply cannot be happy all the time. There needs to be

accountability within the dugout and in the dressing room. If not, there is no respect. Schneider and Walker on numerous occasions defended players after getting hit and going at other managers on teams, and did you see how quick Schneider was out of the dugout when Merrifield got hit in the head – players respect coaches who represent them and their team like Schneider and Walker did this season. They should be commended for their efforts.

The internet has been leaking out with other excuses and scenarios where the manager’s moves were questioned. Some people questioned how can Berrios not even pitch an inning in the playoffs – it was two games folks, there was not an opportunity for him to pitch. Why did Mayza come in? – if he got an out we would not be talking about this. Why was Bradley Jr. not playing centre field in that inning? – c’mon, really? Springer is your centre fielder and he went aggressively for a catch and had to make a decision. You can second guess all you want, but your team lost and that’s the way it goes sometimes. Baseball is full of uncertainty and decisions. Sometimes they work and sometimes they do not.

Controlling your emotions on the ball field is hard to do. I always question what is a better situation for a player, playing in front of 50,000 hometown fans or playing on the road with not as much pressure. I will never know. I have always questioned fans standing and cheering when there are two strikes on a hitter. Sometime emotions come into play and maybe this negatively affects a pitcher. Pitchers who rely on location and spin may try and throw a ball harder than they should for example. So many things come into play in these pressure situations. As a fan, there is not much more we can do. As I sit back 24 hours later, I reflect and say to myself that it is unlikely that the Blue Jays had enough fuel to go all the way anyway. There are so many great teams in the playoffs. It does not make it hurt any less, but take time to reflect and get better. They can’t do much more than that. Look for the Astros and the Dodgers to advance to the final.

I attended the Boost Grand Slam of Curling in North Bay this past week. What an experience being close up to the players. Curling is an ever-changing game and is as competitive as any sport right now. These men and women take their craft seriously, and the way the teams operate is impressive. What really impressed me was how many volunteers and work is required to run an event like this --just all the television equipment alone in the arena likely took a week to set-up. The camera men and women are also very impressive in what they do to bring the best view of the game to your living room. A great job by everyone in North Bay! As stated previously, the Grand Slam television angles have abolished the overhead view and rather show the angle from “behind” the shot so fans at home can see the amount of curl. The over-the-top camera angle should be no more for any broadcast.

Power of Giving Gala Raises Funds and Awareness for Mental Health Expansion



Power of Giving Gala raises funds and awareness for mental health expansion Immediate Release October 7, 2022 On Saturday, September 24, 2022, the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation hosted the Power of Giving Hybrid Gala, in person at Discovery Harbour in Penetanguishene and online through the Foundation’s You Tube channel. The event, presented by Faris Team Real Estate Brokerage, raised more than \$385,000 for the Foundation’s Impact Fund, which addresses the highest priority capital needs for GBGH. One of the key priorities on the horizon for the hospital is building a comprehensive acute mental health program. This was the inspiration for the event’s focus on mental health awareness and advocacy. To bring that focus to life, the evening’s program included award-winning humanitarian, bestselling author and physician Dr. Samantha Nutt. Dr. Nutt spoke to the audience about her experience caring for patients with mental illness in a small community. “In those really critical moments, when what you really need is support, some therapy, a diagnosis, maybe some medication, maybe a brief or extended hospitalization, every layer that gets added, every distance that gets built in to the challenge of accessing that care, puts that person’s life at risk,” shared Dr. Nutt. “Tonight is about achieving different outcomes, about removing the barriers that so many people in our communities face when it comes to accessing mental health care.” Building on the theme of mental health, Power of Giving guests learned more about the proposed acute mental health program for GBGH through a very powerful video featuring the Foundation’s executive director, Nicole Kraftscik, who shared her own struggle with mental illness. “People are getting lost in this system, and people are suffering,” shared Kraftscik. “And, whether it’s your neighbour, your grandmother, your father, or brother or sister, mental health does not discriminate. I know what care can look like when it’s all in one building, and I want that for my hospital...for your hospital...for GBGH.” Collectively, through generous donations made during the event, business sponsorship, ticket sales, online auction and sales of the Gbay Bag, more than \$385,000 was raised for the Foundation’s Impact Fund. Anyone interested in watching the event can do so through the Foundation’s You Tube Channel (<https://youtu.be/a5ulcnjs430>). To watch Nicole’s personal mental health story, visit: <https://youtu.be/C5630DhfqVc>.

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

Original “AD” in the Elmvale Lance in the early 70’s perhaps. Sure could use that bank today!

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Throwback Thursday Photo caption:

Photo to left: Back row: Phil, Earl
2nd Row: Marion, Betty, Pat, Marilyn, Anne
Front row: Annette, Muriel, Isabel, Jackie, Sharon

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The Mother In Law Question

Mothers in law are often maligned. Most of these women are genuinely concerned about their children and are really well-meaning. When children marry, it can be an awkward time for parents as they try to re-define their role in their children's lives. They often get mixed messages: children may, on the one hand project that they want help (e.g., financial, or with babysitting or fixing things), but other times be offended by help freely given (i.e., advice). Parents may often feel like they are walking on egg-shells, wanting to be seen as neither as intrusive, nor neglectful.

No matter how you look at it though, a mother who as spent 18+ years raising a child, wants to be important in his/her life. But the child has his/her own home now and doesn't need parents in the same way. The young couple want to create their own lives, to make their own decisions, and may have TWO mothers and TWO fathers (or more if parents have remarried) coaching from the sidelines, all with different advice.

If parents are critical of a child's spouse, the spouse will pick up on that energy, and it may trigger memories of battles with parents during the teenage years. This in turn may bring out the rebellious side of the young person, setting the stage for more disharmony.

The key to healthy relationships with in-laws is to understand that once children are married, they don't need mothering. A mother can be a friend, a coach, a bringer of support, but adult children do not want to be treated like children.

Recognize, in most cases, the good intent of the mother-in-law. You can let her advice float by if you don't need it. If she continues to push it, or to criticize, tell her gently that you want her friendship, but these behaviours may spoil that.

If you are the mother-in-law, ask the children to tell you honestly what kind of role they would like you to play in their adult lives. Do not expect to be treated in any certain way, for that would be getting into co-dependency and using guilt on them. If you expect that they will be with you every Christmas, or always take you to dinner on Mother's Day, and act hurt if they don't, you make them feel like it's a duty. This serves only to take the fun out of celebrations. Prepare to be flexible and not compete with your child's in-laws.

Count your blessings (they've left home!), let them know they have your love and support, be pleasant to be around, and don't take things too seriously or personally. If you are the child, try to see your in-laws through compassionate eyes, and treat them the way you will surely, one day, want to be treated. What goes around does, persistently, come around.

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Update From Doug Downey MPP

Last week, I had the pleasure of participating in the annual Ontario Agriculture Week through a series of events culminating in a wonderful time at the Elmvalle Fall Fair. Every year, the province takes time to recognize the abundance of food our local farmers produce and the history of agriculture in our area. It's so important, especially in this changing climate, to recognize the hard work of farming families, who tirelessly strive to keep food on our tables and our grocery store shelves.

Agriculture and farming are important to the fabric of our province. Quite simply, farmers keep food on our tables. That importance is highlighted in the communities of Oro-Medonte and Springwater, where farms dot the landscape and offer all kinds of fresh produce. We are fortunate to have a myriad of different kinds of farms, from hobby farms to educational facilities, and those who grow the diverse produce we enjoy.

This past week, I had the opportunity to visit Barrie Hill Farms, a staple in our community since 1968. Barrie Hill Farms has been owned and operated by the Gervais family since its inception, and provides the opportunity for residents to visit and pick their own berries, apples, pumpkins and more. The team at Barrie Hill Farms also offers an incredible variety of produce in their farm stand, ranging from homemade jams, spreads, salsas and preserves, to maple syrup, dairy products and locally sourced meats.

Additionally, I was able to mark Agriculture Week by joining the celebrations and festivities at the Elmvalle Fall Fair. Over the Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend, countless people descended upon the Flos Elmvalle Community Arena to visit with local vendors, attend cattle, sheep, and heavy horse shows, or simply to watch the antique truck pulls and the two great parades. This community event reminds us all of the importance of agriculture and farming to these communities, and gives us all a chance to celebrate those farmers who often go unrecognized or undervalued.

Even though Agriculture Week in Ontario has officially ended for this year, I continue to encourage all of you to support local farmers and consider buying local whenever possible. As the Christmas season approaches, perhaps consider buying a turkey from a neighbouring farm, or visiting a farmer's market for all the vegetables, jellies and preserves necessary to serve a holiday feast. Whenever possible, please remember to thank our local farmers for all they do.

