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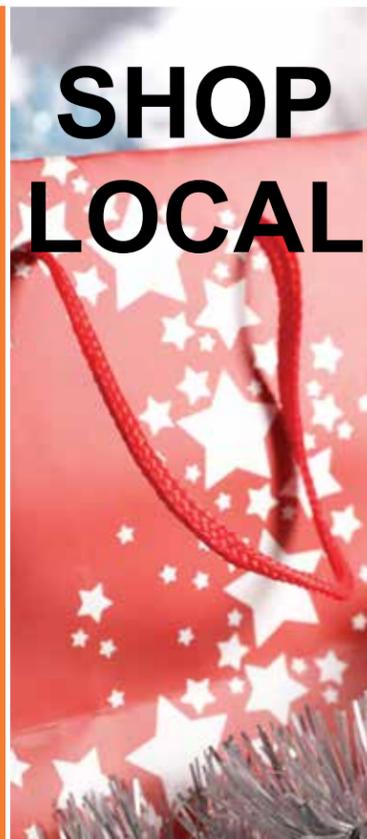
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Springwater residents,

As a fellow resident of this wonderful community, I must share my concern.

Recently, great work has been done to improve the rail trail for so many to enjoy, this is fantastic and very much appreciated. The trail has been widened, raised and levelled. It is a wonderful way to get out and enjoy nature, exercise ourselves and our dogs.

My concern is why are some of the users not respectful of others on this trail. Believing I'm not alone in this request, if you are exercising your pet PLEASE clean up after them. DON'T let them do their business in the middle of the trail and leave it there. Plenty of sticks to use to move it off to the side, use waste bags, or at least train your dogs to do their business off to the edge of the trail. Be responsible and at least respectful to the community that uses this trail.

Dianne Cox

Letter to the Editor

Inflation has forced up the price of commodities by 7% across the board, more than that for food and fuel. The Ford government has reams of statistics confirming the escalating costs, but in passing Bill 124 he is restricting to 1% increases in salary to public sector workers. Do the math, every public sector worker must accept a 6% reduction in their spending for the number of years Doug Ford is in office.

Of course an Ontario court overturned this law as it interferes with the workers right to bargain. But the premier plans to challenge the judge's ruling. Really?

The public sector workers in Ontario must accept what Doug Ford wants to give them? And 1% is fair? (I must be reading a Dicken's novel.) Who is this man? The banks this week reported billion dollar profits - the wealthy are doing well while the working class is pushed closer to the poverty line.

Doug Ford and his party members (all of them earning on the high side of \$100,000) should learn to live with less, not the nurses and TAs who are turning to food banks to feed their families.

Joffre McCleary

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

There were a lot of celebrations in our townships lately. I can't get to all them. I did attend Elmvale's events. I would love pictures from the other towns around, showing the wonderful Christmas happenings and traditions. I would also love to print content from other spiritual sectors and other celebrations that may circle our townships. Please send me your content to include the diverse community we live in. Seasons Greetings to those that celebrate Hanukkah, Yule, Kwanzaa or any other celebration. This gives me an idea for the Christmas edition on Dec. 22. For now, enjoy friendship and kindness.

Please Shop local, it helps us all.

A Beacon for Rural Culture

The events that shaped our village were once reported in the Lance.

It was a journal of our daily lives that gave an occasional backward glance.

It preserved our local culture during the century gone by,

And it was a forum where local folks could give their writing skills a try.

But, in the last decade of the 1900's the Lance's readership went down,

And its ownership was relocated to a not-too-nearby town.

I guess it's hard to catch the local flavour from a place that far away,

And with less support, the owners' said, the Lance had had its day.

A lot of folks lamented that our village didn't have a paper;

It was hard to get the hockey news or the low-down on a neighbour.

Then Michael Jacobs took up the challenge of putting forth the local views

In a paper that bore the township name and announced Springwater News.

The pages were just filled with local colour, although it was expressed in black and white,

And when folks received their free edition, they were convinced the price was 'right'.

A lot of them passed on encouragement, and Mike reacted to their praise

Till the News evolved into the coloured version that we like to read these days.

We all feared the effects of social media that gave news to those with phone in hand,

But who would keep our older population informed when local events were being planned?

Then Linda bought the "News" and made an 'objective view' the golden rule.

She helped convince us all that a hard copy in hand is still a viable tool.

I have confidence in the integrity of the owner; she seems objective in her reviews,

Differing options are acceptable, but there needs to be basic honesty in news.

Hardcopies of the Springwater News will still find a role in preservation of local culture;

It will be the bond that binds those folks that inhabit this centre of agriculture.

I would like to pay tribute to this paper and the woman that gave it rebirth.

As a communications vehicle for the community, I can't even estimate its worth.

To this paper that has highlighted community needs and supported each worthy cause,

I would like to pass along the thanks of the community and echo its applause.

Small Town Philosopher – Dec 2022

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EDITOR'S NOTES

by Linda Belcourt, Publisher, Editor, Owner

I am so fortunate and so is the community, that there are so many local talented writers in our community.

Thank you Small Town Philosopher for your kind words for me and this paper, written in a poem. Jason George is a local photography and writer that brings future articles.

The EDHS music program has been very active in our community. It helps bring youth and community together. It is beneficial to us all.

The next edition will feature business' bringing good will to all of us.

I hope to publish more editorials in the future to bring both sides to our stories for democracy sake.

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**Elmvale Maple Syrup Tree Lighting
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Friday December 2nd was our tree lighting ceremony, and it was a huge success. Dozens of local and not-so-local people attended to help us kick off the festive season in Elmvale.

This type of event involves quite a bit of organizing and it takes a village - literally - to pull this together.

The event began at 6:30pm with the tree lighting at 7pm. The joyful sounds of the season were provided by the EDHS music director, Jesse Muldoon and his multi-talented music students.

Springwater deputy mayor George Cabral, Ward 1 councillor Matt Garwood and Ward 5 councillor Phil Fisher were on hand to bring greetings from the township and flip the switch.

The EMSF would like to thank the following people for their contributions:

- **The 'Tree Guys' - Doug Kirton, Tim, Tom and Rusty McGinnis, Doug Tinney, Paul Archer and Dave Lewis** for locating, cutting and placing the tree.
- **Brian and Roseanne Pierce and family**, for donating the tree.
- **George Begley of BMR Pro Elmvale**, for the use of a boom truck to transport the massive tree.
- **James Doan** for his skillful operation of the boom truck to load, transport and place it in its location at the Gateway.
- **Pete Minnings of Minnings Electric** for use of his bucket truck, and his staff member Brian McGee, who operated the truck and helped decorate and hook up the power for the lights.
- **The Minty family of Elmvale**, who donated the beautiful star which adorns our tree each year in memory of Doug Minty.
- **The Sugar Shack girls, Jan Drinkill, Denise Ritchie-McLean, Marg Lambie and Irene Burgler**, who kept everyone supplied with hot beverages and popcorn.
- **Tim Lalonde of Lalonde Maple Products**, for the delicious maple cotton candy.
- **Elmvale Rental Supply** for the stage lights.
- **Battlefield Equipment Rental, Barrie** for the tower light to light up the event, and salesman Curtis Graham for transporting and returning the light.
- **Lisa Harpell** for keeping the kids entertained with craft making.
- **Tim Hortons Elmvale** for donation of the hot chocolate.
- **Foodland Elmvale** for supplying the cider and EMSF for providing the popcorn.
- A big thank-you to those who donated to the **EDHS gift basket drive** and the Elmvale Food Bank.
- Last, but not least, a huge thanks to **Springwater Township** for supporting this and all our events.

Our president, John Savage and the entire EMSF Committee wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a healthy and happy 2023.



Photo above: EDHS Music program entertains the Crowd at Tree Lighting in Elmvale



Photo above: Murray MacDonald (on left) and Tim Lalonde (on right) of Lalonde Maple Products, thanks for the maple cotton candy.



Photo above: The Sugar Shack girls, Irene Burgler, Marg Lambie, Jan Drinkill, and Denise Ritchie-McLean, and who kept everyone supplied with Tim Horton hot beverages and popcorn.



Photo above: Lisa Harpell supplied art station for keeping the kids entertained with craft making.



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Photo above: BMR Pro supplied the boom truck to pickup and deliver the tree. James Doan skillfully operated the boom truck to load, transport and place it in its location at the Gateway.



Photo above: The 'Christmas Tree Boys' (left to right), Doug Tinney, Dan Clement, Rusty McGinnis, Doug Kirton, Tim McGinnis, James Doan, Tom McGinnis, Dave Lewis and Paul Archer.



Ever wonder how they get the lights on the tree? Minnings Electric brings employee, Brian McKee, and takes him to new heights



Photo above: Minnings Electric brings lift to put up the lights. (left to right), Doug Kirton, Tim McGinnis, Pete Minnings, Dave Lewis and Paul Archer.



Holiday Office Closure

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

Special Council Meeting - Closed
Wednesday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.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.

To view the meeting agendas, please visit: springwater.civicweb.net/Portal

Bid Opportunities

State of Good Repair Roads Project
(2022-40-PW)
Closes: December 12, 2022

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



Rent the Ice

Get active this holiday season by booking your time on the ice! The Elmvale Community Arena is available for daytime rentals throughout the winter months. Email recreation@springwater.ca or phone 705-728-4784 x2078 for booking inquiries. Please note that the Arena is closed on statutory holidays and will close early on December 24 and 31.

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:
springwater.ca/FiretruckRun



Upcoming Holiday Events

Elmvale Sleigh Ride in the Village - December 9
Minesing Christmas Tractor Parade - December 9
Anten Mills Tree Lighting - December 10
Anten Mills Santa Claus Parade - December 11
Magic of Lights - November 18 - January 1

Get details and an updated list of events at:
springwater.ca/HolidayEvents

NEW! SNOW PLOW TRACKER

You can now check the snow clearing status of your street online by visiting: springwater.ca/SnowPlowTracker

The interactive map shows which municipal roads and sidewalks have been cleared within the last 1, 4, 12 and 16 hours.



Winter Maintenance Reminders



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



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



Don't blow snow onto or across the road, into ditches, or onto sidewalks or neighbouring properties.



Exciting News For Local Charities, Non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies in North Simcoe

Government of Canada announces National Funders selected to support charities and non-profits. Huronia Community Foundation will distribute the Community Services Recovery Fund to charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies

The Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development, Karina Gould, announced that Community Foundations of Canada alongside the Canadian Red Cross and United Way Centraide Canada have been selected to distribute funding to help a broad and diverse range of charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies adapt and modernize, so they can support pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million that will help charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies to acquire the tools they need to adapt and modernize so they can better support pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.

Since the early phases of the pandemic, charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies have struggled with increased demand for their services, reduced revenues, declines in charitable giving due to the rising cost of living, and a greater need to make use of digital tools as part of adapting and modernizing their operations.

Funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund will enable charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies to invest in their own organizational capacity to:

- adapt the way they deliver services to support the needs of their staff and volunteers;
- buy equipment such as computers and software;
- create new ways of working, such as developing new fundraising approaches;
- provide support for staff and volunteers, such as staff training, supports for mental health and well-being; and
- develop plans to receive funding from diverse sources.

As a result of the investments provided by the Community Services Recovery Fund, charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies will be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and sustainability of the community services that they provide.

The application process will launch on January 6, 2023. For more information visit www.communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca.

**Scott Warnock, Executive Director
Huronia Community Foundation**

New Path Youth and Mental Services Receive Grant

New Path Youth and Mental Services is honoured to be the first recipient of a grant from the Bimbombay Memorial Fund at HCF. The fund was established by Jane Courtemanche in memory of her son, Duncan. Bimbombay is the name of the family cottage where Duncan enjoyed his childhood and extended family. Sadly, Duncan took his own life after a long struggle with depression.

The grant will help support the Quick Access Child and Youth Mental Health Clinic offered by New Path for children, youth and families aged 0-18. In Midland, New Path provides mental health support to young people at the Youth Wellness Hub located at 287 Bayshore Drive.

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Help An Animal Overlooked By Adopters With the Ontario SPCA's New Adopt-it-Forward Program



Give the gift of a “forever” home to an animal who is being overlooked by adopters by sponsoring their adoption fee during the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society’s iAdopt for the Holidays campaign, running until Dec. 25.

The Ontario SPCA is committed to finding a loving home for every adoptable animal. Sadly, some animals are overlooked by adopters due to age or special needs. To help those animals find loving homes, the Ontario SPCA is piloting an Adopt-it-Forward program that gives donors the opportunity to pay the adoption fee for an animal who has been waiting to find a loving home.



Presented by Swiffer®, the goal of iAdopt for the Holidays is to find loving homes for as many animals as possible at Ontario SPCA animal centres across the province during the holiday campaign. Last year, close to 600 animals found loving homes across Ontario during the iAdopt for the Holidays campaign. With many people enjoying time off during the holidays and being home together as a family, now is the perfect time to welcome an animal into your life.

