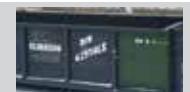




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**Rotary Club of Midland Donates to
The Lorna Tomlinson Residence for
Seniors**



Pictured above, residents of the Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors

The Rotary Club of Midland recently donated \$2,500 to the Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors owned and operated by Wendat Community Programs. The Funds will go towards paying off the remaining construction costs on the facility.

This residence, located in Penetanguishene, opened in February 2016. It is designed to accommodate 23 frail seniors of low income, with priority given to those over the age of 75. Each resident has their own bedroom and bathroom designed for mobility and comfort. There are nineteen single rooms and two double rooms. The Residence has several common spaces for socializing and structured activities. All meals are provided in a central dining room.

"We are very grateful to the Rotary Club of Midland for their generous support," says Andrea Abbott-kokosin, Executive Director of Wendat. "There are many, many seniors in this area in need of affordable housing with the kind of supports we offer."

The goal of the Residence is to have a positive impact on the wellness, independence and quality of life for at risk older adults so they are able to live longer, in better health and in a supported, caring environment. Wendat has a Congregate Dining Program and a Seniors Day Program which operate out of the Residence. For more information about the Residence and the programs offered, contact Kathy Jolie, Program Supervisor at 705 355-1022 ext. 226.

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**David Jeffery, health equity,
community health champion for
Midland and North Simcoe areas,
celebrated for career leading**



TORONTO/MIDLAND, ON – June 17, 2021 – David Jeffery, who has led the Centre de santé communautaire Chigamik Community Health Centre (CSC Chigamik CHC) based in Midland, Ontario, for 11 years, was one of two recipients of the 2021 Alliance for Healthier Communities' Joe Leonard Award, presented at the Alliance for Healthier Communities' AGM on June 15, 2021.

Jeffery is the public face of CSC Chigamik CHC and well-known in the community as a champion of health equity. Over the last decade, Jeffery has helped build Chigamik into an accessible, fully-functioning, bilingual Community Health Centre serving three distinct cultural communities in North Simcoe Muskoka – the Francophone, Indigenous and Open communities.

Nomination letters highlighted Jeffery's commitment to educating people about the Community Health Centre model and championing numerous community initiatives over the years including the Situation Table, Health Links, food security and climate change – all with the goal of reducing health barriers for the most vulnerable people living in our community. As co-chair of many community initiatives, including the formation of the North Simcoe Ontario Health Team, Jeffery's positive impact on the North Simcoe community will be felt for years to come.

"We are so pleased to have nominated David for this prestigious award," said Élise Robitaille, board of directors president, CSC Chigamik CHC. "During the nomination process and while compiling the letters of support from various partners, David's ability to turn vision into reality was a key theme that was highlighted throughout the letters. Already highly respected in our community, this nomination process made me realize how deserving he is of this recognition and the tremendous impact he's had on our community. It has been a privilege to work alongside him."

Under Jeffery's strong leadership and through his ability to forge healthy partnerships, CSC Chigamik CHC is now housed in a brand-new, easily accessible Community Health Hub in downtown Midland – the product of a collaborative effort with Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care, the Ontario Ministry

of Health and Long-Term Care, the County of Simcoe, the Town of Midland, and other community organizations.

"I met Joe Leonard a couple of times earlier in my career and at the end of his. I interviewed him for his thoughts on the Building Healthy Organizations project, which later became the CHC accreditation process. He was welcoming, thoughtful and interested but what grabbed me most about him was his sense of stewardship – a concept and practice that places service over self-interest as a basic working premise. I am truly honoured and humbled to be the recipient of this year's Joe Leonard award," said David Jeffery, Executive Director, CSC Chigamik CHC.

The Joe Leonard Award is given annually to leader(s) who exemplify exceptional leadership throughout their careers in community health, and for the impacts they've made to advance health equity and system transformation that reduces barriers to health and wellbeing. The award is named for Joseph Patrick Leonard, a longtime Executive Director at LAMP Community Health Centre in Toronto.

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The Alliance for Healthier Communities is the voice of a vibrant network of more than 100 community-governed primary health care organizations across Ontario. Alliance members serve diverse communities across the province, and they are rooted in and governed by the communities they serve. They share a commitment to advancing health equity through the delivery of comprehensive primary health care. Learn more at AllianceON.org.

Chigamik Community Health Centre is a not-for-profit health care service funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, through the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network. It offers bilingual and culturally sensitive care. It encourages persons who identify as First Nations, Francophone, Inuit, Métis or Aboriginal and live in North Simcoe Muskoka to register. For more information please visit www.chigamik.ca.



Sample of Springwater Project

The Flos Agricultural Society ran a successful project on June 12th called "A Sample of Springwater". We wanted to bring a little bit of Elmvale Fair food, activities that families could enjoy safely as well as items to promote the wonderful agricultural heritage that we are so fortunate to be part of. Candy Floss, Kettle Corn, honey, crafts, gardening supplies, novelties, recipes and lots more were in this pre-packaged bag. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we were able to offer it for only \$20.

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Mayor Don's Update – June 24, 2021

Happy Canada Day

Canada Day provides an opportunity to celebrate with family and friends, but also reflect on what it means to be Canadian. We are blessed with beautiful natural amenities, diverse communities, and a strong democracy.

As Canadians, we have pulled together nationwide to work collectively and protect one another during this pandemic. This is exemplified throughout Springwater, where our residents are welcoming and inclusive, greatly involved in their community and willing to look out for their neighbours. Throughout the year, we will continue to see many changes, but when our community works together, we know that great things can happen. However you choose to celebrate this year, I wish you a very safe and happy Canada Day!

Step One Impacts on Municipal Services

On Friday, June 11, the Province of Ontario entered Step One of its Roadmap to Reopen amid rising vaccination levels and continued improvements in key public health indicators. Step One focuses on the resumption of some outdoor activities with smaller crowds and permits more limited indoor settings to be open, all with restrictions in place. A simple, easy-to-understand summary of the restrictions can be found on the Province's "Reopening Ontario" webpage at ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario.

As a result of the framework under Step One, the following municipal services, facilities and amenities have been impacted:

- The Township Administration Centre and Minesing Fire Station 3 have reopened to the public. Appointments are strongly encouraged as staff are available on a rotating schedule.
- Community halls remain unavailable for venue rental at this time.
- All recreational sports fields, courts and outdoor pavilions are open for groups of up to 10 people. Public washroom facilities remain closed.
- Tree Nursery Sports Park is open for permitted sports training bookings. All sports field inquiries must be made by contacting recreation@springwater.ca.
- Playgrounds and outdoor fitness equipment are open. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.
- A modified summer camp program will run in accordance with public health measures laid out by the Province and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
- The Elmvale Splash Pad is open daily from 10 am to 7 pm. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.
- The Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale is open Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm. Visitors will be required to wear a mask upon entering the market.
- The Springwater Public Library will continue to offer curbside service to residents.

For additional information on how the Township is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit springwater.ca/COVID19.

New General Manager Announcement

The Township is pleased to announce the appointment of Mahesh Ramdeo as the new General Manager, Infrastructure & Operational Services.

Mr. Ramdeo is a Professional Engineer and has his Masters of Business Administration in Project Management and he joins Springwater with extensive experience leading municipal engineering and infrastructure projects. He was most recently the Manager of Capital Projects with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. Prior to that, he held management positions with the City of Toronto, MWH Americas, Inc., and the Guyana Water Authority.

The skills, experience, and knowledge that Mr. Ramdeo will bring to this role, will ensure that the organization and its key strategic priorities continue to move forward. We are thrilled to have him join our Springwater team. He will begin his tenure with the Township on July 12, 2021.

Community Safety and Well-being Plan Approved

Over the past year, local municipalities have come together with police and community partners across different sectors to develop a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWP) for our region. CSWB Plans are required under the Province's Safer Ontario Act, and intended to formalize the shared responsibility for safe and healthy communities beyond policing.

Springwater Council approved the South Georgian Bay and Springwater CSWB Plan on June 16.

In this plan, we have prioritized three areas of focus: mental health and addictions, housing, and access to services. We are committed to working together with our partners towards improved social outcomes in these areas. By examining and addressing root causes rather than just symptoms, we can improve the lives of our residents and ensure everyone has the same opportunities to feel safe, connected and well.

Blood Donor Clinic

Sign up to save a life! Canadian Blood Services will be hosting a Blood Donor Clinic at the Elmvale Community Hall on July 17, from 9 am to 2 pm. Every donation counts.



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Outdoor Digital Signage

A new digital sign will be installed in Elmvale as part of the Township's pilot Outdoor Digital Signage Program. The sign is intended to be the first of four digital signs located on municipally owned lands at the Township's cardinal entry points. It will replace the current Welcome to Elmvale sign, which has been outlined as a priority upgrade.

The Outdoor Digital Signage Program was initiated following one-time funding received through the Province's Municipal Modernization Program. Of that funding, Springwater Council allocated \$100,000 towards digital signage for the purpose of strengthening the ways the Township can provide messaging and communication to our residents.

The Elmvale and District Lions Club has generously agreed to donate \$20,000, in two \$10,000 installments over the next six months, towards the purchase and installation of the new Welcome to Elmvale digital sign.

Gypsy Moth Information

At its regular meeting on June 16, Springwater Council discussed concerns raised by residents over gypsy moth and directed the Township's County Council representatives to advance these concerns at the County level. Additionally, Township staff were directed to investigate options to eradicate gypsy moth in 2022, as it is too late to initiate a treatment plan for 2021.

Simcoe County forestry staff advised Township staff earlier this Spring that during its peak, the gypsy moth infestation can appear quite devastating. However, history has shown that no major impacts to forest or tree health will occur. Infestations generally occur every 7 to 10 years, and population levels can rise dramatically, but typically a collapse will follow just as quickly. The current outbreak is expected to follow this same historical pattern, and as a result, may naturally and dramatically decline in 2022. Severe feeding and subsequent defoliation do cause stress to trees. However, most healthy trees will not be impacted unless severe defoliation occurs over several consecutive years.

As a result of this and the many enquiries Council and staff have received regarding this problem this year, I will be putting forward a motion at County Council this week as follows:

Whereas: County Engineering Planning and Environment Forestry department presented to County Council report CCW – 2020 – 354 dated November 24, 2020 on Gypsy Moth Infestation Status and Recommendations, which was received;

Whereas: the infestation of the Gypsy Moth experienced to date in 2021 in areas of Simcoe County has caused significant damage to trees and property and much human suffering and consternation;

Be It Resolved that: County staff prepare an update report to Council, reviewing the extent of the infestation in Simcoe County and updated estimates of the scope of this problem ongoing in 2022 including long term effects to trees and the options and costs of dealing effectively with this problem leading into 2022 for considerations during the 2022 budget process.

Please visit simcoe.ca/gypsymoth for more information, including recommendations for landowners.

Quality Care Program

This September, Springwater Fire & Emergency Services staff will receive special training to administer Epinephrine and Naloxone, in addition to their more routine first aid training. The training will be provided through the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services' Quality Care Program. Springwater Council authorized the Township to enter into a Medical Director Services Agreement, which provides the medical oversight necessary for this program to occur.

Springwater December 31, 2020 Financial Results

The audited financial statements and related year-end financial information were reviewed, approved, with recommendations, by the Finance and Audit Committee and forwarded to Council for



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approval last meeting. A surplus of \$1.93 million for 2020 resulted from some higher than planned revenue and reduced expenses in certain areas. Council decided to allocate \$62,197 of this to a Library Reserve Fund and the rest of the surplus to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to keep it in reserve for future use as needed.

The 2020 Statement of Development Charge and Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Reserve Funds and Treasurer's Report were reviewed and approved by Council, as were the 2020 Reserves and Reserve Funds Statements.

Finally, the Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP) Report prepared by Watson & Associates was further reviewed and discussed and recommendations specifically contained therein were approved regarding updating the Township's Development Charge Background Study to require more upfront funding for development and establish a maximum debt capacity limit for the Township. Ongoing updating of this LRFP will enable Council to use this in determination of funding amounts, timing and sources and in discussions with developers with respect to this.

This reporting expresses my thoughts and not necessarily those of Council.

I hope you have received or are about to receive your vaccines. Stay well and Happy Summer.

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With Pharmacists Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover

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A World in Crisis

The remains of 215 Indigenous children who went missing were found buried on the property by a residential school in Kamloops, B.C. The discovery shocked and sickened our country.

An unspeakable act of hatred caused the death of four members of a Muslim family out for an evening walk in London, Ontario. The police reported that the family was targeted because of their faith.

The systematic state-sponsored killing of six million Jewish men, women, and children and millions of others by NaziGermany and its collaborators during World War II horrified the world.

The ongoing fight against the Coronavirus and its variants, is also bringing out the worst reaction and fears in some people. Conspiracy theories are posted all over the internet and elsewhere. Hatred is on the rise and showing it's ugly face again and again.

Hatred, fear and non-forgiveness continues to permeate our world. We need to replace hatred with love, fear with trust and non-forgiveness with forgiveness. Jesus came into this world to teach us to love one another.

John 13:34- "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (NIV)

Romans 15:13-May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Colossians 3:13-Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.(NIV)

Jesus came into this world for ALL humankind, so who are we to think that some of us are better than others. Who are we to think that our way of thinking or believing is better than our other brothers and sisters.

There is a picture circulating the internet that depicts children of ethnic backgrounds lying on their stomachs, reaching their individual hands towards the center forming the shape of a heart with their bodies. The caption says, "Love and Kindness has no colour".

May we learn and take to heart that love and kindness will change the world, one person at a time. Will you be that person?

Prayer: Lord God, there has been and continues to be so much hatred in this world. You sent your Son into this world in order to teach us to love one another, but we continue to do our own thing. Help us to accept one another. Fill us with love, forgiveness and trust towards our brothers and sisters whom your son has sacrificed his life for. Amen.

Update: Thousands of people of all faiths, gathered outside the London, Ontario mosque to pray for the family killed by the driver and to speak out against hatred on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Revelation 21:5-He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (NIV)

Submitted by: Rosemary Hagedorn, Midland, Ontario. rosyhagedorn@gmail.com

From the last issue...

Riddle: What goes up but never comes down?

Answer: Your age! Your age will rise with the years, but sadly, it will never go down

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NACI's updated recommendations attributed to the office of the Minister of Health:

"The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has updated its recommendations on first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in Canada.

In Ontario, the AstraZeneca vaccine is currently available for those who wish to receive it as a second dose, with informed consent, through select pharmacy and primary care channels.

NACI has noted that people who have received one or both doses of AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine can rest assured that the vaccine provides good protection against infection and very good protection against severe disease and hospitalization. These individuals did the right thing to prevent illness, and to protect their families, loved ones and communities.

All COVID-19 vaccines available in the province, including AstraZeneca, have been determined to be safe and effective by Health Canada, and have been shown to prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death associated with COVID-19.

If you had Moderna or Pfizer for your first dose, you can safely take either Moderna or Pfizer for your second dose for strong protection. Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are authorized for use in Canada and use a similar mRNA technology, so the vaccines are interchangeable and safe to mix. If you had AstraZeneca for your first dose, you can safely take either AstraZeneca, Moderna or Pfizer for your second dose for strong protection.

To ensure maximum protection against COVID-19 and the Delta variant, Ontarians should get vaccinated as soon as they can and book their second dose as soon as they are eligible."

How fast does rain fall?

Answer: The speed of rain depends on the size of the raindrop. The smallest "drizzle" droplets—with diameters less than .02 inch—fall at 1 to 4 mph. Raindrops with diameters greater than 0.02 inch fall faster—from about 5 to 20 mph; the average fall speed is 14 mph.

Wyevale's News Ruth Ann Caston 527-5274

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Helen Multo, Alex Archer, Carol Withall, Tone Webb, Brian Campbell, Evean Handy, Doc Moreau, Jim Hall, Elizabeth Withall, Sandy Crawford, Reid Rawn, Todd Laurin, Carolyn Handy, Emily Wickett, RuthAnn Caston, Bill Hall, Susan Truax, Irene Multo, Olivia Riley, Jeff & Angelle Moreau, Barry Reynolds, Mike Hales, Candace Moreau & Trevor Stigley, in the month of June.

Congratulations to the Wyevale Grade 8 students who will be all going to high school next year.

Congratulations to my grandson, Dylan Caston who graduates from M.S.S. in Midland. Graduation takes place on Friday, June 25th at 7:00pm. Pictures will be taken for him in Midland at Little Lake Park on Monday, June 28th.

We hope all of the school students enjoy a happy summer and look forward to going back to school classes and meet their new teachers and all their old and new friends in September.

We all are hoping for this Covid-19 pandemic to come to an end real soon; so we all can be with all our families and friends again (without face masks).

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Child and Youth COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

Here are 10 things to know about the COVID-19 vaccination for children and youth aged 12 to 17.

1. Vaccination for children and youth 12 years and up is safe and effective. Vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to be protected from COVID-19. Health Canada has authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for youth ages 12 to 17 and has determined it is safe in youth with no serious side effects. Close to 3 million doses of the PfizerBioNTech vaccine have already been given to those aged 12 to 17 in the United States. No serious side effects have been identified in this age group. In clinical trials, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has been demonstrated to be highly effective at protecting against COVID-19 for individuals 12 and over. Youth can often have very good immune response following vaccination, resulting in strong protection.

2. Children, like adults, may experience temporary side effects. The side effects after receiving a vaccination are different for every person, and most are mild and easily tolerated. Your child might notice tenderness or pain where the vaccine was given in the upper arm. They could also feel fatigue, headache, achy muscles or joints, and fever and chills. These side effects generally clear up within 1 to 3 days. They are also a positive sign that the vaccine is beginning to work.

3. Vaccines are important for children and youth because they can get infected with COVID-19 and spread it to others, even if they don't have symptoms. Children who get COVID-19 typically experience mild symptoms – however, others can get very sick, require hospitalization and experience more serious and longer-lasting symptoms. In very rare cases, the virus can also cause death in children. Children can also spread the disease to others who may be at higher risk of illness.

4. The vaccine is very safe for most people, including anyone who has a medical condition. Individuals taking medications that weakens their immune system or those with allergies to any of the vaccine. For more information visit ontario.ca/COVIDYouthVaccine ingredients should consult with their health care provider. COVID-19 vaccines do not contain eggs, gelatin (pork), gluten, latex, preservatives, antibiotics or aluminum. Because people who have medical conditions are often at higher risk of becoming more ill if they are infected with COVID we strongly encourage these individuals to be vaccinated as soon as possible. As with adults, allergic reactions to the vaccine are rare. Symptoms include hives, swelling of the face, tongue or throat, or difficulty breathing. Once vaccinated, individuals are required to stay at the clinic for 15 to 30 minutes after the vaccination to monitor and treat an allergic reaction if one occurs. Health Canada has not yet approved COVID-19 vaccines for children under 12 years old.

5. You can't get COVID-19 from the vaccine. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine tells your body how to make a harmless protein found on the COVID-19 virus and start building antibodies against it, so that your immune system will know how to recognize and fight the real virus if you come in contact with it.

6. If your child already had COVID-19, they can still get the vaccine. Although a prior COVID-19 infection may provide some protection from getting sick again, we do not know how long that protection will last, and it may not protect against new variants. If you are recovering from COVID-19, you should delay getting the vaccine until most of your symptoms are gone and you are no longer in self-isolation.

