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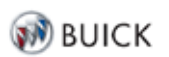
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The Ole Bridge on Flos Rd 4



Country Roads are amazing.

This old bridge on Flos Rd 4 has a lot of history and was an iconic landmark in our region. There is now a newly constructed bridge that is use for traffic but still remains as a great memory to many.

Susan and Scott have special memories of this bridge as the had their first kiss on this bridge. Susan remembers that is was Saturday October 15, 2016 at 9:11 am. They love the new bridge but miss driving on the old one. Susan and Scott moved here in October of 2015 and now are married 45 years as of March 4.

Progress is bond to happen but the memories will not fade of this beautiful bridge of the ole days. More that two people love this bridge of yesterdays.



Fun-filled Family Day Event for a Great Cause

19 hours and 26 minutes - DONE

Steve McNeil kissed the ice good-bye for this season as the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County confirmed the day a remarkable success with over three hundred people dropping by Webers Starbucks Rink between 12:01am and 7:26pm to donate over \$6,000.00 dollars and grab some ice time with Steve. He was in good company with skaters who graced the ice from the Mariposa and Orillia Skating Clubs, Charlie Horse, Mayor Steve Clarke so many supporters from across Simcoe County.

All money raised will stay in the region to support the programs and services offered by the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County to people living with dementia and their care partners throughout Simcoe County. Receiving a diagnosis of dementia is not

easy. Making a quick connection to a community of support can make a big difference by eliminating uncertainty and unknowns. The Alzheimer Society is the first place to turn. For access to programs and services, those with a diagnosis of dementia and care partners are encouraged to call the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County directly or ask their family doctor about being referred to the Alzheimer Society.

“Mr. McNeil’s dedication to this marathon skate is a powerful symbolic display of the time and effort caregivers devote to family members with Alzheimer’s and other dementias. I share my sincere thanks to Mr. McNeil and the

Alzheimer Society
SIMCOE COUNTY

Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County for organizing this skate,” said Doug Shipley, Member of Parliament for Barrie–Springwater–Oro-Medonte.

#1926skate was a great warm-up for the 24th annual IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer’s. People across the county will be storing the skates and pulling out their walking shoes in anticipation of walking 10,500 steps during the month of May for the 10,500 people living with dementia in our region.

Stay tuned



Pictured left to right:

*Back row
Mayor Steve Clarke, Mayor Mike Burkett, Tom Rennie, Debbie Islam, Valerie Powell, Jay Fallis & Charlie Horse*

*Front row
Ann Marie Kungl, Tom Stevens, Judith Cox, Steve McNeil, Daniel Patriquin & Ocean Dinel*



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Phone number and address must be supplied for all letters to the editor

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Dear Editor,

I have cancer. My cancer is called multiple myeloma (also known as myeloma) and it is the second most common form of blood cancer. Have you ever heard of it?

Every day, an average of 10 Canadians are diagnosed with myeloma, a number which has been steadily increasing since the early 90's. Despite its growing prevalence, myeloma remains relatively unknown; most people living with the disease heard the words 'multiple myeloma' uttered for the very first time when they received their diagnosis.

I am writing to ask for your help in bringing public awareness to myeloma, a fatal disease that profoundly impacts the lives of so many in Canada. We are calling on all levels of government across our vast country to officially proclaim March 2022 as "Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month". Many jurisdictions in Canada, the United States and around the world have already recognized the month of March as "Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month" and have designated a specific day in March as "Multiple Myeloma Awareness Day." Help us increase awareness of this incurable cancer to the Canadian population.

Myeloma manifests itself and develops differently in each patient which means that patients' responses to the same therapies differ greatly. This makes myeloma a difficult disease to both diagnose and treat.

Symptoms of myeloma are often vague, like fatigue, anemia, bone pain (resulting from bone fractures), and kidney problems. As such, there are many ways avenues that can lead to a diagnosis. It is therefore crucial that patients and primary care physicians recognize early signs and symptoms of the disease. A delayed diagnosis is almost always associated with serious complications that impact the quality and length of life of patients with this cancer.

People like me who have myeloma generally have a severely weakened immune system making us more susceptible to frequent, reoccurring – and potentially dangerous – infections, like COVID-19. Access to adequate healthcare and services is essential to protect patients. Inequity in the services and healthcare received is unfortunately a reality that affects many Canadians because of where they live, their income, or their ethnic origins.

In recent years, considerable progress has been made in expanding the range of available treatments and improving the prognosis for those affected.

However, not all Canadians have access to the same treatments. The daily reality of living with myeloma is frightening because it is never a question of whether we will relapse and if we will need a new treatment, but rather when we relapse, will there be new treatments available, and if so, will they be accessible in our province or territory?

This must change — more Canadians need to be made aware of the effects of this devastating disease so that those who have it are diagnosed earlier and have the chance for a better outcome.

Through raising Canadians' awareness for multiple myeloma, we can educate them on the early warning signs of the disease, and open the door to dialogue with the medical community and government authorities for equitable access to healthcare services, innovative therapies, and clinical research.

By participating in our advocacy campaign and helping us make March "Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month", you will help improve the quality and length of life for people living with this incurable cancer.

Help us make March 2022 "Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month" in every province and territory. Together, we can get one step closer to a cure and raise awareness for this disease that has taken the lives of far too many Canadians.

Thank you for giving the 3,800 newly diagnosed Canadians this year, and all of us affected by myeloma, the strength, courage, and hope for a better future.

Visit myeloma.ca to learn more.

Sincerely, Frank Vree, frank.vree@gmail.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS



Winter Blues by Guy Parsons, PoliticalCartoons.com

Spring is around the corner. John Quick who generously built the nesting boxes saw a Robin already. That's the first sign of spring. Warmer temperatures are in the forecast.

I am getting lots of feedback from readers. I have a couple of new contributors to the Springwater News. Mike Tomlinson from Phelpsston has some great stories of "The Good Ole Days in Phelpsston". I hope you find his articles humorous and entertaining. I also got a call from Joanne Nijhuis that is a dietician with a load of skills and experience behind her. She shares my passion for helping the community. I hope her recipes and expertise on nutrition will engage and educate you.



Thank you to the community for your ideas and feedback. It means everything to the Springwater News team.

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Lovebirds Valentine's Day Giveaway for a Chickadee Nesting Box

PUT THE NESTING BOX UP NOW!

The nest box winners came to pick up their nest box and the editor enjoyed meeting the readers of the Springwater News. One young lady had a great story. Kennedy loves birds and did a craft called 'Cup and Ball' that she read in the Chickadee Magazine. She took a picture of her craft and sent it in to the magazine and she won first place. Her craft was printed on the front cover. I am so happy that she won the nesting box. She is excited to watch the eggs being hatched and follow the growth of the baby birds.

The best location to put a nesting box is on a post or a tree and place it with a south/south west facing. Make it eye level so you can watch the development of nesting. Nesting starts for Black-capped Chickadee around mid-March so now is the time to put up the nesting box. The box can be cleaned out as soon as the young have gone on their own. This should be around end of May. I hope everyone enjoys watching the wonders of nature.

Black-capped Chickadee nesting information: Nest Description:

Both male and female chickadees excavate a cavity in a site usually selected by the female. Once the nest chamber is hollowed out (it averages 21 cm deep) the female builds the cup-shaped nest hidden within, using moss and other coarse material for the foundation and lining it with softer material such as rabbit fur.

Clutch Size:	1-13 eggs
Number of Broods:	1 brood
Egg Length:	0.6 in (1.5 cm)
Egg Width:	0.5 in (1.2 cm)
Incubation Period:	12-13 days
Nestling Period:	12-16 days
Egg Description:	White with fine reddish-brown dots or spots.

Condition at Hatching: Eyes closed, naked except for 6 small patches of mouse-gray downy feathers on the back and head. Source: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Black-capped_Chickadee/lifehistory

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GO FORWARD

Bearbells and Beagles



by Leslie Noonan, RPN, Adventurer

Several years ago I took on the challenge of a three week solo hike of the Ganaraska trail. It was the most incredible and grueling adventure I had ever attempted. My daily social media posts documented the many struggles I endured, including losing a toe nail, getting lost in a swamp and running out of water. While most of my friends cheered me on, some people had mild criticisms that my posts were not inspirational and uplifting. Here was my response to those people. It was a lovely 28 km stretch today north of Orillia towards Sedowa. The golden sun shone benevolently upon my shoulders and the occasional rain drop was nourishment for my soul. The butterflies danced around my shoulders and did my bruised feet hurt? Of course not, the mother goddess swaddled me in her embrace. The light breeze whispered you are free while the taste of wild apples awakened my inner mind. For everyone else, my feet are killing me and the blisters are huge.



Life is not always inspirational, but it is possible to see struggles from a different perspective!



Photo: Ganaraska Trail bridge. Just a small hurdle for Leslie.



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With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover

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There are many options to help manage dry mouth. These include ensuring adequate hydration (sipping water often during the day), chewing sugar-free gum or sucking on sugar-free candies, adding a humidifier to your home to help keep the air moist, or using an artificial saliva product to help replace moisture and lubricate the mouth.

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- Service Simcoe

Reminder: March is #ITSTARTS month!

The #ITSTARTS campaign is a public education initiative to promote a unified community that embraces acceptance, inclusion, equity and diversity. This year's campaign is focused on action, It Starts With.

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Viewing County Council

County Council can now be viewed after the livestream has ended! Please visit youtube.com/CountyofSimcoe to watch County Council meetings that have been archived. The February 22, 2022 meeting can be viewed here or by pressing "play" on the video below.

As a reminder, on February 8, 2022, Council approved the archiving of videos, and that archived videos for Council and Committee of the Whole be retained for 365 days from the date of the meeting. The deployment of audio recording and or video broadcasting of meetings will improve access to Council and Committee of the Whole to all persons that may be unable to attend council meetings for a variety of reasons, including due to a disability.

Barrie Warming Centre

The County of Simcoe was approached by the City of Barrie prior to the February 8th Committee of the Whole meeting with a request to match funding in the amount of \$20,000 via the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative. This funding will go to the John Howard Society of Simcoe Muskoka for warming centre operations in order to support those experiencing homelessness in the Barrie and area.

On February 22, 2022, Council approved this funding and extended a request for County staff to meet with municipalities and stakeholders to review warming centre operations going forward.

County of Simcoe Bursary Program

In January 2022, the Bursary Committee met to discuss the status of the County of Simcoe Bursary Program for 2022. In light of the amount of bursary applications received, it was decided that only bursary applicants from participating municipalities within Simcoe County would be considered when awarding bursaries, with the exception of employees of the County of Simcoe and children/dependants of employees, who will maintain eligibility regardless of their municipality's participation.

County Council further explored the decision by the Bursary Committee, and after receiving more information with the rationale for the decision, approved the recommendations.

Acknowledgements

Councillors recognized Warden George Cornell's re-election as Chair of the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus for 2022 and offered their congratulations.

Councillors also recognized Steve McNeil's marathon (over 19-hour) skate for Alzheimer's research, raising over \$6,000 for the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County.