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Update From Doug Shipley MP

On September 20th, Parliament resumed for the fall session and started with fierce debates surrounding affordability in Canada. While the inflation rate at 7% is slightly less than the predicted 7.3%, food prices continue to climb. Figures from Statistics Canada indicate the prices for food rose at the fastest pace in 40 years.

Amid the rising cost of food, the federal government intends to place limitations on the amount of nitrogen fertilizer farmers are allowed to use in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with these fertilizers. Limiting the use of nitrogen fertilizer could result in reduced crop yield, translating to even higher food prices. At a time when it is becoming increasingly more expensive to feed your family, putting limitations on how farmers grow food is not a strategy that will help Canadians during this cost-of-living crisis.

Many Canadians are still struggling to recover from the financial burdens endured during the pandemic. Job loss, restrictions on business openings, or working fewer hours to stay at home with children left many Canadians in positions where finances are tighter than before. The rising price of food, along with other necessities such as gas, and rent, have resulted in an increased number of clients at local food banks. With the increased need, many community food banks are struggling to keep up with the demand. If you can help, please contact your local food bank to find out how to donate or host a community food drive.

I will continue to fight for families in our riding and across Canada to make life more affordable. 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

Tractor and Truck Pull - Elmvalle Fall Fair



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Georgian Bay Reads

Get your tickets now for this fun night of friendly debate. Saturday October 22, 7pm at Clearview Library's Stayner Branch (269 Regina Street). Our very own staff member Katie is defending Run, Hide, Repeat - based on a true story. Please visit our website to reserve your tickets.

Items Needed

We are currently requesting items for our online Silent Auction in November. Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated: gift cards, bath products, candles, toys, candy, hand cream, unique mugs, scarves, small picture frames, small home decor items. Thanks so much for your support!

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 as you walk through the library!

Early ON Stay, Play and Learn

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

Jammers Drop In Music

Do you play and instrument and would like to be part of an informal group? Come out for some musical fun! Wednesdays 2pm-4pm, Midhurst Branch.

Senior Tech Help

We offer one-on-one tech help on Wednesdays with Armando at Midhurst Branch 10:30am-12noon or with Carrie at Elmvalle Branch Thursdays 3pm-5pm (starting October 27).

Use the Cricut in the Library

Starting October 12, Library customers will be able to book time (1 hour) to use our Cricut machines for their own creations with access to the Library's Cricut subscription! Midhurst: Tuesdays all day, Wednesday afternoons and Elmvalle: Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Library Board Openings

Do you have an interest in helping to provide a comprehensive and efficient public library service that reflects the community's needs? We invite you to consider serving on the Springwater Public Library Board. Application deadline is Sunday October 16. For details see the library's website or Springwater Township website.

Read to Tilley (trained dog ambassador)

Tilley will be coming to the Elmvalle Branch ready to listen to awesome stories from children aged 5+. Book your 15 minute time slot three weeks in a row on Tuesdays October 18, 25 and November 1 from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Take Home Craft Kits

Crafts with Kaitlyn this month is a black cat craft available Thursday October 20.

Creative Adults: October Workshops

Connect with other adults by signing up for a Glass fusing Workshop Thursday October 20, 6:30pm at the Creative Café in Barrie (30 Bryne Drive, Unit A, Barrie Ontario). Cost: One pendant \$22.60 or three pendants \$56.50. Then register for a Lava Bead Aromatherapy Workshop Monday October 24, 2pm at Elmvalle Branch. Suggested donation \$10.

Simcoe Author Talks via Zoom

October hosts author Bernie Saunders who will chat about his hockey memoir book, "Shut Out, the game that did not love me black". Thursday October 20, 7pm.

Stranger Things Team Trivia!

Teams of 2 to 5 people can sign up, wear costumes and see who knows this series the best! There will be prizes, snacks and some surprises as well! Friday October 21, 6pm-8pm Midhurst Branch. Registration required.

About Me...

I was born and raised in this community. I am a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes elementary school and Elmvalle District Highschool. I also attended Georgian College in the Business program and, later, the Security program.

Since 1987, I have been employed by a wide variety of businesses located here in Elmvalle –including Source for Sports (with Tim Belcourt), Watson Sports and Sears depot (Jim Watson) and, of course, the Palace Tavern.

My brother, Sean, and I had dreamed of purchasing the Palace Tavern and running it together. After his accidental death in 2002, I forged ahead and realized our dream; purchasing the Palace myself in 2003.

In 2011, my wife, Cathy, and I started Palace Security. We have looked after security in different venues, businesses and at special events throughout the entire local area –including Springwater, Tiny, Wasaga Beach, Barrie, Collingwood and Blue Mountain. We have provided jobs for over 30 employees.

My Plan for Business....

- Because help is still needed to recover from the pandemic, propose a freeze on property taxes for 2023
- Incentives to bring new and different businesses and industry into Ward 1 and not take away from hardworking businesses that are already here
- Bring jobs to our community so that our children can stay and have a **local** place to work


My Plan for Seniors...

- Propose a freeze for property taxes in 2023
- Work with BIA for discounts from local businesses

My wife, Cathy, is a farm girl from Shelburne, Ontario. We married in 2010 and we have six children. They range in age from 27 to 11 years old.

I have played in the Wednesday Night Slo Pitch League since 1988. I took over running the league in 2002.

As the proud son and grandson of War Veterans, I have been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for over 35 years.



Work out a strategy similar to the Town of Innisfil to bring ride sharing services (such as Lyft or Uber) to Ward 1

Coordinate with EDHS to set up a program for students to help with snow removal and yard work for seniors in exchange for Community Service hours

My Plan for Families...

- Propose a freeze on property taxes for 2023
- Work with private daycare providers and the province to implement the \$10 per day rate for childcare
- Arrange a co-operation with a public service group (eg. YMCA) to implement new activities for families and children

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My Plan for Our Entire Community...

- Continue working with Simcoe County Housing to help establish more affordable housing in Springwater Township
- Collaborate with Huronia West OPP to improve community safety; deter car break-ins; and vandalism of commercial and residential property
- Propose and plan an annual Summer Music Festival featuring local artists in multiple community venues
- Propose and plan an annual Winter Carnival and/or Township-wide Ball Hockey Tournament

Mary Bertram Memorial Baby Show Winners



Photo above: Sweepstakes Winner for 2022: L-R Jane Lees, Chairperson, Kera Potts, mother of Sweepstake Winner, Leigha Potts-Smith, of Elmvale.

2022 Mary Bertram Memorial Baby Show At 160th Elmvale Fall Fair

The “Mary Bertram Memorial Baby Show” was once again a success at the Elmvale Fall Fair, held Friday, October 7th, after 2 years of being cancelled due to COVID. There was a great turnout with 34 babies registered in the show, amongst the 3 classes.

In the first class, **0-6 months**, the winners were (1) Leigha Potts-Smith, 4 months, Elmvale (2) Bentley Nahuis, 5 months, Tiny (3) Briggs Young, 5 months, Tiny.

In the second class, **6-12 months**, the winners were (1) Evelyn McLauchlan, 10 months, Midland (2) MyKenna Smith, 6 months, Alliston (3) Regan Sutton, 7 months, Elmvale.

In the third class, **12-18 months**, the winners were (1) Nash Gibson, 15 months, Phelpsston (2) Nyla Rowell, 15 months, Tiny (3) Zachari Tauro, 12 months, Barrie.

The prize for the **youngest girl** went to **Clarke Leduc**, 7 weeks of Port Severn & the **youngest boy** went to **Nolan Edgcombe**, 8 days, Elmvale. The **youngest multiple births** were twin boys, **Deacon & Duke McNamara**, 10 months of Woodland Beach.

The Sweepstakes winner of the “Mary Bertram Memorial” plaque was **Leigha Potts-Smith of Elmvale**, daughter of Kera Potts & Erik Smith.

A big thank you goes out to the moms/dads, friends & relatives that entered babies in the show. Without them, the show would not happen.

