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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

## H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

Lovely to see that we will have a white Christmas! All this effort to 'go green' does not mean we don't want to play in the fluffy white snow with our grandbabies over the holidays. If we cannot make snow angels and 'snowpeople,' then what are we good for? It is not impossible, but it's pretty hard sledding down a hill on the green turf. So, thank goodness for the falling snow this week but keep it off the roads for travel please and thanks!

The best part of the season is spending time with family and not just spending. The big rush is on to get all the gifts bought, packaged, and settled under the tree. As time goes by, I find it harder and harder to think of what the grandkids would like. I must say it appears they have it all, already! I have decided the best thing to do is buy a few small items and look for events we can plan to attend as a family. Bookings

made in advance and tickets secreted away in their annual Christmas card. That's the ticket, literally!

My favourite gift idea is packaging up all my home-made goodies which include mini-Christmas cakes, cookies, jams, and pickles. I make the traditional Christmas pudding with hard sauce and often gift those in miniature style with a little of the liquid gold sauce 'a la brandy.' Much love goes into these treats, but it is the Brandy in the cake that might trigger the breathalyzer!

Compare all this to the gifts of yesteryear when a girl might receive a ragdoll, or a corn husk doll and a boy might receive a whittled toy or a new knife to do his own whittling project. A small child would be thrilled with a hobby horse or even better, a rocking horse. Well-off families could afford a china doll wherein most of the doll was made of porcelain. Predominantly, these dolls were made in Germany and not China, as the name might infer. I had a hand-

me-down one as a very young child but I'm afraid it got dropped on the head, one too many times and had to be laid to 'rest in pieces'... For gifts to the parents, young children might embroider a handkerchief or crochet a potholder. Boys might offer a book or whittle a puzzle. Scarves, mittens, and other winter wear was not uncommon and very appreciated in the frozen days of winters past.

Historically, there were many religions marking the end of the year with gift-giving, but it was in and around AD 312 that marked the beginning of the end of pagan celebrations in the Roman Empire. The old pagan custom of gift-giving was rationalised into Christianity by attaching strong associations with the gifts of the Magi to Jesus and was also likely influenced by the life of Nikolaos of Myra.



He was a fourth century saint who was famed for his fondness of giving people gifts. When he was venerated as a saint, he became more widely known as Saint Nicholas, which is recognisable as the origin of the name 'Santa Claus.'

Not to worry though, the real Santa Claus is up at the North Pole making gifts for every girl and boy! May everyone have a safe and happy holiday with family and friends. May the truly best gift at Christmas be your 'presence' at the table. Merry Christmas one and all, and a Happy New Year!

by Melanie Martyn



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Work has been going on at St. Patrick's Church in Phelpston, since the end of August. The copper sheeting on the steeple needed to be replaced and I'm happy to say it is going to be completed by this Friday (16th). Part of the job included building a new cross, which will be blessed and installed on Friday as well.  
 Inside the base of the cross we have made a time capsule and in it I placed the August 18, 2022 edition of "Springwater News." On the front page of that edition was the story of the anniversary of the fire at the church. You can see in the picture I've attached, that the edition was wrapped in a protective plastic that will hopefully preserve it for many years. Just thought I'd let you know.  
 Merry Christmas to you and keep up the good work,  
 Fr. James M. Bussanich,  
 St. Patrick's, Phelpston

EDITOR'S NOTES

by Linda Belcourt, Publisher, Editor, Owner  
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the readers, writers and advertisers of the Springwater News.  
 This edition highlights the many events that have happened in our area during this Holiday Season.  
 I wish the best for you all this season:  
 Happy Hanukkah  
 Joyous Kwanzaa  
 Yuletide Greetings  
 Happy Holidays  
 Joyeux Noël  
 Feliz Navidad  
 January will bring the new budget for our townships. I wish prosperity to all for the New Year. Enjoy your friends, family and community. Be kind to all!

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Installs and Blesses New Cross




Fr. James M. Bussanich, shown above, preparing for the blessing of the new cross. The new cross that was blessed and raised up on to the steeple at St. Patrick's on Dec. 16, 2022



Raising of the cross, shown above.



Attaching the cross to the steeple, shown above.



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### Sleigh Ride in the Village

Elmvale Lioness Lions Club ran a very successful Sleigh Ride in the Village on Dec. 9, 2022. Over 600 people enjoyed a horse and wagon ride through the village of Elmvale. The children loved the face painting, craft table, toy draw and grab bags. Many people enjoyed a free hot dog that was given to the

Lioness', from Elmvale Foodland. Lioness Lions cooked and served the public. There was also hot apple cider and Hot Chocolate for all the enjoy. Thank you to the student volunteers. The event is a traditional one as it has been running for around 30 years.



Sleigh Ride in the village would not be possible without the sponsorship of:

Elmvale Lions: paid for two horse teams

Elmvale Foodland: paid for hotdogs

Elmvale Jungle Zoo

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Photo above: Choir at the Sleigh Ride in the Village entertaining the Sleigh Ride lineup. Choir members were Bruce Roberts on keyboard, and back left to right, Wilma, Liz and a community member that joined the choir.



Photo above and below: Community enjoying the activities at Sleigh Ride. It was a record attendance of people from any other year.



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### Elmvale Lioness Lions Gather Food at Sleigh Ride



Photo above: Lion Linda Belcourt and Lion Lynn Patkau, shown above, taking the food to the Elmvale Foodbank, gathered from the community, from the Sleigh Ride in the Village. Photo below is Lion Kim handing out the hotdogs paid for and supplied by Foodland in Elmvale.



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The Township Administration Centre will close at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2022, and reopen again for business at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. For immediate assistance, please call the after-hours line at 1-800-489-8956.

## Upcoming Meetings

Midhurst CRA Annual General Meeting -  
Midhurst Community Centre  
Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Special Council Meeting -  
2023/2024 Budget  
Monday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Special Council Meeting -  
Asset Management  
Monday, January 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Special Council Meeting -  
2023/2024 Budget  
Wednesday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Special Council Meeting -  
2023/2024 Budget  
Friday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m.

The Township has transitioned its Council meetings to a hybrid format. Community members may attend in-person in the Council Chambers or remotely online. Council and Committee meetings are live streamed online at [springwater.ca/Live](https://springwater.ca/Live). To view the meeting agendas, please visit: [springwater.civicweb.net/Portal](https://springwater.civicweb.net/Portal).

## Bid Opportunity

Professional Engineering  
Consulting Services for Springwater  
Transportation Master Plan  
(2022-39-PW)  
Closes: January 10, 2023

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

## Career Opportunity

The Township is currently recruiting for the following career opportunity:

Development Engineering Technologist  
(2022-60)  
Closes: January 3, 2022

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

## Santa's Firetruck Run | DEC. 23-24

Firefighters and Santa Claus will drive through the neighbourhoods of Springwater spreading cheer and goodwill wherever they go!

December 23: Elmvale and Phelpston  
December 24: Anten Mills, Centre  
Vespra, Grenfel, Hillsdale, Midhurst,  
Minesing & Snow Valley

For route maps, visit:  
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The interactive map shows  
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have been cleared within the  
last 1, 4, 12 and 16 hours.



## 2023 Tree Seedling Distribution Program

Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) and the Township of Springwater are working together to provide residents within the Severn Sound watershed with reasonably priced, native tree and shrub seedlings for planting in early spring 2023.

Tree seedlings must be pre-ordered by **January 13, 2023**. A limited number of seedlings are available. For full program details, including a species selection guide and instructions for ordering, visit [severnsound.ca](https://severnsound.ca) or call 705-534-7283 x202.



## Notice of Public Meeting Amendments to Fees under the Building Code Act

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Springwater will hold a public meeting on the 18th of January 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to consider amendments to By-law 2022-005 and Schedule 'C' of By-law 2018-033 respecting fees for building permits and miscellaneous fees under Section 7 of the *Building Code Act*. The public meeting will be held in Council Chambers at the Township's Administration Centre located at 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON and virtually via Zoom.

The public meeting will include a presentation by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. on the report findings related to the building permit fee amendments. Upon conclusion of the presentation any person in attendance will have an opportunity to make representations with respect to the matter. To register to speak or provide written submissions at the public meeting, please contact the Clerk's Department at [clerks@springwater.ca](mailto:clerks@springwater.ca) or by calling 705-728-4784 x2304.

The Township will make available information setting out an estimate of the costs of providing the services, the amount of the fees, and the rationale for imposing the fees, prior to the public meeting, on January 12, 2023. Copies of the information will be made available at no cost upon request by contacting the Clerk's Department at 705-728-4784 x2304 or by email at [clerks@springwater.ca](mailto:clerks@springwater.ca).

## Faris Team Real Estate Brokerage Pledges \$100,000 to Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation



Faris Team Real Estate Brokerage Pledges \$100,000 Support to Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation (GBGHF) as Part of Their Ongoing Partnership Commitment

As part of their mission to go full out® for their community, Faris Team announces ongoing commitment to donate \$100,000 over the next 5 years. On December 16, 2022, Faris Team Real Estate Brokerage announced their ongoing commitment to donating a total of \$100,000 over the next 5 years during their presentation with Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation.

"Health is one of the core values of our family, and helping the community have the best health care is important to us," says Mark Faris, CEO and Broker of Faris Team Real Estate Brokerage. "We are so excited for our partnership and continued commitment to support the Georgian Bay General Hospital."

For every home sold or purchased, Faris Team Real Estate Brokerage donates \$100 to a local charity partner within the markets they serve in Ontario. This is part of their mission to go full out® for their clients, team, and community. In addition, Faris Team Real Estate Brokerage recently sponsored additional fundraisers, including the 2022 GBGH Power of Giving Gala held on September 24, 2022.

Faris Team has generously supported the GBGH Foundation as their local partner in the North Simcoe community for the past three years, investing \$75,000 in the Foundation's Impact Fund. This support has helped to fund items like a portable x-ray machine, which brings vital diagnostic technology to the patient bedside; an electronic patient medical record system to ensure information is available to the care providers instantly; and cardiac monitors, which provide real-time information to the care teams to alert them of any changes in heartbeat, rhythm, blood pressure, and other key vitals.

"Our partnership with Faris Team is having a profound impact on the patients and care teams at GBGH," shares Nicole Kraftscik, executive director of GBGH Foundation. "Supporting our hospital through every local Real Estate transaction sends such a strong message of commitment and caring. This lifts up and encourages the teams at GBGH and also puts important medical equipment and technology into their hands. It's a win-win!"

Information on how to support Georgian Bay General Hospital can be found on the GBGH Foundation website. (<https://gbghf.ca/giving/ways-to-give/>)

## New COVID-19, Cold and Flu Care Clinic Now Open in North Simcoe

Due to the rising numbers of respiratory illnesses in our region, the North Simcoe Family Health Team (NSFHT) opened the COVID-19, Cold and Flu Care Clinic (CCFCC) today. The purpose of the new clinic is to ease the pressure on hospital emergency departments and provide alternative, accessible care for the community. The clinic's role is to provide assessment, testing and treatment, by appointment, for people experiencing COVID-19, cold, flu or other respiratory symptoms.

"With high numbers of respiratory viruses circulating in our region, we know this cold and flu season has been very challenging for many local residents. The goal of this clinic is to ease pressure on our local hospital emergency department while ensuring low-barrier care for members of our community, especially those who do not have a primary care provider," says Andrew Shantz, Executive Director of the North Simcoe Family Health Team.

Patients are encouraged to visit with their primary care provider first if they are sick and feel they need medical care. The CCFCC is not a walk-in clinic. Only those with COVID-19, cold, flu, or other respiratory symptoms will be scheduled for an appointment.

The COVID-19, Cold and Flu Care Clinic is open Monday to Friday and is located at 619 Prospect Blvd., Suite 2 in Midland. Same day or next day appointments must be made in advance online using the NSFHT website, or by calling 705-526-7804 ext. 253. Additional information can be found on the NSFHT website at [www.nsfht.ca](http://www.nsfht.ca).

### Consider visiting the COVID, Cold, and Flu Care Clinic if:

- You have symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, or sinus congestion
- Your symptoms or your child's symptoms are getting worse or are not improving, and you feel that you need medical care
- You do not have a primary care provider or cannot access them in a timely manner
- You have been told by any health professional to go to a COVID-19, Cold and Flu Care Clinic
- You are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and you qualify for COVID-19 testing and treatment

### Additional Resources

Patients can also consider contacting Health Connect Ontario to get advice from a nurse at any time of day by calling 811 or by online chat at [ontario.ca/HealthConnectOntario](http://ontario.ca/HealthConnectOntario). If you or your child develop severe symptoms, call 911 or go to the emergency department.

### About the North Simcoe Family Health Team

The North Simcoe Family Health Team (NSFHT) is one of 200 Family Health Teams that were created as part of the Ontario government's plan to reduce wait times and improve access to quality health care for Ontario residents. Since opening its doors in 2007, the NSFHT has strived to enhance the care that is provided to patients and families within our community by offering a variety of programs and services that support healthy living and overall wellness.