County Council further applauded Collingwood Blues assistant trainer Lindsey O'Neill, and Aurora Tigers trainer and coach, Jen Vaicunas and Greg Johnston, for successfully using an AED machine at the Eddie Bush Memorial Arena in Collingwood, saving the life of a local resident who reportedly had a heart attack on the ice.



Get Your Tickets for the 2022 Family & Friends Drop the Ball Raffle

Tickets are now available for the raffle with a bang! Don't miss your chance to snap up one of the 50,000 numbered golf balls to be dropped on the golf course from a helicopter above in the Family and Friends Drop the Ball Raffle. All proceeds support Hospice Huronia and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care.

Family & Friends held a charitable golf tournament in September 2021 raising \$32,300 in support of the two organizations. The event also kicked off ticket sales for the helicopter golf ball drop to take place September 10, 2022.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25, which gives you the opportunity to win of 13 incredible prizes, plus two early bird draws to take place May 11 and July 26, 2022. Tickets are available online at

www.familyandfriendscharity.ca

They make great gifts for your loved ones or as just a treat for yourself while supporting your community.

Family & Friends are incredibly grateful to the many local businesses who have supported the Drop the Ball Raffle, sponsoring large-ticket items such as a Nissan car, a Sea-Doo personal watercraft and trailer, a Starcraft boat, motor & trailer, a snow blower, golf packages, trip packages and so much more.

"People from all walks of life can find themselves in need of hospice or mental health services. We wanted to keep the raffle tickets affordable to give everyone a chance at these great prizes," said Gerard La Chapelle. "Sponsors have been so generous in helping us pull together a slate of 30+ outstanding prizes so we'll have many happy winners and ultimately families and individuals needing help from Waypoint and Hospice Huronia will benefit the most from everyone's ticket purchases."

"Tomkins House opened last year to provide a home away-from-home for end of life care," said Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director of Hospice Huronia. "It is fundraisers like this raffle and our generous community that allow us to offer our services and programs at no cost to our residents, clients or their families. Your ticket purchase helps families needing our compassionate hospice care or bereavement support and we're so grateful."

"We are enormously grateful to be partnering with Friends & Family and Hospice Huronia for this exciting fundraiser," said Carol Lambie, Waypoint President and CEO. "The continued generosity of our community makes it possible for us to meet the growing demand for mental health and addictions support, treatment and care through the pandemic and beyond."

Gerard started the original Family & Friends Golf Tournament in 2006 in memory of his wife Gail. "We held a memorial tournament in October 2006, in the snow, and a group of us decided to make it an annual event," he says. "In 2007 the Family & Friends Charitable Golf tournament officially began and has supported both Georgian Bay General Hospital and Georgian College in the past."



Heritage at Home Series Offers a Behind-the-Scenes Look at Springwater Heritage Properties

The Township of Springwater is inviting residents to discover the secrets and stories behind three local heritage properties as part of a new virtual presentation offered in celebration of Ontario Heritage Week.

The series, which has been named "Heritage at Home", is an initiative of the Springwater Heritage Advisory Committee to help the community learn more about its history as well as the Township's process for heritage designation.

Through the newly developed "Heritage at Home" platform, residents will be able to explore some of Springwater's most unique heritage buildings room-by-room, without ever having to leave their home. The online platform pulls together a variety of digital resources including photo galleries, video interviews and other documentation.

"We are proud to take part in Ontario Heritage Week by shining a spotlight on our local architecture, culture and heritage," says Alyssa McGinnis, who is Chair of the Springwater Heritage Advisory Committee. "Springwater is home to some fascinating heritage buildings and the Heritage at Home initiative will give people a great opportunity to appreciate the properties and features that reflect our community's vibrant history."

Properties featured in the series include Crossland General Store, Martingrove House and Parker House, all which are officially designated by the Township of Springwater as a properties of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Residents can begin their virtual tour by visiting springwater.ca/HeritageAtHome. During Ontario Heritage Week, the Township will also be sharing the digital content to its social media platforms on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Ontario Heritage Week provides an annual opportunity for individuals and communities across the province to appreciate and reflect on Ontario's natural and cultural heritage. This year, Ontario Heritage Week will occur from February 21 to 27.

A special thank you to property owners Greig Stewart, Donna Kenwell, Linda Minduik and Chris Muir for graciously opening up their homes to provide a rare glimpse inside these stunning heritage properties

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time."

- Thomas Merton

Connect With Us

The Township Administration Centre, the Elmvale Arena, Fire Halls, and the Elmvale and Midhurst branches of the Springwater Public Library have reopened to the public. Learn more at springwater.ca/COVID19

Please be advised that the Township is currently receiving a significant volume of calls and emails, and therefore, our typical response time of 24 to 48 hours may be exceeded. Staff will do their best to respond to enquiries as soon as possible.

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Heritage Advisory Committee
Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

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March Break Activities

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springwater.ca/MarchBreak



Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

Community Based Strategic Plan
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(2022-10-FIN)
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The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) will be flushing watermain for the Township on an operated water system in your area. It is very important to **REDUCE** water use from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the dates listed below so that OCWA can effectively complete the maintenance.

For areas being swabbed, we ask that residents **STOP** using water during these hours.

April 11 – April 14	Elmvale & Hillsdale
April 19 – April 22	Midhurst & Minesing
April 25 – April 29	Anten Mills, Phelpsston & Del Trend (includes Carson Road, Glen Huron Drive, Paddy Dunn's Circle, Anthony Court, Deluca Court, Kanata Court, Channen Court and Wendat Trail)
May 2 – May 6	Snow Valley (includes Highlands, Lowlands and Centre Vespra)
May 5	SWABBING - Vespra Downs

During or after this flushing period, you may experience discoloured water and/or low water pressure. For more information, visit springwater.ca/Water

Seasonal Load Restrictions

The reduced load period in Springwater continues until April 30. By-law 2009-079 restricts loads on most Township roads to 5 tonnes per axle. The imposed weight restrictions help to protect municipal infrastructure during the spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

For more information about the reduced load period, please contact our Roads & Fleet department at 705-728-4784 x2012 or by emailing roadsandfleet@springwater.ca



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Mayor Don's Update



Proof of Vaccination lifted at the Elmvale Arena

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Swaley Drain Project Update

I am happy to share that works on the Swaley Drain have now concluded. The completed works include the 750m drain extension into the Minesing Wetlands and environmental features such as turtle nesting areas, turtle sunning areas and fish habitat. Three water level monitoring stations have also been set up so that changing water levels within the new section of the drain can continue to be observed. The next steps will be to finalize the Swaley Drain By-law and project costs, which were estimated to be \$357,000.

Community Hub Development

On January 19, 2022, Springwater Council awarded Weston Consulting the contract to develop a Master Plan for the new Community Hub to be located on the Hasty Tract property at 1132 Snow Valley Road. As part of this Master Plan, the consultant will be responsible for public consultation, preparing a long-term concept plan for the property, site servicing, cost projections and design criteria for future facility development. Weston Consulting has partnered with 8 80 Cities to conduct the public consultation process, which will be carried out over the next several months. Look for opportunities to share your thoughts and feedback on what you would like to see for the new Community Hub. Community engagement opportunities will be posted to springwater.ca/HastyTract and circulated on the Township's social media platforms.

Increased truck traffic on Snow Valley Road

Please note that there will be increased truck traffic on Snow Valley Road this spring due to the removal of topsoil by the developers of the Micks Subdivision (Phase 1A of the Midhurst Carson Road Development). Weather permitting, the work is expected to take 1.5 months to complete. Operations began last week and will recommence for a period of one month after seasonal load restrictions are lifted on April 30, 2022. The average number of trucks anticipated per day is 75 to 100. Trucks will travel along Snow Valley Road turning south onto George Johnston Road where materials will be deposited at the G. Priest Sand & Gravel Pit. This route was selected so that County roadway could be used as much as possible, thereby minimizing the potential disruption to residents.

Climate Protection Program

Through the 2022 Budget deliberations, Springwater Council approved new services to be provided by the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) under its Sustainable Severn Sound initiative. The goal of this project is to advance the adoption of practices and policies within municipal operations that support climate change action, greenhouse gas mitigation and sustainable communities. As part of the engagement, the SSEA will assist the Township in meeting certain requirements to be a Partner for Climate Protection (PCP) with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The PCP program provides a five-milestone framework for Canadian municipalities to engage in climate change action planning, which include:

- 1) Develop a community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory
- 2) Set a GHG reduction target
- 3) Develop a local climate action plan
- 4) Implement said action plan
- 5) Monitor and report on progress

A recommendation to join the PCP program is on the agenda for the March 2 meeting of Council. PCP membership commits a municipality to achieving all five milestones within a period of 10 years.

Mandatory Firefighting Certification

On January 28, 2022, the Provincial Government announced a new regulation that would establish mandatory minimum certification standards for firefighters within the Province of Ontario. The proposed approach provides flexibility to meet local training needs based on the level of fire protection service set by municipal council. Through a new time-limited "legacy" option, certain firefighters would be exempt from certification standards based on their prior knowledge, skills, and training. The proposed regulation does not change or add any new regulatory requirements on fire departments that are currently training and certifying to full NFPA standards, as they will already meet or exceed the minimum certification requirements outlined in the draft regulation. The new regulation is proposed to come into effect on July 1, 2022, with a four and six-year compliance timeline based on the level of fire protection services set out by the municipality.

Viewing County Council Meetings

On February 8, 2022, County Council approved the archiving of Council and Committee of the Whole meeting videos for a period of 365 days from the meeting date. This means that residents can now watch meetings of County Council after the livestream has ended. The archived meetings can be viewed at youtube.com/CountyofSimcoe.

County of Simcoe receives Sustainability Award

I would like to commend our residents for helping to protect the environment by keeping toxic materials out of garbage and landfills. Thanks to your efforts, the County of Simcoe is being recognized as Call2Recycle®'s 2021 Leader in Sustainability for its battery recycling program. In 2021, the County collected 21,842 kilograms of household batteries at its five household hazardous waste depots and 45,535 kilograms during the curbside battery collection week through the Call2Recycle® program, making it one of the program's top-performing partners across six different provinces. With this recognition, the County joins a celebrated group of major retailers, waste recyclers, municipalities and businesses, setting a standard for organizational leadership in the area. For information on the County's sustainable waste management programs, visit simcoe.ca/dpt/swm.

I wish you and your family a happy and safe March Break! Visit springwater.ca/MarchBreak to discover fun activities happening this year that all ages can enjoy

SCDSB and COPE Service Dogs Sign Partnership Agreement

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) and COPE Service Dogs (COPE) have committed to work together to facilitate the delivery of the Canines in the Classroom program in schools.

"Our students and schools have benefitted from COPE programs for a number of years. In making our partnership official, we are ensuring that more SCDSB students will have access to the Canines in the Classroom program and all of the benefits that it can provide," says SCDSB Director of Education John Dance. "The effects that dogs can have on well-being and learning are remarkable, and we look forward to seeing the positive outcomes of these interactions in our schools."