A very Special Thank you goes out to the following Business’ and individuals that donated gifts for the Show: **Elm Flower Shoppe, Yonge St. S., Elmvale, Scotiabank, Barrie Financial Centre, 44 Collier St., Barrie, Essentials Salon, 19 Queen St. W., Elmvale, TD/Canada Trust, Sharon Emmett, Wasaga Beach, Fleming Electric, Elmvale, Century Masonry, Elmvale, Scotland Tire & Auto, Barrie, Foodland, Yonge St. N., Elmvale, Babies R Us, Bayfield St. N., Barrie, Jim & Jacquie Spence, Elmvale, Superior Facility Services, Yonge St. S., Elmvale, Pat Fergusson (Booth), Broker Sutton Group, Barrie, McLaren Equipment, Horseshoe Valley Rd. & Highway 27, Phelpsston, Sophisticated Stitching, Victoria Harbour, Northern Automotive Solutions, Phelpsston, Klink’s A Team Mechanical, Elmvale, The Old Corner Store, Hillsdale, Simcoe Stonecraft & Masonry, Elmvale, Norwex ~ Nancy Adams-Lefaive, Wyebribe, Four Corner Tea Room, Elmvale, Motivationz Fitness, Elmvale and The Flos Agricultural Society, Elmvale.**

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The Milkman

Several months ago, at the church in Hillsdale one of our "senior" ladies was sharing how sad she was when home milk delivery by horse stopped in 1951. There were cars, but horse & buggy was far more efficient. A driver would walk with a crate of full bottles, dropping 1 or 2 at each house. The horse would follow along the road.

The homeowners would leave out empties & milk money. Deliveryman made money change if needed. When the delivery man had his crate full of empties, he'd go back to the road & the driverless horse & buggy would be waiting. Grab another crate of full bottles and the horse would follow along.

The lady loved the horse. She shared while tearing up that each day she'd take an apple out for it as a treat. One day she forgot & there was a knock on the door. Deliveryman said, "Madam, can you please bring out the treat for the horse." The horse had stopped & refused to move until it got its treat.

I'm not sure why the horse & buggy home milk delivery was discontinued in her town at the time in Guelph, Ontario. I'm guessing this type of delivery would have been happening for generations. I'm thinking with modern gasoline powered delivery vans, people felt the horse and buggy was outdated. They need to catch up with the times. In reality, nothing could match the efficiency of that driverless horse and buggy.

Today's society seems dominated by the idea of new. New phone. New car. New appliances. New travel destination. All of this is great, right? Tired of the old? In with the new. Sadly, with our demand for the new, and last year's stuff outdated, our planet's precious resources are being plundered to meet society's insatiable demand. To the point where there will be nothing left for future generations to come.

I had been the lay pastor at the church in Hillsdale for its' final 11 yrs. An elderly congregation, several have passed on. I've listened to 100's of stories like this. My life has become much richer because of it. My biggest regret is I wished I wrote them all down. So much so, I could have written a book. Our elderly are living history books. Hard times & simple lives we learn so much from them. There was a time when the local community church was the central focus of all the small communities. A place of belonging. A place of caring and building one another up. A place of connection. I've witnessed this so deeply in my 11 years within our small congregation at St Andrews



Presbyterian Church, Hillsdale. Plus, I've learned so much local history in my 11 years. Can you imagine with this church beginning in 1851, that people could have been sharing memories going back into the 1700's. If those church walls could talk. Hillsdale wasn't even on the map then. Unfortunately, the local community church has become outdated to most people these days. Personal disposable income is at an all-time high. This increase in income also gives people more options for how they choose to spend their time. So many leisure activities to partake in. So many new places to explore. Local pastor and podcaster Carey Nieuwhof has suggested: "People always make time for the things they value most. If they're not making time for church, that tells you something."

their name" level. Which I'm guessing will become even more pronounced once the new development happens in Hillsdale.


Perhaps I'm a bit nostalgic and old fashioned, but I really miss life centered around the local community. This was a huge part of my life growing up in the nearby community of Edgar. Everybody knew their neighbors extremely well and would help one another at the drop of a hat. So often old is better than new.

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A portrait of Kelly Helowka, a middle-aged man with a receding hairline, smiling. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt under a brown blazer. The background is a blurred indoor setting with curtains.

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HEY DADS

HEY DADS! Were you able to partake of some turkey or ham last weekend? I sure hope so. I was able to wash mine down with some apple pie and ice cream. Yes, the good things in life. But not everything in life is good. Take mowing the lawn for instance. Maybe there's one last mow to get in before the snow flies.

If there's one thing that kids like, it's riding with dad on the lawn mower. Even if the safety manual and stickers on the mower advise against it, I may know a dad or two that had a little rider accompany him across the yard on a sunny fall day. But those little riders grow up, don't they? And those little riders want to ride by themselves, don't they? And those little riders' short legs don't always reach the brake pedal, do they?

Last week we discussed the appropriate age for little kids to ride dirt bikes. Today we discuss the appropriate age for little kids to ride lawn mowers. Based on personal experience I suggest that their legs should be long enough to reach the brake pedal. Allow me to explain.

Lawn mowers seem to die a quick death in my yard. Maybe it's because I always look for the cheapest or free-est mower I can find and those mowers are not always operating at full capacity. On one of the occasions when my mower wasn't running my dear father-in-law was gracious enough to let me borrow his. The nice thing about having a full-size van that fits 11 people is that it also fits riding mowers. Me and the kids took a few questionably-strong boards

along, drove to their grandpa's house and rode his mower right into the back of the van like butter.

We got it home, backed it down the creaking boards, and successfully mowed the lawn. My son, Sterling, who was 8 (and short-legged) at the time, wanted to drive it back to the van to reload and return to Grandpa. I forgot I had left the mower in high gear, super pursuit mode, when I finished the lawn earlier that day. Sterling could handle the machine at turtle speed but had insufficient training (and leg length) for rabbit speed. He stretched his legs to their maximum distance straining to contact the clutch pedal. He got his foot to it, engaged the throttle and when he released the clutch off he went like a rocket. I was doing my fatherly-duty as shift supervisor shouting, "The brakes! The brakes!" as I chased him towards his target...the back of the van.

The good news is that Sterling stopped. The bad news is that Sterling stopped when he smashed my father-in-law's riding mower into the back of the van. The bumper of the van sustained little damage. The front-end of the lawn mower sustained substantial damage. The hood had dents, steel was bent, and much plastic was cracked and broken. Sterling was physically uninjured but I was emotionally injured by the fear of returning the mower to my father-in-law.

We got out all our lawn mower repair tools (hammers mostly) and went to work to fix the damage until the mower was good as new...with just a few extra dents. We then loaded it up and brought it back to Sterling's

grandpa who handled the news well and allowed me to remain married to his daughter. Sterling learned about brakes and I learned that kids should grow their legs faster. There's more kids-driving-stuff stories to come next week but until then, dads...Time flies! Make every moment count!

Jason Weening teaches his 9 kids to be world-class drivers in all sorts of motorized vehicles. For more driving tips check out www.heydads.ca.



RBC Race for the Kids Raises Funds For a Specialized Space at RVH for Kids in Crisis

More than 600 people from across Simcoe-Muskoka walked, ran, biked or bladed 5km in the 2022 RBC Race for the Kids, raising an incredible \$114,161 for youth mental health at RVH.

Proceeds from the event will go to create a customized space in RVH's Emergency Department, where expert staff will provide specialized mental health care for young people in a private environment.

"So many families are living with the impacts of the alarming surge in young people suffering from mental health. It is deeply inspiring to see the community wrap its arms around them in this way," says Pamela Ross, CEO, RVH Foundation.

"We are grateful for RBC's leadership in supporting youth mental health, and for the generosity of those who walked or ran, and everyone who sponsored them. It will mean that young people who come to RVH in crisis will have access to a private, comfortable space to receive specialized care."

This year's event was a "5k your way", giving participants the chance to get active in any way they chose, at their own pace, in their own space.

The event culminated on Saturday with a pair of "Celebration Stations" at Georgian Mall and Tanger Outlets Cookstown, where participants were feted with a Race medal, sweet treats and a chance to walk the red carpet.

"Youth mental health is a cause that's close to our

hearts. It's critical that young people get access to the help they need,"

says Marjolaine Hudon, Regional President at RBC. "A huge thank you to the entire team at RVH for helping youth and

their families connect with the right resources. You are truly making a difference in their lives."



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

The Anten Mills Autumn Artisans Fair was a great success on October 1. The crowds were good, the artisans and crafters happy and a lot of filled stomachs. The pancakes were fluffy, big and heartily consumed. The pancake breakfast contributions were close to \$300 which will be given to the Elmvale and District Food Bank along with several boxes of food collected. A big thank you goes to the organizers, Roslyn, Stephanie and Jan. The vendors and participants have already asked if there will be another fair next year and with the assistance of community volunteers it can happen.