7. A health card is not needed. If your child does not have a health card, you may need to book your appointment over the phone instead of online, and you can speak to your school, medical provider or faith leader to get a letter stating your child's name, date of birth and address. If your child has a health card, they should bring it to the appointment.

8. The COVID-19 vaccine should be given alone and apart from other vaccines, if possible. Other vaccines should be scheduled 14 days before or 28 days after the COVID-19 vaccine. If you are behind on your child's immunizations, please contact their health care provider to make a plan to get up to date on all your vaccines.

9. Vaccines are provided with informed consent. COVID-19 vaccines are only provided if informed consent is received from the individual, including those aged 12 to 17, and as long as they have the capability to make this decision. This means understanding the treatment, why it is being recommended, and the risks and benefits if they accept or refuse to be vaccinated. If the individual is incapable of consenting to receiving the vaccine, they would need consent from their substitute decision-maker, such as their parent or legal guardian. The health care provider and family must respect a young person's decision regarding vaccination. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss vaccination with their children prior to attending a clinic. COVID-19 vaccination is voluntary for anyone eligible in Ontario.

10. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will help your child resume the activities they enjoy and that support their mental health and wellbeing. Vaccination is an important tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and allow students and families to safely resume normal activities. When enough people are protected from COVID-19, the risk of infection for your child will begin to decline. Vaccines, along with mask-wearing, physical distancing and other precautions, will help protect the health of the broader community. Only after rates of COVID-19 in the broader community are low will normal activities for children and youth be possible again.

Oranges: Oranges make the list for their wealth of vitamin C. Studies suggest this vitamin can curb levels of stress hormones while strengthening the immune system. In one study of people with high blood pressure, blood pressure and levels of cortisol (a stress hormone) returned to normal more quickly when people took vitamin C before a stressful task.

Fatty Fish: To keep stress in check, make friends with naturally fatty fish. Omega-3 fatty acids, found in fish such as salmon and tuna, can prevent surges in stress hormones and may help protect against heart disease, depression, and premenstrual syndrome (PMS).

Avocados: One of the best ways to reduce high blood pressure is to get enough potassium, and half an avocado has more potassium than a medium-sized banana. A little bit of guacamole, made from avocado, might be a good choice when stress has you craving a high-fat treat. Avocados are high in fat and calories, though, so watch your portion size.



Township of Springwater Link

2231 Nursery Road
Minesing, Ontario
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June 24, 2021

How to Connect With Us

The Township Administration Centre has reopened to the public, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged as staff are available on a rotating schedule.

This summer, the Township will be rolling out a new cloud-based corporate phone system. The system will make it easier for staff to stay connected with residents. Our primary phone number will remain as 705-728-4784. No service interruptions are expected during the transition.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee of Adjustment
Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Council meetings are live streamed online at springwater.ca/live. A call-in option is also available. Board and committee meetings can be accessed via Zoom Conferencing. View the agendas for details.

Notice of Heritage Designation By-law 2021-058

Being a By-law to designate the Anten Mills Community Centre located at 3985 Horseshoe Valley Road West, Anten Mills

On the 2nd day of June, 2021, Springwater Township Council passed By-law 2021-058, being a by-law to designate the Anten Mills Community Centre property located at 3985 Horseshoe Valley Road West, more particularly described in Schedule "A" of the By-law, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, as amended. The said By-law includes both a statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and a Description of the Heritage Attributes of the Property in Schedule "B" thereof.

Review the Heritage Designation By-law 2021-058 on the Township's website at springwater.ca/heritage

Inquiries may be directed to Renée Ainsworth, Clerk at 705-728-4784 ext. 2026, or by email at renee.ainsworth@springwater.ca

Property Taxes

Residents will be mailed their final 2021 tax bill by the end of June. Due dates are July 21 and September 22, 2021. View payment options at springwater.ca/taxes



Gypsy Moth Control Options

Wondering what to do about gypsy moth? Knowing what to do, and when, can help you to manage gypsy moth on your property.

Control options are specific to the insect's life stage and time of year. When the caterpillars are active in late spring, banding trees with burlap gives them a place to congregate during warm days. They can then be physically removed and destroyed in soapy water.

Populations of this species are cyclical. Infestations generally occur every 7 to 10 years, and when populations rapidly rise, they are historically followed by a crash. History has also shown that no major impacts to forest or tree health are likely to occur.

For more information on control options, visit simcoe.ca/gypsymoth

Watering Restrictions

Odd number addresses water on odd number days

Even number addresses water on even number days

Outdoor use permitted from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

springwater.ca/WaterRestrictions

Off-Road Vehicle Outreach Program

The use of off-road vehicles (ORVs), including ATVs, UTVs and dirt bikes, is becoming more and more of a popular activity in the Township of Springwater. It is the riders' responsibility to follow the rules of the road and abide by the ORV By-law as well as all provincial legislation.

To help residents better understand where ORVs are and are not permitted, the Township is introducing a pilot Off-Road Vehicle Outreach Program in partnership with the Central Ontario ATV Club (COATV), Simcoe County Off-Road Riders Association (SCORRA) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Program Dates: June 27 - Rainbow Valley Rd W and Phelpston Rd
July 11 - Flos Rd 7 W and Old Penetang Rd
July 25 - location TBD
August 15 - location TBD
August 29 - location TBD

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

During sessions of the program, riders will gain information on the ORV By-law as well as rider safety, insurance and licensing. Trail maps of the permitted and prohibited trails/roadways will also be supplied. For further program details, visit springwater.ca/ORV



Where do I find the latest vaccine information?

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is responsible for the vaccine roll-out in our area. For information on getting your vaccine, including second dose eligibility, visit smdhu.org/COVID19

Career Opportunities

The Township is currently recruiting for the following positions:

Planning Administrative Assistant
Closes: June 23, 2021

Planning Technician / Secretary Treasurer
Closes: June 25, 2021

Manager, Parks and Facilities
Closes: June 25, 2021

Chief Building Official
Closes: July 9, 2021

For details, consult the job descriptions at springwater.ca/careers

SPRINGWATER - ELMVALE
FARMERS' MARKET

Open Fridays
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
33 Queen Street West, Elmvale

springwater.ca/FarmersMarket

Ontario Supporting the Identification and Commemoration of Indian Residential School Burial Sites

Province partnering with Indian Residential School survivors, families and Indigenous leaders on a community-led approach

KENORA —The Ontario government is providing \$10 million to help support the identification, investigation, protection and commemoration of Indian Residential School burial sites across the province. The funding will also ensure that culturally appropriate, trauma-informed mental health supports are available for Indian Residential School survivors, their families and Indigenous communities.

"Like all Ontarians, I was heartbroken by the news of a burial site containing the remains of 215 Indigenous children at the former Indian Residential School in Kamloops, British Columbia," said Premier Doug Ford. "That is why our government is partnering with Indigenous communities to address the loss of generations who are no longer with us, and the continued loss experienced by residential school survivors and their families. As we advance meaningful reconciliation, it is important that all of us continue to deepen our collective understanding of the legacy of the Indian Residential School system."

Across Canada, over 150,000 Indigenous children were forcibly removed from their families and communities and sent to Indian Residential Schools between 1870 and 1996. According to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, there were 18 Indian Residential Schools in Ontario; the last of these closed in 1991, with some sites since repurposed, abandoned or destroyed.

"We know that the tragic findings at a former Indian Residential School site in British Columbia are sadly not an anomaly," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs. "Indigenous leaders and Ontarians are looking to governments to commit to the work of investigating Indigenous Residential School burial sites on a priority basis and our government is taking action to support this process through to completion."

Ontario is working in collaboration with Indigenous leaders to establish processes that will guide the work related to Indian Residential School site identification, investigation, protection and commemoration. Initial site identification will be the first step in a much more extensive process, pending the wishes of the affected families and communities.

The province will identify technical experts, including archaeologists, forensic specialists and historians, available to lead the related research, analysis and technical field work required and ensure it is conducted to the highest standard. Indigenous communities will have the option to work in conjunction with Ontario specialists, such as those provided by the province's Centre of Forensic Sciences and the Office of the Chief Coroner/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

As Ontario continues to advance meaningful reconciliation, the province will also work with Indigenous partners to explore opportunities to deepen Ontarians' collective awareness and understanding of the legacy of the Indian Residential School system.

Quick Facts

- Roughly 8,000 of Canada's estimated 80,000 Indian Residential School Survivors lived in Ontario at the time of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement.
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) estimated that at least 426 children who attended Indian Residential Schools in Ontario are known to have died, while an unknown number are still missing.
- The TRC research identified 12 locations of unmarked burial sites in Ontario; there are likely more.
- The Seven Generations Education Institute is an Indigenous-led educational organization providing high school and post-secondary education, training for employment opportunities and cultural programming to all Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the Treaty Three area and beyond.

Stay Hydrated this Summer

Keeping the body hydrated helps the heart more easily pump blood through the blood vessels to the muscles. And, it helps the muscles work efficiently.

The last thing you want on a beautiful summer day is to become dehydrated. This can cause swollen feet or a headache. Even worse, heat stroke. For most people, water is the best thing to drink to stay hydrated. Even certain foods, such fruits and vegetables which contain a high percentage of water. Sports drinks with electrolytes, may be useful for people doing high intensity, vigorous exercise in very hot weather, though they tend to be high in added sugars and calories so water should always be your go-to!

Hydration isn't just important during physical activity. Sitting in the sun on a hot or humid day, even if you aren't exercising, can also cause your body to need more fluids.

People who have a heart condition, are older than 50 or overweight may also have to take extra precautions.

It's also a good thing to keep tabs on your hydration if you're traveling.



Recreation and Culture Summer Program Update

Tiny offers at-home summer activities for the whole family!

Fun in a Box: Summer 2021

Back by popular demand, the Fun in a Box series offers four new themed experiences. Boxes become available for curbside pick-up at the Perkinsfield Park every Saturday starting July 10 and until quantities last. Cost is \$40.00 plus HST.

Family Game Night Edition

(Accommodates up to 4 participants, intended for all ages)

Indulge in some "screen free" family fun this summer with the Minute to Win it, our most popular box from 2020. Challenge your loved ones to test their coordination, problem solving, and puzzle beating skills! Included in this box are eight new Minute to Win It and family game night challenges.

Appropriate for most ages, with adaptations provided to increase the level of difficulty for each challenge. All materials are included.

Youth Edition

(Accommodates one participant, appropriate for youth 12-17 years old)

Let your hair down with this Fun in a Box containing six different activities, most suited for youth who enjoy crafting and creative DIY experiences. All speciality items and instructions are included, but some basic craft materials from home are required, such as non-toxic paint, crayons, markers, glue, and scissors. The box also contains information about youth programming in Tiny, including how to become a youth volunteer, or take part in the Youth Advisory Committee!

Sensory Play

(Accommodates one participant, intended for children including toddlers. Adult supervision required)

One of our favourite aspects of recreation is its ability to engage all five senses. Unplug from screen time with five unique sensory based activities and explore sound, sight, taste, smell, and touch! This box has been curated with toddler and preschool aged children in mind. Adult assistance required. All materials are included.

The Best of Summer Day Camp

(Accommodates one participant, appropriate for children ages 4+)

At the cottage or at home, day camp fun is just a box away. Eight of our favourite day camp activities span a variety of genres including outdoor exploration, arts and crafts, sports and games, and imaginative play! All speciality items and instructions are included however some basic craft materials from home are required; non-toxic paint, crayons, markers, glue, and scissors.

Sport Loaner Program

Why end a good thing? Again, this summer, a variety of free sport loaner kits are available and contain all the equipment needed to play in your backyard or at your favorite Township of Tiny Park.

Each kit includes an instructional booklet with game play rules, examples of skill drills and links to online video tutorials posted on the Tiny Recreation YouTube channel.

Due to limited quantities, you must reserve your kit in advance by emailing recassistant@tiny.ca. Reservations for all kits open May 31, at noon, and are on a first come first serve basis. Each sport kit is on loan for the summer and may only be booked out once per individual. Take this opportunity to try-out multiple sports! If you prefer reserving using another method, please contact Alison, Recreation Assistant by calling 705-526-4204 ext. 290. Kits are provided for a 2-week rental period, with curbside pick-up and drop off at the Perkinsfield Park (43 County Road 6, Tiny). Kits are available for pick-up between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Sundays starting June 6 and must be returned on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Sport Equipment Provided

- Soccer: 5 small and 5 large soccer balls, 2 pop-up nets (for drills and scrimmage games), 1 hand pump, and a number of pylons.
- Pickleball: 4 paddles, 1 net, and 4 outdoor balls
- Tennis: 2 rackets and 6 tennis balls (nets are located throughout the Township)
- Bocce Ball: 1 bocce ball set – for up to 4 players
- Frisbee Golf: 6 Frisbee golf discs (Frisbee golf course located at Wyevale Park)
- Horseshoes: 4 horseshoes and 2 stakes (Horseshoe pits located at Toanche Park, Perkinsfield Park and the Township of Tiny Community Centre)

This program is intended to support individuals and families who wish to try out new sports as they spend time being active outdoors.

For more information:

Recreation Department

T: 705-526-4204 ext. 3

E: recreation@tiny.ca

Hike for Hospice 2021 doubles the amount raised thanks to you!

Penetanguishene. After a year of operating Tomkins House during a pandemic, where most fundraising activities were halted, the annual Hike for Hospice was our best event ever! The communities of North Simcoe showed incredible support, raising over \$90,000!

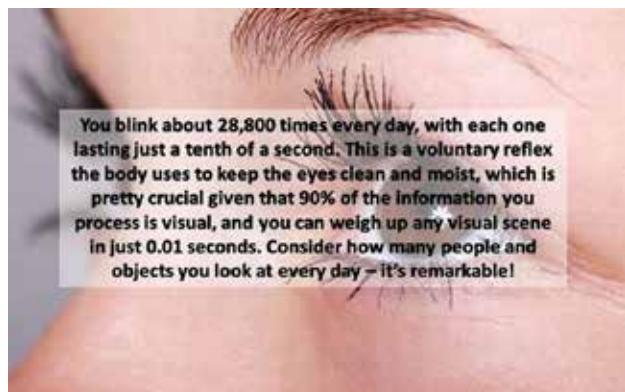
"Residents from Elmvale to Coldwater, Tay and Tiny Townships and the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene rallied around this event" Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director of Hospice Huronia states. "We had volunteers, businesses and whole neighbourhoods pitching in and fundraising for our Virtual Hike. Supportive sponsors made sure that every penny raised will care for those with a life-limiting illness and at end-of-life. What made this year so successful was all the family and friends of those who made Tomkins House their final home away from home. They wanted to pay it forward so the next families would have the same exceptional care they received from Hospice Huronia."

This event and other fundraising initiatives are vital as only 49% of Hospice Huronia's total expenses are covered by the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and the rest must come from fundraising activities, individual and corporate donations. Interestingly, this event took place during the lockdown and so was promoted as "Do it your way, anytime in the month of May" and was set up to allow participants to fundraise online and Hike, Bike, Walk or Stroll on their own schedule, by themselves or with people in their immediate "bubble".

"This format helped us to double the amount we have raised in past years, but it was the Resilience Grant opportunity through the Ontario Trillium Foundation that made the biggest impact. COVID meant we had to layoff of our administrative staff to focus on patients and families at Tomkins House and those with bereavement support needs. The Resilience grant brought back fundraiser JoAnn Warren to our team, and she made the online email process easy for each participant to raise money. She was also able to create greater awareness and publicity with more people talking about Hospice than ever before. You couple that with over 100 families having spent time at Tomkins House, where they have seen firsthand exactly how each donation is used, and you create a fabulous annual event. We're looking forward to hosting a thank you BBQ for our participants once such gatherings are allowed."

Hospice Huronia's Tomkins House continues to welcome residents who are at the end of their life journey and support them and their families in a home-like setting. These services and bereavement support services are free to all thanks in-part to the support we receive from events like our Hike this year.

For more information of Hospice Huronia's programs and services or to make a donation, visit HospiceHuronia.ca or call 705-549-1034. We are thankful for those who make hospice their charity of choice.



Health unit seeking volunteers for COVID-19 vaccination clinics

SIMCOE MUSKOKA – The health unit is accepting applications for volunteer support in the COVID-19 vaccination clinics located in Barrie, Innisfil, Orillia, Bracebridge, and Huntsville. Clinic volunteers provide essential support in non-clinical roles and help contribute to an excellent client experience. Volunteer responsibilities may include monitoring waiting areas, assisting, and directing clients and engaging in cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Volunteers must be 18 years or older, be able to stand for long periods of time, work both indoors and outdoors, wear personal protective equipment (PPE), and obtain a satisfactory criminal record check upon hiring.

More information about volunteering at a vaccination clinic across Simcoe Muskoka can be found at www.smdhu.org. Interested individuals can fill out an online application form or can inquire by emailing HRCOVID19volunteer@smdhu.org

TINY SENIORS MOMENT

Contact: seniors@tiny.ca



Did you have fun celebrating June is Seniors Month? There were so many events and webinars, it was hard to keep up! If you couldn't participate in the fraud & scam webinars or even if you did and want to review the information again, contact Maggie Off via email at moff@tiny.ca or phone at 705-526-4204 x 3 to gain access to the recordings.

Speaking of activities, the Southern Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team released an Older Adults Activity Calendar available to anyone residing in Simcoe County. It can be viewed at www.southgeorgianbayoht.ca.

During Seniors Month, it seems timely to tell you about the Township of Tiny's journey in becoming an Age-Friendly Community. What is an Age-Friendly Community? Its goal is, "To create a community where older adults are valued and can enjoy good health, happiness, and fulfillment."

Along with input from older adults, and assistance from funding through the Ministry for Seniors & Accessibility, in 2016 the Township of Tiny conducted a review of available services and needs, to identify what was required for older adults, to be happy and healthy in Tiny.

The findings of this review enabled the Township of Tiny to develop a Local Aging Plan (the Plan) that was launched in 2017. Through this Plan, 8 globally accepted domain goals were identified and are: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings; Social Participation; Housing, Transportation; Respect and Social Inclusion; Civic Participation and Employment; Communication and Information; Health and Social Services.

In our column today we'll explore the domain of Outdoor Spaces and Buildings. Its objective is to create outdoor spaces, buildings and amenities that encourage older adults to be active and foster social interaction.

Subsequently, one of the initiatives that arose out of the review of the Local Aging Plan, is the need for a Transportation Master Plan (TMP). During the month of June, a Transportation study is being undertaken and a survey is available online for resident input. Please take a moment to complete the survey which can be found at tiny.ca/tmp. The survey closes June 30th.

The Township of Tiny has also launched a new Tiny Zoning By-Law survey. Residents, business owners and associations are encouraged to participate in the development of the new Zoning By-Law. The survey can be found at www.tiny.ca/newtinyzoningbylaw.

Over the next several months, we will continue to explore more domains and provide updates on initiatives in process and planned. Be sure to check out the next Tiny Senior Moment when the topic will be Social Participation, what's happening in local seniors' clubs, and ideas to increase your involvement.

To obtain your own copy of the Plan, contact Maggie Off via email at moff@tiny.ca, or phone 705-526-4204 ext. 3, or view online at tiny.ca/seniors.

For your information, following is a list of readily available resources:

- The North Simcoe Directory of Senior Services is available through the Township of Tiny municipal offices, online at tiny.ca/seniors or email seniors@tiny.ca.
- Dial 211 – A free helpline that connects you to community and social services in your area 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in over 150 languages.
- Tiny Connect – A free Notification System. Once registered, you will automatically receive Emergency Alerts to your phone, email or TTY/TDD device. To register, go Tiny's website at www.tiny.ca, search on Tiny Connect registration, or contact Jenna Reid via email at jreid@tiny.ca or by phone at 705-526-4204 ext. 277.