The Canines in the Classroom program gives secondary school students an opportunity to learn how to train service dogs, while also strengthening their essential literacy skills, personal leadership skills and confidence as learners. The program will be responsive to the needs of SCDSB students, while also providing an opportunity for the dogs to hone their skills in preparation for their eventual work as service and therapy animals.

"The students involved in Canines in the Classroom are an integral part in the training of COPE dogs. Not only do the students benefit, but so ultimately do the final life partners, whose lives blossom with the help of their highly trained Service Dog. We are

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Redline Revisions –

D. Hickling Plan of Subdivision

Council has endorsed proposed redline revisions to update the D. Hickling draft plan of subdivision and associated conditions of approval. The proposed revisions would provide for a variety of residential lot types and a higher overall residential unit yield. Before the proposed revisions may be implemented, an approved Zoning By-law Amendment and Ontario Land Tribunal approval are required.

Hold lifted on Micks Subdivision

A Zoning By-law Amendment was approved by Council to lift the Hold provision for the Micks Subdivision (Phase 1A) of the Midhurst Carson Road Development. The removal of the Hold will allow for the development of 244 single detached residential units and 98 semi-detached dwelling units as well as building permit issuance. The decision came following staffs' report that the requirements of the Hold were satisfactorily met by the developer.

Mutual Drainage Agreement – Flos Road 7 West

Staff have received Council's authorization to execute a Mutual Drainage Agreement with the landowner at 14422 County Road 27 and the owner of a private drainage ditch at 14604 County Road 2. The agreement will give the landowner permission to install drainage works under Flos Road 7 and to use the private ditch as the legal outlet for their field tiles. The agreement outlines the responsibilities of each party for the drainage works, including liability and any future maintenance.

Building Services Replacement Vehicle

Council approved the acquisition of a new vehicle for the Building Services Department with funding in the amount of \$45,000. The new vehicle will replace a 2006 Honda CRV with recently identified mechanical issues. The replacement of this vehicle will be funded through the Building Services Reserve.

Ontario Housing Affordability

On February 8, 2022, the Province of Ontario released a report by the Housing Affordability Task Force containing recommendations to increase the supply of market housing in Ontario. The recommendations include five main areas to meet the goal of adding 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. Municipalities have been encouraged to submit input and advice on what has worked well for them and what other opportunities should be explored to address housing supply and affordability.



thrilled to have the students involved in this amazing journey," states Dr. Liz Saul, COPE Service Dogs Board Chair.

This initiative links directly to the SCDSB's Strategic Priorities in the areas of community and well-being.

Information:

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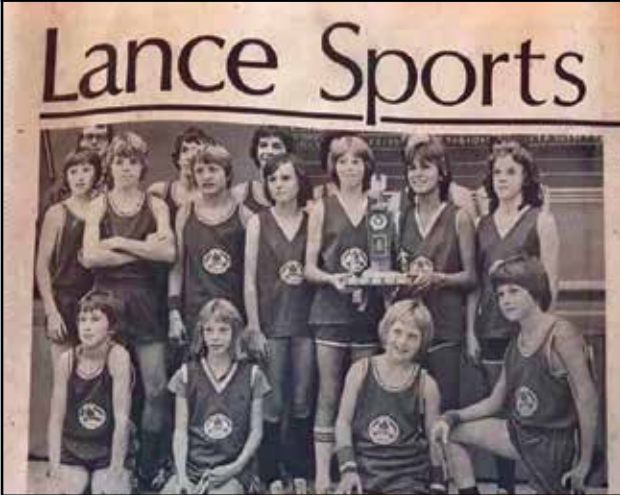
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“Happy Trails to You”
Lion Ludwig Lahnsteiner from the Elmvale and District Lions Club went the full 100 miles pulled behind a snowmobile in the “Elmvale 100” on Sunday. Seen here with only 10 miles to go, he showed signs of tiring. *source: Elmvale Lance, 1977*

BRIDGE BITES from The American Contract Bridge League
THE NINE OF HEARTS By: Brian Gunnell

♠ J94 ♥ AKQT8 ♦ J64 ♣ J3	North	♠ AQ82 ♥ J93 ♦ T2 ♣ K954
♠ T753 ♥ 762 ♦ K973 ♣ T2	West East Declarer	
♠ K6 ♥ 54 ♦ AQ85 ♣ AQ876		

When this deal was played in a duplicate club game, all but one of the 12 N-S pairs played in 3NT, scoring 9 or 10 tricks. But at one table Declarer managed to go down. How was such a thing possible? As you might have guessed from our title, the Heart Nine played a surprisingly important role in the proceedings.

Against 3NT, West found a Diamond opening lead, not the best for the defense as it happened. Declarer won that trick with the Queen, and now had to decide how to tackle the Heart suit. The odds favor playing for the drop of the ♥J, rather than finessing Dummy’s Ten, and the plan was (hopefully) to cash the Hearts and to play on Clubs for an overtrick or two. But the plan changed when East casually dropped the Jack under Dummy’s Ace on the first round of Hearts. Quite a play, don’t you think?

This seemed liked good news for Declarer, as surely there were five Heart tricks available by taking the “marked” finesse of the Heart Eight. So, Declarer led the ♣J, covered by the King and Ace, and confidently finessed the Heart Eight. Oops! That lost to East’s Nine, after which Declarer could not avoid going down one! Congratulations to Dan Jacobs of Jacksonville, FL, who sat East and found that lovely Heart play.

Post Script: After Dan had won the Heart Nine he shifted to the ♠A. Could Declarer have salvaged her contract by dumping the King under the ♠A in an attempt to force an entry to Dummy? A clever play, for sure, but not quite good enough. Dan would shift to a Club and, one way or another, the defense would get their five tricks.

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Tiny

A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

by Jan Perrault Volunteer Writer- Senior Advisory Committee

New Programs are “Springing” Up!
What a pleasure it is to write about spring! While I am one of those rare people who doesn’t mind winter, I’m always glad to look at the calendar and see that Spring is just around the corner. Also, as I write this there is more good news. It seems that COVID restrictions have once again been lifted and programs are starting to open up again.

Many of us start to think about gardening as soon as the first Robin appears in their yard. Did you know that gardening can also help sustain our environment? Tiny township has been designated as a Bee City. The goal is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for pollinators. Pollinators are important because they move pollen from one plant to another. Plants need this process to survive. On an individual basis, you can help by creating a pollinator garden in your own backyard. For lots of suggestions on plants for such a garden, visit www.tiny.ca/environment.

The best news is that if you do not have the space for a garden at home, the Township of Tiny is offering garden plots at the Community Garden, located at Perkinsfield Park. The Community Garden is open from May 1st to October 31st. Each year gardeners pay an annual fee to the Municipality to register and rent a plot. The cost is \$25.00 plus HST. The garden creates a space for vegetables, flowers and herbs.

If you feel you would like to become even more involved with this environmentally worthy endeavor, the Township is actually looking for a volunteer Community Garden Coordinator to oversee the garden. You will assist with organizing volunteers and providing valuable advice to the gardeners. How exciting, a real chance to make a difference! To reserve a plot or apply to the volunteer position visit www.tiny.ca/environment or contact Raney Jansma, Community Engagement Coordinator at 705-526-4204 ext. 3 or rjansma@tiny.ca. (deadline for the volunteer position is Monday, April 5, 2022.)

Now, after all this gardening you are going to need to strengthen and stretch those well used muscles. I have discovered an amazing program offered by the Chigamik Centre. It is called, Choose to Move, and best of all it is free! At this point in time it is offered virtually. This one hour session is instructed by a physiotherapist and the emphasis is on gentle exercises that build strength and balance. There are also great stretches and breathing instructions incorporated in each class. If you are interested visit <https://www.chigamik.ca> under the programs section, or call 705-527-4154.

More good news, many of the Senior centres have started in-person programs again. For a full listing of the centres in the Tiny Township area please visit tiny.ca/seniors. You will be able to check out all the various programs that are offered. What a great opportunity to start going out again! In future articles, we will keep you up to date on new programs.

Spring also means thinking about taxes. Even though it would be nice to avoid this topic, we all know it’s necessary to file our taxes on time. This year taxes are due on April 30th.

I mention this now as I wanted to remind you of the Seniors’ Home Safety Tax Credit. You can claim

up to \$10,000 in eligible expenses per year for a senior’s principal residence in Ontario for the 2021 and 2022 tax years, for a maximum credit of \$2,500 per year.

You can claim the credit on your Income Tax and Benefit Return. If you have questions about the credit, call 1-800-959-8281

This year, there may be free tax clinics opening up again. Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, community organizations host free tax clinics. For more information and updates check Canada.ca.

Events and Programs
Technology: The Township of Tiny is offering four technology workshops for adults 55+ in collaboration with Gateway Centre for Learning. The workshops have been funded by the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility. The workshops cover a variety of topics and individuals can participate in person at the Wyebridge Community Centre. The first one is March 22, on accessibility. You can learn about features on computers that allow people to use technology more easily. For more information visit tiny.ca/seniors.

Pickleball: There are still slots open for this opportunity to get a good workout and socialize. You join as a team, or an individual. Visit www.tiny.ca/parks-recreation.

Communications: The Township of Tiny has created Tiny Connect to help you and your family stay informed about Township matters, community events and possible emergency situations. You can self-register for this by visiting www.tinyconnect.ca

“I believe we should all pay our tax with a smile-I tried but they wanted cash instead.” Anonymous

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Ontario Eliminating Licence Plate Renewal Fees and Stickers

Province is cutting costs and making life more convenient for millions of vehicle owners

The Ontario government is making life more affordable and convenient for nearly eight million vehicle owners by eliminating licence plate renewal fees and the requirement to have a licence plate sticker for passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, motorcycles and mopeds, effective March 13, 2022.

"As the cost of living continues to go up, our government is cutting costs for families to make life more affordable," said Premier Doug Ford. "Eliminating the fee to renew your licence plate and refunding the cost of doing so for the past two years is a concrete way we can put and keep more money in the pockets of hard-working Ontarians."

The government is introducing red tape legislation later today that would enable the province to refund eligible individual owners of vehicles for any licence plate renewal fees paid since March 2020. Upon passage, vehicle owners will receive a cheque in the mail starting at the end of March and throughout the month of April.

"Our government is taking strong action at a time when the cost of living and doing business in Ontario is skyrocketing," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "For many families, driving is an absolute necessity. Eliminating licence plate renewal fees and stickers is part of our government's commitment to support drivers as we continue to build Ontario's transportation network, including by building the Bradford Bypass and Highway 413."

To receive a refund cheque, vehicle owners who have moved recently will need to confirm that their address information on their vehicle permit or driver's licence is up-to-date at Ontario.ca/AddressChange by March 7, 2022, and pay any outstanding fees, fines or tolls. For more information and/or assistance with changing an address, vehicles owners can call ServiceOntario's dedicated line at 1-888-333-0049.