If you’ve already adopted an animal, you can help promote the benefits of adoption by entering Ontario’s Cutest Adopted Animal Photo Contest at iadopt.ca. There are amazing weekly prizes to be won, as well as a grand prize awarded to the pet with the most votes. Enter your pet’s cutest photo and encourage your friends, family, co-workers and neighbours to cast their vote. To enter or to vote, visit iadopt.ca

“You can bring joy to animals in need this holiday season by making a donation to help give them the second chance they deserve,” says Caytlynn Croisier, Manager, Ontario SPCA Midland & District Animal Centre. “As a registered charity, the Ontario SPCA depends on the generosity of donors to provide care and shelter to animals in need as they wait for a family to adopt them.”

To change an animal’s life during iAdopt for the Holidays, visit iadopt.ca.

PENETANGUISHENE RESIDENT’S \$1.4 MILLION LOTTO MAX WIN



Christopher Grenier of Penetanguishene has \$1,418,967.40 to put toward his dreams after winning a LOTTO MAX second prize in the October 14, 2022 draw.

Christopher says he plays the lottery once a week. “I play my own numbers – all family birthdays,” he shared while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up his winnings.

The 41-year-old was at the store when he discovered his big win. “I checked my ticket at the ticket checker, and I thought it was a joke,” he said. “I called my work and told them I wasn’t coming in and then went home and told my wife.”

Winner Just In Shock



Penetanguishene residents Jean and Harvey Stevens have more than 17,000 reasons to celebrate, as they are the November Grand Prize winners of the Soldiers’ 50/50 Raffle!

Jean was at a loss for words when she was told she had won.

“I’m just in shock”, she said after winning \$17,560 in the November Soldiers’ 50/50 draw. Jean’s husband of 57 years, Harvey, suggested driving to Orillia that day to confirm the news. Though Jean purchased the tickets, the couple has always decided that they share everything.

They are excited to give a portion of the winnings to their three children and grandchildren.

“We want our kids to use the money to get something nice for themselves,” Jean Stevens said, noting that her children are always giving to others and deserve the ability to treat themselves.

The couple will use some of the money for house upgrades, as well as purchase a new scroll saw for Harvey to create his knick-knacks.

Jean and Harvey Stevens chose to support the Soldiers’ 50/50 because they consider Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital “one of the best” healthcare facilities in the region.

“We have friends who use Soldiers’,” Jean Stevens said. “They live near us [in Penetanguishene], but anytime they need a hospital, they make the trip to Orillia.”

The December Soldiers’ 50/50 raffle is already underway, and features a special \$2,000 Early Bird draw this Thursday December 1st. With a winner every week, there are plenty of chances to win big.

Commented [JS1]: Harvey was the one that suggested they drive in that day

Soldiers’ 50/50 raffle is managed by the Soldiers’ Foundation and works to generate funding for areas of emerging need within Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital.

The next Soldiers’ 50/50 Grand Prize draw is December 30th, and Early Bird draws are set for December 1, 8, 15, 22. With a guaranteed pot of \$5,000 and ticket bundles starting at just \$10, it’s a fun way to support your local hospital gives you the chance to win every week.

To learn more about the new Soldiers’ 50/50 and how you can win big every week, visit soldiers5050.ca.

Christopher plans to purchase a house and take his family out for dinner to celebrate.

“It’s overwhelming . . . but in a good way!” he concluded.

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

HEY DADS!

When was the last time you did something challenging with your kids? Maybe you ran a 5k with them or went ice fishing for the first time or tried skiing or snowboarding with them? Last weekend my two daughters and I did something challenging and muddy together.

About 10 years ago I had some friends tell me about this “Tough Mudder” event they had just completed up at Mt. St. Louis Moonstone. They told me it was a 10-mile obstacle course-mud-run thing. I spend a lot of my time at parks watching kids climb on stuff and trying not to lose too many of them so an event with a bunch of mud and a bunch of monkey bars seemed like something I could do. I’m a below average hockey player and can’t hit a softball over the fence but I can run and crawl in mud. It was the perfect event for someone lacking actual athletic skill.

I thought it sounded interesting so a few friends, cousins, uncles and I put together a team and did it the following year. We called our team, “Weening, not losing”, since we are clever like that. Besides the almost freezing temperature and the sleety snow falling that day it was a fun four hours. Lying in bed for the rest of the day and waiting for the feeling to return to my extremities was also...memorable. As I lay in bed recovering that day I dreamed of doing a Tough Mudder with some of my kids someday. My oldest daughter was 8 years old at the time and it was unlikely she was going to keep pace with me up and down Mt. St. Louis for four hours so I would have to wait a few years.

The years passed by until all of a sudden it was 2022. That little girl is now 17. Her 15-year-old sister wouldn’t be left out so when we realized we would be in Florida at the same time as Tough Mudder the three of us signed up. Training began. Their 11-year-old brother is on a bit of an exercise kick so he began to wake us up at a time that seemed like the middle of the night so we could go running. As the three of us tried to keep up with him he dragged us to the gym to run on treadmills, challenged us to do push-ups and sit-ups, and we tried to keep up with him on running routes all around Orlando. None of us died on those runs.

Finally Tough Mudder race day arrived. We showed up wearing our super-awesome homemade t-shirts that said “Dad” or “Daughter”, respectively. A few of the other runners asked us, “Where’s mom?” Maybe someday she’ll join us but in 2022 she’s at home with the other seven kids.

My daughters and I ran, climbed, fell, swam, swung, crawled, pushed, pulled, carried and leaped our way through the 25 obstacles and after three hours completed the event together. I am so proud of those girls and the discipline, courage and endurance they showed that day. It was an awesome memory! I learned that I’m now in a phase of life where I can do new things with my kids and the girls learned they can do things they didn’t think possible. Well dad, what challenging thing can you do with your kids? Time flies! Make every moment count!

Jason Weening is counting down for the next 14 years until his other seven kids and one wife can all do Tough Mudder together. Stay tuned at heydads.ca.

City introduces online booking service for Specialized Transit

The City has launched a new online booking service, through which existing Specialized Transit clients will now be able to book and manage their trips online, as well as view their upcoming trips in real time.

Specialized Transit is a door-to-door shared ride accessible public transit service intended for persons unable to use Barrie Transit’s conventional accessible fixed-route system due to a disability.

“This user-friendly online service will further enhance the Specialized Transit experience by giving clients more control over managing their trips in a convenient and highly personalized way,” says Brent Forsyth, Director of Transit and Parking. “Ultimately, this will reduce wait times, improve efficiencies and increase ridership.”

The online booking service will be available 24/7. Specialized Transit clients will still be able to book trips, make changes, confirm their trip or cancel their trip via telephone through a booking agent.

Learn more about Specialized Transit and access the booking service via barrie.ca/SpecializedTransit.

HO HO HO! A Request From SANTA TO YOU!

HO HO HO! It’s me Santa Claus wishing you a very Merry Christmas! From my vantage point I can see that you are now preparing for ‘merry and bright’ festivities each in your own way, creating for me a scene ever so fascinating to watch. In case you didn’t know, I always behold you and your entire community walking around Shining like the Sun. But this year of 2022 I can see that some of you have had your brilliance and joy dimmed away to dullness because of these last few difficult years on your planet. Santa can see that some of you are confused and no longer know what to believe in your crazy world of unbelievable make-believe down there.

HO HO HO! Santa wants to remind you that you get to believe whatever you want to believe while you exist on Earth. That’s your eternal and personal gift of freewill from “You Know Who.” Your truth is individual and it belongs entirely to you. And rightly so! HO HO HO! But Santa wants you to notice how your beliefs, when in action affect your community. Do they brighten or dull your neighbour and your fellow man? Is your truth hurting someone else or uplifting someone else? “You Know Who” says that the further folk drift from the collective truth the more they will despise those individuals who speak it. Oh Oh Oh! We up here at the North Pole can see that this kind of thinking won’t make for a very merry Christmas down there.

HO HO HO! But Santa says finding truth is as simple as making a decision to believe in something and then acting upon it in a loving way...not from your brain, but from your heart. Your heart naturally knows what to believe. Discovering truth is no different than you deciding to believe in me Santa, and then creating Christmas! Wow! Christmas took a lot of believing and a lot of acting on your part! Together, your collective energies created a celebration that rocks the entire world! HO HO HO! By the way...thanks for Rudolf...he really rocks our world up here at the North Pole!

Santa also wishes to remind you that Christmas occurs in a powerful month. The energetic buzz of December when measured on the scale of human consciousness vibrates at a higher rate of frequency, meaning love, than any other time of year. That’s the measurable truth. Yes, Santa took a science class or two! This is because most of you are creating love’s highest frequency by your heartfelt enthusiasm for Christmas. It’s powerful! Children especially feel it. You don’t even have to be good or bad to get some. Christmas energy naturally turns on the merry and bright...but you have to choose it. And Santa knows that everybody really wants to be turned on. You do don’t you? And when you are turned on, Santa can see your lights shining on Earth all the way to the North Pole...whom he then tells “You Know Who,” who rejoices with you! HO HO HO!

And so, what to believe about your world? What to believe about Christmas? Santa is asking you to listen to your heart no matter what your personal truth is, and to always act kindly to your neighbour. Santa wants you to believe in the underlying good that exists everywhere in your world. He wants you to light up the Earth with the power of your very own merry and bright not only at Christmas, but every single day of the year. On Christmas Day Santa wants to behold everyone Shining like the Sun. HO HO HO!



Peace will be created on Earth for those who send Good Will to All.
by Beverley Dujay-Macdonald

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- 11 Shrouded
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- 16 Valuable vein
- 17 Flung
- 19 Beach plus
- 21 Do library research
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- 27 Resourceful
- 30 Quite
- 31 Flaxseed, sunflower
- 32 Pretty fast, on the highway
- 34 Larch
- 35 Type of tournament
- 36 Supply with weapons
- 38 Doesn’t dash off
- 42 Is down with
- 44 Puts into service
- 47 ___ the line
- 48 “To what do I ___ the pleasure?”
- 49 Just
- 50 Not at home
- 51 Get spliced
- 52 Stamp
- 53 Lady’s title

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- 1 Detective’s query
- 2 Overpriced
- 3 Disagreeable smell
- 4 Haunted house decoration
- 5 Undivided
- 6 Diamonds in slang
- 7 Took off
- 8 She, in grammar
- 9 Listen here
- 10 Add years to one’s life
- 18 Pencil accessory
- 20 Missing, in a way
- 22 Not to mention
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- 25 Document
- 26 Pronoun
- 27 Foldaway, e.g.
- 28 Appearance
- 29 Satisfied
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- 41 Places on a table
- 42 Reporter’s question
- 43 Stupefied state
- 45 Observe
- 46 Vintage

50th Year Update!

Fifty years ago, in the Elmvale Lance, I announced... "I am so excited! I have just had parents! Michael and Margaret Ann were so excited to see me when I arrived at Penetang General Hospital, Wednesday, November 29th, 1972. I can hardly wait to get home to Elmvale to see my big brother, Timothy." I thought it was time for an update.

I have since welcomed a brother named Jamie and a whole bunch of cousins, all boys. I went to University in Ottawa, came home, got a pilot's license and then completed an apprenticeship to be an aviation mechanic.

I found me a girl with Flos Township roots and with her, became the pride of the Jacobs clan when in 2007 we became parents to the first Jacobs girl in 53 years. To prove it was not a fluke, we produced another girl in 2009. To round it off, we got ourselves a boy in 2012. Along with my wife Amy, the four of them have made an impression on OLOL school and the oldest is one of EDHS's athletes.

We live in Springwater Township, and I operate my business out of the Edenvale Aerodrome. Please look for my next 50 year update in 2072.

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SPIRITUAL and MENTAL HEALTH

Stop Negative Thinking

"You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future."

~ Isak Dinesen

It has been said that most of our time is spent thinking about the past or the future. Thinking negative thoughts of the past creates depression, while negative thoughts of the future create anxiety. Think about your own thoughts and see if this is true for you. There is nothing wrong with fond memories, or looking forward to what lies ahead. This is all part of life.

The problem comes when time is spent on negative thoughts about the past, and on worry thoughts about the future. This kind of thinking has a huge impact on our quality of life. As I have so often written, negative thinking not only affects our mood and our outlook, it also affects our physical health as well.

There are a couple of things we can do to ensure our thoughts do not negatively affect our health. The first one is to discipline ourselves to focus only on the positives in the past. Everyone has some sadness in his or her past, some regrets, and perhaps wishes that some things could have been different. The past cannot be changed, however, so it is best to let all of those things go.

Similarly, when thinking of the future, we can try always to visualize positive outcomes. Indeed there are times when the future is not going to be positive, as when a loved one has a terminal illness, or when a break up or divorce is imminent, but we can resolve to do the best we can in dealing with these situations. These situations are real. The thoughts we really have to change are worry thoughts about things that might happen in the future.

Another thing we can do, if we are prone to negative thinking, is to practice thought stopping. As soon as you become aware that you are thinking negatively, you immediately imagine a big STOP sign, and do not go any further down that road. It takes some practice to be able to do this on a regular basis, because negative thought patterns are like a worn path across a grassy field. It is easier just to go down the worn path.

Be aware of conversations you have with others and note how much time is spent on negative discussions about the past or future. Misery does love company, but the result is even more negative thinking and hence more misery!

Think of thoughts like food we take into our bodies. Most of us will not eat things that are spoiled or toxic. Are our thoughts nutritious, building strength and good health, or are they toxic, weakening our immune system and contributing to illness and disease? It is important to detoxify our thinking. We eat three times a day, but we are thinking all the time.