Older Adults in Tiny – seniors@tiny.ca "So far, this is the oldest I've been" – George Carlin

Marilyn Hughes, Volunteer Column Writer

Senior Advisory Committee – Township of Tiny

Questions About Pregnancy

Occasionally I work with couples who dearly want to have children, but are having difficulty conceiving. I hesitate to use the word 'infertility' because it sounds so definitive and final. In fact, many who have been labeled infertile have ended up conceiving at a time when there were no extraordinary measures taken to conceive. It just happens.

Nonetheless, difficulty conceiving is one of the most emotionally trying experiences a couple can face. It is a very personal issue, and can be compounded by well meaning friends and family members. If a couple wants to talk about starting a family, they will. If they are not bringing up the topic, it is best left alone. Some couples choose not to have children, and should not have to justify or explain this choice to anyone. Often, once couples have been married several years, they begin being bombarded with questions about plans for a family. While such questions seem innocent enough, they can be emotionally loaded for the couple.

For those who are trying, being questioned puts them on the spot. If they have been trying for a long time, it just reminds them of the pain of their disappointment. Once a couple decides to start a family, they get excited, and think it will happen right away. If not the first month, then it will happen the second month. If not the second, then, for sure the third. With each month that passes, frustration and anxiety begin to build. They may fear it will never happen. They start questioning themselves, and their capability to produce a child. After a year or more of trying, it is a huge issue.

It can be difficult, especially for women, to hear that a friend is pregnant. It can be emotionally unbearable to attend a baby shower. And it can be heart wrenching just seeing a baby in a television commercial. Most women carry this suffering very privately, perhaps not even confiding in close friends. Consequently, even a casual question can result in more emotional agony once she is by herself.

The best course is to take your cue from her: if she brings up the subject of children, then certainly talk about it. If she does not, perhaps there is a reason.

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London to Host 2024 Ontario Summer Games

Province reschedules 2021 Ontario Summer Games to protect health of participants

LONDON — Today, the Ontario government announced that the City of London will be hosting the 2024 Ontario Summer Games and will be provided with a hosting grant of up to \$1 million.

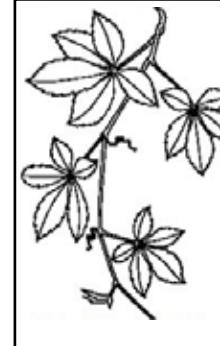
The 2020 games, which was originally scheduled to take place in London and postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will not proceed. As Ontario navigates a safe and gradual reopening, the government remains committed to protecting the health and well-being of all Ontarians, including all participants, volunteers and event staff for the Ontario Games.

Details were provided today by Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, at the North London Athletic Fields in London where she was joined by His Worship Ed Holder, Mayor of London, and Christine Stapleton, Chair of Tourism London.

"The City of London's world-class facilities, dedicated volunteers and experience hosting large-scale events make it a premier sport hosting destination," said Minister MacLeod. "I look forward to working with games organizers and am proud to provide up to \$1 million to bring this event back here in 2024."

This grant will be used to offset operational costs, such as accommodating, feeding and transporting athletes and other participants at the games.

We are very excited to welcome the Ontario Summer Games back to London in 2024," said Mayor Holder. "While unfortunate to all those who had worked so hard to prepare for the 2021 Games, this is the best decision for the safety of all involved. Thank you to the Province of Ontario for the opportunity to host this event once again, and I have no doubt that London will put on an extraordinary experience in 2024."



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See map at www.returnofthenative.ca

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Dealing with Childhood Fears

Since most of us can remember some of our childhood fears, and how uncomfortable they were, it is important for us to be able to comfort our own children. We know how frightened they can be of monsters, and it's reassuring that we can tell them with certainty that there are no such things as monsters and ghosts. We can truthfully tell them that there's nothing to be afraid of when fears are in imagination, not in reality.

Unfortunately, today's children are having to deal with a reality that is scary. They hear about abductions, and children being hurt. They see posters about missing kids. We cannot tell them that these "real" monsters do not exist. What can parents do help their children with the terrifying thoughts that plague them?

Well, we cannot tell them that there is nothing to fear, or we'll lose credibility right away. We must acknowledge that this stuff is scary, and that we understand how they feel. We must assure them that it's okay to feel scared. Then we can explain that fear is a feeling, and that we do have some control over it. If we think a lot of scary thoughts, then the fear grows bigger. If we think thoughts of safety and of things going well, then the fear grows smaller.

Sometimes fear grows because of the pictures we make in our minds. If we make frightening pictures, then we will frighten ourselves. If there is a scary picture in our minds, we can "change the channel" and replace it with a comforting picture.

We need to teach children how to gain control over their thoughts, as this is the only way to really manage fear. When they learn that they can do this, they can even begin to control what happens in their dreams (making friends with the monster or asking it to go away). Fear is intensified by the feeling that one has no control over what happens. Teaching children safety skills gives them a sense of control.

Teaching them that sticking together makes them safer also reduces their sense of vulnerability. Explaining that when they follow all the safety rules they can protect themselves, empowers them. Children need more than reassurance; they need strategies. The most frightening feeling is powerlessness. When fear comes we must find our power, teach it to our children, review and implement our strategies, and then get on with life. If we live in fear, and transmit this fear to children, then they are really scared.

We can be strong and teach them to be strong. And we're strongest when we stick together and watch out for each other.

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Letters to the Editor

Springwater Township Council Meeting

On the evening of June 16 I tuned in to the Springwater Township Council meeting as there was an item of interest which may have benefited my community and the invaluable work done by our Community Recreation Association. Full disclosure here is that I have a career spanning three decades working in municipal and provincial governments as well as consulting in the federal government. I can personally therefore appreciate the efforts staff members make and recognize that our elected officials come from a variety of backgrounds and do have a sometimes difficult job.

What I observed was a dysfunctional group of individuals, some of whom gave total disregard to the professional staff whom we employ on the matter being discussed. Several of these individuals were to my thinking grandstanding as they weren't seeing the big picture and failed to recognize that there are processes in place for reasons. Having been on Zoom numerous times this past year I understand that it is difficult to concentrate on the speaker and to see what others are doing. To call out a point of order demonstrates that the individuals doing so themselves are failing to pay attention.

If this Council is going to provide the best for our community for the next year and some, they must start by collaborating with each other and staff. The role of Council according to the Municipal Act is "to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;

to develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality;

to determine which services the municipality provides;

to ensure that administrative policies, practices and procedures and controllership policies, practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of council;

to ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality, including the activities of the senior management of the municipality;

and to carry out the duties of council under this or any other Act". It is not to micromanage the efforts of the professionals we employ. What has been observed on this and several other occasions is shameful.

Perhaps the ward system is not the best method of electing representatives as it was demonstrated by the carrying on of several of the members. Have they forgotten that they don't just represent a ward but all of the township? As a Council I suggest that they need to publicly apologize to staff for their behaviour and the manner in which they address them as well as to us as the taxpayers of the municipality and continue with a promise to think before they speak and recognize their actions affect all of us. Should you wish you can watch live council meetings by checking the township website and previous meetings on YouTube so that you have first hand knowledge about the proceedings and the way certain members conduct our business.

A Concerned Citizen

I think that somehow, we learn who we really are and then live with that decision. --Eleanor Roosevelt

Letters to the Editor

Hi Michael,

I read your blurb on Dr.Fauci with interest, and I have to admit it's not the first time I heard of some negative comments about him and his professed expertise...

Firstly, I am not a vaccine denier, or a conspiracy theorist.... However, I like to stay informed on such critical issues as this pandemic and the universally accepted single minded solution to this crisis which seems to be massive vaccinations of the public.

I have trouble getting non-biased and scientific explanations on many of the issues surrounding the pandemic.

Some of the sites harbour on " screaming ninnies conspiracy theorists " and of course the sites expounding the virtues of the vaccine solutions are all published by the vaccine manufacturing people.

I can't seem to find any non-biased scientific information about the actual mRNA " vaccines" besides the fact that they were rushed through in the USA under the Emergency Use Authorization mandate.

But just with my limited research into the way the human cell functions and the effect of the mRNA on cellular structure, I am just a bit concerned (actually , a whole lot concerned).

It may be a matter of semantics or a scientific oversight as it appears to be described to the public about the actual mRNA treatments being called "vaccine" where in actual fact it is a gene manipulating treatment, and not a vaccine in the traditional definition of what a vaccine actually is.

Just researching the areas of concern like Cell structure, Immunity, and the mechanics of mRNA treatments, I can't help but wonder if all this mucking about with altering the Cell structure and possibly altering the DNA by such artificial intrusion of the mRNA, could have serious consequences if not in the short term, then what about the long term possible life altering changes as our DNA is forced to adhere to these artificial intrusions.

I realize I am in the minority for even questioning the professionalism of the researchers, doctors, and scientists, and as I stated earlier, I am not a vaccine denier or a conspiracy theorist, but I feel there are too many loose ends especially concerning the possible long term adverse effects of the mRNA gene altering treatment.

The single mindedness of massive vaccination of the entire population of the world, leaves other possible solutions to this Covid-19 pandemic completely out of the picture, and seems to follow the doctrine of only one solution to this problem.

The human body is a really complicated and wonderful organism, which works as complex inter related organism, not as a bunch of isolated entities, and when we isolate areas of concern the imbalance is further amplified, and such is the case in most diseases, and health issues. If we continually treat only the obvious problem areas, without looking at the whole organism, we further run the risk of fixing one problem at the sacrifice of possible health complications developing in other areas.....

I just hope that we are not opening a huge Pandora's box with our single minded approach to this pandemic.... Time will tell.....

George --- Hillsdale

WHERE IS THE MOST ACCURATE PLACE TO PUT AN OUTSIDE...

(The answer was missed being published in the June 10, 2021 edition)

Question: Where is the most accurate place to put an outside thermometer?

Answer: To obtain a meaningful reading of the air temperature, a thermometer should be placed where it is not affected by direct sunlight or radiation from surfaces heated by sunlight. Meteorologists use an instrument shelter (a louvered box), but a permanently shaded area will suffice.

Hi,

Firstly I would like to thank Mike for the many years of keeping the community informed through the Springwater News.

Let's do Lunch and all events of Elmvale Presbyterian Church have appreciated the coverage offered when hosting

a mission event(sometimes placed free of charge or at a reduced rate) that allowed us to put every available penny to use

for whatever mission we were sponsoring and for placing our notice in a spot easily found. (also for excusing my lack of expertise in placing a picture)

Mike, enjoy your retirement, your family and all the toys you have at your disposal to enrich your coming years, May they be many.

God's blessings,
Mary

Dear Reader,

I am writing this letter to educate you on the extent of the hardship caused by the caterpillar infestation of 2021. I have previously been in touch with Mayor Allen as well as Councillor Hanna. Both were sympathetic and gracious and I appreciate their listening to my concerns.

My name is Peter Magill. My wife Darlene and I are both retired seniors on fixed incomes. I am battling cancer as well as other debilitating health issues.

This year in the middle of May, we began to notice an unusual amount of caterpillars in our yard. We originally were unconcerned, however they would soon increase to a rate that completely overwhelmed us. They came by the thousands. They totally infested our yard and began to show up in our house. They got into our garage by getting into cracks around the garage doors. They crawled up the sides of our house and got into any crevice they could. One morning as I was typing, one crawled across my computer screen. My dog lay on the couch and one crawled out of his ear. We have been burning them by the shovel load.

I have been taking leaf bags full of them to the landfill as yard waste because we have no idea what to do with them all. I collect wheel barrows full of them at a time. The bottoms of my trees look like viper pits where tens of thousands of them congregate every day. Their droppings fall in your hair when you are outside, and have collected at the bottom of my pool and discoloured the liner, so I have property damage. I will have to paint my out buildings as when they die they putrefy and almost 'rust' leaving brown residue, which now adorns my soffit, fascia and downspouts as well as the sides of my pool house, so once again, there is property damage.

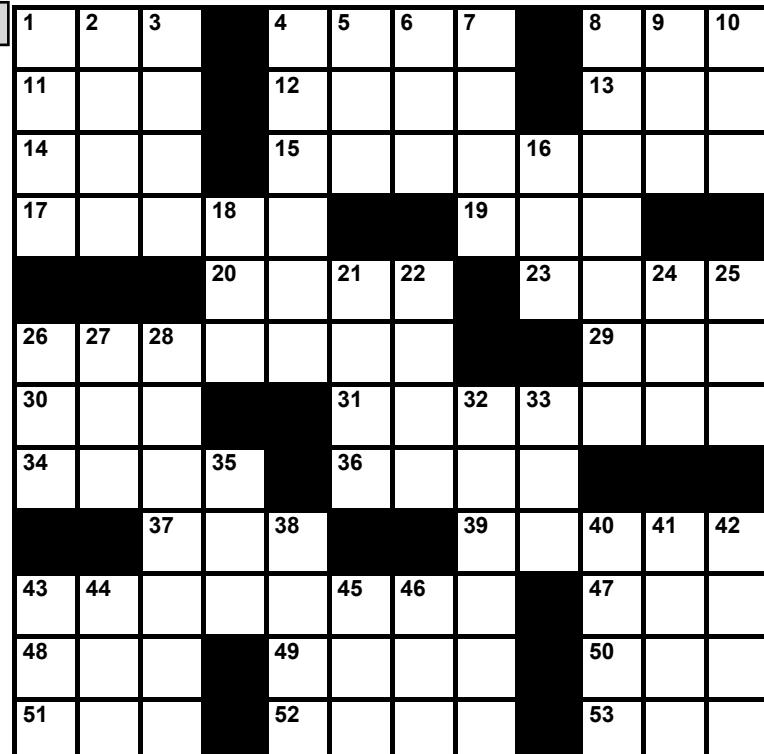
We do nothing else, our entire day is devoted to battling caterpillars. When I leave my residence, it is to go for more spray, new brooms, etc., everything is about the battle. It goes on day after day. We have no recreation. We can't enjoy our property. We can't swim. Our pool is a bio hazard zone. Our grandchildren can't come to play in our yard, which now belongs to these pests. Our windows and screens are running with insect spray. But still they come.

Our forests as well as the trees at the front of our property are completely 100% defoliated. It was said that the caterpillar infestation would 'collapse' before this happened. This was clearly an error in judgement by the County's Forestry Department. To date, no one has taken ownership of this error in judgement, this critical miscalculation.

It has been said by County officials that this is a "nuisance". This is much more than a nuisance. Mosquitos are a nuisance. Black flies for a few days in the spring are a nuisance. This is far more than a nuisance. This has been by far the biggest hardship we have faced in our twenty years in Midhurst. One would have to put themselves in our shoes to truly understand the scope of the hardship we have faced, and are facing every day. We start the clean up over again every morning and it lasts until the sun goes down. To completely sweep your house, and to come full circle and to see where you started is once again black with caterpillars is so frustrating. The stench of dead caterpillars is everywhere. Their bodies line the base of our house, our fences, trees, hot tub, sheds, everywhere. This is much more than a nuisance.

We are very disappointed that not one member of council or the Mayor took the time to personally visit our property to see first-hand the scope of the situation we were left with because of the bad decision not to spray. That would have meant so much to us, to know there was concern and support.

The Mayor, a Councillor or a delegate should have attended to see what we were dealing with. We feel no one cares and that our elected officials deserted us. I truly feel that as taxpayers and citizens, we are only important to elected officials one day every four years. They have proven to me they really don't care. Rob Ford once personally delivered a blue box to an elderly citizen. He cared. If these people did, someone would have visited.



Across

- 1 Annual meeting
- 4 Godiva title
- 8 Mass of eggs
- 11 No way, no how
- 12 Laker player, Lamar
- 13 Wipe out
- 14 Airport abbr.
- 15 Alligator pears
- 17 Took off
- 19 Alien Life Form, for short
- 20 "Git!"
- 23 Other
- 26 Parts of feet
- 29 Temperature controls, briefly
- 30 Dah's partner
- 31 Good
- 34 Check
- 36 Turns over
- 37 Music category
- 39 A British doctorate
- 43 Stuck, like a ship in the Arctic
- 47 Dermal opening
- 48 Band of radio frequencies
- 49 It may be slapped
- 50 Suffix with lip-
- 51 "Whoopee!"
- 52 Supply-and-demand subj.
- 53 "Angeles" or "Lobos" starter

Down

- 1 Super uptight
- 2 Station, in Paris
- 3 Dame Hess
- 4 Not fancy at all
- 5 Dictionary abbr.
- 6 Scooby-__ (cartoon dog)
- 7 Gym site
- 8 Danger sign
- 9 "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
- 10 Pub. workers
- 16 Amstel
- 18 West Coast clock reading, abbr.
- 21 Fish used in sashimi
- 22 City in Norway
- 24 High or elementary, abbr.
- 25 Guess, in brief
- 26 Egos' partners
- 27 Tiny beef
- 28 Floor
- 32 Flush
- 33 Internet provider (abbr.)
- 35 Fishing-line float
- 38 Fish salad
- 40 Return to health
- 41 __ facto
- 42 "Hogwash!"
- 43 Common climber
- 44 When doubled, a dance
- 45 The Tar Heels, abbr.
- 46 New form

As far as the County goes, they don't even answer emails. If this is the private sector, someone pays for this with their job. Someone is fired. But of course in the magical sunshine list alternate universe of Simcoe County employees, nothing will happen. No one will even stand up and take ownership of this disaster.

As mentioned, my wife and I are on fixed incomes, so private spraying was not an option. As well as that, we have many more trees than could practically be sprayed. A lot of the egg sacs are way high in these trees. Some are 50 feet from the ground so they are completely inaccessible.

It has also been said that the infestation is a "private property" matter, however that is just not the case here. My property abuts Springwater Township land. This Township land has thousands of trees that were never treated by the Township, and are thick with egg sacs. I am sure thousands of these pests that arrive on my property originated from trees on Township property. There are also trees on road allowances that are full of these egg sacs. Furthermore, these caterpillars come down out of the trees and can travel as far as a kilometre before landing, making this truly a community problem. To say it is a private property matter is like saying Covid 19 is a private matter. This is clearly a community matter.



As rate payers, my wife and I don't ask for much. We pay our taxes faithfully and take pride in our home and in our community, but I am asking now. Please don't put us through this again next year. Realize the tremendous hardship that we and others have been through this year and insist the county address this matter. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope this letter is forefront in your mind when the decision is made to spray or not to spray. I will include a few pictures of the infestation.

Sincerely, Peter Magill



SCDSB Director of Education, Steve Blake, announces retirement

After 34 years in education, Steve Blake, Director of Education for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), has announced his retirement, effective July 31, 2021.

Blake began his career as an educator in 1987 with the Durham District School Board, where he also served as a department head, vice-principal and principal at several schools within the district. In 2009, Blake was hired by the SCDSB as a Superintendent of Education responsible for supporting area schools and a portfolio that included Student Success. In 2013, Blake was hired by the Bluewater District School Board as the Director of Education. In 2017, after an extensive consultation and recruitment process, Blake was appointed Director of Education for the SCDSB.

As one of his first actions as Director, Blake led staff and the Board of Trustees through a strategic planning process from which the SCDSB Strategic Priorities were established. "Once established, Director Blake built a culture focused on the four pillars of the Strategic Priorities – Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Community and Well-being," said Jodi Lloyd, Chairperson of the Board. "It is evident that through Director Blake's leadership, the decisions of staff and the Board of Trustees in relation to student achievement, well-being, programming and budget, have been in clear alignment."