"Our government is putting money directly back into the pockets of Ontario families and workers to help make life more affordable," said Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services. "Eliminating these fees and stickers is just one of the ways we are reducing the burden on Ontarians and making it easier, quicker, and simpler for Ontarians to access critical government services."

Under the proposal, renewal fees will also be eliminated for passenger, light duty commercial vehicles, motorcycles and mopeds that are owned by a company or business. However, no refunds will be

given for the period of March 2020 to March 2022.

"Small businesses play a vital role in fostering Ontario's economic growth," said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. "Starting next month, eliminating renewal fees for vehicles owned by a company or business is just one of the many ways we are supporting small businesses across the province so they can continue to thrive and contribute to their communities."

Vehicle owners will still be required to renew their licence plate every one or two years at no cost to confirm their automobile insurance is valid and pay any outstanding Highway 407 tolls and other municipal fines. The government is working with partners to develop a new, more user-friendly process that will continue to validate automobile insurance requirements, support law enforcement efforts and collect municipal fines and unpaid Highway 407 tolls.

The Ontario government is also investing in Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology as part of its commitment to provide police with the tools they need to do their jobs, improve public safety and strengthen roadside law enforcement efforts across the province. An ALPR system can read thousands of licence plates per minute allowing officers to process more information on licence plates. It also has the capability of capturing vehicles of interest such as amber alerts, drivers with a suspended licence, and stolen vehicles. Renewal fees and requirements for licence plate stickers for heavy commercial vehicles and snowmobiles remain unchanged.

Quick Facts

Eliminating renewal fees will save vehicle owners \$120 a year in southern Ontario and \$60 a year in Northern Ontario for passenger and light commercial vehicles.

Vehicle owners should update their address before March 7, 2022 in order to receive a refund for fees previously paid by the end of April 2022.

Physical licence plate stickers have been eliminated in other jurisdictions in Canada including Quebec, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Manitoba and Alberta.

Drivers must continue to renew their driver's licence every five years online or at a ServiceOntario centre and pay a \$90 fee.

ALPR is tested technology already being used by a number of Ontario police services.



MARCH Break Programs

March Break Programs!

Springwater Library and Wye Marsh! Children up to age 14 can show their Springwater Library card for FREE entry to Wye Marsh Saturday March 12 to Sunday March 20! Check out some snowshoes from the library to use on the trails!

March Break Bags: Ages 3-6 or 7-10 with FIVE days of activities, games for two children. Cost \$10, on sale Monday March 7.

March Break Bingo: Ages 5+ (adults too!) Pick up your bingo sheet from the library, due April 4th for prizes!

Online LIVE Trivia program: Wednesday March 16, 11am-12noon. Family trivia! Trivia includes: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Disney, music, logos, emojis and superheros! Registration is required.

Lego Building Challenge: Thursday March 17. Find us at Facebook or our website and get building! Take a picture of your creation, email it to us and win a FREE Lego figurine!

Scent Training and Urban Rattling: Taking place outdoors Friday March 18, 10:30am. Families ages 6+ bring a lawn chair and learn about scent trained animals. Nika (dog), Snoopy (rat) and Woodstock (rat) will give a free demonstration. Registration required by March 16.

We are open!

Welcome back! Springwater Township Public Library Elmvale and Midhurst Branches are open with capacity limitations and social distancing in place. Please remember masks are required, and if you are ill, we are happy to continue curbside service. For more details please see our website.

March Smile Campaign

For the month of March, we are collecting items to make gift bags for Moms in partnership with the Elmvale Food Bank. Companies, families, friends can join together and put together a bag (pick up your bag and card from the library) or make a donation and we will shop for you! The value of the bag is approximately \$50.

Volunteer Income Tax Program

Phone the Elmvale branch and receive a call back from this free tax preparation program or drop off your paperwork in a sealed envelope for processing. See the library's website for more details or email the Canadian Volunteer Income Tax Program at: cvitp.elmvale@gmail.com

Take and Make Card for Adults

This month's free card celebrates International Women's Day! Available Tuesday March 1 while supplies last.

Take and Make Cheerio Bird Feeder

This craft is great for building dexterity and the birds will love it too! Kits available starting Thursday March 3.

Small Space/container Gardening

Pat Cook from will be online to teach the basics of growing vegetables in containers and raised gardens Monday March 7, 6:30 pm. Registration required.

About Simcoe County Master Gardeners

The Simcoe County Master Gardeners group was formed in 1986 with the support of the Alliston Horticulture Society. Founding members included Alastair Crawford and Ken Phipps as co-ordinators, Ivy Gross and husband Ray, Gisela Kruegar, Marjorie Bell, Jean Crawford, Jane Blackstock and Kevin Healey to name a few.

Registration Opens March 1 for City of Barrie Camps and Spring/Summer Recreation Programs

The City will open registration for the spring and summer seasons on March 1, including camps. This summer, the City will offer camp programs for children ages 5-12, and many for youth, at recreation centres and parks throughout the city.

"Our camps are always a popular option because they deliver a rewarding, memorable and fun experience for kids and youth in the summer," says Steve-Lee Young, Manager of Recreation Programs. "Safety continues to be our top priority for all our programs,

including our camps which focus on activities like arts and crafts, sports, and camp games."

Currently, recreation customers can browse spring and summer programs, including camps, and save them to their "Wish List" to conveniently find desired programs when registration opens.

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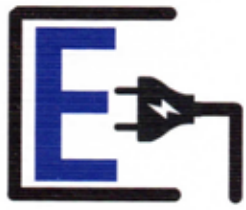
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**HIDDEN GEMS**

by Lesley Oligmueller

Located just north and slightly west of Midhurst, Tiffin Tract is a 1.1 kilometre loop trail that is one of the most serene and solitary tracts I have experienced to date. During my 45 minute hike, I encountered not a solitary soul nor did I hear a sound except for the sound of my footsteps crunching on the snow and the wind howling through the trees. If you are looking for a sense of getting away from it all, this is the place for you.

This trail is suitable for all levels as it can easily be adapted to be as easy or as difficult as you wish. There are opportunities for taking offshoot paths that lead to higher elevations or that offer a chance to do some bushwhacking. The number of trails that branch off from the main loop provide the possibility of extending your hike and exploring slightly different flora and fauna. As this trail is a less frequented one, the likelihood of encountering wildlife is much higher than the busier trails.

This route is perfect for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. I also saw evidence of Nordic pole walking. No motorized vehicles are allowed on this property and so the peace of these surroundings is never interrupted by the roar of a snowmobile. As I was meandering along the trail, I imagined how this would also be the perfect place for a cross country run or horseback ride. It is important to note that this area is subject to seasonal closure for hunting.

As part of the Ganaraska Trail, this trail is marked by white rectangles. To reach the highlight of this tract, follow the orange flagging tape. Matheson Pond was a complete surprise and was spectacular. Fallen snow covered logs created a bridge across the less frozen part of the pond which sported teal coloured water.



Bright green algae appeared sporadically which may have accounted for the water's interesting hue. The section of water, situated more to the north, was a glistening carpet of pure white snow and ice. Encircled by a mixture of snow covered deciduous and evergreen trees, it was like something out of a Narnian novel. Fantastical is an understatement.



The experience that gave me the most pause was encountering a simple wooden bench that overlooked this winter wonderland. As I drew closer, I noticed there was a small plaque located on the back of the bench simply worded:

In memory of Margaret Russel
1942-2021

I hope you enjoy the view as much as she did.
I certainly did and I'm sure you will, too!

**Adam Chambers,
M.P., Simcoe North**

This will be my inaugural column for readers of The Springwater News, since being honoured as your Member of Parliament for Simcoe North.

My predecessor and mentor, Bruce Stanton was a regular contributor and I hope to do as least as good a job as he, in promoting community involvement and understanding of the events which impact us all.

First off, I would like to thank the Springwater News Owner, Linda Belcourt, for providing me with this forum, and for her support of the vibrant community culture that grows from local journalism and opinions. Every medium has its strengths and weaknesses, but reading about what is happening around us and about our own neighbours, builds that enduring sense of community.

The most important task I have as your new M.P., is to help us get back to our lives, our friends & families and our jobs. The Covid-19 pandemic caused untold stress and adaptation for us all. While we can never get back the years and the burdensome expense of the pandemic, we can now start to get back to a "new normal". As federal and provincial strictures are lifted in an orderly manner, we will find out what we have learned, and what that "normal" looks like. The first step is to put aside our differences and regain our unity, as a community and as a country. That phrase we heard, that "We are all in this together", applies even more strongly now to our recovery, than it did to the restrictions. We must start by regaining some freedom and personal responsibility, for ourselves and for others around us.

A critical part of our recovery will be to take control of rising inflation. We must manage this "hidden thief", or our road to recovery will be longer and more difficult. We can't leave anyone behind. Those who were most financially impacted by Covid-19, are also those who are hurt most by runaway inflation. Without the ability to earn more, the cost of living pushes more and more things out of reach for average Canadians. I want to work with all parties in Ottawa, to find solutions that will help families buy the essential goods they need, find affordable housing in which to live, and enjoy recreational and community activities.

In the coming months, I look forward to updating you here and of hearing back from you on matters of federal responsibility, by email or phone to my offices. I will respond to every concern with answers, as quickly and best as I can.

Adam.

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The County's Battery Collection program is vital to protecting the environment by keeping batteries, which contain harmful substances, out of garbage and landfills. Some batteries may also pose health and safety risks due to leaking or the potential for fire and explosion. For more information on the County's sustainable waste management programs, visit simcoe.ca/dpt/swm.

Quotes

"The County is pleased to receive the 2021 Leader in Sustainability Award from Call2Recycle®, which confirms our continued commitment to diversion and sustainable waste management practices. Our residents deserve credit for their continued participation in various waste collection programs, which work to conserve our landfills, prevent harmful materials from polluting our environment, and divert recyclable materials for reuse. Together, these efforts are having a substantial impact on protecting our environment for future generations."

— George Cornell, County of Simcoe Warden

About Call2Recycle® Canada

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All Women’s Institutes across the county work diligently to assist community members who are in need. It could be a care package to someone who experiencing medical treatments, a widow or widower who lives alone or traumatized children who are being assisted by the local paramedics. Since 2018, Clowes Women’s Institute have provided more than 100 Teddy Bear packages to the local paramedics (Craighurst) who then distribute to other paramedic operations in the county. The packages contain a handmade flannel quilt, a book and a cuddly teddy bear. “The Teddy Bear immediately reduces the stress level of the child and provides comfort to the child” stated Mike, Craighurst paramedic. tinue with this valuable program, Teddy Bear Project, we encourage and welcome donations of flannel fabric and/or cash to purchase the supplies. A Women’s Institute near you is looking for members. Join to give back to your community. Please contact Darlene Cousins, President, Clowes Women’s Institute at 705 795-2502 or Elaine Simpson, Vice-President at wesimpson@hotmail.com for additional information and/or to make a donation.