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Rosie's Devotions
by Rosemary Hagedorn

Christmas Is...

Christmas is here; at least, a shopper's Christmas is here. Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments, and toys are proudly displayed in store windows and shelves — beautiful, shiny objects to attract and entice the consumer. Well-thought-out advertisements in the local newspapers and magazines feature the latest in gadgets and toys.

But Christmas is not about running around at the last minute getting "just the right gift" or getting the latest version of a cell phone or buying the latest edition of a computer software product. Christmas is about a Baby.

You've heard the story many times. Over 2000 years ago, an angel tells Mary, a virgin, that she will give birth to a baby and to name this baby "Jesus". Joseph and Mary, as part of a census, travel to Bethlehem to look for a place to stay as Mary's time to give birth is imminent. But because of the census, rooms at the inns were all taken. A kindly innkeeper offers them a stable where Mary gives birth to Jesus. Angels proclaim Jesus as a Saviour for all people. Shepherds come to adore Him, and wise men bring Him gifts.

Now imagine: if the kind innkeeper had not offered his stable, Mary and Joseph would have been homeless. Jesus would have been born outside, underneath the stars. Perhaps the night would have been a little cold also.

This Christmas season, may we be so bold as to step out of our comfort zones and help out in our shelters by preparing hot meals and offering a person who is without a home, a place to lay their head and keep warm for the night. If that isn't possible, perhaps donating food items to the local food bank or hosting a turkey dinner with all the trimmings at your local church for people without homes are other ways of giving. If you are unable to do that, then consider sharing your gift of singing Christmas carols with the elderly in an old age home, a long term care home or in the local hospital.

John 13:34-35 – A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (NASB)

As the season of Christmas approaches, let us share our time and gifts with each other.

Prayer: Father, we thank You for the wonderful gift of Your Son, Jesus, who willingly sacrificed Himself for our sake. He shared His life on earth to tell of Your wonderful love for us all.

Ask a Therapist: by Sarah Covey

On Self-Criticism and Self-Blame

Q: I know that I am hard on myself and it seems like it is an automatic pattern to beat myself up in my self talk - what can I do about that?

A: Many people have strong inner critics that seem to be ready to process anything through a negative lens. Sometimes people get so used to the noise of that inner voice that they don't even realize how hard they are being on themselves in that inner dialogue. Self-criticism and self-blame are destructive cognitive distortions because they lack compassion and use shame to diminish a person's worth.

People who have these types of critical dialogues with themselves will often experience low self esteem and perfectionism in a perfect storm; they feel defined by these intrusive thoughts while also trying to prove that they are not true. High achievers often have a voice that immediately tells them where they went wrong and they feel like they have to maintain unreasonably high standards to try to quiet the criticism. Sometimes people experience self-blame as a result of shame where the inner chatter tells them that it is their fault for everything.

These patterns of distorted thinking can result in a tremendous amount of anxiety and lack of self-worth and are generally unhelpful. If you are struggling with these negative thoughts it can be very helpful to learn how to challenge them and develop alternative ways of mentally processing them. A therapist can help you identify themes in your thinking and evaluate core beliefs that may be the root cause of these patterns. They can also help you understand your personality (nature) and your childhood experiences (nurture) to determine where some of this self-talk originated and how to heal from it so that it no longer dominates your inner world.

Generally speaking, combating self-criticism and self-blame involves a balance of grace and truth. To be gracious, you need to have compassion for yourself, allowing for mistakes and challenges as a normal part of life while offering self-forgiveness and feedback without the harsh criticism. To be truthful you need to be honest with yourself and discern what is your fault and what isn't and be brave enough to take responsibility where you are to blame without bringing shame into the mix.

It can be really difficult to forge new pathways related to these patterns in your thinking and asking for help with that is an important first step. When you begin to consistently choose new, healthier, more compassionate, and less shame-based ways of thinking you will find that your life is altered in significant and positive ways.

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National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Hosted by: Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie
AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE



Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Venue: Barrie City Hall Rotunda.

Opening remarks and presentation: 6:00-7:30 PM

December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women in Canada. Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day marks the anniversary of the murders in 1989 of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal, who were killed because they were women. 30+ years later, the effects of this tragedy are still felt, and gender based violence continues to be an issue. Opening remarks and presentation, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. As we commemorate the 14 young women whose lives were taken in 1989, guests will also have the opportunity to reflect on the women who have been murdered in 2022, all due to gender based violence. Participants will be encouraged to identify their CALL TO ACTION. What can we do as a community to end violence against women and stop the murders of women and young girls? We hope you will join us in being a partner for change. Wear your purple or purchase a purple scarf or tie to show support to those who have and continue to endure gender-based violence. Purple scarves and ties can be purchased at <https://barrieshelter.com/shop/> Pre-register for the event online HERE. For more information contact: Deb James 705 817 1189 or deb@barrieshelter.com

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NVCA November 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

2022 Third Quarter Budget Report

In the first six months of operations of NVCA, expenditures to date are tracking on schedule, with 74.9% of the budgeted expenses (75% of budget year completed).

Revenues are tracking well, with 83.76% of the budgeted revenues recognized. This includes the first 9 months of the general municipal levy of \$1,953,576.

Currently, NVCA is sitting in a surplus position, primarily due to three reasons:

1. Section 28 permits have already surpassed the budgeted number of \$255,000 siting at \$427,208 after the first 9 months
2. Revenues are tracking higher than expenses so far this year which puts us in a surplus position.
3. There was a large payroll accrual in 2021 due to the timing of the last payroll and a larger than normal vacation accrual.

2022 Year End Surplus/Deficit Allocation

The NVCA Board of Directors approved that any deficit/surplus for 2022 will be allocated accordingly to the budget reserve.

Data Management Strategy for Planning Services Program

Currently, NVCA's Planning and Regulations staff spend significant time doing manually intensive data entry in the absence of automated data management solution. This work includes uploading and assigning of documents, processing applications, data entry, preparing fee requests, invoices and responding to status requests. It is estimated that NVCA requires 1.5 full time staff to complete these tasks currently.

NVCA is investigating automating processes beginning with possible internal changes to the current system. If an in-house solution cannot be developed by the end of 2023, staff will be exploring software solutions that offers a full suite of software for planning, permitting and enforcement and regulatory services.

A subsequent staff report will be submitted to the board outlining the preferred data management solution. This report will also identify direct and indirect costs associated with the implementation of the solution and possible funding sources.

List of all existing NVCA programs and services fees

In April 2022, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks released a list of programs and services conservation authorities can charge fees for.

Conservation authorities must develop a written fee policy, which includes a fee schedule that lists the fees for chargeable programs and services. The fee schedule must also include the frequency that policy and schedule(s) will be reviewed, the review process, notice of the review and changes, and the circumstances under which any person may request the authority to reconsider a fee

NVCA staff have developed a draft fee policy and associated schedules that consolidates all NVCA programs and services existing user fees.

At the November 25th meeting, the Board of Directors directed staff to apply a 2% cost of living increase to all fees. The new schedule will take effect on January 1, 2023.

Overview of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and related environmental registry postings

On October 25, 2022, the Ontario government introduced the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 to support More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23. As part of the province's Housing Supply Action Plan, the government is proposing to streamline approvals under the Conservation Authorities Act to focus on natural hazards.

NVCA published a media release and official statement on November 2, 2022.

Under the Environmental Bill of Rights, the government has put these proposals on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for public review and comment. Below are the ERO postings that are relevant to NVCA

ERO Posting: 019-2927 – Proposed updates to the regulation governing the activities that require permits under the Conservation Authorities Act. The

changes are intended to streamline approvals to focus on natural hazards.

ERO Posting: 019-6141 – Legislative and regulatory proposals affecting conservation authorities to support the Housing Supply Action Plan 3.0. This includes a series of proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Planning Act.

ERO Posting 019-6160 – Proposed Updates to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation Systems (OWES). The Province is proposing to add new guidance related to re-evaluation of wetlands and updates to mapping of evaluated wetland boundaries. Also, to make changes to recognize the professional opinion of wetland evaluators and the role of local decision makers (e.g. municipalities)

ERO Posting: 019-6161 – Conserving Ontario's Natural Heritage. The Province has developed a discussion paper and is seeking feedback on how Ontario could offset development pressures on wetlands, woodlands, and other natural wildlife habitat. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is considering developing an offset policy that would require a net positive impact on these features and help reverse the decades-long trend of natural heritage loss in Ontario.

Please refer to the November 2022 Board Agenda for NVCA staff comments for each posting.

Inventory of Programs and Services for Submission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

NVCA's Board of Directors received an update on the development of the new Memorandums of Understand (MOUs) relating to the Inventory of Programs and Services. The updates include:

Between October 1 and December 31, 2022, NVCA has had informal meetings with the following municipalities within our jurisdiction to present the draft inventory and to move forward MOU discussions: Township of Amaranth, Town of Mono, Town of Wasaga Beach, Town of Collingwood, Town of Innisfil, Township of Melancthon, Township of Mulmur, and Township of Oro-Medonte.

Many municipal partners are unclear of the changes that Bill 23 may bring forward that will need to be factored into MOUs for 2024.

Upcoming Events

Tiffin Nature Program

Geared towards pre-K and children in kindergarten, the Tiffin nature program will help children gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Date: 6-week sessions from September 20, 2022 to June 13, 2023.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

PA/PD Day Camp

Offered on PA/PD Days only, kids will enjoy lots of physical activity, and be mentally stimulated as they explore ever changing scenery and landscapes. They will be able to move away from excess screen time, and learn how to integrate nature into their everyday lives.

Dates: October 24, 2022, November 18, 2022, January 27, 2023, April 28, 2023, June 2, 2023

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Homeschool Programs

Tiffin's Homeschool Program is designed for homeschool families who want to spend structured time outside to develop a sense of wonder, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

Date: One Friday a month from October 15, 2022 to June 23, 2023

Location: Various locations throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed

Canada's First All-Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Facility Opens in Ontario

GM Canada's transformed CAMI plant helps secure Ontario's place as global automotive hub

Today, the Ontario government is celebrating the opening of General Motors of Canada's (GM Canada) first full-scale electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing plant in Ingersoll and the first BrightDrop Zevo 600s to be made at the facility. With support from the province, GM Canada has transformed its CAMI manufacturing plant into an all-EV manufacturing facility, the first of its kind in Canada. This project helps secure the province's position as a global automotive hub with the vehicles of the future being built in Ontario by Ontario workers, from start to finish.

"Today's exciting, made-in-Ontario milestone is more proof that there is no better place to build the cars of the future from start to finish than right here in Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "From the critical minerals in the north to our manufacturing excellence in the south, Ontario has every advantage and will continue to build on our legacy as a global automotive leader for decades to come."

The CAMI plant will be GM Canada's designated EV hub for its new all-electric commercial vehicle brand BrightDrop. As part of today's grand opening, the first BrightDrop Zevo 600s also rolled off the CAMI EV line, marking a new chapter in EV production in Ontario.

In April, GM Canada announced an investment of more than \$2 billion to transform its CAMI and Oshawa manufacturing plants and improve operations across all of its manufacturing and R&D facilities in Ontario. This investment was supported with \$259 million in funding from the province.

"This is truly an exciting day for Ontario as we celebrate the grand opening of GM Canada's transformed CAMI manufacturing plant and the first all-electric vehicle manufacturing facility in Canada," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Watching the first BrightDrop vehicles roll off the assembly line, it is clear that Ontario will build the cars of the future. Our government continues to attract transformative investments by creating the right economic conditions and reducing red tape."

The size and scope of this investment will accelerate the speed of Ontario's 10-year vision for the Driving Prosperity — The Future of Ontario's Automotive Sector plan. Phase 2 of Driving Prosperity is an important part of the government's plan to transform the province's automotive supply chain to build the cars of the future, including the production of hybrid, battery EVs, EV battery production and increasing exports of Ontario-made auto parts and innovations.

Over the last two years, Ontario has attracted \$16 billion in transformative automotive investments by global automakers and suppliers of EV batteries and battery materials. This includes more than \$12.5 billion in EV and EV battery-related manufacturing investments.

"Congratulations to GM CAMI on the launch of the BrightDrop electric vehicle. It makes me proud to say that this new technology and innovation is happening right here in Oxford."

- Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford



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**Nick & Marina Boudouris Match
Giving Tuesday Donations* to GBGH Foundation.**



Photo above: Amy Banka, PSW at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is asking the community to help support this year's Giving Tuesday campaign, raising funds for a new Therapeutic Bathtub (\$33,500) for the hospital's 2N inpatient unit. All donations on November 29th (Giving Tuesday) will be matched, up to a total of \$10,000, by Nick & Marina Boudouris.(photo below)



GBGH Foundation raising funds for new Patient Bathtub for GivingTuesday

Global Day of Giving Takes Place this Year on November 29th.

November 21, 2022 – The Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation is raising funds for a new patient bathtub this GivingTuesday, the world's largest generosity movement and considered by many as the opening day of the giving season.