"Expanding partnerships with stakeholders and building relationships with students, their families, the community and the Board of Trustees has been a priority for Director Blake," notes Chairperson Lloyd. "Director Blake's capacity to build trust through accountability continued to move this board forward. His ability to foster strong cohesive teams, dedicated to enhancing the student experience at the SCDSB is commendable."

Chairperson Lloyd added, "we would be remiss not to acknowledge that this has been one of the most challenging times in education. With responsibility for an education system of over 50,000 students and 6,000 staff, we are truly fortunate and grateful for Director Blake's strength in leadership, dedication and commitment to the health and well-being of students and staff during this difficult time. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we wish Director Blake all the best in his retirement knowing that we were truly fortunate to benefit from his steadfast leadership. It has been my privilege to work with Director Blake as Chair and on behalf of the board would like to express our deep gratitude to him for his service to the SCDSB."

In announcing his retirement, Blake said "I have enjoyed an incredible career as an educator. I have been inspired, and impacted profoundly, by so many amazing staff and students over the years. I am fortunate to have been surrounded and supported by leaders in many different capacities. Together, we have risen to challenges and celebrated the successes of our collective efforts. The SCDSB Board of Trustees has always displayed considerable trust in me, and the confidence that my senior leadership team has shown in me has been truly humbling. The connection with a board chair is one of the most important ones for a director and I have been tremendously thankful for the valuable working relationships that have been established with Chair Jodi Lloyd and former Chair Peter Beacock. These relationships have been personally fulfilling and served our system well."

At the June 16, 2021, Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees passed a motion appointing John Dance, Associate Director/Superintendent of Human Resource Services, to the position of Interim Director, effective August 1, 2021.

About the Simcoe County District School Board

One of Ontario's largest public education systems, the SCDSB serves more than 50,000 students through 87 elementary schools, 15 secondary schools and seven adult learning centres throughout 4,800 beautiful square kilometers in Simcoe County.



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Social and Recreational Programs Being Offered

Social and recreational programs will be offered through July and August for Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The programs will be offered virtually, and will focus on using recreation, communication, problem solving and teamwork to support social skills development.

Play Ball Kidz Recreation Program

A two-week, multi-component virtual recreation program designed to improve the gross motor skills and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD. This program will include four sessions and will run in July and August

Escape Room Social Skills Program

A two-week, virtual escape room program designed to improve the conversational skills and problem solving skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on teamwork. This program will run in July.

Parents/guardians are an important part of the program and they will receive resources and support to help the children develop and practice new skills at home and at school.

Limited spaces are available. Please complete the initial application form by June 23, 2021 at 4 p.m. using the following link: www.scdsb.on.ca/inclusiverecreationprograms.

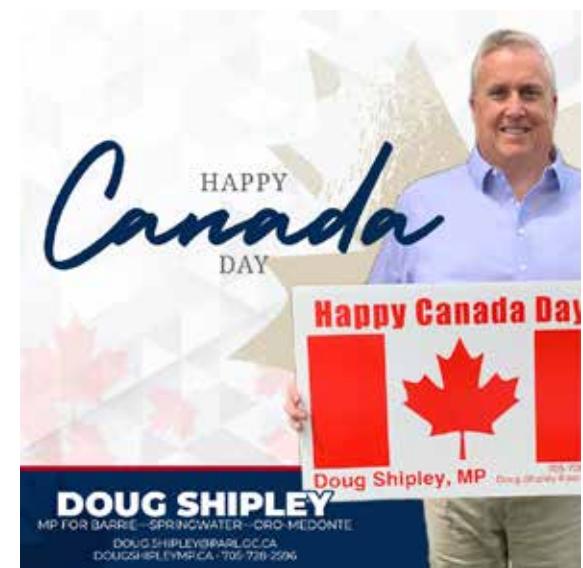
This does not guarantee enrolment into the program. You may be contacted for an initial telephone consultation to assess if the program is appropriate for your child.

This initiative links directly to the SCDSB's Strategic Priorities under the pillar of excellence in teaching and learning.

Information: Crystal Gronc, ASD After School Social Skills Program Coordinator cgronc@scdsb.on.ca

Gardening Tips for the Month of June

- The pros recommend treating tulips as annuals with the exception of species tulips. Painful as it may be, yank those tulips up, compost them, and plan to plant the bed anew in the fall.
- Plants that bloom now include balloon flower; Canterbury bells; clematis; coreopsis; delphiniums; English, painted, and Shasta daisies; foxgloves; Oriental poppies; and sweet William.
- Encourage young fruit trees to develop strong limbs and a wider crotch angle by weighing down the branches with clothespins.
- Thin fruit trees by leaving 1 fruit approximately every 6 to 12 inches along the branches or 1 fruit per cluster. The higher the leaf-to-fruit ratio, the sweeter the fruit. A standard apple tree should have about 40 leaves for each fruit. Dwarf apples, which usually produce a ration of 1 fruit to about 25 leaves, will yield better-quality fruit when thinned.
- Mulch around trees to create a safe zone where your mower won't go. Nicking a tree trunk can seriously damage even a well-established tree.
- Mow your lawn according to the needs of the grass, not the calendar -- for example, every Saturday. Grasses thicken and provide better cover when regularly clipped at the proper height. Adjust your lawn mower blades to cut the grass at 2 or 3 inches rather than at 1 1/2 inches.
- All vegetable crops, including warm-season plants, should be in the ground now.



A Message from Doug Shipley, MP

At this time of year many young adults are celebrating their accomplishments, whether receiving an award for their athletic or academic pursuits or celebrating their high school graduation.

Some will be saying goodbye to many friends, companions and favourite teachers. While they may see each other again, it won't be in the same way they have been accustomed to since elementary school.

This is one of the biggest changes we face in life. Graduation marks the end of so many things, from the structure and routines of bus and class schedules, to having lunch with friends every day, award assemblies and school dances, the classes you loved and classes you loathed.

Some graduates have a clear plan and know exactly where they want to go.

They might be moving away from their parents and getting their first taste of independence as they continue their education, start a job or travel. Others may feel lost as they decide what step to take next. It is a daunting task at 17 or 18 years of age to commit to something for the next forty years or more.

To the graduating class of 2021, wherever your path takes you, I want to say thank you. The last two years of high school were not what you were expecting. For your safety and that of your family and your community you were asked to make many sacrifices.

You had to learn from home, and you were not able to pursue many of your athletic goals. You had to socialize differently, and you might have only had virtual tours of the colleges and universities you want to attend. Thank you for everything you did to keep us all safe.

Congratulations on this proud accomplishment. I wish you all the best as you embrace whatever path you have chosen for your new beginning.

May you be blessed with good health, good friends and good judgement as you make new memories that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely, Doug Shipley

Member of Parliament
Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte

So I was at Walmart earlier

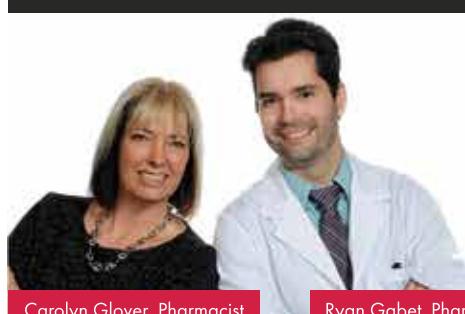
A lady was looking at frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one big enough.

She asked the stock boy, "do these turkeys get any bigger?"

He replied with a straight face, "No ma'am, they're dead."

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Last week, our government released a white paper for private sector and public input that outlines Ontario's proposals to implement a fundamental right to privacy, protect Ontarians from unjustified surveillance, and promote responsible innovation.

Currently in Ontario, businesses are subject to a decades-old federal privacy law, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). Non-profits, trade unions, and other non-commercial organizations that often deal with sensitive information aren't covered under this Act.

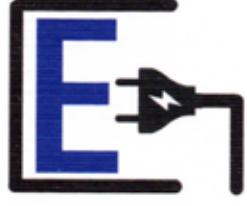
Recently, the federal government tabled Bill C-11, The Digital Charter Implementation Act, to update PIPEDA. While the bill may appear to be modernizing outdated legislation, it has stripped away key protections that Canadians expect to have, and has been recognized as a "step back" by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

While a comprehensive, harmonized national privacy regime would be the best outcome for Ontarians, the federal bill is fundamentally flawed and, as it is currently written, will not keep our people safe.

With the release of our government's Digital and Data Strategy, we are making safeguarding citizen data a priority. The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is therefore considering the possibility of provincial legislation that would govern citizen data, set a national gold standard for privacy protection, and correct the systemic power imbalances that have emerged between individuals and the organizations that collect and use their data.

Our proposals would aim to:

- introduce a rights-based approach to privacy;
- foster safe use of artificial intelligence and automated decision-making;
- enhance consent and lawful uses of personal data;

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- ensure stronger data transparency;
- protect vulnerable groups such as children and youth;
- create a fair, proportionate and supportive regulatory regime; and
- support innovators and expand scope to not-for-profits, charities, trade unions and noncommercial activities.

These proposals build on privacy consultations held last year with experts including the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC), who expressed strong support for

Ontario creating a principle-based private sector privacy law to bring greater clarity to rules and create a level playing field for organizations. The government is now taking the prudent step to consult further and work closely with the IPC on specific parts of a possible made-in-Ontario

privacy law. We intend to provide a minimum of two years for businesses to come into compliance if we proceed with our own legislation to address the clear need for stronger privacy protections.

We hope that these policy proposals will encourage the federal government to change Bill C-11

to meet the needs of all Canadians. However, if the province finds that a made-in-Ontario

privacy law is our only option, we will be ready.

I encourage all Ontario citizens, parents, businesses, and organizations to review and provide their input on our white paper by August 3, 2021, at Ontario.ca/PrivacyProtection

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



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Ontario Adding Mental Health Workers to OPP Communications Centres

New investment providing immediate support for those in crisis

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$8.4 million over three years in a new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crisis Call Diversion Program. This program will help police offer the most appropriate response to calls from individuals experiencing a mental health or addictions crisis, which may include diversion to appropriate mental health services. This investment is part of the 2021 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy.

"Our government is proud to take steps to enhance care for mental health and other acute crisis situations through the Crisis Call Diversion Program," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "By offering critical crisis response services, dedicated mental health and addictions specialists will ensure individuals experiencing a crisis can access immediate supports while diverting the need for police interventions in non-emergency situations."

The Crisis Call Diversion Program consists of a professional mental health and addictions crisis worker who will be embedded into each of the OPP Provincial Communications Centres. Once assigned to the call, the crisis worker can assist individuals experiencing a crisis by providing resources and tools, offering referrals and helping them navigate the mental health system for help. Alternatively, the crisis worker can also provide support and assist in preliminary

The rest of this article and many more can be read at www.springwaternews.ca

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.

The Smith Barn - built in 1897

Concession 4, S ½ Lot 20, Flos Township
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Owners	Harvey Smith Harold and Elva (Doan) Smith Henry and Mary Anne (Wanless) Smith Thomas and Julianna (Boyd) Smith ~1871	Built: 1897 Materials: cedar sleepers, ash, soft maple Water Source: cistern off eaves at barn, dug well
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The dug well at the house was contaminated from fuel and not used for 50 years. Only a few young cattle were kept at this farm. Often there was no water on the farm in the summer. Harold Smith also owned Lot 21 and had access to the Nottawasaga River. He had several cottages on the Nottawasaga River in the 1950s and 1960s with access to electricity. There was a substantial spring coming out of the bank which Harold named "Silver Springs." He had a pressure system and tanks to bring water to both farms on Lot 20 and 21.

Don Smith.



(Photo courtesy of Don Smith)



(Photo courtesy of Don Smith)



(Photo courtesy of Don Smith)



As surely know, I will not be running in the next general election, whenever that may occur. As a retiring member, I was given the opportunity to give my last official address as an MP in the House of Commons on Tuesday, June 15th. I used most of my ten minutes to thank the people of Simcoe North for the privilege of serving them, the people who volunteered in our five election campaigns, and the people I work with in Parliament. What a journey it has been. As possibly one of my last articles in this fine publication as your member of parliament, I have provided some excerpts of my speech that capture the essence of my remarks in the House of Commons:

"The next MP for this amazing riding will be well advised to heed the lessons that Rynard, Lewis, DeVillers and I learned from the great people of Simcoe North. May I take this moment to thank them profoundly for the honour of being their voice in Parliament these last 15+ years."

« Une des choses pour lesquelles je suis très reconnaissant est d'avoir eu l'occasion d'apprendre le français. » « One of the things that I was most appreciative of was to have had the opportunity to learn French»

"Since 2011, I've had the honour to work along side the remarkable clerks and table officers of the House. Their learned counsel, their deference to parliamentary traditions and practices, and their untiring devotion to their work, provides a constant source of confidence and integrity to the operations of this House."

"I could not have done this work without the support of family – especially my wife and best friend in the world, Heather ... Valerie and Lauren were age 10 and 7 when we started here; now they're off on their own careers. Our older children Stephanie, and husband John; Jason and wife Amanda; have families of their own that we can hardly wait to spend more time with. What a blessing that will be."

"I want to properly thank the people of my riding who helped me win five consecutive elections. All of us, who run for elected office can look back to the volunteers who fundraised, put up signs, helped knock on doors, phoned and got the vote out. I salute the hundreds of them who helped me win. ... I am moved, beyond words, for their unfailing support."

"So let me finish by simply saying what an incredible privilege it has been to serve Simcoe North as MP since 2006. I will be taking my leave when the next election comes; whenever that may be; but I will always remember the friends we've made along the way and the special honour it has been to be a humble servant of the wonderful people of Simcoe North." Bruce Stanton

The Winds of Change!

The Universe responds to Love! Albert Einstein

Although this past year has been like no other, just know that this is humanity's opportunity to shift from fear to Love. Therefore, we all have the power to create our life anew. Corona means Crown in Latin. It also refers to the aura or plasma that surrounds the sun and other stars. The Crown is the 7th Energy centre or the pineal gland opening to our Christ Consciousness. Therefore, we are continually creating our personal aura depending on our thoughts. For thoughts are energy in motion, and each thought has a different vibration. Fear-based thoughts are dark in energy, while positive thoughts vibrate at a higher frequency. Therefore, the higher vibration makes the human being far more resilient as our thoughts can either create wellness or dis-ease. Unfortunately, the Government's response has been: "wear masks, keep two metres apart, shut down society and the economy and hope for the best".

These irresponsible mandates have been based on a test that is not dependable and has been proven to render 'false positive.' This is not democracy, but communism. We are being trained to be obedient children by wearing a mask even though the U.S. Center for Disease Control stated that: 'masks will not prevent virus spread and it will be actually worse for us to wear a mask'. The same message was delivered by B.C. Health Guru, Bonnie Henry. In addition, there have been 12 randomly controlled studies in the last 75 years evaluating the effectiveness of masks on preventing transmission of viruses. Those studies were recently reviewed by the same CDC and it was overwhelmingly documented that 'there is no evidence that masks prevent virus transmission'. Yet, those of us who are exempt due to health issues are oftentimes forbidden to enter businesses unmasked.

However, should we become infected with Covid-19, and our aura is vibrating at a higher frequency, our chances of dying is zero. Therefore, maintaining our frequencies at a higher level through positive thinking, we can heal our body. Nevertheless, it is essential to embrace that most individuals who have transitioned or will transition as a result of covid or due to their fear, which forced them line up for the jab, which are only experimental vaccines, these souls have 'signed' up to leave planet earth at this time. However, as we shift from fear to love, it will be easier for us to accept the deaths of our loved ones. Therefore, let us make a conscious effort to shift from fear to love, which will not only heal our body, but restore our mental health.

Letting go of the old conditioning, will raise our vibration where dis-ease, in its many forms, will be kept at bay.

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Township of Springwater provides clarity regarding Development Charges for ancillary dwelling units

Township of Springwater / June 21, 2021 – The Township of Springwater seeks to provide clarity on the applicability of Development Charges related to ancillary dwelling units. Bill 108 came into effect in the fall of 2020, whereby its intent was to increase the supply of affordable living accommodations within the Province of Ontario.

Under Bill 108, mandatory Development Charge exemptions apply to new ancillary dwelling units that are detached from new residential buildings. Bill 108 did not change the Development Charge Act as it relates to new ancillary dwelling units that are detached from existing residential buildings.

For existing properties, the Development Charge exemption applies only to ancillary units that are "attached" to a primary dwelling or that fall within the restrictions provided by the DC Act. The ancillary unit must not exceed 40% of the gross floor area of the primary dwelling, or 50% of the gross floor area if the unit is located in the basement of the primary dwelling. Whereby an ancillary unit that is "detached" from an existing residential dwelling, Development Charges are applicable as per the Township of Springwater's current DC By-law (2018-045).

For new residential dwellings that provide for ancillary units as part of the new build process, a mandatory Development Charge exemption would apply to the ancillary unit, whether it be attached or detached from the primary dwelling. Development Charges are only applicable, as per the Township's By-law, to the primary dwelling unit and payable upon the issuance of a building permit.

The Township of Springwater endeavors to make sure residents are well informed of the legislative changes to the provincial Development Charges Act.

For more information on Development Charges as they relate to ancillary units, residents may contact the Township's Finance Department, available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at 705-728-4784 Ext 2024 or finance@springwater.ca.

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**Sports**

with Patrick Townes

During the time between articles, the Toronto Blue Jays have sure had their ups and downs. Over the long baseball season, it is usually those teams that avoid medium to long losing streaks that find themselves successful and in the playoff race. The Blue Jays are running out of chances and need to avoid these losing streaks in order to keep afloat in their competitive division. Following the game against the Yankees, on Wednesday, June 18, some may think that the Manager's days are numbered.

In the final inning of this game, there was a "foul" ball that struck the umpire in the mask and the play was ruled a dead ball. This pitch did not hit the bat of the batter and therefore should have been a passed ball and the runners should have been able to advance. It is understandable how the umpire who just got nailed in the head could not interpret the correct call considering the blow, and it is also understandable how the other umpires at such a distance could not see the play. These plays are common in baseball. However, there are people to blame in a situation like this.

First, the batter never acted like there was no contact with the bat, not at all. The catcher was quick to grab and console the umpire and remind him that it was in fact a foul ball. The umpire agreed. Secondly, the second baserunner in these situations, always run the play out. If the ball was in fact ruled to be a passed ball after the fact, there was still one runner or two on the base paths serving no purpose at all. Thirdly, the instant replay system. A play where a defensive player holds their glove on a player for six seconds until they fall off the base for less than one second is reviewable, however a play that is nearly impossible for the eye to see, is not reviewable. These rules need to change, and potentially could make a difference in a big game. It usually takes a heated and important situation for a new rule to be implemented.

And finally, the Manager, Charlie Montoya. He is a fun loving guy, a player's coach, and we can all see why. There needs to be more emotion and accountability on this team. Without some wins by the end of July, there will be a coaching vacancy in Toronto. This play occurred near the very end of the game, and there would have been video evidence in the dugout to show that the ball never made contact with the bat. There needs to be some emotion and anger on the field when something like this occurs – if he gets kicked out of the game, there is only one more out to go -- big deal! The players are all smiling on the bench, but this scenario is one where a coach needs to step in and kick some dirt around. Ask the former author of this article.