I Love Nature - How to Ice Fish

Editor, Linda Belcourt, has a fun cousin Ian, that thought that she should learn how to ice fish. First thing to learn is to find the location, location, location and a good buddie or too! The editor agreed and went to Nipising on assignment. South Shore Camping and Ice Condos was the location of choice. Equipped with a fireplace, heated washroom, stove, table, chairs, propane lighting, cooking facilities and sleeps 8 snoring people. Twice a day deliveries is very special indeed since the ice hut was 1/2 drive to shore.



Photo: (above) The youngest at 12, Keller, showing off his Cisco. He was great at explaining the fish finder.



Photo: (above) Cole showing off the 'laying in bed' method of ice fishing and (Below) is the Editor with her fresh caught Pickerel.





Photo: above, Cousin Ian, the Ice Fishing Captain of the hut.



Photo: above, Azalea, the best female angler on the Springwater News Angler Team

The Springwater News Anglers had the rods in the water with fresh minnows located preciously at the correct depth proven by the fish finder. You can set 5 rods in 5 minutes of pulling the truck to a stop at the hut. That is putting the priorities straight. Nothing tastes better than the Pickerel you just caught yourself, fried in lots of butter. That’s all you need! Master of the ice fishing information was Cole. The best and fastest fillet action was Owen. Captain Cousin Ian was the financial backing and head of entertainment. Keller, the youngest but most successful angler showed the most dedication to fishing. Learning to ice fish takes number one... Patience. Hours can go by with no action. the minnow stay on the hook 24 hours a day. The editor was taught to ice fish and the team learned to play Rummy, how to play Hockey with dimes on a table top and also learned that is hard to find a dance going on in the region of being in the middle of a huge lake in very cold weather. There is a trick to enticing the fish to the minnow. Fish move slow in the colder waters and aren’t really the smartest of all God’s creatures. “A little action on the rod using small smooth up lifts of the rod will do the trick.”, explained Cole. You can and we did, fish all day and night long.

Going to do this again for sure.
Ice fishing is lot of fun.



Photos: (above left,) Owen, the master at the fillet, and (on the right) local Elmvale girl, Azalea, learning the art of filleting her fresh Pickerel.



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Anten Mills by Dennis Gannon

The province lifted some of the health restrictions this past week which for many was a relief. The lifting also provides the opportunity for more gatherings and organized events and activities. The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association has had some casual conversations on how some of the activities previously sponsored by the CRA might resume this year. To ensure the facilities at the community centre and park are available for the CRA, a list of dates has been submitted to the township requesting a hold be placed. This year the CRA will hopefully see the return of the Easter Eggstravaganza, Sunday morning pickup ball for the kids, Wednesday night pickup baseball for adults along with perhaps a Family FunDay in September and maybe an Artisan and Crafters Fair again.

To start the year off, permission has been given so that the community centre can be used for one day for a Babysitters course. There are many young families in the community and babysitting for a younger sibling or a family friend has been difficult these past several years. To address this, the CRA has partnered with Seconds Save Lives to hold a course during the March Break on Wednesday, March 16 from 8:30 to 4:30 in the hall. The cost of the course is \$60 and the participants will be provided with the skills required to look after younger children, a certificate and reference manual. In order that the students receive the attention they require to excel at this task there is a limit on the number that can participate and they should be between 10 and 15 years old. Check out the Anten Mills Facebook page for more details and register early.

When communities were started back in time usually the first things that made a presence was a general store, a post office and a place to worship. Our community had a general store first where the Fry Guy is now located then on the east end in the old Pinecrest Dance Hall, a post office at the bottom of hill along Horseshoe Valley Road and a church just west of the community centre which once was the community school. The post office was the first to go, followed by the original general store, then the other and in 2010 the Anten Mills United Church. The church has been repurposed by another religious organization which holds their services there several times a week. Over the past several weeks we have learned that through a decision of the congregation, the Minesing United Church will be holding their last service on Easter Sunday after which they will close. When the Anten Mills church closed families from this community moved to the Minesing church. Upon the Minesing closing, there will be no church in either community and those looking to worship will need to look to Elmvale, Midhurst or Barrie. In conversation with Reverend Kirsty Hunter who has been the Minister for the parish for nearly 15 years she indicated that while it was a difficult decision, the congregation realized that they were not able to do all they wanted for the community. Reverend Hunter enjoyed being a part of the community leading its charge and will miss it greatly.

With the closing of the Anten Mills United Church, a cairn was erected at the community centre acknowledging that a church had been part of the community from 1875 to 2010. First as a

Methodist Church from 1875 to 1925 and then from 1925 to 2010 as a United Church. The Anten Mills Community thanks the members of Minesing United Church for all of your community efforts over the years and hopefully the Minesing community will acknowledge the contributions in a historical and appropriate manner.

The month of February was Black History Month in Canada. The Canada.ca website states “Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.” Our community acknowledges that Simcoe County and part of the Township of Springwater area was home for a number of early Black settlers and we thank them for their pioneering spirit and accomplishments which has made this a better community.



Everyone has noticed that days are getting longer each and every day. In fact this week we will have gained almost 25 more minutes of daylight. On Sunday, March 13 we return to Daylight Saving Time. At 2 AM we move our clocks ahead by one hour until we return to Standard Time on November 6. For many years the fire service has used these changes in time to remind the public it's time to Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries. The batteries they are referring to are in the smoke alarms in your home. Every home is required by law to have working smoke alarms on every level of the house. Smoke alarms have a life expectancy of 10 years. After that while they may still work their reliability may be in question. Recently the Springwater Fire and Emergency Services tweeted out that they attended a chimney fire in a residence and 3 out of 4 smoke alarms were out of date. Most smoke alarms in homes are now electrically powered so there isn't much thought about them. On March 13 when you change your clocks take the time to first make certain that your smoke alarms are not more than 10 years old and if good, replace the battery in it. A working smoke alarm can save your life and those that you love and a new battery is a cheap investment.

That's all for this week. Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Strong, antenmills1@gmail.com

Wyevale News

By Ruthann Caston

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Colin Leonard, Candy Wakelin, Janice Marcellus, Grace Howard, Emily Vandervoort, Paul Stott, Grace Caston, Freddy Pantree, Robert Hall, Logan Moreau, Roy and Megan Nahuis, Grace Handy, Hugh MacLachlan, and Irene Vasey, celebrating the last half of February.

Sympathy goes out to Al Dubeau's family as he passed away last week. He was one of Wyevale's elders.

The last bible study this month was on Monday February 28th.

This Easter Season, Wyevale Church is having a Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser. Order online using your credit card at <https://group.purdys.com/962504-92821> or give your order to a fundraising committee member at Wyevale United Church, with cash or cheque.

I was happy to see my Granddaughter Jamie and my Great Granddaughter Rory over the weekend from Oshawa.

Anyone with news items for the paper, please call RuthAnn Caston at 705-527-5274 and leave a message.

BRADFORD RESIDENT'S DREAMS ARE NOW DREAMIER WITH \$107,783 LOTTO MAX WIN



Hor Chea of Bradford has \$107,783.90 to put toward his dreams after winning a LOTTO MAX second prize in the December 10, 2022 draw.

Hor, a 60-year-old automotive worker, said when he matched the winnings numbers, he couldn't sleep that night. "I couldn't get any rest that night! My daughter came over with my granddaughter and I asked her to double check my ticket for me. She said, 'Wow, that's a lot of money!'"

He plans to help his daughter purchase a house and travel home to Cambodia when it's safe again.

The winning ticket was purchased at Esso on Highway 27 in Schomberg.

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Join MPL for Virtual Beatlemania!

Midland Public Library is thrilled to present a virtual celebration of The Beatles in Canada with a special talk by Mary-Lu Zahalan, Professor of Popular Music & Performance at Sheridan College on Saturday, April 2 at 2pm. Zahalan is the first scholar to hold a Master's degree in The Beatles and will speak to the impact of The Beatles' impact on Canadian culture & popular music.

Zahalan, a Juno-nominated recording artist in her own right, will discuss her time living in Liverpool, the completion of her degree in The Beatles, Popular Music and Society at Liverpool Hope University and her dissertation, Cultural Capital: The Beatles in Canada.

This celebration of one of the most recognizable and influential rock bands in music history is perfect for old & new fans.

Patrons can register to receive the online meeting information by emailing Jennifer Paquette at jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com.

Midland Public Library Hosts Bestselling Author, Bryn Turnbull

In a special event to mark International Women's Day, Midland Public Library is thrilled to host bestselling historical fiction author Bryn Turnbull for a virtual author visit on Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm. Bryn's first novel The Woman Before Wallis became an international bestseller, and her second novel, The Last Grand Duchess, takes readers behind palace walls to see the end of Imperial Russia through the eyes of Olga Nikolaevna Romanov, the first daughter of the last tsar.

As a part of this special virtual event, Bryn will be performing a brief reading from The Last Grand Duchess, followed by an interview with MPL Adult & Teen Services Coordinator, Jennifer Paquette.

This presentation is a must-see for all historical fiction enthusiasts, history buffs, and anyone interested in examining the lives of women throughout history.

Patrons can register to receive the online meeting information by emailing Jennifer Paquette at jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com.

Patrons can also join us during the afternoon for a special International Women's Day event with other North Simcoe communities.

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Linda Keenan CEO of Penetanguishene Public Library reads the Springwater news while on vacation in Cozumel, Mexico

Hey Dads



Does your family eat out at restaurants often? How about taking all the kids to the store? We don't do restaurants very often and I've found shopping with kids in tow is much easier done online. With 9 kids piling out of the van a restaurant experience can turn sour rather quickly. If you're like me you need to review all the store or restaurant rules before going into a store or restaurant with the kids. But I've found that by the time they're 5 or 6 they start to get a good grasp on the rules. Here's the basic ones our kids like to recite: "No yelling." "No fighting." "No running." "No asking for things." They sometimes add some extra ones like: "Don't jump on the table." "Don't hammer your finger." "Don't kill babies." Granted those are good rules to live by but I'm not sure they apply directly to store or restaurant visits. I'd say the rule most often broken is "No asking for things". Marketers nail parents with this one at every checkout line on the face of the planet. All the cavity-inducing products displayed out in front of our toddlers and young ones. Eye candy. Quite literally. If I got a nickel for every time I said "No" to one of my kids when they asked for something at the store I would be a wealthy man. Just tonight at Wal-mart I said no to flip flops, sandals, crocs, boots, rainbow-coloured shoes, shoes with trademarked characters

on them, bikes, fishing worms, fishing lures, fishing rods, fishing knives, fishing glasses, dvds, video games, bike helmets, other protective biking items, baseball gloves, baseball bats, dolls, miscellaneous Frozen items, miscellaneous Paw Patrol items and a few other random miscellaneous items. This list doesn't even include the food items which marketers have covered with trademarked characters! Cereals, candy, juice and even yogurt with Paw Patrol pups staring back at me!