## COVID-19 Pop-up and Walk-in Vaccination Clinics in Simcoe Muskoka Dec. 22 to 28

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is continuing to offer one-day pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics at locations throughout Simcoe Muskoka, with upcoming clinics taking place from Dec. 19 to 28. Walk-ins for individuals aged five years and older will be available, including the bivalent booster dose for people 12 years of age and older, as capacity allows, as follows:

### Thursday, Dec. 22

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

### Friday, Dec. 23

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – **Wasaga Beach** RecPlex, 1724 Mosley St., **Wasaga Beach**  
Time: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 24

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – Collingwood Home Hardware, 104 High St., **Collingwood**  
Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – South Barrie Walmart, 35 Mapleview Dr. West, **Barrie**  
Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Wednesday, Dec. 28

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – Alliston Memorial Arena, 49 Nelson St W, **Alliston**  
Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Clinic location: GO-VAXX Bus – Sadlon Arena, 555 Bayview Dr., **Barrie**

Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Health unit offices will be closed for the statutory holidays on Monday, Dec. 26 and Tuesday Dec. 27 and will reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 28. The health unit continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations on an appointment only basis to individuals aged six months and older at the Georgian Mall, 509 Bayfield St. (upper level) in Barrie on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appointments are also available at the health unit office immunization clinic locations in Midland, Orillia, Cookstown, Collingwood, Huntsville and Gravenhurst and can be booked through the COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

The RVH COVID-19 Immunization Clinic at 29 Sperling Dr. in Barrie continues to offer booked appointments and walk-ins on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments may also be booked with the Couchiching Ontario Health Team Clinic located in the Orillia Soldier's Memorial Hospital Kiwanis Building - West Entrance, 170 Colborne St., W.

Individuals six months of age and older may also receive the vaccine at some local pharmacies or booked appointments through some primary care providers, and Family Health Teams who are offering the vaccine as part of their regular clinical practice. Pop-up and GO-VAXX mobile clinics will continue to be scheduled throughout Simcoe and Muskoka.

Individuals are recommended to receive the bivalent booster six months after their last dose of COVID-19 vaccine or COVID-19 infection, however people who want to receive their booster earlier can do so at a minimum of three months. As the respiratory season continues, high-risk populations are recommended to receive their bivalent booster as soon as they are eligible (i.e. the minimum three-month interval) to protect themselves as people spend more time indoors.

Staying up to date with all COVID-19 vaccine doses you are currently eligible for remains the best defense against infection, severe illness, long term COVID-19 symptoms, hospitalization, and death.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccination, dose eligibility and booking an appointment, please visit [www.smdhu.org/GetVaccinated](http://www.smdhu.org/GetVaccinated).

Sports with Patrick Townes



Growing the game – this is a phrase that I continuously hear primarily surrounding the sports of curling and fastball. It is somewhat of a challenge to get the younger generations involved in these sports. For curling, there are so many other sports and activities to participate in when they are young, so the curling rink is not so much of an attractive place for kids to hang out. When it comes to fastball, the sport is somewhat of a niche these days and the fans out there are generally older in age, and likely have played themselves at some point in their lives.

It is mind boggling that Softball Canada talks about wanting to grow the game of fastball, and to try to build the sport back up to what it used to be. Many readers of this article will remember the good times when teams had to play out of their local areas just to make it to a regional or Provincial OASA event. Now you can simply enter a team to compete in whatever division is still offered. I bring up this point because this past week, the World Softball Championships were held in New Zealand, and I am going to take a guess that 99% of those who read this article did not even know about the week- long tournament. I am scared to know what 99% of the readership actually looks like.

This tournament was made up of the best 12 teams in the World. The defending champions Argentina were ranked #1 and were again the favourites to win the tournament. Canada was ranked #2 going into the tournament and that is where they would end up finishing. After defeating Australia in the round robin and losing to Argentina in the round robin, team Canada made the finals but fell short by a 5-2 score against the champions, Australia. This tournament boasted the best players in the world and it was very entertaining to watch. Part of growing the game is being able to watch it when it is located half way around the world. The games were live streamed and you could watch the whole tournament for a measly \$10.00. This was cheap entertainment. The issue here is, was the tournament really advertised? One would think Softball Canada would reach out to all the local organizations and minor softball programs to make mention of the tournament. For men’s fastball, this is the Olympics. For anyone who wants to watch any of the games, please let me know and I can send you the information. All the games are saved and you can watch or re-watch at them anytime. The streaming was high quality, and looked like a legitimate production similar to that of a Sportsnet or Olympic broadcast.

If you go way back, I wrote an article about the importance of coaching. I often said that the players controlled the majority of the outcome and coaches did not necessarily play a pivotal role in some sports.

I was wrong. So much goes into strategy, game preparation and decision making. Our local fastball team lost our coach during the playoffs for one game due to Covid, and his absence was a big difference in the game result. The players need to focus on their job, and the coaches on theirs. One would think after Canada’s tournament that the coaching staff will be replaced. A couple of observations were made at the tournament that hindered the performance of the team.

The head coach decided to “hide” their top pitcher against Argentina during the round robin, assuming they would play that team in the finals. Canada lost the game and they did not even end up playing Argentina for a medal. The format was unique in that after the round robin, the top two teams went straight to the final. This format was criticized by many, but what does it mean? It means that every single game means something. Canada risked resting their top pitcher that could have resulted in them not even making the final. It is fine for coaches to prepare and have a strategy in a tournament or playoffs, but sometimes you cannot get to the last game until you win all the others. Also, the third base coach was there in spirit only. There were three separate plays in three different games where the coach was gazing off into space or looking at a play on another part of the diamond, instead of directing players or providing guidance right in front of him. The top hitter was “rested” in the last two games of the round robin and then went cold for the final game when he was reinstated into the lineup. And lastly, not one of the six coaches re-entered the team’s catcher after he was pinch ran for, and therefore was ejected out the game when the opponent pointed out the error to the umpires. These mistakes are inexcusable and are crucial to the success of the team. It was frustrating to watch knowing Canada had the best team at the event, but not the best support staff.

Another takeaway or worry that I noticed from the tournament is the attitude or presence of umpires around the world. Each umpire seemed to have an extremely unique strike call or out call when they did the bases. More than once batters would be half way down the first base line thinking that they walked, but it really just took the umpire three seconds to make the strike call. On the bases, an umpire would take five to six steps before making an out call and punching the air with authority. It brings out concerns on how umpires are being trained – are they taught to go home and practice a very unique out call in front of the mirror? A good umpire will tell you, if they are not noticed during a game that is a great thing. Of course there are expectations in terms of relationships and respect between players and umpires, but there is no need for an umpire to become a spectacle of the game and take away from the players, or embarrass them. Likewise, players should be returning the favour and not embarrassing umpires.

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- Across**

  - 1 Low voice
  - 5 Electrical resistance
  - 8 Possesses
  - 11 This and that
  - 12 Pilot-rating gp.
  - 13 Granola morsel
  - 14 Wise man
  - 15 Blast maker
  - 16 Biblical pronoun
  - 17 Darn, as a sock
  - 19 Like The Who’s Tommy
  - 21 Tasse or god starter
  - 23 Run easily
  - 26 Needle hole
  - 29 Place with a wall and friends
  - 31 Fourposter, e.g.
  - 33 Business attire
  - 34 A false god
  - 35 Skewer
  - 37 Anatomical sac
  - 39 Visit
  - 42 Floral chain
  - 44 Ball
  - 46 Half-heartedly
  - 48 Display at the Getty
  - 49 \_\_ oughta know!
  - 50 Detective’s discovery
  - 51 Ottoman governor
  - 52 Numbskull
  - 53 Beer holders
- Down**

  - 1 Slough
  - 2 Classmates listing
  - 3 Give rise to
  - 4 In good shape
  - 5 Commonly
  - 6 Golf-score adjustment
  - 7 Board finish
  - 8 Speedily
  - 9 Expression of surprise
  - 10 Farm pen
  - 18 Artful
  - 20 Priestly garb
  - 22 Bands stand for them
  - 24 Hawaiian dish
  - 25 Scratch (out)
  - 26 Go out
  - 27 Formal vote
  - 28 Longing for food
  - 30 Modify
  - 32 Astute
  - 36 Prank
  - 38 Tofu component
  - 40 Inactive
  - 41 Impede
  - 42 Scientist locale
  - 43 Before (poet.)
  - 45 Clear tables, e.g.
  - 47 “You betcha!”



Federal Funding Boosts Local Tree Planting Programs



ensure increased resiliency and cleaner air in the local community,” shares the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources Canada. “This investment advances Canada’s goal of planting 2 billion trees, a key part of our plan to fight the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.” “We are hoping to significantly increase our tree planting capacity,” says Steffen Walma, Chair of the SSEA, “turning our existing small-scale tree planting program into a much larger one that will benefit both rural and urban constituents - resulting in environmental, social and economic benefits for all.” The Building Tree Planting Capacity in the Severn Sound Watershed Project

includes hiring additional staff and developing local expertise on tree planting to be shared with Indigenous communities, property owners, municipalities and others interested in using forest cover to offset the impacts of climate change, managing stormwater, reducing flooding, protecting topsoil and improving water quality. “Aside from the great environmental positives of this 2-year Project, this federal investment into our region’s economy means at least one new green job locally,” says SSEA Executive Director, Julie Cayley, “as well as, indirect support of numerous other jobs – including tree nurseries, material and equipment suppliers, media service providers and professional foresters.” The newly expanded Project also aims to engage Indigenous and community groups, as well as, local schools by getting them involved in tree planting – which till now has been about 10,000 trees annually for the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

Action to reverse climate change and enhance the local environment in the Severn Sound region is getting a major helping hand. The Government of Canada is announcing over \$276,000 to aid in expanding the tree planting programs of the Severn Sound Environmental Association. Federal funding is provided through the 2 Billion Trees program, aimed at partnering with governments and organizations to plant two billion trees over 10 years. “By supporting this project from the Severn Sound Environmental Association, we are advancing our climate goals, creating good jobs, and helping to

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## SPIRITUAL and MENTAL HEALTH

Rosie's Devotions by Rosemary Hagedorn

**A Stranger in Strange Surroundings**

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 – Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (NASB)

A man sits, blank eyes staring at a wall. He is unaware of the people who love him, or who brought him to this place. His mind is confused, asking the same questions, over and over again: "Where am I?" "What happened?" "Who am I?" "Where are my children." He feels alone.

It has been over ten years since my husband was diagnosed with vascular dementia. Over the years, I noticed the slow decline in his body, speech and accomplishing simple tasks. It became harder and harder for me to attend to my husband's needs. I finally reached out to our local Home and Community Care Support Services, who organized a Personal Support Worker to come and help attend to my husband's daily needs. But over time things became progressively worse and one morning I found my husband on the floor; he had fallen and couldn't get back up. I called the ambulance and they drove him to the hospital where he stayed for over two months. It is from there that he ended up in a Long Term Care Home.

At first, it was very hard to leave my husband and his new home. But over time seeing how wonderful

and dedicated the staff looked after their residents, I resigned to the fact that the home would do a better job than I could at this point in time.

As I look back, I realized that by the grace of God, my husband was never alone, as we are never alone. God was with him, as He is with us. God is with us through doctors, through caring hands of nurses, personal support workers and technicians. God is with us through a letter, a smile, a hug, a compassionate word and a small kind deed. To date, the home and staff are my husband's new family and I am at peace.

Prayer: Dear God, You are with us as You guide the people who help us. You are with us through family and friends, through loving deeds, letters, and words of comfort. Thank You, God, for being with us in whatever circumstance we are faced with. Thank you God for people who want to serve you by helping others. Amen.

**Unhealthy Relationships**

A warm, loving, nurturing relationship is a healthy thing. In such a relationship there is laughter, connection, intimacy, communication and fun. These qualities can reduce stress, reduce anxiety and depression, improve quality of life. They cause the body to produce endorphins: hormones that make us feel good and even reduce pain.

If a good relationship can contribute to our health, what happens if the relationship is not good? Of course, there are variations depending on how negative the relationship is, and how much involvement there is, whether it is a spouse or immediate family member, extended family, a boss or colleague or a neighbor.

A negative relationship creates stress. It may also result in depression, anxiety, feelings of anger, sadness, or loneliness. Here, rather than good chemicals, the body produces stress hormones. In fact, studies have shown that after an angry or upsetting episode, the immune system is suppressed for six to eight hours! If another incident happens, or even re-living it as we tell someone about it, then the immune system suppressed for a further six to eight hours.

It is clear that if our relationship with someone in our lives is conflicted, we could be in an almost constant state of immune system suppression. We may not experience effects of this right away, but over time we may be vulnerable to a variety of health issues.

We need to think of stress, negativity, anger and conflict as things that are toxic to our bodies. We would not breathe or ingest substances we knew to be toxic to our bodies. Similarly, we should also practice ecology in our emotional environment. If the situation or interactions cannot be changed to create a more positive emotional climate, it may be time to make a move.

Some people realize they are in an unhealthy relationship, have tried to heal it, examined their part in all of it, and see it is unlikely to ever change. They can become stuck in a pattern of sharing with others all of the faults and misdeeds of the other, while doing little, if anything, to remove themselves from the situation.

Often it is fear of change that prevents them from taking steps to remove themselves from the bad situation. Some find a certain comfort is being "the victim."

Let's think of it like this. Imagine you are living in a house that has dangerous black mold in it. This is highly toxic. It is hard to imagine anyone acknowledging they know it is there, as well as how dangerous it is, and doing nothing about it.