In honour of this international day of giving, the GBGH Foundation is asking individuals, businesses and organizations to help purchase a new accessible, therapeutic bathtub (\$33,500) and ensure patients at Georgian Bay General Hospital have access to comfortable, healing and relaxing baths to assist in their recovery.

The current bathtub on the 2N inpatient unit at GBGH is 45 years old. Replacement parts are no longer available, making it nearly impossible to service, and its outdated design makes it difficult for patients to get comfortable. New tubs are specially designed to accommodate patients with mobility challenges, allowing them to reap the great health benefits of bathing while they are ill. The new tub is also designed with comfort in mind, with adjustable height and multiple shower wands, and features specialty functions for cleaning sensitive skin.

To help the Foundation achieve their goal to purchase a new patient bathtub, Nick & Marina Boudouris have offered to match all donations on

GivingTuesday, up to a total of \$10,000.

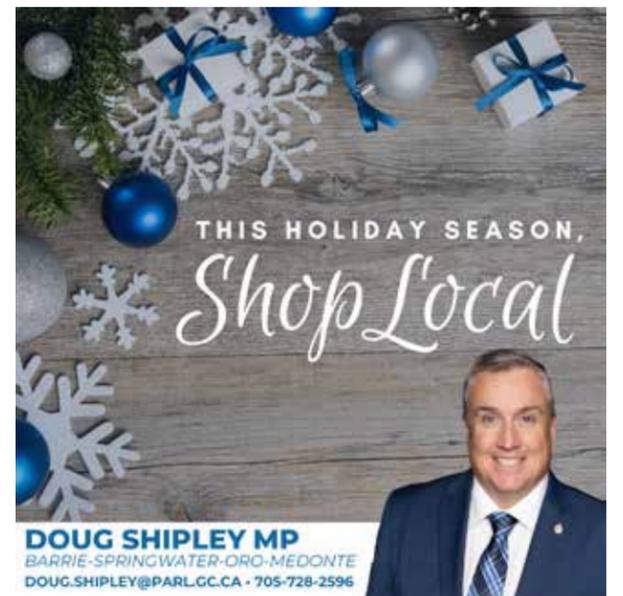
"Our hospital is so important to the community. We want every patient to have access to a warm, therapeutic bath to help in their healing," says Nick Boudouris, owner of OPA Catering, the World Famous Dock Lunch and Pier 21 Restaurant. "I challenge all of our local businesses to join me in supporting this campaign – I'll match your donation dollar-for-dollar* so we can buy this new tub for our friends, neighbours and loved ones."

Businesses, media and individuals can get involved by joining the conversation on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter or Instagram, sharing their own personal stories of care at GBGH on social media, and making a donation on Tuesday, November 29th. Anyone wishing to make a gift can text the word GBGH to 20222, or go to <https://gbghf.ca/giving-tuesday/>.

*Donations will be matched up to a total of \$10,000.

Cutline 1: Nick & Marina Boudouris, owners of OPA Catering, the World Famous Dock Lunch and Pier 21 Restaurant, have offered to match all donations (up to a total of \$10,000) to the GBGH Foundation on GivingTuesday, November 29th, 2022. The GBGH Foundation has a goal to buy a new Therapeutic Bathtub (\$33,500) for the hospital through this one-day fundraising campaign.

MP Shipley's Update From The Hill



MP Shipley on the importance of supporting local
We are now fully immersed in the throws of the holiday season and while it feels like there is plenty of time to finish up your holiday shopping, between Christmas parties, school recitals, and our day-to-day schedules, these next few weeks will fly by.

While you are making your lists and checking them twice, I encourage you to find opportunities to purchase goods from some of the many local shops in the region. Whether it is finding the perfect present at a gift shop downtown or ordering dessert for your Christmas dinner from a local bakery, your purchase at a local business goes a long way. The Township of Springwater has a Business Directory on its website that can assist in your search for local businesses, which you can access by visiting <https://directory.springwater.ca/>.

The holiday season can be a challenging time for some families. In the spirit of giving, if you are fortunate enough to be able to make a charitable contribution this year, many organizations such as the Elmvale and District Food Bank, are accepting donations. You can contact them by phone at 705-322-9096, or email at elmvalfoodbankinfo@gmail.com, to learn more about what they need this holiday season. By donating to local organizations, your contributions stay in the community and help support local families.

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

Doug Shipley
Member of Parliament
Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte

Statement From MP Doug Shipley and MP John Brassard On The Barrie City Council's Strategic Planning Meeting

Today, (Dec. 3) MP Doug Shipley and MP John Brassard were pleased to join the newly elected Barrie City Council for a planning and strategy meeting. The council had a productive discussion where they set strategic initiatives for the next four years for the City of Barrie.

"As a former Barrie city councillor, I know firsthand the excellent outcomes this council can achieve when it works collaboratively," said Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte MP Shipley.

"I really appreciate the invitation to be part of the strategic planning process with Mayor Nuttall and City Councillors", said MP Brassard

The council will soon present its strategic priorities for a vibrant and thriving City of Barrie as well as an action plan for how it will turn those ideas into a reality for its residents.

"It's critical that if we are to find solutions to the challenges facing our residents and businesses and opportunities going forward, that all of us work together and today's session made that commitment", Brassard stated.

"I would like to congratulate all the councillors, both newly elected and re-elected, on their successful campaigns this Fall. I look forward to seeing the great work that this council does over the next four years," said MP Shipley.

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RVH Auxiliary Marks International Volunteer Day With \$1-Million Donation

Dec. 5 on International Volunteer Day, the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) Auxiliary made a landmark \$1-million donation to help people get the care they need, when they need it, at RVH.

“We are incredibly proud to announce that we are able to make a \$1-million donation to RVH Foundation’s Keep Life Wild campaign, which includes helping to fund the future and much-needed expansion of the health centre’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit,” said Lise McCourt, president, RVH Auxiliary. “These funds were raised through the loyal support and hard work of our volunteers and all who participated in our fundraising activities, including our wildly successful Community 50/50 draws.”

International Volunteer Day was designated by the United Nations in 1985 as a day to celebrate the power and potential of volunteerism. The RVH Auxiliary began in 1897 when a group of volunteers saw the need to raise funds to support the purchase of bed linens and other supplies for patients at the hospital. To date, the RVH Auxiliary, known affectionally as the Blue Brigade because of their blue volunteer vests, has raised over \$15 million for patient care and donated immeasurable gifts of time and kindness.

In addition to her role as an Auxiliary leader, McCourt is also a patient-facing volunteer. She wants the community to know about the important role volunteers play in the healing experience of patients and families.

“Patients rely on us for a helping hand, a reassuring smile when they are feeling scared or worried, and for our kind words during difficult times,” she explains. “I am proud of the impact our volunteers have on the lives of so many.”

The work of the Auxiliary volunteers is vital to the patient experience at RVH.

“After a two-and-a-half-year COVID hiatus, our volunteers are once again lighting up the hallways of the health centre with their smiles and iconic blue vests,” says Gail Hunt, RVH president and CEO. “We have relied on the Auxiliary’s assistance for 125 years and while their physical absence was felt throughout RVH, especially by our patients, they have continued to cheer us on and raise much needed funds.”

The Auxiliary will play a crucial role as the health centre expands to meet the growing needs of the region, pledging \$5 million overall to the campaign to be raised and donated over the next several years.

“Today is a day to recognize the power of volunteerism, and we couldn’t be more grateful to the RVH Auxiliary for its ongoing dedication to the betterment of healthcare in our region,” said RVH Foundation CEO Pamela Ross. “Our Keep Life Wild campaign will raise \$100 million to build a bigger health centre with more beds, reduced wait times and more specialized care closer to home. It’s because of supporters like the RVH Auxiliary that we can ensure world-class care is available for the communities RVH serves now, and into the future.”

Find out more about how RVH and its supporters like the RVH Auxiliary plan to keep life healthy and wild for Simcoe Muskoka at keplifewild.ca



Photo above: There are a million reasons to celebrate today as the RVH Auxiliary makes a \$1-million donation to the Keep Life Wild campaign. (l-r) RVH Foundation Board Chair Paul Larche; RVH Foundation Campaign Co-chair Mary-Anne Frith; RVH Auxiliary President Lise McCourt; RVH President and CEO Gail Hunt; and RVH Foundation CEO Pamela Ross hold the cheque while enthusiastic volunteers from the RVH Auxiliary’s Blue Brigade cheer.



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Under The Glass

The Sorry Sister Multiplicity Problem

Under the glass is a column in which we try to take you the reader upwards in a journey of fun and knowledge ,with the hope at the end you will be wealthier both financially and knowledge wise from your investment of time in it.

The sorry sister multiplicity problem is a circumstance that happens when a buyer manages to “corner the market”. There were over 15 XYZ12s at the sale .I got them all for a great Price.

You look triumphantly over your treasure. You need one for your collection, you have 11 surplus what do you do?

As a professional buyer, the sorry sister multiplicity problem is a danger and a opportunity.

When the owner goes to sell he will get great money for the first one or two, less for the next three, even less for the next three, and will not be able to give away the rest, why?

Think Cinderella.

The last ignored object has had all the desire removed from it as the desire was fulfilled with the first entrants. As we get down to the Cinderella part, all the pomp circumstance packaging and image management had already been spent on the first few. The last one was unpromoted, unpackaged left over almost abandoned.

As a professional buyer these Cinderella assets become throw- ins when I am negotiating to buy .

We are there for a certain object that is the focus and the pricing is based on what we think we can get from such asset. Often it is a highly desirable asset, we will be forced to pay near market, just to acquire, which will leave little room for profit. You may hear Car guys use the expression “all the money” meaning there is no money left in the deal.

As a Pro buyer I realize that the sorry sisters, those unloved unwanted bloom is off the vine assets, are where my profit will be, if I am being forced to pay market price for an item.

I look for sorry sister opportunities and often, if they don’t exist I try to create them by bundling.

Bundling is where a used goods buyer will purchase based on a pile or a group,which allows them to get sorry sister assets for much less than if they were being purchased on an individual basis.

What does this mean to you? As a seller, understand that the buyer, if a pro, looks at the overall value return equation, and is quite willing to lose or breakeven on some things to acquire others.

As a seller, you must ensure that you bundle the items that will be hard to sell individually with the easy to sell assets. By bundling them, you will monetize the things that otherwise will be hard to move.

Unsure what to do? Call a reputable used goods company who trades at all ends of the market. Truly professional organizations will always ensure they are meeting the customers needs, satisfying there requirements and be able to make enough out of the transaction to justify their time and involvement.

Under the glass is a column by Mr. David Kai a well versed knowledgeable industry pundit in collector and investment grade markets. With over 45 years of actual industry experience, his columns provide insight and as he says, “He hopes to provide rationality evaluating to asset class based investment decisions.”

A published author nationally and a well known TV and radio commentator on investments and asset classes, Mr. Kai, tries to provide insight to move away from the hype towards rational behaviour.

Currently he is a senior advisor to various corporations active in the auction, estate, investment grade acquisition and management of collections, with a special interest advising on emerging activity oriented and advocation oriented groups on investing in investment grade asset classes.

Update From Doug Downey MPP

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Ontario Celebrating Outstanding Contributions of Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of our community. Recently, we celebrated International Volunteer Day, a day where we recognize and celebrate the selflessness and service of those who give their time to support their community. Without these volunteers, so many of our local organizations would be unable to operate, and provide the important services our community needs. During the month of December, and all throughout the year, it is especially important to remember those who give their time to help others.

The province of Ontario is recognizing the efforts of 4,555 Ontarians with a Volunteer Service Award. These annual awards honour the exceptional contributions of individuals providing a dedicated service to a single organization. Recipients of this award were celebrated in a virtual ceremony at the end of November, and will receive a personalized certificate and lapel pin to acknowledge their years of service.

Recipients of the 2022 Ontario Volunteer Service Award support a wide range of causes and organizations, including those serving families, children and youth, vulnerable people, hospitals, senior centres and food security programs. These volunteers also help as board members, in fund

raising, in promoting the arts and promoting the different cultures that make Ontario unique.

Since 1986, more than 250,000 volunteers have been recognized through the Ontario Volunteer Service Award. Adult volunteers are recognized for five to 65+ years of continuous service through in five-year increments. Youth volunteers are recognized for two or more years of continuous service.

Locally, recipients of the 2022 Ontario Volunteer Service Award come from a wide range of organizations that help protect animal rights, promote the love of reading and necessary literary skills, foster youth engagement, support families through end of life care, encourage horticultural skills, amongst others. Recipients include volunteers from Furry Friends Animal Shelter, Girl Guides of Canada, the Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society, Community Associations for Riders with Disabilities, Hospice Simcoe and more.

Volunteers are often the silent heroes in our community who work tirelessly without the expectation of thanks, or compensation of any kind. It is through their heart, courage and spirit, that our communities continue to be uplifted and supported. I want to thank all the recipients of these awards, as well as the countless other volunteers who continue to work in our communities and make them great. I often have the opportunity to speak to volunteers at community events and am constantly touched and encouraged by their passion for the work they do.

If you have ever considered volunteering, I encourage you to do so. There are many worthy local organizations who are looking for help, especially during this holiday season. To learn more about volunteer opportunities available to you, please reach out to the organization of your choosing or visit volunteerbarrie.ca.