Yet sometimes, I must admit, that I do crack and buy the kids a little treat at the store. Our 3-year old needed a towel so I splurged to get the trademarked Paw Patrol towel for him. I knew a white towel would accomplish the same mission but so what? It did cost me a bit more but I could justify it because it was an essential item and not just a plastic plaything that would fall behind the couch tomorrow, forever lost to us.

I like to try to take one of my kids on errands with me when I'm going out. It's a good opportunity to practice some of those forgotten rules and get some one-on-one time with them while doing it. I show them how to analyze prices by the liter or ounce or unit so they know they're getting the best bang for their buck. After all dads, time flies and we need to make every moment count. Take a helper with you to the store this weekend. Maybe even toss a couple bucks their way so they can buy something they want. That couple bucks, though, just might not be enough for the trademarked goods.

Jason Weening tries to visit stores while simultaneously not spending all his money on his 9 kids and 1 wife. For more d-adventures check out www.heydads.ca.

Stroke patients at GBGH

Now Have Access to Important New Treatment Protocol

Effective February 22, Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) will offer patients a new extended treatment protocol to ensure timely care for patients suffering from an acute stroke. Through the new protocol, GBGH will assess patients for a possible stroke at the hospital and coordinate their transfer to a facility where they can receive this important treatment, previously not available at GBGH, to reduce the effects of a stroke.

This new process will be available for patients who arrive at the hospital's Emergency department with signs of a stroke occurring in the previous four to 24 hours. These patients will be assessed via CT scan and if a stroke is confirmed, arrangements will be made to quickly transfer the patient to a stroke centre in the Greater Toronto Area. At the stroke centre, they will be considered as a candidate for Endovascular Therapy (EVT), using a catheter to remove the blood clot causing the stroke. Admitted patients who suffer a stroke while at GBGH will also be eligible for transfer based on timing.

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Elmvale Active Seniors Residence Announce the Latest Schematic Drawings

The directors of the Not-for-Profit group, EASR, are pleased to share the most recent schematic drawings of The Elms Retirement Village in Elmvale. The complex will be constructed in three or four phases and plans are well underway for the development of the first phase which will consist of sixty-six apartment style suites and twelve garden homes. The suites in Elm Flats, the first four-story-building, will be offered in fifteen different configurations of one and two bedrooms with either one, 1.5 or two bathrooms. The garden homes, with six end-units and six centre-units, will have two bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. The goal of creating a community of active seniors will be advanced by the inclusion of numerous shared amenity spaces, both inside the complex and on the grounds surrounding it. Some of the amenity spaces will be constructed in Phase One and the others will be completed in future phases. The team has been meeting regularly, most often by ZOOM, with the architects and their team of landscape, engineering and energy consultants, as well as other professional consultants. Plans are well underway for the Site Plan Approval process with Springwater Township. A Presentation Centre will be opening in the near future where people on our “Wait List” can come in to see detailed schematic drawings and members of the general public can drop by to get information about this very exciting facility. For additional information about this much-needed project, please go to the website <https://the-elms.ca> . Here you will find links to the ongoing and upcoming events plus opportunities to get on the contact list for newsletter updates, getting on the “Wait List” for a unit in The Elms and becoming an active member in the organization.



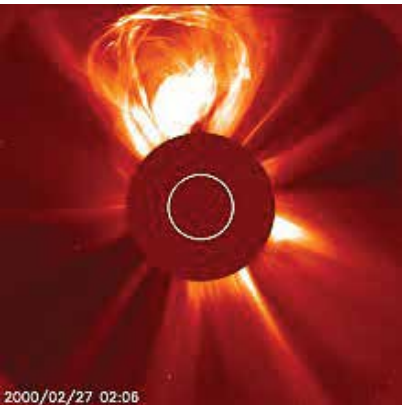
BACKYARD ASTRONOMY

Dodging A Solar Bullet

By Gary Boyle - *The Backyard Astronomer*
For the most part, this past February 15 seemed like any ordinary day. We recognized Flag Day as the Canadian maple leaf that was first raised in Ottawa in 1965. But things played out differently on the surface of the sun with a huge explosion known as a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) into space. The good news for us, this intense X-class occurred on the far side of the sun with the particles moving away from us. This class flare is the most powerful on the scale. The sun is a huge ball of hot plasma, spanning the width of 109 earths lined up side by side like a string of pearls at its equator. The immense energy is produced at the sun’s core. Every second 600 million tons of hydrogen is converted into 595 million tons of helium. The remaining five million tons results in pure energy that helps sustain life here on earth. This has been going on for the last 4.6 billion years and will continue for another 4 to 5 billion more. Over the sun’s eleven-year solar cycle, internal magnetic field lines begin to twist, building up energy. Eventually, this energy is released in solar flares, forming large loops that are anchored to the solar disk. However, there are times when the flare’s energy is so intense, a CME explodes off the surface, travelling through the solar system via the solar wind. On a calm day, the solar winds blow at about 350 kilometres per second but a very intense explosion can race up to 2,000 kilometres per second. When a cloud encounters the earth, it can set off spectacular Northern Light aka the Aurora Borealis. On a typical day, about 20 flares are seen on the surface of the sun. When our atmosphere interacts with a solar storm, it helps balloon our atmosphere and is extremely dangerous for satellites. They can malfunction or be dragged down and destroyed as they burn up in the atmosphere. This occurred with a geomagnetic storm that hit the earth on at the end of January, bringing down 40 of the 49 Starlink satellites SpaceX had just

sent up. This new batch had not reached its operating altitude and fell out of the sky costing about \$20 million. Another hazardous factor is if the CME had been angled toward earth, our planet could have been in serious trouble. Solar storms such as these can destroy power grids such as the Quebec blackout of March 13, 1989, when transformers melted. One of the most intense storms to hit the earth was called the Carrington Event of September 1-2, 1859. Teletype machines were still able to transmit messages even with the batteries disconnected. There were even reports of the paper and machines catching fire. The aurora was so bright, prospectors searching for gold, woke up in the middle of the night. They started making breakfast thinking the sun was rising. At some point in the future, we will eventually be hit by another such Carrington Event. When it does, power grids will be affected or fail, impacting our everyday lives. We rely so much on electricity and the Internet for city and country infrastructure. We dodged a solar bullet on February 15. The present solar cycle is ramping up to the height of Solar Max, sometime in July 2025. From now till then will be a greater chance of seeing the shimmering Northern Lights. Clear skies.

Known as “The Backyard Astronomer”, Gary Boyle is an astronomy educator, guest speaker and monthly columnist for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as well as past president of the Ottawa Centre of the RASC. He has been interviewed on more than 50 Canadian radio stations as well as television across Canada and the US. In recognition of his public outreach in astronomy, the International Astronomical Union has honoured him with the naming of Asteroid (22406) Garyboyle. Follow him on Twitter: @astroeducator, Facebook and his website: www.wondersofastronomy.com



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coronal_mass_ejection

Barrie’s Downtown Lights Up Art

Beginning Feb. 25, 2022 and on display until March 20, there will be five selected projection-based art installations in downtown Barrie as part of the City’s Hello Winter event. “This year, Hello Winter’s theme focuses on light, and along with our other programming, we’re inviting residents and visitors to explore downtown Barrie and enjoy the unique, projected art that will light up city nights,” says Steve Lee-Young, Manager of Recreation and Culture Programs. The Projection Program was supported by the Barrie Public Art Committee, and features artists from across Canada, who were invited to submit video or animated artworks that responded to the theme of light. The artists selected were Jane Austin, Gita Hashemi, Hua Jin, Annette Mangaard and Alison Postma. The projections – intended to be enjoyed outdoors – are presented around the downtown, including at the Barrie Public Library, City Hall, MacLaren Art Centre, and Five Points Theatre. Visitors can view the online map for more information about the featured artists, their selected work, and locations. In addition to the projected art installations, downtown Barrie is also currently hosting Chimes, an interactive art display that fills Meridian Place with a symphony of sound and light resulting from movement of the chimes – whether by wind or human interaction. Chimes is on display until March 20. For more information about Hello Winter and to see the schedule of events, visit barrie.ca/HelloWinter.

About Chimes interactive art installation
Chimes was created and executed by Collectif Blackbox, a coproduction of Quartier des Spectacles Partnership and MONTRÉAL EN LUMIÈRE, creation Fete des Lumieres of Lyon (2017).

Hello Winter 2022 Programming

Skating Party sponsored by TELUS March 11, 6pm-9pm at Circle at the Centre Rink, City Hall
Community Sculpture Challenge February 18 to March 7
Family Day Adventure February 21, 10am-2pm at Barrie Community Sports Complex
Chimes Interactive Art Installation February 20 to March 20 at Meridian Place
Projected Art Program February 25 to March 20

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Sports Scene with Patrick Townes



When the baseball season commenced in July of 2020 following the initial Covid outbreak, fans were ecstatic to see their home town team return at least to television so that they could watch the games or listen to them on the radio. When watching the season opening games for many teams, I specifically remember the emotional tribute videos that were dedicated to the fans and demonstrated the importance of having your favourite team to cheer for during a very difficult, painful and lonely time for many people stretching numerous countries. When watching the Blue Jays' video prior to the opening game, emotions ran through me like never before. Baseball was back, and a return to somewhat normalcy was uniting us as baseball fans. Now the Player's Union and the Owners struggle to find an agreement that is putting the 2022 season in jeopardy. Two years after Covid has commenced, we may not have baseball for all the wrong reasons. These two sides need to come to an agreement to show their dedication to the fan base and the struggle we all have been going through. The Blue Jays are a part of summer and need to be on television. It is as simple as that!

Admittedly I did not get an opportunity to watch a single minute of the men's or women's hockey during the Olympics. The main reason for this was the time zone and schedule but there seemed to be a noticeable lack of coverage, especially for the men's team in my opinion. Women's hockey is at its peak and the team won gold, and all seems to go quiet again. Women's hockey needs more coverage on the sports channels and on social media. This will help grow the game and make more people aware

of this women's sport. For the men, once the NHL players made the call they would not be attending, all attention to the event seemed to be lost. I can name one player from the team, captain Eric Staal, and I did not see one player interview or much coverage on the team during the event. Until I visited the curling rink, I did not know what two teams were playing for gold in the final game.

What a difference the coverage would have been if the NHL players were in attendance. Brad Marchand was the most vocal about the league's decision not to allow players to participate. During the Olympics, he punched a goalie and received a six game suspension. This news was all over social media and the sports' channels, even stealing the thunder away from the men's and women's teams. What a sad state for the sports as a whole when a suspension receives more attention, debate and coverage on a national stage.

Without any specific examples other than figure skating or snowboarding, there seems to be some element of controversy when it comes to judging in these sports in the Olympics. To me judging athletes in this regard is very hard to do and leaves an element of error or bias to the winner and losers. A simple way to solve this issue is to concentrate on sports where there is a clear winner or loser. It is hard to see an athlete compete a flawless event and then lose to some sort of judgement.

Brad Gushue and team arrived back to Canada with a bronze medal in hand. They did not return with the gold but they clearly stated they had to battle to win the bronze, and they were proud to do so. The emotion of these players after the semi-final game and after the third place game told it all. Congratulations to all the Canadian athletes who represented our country!