Similarly imagine someone making a sizeable investment, watching it losing more and more every year, and continuing to put money into it. There comes a time when the pain of holding on becomes worse than the pain of letting go.

Just because one might have a high pain tolerance, that does not mean they should remain in painful situations.

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**A TINY SENIOR MOMENT**

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

As the winter nights will be longer for a while yet, some of us might be feeling more isolated, looking for additional personal contact and support. There are several organizations providing services to assist seniors to help them remain in their homes and feel less isolated. One organization is the Red Cross of Simcoe Muskoka that offers a variety of support programs such as the Telephone Assurance Program and the Friendly Visiting Program. These programs provide contact by trained volunteers (after security checks) who are matched with a senior. They will arrange weekly contact, either through regular phone calls or in-person visits. Wherever more personalized requirements are needed, visits can be tailored accordingly. Also, they offer a Meals on Wheels program delivering frozen meals biweekly which are selected from the menu. For more information or to register go to [www.caredove.com/canadianredcross](http://www.caredove.com/canadianredcross) or contact Tara Bone at 705-721-3313 ext. 5266.

Upcoming Tiny Activities: Dates have been finalized for the "Connecting through Cooking" program. It will be held from January 17/23 through to May 25/23, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Wyebridge Community Centre from 4:30-6:30 p.m. This program provides an opportunity for older adults (55+) to partner with youth (ages 8 to 21) of their choice to learn how to shop and cook healthy, affordable, and accessible food. A variety of meal ideas will be reviewed by Chef Andre. Each pair will leave with one 'Make and Take' meal to enjoy at their own leisure. The cost per pair (youth + adult) is \$40 plus HST. More information and registration details can be found at [Tiny.ca](http://Tiny.ca), Programs & Registration, refer to "Intergenerational" to sign-up or, contact Jaelen Josiah at [jjosiah@tiny.ca](mailto:jjosiah@tiny.ca), or call 705-526-4204 x 288.

Mark your calendars! The Tiny Township 'Winter Carnival d'Hiver' is slated to be held on February 11, 2023, in Perkinsfield Park, County Rd 6. More details will be posted on the Tiny Township website or contact recreation@tiny.ca, 705-526-4204 ext. 3.

In the November 24th Tiny Senior Moment column, the benefits of volunteering were reviewed (to read this column again go online to [www.springwaternews.ca](http://www.springwaternews.ca), page 9). If you are wondering now where your skills might be a match, or perhaps you'd like to meet new people and learn something new, check out the numerous opportunities on the Volunteer page at Tiny Township. Also, there are

volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross and the Ontario Community Support Association as well as other local groups, municipalities, libraries, etc., the list is endless!

Following is a list of readily available resources and services:

**Transportation:**

**CT Link** – a community transportation service for Simcoe residents for medical (priority) and other appointments within Simcoe County and other destinations. If wheelchair assistance is required, request upon booking. Schedule a pickup online at [ctlink.ca](http://ctlink.ca) or Call 2-1-1 for assistance.

Ongoing transportation needs are available through Community Reach and can be requested by phone at 705-528-6999, or email [information@communityreach.ca](mailto:information@communityreach.ca).

**Health and Support Programs:**

**Paramedicine program** - according to the website, "the County of Simcoe Community Paramedicine Home Visit Program supports patients to stay healthy and independent in their own homes. They maintain a direct connection with the patient's Primary Care Provider and can minimize the need for 9-1-1 calls and hospital visits." For more information contact them at 705-726-9300 x1579 or Toll Free at 1-866-893-9300 x1579, email: [commparamedicine@simcoe.ca](mailto:commparamedicine@simcoe.ca) or online at [www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ps/paramedicine](http://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ps/paramedicine).

**Telehealth** – A free and confidential service. Call 1-866-797-0000 to speak with a Nurse 24/7.

**OntarioCommunitySupport.ca** – the Ontario Community Support Association is coordinating programs to help vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities across Ontario.

**211 Ontario** – among the many areas this service covers they can help you find grocery stores and pharmacies that are open and offer delivery, as well as a variety of programs and services in your community. Call 2-1-1 and be connected with an agent.

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Brampton Brick Elmvale Coyotes U15C Silverstick Finalists



Submitted by Jennifer Brewer

Last weekend the U15 C team travelled to Ayr for the 3-day International Silver Stick Tournament. We had 2 Pools, 6 teams in total.

Friday December 2nd was our first challenge against East Lambton Eagles. Our team was a little rocked as the Eagles scored their first goal in less than a minute. Going into the second period the score was 2-0 for the Eagles. Elmvale picked up the pace and fought back to score shortly into the second with Will Way claiming the goal!

After that some good shots were on their net from the Coyotes and they were getting into the game. We also had some brilliant saves by Hudson Phillips, our goalie. Carter Abrey scored the tie into the third period making it 2-2. It was an exciting turn around and the parents were on the edge of their seats.

With just a few minutes remaining, the Eagles scored another goal. Our first loss but we were just getting warmed up.

On to the next game at 8:20pm against the Greater Fort Erie Meteors. First period started with a 1-0 lead for the opposing team, but the second period proved to be our comeback with Jeremy Brewer scoring our first goal. We started to skate stronger and we were controlling the puck better, Liam Barber scored with 6 minutes left in the second and then Emerson Golka

tied it up in the third with a solid shot from the point. The Coyotes were determined to get the win and we were rewarded when Lukas Bartlett owned the winning goal.

It was a celebratory night for the Elmvale crew!

Saturday's game started at 3:20 against the Norwood Hornets. The team was well rested as they were able to sleep in a little and get their well-deserved rest.

We had a couple breakaways, but then Will Way scored early in the second period to tie it up 1-1. Tough game with penalties kept both sides short on the ice but superb saves by Huddy kept the play alive.

Halfway into the second Conlan Dominic took us into the lead and it was 2-1. Smooth passing by the Coyotes and Conlan again got another great goal for the team. Not long after Jeremy Brewer tipped in a goal to make it 4-1. Our Coyotes and with less than a minute to go in the 3rd combined the effort to score and win the game.

Saturday evening's game proved to be another successful win for the Coyotes with Will Way scoring the first goal that was given to him by an assist from Nick Peterson. They held the lead with 2 more goals in the third with Conlan Dominic getting the final goal with 14 seconds left. Thanks to Huddy's great stops the Coyotes were rewarded with a shutout!

Back to the hotel for the team to have some well-

deserved pool time but early to bed as they were well worn from the hustling and checking but they were all looking forward to the finals.

Sunday's finals was against the East Lambton Eagles whom they battled in the first game of the tourney. They started strong off the hop with a backhanded goal from Carter Dominic just 3 minutes in. Coyotes started to pull away with Will Way getting a solid goal in the bottom of the first. With just 40 seconds remaining the opposition scored their first making it 2-1 heading into the second.

The score was tied 2-2 going into the second but with 1-minute left Huddy made an incredible save. Family and friends were both excited and stressed in the stands but was always cheering for our Coyotes.

It was a battle back and forth and then Conlan Dominic scored to make it 3-3 into the third. It was a well fought but tough ending for the Elmvale Coyotes with us ending up on the wrong side of goals ending with a score of 5-3.

A well-deserved second place ending to the tournament. They should be proud of their accomplishment! A big thank you to our team sponsor Brampton Brick! Congratulations to the team and coaching staff for making this tournament a winning success.

Season is in full swing for the Blue Moon Marine  
U11 B Elmvale Coyotes Tteam



Written by Noah Shanahan

The 2022-2023 season is in full swing for the U11 B Elmvale Coyotes team, sponsored by Blue Moon Marine. Between the pipes this year are Brayden (#1) and Eli (#31) who together are the backbone of the team. Forwards Gibson (#5), Reed (#7), Ryan (#8), L.J. (#9), Cameron (#10), Jack (#11), Kohen (#12), Max (#15) and Oliver (#17) are working on their passing and shooting as they try to find the back of the net. Defencemen Tucker (#2), Noah (#6), Finten (#14) and Ethan (#16) are working on applying pressure in the defensive zone.

On top of their regular season games, the U11 B team has competed in two tournaments so far. The Coyotes rolled into Thorold on November 18th for the Beaverloch Farms Tournament. Unfortunately, the boys fell to all three undefeated teams from Thorold, Lambton Shores and Petrolia. While the games didn't go the way we hoped, there was a lot of much-needed team bonding in the form of hotel mini sticks, swims in the pool and enjoying meals

together. This made the team closer for their second tournament: the International Silver Stick in Midland the weekend of December 2nd. The boys fell again to the mighty teams from Thorold and Niagara-on-the-Lake, but played one of their best games ever when they faced Newcastle. The Coyotes were ahead for most of the game when Newcastle tied the score at 4 with less than a minute in the third. Newcastle used that momentum to score in OT, which was a crushing blow to our boys in blue. Despite the losses, the boys show up and work hard at every practice for Head Coach Anthony Lalonde, Assistant Coaches Brian Anderson and Darryl Van Loosen, and trainer John Seney. Manager Sherry Lee Champion rounds out this incredible crew with her behind-the-scenes work of keeping the team organized. The Coyotes have six more games before the Christmas break, where they will head into the second half of the season with the hope of having a different outcome than the first half. Keep working hard, boys!

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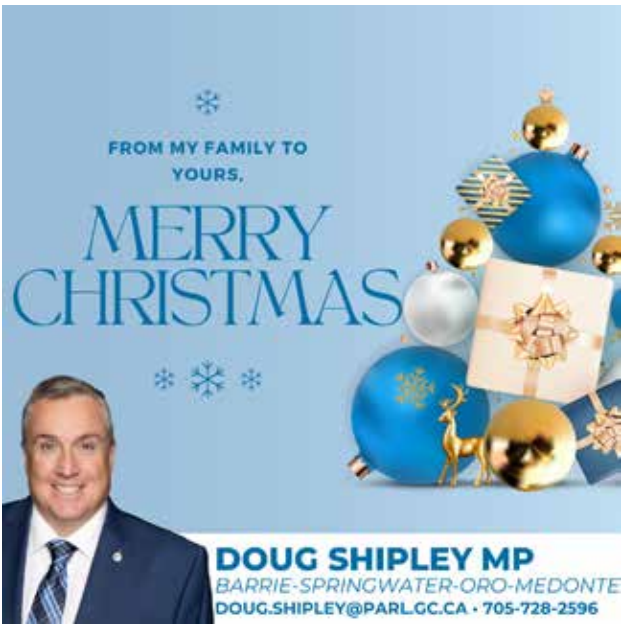
### \$2,610.00 Donated to Barrie Food Bank

The May Court Club of Barrie members pooled together and donated \$2,610.00 to the Barrie Food Bank. In speaking with Sharon the Executive Director of the Barrie Food Bank, they have set a target of raising \$300,000 this season. She did not say how close they are but she did say that almost daily the target continues to go up with the high demands on

the Barrie Food Bank. Sharon did share that the community has really rallied with donations of both food and monetary donations. They do know that there has been an 89% jump in the number of households using the food bank over the last three years. There were 3,500 individuals assisted in October - a 293% jump from the same month in 2019.



Photo above: May Court Club of Barrie members (Left to right) Sharon Fitzsimmins, Bev Jackson, Sharon Palmer - Executive Director of the Barrie Food Bank and Marianne Schall present \$2610 to the Barrie Food Bank on December 12, 2022. These funds were donated by the members of the May Court Club of Barrie.



MP Shipley wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas

Christmas is only a few days away, and as we get closer to the big day, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas season.

Amid the hustle and bustle, it can be easy to lose sight of the true meaning of the season, and the parts of it that matter most. After a few years of pared-down Christmas gatherings, I know many people are looking forward to spending the holidays with their friends and family. These past few years have reminded us that who is around the Christmas tree is more important than what is underneath it.

This holiday season, I look forward to spending time with my family, watching our favourite Christmas movies, and enjoying the trails and other amazing outdoor spaces in the region.

However you choose to spend the holidays, I hope that they are filled with happiness, laughter, and good memories, and are celebrated in the company of your loved ones.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

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](mailto:doug.shipley@parl.gc.ca).

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## Thank you Huronia Community Foundation for your support of Junior Achievement at Bayview Public School



Jacqueline Lopers  
Local Volunteer

Scott Warnock  
HCF Executive Director

JA gratefully acknowledges the funding provided by the Smart & Caring grant. The grade 7 students were thrilled to get started on their financial learning journey!

Photo above: Grade 7 class Jacqueline Lopers TD Bank Volunteer Facilitator and Scott Warnock Executive Director Huronia Community Foundation.

Through a Smart and Caring Grant from the David and Delva Finch Fund at Huronia Community Foundation, Junior Achievement Northern and Eastern Ontario was able to run a Dollars with Sense program at Bayview Elementary School in Midland on December 7th.

"The purpose of the day program at the elementary level is to inspire and educate the youth of the community with the tools they need to succeed in a global economy, and for the betterment of our local community in the future" said Rebecca Ness, Area Coordinator.

## Elmvale Legion Donates \$2,000 to Elmvalle Foodbank



Photo above: (left to right) Graham Simmons, President of the Elmvalle Legion, Deb McLean of the Elmvalle Foodbank and Larry Trajan of the Elmvalle Legion

Elmvale Legion donates \$2,000 from Nevada Account to the Elmvalle Foodbank. Many community members do not realise that all monies that are donated to the Legion will remain for the Elmvalle Legion. Even money raised from the Poppy fund remain at the Elmvalle Legion. Also renovations are needed and donations are being graciously accepted.