Our community volunteers are a huge asset to the community events and as reported in the last column, they are stepping up to hold a Halloween party. The Anten Mills Halloween Bash is going to happen on Sunday, October 30th from 11 until 2 at the community centre. It will be a drop in for all those superheroes, damsels, scary creatures and fun characters. There will be pumpkins, games and of course some early halloween loot. Mark your calendars now so that you don't forget and watch the Anten Mills Community

Facebook page for more specific details. Halloween isn't the only upcoming community event. The Christmas in the Village weekend is December 10 and 11th. Our community will again put on a winter wonderland display at the community centre as the large tree gets lit and our ground displays are turned on. Santa Claus will make an appearance and thanks to a very generous donation the sky will light up with fireworks. On Sunday, the 25th annual Anten Mills Santa Claus parade will take place starting at 1PM. Generally a theme for the parade is not determined as each group loves to be



creative. There have been many colorful entries like Elvis, emoji, Frozen 3, Gingerbread, tractors, horses, the Simcoe County Paramedics toy drive and the Springwater firefighters escorting Santa. 25 years of making children of all ages smile and cheer is a huge timeframe and many of the early participants are now parents and grandparents bringing their families to participate or watch. If you ever entered the parade in the past, think about joining the fun this year. The parade is open to everyone and perhaps a theme this

year could be 25 Years Remembered. Let's make the Anten Mills 25th annual Santa Claus parade the one to remember. More details will be in this column as well as in the community Facebook page. Feel free to reach out to me for more details or suggestions. Community groups and local businesses are all welcome to participate.

If you happened to go by the community centre recently and saw some large vehicles there as well as the gardens disturbed, it was due to a water main break. The waterline entering the building failed and as a result was leaking. Fortunately it was caught relatively early and the repairs completed with no damage to the building. Some 20 years ago the waterline broke inside the building causing major flooding which led to considerable interior damage resulting in the addition being constructed. The gardens will be returned to their former state however some plants were lost and need to be replaced. In case you were curious, the gardens will not be cut back this fall. Instead they will remain as a cover for the birds and insects that thrive on that type of foliage throughout the winter. Come spring, a call out will be made for assistance in cleaning the gardens up. Last fall several hundred bulbs were planted and they were left undisturbed this year. In the spring, should the squirrels have not gotten to them, we should see blooms popping up giving us that fresh start to a new season.

Thanksgiving weekend was the last for this season for the Fry Guy. Matt and family thank all who were patrons and staff this past year for the support given. Matt also noted that while the property is for sale, no offers have been accepted and they intend to continue running the business next year if it isn't sold.

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

HILLSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

*Written by Paige Shanahan - Grade 7 Student
Hillsdale Elementary School*

Hello, Hillsdale! School started back up this month and here are some things your child has been doing and participating in. This September, we welcomed our new students and kindergartners. We also welcomed our new secretary, Ms. Palmer, our new EA Mrs. Halfkenny and our new grade 7/8 teacher, Ms. Gray. Welcome to our school, Huskies!

On September 23rd we held the annual Terry Fox School Run. Our Huskies fundraised money for cancer research and we raised \$300 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We had the honour of welcoming Mr. Nelson and Mr. Nelson to open up the run by the annual release of their birds. The students ran extremely hard to carry on Terry Fox's legacy. We

have also been learning a lot and making beautiful masterpieces about Terry and his run across Canada. Ms. Harris's grade 3/4 class and Mr. Regier's 4/5 class were kind enough to make gorgeous posters and come to every class to remind us that the Terry Fox Run was coming up.

Over the summer, our school has been rearranged. There is a new tarmac area to play in and that is where our portables have been moved to. With all these changes in our school yard, our school's ECO team will be taking on more initiatives. We would also like to personally thank Laura, Brady, and Tyler Awrey, Alissa Shanahan, Stephanie McKibbin, Chelsea and Riley Bouwmeester, and Carl and Lynn Wright for helping move plants to the schoolyard meadow.

Orange Shirt Day and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation have passed, too. Our huskies wore

their bright orange shirts to honour the Indigenous children who passed away at residential schools. We have been learning a lot about residential schools and their horrid impact on children.

We are so excited that our annual Elmvale Fall Fair is returning this year. Our talented Huskies will send their amazing artwork to the fair to be on display.

We have had a terrific start to our school year! It will be another awesome year full of fun, friendship, and kindness.

Photo below: On September 23rd we held the annual Terry Fox School Run. Our Huskies fundraised money for cancer research and we raised \$300 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We had the honour of welcoming Mr. Nelson and Mr. Nelson to open up the run by the annual release of their birds.

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Jo Knows Nutrition



Harvest Apple Chips – Two Ways

Need an excuse to get outside and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage? It's apple picking season, so get off the couch and visit one of the many local farms across the region that are harvesting apples by the bushel. October is the month for home-baked apple pies and crisps that fill your kitchen with the aroma of spicy goodness. This autumn, why not try something a little different with your apple windfall? Make a batch or two of apple chips – a healthy snack of thinly sliced apples that are lightly seasoned and then baked, instead of fried.



CINNAMON DUSTED APPLE CHIPS INGREDIENTS

- 6 large apples
- 2 teaspoons (10 ml) ground cinnamon

CURRIED APPLE CHIPS INGREDIENTS

- 6 large apples
- 3 teaspoon (15 ml) curry powder
- 1/3 teaspoon (1.5 ml) cumin
- Pinch salt (optional)
- Pinch cayenne powder (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOTH TYPES OF APPLE CHIPS

1. Preheat the oven to 200 F (93 C). Line three or four baking sheets with parchment paper, foil or silicone mats.
2. Wash and core the apples with an apple corer. With a mandolin or a very sharp knife slice the apples, horizontally, into 1/8 inch-thick (3 mm) rounds.
3. Arrange the apples in a single layer on the prepared baking sheets. Lightly dust with the cinnamon or the curry mixture – a little goes a long way, so don't over-season.
4. Bake on low heat for 50-70 minutes without opening the oven door. Flip the apple slices and bake for another 50-70 minutes.
5. Allow to cool for a crispier texture.
6. Store the apple chips in an air-tight container at room temperature for up to 1 week.

ENJOY!

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

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Did You Know?

The 19th century proverb "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," still resonates in 2022. Rich in fibre and antioxidants, apples are linked to a lower risk of many chronic conditions and are chock full of heart healthy soluble fibre in the skin and bowel regulating insoluble fibre in the flesh. Your immune system may also get a boost from eating apples which is a good thing as we head into flu season.



Bearbells and Beagles

by Leslie Noonan



So this is it, the last few days of my solo hike of the Ganaraska trail. The days were shorter and the leaves starting to turn from summer greens into vibrant reds and golds. I love this time of year, with the golden sun warming me during the day and an evening's fire chasing

away the chill. The late summer crickets added a musical accompaniment to my days hike.

I was now near Victoria Bridge and what was only to be a last one day hike out of the Queen Elizabeth II wilderness to Sadawa and the end of my journey. This was not to be. Again, land use had been revoked and I would have to spend another two days in the park for a loop trail. The weather was beautiful and I started out on the aptly named Hikers Graveyard section. There are very few landmarks along this section of rocky terrain, and I had to be on the alert for every blaze I could find. And of course, more beaver dam crossings. At one point on a section of trail little more than an animal track, a young moose stepped out in front of me within a few feet. I was overwhelmed by the quiet passing of this giant creature who barely acknowledged my presence, before silently ghosting off the trail and into dense vegetation.

The remainder of this two days hike had me following trails along the Cranberry River and next to the High Falls, a steep eight meter chute of beautiful water. I was surprised by the number of people I met or saw along the way. The hiking trail is crisscrossed by many ATV trails, and I even ran into a group of young boys from Toronto on a trip to experience the back country.

My favourite encounter was a young man with his not so young dog. He explained that they had been back country hiking together for a decade, and that this may be his girls last trip. I wished them well as they slowly made their way down the rocky trail. My return to Victoria Bridge on the loop trail was the end of my trip. I was done, I had completed more than 540 km of trail on my own. The trail changes had added more kilometres than I had anticipated, but all that had added to my story. The fear of being alone, the fear of the unknown, and the fear of bears, had not been necessarily conquered, but definitely faced head on. Through all of this, only one person thought to ask me "why". Why did I chose to do a solo hike in such difficult conditions, and continue when things where so challenging. This was such an easy answer, as I had worked for several years as a geriatric nurse. I saw so many regrets at things not tried, so many hopes and dreams never even attempted. Life too often gets in the way of living. I am proud of myself and my accomplishment. It gives me the strength to continue to work towards living life to the fullest and chasing those dreams before it is too late. Hike

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Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 2:30 pm.

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Upcoming Elmvale Blood Donation Event - October 15

In times of need, we show up. We make sacrifices to help people we know, and people we don't. And right now, patients across Canada need donors more than ever. To give like lives depend on it — because they do. We need to inspire people across Canada to give lifesaving blood and plasma, to give a second chances with stem cells, organs and tissues. Here's how you can help: attached are shareable assets for your use, along with current graphics for our upcoming blood donation event in Elmvale. Please consider using these tools to help raise awareness about the need for donors in Canada on your workplace channels and within your personal networks too. Please let me know if you would like social media tiles for other platforms such as for Twitter or Facebook and I will be happy to send them along. Feel free to use any of the messaging below for your captions on social as well.