Following a slow grounder to third base, veteran defender Joe Panik threw the ball away at first base. He had tons of time to make the play however he made a poor decision and rushed the throw to first. Veteran pitcher, one who could not make the cut on the Dodgers, Ross Stripling was quick to yell his disgust at Panik in the middle of the field for all players and fans to see. This was truly embarrassing -- a mistake, but one a veteran player absolutely does not make. Panik would not even look into the eyes of Stripling after the play in the dugout, and no doubt had a discussion with Stripling in the clubhouse (where these types of conversations should occur). What was the Manager's reaction to this? He offered Stripling a big hug after his pitching performance in the dugout. Other Managers and veteran players would have been on Stripling for his actions. A good lesson for players and coaches. It is hard to believe that anyone is out there trying to make an error or a mistake. They happen. A pitcher needs the defence

behind him, and actions like this one make some not try quite as hard the next time.

There have also been many cases where base runners are not running 100% out of the batter's box. Anything can happen and every 90 feet are important. Guerrero Jr. had yet another base running blunder when he ran home on a grounder back to the pitcher. In this situation he needed to get into a run-down, allowing the other runners to advance. Instead he is thrown out going back to third and then promptly slams his hand on the ground. That would have been a terrible way to end a MVP season with an injury to a hand. Remember mistakes happen, but a good Manager will point them out. It is unsure whether this is happening on this squad. They need a coach, and not a fan.

In the latest news the Blue Jays signed their broadcaster, John Axford to a contract to help their bullpen. Tabler and Martinez may be next.



Parker: How long did the baseball player spend in the library?

Jackson: I'm stumped.

Parker: Five minutes. It was a short stop.

BASEBALL FACTS

- The first World Series was played between Pittsburgh and Boston in 1903 and was a nine-game series. Boston won the series 5-3.
- Pillar played for the Bluefield Blue Jays in 2011, and batted .347 over 60 games, winning the Appalachian League batting title and leading the organization in batting average.
- A game called "base-ball" had developed in England by the early 18th century, and it continued to be called "baseball" until after 1800
- MLB's highest-paid players in 2021: Bauer (\$40M), Mike Trout (\$37.1M), Jacob deGrom (\$36M), Gerrit Cole (\$36M)

The First Week of Baseball

Hillsdale Athletes have completed the first week of practices in all levels from U7, U10, U13 and U16. Players looked so excited to be back on the field after a full year of not being able to play the sport they love so much.



U16 teams have now been finalized. Go to the facebook page to see your team.

A few notes to parents when attending practices:

- Please stand down the fence line closer to the infield. You must maintain a minimum of 3 metres from the dugout.
- Parents only need to wear a mask when physical distance of 3 metres cannot be maintained between themselves and members of other households.
- The stands and dugouts are to remain for players and coaches only.

Let's all do our part and follow the requirements needed to keep everyone safe and allow our children to enjoy the game of baseball.

For those who are not able to attend due to Covid restrictions, you will be able to watch practices and eventually games, thanks to the camera set-up that will be recording each evening. Players of families, don't forget to download the Game Changer App so you can become a "fan" and follow your favourite player(s). You will see teams, schedules, scores (once we are actually able to play games), etc. Let's play ball!!!



Happy Canada Day
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A rookie pitcher was struggling at the mound, so the catcher walked out to have a talk with him. "I've figured out your problem," he told the pitcher. "You always lose control at the same point in every game." "When is that?" "Right after the national anthem."




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Georgian students learn Indigenous language using virtual reality

Georgian College is among a few schools in the world to offer Indigenous language education in an immersive virtual reality (VR) environment. This new technology is changing and enhancing the learning landscape for students and is part of the college's bold new digital innovation strategy.

Rob Theriault, Georgian's Immersive Technology Lead, worked with staff and faculty from Indigenous Studies to create an immersive Indigenous Language House that's providing students in the Anishnaabemowin and Program Development program a unique and fun way to learn and practise their speaking skills.

The first module of language lessons is based around the home. Using AltspaceVR, Theriault built and furnished a house and put information buttons on all the items in the house. Faculty member Angeline King and Elder Ernestine Baldwin translated a word list for everything so that when a student clicks on a button, the Anishnaabemowin word pops up. There is also a second house using Engage software which includes voiceover translations with either King, Baldwin or another faculty member Mitchell Ackerman giving the pronunciation.

King said it was a big process to create the list as some words don't exist in the language so they had to create words.

"We also wanted to stick with our own regional dialect," said King. "Ernestine and I went back and forth on them – we have a great sense of humour with our language."

There is also a firepit and a basketball court outside the house where students can socialize virtually. This semester King was able to teach students extra words around the sport of basketball – a whole lesson in itself – and it was one way to teach them language in an immersive and fun method.

A medicine wheel has also been incorporated as part of the house.

"We can teach students all about the wheel – what the colours mean, and all the teachings," said King. "They think they're here just to learn the language but we also teach them about the culture."

Maryam Ismail just completed her first year in the program and said the best thing about using the Indigenous Language House technology is that it brought all the students together.

"We feel closer to each other," explained Ismail. "It'll be weird to finally meet in real life and realize that we all don't look like our avatars," she laughed.

While she said there were a few challenges around internet connections, Ismail has enjoyed using the technology for her course and noted they've been learning while playing and exploring with their headsets and laptops. They've had fireside circle conversations where they can acquire many effective skills for learning the language.

"I definitely think the format has enhanced my learning," said Ismail. "After COVID-19 I can't wait to get back to



Georgian_Ernestine: Elder Ernestine Baldwin's avatar interacting with students and their avatars around the fire pit and medicine wheel in the Indigenous Language House.



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the classroom but keeping VR would add so much to the program. I believe it should be part of the curriculum."

Michele O'Brien, program co-ordinator for all Indigenous programming, was quick to see the potential benefits of VR technology.

"It's allowed us to prepare for the next generation of learners – and this doesn't necessarily mean direct from high school – it could mean students from a variety of ages," said O'Brien. "The technology allows learners to see, feel and hear the meanings and translations of words."

O'Brien added that the best way to learn a new language is through socialization and when students are back to face-to-face learning it will be a good way for them to take what they learn in the classroom and practise skills on their own time.

Greg McGregor, Manager of Indigenous Services and Access Programs at Georgian, said the college recognized years ago that the Indigenous language – and those who are fluent in it – was slipping away.

"It was critical to create the Anishnaabemowin and Program Development program if we were going to save the language," he said. "We're the only college in Ontario currently offering a program in Anishnaabemowin and it's important to remain a global leader in this area. We also know in order for the language to survive we need to engage the younger generation and this new technology is a perfect way to do this."

Georgian is also sharing this new technology with other colleagues. All the virtual reality assets being built for language learning will be open source so they're available to other Indigenous programs across Canada and around the world. In addition, O'Brien and King were invited to participate on a panel during the iLRN World Conference on June 5. They presented on Revitalization and Preservation of Indigenous Languages and Culture using XR.



Georgian_Maryam: Maryam Ismail, a student in Georgian's Anishnaabemowin and Program Development program uses her Oculus goggles to utilize the immersive virtual reality technology in the Indigenous Language House.

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HEY DADS!

What's the worst part of building things with your kids? Keeping people on task? Helping with tiny details? Maybe impaling your foot on exposed screws? That one's my pick.

My boys, Justice (age 7) and Sterling (age 9) thought it would be fun to build a bike ramp (or three) one weekend. There was no way I was going to buy lumber for the job so the boys mounted a rescue operation and scoured the yard for re-usable wood. In a short while it would become a literal rescue mission.

When we started the job I had this crazy thought: "I should take these five-year-old-free-giveaway-Toronto-Blue-Jays flip-flops off and put my work boots on." I was too busy working to pay any heed to that silliness. Yes to flip-flops. No to work boots.

We built an eight-foot tall climbing wall last year that had outlived its usefulness so deconstruction began. Sterling and Justice handled the cordless drill and I handled the saw.

Pieces of wood started to grow into a pile. I channeled my inner engineer and began measuring and cutting pieces for the ramps' legs. The boys kept a steady supply of high-quality lumber coming.

How do you decide on the height of a bike ramp with your kids? Visions of hospital rooms danced in my head. X-rays, stitches, broken bones, the trophy stories of boyhood. Let's see, four inches would have been an appropriate ramp height. We went with 16 inches.

I spent a lot of time thinking about risk and reward that day. What's the risk of this bike ramp? Kids falling off and getting hurt. What's the reward? Kids having lots of fun! But isn't that the routine of fatherhood? Moderating kids' requests to do dangerous things. Jumping off docks, jumping off branches, jumping out of moving vehicles. Some risks are worth it. Some aren't.

We got the first part of the ramp assembled and ran out of used lumber. The boys said there was more lumber at the old climbing wall but they needed help to get it apart. Me and my Blue Jays flip-flops wandered over to assist.

We pulled out a few screws and got some boards off. Then we flipped some pieces over for a better look. I should have taken a better look at what I was stepping on.

There was a nice jagged screw sticking up out of one of the pieces. I knew it was there because it had gone through my flip-flop and into my foot. I dropped like a sack of potatoes. The boys ran inside calling their big sisters to come tend to the wounded.

A limp to the house, some hydrogen peroxide, and one bandage later I was relaxing in the house with my foot in the air. But to the boys' dismay, no bike ramp. Project abandoned. We'll revisit that another day.

Things don't always go as planned, do they dad? But we can't just sit around. Try building something with your kids. Do a project together. Build a bike ramp. Step on screws. Get up and get out with them. You'll learn to be patient and they'll learn to wear work boots.

You've got what it takes dad! Time flies. Make every moment count!

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WHY DO PEOPLE TRADITIONALLY...

Question: Why do people traditionally throw rice at weddings?

Answer: See page 23



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From left – Christine Baguley, philanthropy officer, GBGH Foundation; Cindy Lockhart, president, Ladies Auxiliary; Ron Adair, president, and Tim Sweeting, Midland Legion Branch 80; Gail Hunt, president & CEO, GBGH; Lisa Wanamaker, donor relations & stewardship officer, GBGH Foundation

FRIENDS OF SIMCOE FORESTS INC. WINS COURT CHALLENGE AGAINST MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

The Friends of Simcoe Forests Inc ("FSF") won a major court challenge against the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ("Minister") in the ongoing dispute over locating a waste facility in the Freele County Forest.

FSF had filed a challenge before the Ontario Divisional Court of the Minister's decision to approve and facilitate the construction of a waste management facility in the Freele County Forest, which is a natural heritage area.

The Minister had approved Official Plan Amendment 2 ("OPA 2") to allow the County of Simcoe to construct the waste management facility in the forest. FSF appealed OPA 2 to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal on the basis that it contravened the natural heritage provisions in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017. ("2017 Growth Plan")

While FSF's appeal was pending, the Provincial Cabinet approved a new Growth Plan. Although the natural heritage provisions in the new Growth Plan were essentially the same as the 2017 Growth Plan, the Minister revoked the application of the Growth Plan from OPA 2 by passing a transitional regulation.

The Minister's decision effectively eviscerated the main ground of FSF's appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

FSF challenged the Minister's decision before the Ontario Divisional Court. Today, the Court issued a decision declaring the transition regulation was beyond the Minister's authority and ruled it be of "no force and effect." In rendering its decision, the Court noted that the Minister's decision was "antithetical to the values underlying the rule of law."

Mary Wagner, president of FSF, stated "We are thrilled with the outcome of the court case! We are very pleased that the Court upheld our position that the Minister acted beyond the scope of his authority. This case establishes an important precedent for planning decisions and the rule of law."

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Anten Mills News

Dennis Gannon

Last Sunday with pleasant weather, many fathers and dads were celebrated and pampered a bit by their children on Fathers Day. Thanks dads for all you do for your family particularly during this past year which saw many working from home and being the teacher or tutor as well. Your efforts are appreciated and hope that you had an enjoyable day

One thing that isn't celebrated and we all need to be aware of is Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Most Sudden Cardiac Arrests occur at home or nearby and unless CPR and an Automated External Defibrillator are used the result is unthinkable. We are very fortunate in our community and elsewhere in the township that we have AEDs accessible at all times for the public to use. The defibrillator here in Anten Mills is located on the outside front wall of the community centre on Horseshoe Valley Road. If you see someone experiencing a Sudden Cardiac Arrest or heart attack, call 9-1-1 immediately. If others are around, send them to the community centre to get the AED. Emergency assistance can be ten minutes or more away and every minute counts. You don't have to worry that using an AED will hurt someone because they are designed never to work on a beating heart. If you haven't seen the AED go around to the community centre and have a look. Also before summer starts in earnest and while homeschooled the children, search the internet for an online CPR course. What you and they learn may someday save a life.

A community member reached out to me about a charity they are involved with focused on supporting kids and families in health and wellness outdoors. They are doing a fundraiser "Kids Got Talent" which is a virtual event running until July 5. They have some very good prizes and different age categories from ages 4 to 14+. This sounds like a great opportunity to showcase some local talent and from the information provided, top notch judges are involved. Communities Connecting for Children is the charity name and you can get more information by looking for them on Facebook, Instagram or their website.

Many people have received at least one vaccination and some even two which is moving in the right direction of the province's reopening plan. In Step 2 of the plan which may begin soon, up to 25 people will be able to gather for outdoor activities. This is a good sign for those members of the Anten Mills Community Recreation committee who were planning pickup baseball for kids and adults as well as Friday Night movies under the pavilion. Permission will still be required from the township which consults with the local Medical Officer of Health so watch the Anten Mills Community Facebook page and this column for updates.

As has been noted previously, the pavilion at the community centre has for almost 25 years been a hub for community and family activities. Members of the CRA met recently with township staff officials and have confirmed the plan for the installation of the concrete pad underneath the pavilion. On July 5, 1997 the official opening of the pavilion occurred. Many were in attendance and the day was one filled with fun filled activities. Part of the ceremonies included the unveiling of a small plaque that held the names of the volunteers who helped build the pavilion. Looking over those names, 8 of the 23 still reside in the community, others have moved on and regrettably several have passed away. The plaque has long disappeared and should be replaced. The CRA will look into doing so. On the opening day not all the funds required to construct the pavilion had been raised so another raffle was held. The grand prize was a Caribbean Cruise for 2, a Napoleon Gas BBQ and a 13 inch colour tv. There is no notation that I can find of who the 2nd and 3rd place winners were. The grand prize was drawn at the Christmas Dance on December 5 and it was won by Pat and Mike Butchart who still reside in the community. It was interesting to recap the pavilion history and we look forward to having many more community events under it.

The school year is about to wrap up and while it may have been a challenge, as a community we would like to congratulate all graduates from our catchment schools of Minesing Central, St. Marguerite D'youville, Our Lady of Lourdes, Barrie North, St. Joseph's High School and Elmvale District High School. We wish you all the best as you move on.

Canada Day will be here soon and it needs to be celebrated. MP Doug Shipley has Happy Canada Day lawn signs available by contacting his office. Last year the members of the Springwater Fire and Emergency Services did an amazing community tour with the fire trucks all decked out in Canadiana themes. There has been no confirmation if this will occur this year but if it does it will be posted on all social media. Let's all fly our National Flag that and every day with pride. That's all for now, Happy Canada Day, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Strong. antenmills1@gmail.com

From the last issue...

Riddle: You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?

Answer: All the people on the boat are married!

BRIDGE BITES

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▼ 2		▼ J87
♦ QJ653		♦ A974
♣ 94		♦ T872
	West	♦ A3
	East	▼ AKT9543
	Declarer	♦ A653

By: Brian Gunnell

Both Vulnerable
South West North East
1♦ Dbl 1♣ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass Pass

You are West, looking at the N-W hands, there must be something on your breakfast table to cover the S-E hands. Against 4♥ you lead the ♠K, and that holds the trick, Partner playing the Two. Now, at Trick 2, there is only one card in your hand that will defeat this contract. What is it?

Before you play to Trick 2, let's analyze Trick 1. Partner played the Two, and in standard carding methods that is discouraging. In other words, Partner does not like the suit and it is safe to assume that he does not have the Ace. So Declarer has the Ace, yet she did not win the trick. What is she up to? That's right, she would just love for you to continue with Clubs, allowing her to win the Ace and get a ruff in Dummy.

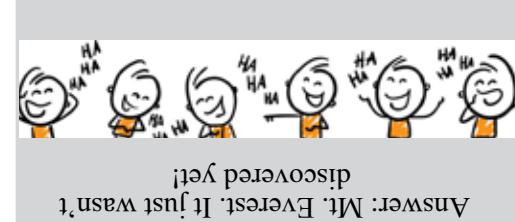
It goes against the grain to lead away from certain trump holdings, and leading from Qx has potential for blowing a trump trick. Nonetheless, stopping the ruff is paramount, so you bite the bullet and shift to a trump. But which one? Leading a low trump would deprive Declarer of a trick by stopping his Club ruff, but it might return the trick by destroying Partner's trump holding. Time to remove that diagonally placed (pre-syrup) waffle from your morning newspaper, and take a peek at the S-E hands.

Yes, at Trick 2, the only card in your hand that will beat the contract is the ♥Q! Not only does it deprive Declarer of his ruff in Dummy, but it also preserves Partner's natural trump trick. In the fullness of time the defense will score three Clubs and a Heart, and that is down one.

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BRAIN TEASER TIME

Question: Before Mt. Everest was discovered, which was the highest mountain in the world?





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INVASION OF THE GYPSY MOTH

Overview

- Invasive – native to Europe.
- This European defoliator feeds on a wide variety of trees.
- The first detection of gypsy moth in Ontario occurred in 1969; however, widespread defoliation did not occur until 1981.
- Established populations exist south of a line from Sault Ste. Marie east to North Bay and Mattawa; a separate infestation exists in New Liskeard.
- The Ontario distribution coincides with the range of the insect's preferred hosts of oak; however, no known populations of gypsy moth exist in northern parts of the range of bur oak north of New Liskeard in the northeast region, and west of Thunder Bay to Lake of the Woods in the northwest region.

"Invasive" refers to a species that has moved outside of its native habitat and threatens the new environment, economy or society by disrupting local ecosystems.

"Defoliator" refers to species that eats leaves.

Host species

Hosts range from oak (*Quercus*), birch (*Betula*) and aspen (*Populus*) in the north, to various hardwoods such as sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) and softwoods such as eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), balsam fir (*Abies*) and Colorado blue spruce (*Picea pungens*) in Southern Ontario.

Characteristics and life cycle

Overwinters in the egg stage often on the bark of trees.

- In spring, eggs hatch and larvae ascend the trees to feed on the new foliage.
- Initially, feeding occurs during the day, but as the caterpillars mature feeding occurs mainly at night — often this can delay the detection of infestations.
- Mature larvae are 50 mm long, dark coloured, hairy, with a double row of five pairs blue spots, followed by a double row of six pairs red spots, down the back.
- Feeding is completed in July.
- Male moths are light brown and slender-bodied, while females are white and heavy-bodied.



Two dark, hairy caterpillars with blue spots at the front and red spots at the back eating a leaf.

Gypsy moth life stage and control options



Symptoms and damage

- Gypsy moth outbreaks occur every 7 to 10 years.
- Larvae chew holes in leaves or devour entire leaves.
- In late July, spongy egg masses can be observed on the trunks and branches of infected trees.
- Understory shrubs and plants may also be affected.
- During severe outbreaks, trees and shrubs are completely defoliated over large areas; despite the trees' ability to produce a new crop of leaves over the summer, the damage causes significant growth loss.
- Defoliation makes trees more susceptible to secondary pests, drought, and poor growing conditions.