Empties are still being gratefully accepted at the Elmvalle Legion Branch. Please help Mike by separating glass and plastic bottles. If possible, put cans in clear bags of 200. If not mark them with a quantity, if you can. Glass beer bottles are great in their case. Clear bags is the best way to help the Legion volunteers. Empties can be left outside by the shed in the Legion parking lot. Mike Wiwczaruk, Legion volunteer, will sort, bag, move them around, load them, return them to Midland or Wasaga. **All proceeds go to Legion building fund.**



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### Holiday Hours

Saturday December 24 (Christmas Eve) CLOSED  
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Wednesday December 28 OPEN 10am-5pm  
Thursday December 29 OPEN 10am-7pm  
Friday December 30 OPEN 10am-5pm  
Saturday December 31 (New Year's Eve) CLOSED  
Monday January 2 (New Year's Day Observed) CLOSED  
Tuesday January 3 return to regular branch hours

### Winter Search and Find

Over the Winter break a fun search and find will be available at the Elmvalle and Midhurst branches. Drop in and time yourself to see how fast you can find them all! Friday December 23 – Saturday January 7, 2023.

### Winter Fidget Cube

Ages 5+ drop by the library anytime during open hours and make your own winter themed fidget cube! Thursday December 29 Midhurst Branch or Friday December 30 Elmvalle Branch. Cost: FREE.

### Animal Program

Ages 5+ start off your year with some fun animal crafts. We will be learning about animal habitats and making an animal marionette. Tuesday January 3, Midhurst Branch, 10:30am-11:30am or Saturday January 7, Elmvalle Branch, 10:30am-11:30am. Registration required. Cost: FREE.

### Snowman Snowball Shooter

January's Crafting with Kathy kit theme is a snowman snowball shooter. Kits available while supplies last starting Thursday January 5. Cost: FREE.

### 3D Snowflake Decoration Program

Ages 8+ (or younger with family helper) are invited to join us at the library and learn how to make paper snowflake decorations for your home on Friday January 6, Midhurst and Elmvalle Branches, 1pm-3pm. Registration required. Cost: FREE.

### Cricut T-shirt Program

Starting in 2023, we will offer a monthly Cricut project that customers can book a time to use our machine. January's project is to make your own custom T-shirt! One T-shirt per booking (sizes Youth Large to XL). Cost \$2. Midhurst Branch: Tuesdays 10:30am-6pm or Wednesdays 1pm-4pm or Elmvalle Branch: Tuesday/Thursday evenings 4pm-6pm. Registration required.



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### Under The Glass



**Giving collectables, investments or fun as gifts**

Often I hear from others ,that they would like to buy a special gift for a friend or family member. They know that friend or family member has a interest in XYZ item.

They also know that the person they want to buy for spends a lot of investigating, researching or hunting down these items of interest. The question is, how could you buy for a person into that area of interest ,without know much about it yourself? How can you start a junior collector and create a basis of a common hobby that can be shared by family at many different generations for many years to come?

Here is a quick checklist, use this always not just in December.

One, establish a budget.

Two, go back to number one and confirm your budget

Why this is of critical importance? It makes no sense to look at 5000\$ items if the budget is 500\$ or 100\$ items if the budget is 25\$.However you can have a whole lotta fun for 25\$.

Let's use hot wheels as a good example of a low cost of entry threshold, high enjoyment entry level activity. I stress however, this information is applicable to a wide range of items ,hobbies and interest. Hotwheels, as issued, are inexpensive. Many people collect and invest in hotwheels, and rare models are hunted, often for what could be considered a lifetime. Go to the internet, pose a few questions, such as buying tips for hotwheels. Then look for a most valuable, most collected. This question will establish the top end of the market and what is sought after. Then go to search new releases, to see what is coming out that probably has not been added to your recipient's collection.

Now you have three or four pieces of information.

Ask a relative or friend of the person any info about what they want or are looking for. Or if you are encouraging a new person into the activity, ask what a good starter kit would be.

Go to a store dealer that sells new, or a resell dealer or a vintage market store[this actually is where you will probably get the most knowledge about the trends that collectors want, and talk to them about your budget ,and you research. Why did I choose hot wheels as an example? Hotwheels can be a lot of fun!

Hotwheels are as cheap, or as expensive as you want to spend. There are many rare models, with some of these having been around since hot wheels were introduced in 1968.

When a toy product has been around for 54 years, and when that product encapsules every kids dreams of cars, speed, superheroes, villains, cars they couldn't afford, cars they had ,cars they want to get and cars that have significant personal meaning to them ,you have created a massive interest base.

An interest base that large means that there are a percentage that will pay more to achieve what they consider to be a worthy goal of adding xyz model to their collection, or investment.

Hotwheels has produced many generations of teenagers and kids now adults,who all have their own sweet spots of things they like.

Want validation?

The most expensive sale of a hotwheel recorded was 70,000\$ for a Volkswagen rear loader beach bomb ,so you can get significant appreciation if you gather the right pieces. Mattel estimates that 41 million children grew up playing with hotwheels, that the average collector has 1,550 cars, and that children between the ages of 5 to 15 have a average of 41 cars.

A great place to start a young collector and a great place for an older person to get involved with the younger.

In our stores ,we often sell new in box, vintage[twenty to thirty years old] hot wheels for as little as to five dollars ,with many of the collectible models[like Barbie or Racecars being in the 20 \$to 40\$ range.

Inexpensive ,great place to start ,family fun and you can probably get most if not all of your money back by reselling them [if you keep them in good condition] when the interest is over.

### Update From Doug Downey MPP



It's almost Christmas time once again. This season brings forward the warm memories of years past, and the promise of the new memories we will create with our friends and loved ones as we celebrate the holiday. Each Christmas season also brings the opportunity to reflect upon all the good things we have in our lives, and to think of those who may be less fortunate than us. It is a time where the very best of our collective spirt is on display, and the generosity in our hearts spills over in unexpected ways. Throughout this Christmas season, I wish you all a happy time spent with those you love the most.

It is also important that during this season we spare a thought for those who do not have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas as they may have wished. Whether it be due to the financial burden, or due to a physical or emotional estrangement from their family, it is important to remember these people during the holiday season, and offer them help and support in any way we can. I encourage each and every one of you to get involved with a local charity like the Food Bank or Christmas Wish to help lift up those

suffering in our community and ensure everyone has a wonderful and memorable.

The Christmas season also offers a chance to reflect upon the past year. I am so grateful to be able to continue to serve this community as your Member of Provincial Parliament. This role has provided me with the opportunity to meet people from all across Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte, and from all walks of life. Though we may not always agree, I am grateful for the chance to hear from all the diverse voices that make this community so great. To be able to continue to serve as a conduit for these voices at Queen's Park is one of the great honours of my life.

The holiday season is also about the fun and excitement that Christmas brings. From the first November snowfalls, right through to New Year's Day, this season is full of special events that help mark the season and raise the spirits of our community. It is always so exciting to see the smiling faces of children as they eagerly await Santa's arrival at the end of a Santa Claus Parade, or to hear carols sung throughout or city streets. Please visit your local municipalities website to learn about all the great events being hosted in your area. There's always something fun to do, from ice skating at the Simcoe County Museum, to taking in the lights at the Barrie Waterfront during this time.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, or if you celebrate in another way, I want to wish you a joyous holiday season. May each of you enjoy this special time with friends, family and loved ones. Merry Christmas.



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**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year**



Merry Christmas Minesing ... The Tractor Parade



Merry Christmas Phelpston!

Merry Christmas Anten Mills ... the Parade!



Dashing through Phelpston, on a one truck open sleigh, over the streets we go laughing all the way. Thank you to all who came out to the Christmas wagon ride. Fun was had by all.

Thanks to the residents of Phelpston we were able to donate many items to the Elmvale Food Bank. Christmas spirit was shown at the car parades. Rink fees are due \$20 per family or \$2 per skate. (Photo above)



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

He came once, No twice and he's coming a third time. Who you ask? Why Santa Claus of course



and he isn't done visiting us yet, but more on that a bit later. Santa, with the help of the Springwater firefighters made his first appearance at the Tree Lighting on the first day of the Anten Mills Christmas in the Village. That Saturday evening was a fun night for the many who attended. Thanks to Snow Valley Ski Resort, kids of all ages were able to ride the SnoTube slide. The lines were long but moved very quickly thanks to the efficient team from Snow Valley. Some kids were so excited with the ride they managed to go down more than 10 times. Roslyn, Stephanie, Patricia and Gord kept the crowd fed and well hydrated as they prepared and served hot dogs, and chips along with hot chocolate and apple cider. There was a frenzy of excitement when Santa Claus showed up on the fire truck. The children eagerly greeted him and got the opportunity to have a quick chat and photo. Next there was the countdown for the tree lighting followed by the spectacular fireworks which were dedicated in honour of longtime resident Cliff Lilley. After an evening with some much needed snow it was the 25th annual and Silver Santa Claus parade on Sunday afternoon. Escorted again by the volunteer firefighter from the Springwater Fire and Emergency Services Station 3 Minesing, Santa Claus made his way through the village with crowds of family and friends greeting him at street corners and in driveways. Some families even had a campfire on

the go with their own hot and cold beverages. And what a parade it was. There was lots of Silver on display to commemorate the Silver anniversary of the parade. The street competition took a huge step up with the Wilson Adventurers giving the perennial McLaughlin St group a real challenge this year. Thanks to the Barrie Dance Conservatory, a delightful dance number was performed by an eager group of young dancers along the route. A great new addition to the parade was the Midland and District Shriners who brought their tugboat to the community. Back at the community centre after the parade, seasonal greetings were brought by MP Shipley, MPP Downey, Councilor Thompson who was there with other members of Council and by the Anten Mills CRA Chair, Lawrence Pavan. Prizes were handed out and in the history of this parade, there were only winners, no runners up. The community generosity was evident over the weekend as donations to the Elmvale and District Food Bank filled a pickup truck weighing close to 1000 pounds along with cash donations. The Simcoe County Paramedic Toy Drive also received approximately 145 gifts for those in need this Christmas. The weekend was a great success and it was made possible by those who donated generously



to the Anten Mills CRA. They include McLaren Equipment, Snow Valley Ski Resort, Full Moon Plumbing, the Wilson family, the Williams family, The Fry Guy, Nicholyn Farms, Cooper Equipment Rentals, Hooligans and Adams Funeral Home. Our community has a small but dedicated group of volunteers who made this an enjoyable weekend and

they prefer not to be named but we know who they are and our most sincere thanks to them for all they do year round.

Now about Santa's 3rd visit to our community. That will happen on Christmas Eve when again supported by the volunteer firefighters, he will make an appearance in our village and the surrounding area. The Christmas Eve tour with Santa Claus by the firefighters has been occurring for close if not more than 5 decades. Attempts to research the original first visit have not been successful but we know it occurred prior to my joining the fire department over 40 years ago. Due to the number of areas Santa has to visit with the tour, the firefighters like to keep Santa on schedule so unfortunately stops if any are very minimal. You are encouraged to join with your neighbours and friends in greeting Santa in larger groups and remember, although every attempt is made to have Santa Claus attend, an emergency may take the firefighters from their tour and delay his visit. The Anten Mills Community Facebook Bulletin will broadcast Santa's arrival on Christmas Eve so watch for it and listen as well for the sirens.

The Official "Unofficial" Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest was judged recently and again there were so many outstanding scenes it was difficult to decide a winner. There are several photos of some of the homes with this article for consideration and as a suggestion if you have an opportunity to check them out at night you may want to drive down Horseshoe Valley Rd. McLaughlin St and Binnie Drive to see some of the best displays. Of course, the community centre has the grand tree with over 1500 lights and a number of ground displays. They are lit nightly and will be until January 6th. For those who don't live in the area or have difficulty travelling at night, a short video will be available on the community Facebook page your review. Feel free to check it out.

Yesterday, December 21 the Winter Solstice arrived at 4:47 PM. The shortest day of the year has arrived and now the journey to the longest day begins. By the end of the month we will have gained back almost 4 full minutes of light. The Spring Equinox is March 20, 2023 at 5:24 AM. Is it too soon to look forward to Spring?

That's all for this week. Thanks for Reading, Be Well and From my family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays. May 2023 bring you Peace and Happiness.



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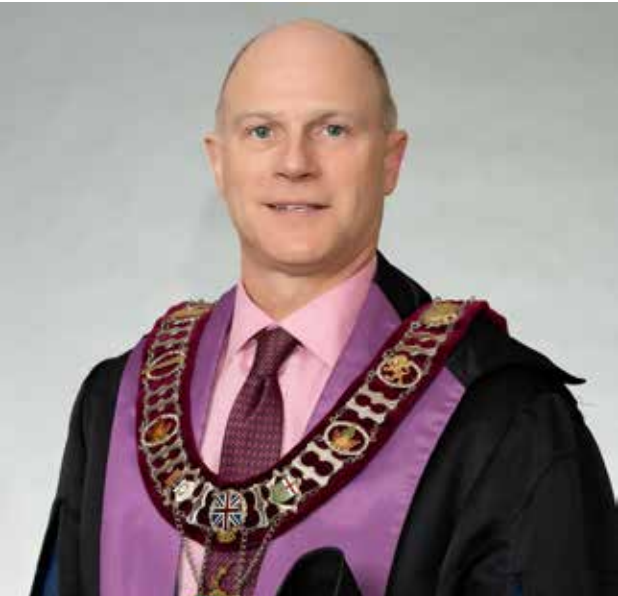


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County Council Elects Basil Clarke as County of Simcoe Warden

On Dec. 13, 2022, County Council elected Basil Clarke, Mayor of Ramara, as the new County of Simcoe Warden for 2023 and 2024.