- Calling all new and existing blood donors!**
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 - Throughout the pandemic, the number of people across Canada who donate regularly has decreased by 31,000, resulting in the smallest donor base in a decade.
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Reminder: Making an appointment is necessary. Keeping it is crucial. Missed or cancelled appointments are difficult for us to fill since we can no longer replace you with a 'walk-in' donor. Your donations matter. Patients — those among our most vulnerable populations — are grateful for your generosity, commitment, and support as donors. If you find that an event is initially full, please save the date and keep checking back on blood.ca. Same day appointments are often available – in fact, we've been seeing a high number of last minute cancellations on the day of the clinic so there are often open appointments that can be booked on the morning of the event. Every donation appointment this fall needs to be filled. Everyone who can is encouraged to donate. Ask a family member, friend, or colleague to book an appointment to donate at the same as you. Together, you can make donating blood, a new meaningful tradition. Without the ongoing dedication of blood and plasma donors, patients in Canada wouldn't have access to lifesaving care where and when they need it.

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Annie's Journal

Written by Annie Warner Donnelly



Over the years, I've been privileged to be part of the journey of four people who would eventually take their last breath. One trusted God's word. Another was so filled with fear that dying was a terrifying experience. The journeys of the remaining two were somewhere

in between.

For me, the changing seasons paint a picture of how beautiful our approaching deaths can be. I believe the colours of autumn are God's gift to us. In the spring, plants and trees come to life and seeds begin to grow. Through the summer we enjoy the richness of what the land produces. In the fall, as the harvest comes to an end and all that is perennial prepares for the sleep of winter, bursts of new colours appear everywhere.

I've long thought this is how my life could be. Born in the springtime, I grew into a season of summer and now I'm in the autumn of my life. It seems to me that God's message through the radiance of the dying leaves and flowers is that this is when my character should be at its most radiant. Just like a seed, it's what's inside us that has the potential to become a colourful and vibrant life. Just like a seed, we need to persevere through all the challenges we face.

Author, Gary Thomas, wrote, "There's only one way to develop perseverance. We have to surrender to God as we feel pushed past the human breaking point."

In Romans 5:3-5, the Bible says, "... we also glory

in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance produces character and character produces hope. Now hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Aren't our lives at their most radiant when we're filled with hope, especially when we believe that God loves us?

As we age, with God's help have we nurtured our ability to hope; to have a positive attitude and an inner contentment that flows out of us to the people around us?

Recently, in the grocery store parking lot after I'd put my groceries in my car, I offered a man, about my age, my grocery cart. I'd found it in the parking lot with a quarter in it so now I was offering it to him. He took the cart and subjected me to a short barrage of words indicating his displeasure at having to put quarters in carts in the first place. Then he walked away.

My conversations with other shoppers had been filled with smiles, comments about the sunny weather, and gratitude for adequate food on the shelves. We'd ended our conversations by saying, "Have a great day!"

Life is full of contrasts, challenges, and choices. How will they impact the end of our lives? If we believe that our future depends on what we do today, how does this influence our choices? Let's trust God's word as we pray about this. Amen.

Wyevale News

RuthAnn Caston

Happy birthday wishes to Sandy Rawn, Melanie Pauze, Cindy Hastings, Wendy Austin Laurin, Teresa Archer, Monica Clause, Darlene Dubeau, Benjamin Moreau, Adrienne Srigley, Sherry Johnston, Brent Handy, Michael Hall, Sheri Small, Lorna and Peter Webb, Glenn Hamelin, Alex Rawn and Aaron Mitchell.

Sympathy goes out to Don Matheson and family in the passing of his wife Nancy. Our prayers go out to you.

Anyone wanting MacMillian's frozen food, can order and send to Gillian Reynolds by October 24th.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was once again a great success. Lots of food and lots of volunteer helpers. Thank you to the volunteers for a great job well done.

We all were grateful to enjoy once again the Elmvalle Fall Fair. There was a huge successful parade both Friday and Saturday. Many people attended both days.

Anyone with news or birthday announcements for the paper, please give me a call at 705-527-5274.



Baby on Board Packs now available at MPL!

Midland Public Library is excited to announce our new Baby on Board Packs! Are you a parent/family with a new baby 0-12 months? Sign up for your free MPL membership (or one for your new baby) and receive a Baby on Board Pack. Each pack includes a board book, MPL onesie, an information sheet on MPL and community services, and a coupon for one free smoke alarm courtesy of the Midland Fire Department, all packed into an MPL book bag!

Library programs and services can support in the development of the five early literacy skills. Reading to babies teaches communication and introduces important concepts such as shapes, letters and numbers. Our library has board books, talking books, picture books, parenting books and magazines.

Rosie's Devotions

by Rosemary Hagedorn

A Thankful Heart



The other day as I was sitting in my recliner, I saw the sun's rays pierce through the array of trees outside my window. The sun brought the changing colour of the leaves such beauty to behold to the area. A flock of geese flew by arousing my cat to jump onto the window and watch twitching her tail.

Special moments like these bring to mind thankfulness. As I sat and reflected, my mind turned to other parts of our planet that we call home, where

our brothers and sisters are battling against the forces of nature and each other. Floods, wildfires, mudslides, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and war. For them, there are no moments of peace or a time to relax.

But even though all seems to be lost, there is always something to be thankful for. We can be thankful for volunteers who go out of their comfort zones to help those in need. We can be thankful for the brave firefighters who put their lives on the line in order to help a stranger. We can be thankful for people helping our brothers and sisters who need food and shelter in a war torn country. We can be thankful for the doctors and nurses who put their lives in danger during this pandemic. Yet, the greatest gift that we can be thankful for is the death and resurrection of Jesus, God's Son, who willingly sacrificed His life for us.

John 3:16-17 – For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. (NASB)

His life on earth showed us a way to live a life of peace and resurrection from our old ways of life. All we need to do is to accept this, and turn from our old way of doing things. If we ask, the Holy Spirit will show us what areas in our life need to change, and we can be thankful for God sending us the Spirit to help us and direct us.

John 14:26 – But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. (NASB)

1 Peter 1:3 – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (NASB)

What are you thankful for, and what areas in your life need to change?

Prayer: O Lord, may Your Spirit urge and direct our hearts to give thanks, and may He show us areas in our life that need change. We ask for courage and strength to stand up against injustice and fear. May we be Jesus' examples to make this world a better place. Amen.



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Ask a Therapist: On Jumping to Conclusions

Q: I seem to interpret situations in a negative way when I don't have all the information - why might that be?

A: You are not alone! Unfortunately, most of us have a bit of a negative bias when it comes to processing in the absence of clear information. Your brain is designed to make sense of your experiences and it will try to do that - even when many of the details are vague or unknown. If you fill in the information that is missing with inaccurate negative ideas, those thoughts will impact your overall emotional and relational wellbeing in ways that are distressing or unhelpful.

Often, your thinking will jump to a conclusion that has little to no bearing on the facts or evidence and there could be a number of reasons that this happens. It may be that you are making assumptions about the motives of another person and interpreting their actions based on that assessment. You may have a history of other situations that somehow feel like this one and so your mind will assume that this time is similar to that time. Your personality will tend to see the world through a particular lens and jump to conclusions based on that patterning. You may even feel like you have enough to go on from previous experiences to justify your conclusion, even if that doesn't take into account the particulars of your current circumstances.

Negative automatic thoughts are common and they

can take the form of jumping to conclusions. Most of our intrusive and irrational thoughts are built on the foundation of the stories we are telling ourselves, consciously or unconsciously. We may not know it but we hold core beliefs - both helpful and unhelpful - that animate our thinking and our behaviours, even when we wish they didn't. Identifying and learning to unpack and reframe our core beliefs is a big part of therapy. It can be important to have someone help in that process because we tend to be unaware of our own biases and patterns.

When you find yourself jumping to conclusions, ask yourself if the conclusion is based on facts. If there is no real evidence to support your interpretation, try to seek more information and/or reframe your conclusion to a healthier version of the experience so that you are not activated by inaccurate interpretations unnecessarily. If you are going to jump to conclusions, try to do so in a way that gives you the best possible version of events until you have concrete evidence to the contrary in order to guard your mental health.

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2021 Hall of Fame Induction

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.

This year we would like to extend our gratitude to our patrons who are supporting us with the 2021 Induction. They are;

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Below is the list of Athletes, Builders and Teams that will be inducted that night.