Control measures

You can take a localized approach to manage gypsy moths on your own property. Each control option will depend on the gypsy moth life stage and the time of year. Learn how to protect trees on your property.



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My View – Bill French

Springwater Township – Ancillary Suites – DC Charges

I fully support allowing of ancillary or second suites on properties that can meet the appropriate zoning setbacks in Springwater. The real key advantage is that these second residences, do not require the purchase of land or add to our already out of control urban sprawl that will pop up like dandelions starting late this year or next, especially in the Midhurst area off Carson Road. Allowing second suites definitely reduces the cost of housing and makes it more affordable. However, I can see about 20% of homeowners in Springwater creating these extra housing units over the next 10 years resulting in a significant increase in population requiring added services for recreation, public works, library, fire and emergency services etc. Normally the cost of the capital expenditures for this type of growth are paid through Development Charges on new builds. The Township is considering various options of waiving, reducing or delaying the collection of these DC's on these new secondary suites, where exemptions do not apply. That is problematic as there is only two other ways of paying for the needed new capital spending to service these extra people. Either you load up the new residential developments with increased DC charges or you raise taxes. I do support a reduction of 25% on the DC's on these secondary suites as they can never be severed from the properties in the future. Remember there is only one taxpayer and there are no freebies.

Spending – 2020 Fiscal Tax Operating Surplus

Because of COVID-19 and less spending because of reduced need for services, the Township is in an enviable position of having a net Two Million dollar taxed based surplus for the 2020 fiscal year. There was a detailed report provided to Council at the last meeting suggesting allocation to a variety of recipients. I am pleased that Council decided to allocate everything except a library transfer to a general reserve account that can be used for unexpected situations in the future. I would have probably supported half a million dollars being transferred to the tax stabilization reserve, as it appears with the new growth coming and the desire of the CAO to get in front with more staffing (right sizing he says), we will need a lot of reserves to soften the blow on the Springwater taxpayer in the next few years. From my experience in business, every organization that staffs up to a specific anticipated need, before it is actually needed are usually non-competitive and lose control with spending. I fear that is the direction Springwater is headed with our two heads of council that love spending your hard earned tax dollars as they have no vision and lack the critical thinking skills to do what is best for us the taxpayer. They merrily support the spend-spend thinking of the CAO. I do hope Councillors Moore, Hanna, Cabral and Ritchie keep the pressure on as they are the only ones that seem to understand Council is there to serve the public, not the reverse as often projected by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Sign Off

After commenting on the politics in Springwater for 15 years and serving as Mayor for 4 of those years, I realize that most people are not really engaged in local politics unless they want something. That is too bad and is certainly allowing this Council to go off the rails once again and simply spend rather than focusing on efficient and effective use of your tax dollars. With that in mind, and since I have no intention of returning to politics, this will be my last regular submission to Springwater News which, as I said in a recent article, is the glue that keeps us informed. I will comment from time to time on matters that are really out of control (again in my view) but following the foibles of this Council is not worth the time or effort. I do hope someone else steps up and holds our Council accountable and keeps people informed as we move forward.

Again, please remember these are my thoughts and I am not asking you to agree. I respect your freedom of expression and encourage you to SPEAK UP, before that freedom is taken from us!! This is already happening in Social Media and is worsening each day!

Bill French is a seasoned business leader with over 40 years experience and served in senior positions of International Enterprises. Bill served as Mayor of Springwater and a County of Simcoe Councillor from 2014 to 2018 and has taught business at the college level for over 15 years. You can also read these articles on line at <http://springwatercitizens.blogspot.com/>





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KRAFTING WITH KATHY THURSDAY

This month Kathy will be showing families how to make a Tic Tac Toe board. How fun is that! Happy wins, in Kathy's painted version. Limited FREE kits available after July 8th. Check out Crafting with Kathy video on our YouTube channel for some ideas.

Cost: FREE

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TD KIDS SUMMER READING PROGAM

Hey summer readers, we are so excited for a summer filled with reading, prizes and FUN! Don't forget to sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club through Readsquared on our website.

1. Keep track of your reading on Readsquared to win chocolate, frosters, frosties, light wands and more!

Registration is now open.

2. ALSO, Beginning **July 6th**, when kids check out 2 or more books, they also can request a weekly treat. (One per child, per week).

Let the reading begin! Check our website for details

Cost: FREE

For more information please see our website: www.springwater.library.on.ca

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SIMCOE AUTHOR TALK WITH TED & WILL STAUNTON

WEDNESDAY JULY 22, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

This month Clearview Public Library features a discussion with Ted and Will Staunton about the graphic novel "The Good Fight." Written by Ted Staunton and illustrated by

Josh Rosen, this fast-paced story, set amidst Toronto's turbulent summer of 1933 sheds light on prejudice and social injustice. This event is suitable for youth and adults. Patrons from all libraries welcome. Spaces are limited. Springwater Public Library has joined literary forces with the following other libraries: Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Barrie, Essa, Innisfil, Ramara, Penetanguishene and Clearview, to offer a 2021 virtual author talk series.

Cost: FREE

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Join celebrated artist Marlene D. Bulas for an afternoon of step-by-step art instruction via Zoom. This fun and interactive online workshop is suitable for both the beginner and experienced artist. Marlene's unique, contemporary and impressionistic paintings are known for their vibrant and colourful style.

Please contact your local branch to register and to pick up your free 16" X 20" canvas.

Use your own acrylic paints (red, yellow, cobalt blue, black, white, orange, green, purple, burnt sienna, tur-

quoise) and brushes (assorted including a 1-inch brush) or borrow a paint and brush kit from the library. Thank you to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their generous support.

Space is limited.

Cost: FREE

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See our website under "Online Resources".

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Riddle: What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, and has a bed but never sleeps?

Answer: Look for it throughout this paper



Elmvale BIA Business Highlights

Welcome to Elmvale, ON We are OPEN for business

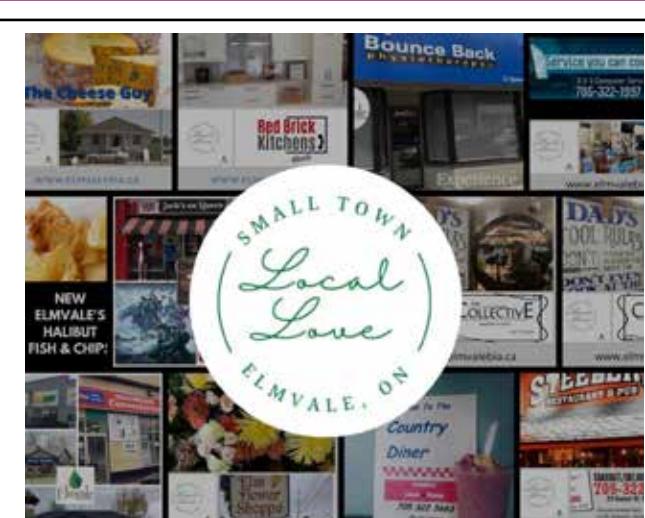
Situated in the heart of Springwater Township, Elmvale offers a wide range of businesses located on Queen St and Yonge Street (and streets in between!).

From bookstores to restaurants, retail shops to recreation, from professional services to hardware, groceries to pharmacies, Elmvale is your one-stop destination with an amazing small town feel.

Our businesses have adapted to provide a safe environment for you to shop and experience. In addition, many of our businesses have complete online shops and take-out/curbside offerings as well.

Join us for our annual Springwater Farmer's Market Elmvale - The 2021 market season will begin on Friday, June 18 and run weekly until September 17. Browse through the shops and restaurants and enjoy all that Elmvale has to offer.

Experience Elmvale this Season www.ElmvaleBIA.ca



Our Next Monthly BIA Meeting is July 15th @ 5:30pm Contact us for the zoom link

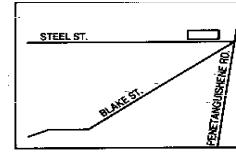


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Our summer reading programs run June 25-September 6, and we have lots of options for all ages. You can read, report and repeat, all online! Download the free Beanstack app or visit midlandlibrary.com for a link to our summer reading challenges. It's easy to set up one summer reading account and do a whole family's reporting!

Kids and teens (ages 0-18) can join our TD Summer Reading club to record their reading and do fun activities with their families to earn badges and win prizes, including a welcome swag bag, a super reader lawn sign, free pizza from Papa's Pizza Mama's Chicken, or gift cards, including a \$100 grand prize, from fun local businesses! For teens, there's also a \$100 Amazon gift card grand prize!

Adults don't have to let kids have all the fun – if they log their reading on Beanstack, people who complete our adult summer reading challenge will get a cool MPL camping mug, and can put in their ballots for a grand prize draw of a Cuisinart Gelateria ice cream maker!

Follow the library social media channels on Friday, June 25 for our virtual summer reading launch with a special lineup of videos and activities to get you in the summer reading mood!

On July 2, MPL is also joining in on Simcoe Reads – 7 libraries, 7 books, 1 winner! Our competitors are Barrie, Essa, Innisfil, New Tecumseth, Ramara, and Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Libraries, but we know we'll come out ahead! Watch our website for updates and join in on book discussions and author visits to show you're #mplproud.

You can find great free online activities, more information on our virtual programs and details on our exciting new lending collections at midlandlibrary.com. We look forward to connecting with you for an exciting summer!

Midland Public Library strives to provide engagement, inspiration, and empowerment, and to be a central part of what makes Midland and the surrounding areas a great place to live, work & play.

For further information about library events and programs, visit www.midlandlibrary.com



Berta Caceres Human Rights Act

On March 3, 2021, United States Congressman Johnson from Georgia reintroduced the Berta Caceres Human Rights Act in congress. Over 40 congress representatives support this bill, which aims to withhold US funds that support the Honduran police and military until human rights violations, like Berta's assassination, are investigated and prosecuted. In addition, the Act would stop international loans that are used to fund the military and other Honduran security forces. For further information on the Berta Caceres Act, refer to: <https://hankjohnson.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/congressman-johnson-reintroduces-berta-caceres-human-rights-honduras-act>

When Edwin Espinal was arrested in 2018 for speaking against the corruption and repression of the Honduran people, Bertha Zúñiga asked for the Canadian government's help in putting pressure on the Juan Orlando Hernandez government to release all political prisoners and to bring her mom's murderers to justice. She remarked, "Canada and other governments must fulfil their duty and do everything within their power to pressure the Honduran government to respect basic human rights and due process." This quote was retrieved from Cision News: <https://www.newswire.ca>.

The Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor (SCHRM) joins Bertha Zúñiga in urging the Canadian government to speak out against the Honduran government's ongoing abuses and corruption and the lack of a transparent judicial

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The OPP Report - Scams

OPP TURN UP THE HEAT IN WASAGA BEACH WITH INCREASED PRESENCE AND ENFORCEMENT

(WASAGA BEACH, ON) - The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in partnership with Ontario Parks, dramatically increased their presence and enforcement in Wasaga Beach to ensure continued public safety with the increase of visitors in the area.

Members from the Emergency Response Team (ERT), Snowmobile ATV & Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Unit, Central Region Traffic Unit, Mobile Support Unit (MSU) Command Post, OPP Aviation Services helicopter, as well as uniform officers comprise the additional resources brought in to support the Huronia West Detachment.

Friday, June 17, 2021, through Sunday, June 19, 2021, officers worked together to provide a wide range of enforcement, including patrolling on vessels, ATVs, patrol vehicles, and on foot in identified high density locations.

The enforcement results are as follows:

Liquor Licence Act - 114

Highway Traffic Act - 49

Other Provincial Offences - 31

Marine-related Charges - 12

Three incidents of young children who had become separated from their parents were also quickly resolved by officers on general patrol prior to a call for service. In all incidents, the children were reunited with their parents in good health.

Visitors and local residents can expect to continue to see a high visibility police presence throughout the remainder of the summer, especially on weekends. Members of the public are asked to report suspicious or unlawful activity by calling OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

TWO RESCUED AFTER BOAT SINKS IN GEORGIAN BAY

(Collingwood, ON) - The Huronia West/Collingwood joint Marine Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) successfully rescued two individuals stranded on the water after their vessel sank on Georgian Bay.

On Sunday June 20, 2021, at approximately 6:20 p.m. officers responded to a 9-1-1 distress call from a concerned citizen on land near Georgian Manor Drive reporting an air horn was heard repeatedly from the Bay and it appeared that a vessel was sinking.

The OPP Marine Unit arrived on scene approximately one kilometre out from shore within minutes of the original 9-1-1 call. Vessel debris was located along with a male and female in the water. It was then confirmed that their vessel had sunk. Both individuals were uninjured and were safely transported back to shore.

The initial police investigation revealed that the 14 foot vessel had lost power and started taking on water through the heavy waves crashing over top.

The OPP would like to remind the public of the importance of having the prescribed safety equipment on board a vessel to utilize during an emergency situation, including a life jacket or PFD for all occupants. In this case, if the operator failed to have a proper sound signalling device, the situation may have become tragic.

Learn more about vessel requirements with Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide: https://tc.gc.ca/sites/default/files/migrated/tp_511e.pdf

Weekend OPP Marine Patrol Nets Impaired Boater and Numerous Lifejacket Offences

(GEORGIAN BAY TOWNSHIP, On)- Uniform officers assigned to the Southern Georgian Bay detachment Marine Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) completed 25 hours of patrol over the June 18-20, 2021 period covering the waters and areas of Tay Township, Honey Harbour, Giant's Tomb, Trent Severn System and Six Mile Lake. Officers checked 65 vessels and responded to several trespassing complaints along with being first on scene at 4:16 p.m. June 20, 2021 at a 40' vessel fire located on the north east side of Giant's Tomb island which resulted in no injuries, vessel towed to a marina.

Penetang Bay Vessel Check

Officers observed at 7:10 p.m. June 20, 2021 a liquor offence aboard a 39' vessel underway on the inner harbour of Penetang Bay, Penetanguishene. Further investigation revealed that there were no lifejackets on board the vessel for the seven occupants. The 52 year old operator from Barrie was cited for the following offences.

Operate vessel with open liquor contrary to the Liquor Licence Act

Fail to have sufficient lifejackets for all person aboard vessel contrary to the Canada Shipping Act

Six Mile Lake Vessel Check

While patrolling Six Mile Lake in the area of the "Cook Outs" on June 19, 2021 at 6:20 p.m. officers observed a speeding offence and conducted a safety check of the vessel which had nine persons aboard. As a result of the

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vessel check, officers found six occupants did not have lifejackets and the operator of the vessel became the subject of a drinking and driving investigation.

As a result of this vessel stop and ensuing investigation the operator Andrew Louis LOCKE 34 years of Kitchener has been charged with the following offences-

Operation while impaired - alcohol

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

Operate vessel with open liquor contrary to the Liquor Licence Act

Fail to have sufficient lifejackets for all person aboard vessel contrary to the Canada Shipping Act

The accused was released from custody on a recognizance to appear to before the Ontario Court of Justice in Midland on July 8, 2021.

With the increased number of new boating enthusiasts this year, officers will be trying to educate operators about safe boating on Georgian Bay and the surrounding waterways

. The following Weather to Boat app can provide you with marine weather and vessel equipment tips and if you see a possible impaired operator "Make the Call" and dial 911 and help prevent a summer time tragedy.

DROWNING AT COUCHICHING PARK

(ORILLIA, ON) - Members of the Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a drowning at Couchiching Park in the City of Orillia. The victim has since been pronounced deceased.

On June 19, 2021, shortly after 6:00 p.m., emergency services were called to a drowning near the town dock at Couchiching Park. It was reported that a male had been located in the water without vital signs and that Good Samaritans were administering first-aid. The male was transported to local hospital by Emergency Medical Services with vital signs, but in critical condition.

Tragically, the victim, Christopher BELLCHAMBERS, age 42, of Orillia, has since succumbed to his injuries.

The Orillia OPP is reminding residents to be vigilant of their safety on the water. Wear a PFD, never swim alone, know your limits and stay within them.

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

Victims Lose Thousands In Training Scams

Since more of us have been confined to our homes than is usual, it's no surprise there's been a surge in online training. In many cases, it's because we want to use the extra time on our hands to extend our knowledge and skills -- and maybe make a little money.

In most instances, providers naturally want you to pay for acquiring those skills and it's easy to fall for dishonest programs that cost a lot, make big promises, and then fail to deliver -- especially if there's a lure of earning extra cash.

Improving your investment knowledge, coaching for personal or business skills, or learning how to launch a start-up can be powerful keys to unlocking additional income. Scammers know that. And right now, they're busy tricking victims into handing over sizeable fees for little or no benefit.

In some cases, these fees can run into tens of thousands of dollars. Alternatively, fraudsters have set up fake loan sites to pay for training, especially for people wanting to invest in real estate. This is a hot market, with mouthwatering profit potential for those who know what they're doing and have or can borrow the cash to pay for their learning.

\$3,000 For a Credit Card

In one recent instance, a supposed lender allegedly charged a \$3,000 fee to arrange a loan for would-be property investors. But all they did for their victims was submit a credit card application! In some cases, the firm was said to have encouraged applicants to inflate their earnings or financial assets in order to get credit limits as high as \$50,000.

Oftentimes, victims were encouraged to make multiple card applications -- a tactic known in the scam world as "credit card stacking."

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Victims were convinced to do this by the promise of fat profits. According to the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC), they were told they could inflate their earnings by up to \$100,000 because that's how much they could expect to earn in their first year of investing.

The alleged scammers raked in around \$10 million in fees, while their victims ended up with a mountain of debt, poor credit scores and, in most cases, no additional skills. The money they borrowed paid for questionable or worthless real estate and business start-up training programs and seminars.

The "lenders" were said to have tipped off the supposed training providers about the high credit limits of their victims, so the "trainers" knew exactly how much they could get away with charging.

Sometimes, the trick worked the opposite way, with supposed training providers telling applicants they could arrange financing and then putting them in touch with the credit card tricksters.

Either way, it was a "buddy-buddy relationship" between the two sides -- teamwork that made the scheme work, said the FTC.

A few months ago, the Commission launched what it called Operation Income Illusion to shut down coaching programs that "guaranteed" big returns for participants. One of the firms targeted was said to have made more than \$137 million from victims.

The sort of tactics coaching scammers use often include glowing promises such as "Learn from the experts how to generate guaranteed income" or "Work from home and make money with little time and effort."

7 Key Tips

It's very tempting, when you're under financial pressure or ambitious to improve your income, to fall for these types of claims. It pays to be skeptical and take your time before deciding whether to pay to learn from coaching organizations.

Some, of course, are genuine, but it may save you a lot of money by avoiding the scams if you follow these 7 tips:

- Don't be taken in by unproven claims, especially those that use the word "guaranteed." No one can guarantee a particular level of return.
- Don't be fooled by testimonials either. Scammers churn these out in the hundreds.
- Don't yield to time pressures that claim you'll lose an opportunity if you don't act immediately. Take your time to think things over.
- Seek professional advice where available. For example, the government's Small Business Administration (sba.gov) is a useful source of guidance for would-be entrepreneurs and business startups. The agency offers free mentoring from volunteer experts under a program called SCORE.
- Think very carefully about borrowing money, especially using high-interest credit cards, to pay for training. If you do decide to go down this route, apply yourself; don't pay someone else to do it. And always be honest about your current income.
- As we always recommend, do your own research about the credentials and reliability of training and coaching organizations. Check out alternative training providers.
- Read this report from the FTC on scam coaching and business programs: <https://tinyurl.com/Scambusters-210527-1>

Alert of the Week

Fake US Customs and Border Protection agents are the latest crooks to join the impersonator scams list.