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While the First Light event at Saint Marie Among the Hurons is a spectacular must-see (at least once) experience, you are not to worry if you missed out on snagging tickets this year. Across the region, there are many other lesser known Christmas themed light shows that offer a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with family and friends.



Barrie Rotary Festival of Trees

Each year the Rotary Club of Barrie organizes the Festival of Trees. This gorgeous display of lights appears along Lakeshore Drive, just south of the downtown core. The displays, which are sponsored by a number of local companies, are lit up during the Barrie Santa Claus Parade. A multitude of colours are represented, so for those of you loving the “all white” aesthetic, this will not appeal to you, but for the children and those who are kids at heart, it is magical. Some of the displays appear to be in motion while others glow silently and serenely in the night sky.

Holiday Magic at Blue is another amazing outing that offers a very European Christmas Market vibe. This 1 km holiday interactive light trail that winds its way through the village and around the Mill Pond is ongoing until January 8th, 2023. The Dream Tree and Singing Forest are holiday favourites. Besides the sparkle of the festive decor, you can also enjoy Christmas/Seasonal music as you make your way along the many village paths. There will also be

plenty of fires to warm you up along the way. On the weekends, bask in the wonder of live music, street performers and horse drawn carriage rides.

Springwater Provincial Park opens its doors this season to offer the Magic of Lights. This is a drive through holiday experience that is sure to please those who do not consider themselves “winter folks”. Enjoy a festive light experience from the comfort and warmth of your car as you make your way through the park that features well known and adored holiday scenes and characters of this very special time of year.



Holiday Magic at Blue

Luma Light Trail at Friday Harbour is another beautiful light display that is well worth the visit. The one kilometre long trail of illuminations runs throughout the nature reserve at Friday Harbour. Those enjoying the understated twinkle of warm and cool white lights will truly embrace this opportunity to combine nature with nurture as the trail ends with a warm beverage courtesy of Starbucks.

For those who love checking out what the neighbours have come up with to dazzle and amaze be sure to check out 123 Violet Street that combines the joy of music with the real time rhythmic flickering of lights. Not to be outdone, the display at 36 Shalom Way also uses sights and sounds to create a truly

surreal experience. Both homes are located in Barrie. Finally, head over 4 Berkar Street in Angus to catch the spectacular display put on by the Greene Family. Donations to the local Food Bank are encouraged in lieu of cash donations.

Whether you attend a formal event or just make your way through your own neighbourhood, be sure to once again embrace that inner child and see the season anew through the twinkle of lights and the original star bright. Merry Christmas!



Magic of Lights, Springwater Park



Magic of Lights, Springwater Park

The Sleigh Ride 1885

By Walter K. Billings

It was about the middle of January. We had been nearly snowed under from a week’s storm – snow, then rain that flooded the flats along the creek, and a sudden change to a very cold weather that froze the snow, making a glare sheet of ice from the Lyn Road down across the creek that was still level with its banks.

Sunday afternoon my cousin with his parents came up for a visit. We two were out in the yard, playing on the crust with the big hand sleigh and, looking across to Harper’s Hill, decided it would be a good chance to try a ride there. We walked up the road climbed the fence and got the sleigh in position then I lay down on my stomach and my cousin lay on my back. Away we went! The hill at the top was very steep, the sleigh gained speed and in seconds we were on the glare ice of the flat, then across the creek, up the bank and Woods. My cousin seeing the danger had thrown himself clear but I had no chance; the force of the collision had knocked me out for a minute or two. We finally got back across the creek, where my cousin laid me on the sleigh and began the long pull back to the house. We finally got to the warmth of the barn where I lay down on the straw in the feed floor, in front of the cattle for an hour. When I returned to the house, where my uncle was waiting to go home, I complained of a headache and got sent to bed. Next morning I felt better but never told mother what had happened to me, as I knew that she would say it was good enough for me, when I had gone sleigh riding on Sunday.

Driving along the Lyn Road I often look down the hill. The line fence has been moved and passes closed to the clump of trees we hit that Sunday long ago. The sand and gravel have been taken away to the city so that there is no more fun on Harper’s Hill. But the memory of the boyhood escapade still lives.

This story is taken from the book “How Dear to My Heart” by Walter Kilborn Billings, published in 1954.



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Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn



HERE'S LOOKIN AT-CHOOO!!

It seems like forever that we've been fighting the common cold. Lately, though, not so common? There seems to be a common thread of symptoms of course, but is it always the dreaded Covid or is it one of the many, many, different variants of a respiratory virus we have been experiencing for thousands of years? I don't know, but thankfully there are many experts out there that address those investigations. I am considering myself extremely fortunate to be like my grandmother in that I never seem to get colds or flu. At least not in a very, very, long time. Touch wood!

I inherited my grandmother's small library of books and amongst them was Dr. Footes 'Plain Home Talk' which covered the gamut of disease and misfortune of the body from head to toe, including the proper lifestyle etiquette that should be followed. This 1890's book of 'common sense' is a fascinating read and had many good observations and practices that might even help today. He did not have much to say about fighting colds but did discuss Consumption at length. Today we call it Tuberculosis and there is a course of treatment but as many as a million die each year still, mostly in developing countries.

Everyone has their own way of dealing with the symptoms of a cold and in the 1800's a mustard plaster was one of the most popular methods of alleviating an aggravating cough.

For more persistent coughs, there were even stronger remedies. The 1886 Family Physician recommends solutions of morphia or tinctures of belladonna. As the manual states:

"A drachm of tincture of belladonna is to be added to an eight-ounce bottle of water, and of this a teaspoonful may be taken every two hours, with an additional dose when the cough is very troublesome."



There were even suggestions of using a small amount of chloroform as an inhalant. I am awfully glad that suggestion does not come up in Google searches today!

I remember my mother eating raw onion sandwiches. An elderly Aunt of mine would put garlic on the soles of her feet and cover them with wool socks for the night. My father swore by putting Vicks Vapo-Rub in a bowl of hot water. He'd put his face down over the bowl, cover his head and the bowl with a towel and breathe in the vapours for as long as he could stand. I also remember that camphorated oil was extremely popular as a chest rub. Buckley's Mixture is still used to this day, and you must love the taste of that camphor and pine oil concoction, surely!

As children, the four of us would often be sick at the same time. My mother would pile us into the same room and fire up the vaporizer and load it with Eucalyptus oil. Oh, how we whined and sweated in

that room! I am not so sure it had any significant effect other than to give us the chance to assign blame as to who had brought this bug into the house. I'm sure we've all had this discussion to this day!

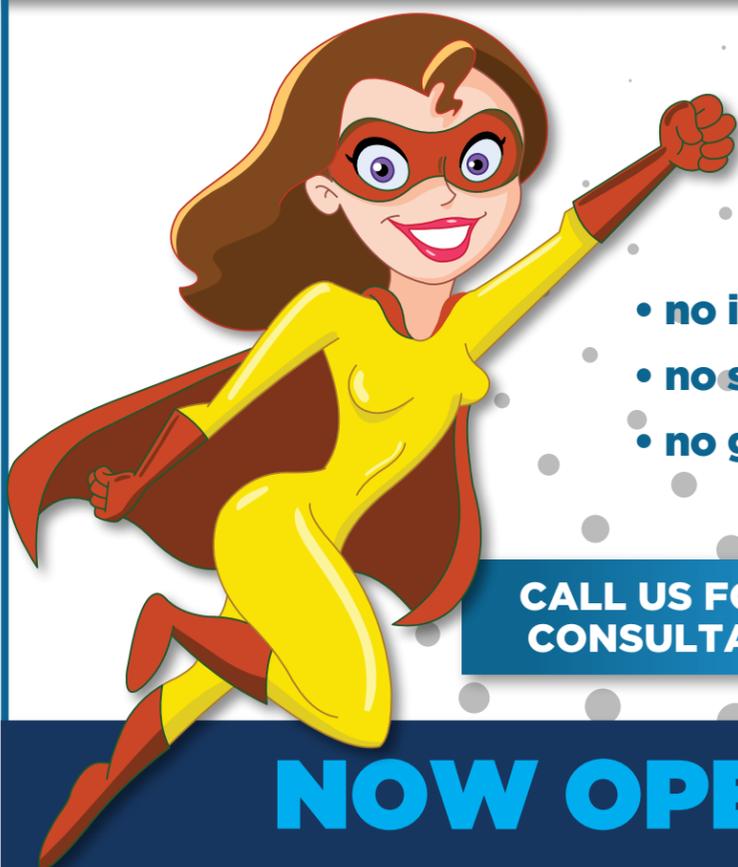
I tend to think prevention is a not so easy but certainly the preferred way to treat a cold or any virus. Unfortunately, you cannot avoid what you can't see so the next best thing is to keep a positive attitude, breathe fresh air and boost your immune system any way you see fit.

Personally, I love my Sacred Frankincense essential oil and I breathe in its gummy aromatic oil at the first sign of trouble lol. Maybe there is a reason it was one of the gifts of the Magi, so very, very, long ago. It is certainly worth its weight in gold whenever I feel something trying to get a 'grippe' on me! Stay healthy and happy shopping out there as the Holiday season is here!

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3. Put the birdseed in a bowl or on a plate.
4. Dip the pinecone in the birdseed until thoroughly covered.
5. Hang your pinecones outside near a window for the best view.

ENJOY THE SHOW!

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Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



While Ontario has some spectacular hikes, European trails dominate my bucket list. Europeans have a much more relaxed view of landownership and public trails often travel across private lands. Unlike Ontario landowners, there is not a barrage of “No Trespassing”, “No Entry”, “Beware of Dog” or my favorite “Trespassers will be shot”. Indeed, while hiking in Scotland, the parking for trails was often in a farmer’s front yard, and the only sign might be “Don’t let the cows out”. Hikers are very respectful of the land they are crossing, and I never noticed any litter, graffiti, random fires pits or a single beer can. When hikers are respectful the landowners are more welcoming.



The Isle of Skye in Scotland offers spectacular scenery. Trails travel along the coast, above soaring cliffs, and through fields of purple heather and gorse. A word of warning: the roads to get to these trails can be real nail biters, travelling along a single lane, the land falling away to crashing rocks next to you, and the locals driving like it is the Grand Prix. I suggest putting a Canadian flag on your car so the locals can understand your snail-like pace while they blithely wave as passing withing centimetres of your vehicle as you inch ever closer to the precipice. Dramatic scenery witnessed a little too close for comfort!

The Point of Sleat is a beautiful hike through the moors to the ocean. Shetland cows with their shaggy hair watch unconcerned as you gingerly make your way through the farmyard. Once out on the Moor you pass small waterfalls and Fairy pools while in the distance the island of Eigg and the mound of Cuillin of Rum are visible. Puffy white sheep graze among the heather and sea birds call from the beaches. After several kms the trail comes to a stunning sandy

beach called Camas Daraich. At this point you can sit and marvel at the sea otters frolicking in the blue waters or continue onto the lighthouse of Sleat. This is a more difficult section of trail, traveling up and over rocky outcrops to a set of stone steps hewed into a small cliff face. This section had my heart racing



as I really hate heights. After you make your way down onto the shore you continue to a rocky outcrop with a group of sheep seemingly stranded on its top, though unconcerned as they munched on the yellow lichen and sparse grass. Here is the Lighthouse of Sleat with its stunning scenery across the water to the Scottish mainland. This trail is well worth the scary steps and the sidestepping of curious sheep.

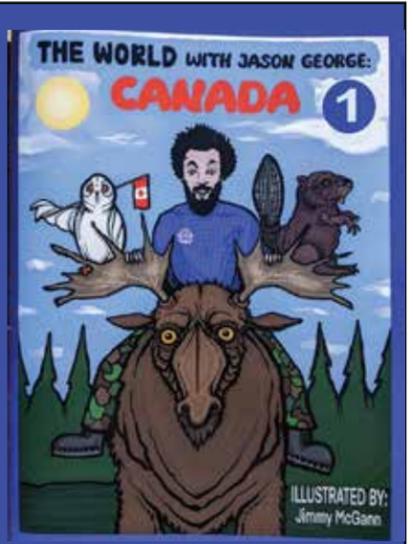


Springwater News Welcomes Jason George

Springwater News welcomes Jason George as a contributor. Thank you Jason. There are many talented people in our community. Jason George just released a book and has also been published in Reader's Digest and Our Canada.

In 2006, Jason began teaching high school Business, Geography, Physical Education and Health classes. After spending 8 years in the classroom setting, Jason found himself saying farewell to the school and relocating to Wasaga Beach. With his new found locale and flexible schedule, he was able to further his photography career while also spending time in nature and working with those who have special needs. Jason has travelled to over 35 countries to explore and photograph. His presentations are full of passion, experience and some unbelievable stories from his adventures abroad. Jason will be sending in articles periodically for your enjoyment.