U9 Elmvale Coyotes Rep team



by Alissa Shanahan
The U9 Elmvale Coyotes Rep team has wrapped up a fantastic regular season, and are looking forward to two tournaments in March. They went 3-2-1 in their six round-robin playoff games against very tough teams in Collingwood, Thornbury, Oro and Penetang. Between the pipes is Eli (#11), their incredible goaltender who appears to stand on his head while making beautiful glove saves! Teamwork makes the dream work from forwards Ben (#2), Ryker (#4), Gibson (#5), Cole (#7), Kohen (#8) and Max (#17) who have all made their mark with their passing and shooting as they find the back of the net. Defencemen Noah (#6), L.J. (#9), Mason (#10),

Nixon (#14) and Reed (#16) make sure the other team doesn't score many goals thanks to their strong positioning and battles at the boards. This group of kids is led by Head Coach Brandon Godin, Assistant Coach AJ Champion and trainer Adam Kuypers who not only teach the skills and drills, but focus on each player's development and make them all feel valued. Manager Sherry Lee Champion rounds out this incredible crew with all her behind-the-scenes work of keeping this team in line. These kids show up for every shift, every game and have become a strong team on and off the ice. Their heart and hustle set them apart, and we wish them the best of luck in their two upcoming tournaments. Go Coyotes!

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Annie's Journal



Written by Annie Warner Donnelly

Have you ever been sitting in an outhouse reading a catalogue when the 4' x 8' sheet of plywood you'd leaned against it as a temporary door blew down? Thankfully, the outhouse was about 600 feet from the dead-end road I lived on. The next day I brought home a chemical toilet.

It was the 1980s in Emily Township. The house hadn't been lived in for about five years. I thought the hydro man's inspection would be a routine matter before the electricity was turned on. That man must have laughed for five minutes! "Lady," he said between chuckles. "Your fuse box is a collector's item!"

Electricity went through the area in 1952. The house had its original wiring. "No re-wiring: no electricity."



No one understood why I chose to live in that house for a year and a half. It was just something I needed to do. All the seasons were beautiful there. In the winter, I lived in one room on the main floor, and counted on a small pot-bellied stove. I chopped the wood that kept me warm. I slept under every blanket I owned, sometimes waking to a dusting of snow on the top one.

I built a platform for the hand dug well, and broke through the winter ice to draw water. The mailbox I built and installed at the end of

my lane had a slight tilt to it, but it remained standing even when the snowplow went by. Fall in an old farm house was a new experience. Once, more tired than usual after a demanding day at work, I curled up on the sofa for a short nap before dinner. You know that feeling when something wakes you but you're not sure what. The sun had set. The oil lamps weren't lit. I lived alone, but I knew I was no longer alone.

I became wide awake when that mouse shifted his position the second time. It was too dark to see its expression as I scrambled off the sofa. If he made a sound, I didn't hear it. I was making too much noise myself. By the time the lamps were lit, he'd disappeared, of course.

But he hadn't gone far, and he wasn't alone. They all came back during the night. One little guy ran across my pillow while my head was on it! I spent the night throwing tin cups at those miniature mischief makers. The next day, I was introduced to Breaker.

Breaker was a husky barn cat whose

reputation as a mouser was well established. He came to live with me. His kitty litter etiquette left something to be desired, but there were no more visiting mice.

Living alone on a dead-end road, using candles and oil lamps, and being afraid of the dark, my evening routine included these words from Psalm 91: God will command His angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways." They always did. They still do. They will guard you too. You only have to ask. Amen

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2009-present Mike and Mack McGill
1954-2009 Paul and Lois (Dixon) Bertram
1928-1954 (George) Walter and Luella (McNabb) Middleton
1923-1927 Walter Middleton leased the farm from William Edward Knapp.
1921-1928 William Edward and Louisa Knapp bought the farm again
1920-1921 Alonzo and Mary Anne Knapp
1914-1920 William Edward and Louisa Knapp
1902-1914 David Thomas and Elizabeth Wallace
1881-1902 David and Sarah (Spence) Kerr
1856-1881 William Kerr, yeoman, 100 £ paid to Archer and 150 £ to the Crown
1856 Edward Archer would buy titles to properties and then sell them.

Built: 1864

Dimensions: 30 x 80' barn built by 1864 and a foundation added at some point, 2nd barn built ~1900, Paul Bertram added to make it 40 x 60'
Materials: pine and hemlock
Water Source: 2 artesian flows

William Kerr moved to the property with his wife, sister and 8 children in 1859. He had 25 acres cleared, a house and a 30 x 80' barn built by 1864. William was killed by the fire of 1881. "He was a good, kind-hearted old gentleman, and lost his life on Monday evening while crossing a piece of bush to assist a neighbor. He was found by his son on Tuesday morning." (Northern Advance, September 1881). His son David Kerr continued to farm until 1902. David and Sarah (Spence) Kerr built the present house in 1884. David Kerr was to include one good load of hay, the fixtures in the house and the bell when he sold to David Wallace.

Walter Middleton leased the farm for five years and then bought it. After selling the farm Walter and Luella Middleton lived in the south half of the house with Paul and Lois Bertram until 1959. As well as milk and beef cattle, Bertrams had 200-250 hens. They sold eggs at the door and at COPACO. They grew hay, mixed grain and corn.

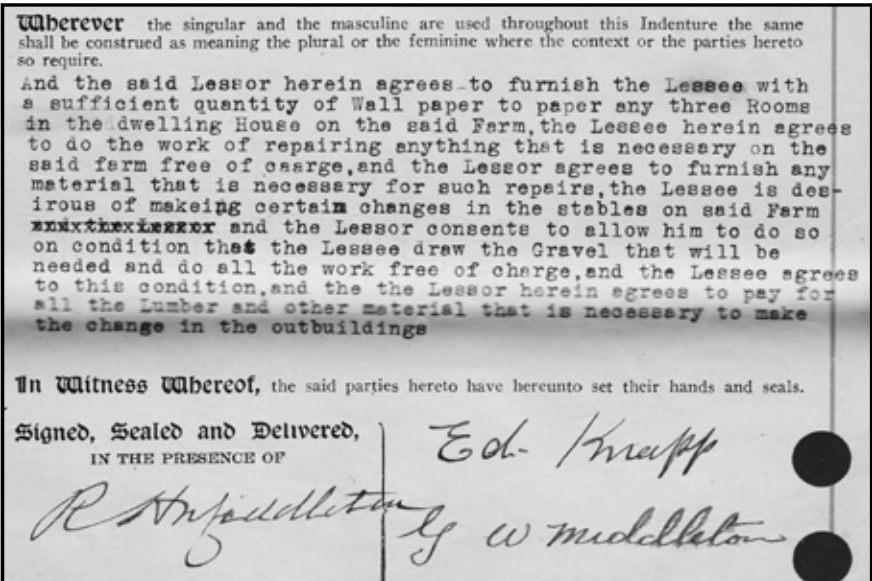
When Highway 27 was widened in 1948 3.87 acres were bought. The Ministry of Transportation and Communications took 17 feet of land in 1974. In 1976 The Simcoe District Cooperative Services bought 20 acres to build a bulk fertilizer outlet.

Both artesian wells were slow, and occasionally water had to be brought in. A pipe was attached to a spring on the adjoining property, S ½ Lot 6, when the farm was tile drained. A 15' crock was added to the artesian well in 1955 and recently another well was drilled.

Paul and Lois Bertram, Peggy Bertram (1856-1980: The Story of a Farm), Crown deeds and other deeds.



The bell was in David Kerr's possession. It was cast iron and was used to call the men to dinner. Paul and Lois Bertram now have it.



Luella did not get to choose the wallpaper. When Paul and Lois Bertram bought the farm, the Middleton's included money for the purchase of wallpaper for the hallway in the house, allowing Lois to choose her own.



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THE OPP REPORT

OPP Investigating Overnight Fatal Snowmobile Crash on Six Mile Lake

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are currently investigating an overnight single snowmobile crash on Six Mile Lake in Georgian Bay Township that claimed the life of one occupant and sent the other occupant to a Toronto trauma hospital. Emergency services from OPP, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services and Georgian Bay Township Fire Services responded to a 911 call at 1:51 a.m. February 20, 2022 to a crash scene at the west shoreline of Walpole Island <https://w3w.co/determining.eased.mitigated>.

One of the two male occupants was pronounced deceased at the scene, the other was transported by Ornge Paramedic Services for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

OPP Investigators have identified the one deceased occupant of the involved snowmobile as Kye LINSSEN 23 years of Oro-Medonte Township. The second occupant, a 23 year old male remains in a Toronto trauma hospital.

Officers are being assisted by members of the OPP Central Region Technical Traffic Unit (TTCI) in the continuing investigation into cause of the crash.

SERIOUS HEAD-ON COLLISION IN SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP

Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently on scene of a serious two-vehicle head-on collision on Crossland Road in the Township of Springwater.

On February 20, 2022, just before 1:30 p.m., Huronia West OPP and emergency services responded to a serious two-vehicle head-on collision involving a sport utility vehicle (SUV) and a passenger vehicle on Crossland Road, between Flos Road 4 and Flos Road 6, in the Township of Springwater.

One passenger was airlifted by Orange to a Toronto-area hospital with life-threatening injuries. The driver and two other passengers of the same vehicle were transported to an area hospital with serious injuries, and the driver, and lone occupant, of the other vehicle was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Crossland Road will remain closed, between Flos Road 4 and Flos Road 6, for several hours as OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists complete their investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision and has not yet spoken with police is asked to contact the Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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OPP Make Arrests in Tiny Township Robbery Investigation

Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded at 11:43 p.m. February 18, 2022 to a report of a robbery involving a firearm by three individuals at a residence on Moreau Parkway, Tiny Township.

OPP officers attended the scene and commenced an investigation which later resulted in a suspect vehicle being located southbound on Highway 27 in Springwater Township. The vehicle failed to stop for police when directed and was strategically followed by officers who effectively deployed a tire deflation device in the southbound lanes of Highway 400 and Horseshoe Valley Road. The vehicle later went of the road at the intersection of Forbes and Russell Roads with the occupants fleeing the scene.

Uniform officers at the scene located and arrested without incident the three vehicle occupants and recovered a quantity of stolen property as depicted in the attached OPP submitted photographs.

Charged in connection to this investigation are the following individuals with offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

Braydon HUNTER 25 years of Toronto with the following offences

- Pointing a Firearm
- Failure to Comply with Release Order - other than to attend court (four counts)

Roniel ISRAILOV 21 years of Toronto

see below

Michael GIALOURIS-PLUSKA 26 years of York with the following offences

- Flight from Peace Officer
- Dangerous Operation (two counts)

The three accused persons are also jointly charged with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and held for a virtual bail hearing and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date

- Robbery Using Firearm
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada

OPP Investigating Serious Two Vehicle Crash on Thompsons Road in Penetanguishene

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP and County of Simcoe Paramedic Services responded to a two vehicle crash on Thompsons Road, Penetanguishene at 8:13 a.m. February 23, 2022. Investigators from the OPP Central Region Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) Team are assisting officers into the cause of the crash between a large commercial vehicle with two occupants and a passenger car with one occupant.