Athletes

Adam Dixon - Sledge Hockey
Alanna Kovacs-Gunn - Track and Field
Alexandra Paul- Figure Skating
Sarah Burke - Skier

Teams

1954/55 Elmvalle Comets - Women's Softball Team
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Builders



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Community Special Events

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Anten Mills Halloween Bash is going to happen on Sunday, October 30th from 11 until 2 at the community centre. It will be a drop in for all those superheroes, damsels, scary creatures and fun characters. There will be pumpkins, games and of course some early halloween loot.

October 13, 2022 6-9 pm

Thriving With Diabetes

North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, Midland. Free event. Contact: Fran 705.355.7611, Jane 705.526-4462 or Janey4462@gmail.com. Guest speaker Dr. Daniel Scanlan.

Friday October 14, 7-9 pm

What is Transgender? Got questions?

This Cafe Convo (coffee and conversation) at Midhurst United Church is a secular event open to anyone. Guest presenters, Rita and Dar, are transgender women speaking from their lived experience.

October 15, 2022 6 pm

Music Bingo and Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Orr Lake Golf Course

Hillsdale CRA is hosting this event. Tickets can be obtained – hillsdaleCRA@gmail.com or Paula (905)259-6334

Wed. Oct.19: 7pm to 9pm

Prince of Peace Church Fashion Show

565 Mosley Street

Come and join a fun night out on where new and new-to-you clothes will be both modelled and on display

Delicious home baking, await your appetite after the fashion show. Tickets: \$10.00 available at the church on Wed. Oct. 12 9am to noon or Mon. Oct.17 9am to noon

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Saturday, October 22.

Fall Roast Beef Dinner, Take-out Style

Midhurst United Church

Tickets are \$30.00 for roast beef dinner and home-made pies! Tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/take-away-roast-beef-dinner-tickets-415688965887> (Eventbrite Ticketing fee of \$2.84 applies) or by calling 705 722 6331 or 705 722 7208. Dinners can be picked up on Saturday, October 22 at Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Rd., Midhurst

December 10 and 11th.

Christmas in the Village Weekend, Anten Mills

Our community will again put on a winter wonderland display at the community centre as the large tree gets lit and our ground displays are turned on. Santa Claus will make an appearance and thanks to a very generous donation the sky will light up with fireworks.

Sun. Dec. 25th

Annual Anten Mills Santa Claus

Parade will take place starting at 1PM.

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Community Events

ONGOING EVENTS:

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm Every Monday

Midland Bridge Club 12:45 pm - 4 pm

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

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.

Elmvale Splash Pad

Daily from 10 am to 7 pm
Homer Barrett Park

Let's Do Lunch \$5:

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

Take-out- held **2nd Thursday of the month:** to order, call 705-322-1411 between 9 and 3pm on the Monday previous for pick-up Thursday between 11:45 and 12:15 at the East side of the church, 22 Queen St. E. Delivery in town only.

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Norman & Lucy Pace Collector Cars & Dispersal Auction,

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NOTICE

SIMCOE COUNTY ARTS & CRAFTS ASSOC.

Would like to announce the winners of our 2022 Quilt, Rug & Craft Raffle Draw that took place on September 18th, 2022 at the Simcoe County Museum, Minesing, ON
1st Prize Quilt - Jocelyne Maurice, Barrie, ON
2nd Prize Rug - Connie Archer, Orillia, ON
3rd Prize Shawl - Gail Stiver, Kilworthy, ON
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED US

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The grand prize winner of the 2022 Ford F-150 is Kyra Jessup of Bradford, Ticket #4017

Congratulations Kyra

The winners of the consolation prizes were :
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Ticket# 6623

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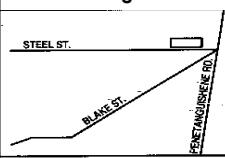
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OPP REPORT continued

car on Highway 12 has lead to a number of driving related charges for a Georgian Bay Township resident. Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded at 8:14 p.m. October 6, 2022 to a report of a crash near Highway 12 and Vents Beach Road, Tay Township.

Upon arrival, officers entered into an investigation to locate the operator of the involved motorcycle, shortly located by the officers walking on the Tay Trail. This individual was arrested at the scene and transported back to detachment for further investigation. As a result of this investigation Aidan SAWYER 34 years of Georgian Bay Township has been charged with the following offences-

- Dangerous operation
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Failure to stop after accident
- Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and further
- Breach of Probation order (Provincial Offences Act)
- Drive motor vehicle - Perform stunt
- Contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

The accused was released from police custody on a recognizance to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on October 17, 2022 and as well, faces 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a seven day vehicle impound.

Both drivers were checked out by an area hospital staff for injuries and released.

THREE IMPAIRED DRIVERS TAKEN OFF SPRINGWATER ROADS IN 12 HOUR PERIOD

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested three impaired drivers in the span of twelve hours, beginning on the evening of Thursday October 6th, 2022. One of these drivers was travelling more than twice the speed limit.

On October 6, 2022 at 4:05 p.m., police were called to a single motor vehicle collision on Wilson Drive near Snow Valley Road. Officers arrived and upon speaking to the driver, quickly determined she was impaired.

Following further investigation, a 32-year-old from Huntsville was arrested and charged with;

- Operation While Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (80 plus)

Shortly after that, on October 6th, 2022, at 5:27 pm, police were monitoring traffic in the area of Crossland Road when they observed a vehicle to be travelling at a very high rate of speed. The speed reading on this vehicle was 169km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone. Officers stopped this vehicle, and upon speaking to the driver, suspected that he was impaired.

Following further investigation, a 27-year-old G2 driver from Kawartha Lakes was arrested and charged with;

- Failure or Refusal to Comply With Demand
- Stunt Driving - Excessive Speed

In the early morning hours of October 7th, 2022, just after 4 am, police received a call to a residence in Springwater from a driver who had become lost. Police located the caller and vehicle a short distance away. Upon speaking to the driver, officers quickly determined she too was impaired.

Following further investigation, a 75-year-old from Peterborough was arrested and charged with;

- Operation While Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration (80 plus)

All three drivers received an immediate 90 day driver's license suspension and their vehicles were impounded. All three are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood on the 8th of November 2022.

Election Promises – Examine The Facts Before Deciding

Submitted by resident Don Allen

During municipal election campaigns you hear many claims of what candidates will do and accomplish if elected. For incumbents seeking re-election, you hear of all the great things they accomplished in the term just ending. They all claim they are fiscally prudent with taxpayers' money.

As outgoing Mayor not seeking re-election, I want to make residents aware of an example of something that was not fiscally prudent with taxpayers' money in Springwater in this last term.

Code of Conduct Integrity Commissioner Reviews

In Springwater, there were several of these during this last term involving different Councillors. The one involving me arose after a golf event in June 2019. Three Councillors each filed Code of Conduct complaints, claiming the way I behaved at the event lacked proper decorum. None of them attended the event and they filed these complaints based on information they heard from some golf course employees. None of these Councillors ever spoke to me about this before they filed the complaints, nor during the investigations at any time. If they had, I could have shared with them what happened as well as a fact which I have kept a private matter – that I have multiple sclerosis and that, along with my double knee replacements, makes me somewhat unstable after a day of exercise in the heat. My first contact with the police after these complaints was 16 days after the event. They determined, based on what they heard, to charge me and these charges were later dropped and replaced with a careless driving fine under the Highway Traffic Act for driving at night with my daytime running lights on. The Township's integrity commissioner performed an investigation and concluded there should be no further sanctions against me based on the investigation. The majority

of Council (with myself not voting due to conflict) did not accept the report and one Councillor made a motion to suspend my pay for 90 days, notwithstanding what the report concluded. This motion had to be retracted and deferred once it was realized this could not be done based on the conclusions of the integrity commissioner investigation. Council also decided to seek a new integrity commissioner and retained Mr. Robert Swayze. Mr. Swayze reviewed the previous integrity commissioner's investigation report and concurred there were no findings that I contravened the Code of Conduct. The majority of Council voted to retain yet another integrity commissioner to do another investigation over and above the two reports that made no finding the Code of Conduct was contravened. Harold Elston was retained by the majority of Councillors (myself excluded) to do another extensive investigation and he concluded the statements from the golf course employees were inconsistent and could not be relied on and he rejected them. He also dismissed the Code of Conduct complaints filed by the Councillors, as there was no breach of the Code of Conduct by me.

This exercise of three integrity commissioners over two years cost the taxpayers nearly \$90,000 in professional fees and staff time dealing with this, plus significant stress and strain and financial cost to my wife and me.

Working with Staff

Another key item to assess before voting is whether you think a candidate could work with Council and Staff to build a positive and motivating working environment. During this last term in Springwater, between some Council members and Staff there was tension, mistrust, and conflict and this led to considerable stress for Staff. Much time, effort and money were spent assembling a great team of Staff.