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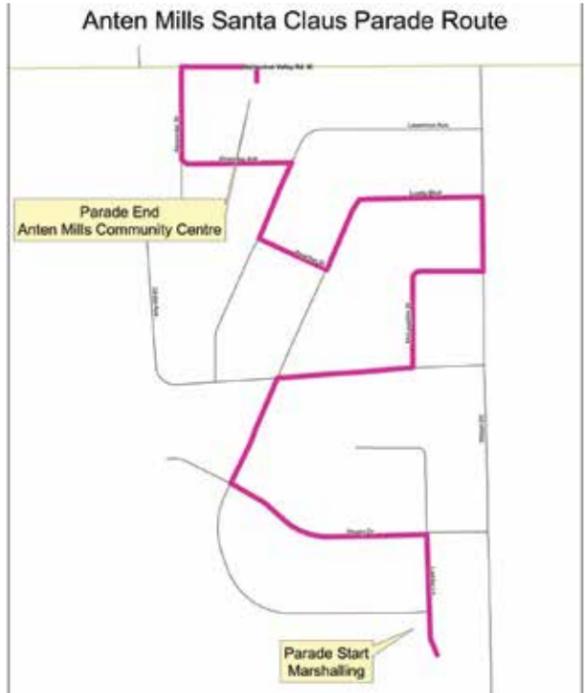
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you. At 7PM, there will be the big countdown and the switch will be turned on lighting up the night with the over 1500 lights on the tree, the big twinkling star on top and on the ground displays. To top it all off, fireworks will cap off the night from the baseball diamond thanks to a generous community family. Sunday will be our 25th annual Santa Claus parade.



From the song with the same lyrics, “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas”, especially in Anten Mills the words resonate with our community. “Everywhere you go”, Christmas lights are on and homes are sparkling with glitter. This weekend things will even look more like Christmas as we celebrate the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association, Christmas in the Village. The festivities will kick off on Saturday evening with the Tree Lighting. The fun begins at 5:45 when thanks to Snow Valley Ski Resort, the SnoTube slide will open. This fun slide provides the excitement of sliding down the snow tube slopes at the ski hill in a scaled down version using smaller tubes than on the ski hill. As it is an early start, hot dogs and chips will be provided along with hot apple cider and hot chocolate. Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck around 6:30 escorted by the members of the Springwater Fire and Rescue Service. Who doesn’t want a picture with Santa and you can take any that you want with your family and children by the fire truck. Santa’s firefighter helpers will be there to assist and if you ask, they may even get in the photo with

As our longest community tradition and started by two ladies from our community who wanted to spread some Christmas cheer over 2 decades ago it should be one of the best. The parade will start at the corner of Laddies Lane and Pinery and work its way through the village coming to the end at the community centre. Back at the community centre there will be hot drinks, snacks, awards and some seasonal greetings. Parade entries are still welcome so feel free to dress up your family, your pet or build a float and be at the marshaling area at 12:30. The parade route is posted with this article and on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page. It would be appreciated if you live along the route that you have your family and guests park in your driveway or an adjacent street and not on your street. With cars parked along the roadway it is difficult for some of the larger participants to make their way

safely with narrow roads. The holiday season is one about giving and our Anten Mills community is a very giving one. Recently the Elmvale and District Foodbank put out an appeal that they are low on supplies. The rain last Wednesday when the CP Holiday Train made their stop in Midhurst likely didn’t help with donations. The Anten Mills CRA has in the past made the decision that our community events would support the foodbank and the Christmas in the Village events are the perfect opportunity to donate. There will be bins at the tree lighting for donations and during the parade donations will be picked up by volunteers along the route for the foodbank and for the Simcoe County Paramedics Toy Drive. The foodbank is in need of tomato and apple juice, pancake mix, maple syrup, canned fruit, cereal, cheese whiz, cookies, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, pickles and bbq sauce. Please consider getting these items when shopping and let’s have a pickup truck load of food to go to the foodbank from our events.

The next edition of this column will be just before Christmas. For the past several years we have had the “Official, Unofficial outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest”. The judges travel the village looking for the best and innovative decorations in the community. Anten Mills has always been a community that many travel to looking at the decorations that adorn our homes. The judges will again travel about the community over the next several weeks and take nighttime photos of the decorations and with the editors permission, will post photos of the “Official, Unofficial” winners. This is your chance to get your family Christmas decorations seen by thousands so start decorating now if you haven’t.

Friday night our neighbours in Minesing will have their 3rd annual Tractor Parade. Started during the pandemic as a way of sharing some Christmas spirit, the parade will make its way through the Minesing village on Friday night starting at 7. Hopefully the parade route will be posted in this edition of the paper and we will make certain that it is posted on our Facebook page.

That’s all for this week. If you need more information on the weekend events check the Facebook page or send an email to antenmillschristmas@gmail.com. THANKS for READING and BE SAFE.

Waypoint Receives Certificate of Merit from Excellence Canada



Waypoint is pleased to share it is the proud recipient of a Certificate of Merit from Excellence Canada recognizing the hospital’s many years of commitment to workplace mental health and wellness.

As an Essentials Recipient Waypoint is part of a group of businesses and organizations being recognized with a Mental Health at Work® Award, the requirements of which include the implementation of the National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace.

“I couldn’t be more pleased with this recognition for our first year participating in the Excellence Canada awards and share my thanks with everyone involved in the work leading up to the award,” said Dr. Nadiya Sunderji, President and CEO. “For many years our human resources and organizational development team, leaders and staff across the hospital have worked hard to develop and implement activities supporting our extensive psychological health, safety and wellness program. We know from this first recognition level that we have the essentials in place

and can continue to learn and grow to make Waypoint the best place to be for staff and patients.”

A team representing Waypoint attended the Canada Awards for Excellence on November 7th to receive the certificate.

“I wish to share my thanks with the HR and OD team who developed our submission based on our vast psychological health, safety and wellness, and other work on employee engagement these past years,” says Demetrios Kalantzis, Vice-President People and Chief Human Resources Officer. “With this recognition we know we are on the right track as we stay focused on this important employee support. Special thanks to Liz Everett, Josh Mace, Nicole Mace and everyone who dedicated time to reviewing our program and activities and filling out the substantial application. This is a great example of our commitment

to quality improvement as we measure ourselves against industry standards and gain ideas for how we can continue to enhance what we are doing.”

The hospital plans to continue to work towards higher levels of Excellence Canada recognition in the coming years. To learn more about Waypoint visit their website at www.waypointcentre.ca.



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Minesing Moments

Greetings from downtown Minesing! The Christmas season is definitely upon us now with Christmas music on in the stores, the shopping malls being busy from Black Friday deals and then Cyber Monday as well. Were you able to do something for “Giving Tuesday”? It’s always a good thought to try and do something “giving”, even holding a door for a stranger. All acts of kindness are forms of giving and it makes everyone involved feel warm and fuzzy.

This season, and in this particular year, is going to be tough for many as the costs of absolutely everything has gone up. If you are able to contribute towards something I know that it will be greatly appreciated by the recipients.

If you are searching for ideas of a place to donate a few ideas are listed and how to reach them:

1. **Elmvale & District Food Bank**, located at 62 Younge Street North, Springwater – elmvalefoodbankinfo@gmail.com – 705-322-9096 – Hours of Operation Wednesdays 4-6pm or Thursdays 10am-12pm
2. **Simcoe County Seniors Wish**, 705-481-7593 or <https://aseniorwish.com/>
3. **Christmas Cheer Barrie and District**, 705-730-0449, PO Box 161 Barrie ON L4M 4T2
4. **Youth Haven**, 705-739-7616, 20-22 Wellington Street East, Barrie ON

These are just a few options and there are so many more that you can look into. The Salvation Army Christmas Kettles are always a good option as well when you see them in the stores and malls. Every little bit helps.

I’ve been very impressed with the Christmas light displays in our area! Well done neighbours. I am very excited to see the 3rd Annual Tractor Parade that is happening on Friday December 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the village. Please remember to park in the designated areas that are marked with stars on the map below. There will be large farm equipment and tractors maneuvering around corners and down streets and may have difficulties which will delay the entire parade so please park OFF the roadways in the village. You don’t want to be the reason that the parade is delayed. There will be a truck from Rowland Brother’s Moving collecting donations of food, and cash at the end of the parade.

The parade map is below



I’m not sure if you are a Facebook user or not, many aren’t. If you happen to be technically savvy, I recommend you join the Minesing Community Facebook Page. There are all sorts of great things posted. We currently have things for sale, such as Gift Baskets from Maple Grove Syrup, Hooligans Restaurant menu for Home Delivery, Christmas Crafts, Christmas Tree sales from the Springwater Fire Department at the Ice Cream Hut, or Bridle Tree Farms located on Rainbow Valley Road East, small businesses are advertising their wares, such as Riverview Farm and their beef sales, Shauna Stacey (Shauna.stacey@yahoo.com) looking to begin Yoga classes again. There are folks searching for services and items, questions that people have and items of interest. There is always something new and interesting so I recommend you log in and take a peek.

In the meantime...don’t start your Christmas baking too early...it may disappear by the time you need it.

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Ritchie’s Feed or Simcoe County Museum.

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

If you are interested in a copy, please contact Cathy at 705 728-1388 or snow-flake53@mail.com.

Concession 8, Lot 1, South Orr Lake Road, Flos Township
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Owners		Built: 1800s, had been date on window sill
1986-present	Dale and Ariel (Miller) Buchanan	Dimensions: 30 x 40’, a larger barn was taken down.
1960s-1986	Norman and Irene (Rowley) Miller	
	Harvey and Annie (Nixon) Rowley	Bents: 4
~1918	T. Wallace	Features: windmill
~1887	Wm. Simpson or George Towns	Water Source: 18-21’ hand dug well at house

There was a spring in the back field and water was piped to the barn. The crumbling foundation of the larger of the two barns caused the beams to begin to fall. It was torn down by Bernard Terry for Norman Miller. Bernard moved the top part of the barn to Flos Road 11.

Walter Rowley farmed with his two sons Harvey and Howard on Concession 11, Lot 2 Flos. Walter had two teams: a morning team and an afternoon team. Between the three of them they owned a threshing machine. Stooks were thrown up onto wagons, and later threshed. There were lots of good meals served at the table.

Harvey Rowley milked dairy cattle and sold the cream in Elmvale. Bert Rowley worked at the creamery. Eggs and cream were peddled around the hamlet of Orr Lake and into Elmvale. Norman and Irene continued selling cream and eggs door to door in Elmvale Friday nights. Ross Ritchie and George and Ev Fleming were customers. Ariel remembered that if the kids were good they would get a pop at Isabel’s at the Four Corners Tea Room. The money bought groceries not supplied by the farm. Milk, butter, eggs and meat were all produced on the farm.

Both Harvey and Norman had pigs. Ariel was right in there giving the pigs medicine on a stick after the black teeth were taken out. Ariel’s older sister Peggy and the McManns walked up Baseline Road to go to school. As a preschooler Ariel was sent with a pony and cutter to pick them up. The pony would “go like a bat out of hell coming home.” There were many transitions happening within the school system. Ariel went to the school on Baseline Road, then to Saurin, Waverley and finally Elmvale as each school closed. Ludwig Lahnsteiner or ‘Loui Ludwig’ as the children called him, drove the students to school in a black and white station wagon.

One of Ariel’s jobs was to remove string from the stooks that were blown into the straw stack. While her parents did chores Ariel would ride her pony bareback around the straw stack. Her grandparents Harvey and Annie bought her first saddle for her horse. Ariel still owns a horse and three donkeys. The jenny on Lot 1 protects the cattle from predators.

Ariel (Miller) Buchanan.



This hand hewn beam is close to the floor.





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

PD Programs are here!

Write a Letter to Santa

Write a letter to Santa and drop it off at the Library! Santa will be stopping by to see what's on your wish list! Drop your letters into our drop box and Santa will read them on December 10th when he makes a special visit to the Library!

Christmas Story and Santa's Visit

Santa will be at the library on Saturday December 10th from 11:00 – 1:00 pm. Enjoy a Christmas Story and visit with Santa! Let Santa know what's on your Christmas wish list!

In Memory Tree

As in previous years, the Library honor's loved ones lost over the year with a Memory Tree. Purchase an ornament for someone special and place it on the tree. Cost: \$5.00
Dedication Ceremony will be held on December 15th from 06:00-08:00 pm. Bring your ornament home with you afterwards to place on your own tree.

Christmas Movie Madness

Vote for your favorite movie on our Facebook page! Find out what movies are in the challenge and your vote could win a prize! Winners will be announced on December 9th!

Christmas Sugar Scrub Workshop

Join our Sugar Scrub Workshop on Monday, December 19th at 5pm and enjoy a delectable scrub for the holidays! Cost: \$5.00 per registration with a valid library card. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Penetanguishene Public Library and their Fundraising Partner, Delta Vegas Style Machines and Bingo at the Hall, and the Ontario Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility.

New @PPL

In Memory Tree for Pets!

New this year will be our Memorial Pet Tree! The Dedication Ceremony will be held on December 15th from 06:00-08:00. Lost a loving pet? Purchase your ornament for pets. Cost: \$2.00.

Facebook Posts

Check out our Facebook page for updates and news from the Library.
Follow Cheese the cat every Saturday and find out what Cheese is up to on Saturday!

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

Holiday Hours

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



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Ontario Supporting Francophone Start-Ups and Entrepreneurs

Funding will help promote economic growth and prosperity in Francophone communities

The Ontario government is providing \$500,000 to help Francophone entrepreneurs participate in the province's economic prosperity. The funding will support four projects and is being delivered through the Francophone Economic Development Strategy.