They claim that they've intercepted either a suspicious package or a parcel of lottery winnings addressed to the victim.

Then they may demand, with threats, the victim provides personal, confidential identity information, or, in the case of the lottery winnings, a substantial fee to get the money.

Customs and border protection people don't use the phone this way, so you can safely hang up.

Time to conclude for today -- have a great week!

The rest of this article and many more can be read in the police report at www.springwaternews.ca

Purest water: Tiny council votes 3-2 to settle with aggregate company

By Kate Harries

You may not have heard about this, because the decision was taken behind closed doors, but on May 21 2021, three Tiny Township councillors voted to walk back the municipality's stance of protecting the pristine water of the Waverley Uplands.

The decision, which did not become known to the public until earlier this month when minutes of the May meeting were released, was greeted with anger and disappointment by those who see that expanding aggregate operations on French's Hill near Waverley is beginning to affect what has been identified as the purest water known to science.

"It's appalling," said Judith Grant, of the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations, a cottagers' group that has taken the lead in the legal fight against aggregate expansion.

The Township of Tiny and FoTTSA, were joint opponents of an application to expand the Teedon Pit off Darby Rd. in Waverley by CRH Canada Group Inc., operating locally through its subsidiary Dufferin Aggregates.

But on May 21 2021, Mayor George Cornell, Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma and Councillor Cindy Hastings voted in favour of bowing out of the fight to protect the water. The motion that was passed declares: "All outstanding technical issues have been satisfactorily addressed, therefore, staff recommend that council direct Barriston (the township's lawyer) to prepare minutes of settlement with CRH and report back to council."

Councillors Gib Wishart and Tony Mintoff voted against. Details of the council table discussion that led to this vote are not known as the meeting - one of the most momentous in the township's history in terms of protecting a resource that has global significance - was held in camera.

"The council has dumped the legal battle onto the back of a citizens' group," said Grant. "It's outrageous, incredible! They have all the way along made it look as if they were furious about this and now all of sudden they're backing out."

Both Grant and local farmer Anne Ritchie-Nahuis were leaders in the battle to stop Dump Site 41, in which Simcoe County was forced to back down on its construction of a landfill on top of the aquifer.

"I cannot sleep at night thinking about the failure of our government," said Ritchie Nahuis, a member of the

Friends of the Waverley Uplands and AWARE Simcoe, two other groups fighting to protect the water. "How can something so spectacular, so pristine, just be laid to ruin? It's thoughtless and immoral and has to be stopped."

Nahuis faults Tiny council for failing to boost protection for French's Hill through the Official Plan and other tools within their power. The process only allows the municipality to object if an application fails to comply with their rules, she explained. "Now they say it does comply - that's because their rules are so weak... The politicians say they were fighting this, and the public assumed they were taking care of business - but they did nothing to increase the protection."

Many had hoped that township councillors really meant what they said when in 2020, they passed a unanimous resolution declaring that the township is fundamentally opposed to the extraction and washing of aggregate in environmentally sensitive areas, and that issuing of any new licenses await the finding of a groundwater study being undertaken by leading Canadian hydrogeologist John Cherry.

On April 28 2021, Cherry along with William Shotyk of the University of Alberta, who first determined the exceptional purity of the water 30 years ago and has been sampling it ever since, appeared at a virtual special meeting of council to warn of damage being done to the natural filtration system by removal of soils and other protective cover. The pristine nature of the water is at risk, council was told.

"To expand such operations would be a crime against future generations, against our grandchildren and beyond," Cherry said. "There are no shades of grey on this. This is a matter of right versus wrong."

Cherry and Shotyk are among a number of prominent scientists who have applied for a five-year federal grant to study the aquifer.

Michael Powell of the University of Alberta appeared with William Shotyk on May 28 to urge on council the importance of protecting the site until the mechanisms of the filtration have been studied, expressed disappointment at Tiny council's decision. No councillor mentioned that they had decided behind closed doors a week earlier to throw in the towel.

Powell noted that the regulations in place to approve a permit to take water, or mine aggregate, do not consider the "real" impact of these operations in the context of soil-water-plant geochemistry, or how these complicated and

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intertwined processes can so easily be derailed by minor changes to groundwater flow.

"The recharge for many of the wells to the north and west of French's Hill are in jeopardy as are some of the important headlands for the Wye River and the wetlands that it supports throughout the northwest parts of Simcoe County," Powell said

"I am not sure how to get this message through to government officials," Powell added. "But, this is the whole reason for the groundwater study ... I just hope we are in time."

Two players from the aggregate industry are active on French's Hill at the moment. CRH (headquartered in Dublin in the Irish republic) is seeking an expansion of its Teedon Pit - that's the action Tiny Township no longer opposes - and it has also been granted a permit to take water for the washing of gravel that both FoTTSA and the township have been given leave to appeal. It's not clear what the township's position now is on this CRH PTTW.

The other player is the Sarjeant Company, which has applied for two permits to take water to wash gravel - 1,641,600 litres a day, 180 days a year, for 10 years - creating two massive ponds. Sarjeant's application was posted on Ontario's Environmental Registry, and is now being considered by the Ministry of the Environment and Parks.

Meanwhile the people are gathering... Water Warriors are on hand every Friday from 4 to 6 pm along Highway 27 from Elmvale, past the "flow" where people come to collect "the world's purest water," past French's Hill where drummers sound the alarm, through Waverley and through Perkinsfield. Come join us! More information from Friends of the Waverley Uplands on Facebook and from the websites of Save Our Water Tiny and AWARE Simcoe.

Kate Harries is a member of AWARE Simcoe and the Friends of the Waverley Uplands.

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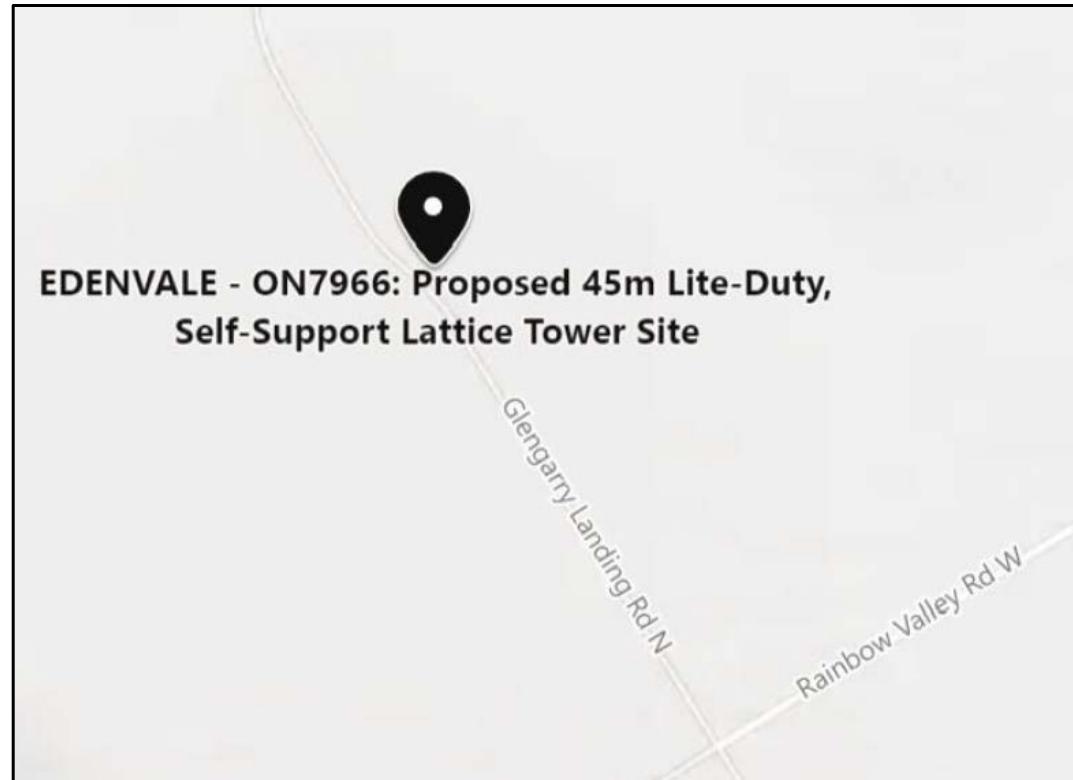
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Xplornet Communications Inc. has proposed a 45m tall steel lite-duty self-support lattice tower and related radio equipment at 2812 Rainbow Valley Road West, Edenvale, ON. Xplornet is proposing a new entrance and access road off Glengarry landing Road for the site which is located in the northwest corner of the subject property. Proposed tower site will improve Xplornet wireless internet services to the community.

ANY PERSON may participate in a virtual open house that will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021 from 6:00pm - 6:30pm. Meeting will be streamed live via Zoom meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/89914567103> or by using Zoom meeting ID: 899 1456 7103 and Passcode: EDENVALE.

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is urging everyone to take the necessary precautions to keep their pets safe and protected during the hot summer months.

Temperatures inside a vehicle can quickly become hotter than the temperature outside even if windows are left slightly open. Pets can be put at risk of serious illness and possibly death due to heat exposure as a result of being left in a vehicle. If pets cannot leave the car and go with their owners, then leave them at home where they will be safe, cool, and comfortable.

"Animal owners have a responsibility to provide the proper care for their pets. Leaving a pet unattended in a hot car is irresponsible and can put an animal's life in danger," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "It is important that we take the necessary precautions to protect our pets from the heat. I am proud that Ontario is the first jurisdiction in Canada to implement a full provincial animal welfare enforcement system to enhance animal safety and ensure strong penalties for those who commit acts of animal cruelty."

The Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act came into effect January 1, 2020 and allows police, First Nations constables and provincial animal welfare inspectors to enter motor vehicles to help pets in distress. The legislation also has the strongest penalties in the country for people who violate animal welfare laws, including causing distress to an animal.

If an individual sees an animal in a hot car in distress and is concerned the animal's life is in danger, call 911 immediately as this is an emergency. Members of the public should not attempt to enter a vehicle in these situations.

Quick Facts

- Unlike humans, pets have a limited capacity to deal with the heat, and they can quickly become overwhelmed, leading to a heat stroke.
- Excessive panting, increased drooling, weakness, muscle twitching, and vomiting are all examples of visible signs of distress that may indicate heat stroke in animals.
- The most dramatic rise in temperature occurs within the first 10 minutes that a vehicle is idle. Even at an outdoor temperature of only 25°C, the inside temperature of a car can reach 34°C in as little as 10 minutes and up to 50°C by the time an hour has passed.
- In these emergencies, fire services may also assist in rescuing distressed pets in motor vehicles.

Cruelty to any animal is not tolerated in Ontario. If you think any animal is in distress or being abused, call 1-833-9-ANIMAL (264625).

Premier Ford Announces Changes to Cabinet Renewed team well positioned to focus on priorities of Ontarians

TORONTO — Today, Premier Doug Ford announced changes to Ontario's cabinet.

"With 21 per cent of adults now fully vaccinated as Team Ontario sets new records in daily shots, we can be confident that the worst of the pandemic is behind us," said Premier Ford. "As we continue our work to rebuild and support Ontario's health system, our renewed team is well positioned to deliver on the priorities that matter to Ontarians, including getting more people back to work, making life more affordable, supporting businesses and job creators and building transit infrastructure."

Changes to the Executive Council include the following:

- Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North, becomes Minister of Colleges and Universities.
- Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, MPP for Kanata-Carleton, becomes Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.
- Parm Gill, MPP for Milton, becomes Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.
- Rod Phillips, MPP for Ajax, becomes Minister of Long-Term Care.
- Dave Piccini, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, becomes Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
- Greg Rickford, MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, assumes a merged role as Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, as well as remains Minister of Indigenous Affairs. This new northern and economic focused ministry will enhance development potential and sustainability in the North. Energy will transfer to a new separate ministry.
- Todd Smith, MPP for Bay of Quinte, becomes Minister of Energy.
- Rosario Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, becomes Minister of Government and Consumer Services.
- Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP for Brampton South, becomes President of the Treasury Board.
- Kinga Surma, MPP for Etobicoke Centre, becomes Minister of Infrastructure.
- Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron Bruce, becomes Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.
- Stan Cho, MPP for Willowdale, becomes Associate Minister of Transportation, reporting to Minister Mulroney.
- Jane McKenna, MPP for Burlington, becomes Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues, reporting to Minister Fullerton.
- Nina Tangri, MPP for Mississauga Streetsville, becomes Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, reporting to Minister Fedeli.
- Kaled Rasheed, MPP for Mississauga East-Cooksville, becomes Associate Minister of Digital Government, reporting to Minister Bethlenfalvy.

Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge and Minister of Finance, will assume responsibility for Ontario's digital government strategy within the Ministry of Finance.

THROWBACK THURSDAY

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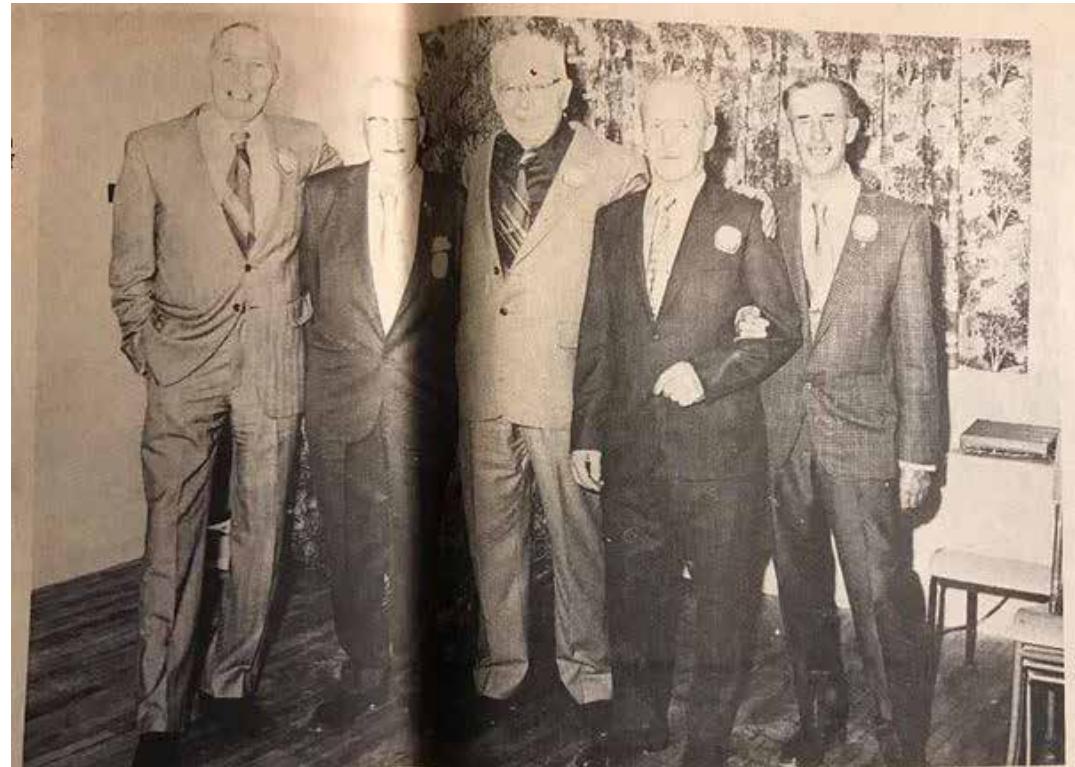
The building on the far left still stands, as Elmvale Farm Supply. And although the tree on the right has grown over the years, it is recognizable as the same tree. From the 1960s, Elmvale Farm Supply retains a similar function to that of a post office. It serves as a drop-off point for parcels carried by Grey Coach Bus Lines.

And Elmvale residents will gather around to watch the Grey Coach Bus Lines bus担当 the affairs of the day.



10 volunteers acting as lay teachers helping to mark papers and teach reading to the junior grades.

Staff photo



Original Lions members 1972

Five of the original charter members of the Elmvale and District Lions Club got together at the second annual Lions

From left to right: Ernie Flotron, Bill McFadden, Howard Ritchie, Reg Bertram, and Joe Dyer.

1972

Staff photo

Month of June Birthstone

June's traditional birthstone is the pearl. With their natural beauty, pearls have been beloved for centuries. The pearl, is associated with purity, honesty, and calm.

Unlike other gems, true pearls develop naturally in the wild and are made by living creatures! Mollusks, such as clams, oysters, and mussels, create pearls in response to irritants that get inside their shells. When this happens, a mollusk coats the substance with conchiolin (which acts like a glue) and layers of crystallized calcium carbonate, called nacre or mother-of-pearl.

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Obituaries

MINTY, Evelyn Mildred -

Passed away peacefully at Georgian Bay General Hospital, Midland, on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Evelyn Minty of Elmvale, beloved wife of the late Clive Minty. Cherished mother of Diane and her husband John Pinder of Elmvale, Brian and his wife Elaine of Kincardine, John and his wife Myriam of Elmvale and Paul and his wife Brigitte of Elmvale. Predeceased by sons Doug and Charles (survived by Heather). Proud grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 15. Predeceased by her parents Harold and Dora Martin, she was their last surviving child of 7 girls and 3 boys. She will be missed by her nieces and nephews.



Evelyn loved a good game of Bid Euchre and besides playing in Elmvale she would travel to Bayshore Senior's Club and Wyevale to fulfill her 'mean competitive streak'. Evelyn was grateful for the generous phone calls and food that arrived at her door. She loved being part of the Elmvale Community and treasured her many friends there.

A private family graveside service will take place at the Elmvale Cemetery on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

Evelyn was a supporter of the Elmvale & District Food Bank and so the family would appreciate memorial donations to that organization in her memory.

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

Lynda Catherine Lyons, Hulme, Cuthbert, Crowe
April 29th 1942 – June 8th 2021

Mom passed away peacefully with her daughters Cathy and Missy by her side.

Left behind to celebrate Moms extraordinary life, are her children; Albert Hulme (Leona Lucas) and late daughter Mariah.

Catherine (George) Jacobs; Jamie (Karen) and Cory.

Tami Lyons (James Walker); Jocelynn (Ryan) Vieira, Nicholas Foster and Fiancé Christina and Alexis Arsenault.

Heather Winger; Roy Verbeek and the late Devon Verbeek.

Don Cuthbert (Jennifer); Emma, Carly and Donny.

Randy Cuthbert and son Chris Lembo.

Missy (Jim) Small; Marcus and Sirius.

Great Grandchildren; Roger and Colton Jacobs.

Alfie, Lily and Ben Vieira.

Emery, Haddie and Indie Verbeek.

She was stepmother to Don's children

David, Peter, Natalie Cuthbert Bengert.

Survived by her brother Christopher Lyons and his wife Susan.

Stepmother to Edward's children;

Joseph Guitar and children Grant (True) & Keith,

Andrew (Nancy) Guitar and children Candy (Todd & children Alec, Jillian & Ethan), Tim (Tammy), Nathan (Kirstin & children Ava, Tate & Harper), Megan (Bryan & children Talen, Chase, Nash & Scottlyn) and Cassandra (RJ & children Faith, Tyson & Emmitt), Phil (Cathy) Guitar and Stephen Crowe (Shawna & child Zachary).

Predeceased by her husband Edward Crowe October, 2018.