“It is a true honour to be elected to serve as Warden



for the next two years, and I thank my fellow County Councillors for their support,” said Warden Clarke. “I know from my own experience at the County level that we face many challenges in the years ahead, but challenges often lead to opportunities, especially in a region as vibrant as Simcoe County. Opportunities that can advance our economy, enhance our infrastructure and further assist our residents and businesses. I look forward to serving and visiting communities across our great region over the next two years.”

With 22 years of municipal leadership experience, Clarke was first elected as a Ramara Township Councillor in 2000, Deputy Mayor in 2006 and 2010, and as Mayor in 2014, 2018 and 2022. Entering his fifth term as a County of Simcoe Councillor, Clarke

has chaired the County's Performance Management, Food and Agriculture Charter, and Economic Development Committees. Basil Clarke is a dairy and livestock farmer and his family previously ran a small retail business, supplying services to his region and adding to the Canadian agricultural supply. Clarke and his wife, Carey, have been married for over 33 years and have three grown children and two young grandchildren.



Joining Clarke in the leadership of the County of Simcoe is Jennifer Coughlin, who was elected as Deputy Warden. Coughlin was elected as Mayor of Springwater Township in 2022, after serving as Councillor and Deputy Mayor in 2014 and 2018, respectively. As a County of Simcoe Councillor since 2018, Coughlin has served as Chair of the County's Bursary Committee and Vice Chair of the County's Human Services, Governance, and Grant Task Force Committees, and as Vice Chair of the Simcoe County Housing Corporation Board. Prior to her entry into politics, Coughlin worked as an Early Childhood

Educator and teacher, and remains a supply teacher with the Simcoe Muskoka District Catholic School Board. A resident of Anten Mills (Springwater Township), Coughlin and her husband, Mark, are proudly raising their three daughters and run a family masonry business.

At its 175th Inaugural Ceremony, the County of Simcoe was proud to swear-in the 2022-2026 County Council. County Council works to ensure Simcoe County residents have access to high-quality, critical governmental services through the County.

Elected as the County's Business Section Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2023 and 2024 are:

- Performance Management
  - o Chair: Judith Cox
  - o Vice Chair: David Evans
- Human Services
  - o Chair: James Leduc
  - o Vice Chair: Sandie Macdonald
- Corporate Services
  - o Chair: Lynn Dollin
  - o Vice Chair: Doug Measures

Composed of sixteen member municipalities and two separated cities, County Council is comprised the mayors and deputy mayors of each township located within Simcoe County. Representatives from the separated cities sit on the Human Services Business Section of Council Committee of the Whole. As an “upper tier” municipality, the County of Simcoe is responsible for a range of municipal services including social/affordable housing, homelessness prevention, land ambulance and emergency planning, environmental services (solid waste management), a County road system, Ontario Works, children's services, long-term care and seniors services, LINX Transit, museum, support for newcomers, archives, forests, tourism, economic development, and management of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, among other services and programs.

Georgian Bay General Hospital Completes Major Renovation in Sterilization Department



Photo above: As part of its commitment to quality and safety, Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) has completed a critical and complex renovation project in its medical device reprocessing department (MDRD). Within the hospital, this is where instruments, devices and equipment are sterilized to meet the highest standards for quality and safety. MDRD staff and project team members gathered in part of the new space to celebrate this milestone for GBGH and its surgical program. The hospital plans for continued growth in its surgical department and other services to align with the evolving needs of the community it serves.

Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is celebrating the completion of a major renovation to its sterilization department, which took place in two phases over the past four years amid pandemic-related delays. The completion of this project marks a major milestone for the hospital which relies on safe, high-quality sterilization for a variety of instruments, equipment and devices used throughout the hospital.

“The redevelopment of our MDRD is an essential part of GBGH’s strategic objectives to grow our surgical program to align our services with community needs, bringing care closer to home,” says Matthew Lawson, president and CEO, GBGH. “Over the past six months, GBGH has been able to increase surgical volumes to 163 per cent of pre-pandemic levels. We’ve been successful in our strategy to grow our surgical volumes by investing in equipment, broadening the range services we provide and

optimizing our OR spaces. Finalizing our new state-of-the-art MDRD project perfectly complements our hospital’s ongoing surgical expansion plans.”

The two-phase project began in 2018, after GBGH proactively initiated an assessment of its sterilization processes and physical space to identify areas to improve efficiency and update equipment. After receiving recommendations, the hospital had to outsource medical device reprocessing to an external supplier, enabling a renovation project of this size to begin. Phase 1 of the project took place pre-pandemic and then was delayed. Phase 2 work has since occurred over the past eight months, resulting in the final completion this month.

Due to its complexity and duration, this project required great patience and flexibility among MDRD staff and project team members. Recognizing the vast improvements the redevelopment would have

consisted of transporting back and forth to the Greater Toronto Area the devices, instruments and equipment the hospital uses daily. Bringing sterilization back in-house is a cost savings for the hospital and reduces the likelihood of logistical issues and errors with transport.

Between April 2021 and March 2022, GBGH performed 4,012 surgical procedures despite the pandemic-related ramp down of non-urgent and elective procedures. The hospital’s plans to continue growing its surgical program are in part due to more than 3,700 local patients travelling elsewhere for surgical procedures which can be performed at GBGH. This equates to more than 600,000 kilometres and 7,500 hours of travel that could have been saved by local patients.

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## Jo Knows Nutrition



### Gingerbread Goodness

With their soft centres and crispy edges, these healthy and extra spicy gingerbread cookies are fun to bake and decorate during the holiday season. Double or triple the recipe – these cookies will go fast!

#### INGREDIENTS

1 cup (250 ml) whole wheat flour  
1 cup (250 ml) all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon (15 ml) cinnamon  
1 tablespoon (15 ml) ginger  
1/4 teaspoon (1.25 ml) nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon (1.25 ml) cloves  
1/3 teaspoon (1.6 ml) baking soda  
1/3 teaspoon (1.6 ml) salt  
1/3 cup (83 ml) pure maple syrup  
1/3 cup (83 ml) butter or margarine  
1 egg or chia egg  
1/3 cup (83 ml) molasses  
Extra flour for rolling the dough

#### ICING

1/2 cup (125 ml) icing sugar  
1 tablespoon (15 ml) water

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350F (177C) and grease or line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
  2. If using, make the chia egg by combining 1 tablespoon (15 ml) ground chia and 2 1/2 tablespoons (38 ml) water. Let sit for at least 10 minutes to thicken.
  3. In a large mixing bowl, combine the whole wheat flour, all-purpose flour, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, baking soda and salt.
  4. In a medium mixing bowl, add the butter or margarine, maple syrup, egg or chia egg and molasses. Beat with an electric mixer until well combined and fluffy.
  5. Add the butter/margarine mixture to the flour mixture and knead until a dough is formed.
  6. To make cookie cutter cookies, put the formed dough in the freezer for about 30 minutes.
  7. Take the dough out of the freezer and let stand for 5 minutes. Roll out the dough on a flour dusted surface to 1/4 inch (0.64 cm). Cut your cookie cutter shapes and place on the prepared cookie tray.
  8. Bake for 8 minutes for soft cookies or 10-12 minutes for more crunchy cookies. Let cool.
  9. To decorate your cookies (optional), whisk together the icing sugar and water until smooth and there are no lumps. Put the icing in a piping bag or resealable bag and cut a small hole at the tip. Decorate your cookies to add personality to your gingerbread men.
- ENJOY!

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The holidays are a time to spend with our friends and families, and of course our fur babies. The dogs, cats and even smaller pets are lavished with their own stocking and treats and maybe even a special outfit. Last year our little pocket beagle donned her “Santa’s Helper” outfit while the Mr B looked abashed at being seen in reindeer antlers. Christmas morning arrived; the tree sparkled, everyone was happy and the presents were under the tree. Now, I never expected Betty Boop to take the wording on her outfit to heart, but apparently she really did want to be Santa’s little helper. As one of the kids moved a gaily wrapped gift, another less gaily wrapped gift appeared underneath. Yes, Betty had somehow managed to move aside the gifts to leave her own package. With some trepidation the kids continued to hand out presents, only to find several of these yule logs strategically placed under the tree as Betty happily pranced about in her red outfit.

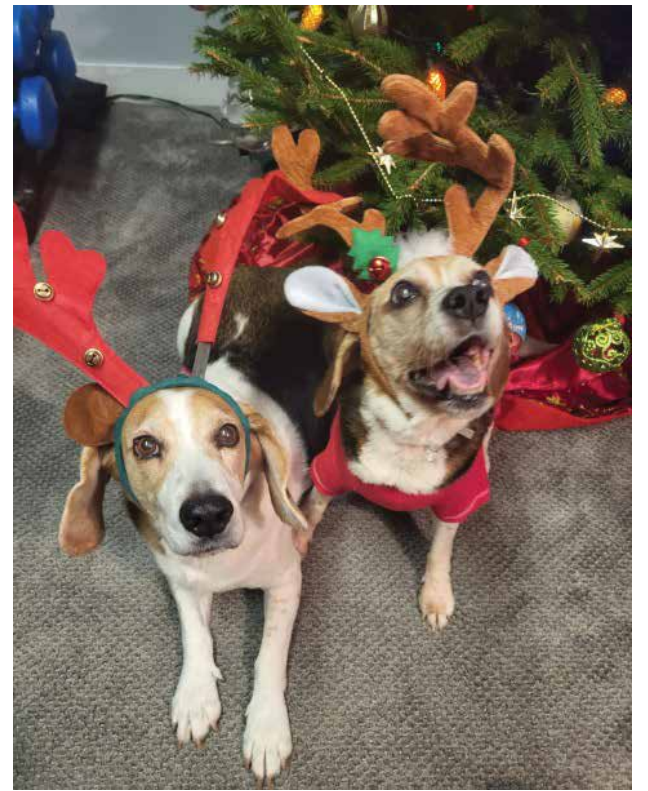
Last year was also the year that we welcomed a new fur baby home. Our father in law had moved into a home and we gladly took on Till Will, a gorgeous orange tom. Now Till has an interesting story around his name. My mother in law was sure she had chosen a female kitten when she took him home and named this cute girl Tilly. It was only once the fur ball was taken in to be fixed, that my mother in law was informed that “Tilly has a willy”. Hence, she

## Bearbells by Leslie Noonan

became a he and Till Will stuck as his new name. He was none too impressed with the Santa hat this year, though he gets points for not shredding the same hat.

Whether you spend this holidays outside enjoying the snow or inside curled up with a tea, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy holidays. Stay safe. See you in the New Year.

Leslie and the Beagles



## Celia’s Bake Sale raises \$6,500 for GBGH!



On December 3, 2022, Mike & Melissa Robinson and their family visited the GBGH Foundation to make an incredible heartfelt donation to honour the memory of their daughter Celia.

Each year, Melissa, along with some help from family & friends, hosts a virtual bake sale to raise funds in memory of Celia. This year, the sale

raised \$6,500, which will support the most critical equipment needs at Georgian Bay General Hospital.

Celia Marie Robinson passed away at GBGH on Christmas Day 2019 from an undiagnosed genetic immunodeficiency. You can watch the Robinson family’s amazing story here: <https://youtu.be/vtOJvr699TY>



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Tiny Township Lions Club Gives Big Microscope



On December 7, 2022, members of the Tiny Township Lions Club visited the Laboratory at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) to bring them a cheque for exactly \$7,523 – the cost of a new microscope.

The microscope at GBGH is utilized 24 hour per day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year. This vital analytical tool allows lab technicians to manually review, interpret and make clinical determinations for urine samples, hematology results or matching blood samples for transfusion.

New microscopes have better optics, include video functionality to view work on a computer screen and are much more ergonomic.

Photo above: From left – Jessie Clelland, charge technologist, GBGH Lab; Linda Bye, Tiny Township Lions Club; Erin Kominek, manager of cardiorespiratory, diagnostic imaging and laboratory, GBGH; Linda Lewis, Paulette Wentzel & Linda Robitaille, Tiny Township Lions Club; Victoria Evans, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation; Sheila Webb, district governor, Lions International; Gillian Reynolds, treasurer, Tiny Township Lions Club.