The following organizations will share a combined \$400,000:

1. The Cooperation Council of Ontario (CCO) will provide training to a group of entrepreneurs, guiding them through the incubation and implementation phases of their businesses. This training will be offered in Toronto and Sudbury.

2. The college La Cité will develop three audiovisual modules and complementary resource kits as part of its programming for young entrepreneurs. These "reality show" style modules will be shared with other organizations to maximize the reach of this new tool.

3. The Association francophone à l'éducation des services à l'enfance de l'Ontario (AFESEO) will create a recruitment and professional integration tool for newcomers. This tool will allow childcare operators to expand staffing at their centres and increase the availability of Francophone childcare spots.

"Support services for new businesses help ensure the prosperity of our Francophone communities," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs. "The projects selected will be used to support Francophone entrepreneurs, thereby promoting the start-up of their businesses. This investment will strengthen a growing ecosystem and showcase the expertise of Ontario's economic Francophonie."

The Ontario government will also provide \$100,000 to the Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario (FGA) to ensure the continuity of its concierge services and its Quartier d'affaires and inkubo.ca portals, as well as to support the continuation of its work connecting Francophone businesses and entrepreneurs.

"Ontario's strong community of Francophone entrepreneurs continues to grow every day," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "The Francophone Economic Development Strategy will help ensure that they continue to prosper now and in the future. We are proud to support Francophone entrepreneurship across the province as part of our plan to build Ontario."

Quick Facts

- The selected projects are the result of a call for projects issued in September 2022 to organizations that promote Francophone economic development and service delivery.

- According to Statistics Canada, in 2017, 4.3% of businesses incorporated in Ontario were owned by at least one Francophone. This represents a total of 30,150 businesses, or nearly 50% of Francophone businesses outside of Quebec. (Source: Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario, June 2022)

- The Ontario government's approach to Francophone Affairs is based on two complementary strategies. The French Language Services Strategy and the Francophone Economic Development Strategy aim to recruit and train a skilled bilingual workforce, increasing the availability of front-line services in French and supporting Francophone and bilingual businesses to participate fully in the province's economic development.

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Community Special Events

Fri. Dec. 9th, 2022, 6 pm to 9 pm

Elmvale Lioness Lions Sleigh Ride in the Village

ALL FREE! Horse and Wagon Rides, hotdogs, hot chocolate, hot apple cider, face painting, kids crafts, adult market place, kids toys available to win. All Elmvale and local area residences are welcome.

Dec. 10, 2022, 8am to 11am.

Breakfast with Santa

Wyevale United Church,
846 County Rd 6 S, Tiny, ON
TTLC Members will be serving a breakfast with Santa. The cost is a donation to support Local Food Banks.

Sun. Dec. 11th

25th Annual Anten Santa Claus Parade

Open to all themes but with a touch of SILVER.
For more information - antenmillschristmas@gmail.com

Dec. 10 and 11th.

Christmas in the Village Weekend, Anten Mills

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

Sat. Dec. 24, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Christmas Eve in the Square,

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. Dec. 25th

Annual Anten Mills Santa Claus

Parade will take place starting at 1 pm.

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

Support Local With Two Hours of Free On-street Downtown Parking in December

Support local downtown Barrie businesses this holiday season and enjoy free parking in all on-street spaces throughout December. Standard parking fees apply in municipal lots and the Collier Street Parkade.

Downtown on-street parking is limited to a two-hour maximum year-round. All downtown parking options are free after 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, all day on weekends, and on statutory holidays.

Barrie's downtown offers a heartfelt urban experience through a variety of unique, independent businesses and vibrant, exciting events. Visit DowntownBarrie.ca for a directory of downtown Barrie stores, restaurants, services and entertainment venues.

Downtown Barrie's 2022 Noella Festival is happening now and features the Barrie Rotary Festival of Trees and the Noella Tree + Wreath Lot.

Residents and visitors are reminded that on-street parking is not permitted on City streets from 12:01 to 7 a.m., and 3 to 6 a.m. within the Downtown Business Improvement Area, from December 1 through to March 31. This ensures that the streets can be completely cleared and that emergency vehicles can get down the street. New for winter 2022, overnight parking is also not permitted during this time period, December 1 to March 31, in any hybrid parking lots or waterfront parking areas (lots and on-street) from 12:01 to 5 a.m. For detailed information about parking, visit barrie.ca/parking.

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 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
 Elmvale Community Hall, VON SMART Program
Adults 55+ FREE
 Bring good support (running) shoes and water
 Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

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

Christmas Window Decorating Contest 2022

The 2022 Christmas window decorating contest is upon us. Downtown businesses are gearing up to participate in a friendly competition with the annual window decorating contest.

This years theme: 'Christmas In Candyland'

Voting will take place on **Friday, December 23rd.**

1st Place Winner

1/4 page Ad in the Springwater News
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2nd Place Winner

Monster Adventurer Force Bluetooth Speaker
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It is easy to participate in our annual holiday contest. There is no cost, just give us your information so you are on the list to stop by and judge.
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FREE TAKEOUT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Elmvale Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St E would like to invite you to a free Christmas dinner Sunday December 25th

Throughout the years, Elmvale Presbyterian Church has held many events for mission and the community of Elmvale has always supported our endeavors. By your attendance at summer BBQ's, coffee parties and ordering takeout lunches and dinners we have been able to help house and feed the homeless, donate to our local hospitals and hospices, retrofit the High School, help send young hockey players on a EuroTour and support local families in crisis.

As a shout out of thanks to the community, we are offering a free Christmas dinner. Because the threat of illness is still with us, the meal will once again be take-out. Instead of the fellowship around a festive table we will have to offer the safety of takeout. Instead of conversation and laughter at a game, we will have to issue greetings as we hand you your dinner at the door. What will remain the same, though, is the turkey, dressing, potatoes, veggies, scrumptious dessert and the best wishes served with the meal.

What remains the same, also, is that the meal is FREE. To book your meal, please call 705-322-1411 Friday December 16th from 9 to 3pm or Saturday December 17th from 9-12pm. to book your meal. You can pick up your dinner between 11:45 and 12:15 Christmas Day at the East side of the church.

Delivery is available in town only.
 We wish all a blessed Christmas however and with whomever you are able to celebrate and a safe and healthy 2023.

AUCTION NOTICE



your community online auction centre

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Helen Davenport Estate Jewellery Auction, Guelph - Dec. 7-11
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Sutherland Estate Auction #2, Puslinch Dec. 10-14 - Beswick, furniture, guitars, books, jadeite lamp, collectibles, antiques

Estate of Dr. Peter Lemiski, Erin Twp. - Dec. 11-15 - Horse trailer, 2013 Chevrolet Avalanche, gates, feeders, unique collectibles

Farm Auction coming soon...our first auction of 2023!

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Thanks to Huronia Centennial Public School for partnering with us in a coat drive at the school. Keep Sharewear in mind when you clean out your closets and please visit us soon. Our doors are open to everyone. Because of your thoughtful donations, many people will stay warm, snuggly and stylish this winter.

OPP REPORT

OPP Seeking Assistance with Person to Locate in the Midland 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 Hartman Drive, Midland residence on November 28, 2022.



The person to locate is Lawrence (Larry) PRISQUE 64 years of Parry Sound and is described as being a white male, 5' 10" tall, 150 lbs in weight, balding grey hair, blue eyes, (see photo to left) He is known to frequent the Midland to Barrie area and investigators are looking to

locate him out of concerns for his health and welfare.

Anyone with information of his whereabouts is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp.ca. If you wish to remain anonymous please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) and anonymous tips can also be provided online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Cyber Harassment Investigation by OPP at Midland Area Secondary School Completed

A seven month long cyber based investigation into the alleged harassment of over 21 students at a Midland Secondary School through social media has been concluded.

In March of 2022, numerous students at the school became victims of harassment on a public social media platform that resulted in disruption of their school and social/home life. School officials contacted the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment to report the incidents which were then investigated by the OPP Community Service Officer who works collaboratively within the school.

As a result of this in depth cyber investigation, a 16 year old male of Peel Region was identified and diverted to the Associated Youth Services of Peel in partnership with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe-Muskoka for the following offences of:

- Harassing Communications
- Unauthorized Use of Computer -obtain computer service
- Defamation known to be false

Parents, students and educators are advised to familiarize themselves of the various forms of cyber based crimes, please view the following links- <https://www.cybertip.ca/en/> <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/> <https://needhelpnow.ca/app/en/>

OPP Involved in Gun Point Arrest at Area Motel after 911 Calls

Two 911 calls to the OPP Communications Centre at approximately 12:45 a.m. December 5, 2022 by staff at a King Street, Midland motel reporting suspicious persons on the property possibly breaking into vehicles resulted in a quick response by officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment.

Upon arrival, attending uniform officers were directed inside the motel to a possible ongoing assault incident and encountered an involved lone agitated individual who produced an edged weapon during interaction with the officers. The individual was arrested at gun point and transported to detachment for further investigation.

Charged is Ryan TYERMAN 39 years of Midland with the following criminal offences.

- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Causing a Disturbance

The accused was released from police custody on a recognizance to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on January 19, 2023.

HURONIA WEST OPP INVESTIGATING DECEASED DOG

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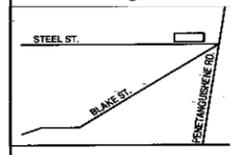
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injured by a firearm within Clearview Twp.

On Friday November, 25, 2022, at approximately 6:00p.m., officers received a call for service involving a dog being shot within a rural area of Clearview Twp. Police attended the scene and spoke to numerous witnesses in regards to what may have transpired. The dog unfortunately later passed away.

In conjunction with Conservation Officers from the Ministry of Natural Resources, police are continuing a joint investigation into determining the circumstances behind the dog's death.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

OPP CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION UNIT CHARGE SHELburne RESIDENT IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY INVESTIGATION

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit (CSEU), Dufferin County Detachment and Digital Forensic Investigators have arrested and charged a Shelburne resident following an online child sexual abuse investigation.

On November 30, 2022, investigators executed a search warrant at a Shelburne residence where multiple electronic devices were seized for analysis.

As a result of this investigation, Jacob COSTANTE, 28-years-old, was arrested and charged with Possession of Child Pornography contrary to section 163.1(4) of the Criminal Code.

The accused appeared in a bail hearing and was released on numerous conditions.

Children are our most valuable and precious members of society. Many victims of child sexual abuse are so young that they cannot tell their story. Every time an image or video depicting that abuse is shared, that child is re-victimized. Members of the OPP CSEU will continue to pursue individuals who exploit children on the Internet.

Anyone wanting to make a difference is encouraged to go to protectchildren.ca and download the "Child Sexual Abuse - It Is Your Business" brochure from the Canadian Center for Child Protection. This is an important first step that can save a child.

Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from online sexual exploitation by speaking with their children regarding Internet safety. Parents and anyone interested in protecting children can find resources to assist them at cybertip.ca.

Police are asking anyone who may have information regarding this investigation, or if you have information regarding Internet child exploitation, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. If wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca. Reporting information online at cybertip.ca

OCTOBER CHILD EXPLOITATION NUMBERS SHARED BY 27 POLICE SERVICES

Numbers continue to increase as 121 children identified, 107 people charged

Hundreds of charges have been laid across Ontario, a snapshot of the work done by investigators and analysts that make up the Provincial Strategy to

Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet (Provincial Strategy).

The results of the investigations completed in October, named Project MAVERICK, were announced in a video release showcasing members of the Provincial Strategy. During the month, the 27 policing partners conducted 255 investigations, completed 168 search warrants and seized 1,032 devices. In total, 428 charges were laid against 107 people. During the investigations, 61 victims were identified and referred to appropriate community-based resources for assistance, while an additional 60 children were safeguarded. There are 175 ongoing investigations where additional charges may be laid.

The Provincial Strategy includes two ministries (Attorney General and Solicitor General) and 27 participating police agencies: Barrie, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham-Kent, Cornwall, Durham, Greater Sudbury, Guelph, Halton, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Niagara, North Bay, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Ottawa, Peel, Peterborough, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Toronto, Waterloo, Windsor, Woodstock and York.

Additional partners that participated in these investigations included OPP Digital Forensics, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canada Border Services Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security. The BOOST Child and Youth Advocacy Centre, the Children's Aid Society and the Canadian Centre for Child Protection provided victims' support and education.

Since the Provincial Strategy began in 2006, it has completed 65,564 investigations and laid 24,608 charges against 6,540 people. A total of 3,470 victims have been identified worldwide.

The video outlining the investigation is available on Twitter (@OPP_News), Facebook (@ontarioprovincialpolice) and youtu.be/S7SzSSIRmLk. A full list of charges for Project MAVERICK is included in the Addendum of Charged Persons that can be found on opp.ca/news/mediakit.

The investigations continue and anyone with information on these or any child exploitation investigations are asked to contact their local police. Report any instances of online child abuse to police or cybertip.ca. If a child is being harmed, call 9-1-1.

QUOTES

"These numbers are shocking, but they provide hope by showing the lengths our teams are willing to go to protect children. I would like to express gratitude for the hard work of the Provincial Strategy members, and our partners, in keeping children in this province safe and holding those who want to harm them accountable."