Donald Cuthbert March, 2007

Her parents Stanley Lyons and Trixie Trollope and stepmother Hilda Lyons.

Mom lived a full life, as a wonderful mother surrounded by her children. She was a homemaker and guardian of all animals. Mom loved her gardens, they were truly a labour of love. Mom was highly skilled with knitting needles, fine bead work, quilting, rug hooking, and many other crafts. Mom had a deep love for all things Christmas and loved nothing more than singing Christmas carols during the season and beyond. Mom was a fabulous cook especially her Mac & Cheese, mashed potatoes, roast beef and scalloped potatoes. Mom touched the lives of many people and brought smiles to the faces of all who knew her.

She was most proud of her church work. Mom and her late husband Edward, liked to visit long term care homes and hospice, to read and visit with the residence. Our earthly Angel is now our heavenly Angel, watching over us from above.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A private graveside service will be held at the Elmvale Cemetery.

If desired, memorial donations to the Farley Foundation or Waterloo Hospice would be appreciated.

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A man without ambition is dead. A man with ambition but no love is dead. A man with ambition and love for his blessings here on earth is ever so alive. Having been alive, it won't be so hard in the end to lie down and rest

--Pearl Bailey

HOPKINS, CATHERINE
August 5, 1952 – June 18, 2021

It is with heavy hearts we announce the loss of our beloved Cathy on June 18th, 2021 after a valiant battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family and close friends.



Born in Galt, Ontario, Cathy grew up in the Cambridge area, attended nursing school in Guelph, then moved to the Barrie area in 1983. She was a devoted nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital for 35 years. Cathy is survived by her loving mother Ursula Connolly and is predeceased by her father, Robert Connolly. She will be deeply missed by her children Jeff (Amanda) Hopkins and Loren Hopkins (Aaron Anstett), and her cherished grandchildren, Peyton, Jonah, Olivia, Brinley, Elliott, and Imogen. Cathy will forever be remembered by her brothers Paul Connolly (Denise Lodge-Connolly) and Greg Connolly (Dana Choma). Cathy will remain in the heart of her beloved partner and companion Robert Cram.

Cathy touched the lives of many people and was known to be a devoted friend. She will be missed greatly by Carol, Sandra, Mary, Karen, and Nancy, as well as many others. Special thanks to the nurses and doctors at the RVH Cancer Centre and Cathy's Palliative Care Team.

Respecting Cathy's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations can be made to Ovarian Cancer Canada or the RVH Cancer Centre.

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HALLYBURTON, Albert Victor -

Passed away suddenly on Sunday, June 13, 2021. Al Hallyburton formerly of Hillsdale in his 89th year.

Beloved husband of Dolly Hallyburton (nee McTague) married for 68 years. Dear father of Susan (John) Buchanan of Orr Lake, Deborah (John) Melnyk of Simcoe, Ronald (Gaylene) of Hillsdale, and Michael (Christine) of Port Perry. Loved grandpa of 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Survived by his brothers, Roy, Robert, and Roland.

Many friends and neighbours will remember Al as the owner of Hillsdale Service Centre for over 20 years. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Lung Association, or the Alzheimer's Society may be made in Al's memory.

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**Guy Leonard Maurice,
Retired Justice of the Peace of Ontario.**
June 3, 1935 – June 20, 2021.

Guy passed peacefully with his family by his side. Survived by his devoted and loving wife of 63 years, Rosalind. Dad to Bryan Maurice (Linda), Bradley Maurice (Brenda) and Carolyn Brooks (Michael). Papa to grandchildren Kyle Maurice (Kelly), Jason Maurice, Brittney Drozdowski (Matt); BJ Maurice (Heather); Jordan Brooks (Jamie-Lee), Riley Brooks (Megan), Sam Brooks (Sarah). Great Papa to great grandchildren Avery, Parker, Hannah, and 2 new babies arriving in October. Pre-deceased by his brothers Marc and Justin, and his sister Yolande.



Guy was born and raised in Lafontaine to Lucien and Adele Maurice. He began his working life alongside his father in his International Harvester tractor dealership, fixing and servicing tractors on local farms. After sailing on the S.S. Keewatin, he attended business college and then worked as a bookkeeper for Dominion Food Stores. He then spent a lifetime in public service at all levels of government – federal, provincial and municipal, including 27 years as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Tiny.

He also served the members of his community as the volunteer Fire Chief for the Township of Tiny, as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Penetanguishene General Hospital, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene (now known as Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care). Never one to sit still, he managed to find time to own and operate Wyevale Sunoco for several years.

In 1991 he was appointed as a Justice of the Peace for the province of Ontario, retiring in 2010. As a Justice of the Peace, Guy presided in courts across the province, in both French and English. He joyfully officiated at hundreds of wedding ceremonies, including the weddings of 3 of his grandchildren. When he was sworn in, his family was advised that he was to be addressed as His Worship. This was not a stretch, as we already worshipped him.

Guy will be remembered by his family as kind, loving, tenacious and determined. He was dedicated to his family and his collection of 7 antique International tractors that he dragged home and lovingly restored. His fleet of tractors was a great source of pride and they became a fixture in the annual Elmvale Fall Fair Parade, driven by his sons and grandchildren. In his spare time, he fixed tractors, cut the grass and cheered for the Montreal Canadiens.

Guy was a man of many talents. He could type 120 words a minute; rock any baby to sleep; and was a great dancer. It was a pleasure to watch him and Rosalind float across a dance floor in perfect unison – a reflection of their life together.

Guy lived out the last few years of his life on the Willow wing of the Georgian Manor in Penetanguishene. Our family will be forever grateful to the exceptional, dedicated and compassionate care that he received from Dr. Kyle Lee and all of the incredibly kind and devoted staff at the Georgian Manor who cared for him as they would care for their own family. A special thank you to Cora, Annette, Rahill, Denise, May, Andrew, Annie, Dylan, Brent, Dorothy, Shawn, Michelle, and Stephen. Cremation has taken place, and with restrictions currently in place, a private family gathering to honour his legacy is planned. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Diabetes Canada would be appreciated.

Rest peacefully Guy. You certainly deserve it. Go Habs. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com

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Secure site to post your video with parents able to view videos for the age category – sites are moderated.

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Saturday, June 26, 8:00 a.m. – noon

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July 24, 2021 Elmvale Fairgrounds

The Flos Agricultural Society will be hosting a Drive-through Dinner to celebrate the community and give back during what has been a difficult year for so many. Meals are to be pre-ordered and purchased prior to pick up at the fairgrounds.

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Simcoe County Branch



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SAT. JULY 3, 2021 2:00 to 3:00

Speaker: Ken McKinlay

Topic: Chipping Away at the Brickwall

You will need to Register by going to the Events tab on the Simcoe County Branch Meetings web page (<https://simcoe.ogs.on.ca/branch-meetings/>), or our Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/827393414004460/>) for information about other online events until we can meet in person again. We hope you will be able to join us virtually.

Sunday, August 22, 2021

12:30 - 4:00

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We will be following all Simcoe Muskoka covid protocols.

MP Doug Shipley regretfully cancels Canada Day drive-thru event at instruction of local Health Unit

June 22, 2021 – MP Doug Shipley is disheartened to announce the cancellation of his planned Canada Day drive-thru event on July 1st, after he was informed by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit that approval for the event would not be issued based on current Provincial regulations.

"Unfortunately, I was informed by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit that approval for this physically distanced drive-thru event could not be issued under Step 1 of the Roadmap to Reopening framework," said MP Doug Shipley. "I am, of course, disappointed and was looking forward to safely celebrating Canada Day with our community at the drive-thru as I had last year."

MP Shipley had planned to hand out ice cream, cupcakes, Canada Day flags and loot bags for kids.

He was looking forward to being joined by the Barrie Native Friendship Center, Barrie Police, Barrie Fire and Emergency Services, and Ontario Provincial Police, with music from 93.1 Fresh Radio. MP Shipley thanks the Barrie Legion 147 for kindly providing their parking lot as a space for the now-cancelled event.

Local mascot friends including Charlie Horse (Barrie Colts), Cool Cat Junior (Barrie Baycats) and Sparky (Barrie Fire and Emergency Services) were also set to attend and greet attendees from a distance as they proceeded through the drive-thru.

"The event would have been something fun to look forward to on Canada Day, which I think we could have all used this year. But I know we'll be together next year – we are almost through this pandemic and will keep looking forward to the future," said MP Shipley.

"While I am disappointed, I understand and appreciate the Health Unit's difficult position. Everyone at the Health Unit has been working very hard to keep our community safe and healthy throughout this pandemic, and

I thank them for their dedication to our community."

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Announcements**Notice to Creditors and Others
In the Estate of Gordon Renfrew McGrath**

All claims against the Estate of Gordon Renfrew McGrath late of the Town of Elmvale, Township of Springwater, County of Simcoe who died on or about 25th day of February, 2021, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 20th day of July, 2021.

Thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the Estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated May 20, 2021

Lysanne Cholette
Cholette Law
Barrister & Solicitor
Unit 1, 940 Mosley St.
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Matthew & Danielle Garwood

On the 12th of June 2021, Matthew Garwood and Danielle Davies were married in Cope-town, ON. The wedding was held on Danielle's family property on the water filled with pine trees and beautiful scenery. Matthew and Danielle had been engaged for over three and a half years and were finally able to tie

the knot with a few close family members and friends. Matthew and Danielle live in Elmvale and are expecting their first baby in the fall, they are so excited to start this next chapter.

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY!

Help us celebrate **Jack Dyer**'s 90th birthday!
Drive through at the home farm (back shop)

June 27, 2021
2 – 4 pm

Here we Grow again!

The Archers are happy to announce the safe arrival of the newest member of their clan...
Beckett L. J. Weir, son of Stefanie Archer and Chad Weir. This future heavyweight boxing champ was born Sunday, June 13, tipping the scales at a whopping 10 lbs. 12 oz. Sister Bree and big brother Bryson are thrilled, as are grandparents Darlene and Ric Archer and Darlene Weir of Nottawa.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Once again, with hope that there will not be another break

Elmvale Presbyterian Church invites you to
\$5.00 Let's Do Lunch Take-out Style
Orders: phone (705)322-1411 on Monday, July 5th
9:00am - 4:00pm

Pickup: Thursday, July 8th at 11:45am - 12:15pm
Where: East side of the building at 22 Queen St. E

Delivery in town only. Safety protocol will be observed. Thank you for your patience. We are excited to be able to be with you once again, if only at the door, and look forward to doing this again regularly on the second Thursday of each month.

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Rice is a symbol of life and fertility, which is why rice was traditionally thrown at weddings.

Thanks

To our family, friends and neighbours thank you for your expressions of condolence on the passing of my husband Bob Todd, father of Lori and David. Your donations, cards, food, flowers, plants, phone calls and on-line messages have been gratefully appreciated and very comforting. Thank you for your kindness and support during our sad time of loss.

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In Memoriam**LOFTUS, Bernard – June 24, 1994**

As time unfolds another year
Memories keep you ever near.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that will last forever.
As you were, you will always be,
Treasured forever in our memory.
Forever remembered, forever missed.

With love, your family.

Obituaries

Priest, Fredrick (Fred) - Passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, June 17, 2021 surrounded by family. Fred Priest in his 90th year loving husband of Grace Priest. Father of Cathie (the late Frank) Vezeau, Randy Priest (Tracey), James Priest (Debbie) and Bonni Cripps (Karl) and step-father of Michelle

Caron. Fred will be remembered by his grandchildren and great grandchild. Fred will be forever remembered by his nephews Don, Glen and John Priest, Glenn Moreau (Bonnie McGill-Ploeg) as well as his many friends and neighbours. Fred worked many years as a volunteer working with the Annual Georgian Bay Steam Show, The Barrie Fair and the Simcoe County Plowman's Association. Agriculture was embedded in Fred. Friends and family will be received at ADAMS FUNERAL HOME, 445 St. Vincent St. Barrie (just north of Cundles Rd.) on Friday, June 25 from 9:30 – 10:30a.m. A funeral service will be livestreamed on Friday, June 25, 2021 at 11 o'clock through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89320593977> Interment Minesing Union Cemetery. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family through adamsfuneralhome.ca.

In accordance to directives put in place by provincial governing bodies and the Public Health Unit there will be a limit on the number of people permitted into Adams Funeral Home at one time. Please follow the directions of the parking lot attendant upon your arrival.

Please note that wearing a facial covering and adhering to physical distancing directives is mandatory. No gathering is permitted on the funeral home parking lot please.

Lois Margaret Shanahan (nee Lockhart)

August 11, 1944 – June 21, 2021



Peacefully passed with family by her side at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at the age of 76 years. Beloved wife of John "Jack" just shy of their 52nd anniversary. Loving mother of Corey and Jason (Alissa). Proud grandmother of Paige and Noah. Dear sister of Lynda (Brian), Lorna (Brian), Lorrie (Doug) and Lucinda (Doug). Predeceased by her parents George and Gladys Lockhart. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends.

Visitation will take place at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley St., Barrie on Thursday, June 24th, 2021 from 6-8 pm. Funeral Service will take place the following day on Friday, June 25th, 2021 at 11 am and will be livestreamed for guests to attend virtually. Due to COVID restrictions, only immediate family and invited guests will be present in-person for the service. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lois's memory may be made to the Princess Margaret Hospital, and are greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences and memories may be left at www.steckleygooderham.com.

A Face coverings and physical distancing mandatory. As per Provincial COVID regulations, guests will be screened and logged at entry.

Sometimes you never know the benefit of a moment until it becomes a memory.

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Step One Impacts on Springwater Municipal Services

Township of Springwater / June 17, 2021 – On Friday, June 11, the Province of Ontario entered Step One of its Roadmap to Reopen amid rising vaccination levels and continued improvements in key public health indicators.

Step One of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of some outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmitting COVID-19 is lower. It also permits more limited indoor settings to be open, all with restrictions in place.

Permissible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 10 people.
- Outdoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, capped at the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres.
- Indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, up to 15% capacity.
- Non-essential retail at 15% capacity.
- Essential retail at 25% capacity, with no restrictions on the goods that can be sold.
- Outdoor dining for up to 4 people per table, with exceptions for larger households.
- Outdoor attractions such as zoos, landmarks, historic sites, and botanical gardens, with capacity and other restrictions.

As a result of the framework under Step One, the following municipal services, facilities, and amenities are affected:

- The Township Administration Centre and Minesing Fire Station 3 have reopened to the public, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Appointments are strongly encouraged as staff are available on a rotating schedule.
- Community halls remain unavailable for venue rental at this time.
- All recreational sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and outdoor pavilions are open for groups of up to 10 people. Public washroom facilities remain closed.
- Tree Nursery Sports Park is open for permitted sports training bookings. All sports field inquiries must be made by contacting recreation@springwater.ca. Please note that games and scrimmages are not permitted at this time.
- Playgrounds and outdoor fitness equipment are open. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.
- A modified summer camp program will run in accordance with public health measures laid out by the Province of Ontario and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
- The Elmvale Splash Pad is open daily from 10 am to 7 pm. Physical distancing measures must be followed by all users.
- The Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale is open Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm. Visitors will be required to wear a mask upon entering the market.
- The Springwater Public Library will continue to offer curbside service to residents.

The Province will remain in Step One for at least 21 days. If at the end of this period, 70% of adults have been vaccinated with one dose and 20% of adults with two doses, and there are continued improvements in other key public health and health system indicators, the Province may move to Step Two of the Roadmap.

For additional information on the measures and restrictions under Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen, visit the provincial website at Ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario.

For additional information on the status of COVID-19 in our area, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at smdu.org/COVID19.

For additional information on how the Township of Springwater is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit springwater.ca/COVID19.

Read this article on our website.



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Soldiers' Hospital Not-So-Classic Golf Tournament Online Silent Auction Now Open

ORILLIA, ON – The online auction for the 24th Annual Soldiers' Hospital Not-So-Classic Golf Tournament, presented by Tatham Engineering and Bill McKenzie & Family is now open. Sponsored by Laclie Pharmacy, the auction features a number of great items to bid on, including local experiences, NHL fan gear, patio enhancements — like a Broil King barbecue — golf packages and much more, all in support of the MRI Replacement Project at Soldiers'. The auction is live online at HospitalClassic.ca until June 25th at 6 pm.

"As with many of our events over this past year, we've had to make some unique, yet positive adjustments to adapt to the current environment," said Hunter Markle, Development Officer – Annual Giving with the OSMH Foundation. "The hybrid format allows us to fundraise for our Hospital while supporting our local golf clubs, restaurants and businesses without the risk big gatherings pose. We are so grateful to everyone who donated to the auction and encourage our community to check out all the wonderful items up for bid!"

In lieu of a traditional golf tournament, the Foundation has partnered with six local golf courses and five local restaurants to create individual, foursome and family golf and dining packages, priced from \$150-\$600 that can be used any time throughout the 2021 golf season. The proceeds from the sale of the packages, the silent auction and an online 50/50 raffle will contribute to the overall success of the event and support the replacement of the aging MRI unit at Soldiers'.

The 50/50 raffle is open to all Ontario residents over the age of 18. The prize pot is currently over \$23,000 and counting. The Early Bird winner has already been drawn. Elizabeth Olson of Orillia won two golf passes to the Not-So-Classic golf tournament and dinner for two. The final draw for the 50/50 is June 25th at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased online at Soldiers5050.ca or by phone at 705-325-6464.

Since 1997, the Hospital Classic has raised more than \$2.3 million in support of Soldiers'.

About Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation

The OSMH Foundation is a proud partner of Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and the communities it serves. The Foundation fundraises to purchase medical equipment, sustain programs and assist the Hospital in maintaining its position as a leader in providing quality community-based healthcare.

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County awards 2021 Tourism, Culture and Sport Grants

Midhurst/June 16, 2021 – The County of Simcoe has approved 89 successful applications totalling more than \$470,000 through the 2021 Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program to enhance existing tourism, culture and sport projects throughout the County.

"We know how anxious everyone is to get back to "normal" as soon as it is safe, including our outstanding tourism, culture and sport sectors, which have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Warden George Cornell. "Council was pleased to roll over our 2020 funds to allow us to award 89 grants and grow local talent, entrepreneurs and organizations committed to expanding regional tourism and enhancing our local communities."

In 2020, the County received 99 applications requesting a total of almost \$1.1 million in financial support. However, due to COVID-19, in April 2020, Council voted to suspend the Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant and apply the allocated \$300,000 for 2020 to the 2021 envelope, increasing the 2021 budget to \$600,000. The County received 104 applications in total for 2021, requesting \$628,256.64. Council approved 89 applications for funding in the amount of \$ 471,396.93. The unspent funds in 2021 will be added to the 2022 funding envelope. For a list of successful applicants, visit experience.simcoe.ca/resources.

Through this grant program, the County supports and enhances tourism, culture and sport in Simcoe County by:

- Investing in tourism, culture and sport activities that promote awareness, access, participation and appreciation of the distinct, diverse offerings within the County of Simcoe
- Building organizational capacity in local existing and new organizations
- Encouraging collaborative opportunities and partnerships
- Contributing to the County of Simcoe's overall economic health and sense of place
- Enhancing participants' experiences by supporting innovative and accessible programming

About the Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program

The Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant Program is the result of a merger between the Simcoe County Tourism Development Fund (SCTDF) and the Arts, Culture and Heritage (Built, Natural and Environmental) Grant, and is accessible to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within Simcoe County. For more information on the Grant program, visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/fin/grants>.

Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.

— Benjamin Franklin



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