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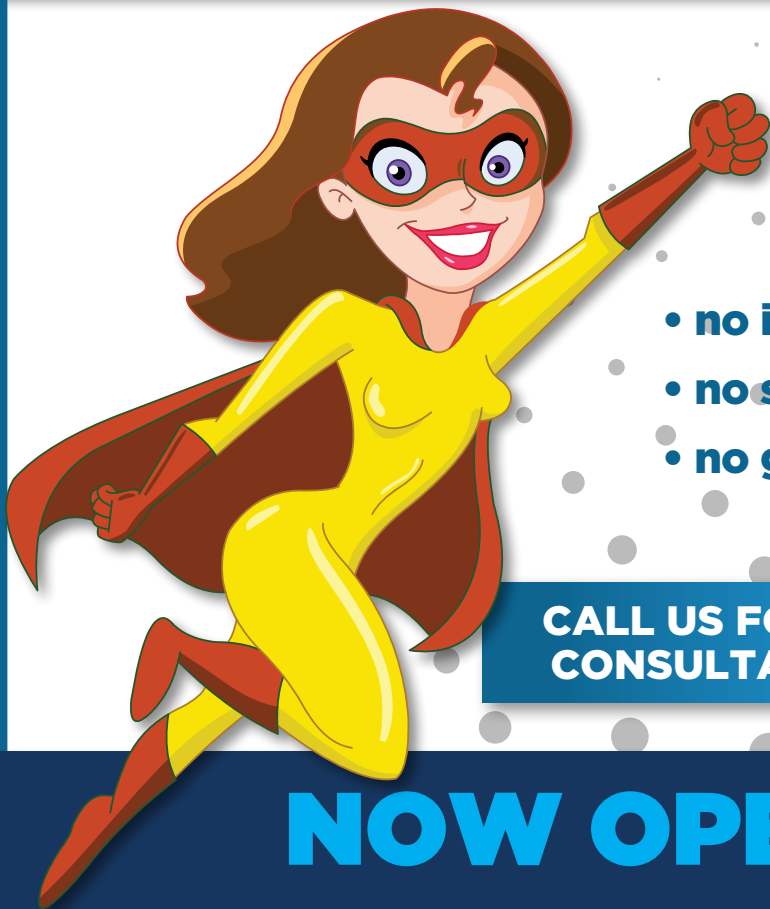
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HEY DADS!

Merry Christmas! Are you all ready for the big day? If not, you’ve only got a few days left to gather the goods. Maybe you’re already ready so now you’re sitting around after some great Christmas ham or turkey and reading through the Springwater News. Most years Christmas is great and some years Christmas is not so great. Do you remember the good ones? How about the not-so-good ones? There is one not-so-good year that sticks out in my mind because of the simple math that made it memorable: In 2017 we accumulated a grand total of 17 throw-ups the weekend after Christmas. Nothing rings in the new year like the sounds and smells of...well, you get the idea.

I don’t recall if everyone in society was dealing with a stomach bug that year. My patient wife and I had enough to deal with as seven children (plus her and I) did our best to retain our hot chocolate and candy canes. We couldn’t keep track of what was going on in the rest of the world. I remember the night it began as we returned from a fun and festive Christmas gathering. I was carrying my sleeping four-year-old son out of the van and up the stairs when he lost it all over the floor.

The first of many towels, clean-up cloths and sanitizing wipes were brought out for the aftermath. That was the start of a long holiday night which stretched into a rather miserable long holiday weekend. Fun. Festive.

I’m not sure when I began to tabulate the messy events but I think when it got to 10 I knew we were

a part of something special. Something memorable. We missed a few regularly-scheduled events that weekend on account of all the not-scheduled events happening every few hours somewhere in our house.

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. It happened in the day. It happened in the night. It happened inside. It happened outside. It happened in bathrooms. It happened in bedrooms. Boys, girls, young and old all partook of the post-Christmas tossing of the cookies. It was so severe that we actually ran out of towels as the washing machine and dryer couldn’t keep up with the increased demand.

But, alas, it finally stopped. This too shall pass. The children regained their energy. Mom and dad regained their energy. The washing machine regained its energy. Snowsuits went on. Sleds were ridden. Skates were tied tight and the Christmas holidays went on as many others had before it.

I hope you have a memorable Christmas with your family this year, dads. Please enjoy the time with your family this season as we remember Jesus’ birth. Work will still be there when Christmas is over. Your phone will still be there. Your emails will still be there. Can you do your best to unplug from all that and treasure the time with your family? Maybe play some Scrabble or build some lego towers. Time flies! Make every moment count. After all, we’re here for a good time, not a gross time.

*Jason Weening usually has a fun, exciting and clean Christmas with his nine kids and one wife. To read more Dad-ventures check out heydads.ca.*



Wyevale News

Happy Birthday, for month of December, wishes go out to Matthew Beacock, Pat Lalonde, Mark Smith, Cheryl Webb, Joanne Hales, Stephen Hall, Laci Steele, Kris Marshall, Dennis Blow, Rebecca Caston, Heather Hamelin, Wendy Caston, Dennis Blow, Blake Isaac and Ethan Marley.

Sympathy goes out to the Webb family in the passing of our long time church member and friend, Lorna. She passed away on December 13th and a celebration of life will be held later.

A Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 pm. This will be a communion service and all are welcome to

participate. Youth group will meet again on Friday January 6, 2023 at 7 pm. For further information call Pat Smith at 705.322.0224.


The book club will meet in the New Year on January 11, 2023 in the church basement at 2 pm.

The next board meeting will be on February 5th, following the morning worship.

The next congregational meeting will be on February 12, 2023 following the morning worship.

I want to wish all my friends, family and community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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



Cathy Johnston Walton

Available from Cathy Walton at 705 728-1388 or [snow-flake53@mail.com](mailto:snow-flake53@mail.com) Ritchie’s Feed or Simcoe County Museum.

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

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

Concession 10, N ½ Lot 8, Vespra Township  
1930 George Johnston Road, Springwater Township

Plans for a 40 x 60' plank frame barn for Concession 1, N ½ Lot 20, Flos Township.  
Clarence Sage died before anything further was planned. No plank frame barns were photographed.

Owners	Built:
1999-present 1970 Paul and Susan Neal purchased front 50 acres and Jack Downey the back 50	first barn built prior to 1874 second barn built in 1907, barn demolished in the late 1970s
1920s-1970 1901 Charlie and Mamie (McNabb) Grant	
1887 <sup>1</sup> Bill (William) and Emily (Kaiser) Grant	
1865 Johanna (O'Neill) Grant rented	
John Morren	
Mr. Burgess, first owner	

Edward from England, and Johanna from Ireland, brought a horse and wagon from Oshawa to Apto, Concession 2, Flos Township. Their sons walked, driving six to eight cattle ahead of them. Bill (William) was about fourteen. After Edward died, Johanna moved her family to Concession 10, Lot 8, Vespra, and rented from John Morren. Thomas Stokes had previously rented the farm from 1881-1887.

Bill Grant left home around the age of eighteen. He worked in the bush and in saw mills in the Hillsdale and Coldwater areas before moving his family back to the farm his mother had rented in Minesing. Sleighs and teams of horses brought logs to the Minesing basket factory. Bill could get a load by himself as fast as a pair of men working. Charlie Grant drew logs after his dad Bill retired.

Charlie also learned how to use dynamite. He blasted a ditch from the back of the farm to the Swaley Creek. He used dynamite to blast out a basement in the community center for the bowling alley. Charlie had cattle and pigs. Mamie could milk cows faster than a man. She churned butter and had laying hens. The cream went to Bessie's Dairy in Stayner.

Their daughter Meryl and the dog would go and get the cows from the pasture and help with the milking if her dad was working in the field. She would drive off the horse and slings when the hay or straw was put into the mow and while the men went out for another load Meryl would ride the horse bareback. Meryl and Barb Orchard, who lived next door, would also hook themselves to the slings, walk across the beam and pull the rope. This released the sling, dropping them into the mow below.

Meryl (Grant) Morrow, *A History of the Community of Minesing* p. 170.



1950  
(Photo courtesy of Meryl Morrow)

The Lumber for a Barn 46' x 60' Plank Frame 16 ft. high	
Two End Benches	
16 pieces 2 x 8" x 16 ft. end posts	sq. ft. 836
8 " 2 x 8 x 27 " purlins posts	288
6 " 2 x 8 x 14 " end sill	168
6 " 2 x 8 x 14 " end sill	84
6 " 2 x 8 x 14 " end beam	216
12 " 2 x 12 x 24 " stiffener	72
2 " 2 x 12 x 24 " end Post beam	40
4 " 2 x 8 x 18 " end gable stiffener	96
5 " 2 x 8 x 14 " end gable	252
4 " 2 x 6 x 16 " end gable girth	64
2 " 2 x 6 x 22 " "	44
2 " 2 x 6 x 14 " "	28
Total 1706 sq. ft.	
Three Interior Benches	
12 pieces 2 x 8" x 16 ft.	side posts 832
12 " 2 x 8 x 27 " purlins posts	432
6 " 2 x 8 x 14 " roof supports	216
6 " 2 x 8 x 14 " side	192
12 " 2 x 8 x 14 " slats	36
6 " 2 x 8 x 7 " tie	54
6 " 2 x 6 x 5 " tie	30
6 " 2 x 6 x 4 " tie	24
6 " 2 x 12 x 5 " collar tie	60
Total 1706 sq. ft.	
Side Lumber	
8 pieces 2 x 8" x 15 ft.	side sills 152
8 " 1 x 8 x 15 " "	80
8 " 2 x 6 x 15 " "	120
6 " 2 x 6 x 15 " "	90
3 " 2 x 6 x 15 " "	42
12 " 2 x 6 x 16 " "	352
4 " 2 x 8 x 15 " "	80
4 " 2 x 8 x 14 " "	72
8 " 2 x 8 x 16 " "	168
2 " 2 x 18 x 24 " "	80
2 " 2 x 10 x 15 " "	48
2 " 2 x 10 x 24 " "	72
4 " 2 x 8 x 16 " "	26
4 " 2 x 8 x 14 " "	72
8 " 2 x 8 x 14 " "	168
6 " 2 x 8 x 14 " "	48
6 " 2 x 8 x 6 " "	22
4 " 2 x 8 x 3 " "	16
16 " 2 x 6 x 6 " "	16
16 " 2 x 6 x 16 " "	316
12 " 2 x 6 x 18 " "	216
Total 5407 sq. ft.	

Ontario Creating More Affordable

Child Care Spaces Across the Province

New grant program encouraging new spaces in locations and for populations most in need

The Ontario government is making child care more affordable and accessible for families across the province, creating an additional 53,000 new, affordable licensed child care spaces by December 2026 – bringing our total to 86,000 new spaces since 2019.

In March 2022, Ontario secured a six-year, \$13.2 billion agreement with the federal government which will lower fees for families and deliver an average of \$10 a day child care by September 2025. This included an initial investment of \$10.2 billion for the first five years of the agreement and an additional commitment for at least \$3 billion in year six. Today, as part of that agreement, Ontario is announcing a targeted plan to create new licensed child care spaces, with a focus on increasing access to families across Ontario.

“We are delivering savings directly to families while increasing access to child care spaces in communities small and large,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “Our government is making child care affordable — with savings averaging between \$6,000 to \$10,000 per child by the end of this year — and investing in new spaces that will benefit parents for years to come. With the cost of living rising across the country, the Ontario government is increasing access to child care spaces and delivering needed financial relief for families.”

The new spaces will be allocated to communities across Ontario using a model that incorporates demographics, socio-economic indicators, and existing licensed child care capacity. The new spaces will be part of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system and includes a mix of not-for-profit and for-profit centres, a key priority of the Government of Ontario to respect and ultimately provide families with choice and flexibility. Additionally, the province will enhance the availability of flexible models of care for a changing economy and labour market – for example, child care spaces that are available on weekends and overnight to support people who work shifts.

To ensure child care spaces are also created in locations and for populations most in need — including for children with special needs, Indigenous and Franco-Ontarian communities — Ontario is launching a \$213 million grant program for new and existing operators. These one-time grants, prioritizing regions with historically low rates of space availability, will help child care operators offset the initial costs of expanding or creating spaces, such as purchasing equipment or renovating facilities.

To date, 92 per cent of Ontario’s licensed child care sites have enrolled in the CWELCC system. Families across the province with children in these centres are already seeing fee reductions of up to 25 per cent, retroactive to April 1, 2022. By the end of this year, families with children under the age of six in participating licensed child care programs will see a further fee reduction of up to 50 per cent relative to 2020 levels.

“Access to affordable, high-quality, flexible and inclusive early learning and child care is increasingly becoming a reality for families in Ontario, and across the country,” said Karina Gould, federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. “The fee reduction announced today for centres as part of the Canada-wide system is a key step toward our ultimate goal for an average of \$10-a-day regulated child care. We will continue to work with the provinces and territories toward a better future for children, and families, everywhere in Canada.”

Ontario remains committed to the success of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system and will continue to work with municipalities and stakeholders across the province to ensure affordable child care is available in communities where it is needed most.

Quick Facts

- Ontario’s child care system offers a range of options for families with differing needs, including licensed, unlicensed, for-profit, not-for-profit, centre/school-based and home-based child care.
- To ensure improved access, new child care space allocations will focus on the creation of affordable spaces in communities with children who need them most – rural communities, growth communities, low-income children, vulnerable

children, children from diverse communities, children with special needs, Francophone and Indigenous children.

- The Ontario government is streamlining the application process for new child care operators when they apply for a licence. They will learn about their eligibility for child care funding before investing heavily in becoming licensed. The applicants will also have to submit key municipal approvals, including zoning and permitted use, together with their application. This will significantly reduce the time it takes the applicant to acquire a licence.

- Currently, there are more than 5,500 child care centres, 139 licensed home child care agencies, and around 464,000 licensed spaces in Ontario.

- Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested over \$1.5 billion in capital projects within the education sector, including 4,908 new, licensed child care spaces within schools. In 2021, the Ontario government invested more than \$95 million to create 3,094 more school-based licensed child care spaces for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

- On November 24, 2022, the government announced an expansion to the dual credit program to attract 420 students over two years into Early Childhood Education career pathways.


Quotes

"This announcement is going to put more power in the hands of parents across Ontario. As a mother of five children, I know how important child care is. In order for women with children to reach their full economic potential they need to have affordable child care options. It is an added benefit that we will also be delivering savings to families throughout the province. This is just another example of our governments commitment to ensuring women and families have the resources they need to be successful."

- Charmaine Williams  
Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity

"We are pleased to see the expansion of licensed child care spaces in communities across Ontario. Children and families will benefit from more equitable access to affordable, high-quality, licensed care. As Ontario’s largest provider of licensed child care, we are eager to work together with the Province and our municipal partners to expand child care, particularly in equity-deserving communities with diverse populations."

- Linda Cottes  
Senior Vice-President of Child and Family Development, YMCA of Greater Toronto and Chair of the YMCA Ontario Child Care Advisory Group



**CHECKING IN@PPL**  
News & Events at the  
**Penetanguishene Public Library**  
24 Simcoe Street 705-549-7164  
www.penetanguishene.library.on.ca

**PD Programs are here!**

**New Year’s Craft**  
Come to the library on Wednesday, December 28th at 11:00 am and participate in a craft for the New Year!

**New @PPL Library Memberships**  
Don’t forget our renewal date for all library cards is December 31st! Drop into the library in the next couple of weeks to renew your card with your picture ID and proof of address. Continue using our e-services throughout the closures with a valid Membership Card.

**Holiday Hours**  
  
The Library will be closed for the holidays from December 24th to December 27th and December 31st to January 2nd 2023!

Happy Holidays from the Penetanguishene Public Library! Have a Happy and Healthy New Year! 2023!

Community Special Events

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Christmas Eve** – December 24  
7 pm Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes  
9:30pm Mass, St. Patrick’s  
**Christmas Day** – December 25  
9 am St. Patrick’s Church  
**New Year’s Eve** – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God  
5 pm Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes  
**New Year’s Day** – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Elmvale**  
**7p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE**  
There will be no Christmas Day Service.  
**Sunday, Dec. 25 Noon**  
**Free Christmas Dinner**  
Elmvale Presbyterian Church 22 Queen St. E.  
Take out and in town delivery Phone to order on Fri. Dec. 16 between 9 and 3 p.m. or on Sat. Dec 17 from 9 - noon. Pick up on Sunday. Dec. 25 between 11:45 and 12:15

**ST. JOHN’S UNITED CHURCH**  
4 pm & 7 pm Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

**ELMVALE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Sat. Dec. 24, 6:30 - 7:30pm**  
**Christmas Eve in the Square,**  
**Magic of Christmas**  
Queen and Yonge St. Elmvale  
Elmvale Community Church welcomes all members of community for free of charge, with hot drinks, treats and carols geared for children.  
**Sun. Jan. 1, 2023 at 10am - Service**

**BARRIE CITY HALL NEW YEAR EVE**  
December 31 will feature rock band Sloan as the headliner and Splash’N Boots as the children’s performer.  
7 pm children’s performer  
8 pm fireworks  
Midnight fireworks  
Downtown Countdown celebration will include skating, family activities, roaming buskers and two fireworks shows.

**Jan. 1, 2023 from 11am to 12pm**  
**NEW YEAR’S DAY POLAR DIP**  
Location: Balm Beach - Tiny, ON L0L 2J0, Canada.  
New Year’s Day Annual Polar Dip. Registration starts 11 am. Dip at NOON. Register online or at event. Printable registration forms online. Minimum donation of \$25.00. Dippers must be 16 years old. ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES.

**Mon. Jan 2, 2023 12 pm until ?**  
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## Community Ongoing Events

### ONGOING EVENTS:

#### Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm Every Monday

**Midland Bridge Club** 427 William St, Midland  
**Mon. 12:45pm:** Duplicate Bridge, **Tues 6:45pm:** Social Bridge, **Thur. 12:45pm** Duplicate Bridge, **Fri. 12pm:** Bid Euchre. Contact Vern 705-730-9998. Possible lesson if desired. midlandbridge@gmail.com

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### BARRIE-KEMPENFELT PROBUS CLUB

**Meets at 10:00 am, third Thursday of month**  
 Canadian Legion, 410 St. Vincent Street in Barrie

#### Bay Shore Senior's Club

**Activities are in full swing** - check out website at [www.bayshoreseniors.ca](http://www.bayshoreseniors.ca) for all activities. Call 705 361-1331.

#### E.D.G.E. Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts

Meetings held **4th Thurs. of each month, 7:00 pm** at Elmvale Legion.  
 Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.

#### Coffee Party

**Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.**

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

All Welcome, Cost: \$3

#### Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program

**Weds. at 10am & Fri.'s at 11am**

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#### Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

**3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach

For more info.: [www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca](http://www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca)

## COMMUNITY DANCE

### ELMVALE LEGION BR262 PRESENTS

## NEW YEARS DANCE

Saturday Dec. 31, 2022 - 9 pm - 1 am  
**LIVE BAND" DOCTOR BRUCE LEE"**

\$25 cover charge per person

Tickets available at Legion bar

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Light snacks will be served

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## NOTICE



### Flos Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday Jan 24th 2023**

**Dinner at 6:45 pm**

St John's United Church, Elmvalle

**Tickets - call Ariel 322-1975**

## HIRE ME

### ELDER HELPER

Need someone to pop in and make a meal, or tidy the house, elder-sit or just be there when you can't

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OPP REPORT

Two Area Drivers Charged with Impaired Driving in Two Recent Crashes Resulting in Impaired Driving Charges

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded recently to two separate vehicle crashes on area roadways here in North Simcoe involving two area drivers that resulted in Impaired Driving charges for each.

At approximately 9:41 p.m. December 18, 2022, officers responded to a motorists report to the OPP Communications Centre of a single vehicle crash into the ditch of a black pick up truck on Champlain Road near Lepage Drive, Penetanguishene. Scene investigators located an uninjured driver and after conversation entered into a drinking and driving investigation.

As a result of this investigation, Ryan PRUSKY 43 years of Tiny Township has been charged with the following criminal code driving offences- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs, and further with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused was released from custody on a recognizance to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on January 5, 2023 and as well, faces 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a seven day vehicle impound.

Another previous similar incident on December 16, 2022 at approximately 3:36 p.m. resulted in officers attending the intersection of Bay and Queen Streets, Midland to investigate a single vehicle into a utility pole. Officers spoke with the uninjured driver and entered into a drinking and driving investigation.

As a result of this investigation, Steven Dennis POWER 28 years of Midland has been charged with the following criminal code driving offences- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs, and further with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) and Dangerous operation.

The accused was released from custody on a recognizance to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on January 5, 2023 and as well, faces 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a seven day vehicle impound.

Officers investigated 16 vehicle crashes over the December 16-19, 2022 time frame along with conducting eight Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere R.I.D.E. check stops checking 28 drivers for signs of impairment.

OPP Seeking Assistance with Person to Locate in the Midland /Barrie Area

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are seeking the assistance of the public to locate a male last observed leaving a Fifth Street, Midland residence at 1:00 a.m. on December 16, 2022.

The person to locate is Dean IRELAND 38 years of Midland and is described as male white, light build, 6' tall, short ginger beard with combed back dirty blonde hair, has an Irish accent and was last observed wearing a green touque, light gray underarmour sweater with the sleeves cut off with a dark gray long sleeve underneath. Dark blue jeans and work boots. (see attached picture)

He is known to frequent the Barrie area, friends and family are looking to locate him out of concerns for his health and welfare.

OPP SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED IN MIDLAND

Seizure Nets Cash and Drugs

A search warrant was executed on a Yonge Street, Midland residence at 4:15 p.m. on December 14, 2022 as a result of an ongoing Controlled Drugs and Substance Act Investigation. Members of the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) attached to the Southern Georgian Bay and Orillia Detachments

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OPP REPORT (continued)

of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) lead the investigation. They were assisted at the scene by uniform members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment along with members of the OPP Central Region Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU).

As a result of the investigation, a quantity of Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, Other Opioids along with Canadian currency and drug trafficking paraphernalia was seized. (See attached submitted photograph).

The two people located were arrested and charged as follows:

- Joseph LECLAIR 33 years of Midland
  - Adult Possession of a Schedule I substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine
  - Adult Possession of a Schedule I substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Opioid (other than Heroin)
  - Adult Possession of a Schedule I substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Other Drugs x 2
  - Contrary to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act
  - And further
  - Adult Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5000 - In Canada
  - Adult Failure to comply with Undertaking
  - Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada
- The accused was held for a show cause hearing and will appear at a later date before the Ontario Court of Justice.

- Michelle VAINER 26 of Midland
  - Adult Possession of a Schedule I substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine
  - Adult Possession of a Schedule I substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Opioid (other than Heroin)
  - Adult Possession of a Schedule I substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Other Drugs x 2
  - Contrary to the Controlled Drug and Substance Act
- The accused was released on an undertaking and will appear at a later date before the Ontario Court of Justice.
- Anyone having knowledge of drug or property related investigations is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp.ca or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can submit your information online at <https://www.crimestoppersdm.com/> Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

**EMERGENCY SCAM UNDER INVESTIGATION IN WASAGA BEACH**  
**Multiple Incidents Reported in One Day**  
Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are issuing a warning and seeking the public's assistance in relation to an emergency scam, also known as the grandparent scam, investigation in Wasaga Beach after multiple incidents were reported in one day.

In one of the reported incidents, which occurred on the morning of December 9, 2022, an elderly victim was contacted by someone who identified as their grandson, and claimed they had been arrested and required \$10,000 for bail. The victim also spoke to another male during the call, who claimed to be a

police officer. The second male confirmed the arrest and advised he would send someone to the victim's home to collect the bail money. The male posing as a police officer provided a code to share with the individual collecting the money to ensure it was received by the correct person. Approximately 15 minutes after the call, a male attended the victim's residence and collected \$5,000. Later in the day, the victim received another call from a male who identified as a police officer advising they would be following up with the victim to collect the remaining \$5,000.

Members of the public are cautioned that officers would never attend a residence to obtain bail money. Investigators are seeking the public's assistance to identify the male who attended the victim's residence.

- The male is described as:
- 20-25 years of age
  - White
  - Approximately 6" tall
  - Medium build
  - Dark short hair
  - Clean shaven
  - Wearing dark-coloured dress pants, dress shirt and a dark jacket

Multiple similar incidents have been reported in Wasaga Beach and surrounding areas. Members of the public are asked to speak to their grandparents and vulnerable loved ones about protecting themselves from becoming a victim of fraud.

Driver Arrested After Fleeing Police in Midland

A Midland man faces several charges after driving off from a traffic stop then being combative with officers. On December 10, 2022, just before 8 a.m., a member of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was conducting speed enforcement on Simcoe Road 93 in the Town of Midland. The officers observed a vehicle travelling more that 40 kilometers over the speed limit and then stopped the vehicle on Highway 12. While speaking with the officer, the driver refused to identify himself and was argumentative with the officer. The driver then fled in his vehicle before the traffic stop was completed.

Officers observed the vehicle turn into a subdivision nearby and stop the vehicle. The driver exited his vehicle and was physically aggressive toward officers. Officers arrested and took control of him and he was transported to the detachment nearby.

As a result of this investigation, Jordan HILL, 32 years of Midland was charged with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario:

- Flight from Peace Officer
- Assault with Intent to Resist Arrest
- Drive Motor Vehicle - Perform Stunt - Excessive Speed
- Speeding
- Driver Fail to Give Identification

The accused was released with an Undertaking compelling him to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on February 2, 2023. In cases of stunt driving, the drivers license of the charged person is suspended for 30 days and the vehicle they were operating is towed and impounded for 14 days.



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Fire Crews Respond to Residential Fire on Old Second South



Just after 1:00 am on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, Springwater Fire & Emergency Services responded to a reported structure fire on Old Second South. When emergency crews arrived on scene, they found a home fully involved with fire. Four Springwater fire stations and 30 firefighters responded to the call. A water tanker shuttle was established to bring the fire under control as quickly as possible. The home had working smoke alarms and all four occupants were able to escape just in time, wearing

only the clothes they had on at the time. Sadly, the family’s cat perished in the fire. The family does have insurance. The cause of the fire was accidental in nature and damage is estimated at approximately \$400,000.00. “Crews did a fantastic job of getting this fire under control,” said Deputy Fire Chief Jeff French. “The fire was challenging as the roof of the residence was covered in solar panels creating continuous live electricity. Crews worked throughout the night to bring the fire under control.”

When properly installed and maintained, smoke alarms can be the difference between life and death. “This fire is another example of how working smoke alarms save lives when seconds count,” adds French. It is the law to have working smoke alarms installed on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. For more fire prevention information, visit [springwater.ca/FirePrevention](http://springwater.ca/FirePrevention).