- OPP Chief Superintendent Kari Dart, OPP Investigation and Support Bureau

"The work done by the Provincial Strategy members take us to some of the darkest corners of society and exposes the horrific crimes committed every day against children. This is not a crime that can be combatted by our members alone and we ask that everyone out there recognize the importance they play in protecting children. Report these crimes, remain vigilant and educate yourself."

- OPP Detective Sergeant Jamie King, Provincial Strategy Lead

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Board of Directors Names GBGH Team Members as Exceptional People Award Recipients

The Board of Directors of Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) has announced the 2022 recipients of the Exceptional People Awards. The Board of Directors' Exceptional People Awards are announced annually to recognize staff and professional staff (physicians, midwives, dentists) who have made exceptional contributions to GBGH while exhibiting the hospital's values of Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence and the vision of Exceptional Care, Every Person, Every Time.

The recipients of this year's awards represent a cross-section of team members from across the organization and include the following teams/individuals:

Quality and Safety Award

• Environmental Services (Housekeeping)

Over the pandemic, the Environmental Services department has played a critical role in not only ensuring quality and safety at the hospital, but also in enhancing the patient experience. It is common for the hospital to receive positive feedback about this team from patients and family members who recognize their many contributions to care. An empathetic conversation with a family member, or going above and beyond to ensure a patient's comfort, are daily occurrences among these exceptional professionals. Also, with new and changing information about necessary cleaning protocols to ensure infection and prevention control, this team adapted to any task and performed their critical responsibilities with attention to detail and steadfast professionalism. The team also contributes greatly to patient flow, as they efficiently respond to discharges with thorough cleaning that promptly frees up a bed for another waiting patient.

• Janine Duquette (Infection Prevention and Control lead) and Judy Schell (manager, Occupational Health and Safety)



Janine Duquette (photo on left) and Judy Schell (photo on right) are being recognized for their unwavering commitment to ensuring the GBGH team was kept informed and safe during the pandemic. With countless hours of overtime in the interest of the GBGH team and patients' safety, Duquette and Schell's coordinated efforts touched nearly every staff member. Whether it meant providing infection prevention and control education, counselling staff/professional staff through illness and return-to-work scenarios, staying informed on the many and frequently changing Ministry and public health directives, or tracking PPE inventory usage and potential shortages, their combined work exemplified everything about quality and safety leadership needed during the pandemic.

Accountability & Sustainability Award

• 2 East inpatient unit



The 2 East team is being recognized for their incredible contributions to save lives, advance health equity and protect the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. With half the unit allocated as a COVID-19 hot zone, this team's dedication and integrity never faltered during some of the most challenging times of the pandemic. Although faced with significant challenges organization-wide, the nursing, clerical and allied health staff on this unit

always showed up for each other and patients, working together tirelessly to share the burden of caring for a majority of the admitted COVID positive patients at GBGH.

Vision Award

• Dr. Dan Lee (co-chief of Emergency and COVID-19 medical lead)



Dr. Lee is being recognized for the countless hours and invaluable effort he put into his role as COVID-19 Medical Lead. In addition to always fulfilling

his many responsibilities as Chief of Emergency, throughout the pandemic Dr. Lee took on additional duties as our resident expert for all aspects of COVID-related medical knowledge. He participated in regular provincial and regional round table meetings to share and gather information about the latest COVID-19 research and public health measures, as well as advise the hospital and the community about necessary steps we must all take to reduce viral transmission.

• Maggie Trace - Professional Practice Leader (PPL) and CARE4 Project site co-lead

In both her roles as a PPL and the site co-lead for a major electronic health records project, Maggie Trace has demonstrated tenacity in her purpose of ongoing learning and teaching. Trace consistently demonstrates integrity and hard work as she mentors her peers and shares knowledge to continually improve patient care at GBGH. Respected by peers and hospital partners alike, Trace assisted in leading GBGH's transition to a new electronic health record system - one of the largest projects in the hospital's history.

"The Board's Exceptional People Awards are the highest honour bestowed by the hospital for exceptional contributions to the hospital's strategy and patient care – whether it be through any of our three strategic themes or a compilation of GBGH's essential values of Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence," says Tim Kastelic, chair, GBGH Board of Directors. "Every year it is difficult to pick just a handful of team members among so many exceptional people, but that is a positive challenge the Board welcomes. I am so honoured to be affiliated with an organization where high standards of excellence are prevalent across so many healthcare professionals within our hospital."

In 2021, the entire GBGH team was recognized with the award for their resilience and contributions during the pandemic, including persevering with the details of daily operations, their compassion and dedication to patient care, and for their ability to achieve progress on other major projects which still had to move forward.



Photo above: Environmental Services team – recipients of the Exceptional People Award for Quality and Safety at Georgian Bay General Hospital

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GBGH Welcomes Two New Senior Leaders

Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) has recently welcomed two new senior healthcare leaders to its executive leadership team. Marcia Chapman, vice president of Performance and Support Services and chief financial officer (CFO) and Angela Wiggins, vice president of People and Culture and chief human resources officer (CHRO) are bringing years of valuable healthcare experience and highly-specialized expertise to the hospital.

"GBGH is pleased to welcome both Marcia and Angela to these important leadership roles and looks forward to the many contributions both will make to the service our hospital provides the community," says Matthew Lawson, president and CEO, GBGH. "Marcia's experience in both hospital finance and corporate services will be invaluable for GBGH as we continue making changes and improvements within the corporate services portfolio. During a time of health human resources challenges across the province, Angela will work together with the GBGH team to ensure we are an employer of choice both for new recruits and current staff."



Photo above: Marcia Chapman, vice president of Performance and Support Services and chief financial officer (CFO) and Angela Wiggins, vice president of People and Culture and chief human resources officer (CHRO)

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We are excited to welcome Dr. Emily to our veterinary team:

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We would like to thank our families, friends and neighbours for food, cards and donations and support at this difficult time. A special thank you to the Presbyterian church ladies for lunch after the service and Rev. Tom. Also the Lynn Stone Funeral Home and staff

Joan Thompson & Family



Obituaries



BOYLE, Deborah Anne
 Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Monday, November 28, 2022. Deborah Boyle (nee Thompson) of Elmvale in her 63rd year. Pre-deceased by her husband Bob Boyle. Beloved mother of Corey (Natalie) Franssen.

Proud and loving grandmother of Benjamin and Annabelle. Dear daughter of Joan and the late Don Thompson. Deborah will be fondly remembered by her many cousins, family and friends. A private family service will be held. Memorial donations in Deborah's memory may be made to the Cancer Society or the Elmvale Presbyterian Church.

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MELNYK, John David
 It is with incredible sadness to announce that John David Melnyk, 65, of Simcoe ON, passed away suddenly, but peacefully on November 26th, 2022. Devoted husband and loving life partner to Deborah Melnyk. Proud, and beloved father to Nicholas, wife Michelle, and Aaron, partner Lia.

Predeceased by parents John and Doris, brothers Edward, Dennis, and Eugene Melnyk.

Cherished twin brother, and best friend of Joe Melnyk (Mary Kay). Loving sister to Diane Truax (Bill), and sister-in-law Laverne Melnyk (Ed). Lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. John was born in Saskatoon, SK and in 1968 the family moved to Waverly, ON. He and Deb raised a family in Simcoe. He had a fulfilling career at Ontario Power Generation. John was an avid outdoorsman, passionate about hunting and fishing. He was also athletic, playing hockey in Elmvale and Simcoe, as well as rugby in Oshawa. The cottage was a favourite place where he loved to spend time surrounded by family and friends. John was hard working, compassionate, loyal and above all, a family man, who was overjoyed to know that he was to become a first-time grandfather. He was an extraordinary person and will be dearly missed by many. John will be forever in our hearts.

Cremation has taken place, and a funeral service will be held Saturday, December 10th, 1:00 pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 85 Lot Street, Simcoe. A celebration of life will be held after the service at the Army, Navy and Airforce Club, 53 Water Street, Simcoe from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made on-line to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Diabetes Canada.



DORAN, William 'John'
 Passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at the age of 64. Survived by his partner and best friend of 32 years, Susan and his two pups, Axle and Scat.

Pre-deceased by his parents Evelyn and Edward Doran. Son in-law to David and Lucille Hill.

Survived by his brother Patrick (Karen) and sister in-law Andrea (Darren).

Uncle to Ryan, Erin, Fallon, and Cooper.

He will be remembered by his many friends and the people he touched through his business, Doran's Garage.

As per John's wishes a cremation and a private family gathering has taken place.

Donations in John's memory to the OFAH (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters) would be greatly appreciated.

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





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WEATHERILL, Roxanne Rose
June 17, 1961 – November 19, 2022

It is with great sadness we announce that Roxanne has passed away at Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the age of 61. Roxanne Weatherill of Elmvale, will be lovingly remembered by her partner of 22 years, the love of her life, Hazel Weddell. Daughter of Eleanor Weatherill and the late R. Dale Weatherill. Survived by her brother, Bob (Tatiana) Weatherill. Predeceased by step father Larry Rance. She will be missed by her mother-in-law, Patricia Weddell and sister-in-law, Sheila (John) Lepoutre. "A-nut" Roxanne is forever etched into the hearts of nephews Derek and Colin.

Roxanne suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage (aneurysm) and fought a hard fight for 5 months. After a career with Enbridge (Consumer Gas) she was starting to figure out her retirement plans that would've included many more years of travel, country music, camping in the trailer 'Peanut' and laughing with a beer among friends. Though she is no longer with us her smile and spirit will live on in the hearts of many friends. Thanks to everyone for their support throughout this painful time.

Roxanne's Celebration of Life will be held at the Elmvale Legion on Saturday, December 10th from 2 pm "until we get kicked out". Please come with your thoughts and stories to share with everyone.

Memorial donations made directly to Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 262, 7 John St. Elmvale, Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation (gbghf.ca) or Sunnybrook Hospital Foundation (sunnybrook.ca/foundation) would be greatly appreciated.



Obituaries



de Gorter, Yfke "Eva" (nee Woudstra)
July 17, 1924 – November 23, 2022

Died peacefully on Wednesday November 23, 2022 at the Village of Riverside Glen, Guelph at the age of 98. Eva, formerly of Stayner, is predeceased by her beloved husband Jan "John" de Gorter. Loving mother of Greta (Harold Atkinson) of Guelph, John (Heather) of Fergus, Harry (Erika) of Ithaca, New York, Elizabeth (Paul Denbeigh) of Kitchener, Edward (Nancy) of Stayner, Peter (Patti) of Lethbridge, Alberta and Caroline (Greg Dowling) of Kingston. Dear Gramma Oma of twenty-two grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters Lies and Kooje (Bert) and sister-in-law Janny all of the Netherlands and many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received at the Jubilee Presbyterian Church, 7320 Highway 26, Stayner on Saturday November 26, 2022 from 12 noon for the Funeral Service in the Sanctuary at 1 o'clock. Reception to follow. Graveside ceremony will be held at Ebenezer Cemetery at 4 o'clock. At the family's request all attendees must wear a face covering while inside the church. Thank you for complying. The ceremony will also be live streamed. The link is available on the funeral home website. **For further information and to sign Eva's Book of Memories, please visit www.carruthersdavidson.com**

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The family of Roxanne Weatherill would like to thank everyone for their condolences on Roxanne's passing. The support of the family and friends is greatly appreciated. Roxanne lead a wonderful life and had many friends. She was a great ball player for many years, for the Elmvale Angels. Roxanne had fulfilling career with Enbridge for 28 years.

She made many friends that cherished her and is lovingly remembered by her mother, Eleanor Weatherill, her brother, Bob Weatherill and is predeceased by her grandparents, Robert & Rosella Weatherill and Russell & Rosemary Uncles.

From the family of Roxanne Weatherill



LESPERANCE, Paul

Passed away on Saturday, November 26, after a long battle with dementia at Hillcrest Village in Midland. Paul Lesperance of Waverley in his 87th year. Loving husband of the late Dianne Truax. Dear father of Sheri Lesperance (Bill Jones) and Marita Lesperance (JP Belanger). Grandfather of Alexander Holmes and Avery Holmes (Mark), and step grandfather of Amanda Jones. Great-grandfather of Grace, Joe, and Rebekah. Brother of Marie "Lou", Catherine, Blanche, and the late Homer Lesperance.

Visitation at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home Elmvale, on Thursday December 1, 2:00-4:00pm and 7:00-9:00pm. Service in the chapel, Friday December 2 at 11:00am.

Spring interment Waverley United Cemetery. The family would like to thank Hillcrest Village in Midland for their wonderful care. Memorial donations in Paul's memory can be made to Hillcrest Village Care Centre or The Salvation Army.



WHITE, William James

Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Bill White of Springwater in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Donna White (nee Robinson). Dear father of Steven (Lisa) White, Cathy Murray, and Kelly Currie (Dennis Geddes). Loved grandfather of Tyler (Jenna), Meaghan (Kyle), Emily (Curtis), Paige, Brooke, and the late Jonathan. Proud great-grandpa of Scarlett, Sophie, Liam, and Noah. Brother of the late Bob White, George White, and Betty Lowe.

And in his words, "Miss you already!" A celebration of life will be held in May 2023. Memorial donations in Bill's memory may be made to Sick Kid's Foundation.

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