OPP REPORT

Speeding Investigation Leads to Impaired Driving Charges for Tay Township Resident

A Tay Township resident taking an apparent quick trip on Highway 12, Midland caught the eye of an OPP officer from Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment conducting traffic patrol near 9:42 p.m. October 9, 2022. The officer obtained the speed of the red Honda in excess of the posted 60 k/m hour and with the assistance of another cruiser made a safe stop of the suspect vehicle on Simcoe County Road 93, Midland.

After speaking with the lone driver, the officer entered an impaired driving investigation resulting in Callum MACLEOD 50 years of Tay Township being charged criminally with the following driving offences.

Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

Dangerous operation

and further investigation into the occurrence has resulted in a charge of - Take Motor Vehicle Without Consent

The accused was released from police custody on a recognizance to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on October 27, 2022 and as well, faces 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a seven day vehicle impound.

Officers conducted nine R.I.D.E. check programs over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and checked 275 drivers for signs of impaired driving and investigated seven vehicle collisions.

CAFC and OPP Warn Canadians of Fraudulent Calls Claiming to Support Hurricane Fiona Relief Efforts

This bulletin was prepared to warn Canadians of ongoing financial scams. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) is receiving reports of fraudulent phone calls claiming to be from government agencies offering assistance for Hurricane Fiona. The following alert was posted on all CAFC social media accounts:

“The CAFC is receiving reports of suspects calling victims claiming to be from the government and offering financial assistance for flooding caused by Hurricane Fiona. Suspects are asking for personal information and will ask you to purchase gift cards. This is a scam! The government will not call you and ask for personal information or for gift card payments. For more information: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/scams-fraudes/personal-info-personnels-eng.htm> “

Evening Motorcycle vs Car Crash on Highway 12 Leads to Impaired Charges for Georgian Bay Township Resident

An evening crash involving a motorcycle and a



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Photo above: Mr. Merkley's grade 11 12 woodworking class



Photo above: Old wire cage predated.



Photo above, on left: Snapper hatchling Photo above on right: Van load of EDHS made cages



Photo above: Snapping Turtles laying eggs



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Obituaries



MAYNARD, Alvin Richard Albert
October 10, 1959 - October 4, 2022
Peacefully after a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis at RVH.
Beloved son of the late Cecil and Eva Maynard. Predeceased by his brother Dennis.
Will be missed by his brother Ken of Barrie and Grant and his wife Tammie of Springwater.
Loving uncle to Dennis John, Tiffany and Tyler.
Alvin will be fondly remembered by many friends, family, co-workers and neighbours in Minesing where he resided for 28 years.
Alvin loved the great outdoors and enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, travelling and walking the trails in the Minesing area. Alvin was a long-distance driver for Gibson Transport in Alliston.
The family wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during Alvin's difficult journey.
Donations may be made to the Lung Association of Canada <https://www.lung.ca/> or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.
A celebration of life to be held at a later date. Details to be announced.
Words of condolence may be left for the family at www.peacefultransition.ca


Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn



TAKE STOCK, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE...
Well, I don't know about you, but I am 'turkeyed out'! For decades now, I had been the one to prepare the feasts. Whether it be Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, or any other auspicious holiday that generally meant a turkey dinner, it was usually up to me to prep, cook and serve for a crowd of family and friends. I was happy to comply and the smell of stuffing wafting through the kitchen was certainly enough thanks, in itself.
With my move to the cottage life a couple of years ago, I decided to relegate this tradition to the younger generation. Guess what? No turkey... There was take out. There was everything from Chinese food to pizza to Portuguese style chicken but no turkey. For sure I was a bit disappointed but being with family is the most important feature of any holiday, so I never complained. But I love my turkey...
I was born on a Thanksgiving Sunday, many years ago and my dad had to run home to take the turkey out of the oven. He got a call from the hospital saying they had taken the 'turkey' out of the oven, and it was a girl! Heh, Heh! Anyway, watch out what you wish for because somehow this past festive weekend, I had three invites to dinner. The menu featured turkey each time and I have to say I won't be able to face another turkey until say Christmas? LOL
At any rate, we had so much to give thanks for and a full table of friends, family, and the bounty we enjoy in this country was top of list. We took stock of our blessings, but I would like to think these days that we are also taking stock in a different manner.
I have been watching what is going on with the farmers in Holland. In order to attain these government required reductions in nitrogen emissions by up to 70% in some cases, we are seeing farmers having to cull their livestock by anywhere from 30 to 95%! The Dutch nation is home to over one hundred million cattle, swine, and chickens. Other than the terrible implications for the livestock, many farmers will lose their livelihoods and the impact on food production that is exported will be felt by all of us. I see that their government is also investing in lab-grown faux meats for sale and consumption. Nice...not!
Closer to home I see our government has similar plans for reducing nitrogen emissions. Government of Canada has set the national fertilizer emissions reduction target, which is part of the commitment to reduce total GHG (Green House Gas) emissions in Canada by 40-45% by 2030. This will really impact all of us with higher prices and possible shortages, at least in the short term.
In 2020, Western Canadian farmers planted approximately 20.8 million acres of canola. Using these proposed reductions, cumulatively farm revenues from canola could be reduced by \$396M - \$441M on an annual basis. Wheat farmers could experience a reduction of \$400M. Will we see similar protests here in Canada?
Of course, reducing nitrogen emissions released by fertilizer crucial to the survivability of the agriculture sector is not the only target of Trudeau's government. Every part of the economy has been negatively impacted by Trudeau's climate agenda. As of April 1st, of this year, the carbon tax was raised another 25% which increased the price of practically everything. With the war in Ukraine, we are also seeing supply routes destroyed or impeded. Supply chain shortages, globally, have not been this bad since 1972.



Truly, we need to take stock. Take stock of the blessings we have right now but also take stock and store it! It is better to be safe than sorry and having a pantry full of essentials cannot hurt. What you buy today will most undoubtedly cost a lot more in 6 months. What you have on hand if there are shortages, will not only feed your family but may help someone else in need. I recall my grandmother who lived through the depression years saying there was always a pot of soup on the stove that fed many a stranger at the door. Stock up and be prepared.... just in case. Chow for now!
Tune in to Mel's real estate deal/tip of the week on the Marilyn Wetston Show, 740 am Radio, Saturdays 8:30ish.



BALL, William (Bill)
Passed away peacefully at Coleman Care Centre in Barrie Ontario on October 9 2022.
He lived a victorious and courageous life battling Alzheimer's for the last 20 years.
Predeceased by his first wife Colleen (Reid) and survived by his second wife Esther Long and seven children Trudy Williams (Earl pre deceased), Cindy Brown, Glen (Theresa), Randy(Kristin), Peggy Hillis (Larry), Mike (Lori), Murray(Lisha) and two step sons Tony and David.
Bill had many grandchildren and great children. Bill was born in Victoria Harbour in 1930 to Lena and John Ball. Bill built boats and furniture before joining Niagara OPP where he was a proud rider of the Golden Helmets. He came back to Elmvale OPP where he still drove his Harley.
He got the idea to go into correctional services. When after serving in Burwash and Hillsdale he retired. Bill had a great sense of humour, always a joy to be in his company. He Loved fishing and of course and enjoyed playing music.
Cremation has taken place and at Bill's wishes there will be no service.
Bill loved to quote his favourite bible passage 1 Corinthians 13-13. **"The greatest of these is love".**

Yes, I'm young but my values & roots are strong — Hale Mahon, Ward 3 Councillor Candidate

Over the past two months, I've had the pleasure of knocking on the doors of over 1000 residents in Ward 3. I've had many great conversations & learned so much. I'm in university, & people often tell me that I'm too young to be their Councillor. I appreciate those concerns & I want to address them here. **With deep roots in Springwater, I have the experience, connections & ideas necessary to effectively represent you & your concerns.**

My experience:

- Community volunteerism — 5+ yrs of dedicated volunteerism, including 2 yrs as Chair of the Midhurst Community Recreation Association, a committee that manages recreation facilities & events like Autumnfest & Scarecrow Contest
- Municipal — Fellow at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, focusing on youth engagement in municipal government
- Public service — provincial govt' caseworker, helping constituents navigate government services
- Political — campaign manager/volunteer & riding association board director
- Education — studying public administration at York University



Obituaries



BEATTY, Carol Eleanor (nee Dick)

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Carol Eleanor Beatty. At the age of 87, Carol passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Port Perry Hospital October 3rd, 2022. Beloved Carol is survived by her husband of 68 years, Robert Jack Beatty. Loving, devoted Mother of the late Robert Roy "Bobby" Beatty, James Bernard Beatty, Linda Charmaine Raeburn (Chris) and a second mom to Yvonne Hargreaves. Dearest Nana of Melissa Hargreaves, Amanda Hargreaves (Kaine Nelson), Christina Beatty/Carvalho (Danny) and the late Patrick Beatty. Adored Great Grandmother/Nana of Mikayla and Ciara Hargreaves. With a huge heart and beautiful soul, Carol embraced so many and was a caring mother, aunt or 'Nanny Carol' figure to numerous family friends and a cherished member of the Rose Lake Family.