NVCA Calling For Submissions From Local Artists



Photos above: (left) Bird watchers at Tiffin Conservation, (right) Kids Hiking the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area

Artists who live in the Nottawasaga Watershed are invited to submit their best representation of the Tiffin Conservation Area or the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area for a chance to have their artwork displayed and used on NVCA conservation area merchandise. The Nottawasaga Watershed includes 18 municipalities and spans from Wasaga Beach in the northeast to Moonstone and Bass Lake, southeast through Barrie and Bond Head to Hwy 9 then westward to Orangeville then heading north through Collingwood to Nottawasaga Bay. Artists can check to see if they live in the Nottawasaga Watershed by using NVCA’s Interactive Data Viewer. “We have been offering recreation opportunities in our conservation areas since the 1970s,” said Kyra Howes, Manager of Lands and Operations at NVCA. “Many of our visitors have developed a special relationship with these natural areas. Some people

started coming to our conservation areas as children, and continue visiting their whole lives. We also have many regulars who enjoy our conservation areas year-round! We want everyone to have an opportunity to contribute to this initiative.” A panel of NVCA staff will review artwork submissions and have their top picks judged by the public. There will only be one winner and two runners up. The artist who received first place will receive \$350, an annual parking pass, choice of merchandise item with their design. The two runners up will receive an annual parking pass and their art displayed at the subject conservation area. “As this is a new initiative, we are calling for submissions for the Tiffin and Nottawasaga Bluff Conservation Areas for now. If this campaign is successful, we will be calling for art submissions for other conservation areas as well.” All artwork submitted must be in colour, in the shape of a circle or rectangle. As the artwork will be embroidered, artists are asked not include shading or thin lines. Artists are welcome to submit their artwork to [events@nvca.on.ca](mailto:events@nvca.on.ca) until February 6, 2023. The winning artwork will be chosen on/by February 13, 2023. For full submission rules, visit <https://www.nvca.on.ca/about/careers-volunteers>. About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley

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## Barrie Rings in 2023 with Sloan as Headliner and Splash’N Boots as Children’s Performer



Downtown Barrie is once again the place to be to ring in the New Year. This year’s free, family-friendly Downtown Countdown celebration on December 31 will feature rock band Sloan as the headliner and Splash’N Boots as the children’s performer.

“I look forward to the return of the downtown Barrie NYE countdown event. This has always been such an incredible way to bring the community together,” said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “This event will have something for everyone; an exciting line-up of entertainment, a variety of family activities, and an impressive fireworks display. After a challenging two years, I think we are long overdue for a celebration of this calibre.”

Since 1998, the Downtown Countdown has brought thousands from near and far together to celebrate the arrival of the new year at Barrie City Hall starting at 6 p.m. The musical performances will start with the children’s performer, at 7 p.m.

In addition to the musical performances, the Downtown Countdown celebration will include skating, family activities, roaming buskers and two fireworks shows – the first at approximately 8 p.m. and the second at midnight.

Barrie Transit service will be free on New Year’s Eve starting at 5 p.m., and Route 1 and Route 8 will operate until 3 a.m.

The remainder of the musical lineup (including the feature local artist) will be announced closer to the event.

For more information about the event, visit [barrie.ca/DowntownCountdown](http://barrie.ca/DowntownCountdown).

**About Sloan:**

Sloan is a Toronto-based rock band that originated in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The quartet possessed a rare chemistry from the first time they performed in 1991 and are credited as being the main instigator for the East Coast alternative scene. Throughout their 30-year history, these Canadian indie rock heroes have

remained true to their sound that is quintessentially Sloan and have been named one of Canada’s top five bands of all-time in a CBC critics poll. Over the course of their quarter-century career, they have amassed an outstanding collection of over 250 songs, 30 singles with airplay at Canadian Rock Radio, nine Juno Award nominations, and one win for Best Alternative Album. Sloan have just recently released their newest album *Steady* along with lead single ‘Scratch the Surface’.



**About Splash’N Boots:**

Just off the heels of their second Juno Award, as well as a 2022 Canadian Folk Music Award, Splash’N Boots are bringing their nearly 20-year legacy in children’s music to new generations with a family show filled with connection, music, and heart. They have appeared in over 8.5 mil-lion homes across Canada with their number one TV show, are streamed all over the world, writ-ten and produced an episode of Sesame Street, and collaborated with Alice Cooper, Alan Doyle, The Wiggles, and more. They believe in a world where music can be enjoyed across all generations and have created a global community dedicated to making every child feel seen, heard, and loved for exactly who they are. They just released their newest album *I Am Love* in October.



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### Obituaries

**SNEDDEN, David Douglas**  
Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre on Sunday, December 18, 2022. David Snedden of Elmvale in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Joan. Dear father of Doug, David (Nancy), and Kevin (Monica). Grandfather of David, Cassandra, Alexander, and Alison. Brother of Carole (John) Campbell.

A funeral service will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 2 pm.

Masonic service at 1:30.  
Interment Elmvale Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Dave’s memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Kidney Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

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**HOUSE, Beverley Anne Marie**  
Passed away unexpectedly at the Georgian Bay General Hospital on Friday, December 16, 2022. Bev House of Elmvale in her 49th year. Beloved daughter of Howard (late May) House. Sister of Cathy, Patty, Dorrie, Roger (Sheri) and Kevin. Loved aunt of Max, Mike, Quinn, Jason, Samantha, Katie and Jennifer. Dear friend of Mike and Cathy.

In keeping with Bev’s wishes, there will not be a funeral service.

The family would like to thank everyone for the phone calls and support.  
Bev will be missed.

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**In Memory of Roxanne Weatherill**

I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who had a helping hand in making Roxanne’s celebration of life exactly the way Roxy would have wanted it.

I appreciate all of the kind expressions of sympathy and support at this difficult time. It fills my heart to have had so many people attend and a special thanks to those who travelled a distance.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations, they are greatly appreciated.

**Thank You All**  
**Hazel Weddell**

Words alone cannot begin to describe how myself and my family are feeling. We are so overwhelmed by all the love and support we have been receiving from family and friends over the past two months since my cancer diagnosis.

The MacGregor meat order and 50/50 ticket fundraising has provided more than we ever could imagine. Big thanks goes out to my very special group of longtime best friends who worked so hard to organize and plan for all of it. I love you all so much. From day one all of you have been right by my side. I have shed some tears and had some tough moments but you continue to keep me laughing and smiling. I do not know what I would do without all of you. I know there were lots of supporters that worked behind the scenes as well to help with the fundraising who deserve thanks. Special thanks to the winner of the draw Maria Harte who graciously gave back her winnings. Such a caring and kind gesture.

To all of you that have supported the fundraising, provided us with gas and restaurant gift cards, gift baskets, cards with cash, dropped off food and just been there for me and my family we cannot thank you enough.

We have always known that Elmvale and area has been a very caring and giving community but you truly do not quite understand the extent of it until it is directed at you. We are so proud to be a part of this community. Small towns truly are the best. Our hearts are so full. We love you all.

**Love & Hugs,**  
**Carly McGill and family**

## Obituaries



### MACASKILL, Marjorie (Midge) Theresa

Passed away quietly on Monday, December 5, 2022 at the age of 75. Midge Macaskill of Elmvale, dear wife of the late Ronald Macaskill. Lovingly remembered by her brothers and sisters, Doug (Rosella)

Piitz, Anita (Allan) Lavigne, Floyd (Betty) Putz, Richard (Myra) Putz, Michael (Gail) Putz and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Herman and Laura Putz, Ronald (Pat) Piitz and Joyce (Ben) Robillard. Midge will be deeply missed by her family and friends, as well as her special feline pets Cricket and Molly.

A memorial mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 106 Yonge Street North, Elmvale, Ontario on Tuesday, December 13th at 11 am.

Inurnment will be held at St. Anne's Cemetery, Penetanguishene in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to Parkinson Canada ([parkinson.ca](http://parkinson.ca)) or the Cancer Society ([support.cancer.ca](http://support.cancer.ca)).

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## Obituaries



### EDWARDS, Donald Eugene

Passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Donald Edwards of Midland in his 93rd year. Beloved husband for 67 years to Marilyn Joy Edwards (nee Hornsby) Dear father of Charles (Leslie) and Christel (Dalton).

Loved grandfather of Sherilyn and Jacob. Brother of Doreen (late Bob) Lambie, Pauline (Karl) Miller, and the late Murray Edwards. Brother-in-law of Karen (late Dave) McCall and the late Ruth (survived by Tom) Kebick. Don will be missed by his many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. A funeral service will be held at the St. Paul's United Church in Midland on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 11 am.

Spring interment Vasey Cemetery.

Memorial donations to St. Paul's United Church or the Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers would be appreciated.

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### Kennedy, Donald Bruce

June 20, 1953 –  
December 14, 2022

With sadness in our hearts, Don passed away peacefully on December 14, 2022.

Beloved husband to Anna Kennedy (nee McAuslan) and a wonderful father to Geoffrey and Adam. Dear son of Catherine and the late Neil Kennedy. Son in-law to the late Dorothy McAuslan. Brother of Gord (Maureen), Eric (Janet) and Roger (Diane).

Don will be fondly remembered by his aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, friends and beloved pets.

As per Don's wishes, a cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later time.

The family would like thank Hospice Simcoe for their care and support.

In Don's memory, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Liver Foundation

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**SCHAN. Raymond Armand** (Ray), passed away peacefully on December 17th, 2022 at the age of 84, after a valiant battle against Dementia.

Ray was an Ontario and Canadian Land Surveyor with Ontario Hydro. He was a highly skilled individual with a strong work ethic and a proud commitment to his craft. As he would often say to his family while traveling in Northern Ontario, "see that tower over there? My crew worked on that."

When Ray was not working at Hydro he could always be found working at home, out in his garage that he built or in his basement workshop; putting, planning projects or creating items. He was an avid historian, an individual who was always interested in learning something new and a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Raphael and Alice, and by his sisters Carolyn Schan and Sharon Mintenko. He is survived by his wife Judy of 58 years; children Kristin teBokkel (husband David) and Kerri Joslin (husband Terry); grandchildren Nathan teBokkel (wife Alex), Joshua teBokkel (wife Courtney), Caleb teBokkel and Samuel teBokkel, siblings Wynn Capricci (Laurie), Margaret Mills (Chuck), Barb Schan-Andrews (Bob), Andy Schan (Stephanie), Mike Schan and many nieces and nephews.

In remembrance of Ray's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to either the Alzheimer Society of Canada, or Grove Park Home Long Term Care Facility.

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### WEBB, Lorna Marion

Passed away peacefully, knowing that she was truly loved, on the evening of December 13, 2022 at the age of 99. Lorna Webb of Wyevalle, beloved wife of the late Graeme Webb. Cherished mother of Marion & Glenn Gerry, Peter & Cheryl

Webb and Margaret & David Pearson. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren, Michael Webb, John Pearson, Wendy Malloy, Jeremy Pearson, Stephanie Smith and Craig Webb. Proud great grandmother of ten. She is predeceased by her son Donald, parents Edgar & Hazel Campbell and her brothers Victor and Bert.

Lorna enjoyed quilting and knitting but was most passionate about gardening. Her flower gardens were spectacular, enjoyed by the neighbourhood, and a special stop on the annual garden tours. She was an active member of the Wyevalle community, as the Past President of the Elmvale Horticultural Society, the Pine Ridge Women's Institute and the Wyevalle United Church Women.

A gathering to celebrate her wonderful life will be held at a later date, at which time her ashes will be laid to rest with her husband and son at Wyevalle Cemetery.

Memorial donations to Elmvale & District Horticultural Society would be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be mailed to: 1576 Flos Rd. 7 W, Elmvale, ON L0L1P0

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A Christmas Story, taken from Annie’s Journal

*Written by Annie Warner Donnelly*

As the story goes, Jimmy was a teenager who often felt lost, alone, afraid and unloved.

One night, Jimmy slept over at Fred Turner’s house. Fred was a fun friend. The next morning Jimmy went to church with the Turner family. He listened carefully to everything that was said. As he was leaving the church, the Pastor shook his hand and said, “I’m glad to meet you, Jimmy. Always remember, Jesus loves you!”

Jimmy was puzzled. Eating lunch back at Fred’s, he asked Mr. Turner, who just happened to be the choir director, “Who is this Jesus?”

“Well,” said Mr. Turner, “the great song writer, Charles Wesley, wrote a song that tells the story of who Jesus is. Would you like to hear it, Jimmy?”

“Yes, please,” the teen replied. As Mr. Turner began to sing, his whole family joined in. Jimmy never forgot how he felt hearing the words they sang.

**Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

When the song finished, Jimmy’s questions began. What are herald angels and where did they come from? How could this baby be a king if He was just born? Where’s Bethlehem? What does it mean, “God and sinners reconciled?” Who is Christ? What is our Immanuel? How can He be heaven-born when the song says He was born in Bethlehem? How can He bring life to me when I already have it? Why won’t men die anymore? How can I have a second birth when I’ve already been born?

Question after question, answer after answer, each one giving Jimmy hope until one day in the weeks that followed, he finally understood what the song was telling him. Songs are like that. Sometimes, when we least expect it, the lyrics of a song will teach us what no one else ever did.

Just last week, Jimmy’s granddaughter asked him, “Poppa, who is this Jesus?”

“Well, child,” said Jimmy, “I’ll be glad to tell you who He is.” As he lifted her onto his knee, he began to sing, “Hark! the herald angels sing, ‘Glory to the newborn King!’”



**Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heavens adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;  
In the manger born a king, While adoring angels sing,  
“Peace on earth, to men goodwill;” Bid the trembling soul be still,  
Christ on earth has come to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

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