The treasured daughter ('Baby Lamb') and only child of Robert and Eleanor Dick, Carol was born and raised in East York, Ontario, with the loving support of her Grandmother Ellen Kain. Carol and Bob were married in 1954 in Willowdale and later moved north to the Barrie area where they resided, worked and raised their family. Carol and Bob spent their weekends and summers at Rose Lake - Utterson, Ontario, where they and a close-knit group of friends established a unique cottage community back in the '50s. Now into the 4th generation of 'Rose Lakers', many fond memories were made with their life-long friends. Prior to retirement Carol purchased her dream home of a heritage farmhouse in Springwater Township with a pond and creek. The 'farm' was a special place where family traditions were celebrated and where grandchildren enjoyed adventures in the country and sleepovers with Nana. It was also where creatures great and small were nurtured as Carol was a dedicated, caring foster parent to both domestic and wild animals – rehabilitating orphaned or injured wildlife.

The Beatty family would like to sincerely thank Doctors Dyall, Wray, Mercer and MacDonald and the entire medical team at Lakeridge Health - Port Perry Hospital for their exceptional, compassionate care during these last difficult couple of weeks. They would also like to graciously thank all the staff at Butternut Manor Retirement Home of Uxbridge for loving and caring for Carol the past few months, along with her dedicated PSW team over the last few years, who also became family. For this we will be forever grateful.

An evening visitation will be hosted by Billingsley Funeral Home Wednesday October 12th from 6 pm to 8 pm. Funeral Service will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption, Huntsville on Thursday October 13th at 11:00 am, followed by interment at Stephenson Memorial Cemetery in Port Sydney. Reception to follow at the Utterson Community Hall. To honour Carol's passing or as an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Covenant House or the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary would be sincerely appreciated.

Messages of condolence can be left at
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FERNEY, Jillian Ann

November 17, 1972 – September 29, 2022

After a brave and courageous battle with glioblastoma, it is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of our beloved Jillian in her 50th year. Cherished daughter of Lynn Morden (Brian, pre-deceased), and the late Robert Ferney. She will be profoundly missed by the love of her life, her precious son, Maxwell. Jill was the dear sister to Rebecca Ferney (Michael) and proud auntie to Bryson and Sophie Baker. She will be lovingly remembered by her extended family and many wonderful friends. Working with children and families was Jillian's passion and she excelled and enjoyed a successful career, having graduated from Georgian College with a degree in Resource Teaching. Early in her career she enjoyed travelling the world while working as a supervisor of children's programming for Princess Cruise Lines. Most recently she was employed as a Director for Community Living Huronia. The family will be forever grateful for the support of Dr. Jackie Lai, Hospice Simcoe, and Bayshore Home Care Solutions. Jill had an incredible joy for life and people. Her sense of humour was contagious. She will be missed by all the lives she touched. Jill leaves us with one final wish: "May your hearts always be full of love."

A Celebration of Life for Jillian will be held on Saturday, October 8th at Elmvale Lion's Club 1979 Flos Rd. West, Elmvale, ON from 1 – 4 pm. Eulogies will be at 2:30 pm.

Donations can be made directly to Hospice Simcoe (hospicesimcoe.ca) would be appreciated.

Arrangements entrusted to Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale.

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



Parker, Harold Mervyn

Passed away peacefully at Hospice Simcoe on Monday, September 26th, 2022 with family at his side. Harold Parker at the age of 82, beloved husband of the late Linda Parker. Proud father of Rachel Parker, Adam Parker (Carolyn Chant) and Robert (Jeanne) Parker. Much loved Poppa of Parker, Rory, Jackson, Peyton, Valarie and Charlie along with Carolyn's children Wesley and Avery. Harold will also be remembered by his sister Rhonda (Keith) Potter as well as his community and friends.

Visitation took place at ADAMS FUNERAL HOME, 445 St. Vincent Street (just north of Cundles Rd.) Barrie on Friday, September 30th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Funeral service was held in the Chapel on Saturday, October 1st at 1 o'clock p.m.

Interment was held at Minesing Union Cemetery. Memorial donations to Hospice Simcoe or the Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout Site would be appreciated by the family.

Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family through adamsfuneralhome.ca

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Fall is a wonderful time of year to go for a hike or bike ride outside and enjoy the fresh, crisp Autumn air while out on your favourite trail. Not only do we have what some would consider their favourite weather - bright sunny days in the high teens with no bugs! - but Fall also offers us a spectacular look into the lifecycles of many plants and animals here in Simcoe County. And what a great time to talk about the deciduous trees of our mixed forests which are changing right now from their typical summer greens, to what can be described as a 'forest fire' of colour.

Have you ever wondered why we see this change?

It may not come as a huge surprise, but weather and climate both play a huge factor. The shorter cooler days and longer colder nights stop the process of photosynthesis, triggering trees to cease the production of chlorophyll (the 'green' chemical found in leaves) and send all nutrients into their roots. What we have left once the chlorophyll is broken down are several other chemicals that aid in the process of photosynthesis.

Carotenoids and xanthophylls (the orange or yellow pigments) become apparent quite quickly and fade at a much slower rate than the chlorophyll. Our native Birches, Ashes, and Aspens are known to show higher amounts of this pigment.

Anthocyanin (the pink, red or purple pigment) can vary from year to year with the determining factor being the number of sunny days and cool (but not freezing) nights. Too much cold weather will cause any pigment to disappear very quickly, leaving only the tannins behind. We can thank the Maples, Dogwoods, and Sumacs for changing into these wonderful shades of reds and purples most fall seasons.

Once the grand spectacle of the ‘forest fire’ is over, the final chemical to remain in the leaves before they drop are the tannins, ushering in the beige days of Autumn. Oaks are notorious for containing higher levels of tannins than most deciduous trees and can turn brown almost immediately without any other pigments showing up. There’s not much left for the leaves to do at this point except to fall from their sleepy branches to the ground, which is the final reminder that the winter doldrums are soon to follow.

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

October 6, 2022.

Dear neighbour,

When it came to my attention Dominika Zapolnik was running for Councillor in Ward 5, Springwater, I knew I wanted to share why we are exceptionally lucky to have her go to work for us.

This story began a couple of decades ago when Dominika, in her early 20's crossed the threshold of the employment center I was managing. She had just returned from teaching English to students in South Korea and she wanted to volunteer while she waited to see if she had been accepted into teachers' college. The departmental budget was expended, I was spearheading additional projects in my burgeoning portfolio, and within weeks Dominika was working shoulder to shoulder with me as we prepared a federal funding proposal for services for a changing population. I am certain there were many opportunities for her to go and do the things 20 somethings did, however, Dominika was often with me when I turned off the office lights late at night.

I look back and think her arrival at my door must have been a reward for some good behaviour I had done along the way.

Dominika was accepted into teachers' college and told me she would be away for the weekend as she decided whether or not this would be her next logical step. I nodded my head, smiling and turned around so she couldn't see me swallow the lump of selfishness in my throat. I was going to miss this outstanding woman who deserved to carve out a solid career path for herself. I knew she would do wonderful things for the lives she was about to touch. I couldn't offer her steady employment; we had no idea if we were going to land the new funding. I expected I would be saying goodbye to her that September.

She came back on Monday morning, and with her million-watt smile, explained she turned down the offer knowing it wasn't the path she was meant to take. She had a passion for seeing vulnerable people land as softly as possible and she didn't feel it was the right time to leave. She wanted to stay to see where the organization was headed. We landed that federal funding, Dominika applied to manage the new program and she became one of, if not the youngest manager the organization ever had. We lost touch as our lives unfolded and imagine my great surprise when I learned she not only lived in my ward, but she could be our representative on Springwater council.

I have seen her stand up, in the gap, have your back, cross the room, however it needs to be said. Dominika isn't afraid to ask the difficult questions, to admit what she doesn't know, and then comes back the next day, having stayed up all night to educate herself, she knows when to stand down to make room for new ways to collaborate. I have seen her sit with people from all walks of life to problem solve, and seen her bite her tongue out of respect, even the times she knew she was right.

Never have I gone to the polls with personal experience of a candidate. I wanted you, my neighbours, to know as we face historic growth in our county, we have on our ballots a candidate who you can vote for with the utmost of confidence about your representation on Springwater Council.

Sincerely,
Faith Howe, Ward 5

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