The crash has claimed the life of Benjamin David FORDHAM 32 years of Elmvalle who was the only occupant of the passenger vehicle at the time of the crash. The two occupants of the commercial vehicle were triaged at scene for minor injuries by paramedics.

Witnesses Sought

OPP Investigators would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the crash, was driving through or may have dash cam video from Thompsons Road near 8:13 a.m. February 23, 2022. Anyone with information is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp.ca



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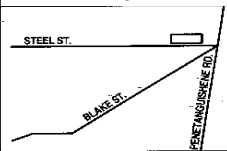
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The vote to close was virtually unanimous.

And so it is with heavy hearts to share this news. The church will spend the next few weeks celebrating the ministry and history of the church. The closing service will be April 17, 2022, Easter. This is a sign that even in death God brings resurrection. We do not know the shape of what will come. We trust in God that it will be good.

Local Families that Had a Black History



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by Mike Tomlinson

Their name was Curtin (could be incorrect spelling) and they lived beside us on a 50 acre parcel of land just west of the church. Mrs Curtin was very tiny. I don't think that she stood more than 4 foot 8 inches. My mother enjoyed visiting and having a cup of tea. During the summer we would often walk down the road and visit. The story goes that she was the daughter of an escaped slave. Phelpsston during the 1800's was a booming town with 5 banks. There were huge tracts of timber white pine maple and oak. The timber would be hauled to Collingwood. There it was loaded onto ships and sent to Chicago. The ships returned empty apart from some human cargo. It was dangerous for escaped slaves in cities like Chicago. If they were found out they could be captured and returned to the plantation where they came. arriving in this area they found that jobs were plentiful working in the forest during winter and working sawmills in the summer. They were safe in Canada. Mrs. Curtin lived to be quite an age. She was married to Andy. He was quite friendly to us as well and did odd jobs for us . Her children were all quite older than me and I think that she had 9. She had a granddaughter who I was exceptionally fond of, a little older but I found great joy in playing with her. After Andy and Mrs Curtin passed the property was taken over by a daughter, Pat Curtin. She became one of my mothers best friends. She was admired by the whole community. One day I met Leonard Curtin at the Elmvale legion. He was also very well liked. He invited me to his 90th birthday party. I never got to attend.



Eat a Cupcake, Donate and Change the Lives of Animals in Need on National Cupcake Day™

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“The calories don't count when you make a donation to support animals in need,” says Tracy McElman, Provincial Manager, Community Programming & Animal Centre Services, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. “This is the 10th anniversary of National Cupcake Day and we hope you'll join us by indulging in a sweet treat to help animals.”

Obituaries



WHETHAM, Irene Adeline
Irene passed away peacefully with family by her side, at Waterford Retirement Residence, Barrie, on Friday, February 25, 2022.
Irene was born and raised in Elmvale. She attended school in Elmvale and then continued her education at Barrie Business College. She lived and worked in Barrie as a secretary for a few years meeting some lifelong friends during this time. She met the love of her life, Ross, when she was 16 and he was 19 at a New Year's Eve dance in Waverley and thus began their love and passion for dancing. They would attend dances across the region at least three times a week. After marrying and settling in Orr Lake, they danced every Saturday night at the Orr Lake Dance Hall. They began their family and as the girls became old enough, they took the girls to the dances with them. They spent many years enjoying activities such as snowmobiling, bonfires in the summer, playing horseshoes, hosting corn roasts and socialising with the cottagers. Irene enjoyed learning new skills and took courses in woodworking, upholstery, computers, financial planning, geneology and Tai Chi to mention a few. She taught sewing at night school and assisted Margaret Eccleshall with teaching square dancing at Hillsdale Public School. She was also a 4-H Homemaking Club leader. She enjoyed a wide variety of activities, however, she never did enjoy cooking. Thank goodness she married a man that did enjoy cooking.
Irene was best known as running a tight ship for numerous years as secretary of Hillsdale Public School.
Irene and Ross eventually moved to Elmvale to reside in her childhood home on John Street. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels during her retirement and spent many hours with her sister, Ruby, travelling across the region collecting information regarding family genealogy.
After Ross's passing, Irene became closer with her sister-in-law Barb having lots of laughs playing cards at home and playing euchre at the legion. She also became one of the many regular customers at the Kozy Kitchen.
Irene eventually moved to Waterford Retirement Residence and was overjoyed to discover that her favourite Elmvale musicians, Al Beardsall, Lloyd Preston, John Potts, and Katie Austin all came to entertain the residents there. Music was incredibly important to Irene.
The eternal dance floor is now ready for Irene.
Irene lived into her 88th year. Dear wife of the late Ross Whetham. Irene will be forever cherished and dearly missed by her children, Penny (the late Taras) Ciurpita, Melanie (Brian Adams) Whetham and Angela (Eric Brown) Whetham and her special niece Tammy (Ivan) Desroches who Irene referred to as her fourth daughter, along with their four children Evan, Emily, Bryn and Zach. Auntie Irene will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews, and by Brian's daughters, Lindsay Adams, Becky Adams and Laura (Grant) Cusiter. Great Nanny "Rene" will be fondly remembered by Keenan, Hazel, Gibson and Ruby Cusiter. Irene was the daughter of the late Lloyd Nicholas Wood and the late Oda Irene (Houden) Wood. She is survived by her brother Nelson (Virginia) Wood and brother-in-law Clair (Jan) Whetham and predeceased by her sister Ruby (Don) Hocken and in-laws Lloyd (Phyllis) Whetham, Arlie (Elma) Whetham, Madeline (Orval) Edwards, and Barb (Alex) Spence
Cremation has taken place.
A private family service will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022 at Lynn-Stone Funeral Home. The service can be seen on YouTube (search: Lynn Stone Funeral Home) beginning at 10:55 am. If you wish to make a donation in memory of Irene please consider the Elmvale & District Lions Club.
Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at lynnstonefuneralhome.com. Cards of condolence may be left at the Lynn Stone Funeral Home



Obituaries



DUBEAU, Patricia Evelyn

Patricia Evelyn Dubeau (nee Burns) of Wasaga Beach passed away peacefully in her home on February 18, 2022 in her 87th year. Predeceased by her devoted husband

Eugene Dubeau of 70 years. Beloved daughter of the late William & Thelma Burns. Patricia will be sadly missed by her children Pamela (Terry) Conron, Barbara (James) Pratt, Daniel Dubeau, Tara-Lee (David) Calhoun. She was very Proud of her 11 Grandchildren; Patricia enjoyed her time with her 12 Great Grandchildren & blessed with 2 Great Great Grandchildren. Cherish by her siblings Tom (Linda), Neil (Diane), Darryl (Irene), Gail (Michel), Beverley (Roy) Glen & Gary. Pat was loved by many nieces and nephews and extended family she welcomed into her family with open arms. She had the best smiles and was so happy to have a new baby in her arms.

Cremation with private ceremony will be held later this year at Wyevale Cemetery.

We would like to thank Dr. Lane & especially the caring nurses at the Stayner Medical Centre for their passionate care over the years. We love you to the moon and back!

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to candaceabrey@gmail.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made online to the Elmvale or Wasaga Beach Food Bank.



BARTRAM, Anne Ottilie

Passed away at her Hillsdale home December 29, 2021 at the age of 68. Devoted daughter and caregiver of Jeanette and Hugh Bartram (both now deceased) of Burlington.

Anne will be missed by her extended family, dear friends, and her beloved Labs (Samantha & Savannah). She was an enthusiastic breeder of Labrador Retrievers and the breed was her passion. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the OSPCA or the COPE foundation, as Labs are often used as therapy dogs.

<https://ontariospca.ca/how-to-help/>
<https://copedogs.org/>

William Edgar RITCHIE, known as Bill or Billy to friends and family died peacefully at his home in Elmvale on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the age of 77.

Bill was born in 1945 to Edgar and Maida Ritchie. Growing up in Beeton, Ontario, Bill's hard work ethic started at a young age, whether helping his father or strangers which transpired to his teenage years where his escapades and exceptional hockey skills highlighted the local papers. And in the blink of an eye, almost five decades later, Bill retired from Labatt Breweries where he ended his long trucking career with a record 43 years of safe driving. Along the way, he married his wife Norma, had a daughter Tracy and a son Ryan.

Those who knew Bill knew him to be an amazing storyteller and conversationalist with crisp ability to recount details. He was a voracious reader who was able to captivate his audience with his knowledgeable memory of information that he was able to retain from the never ending books he always had in hand. He told tales of life events that were captured so easily and effortlessly in conversations with anyone and everyone.

Bill leaves behind Norma, his best friend and wife of 58 years. He will be sorely missed by his children Tracy Jackson (Tom) and Ryan (Jennifer). Bill was a loving Poppa/Grampa to his grandchildren Sarah, Whitney, Clinton, Greyson and Bellamy as well as being GG Poppa to Brayden and Garrett. Bill will also be missed by his sister Jane Plets (Stoney) and their families on Prince Edward Island.

Bill will be remembered with love, always. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.



CHALMERS, Margaret

Peacefully passed away at Mill Creek Nursing Home on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Margaret Chalmers at the age of 83, loving wife of the late John Chalmers. Proud mother of Gary (Donna Parks), Carol (Chuck)

McNair and Steve (Kristine) Chalmers. Proud grandmother of Graham Chalmers, Erica Chalmers, Stephen McNair (Charlie Vanderpol), Mitchell (Mackenzie) McNair, Dannah (Robert Greavette) Chalmers and Gillian Chalmers. Great grandmother to Axel Thomas McNair. Margaret is also survived by her brother Mick (Pat) Hodge, and her late brother Malcolm (Pam) Hodge. She will be fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, friends, and family.

Margaret and John immigrated to Canada and made the village of Minesing their home. Margaret supported John in their family business (Chalmer's Autobody) and worked many years in management at BMO in Barrie. She was on the founding committee of the Minesing Mini Fest and also enjoyed taking part in many community events. She loved her Pub Lunches, singing with the Minesing Church Choir, knitting, needlepoint, swimming and fine dining with her husband. In retirement, Margaret and John enjoyed many cruises throughout the world. A Celebration of Margaret's life will be announced at a later date.

Memorial donations to Alzheimer Society Simcoe County, and Diabetes Canada or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Dr. Zahir Poonja, Dr. Lee Andersen, and the staff of Mill Creek for their exceptional care and compassion.

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



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McCLUSKEY, Charles Jessie:
"Charlie", "Young Charlie", "CJ"

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Passed away on Sunday, February 20 at home after a lengthy illness. Son of the late Charles John and Lorraine Marion (Nee Deal) McCluskey. Charlie was the beloved common law spouse of Charleen "Charlie" Renaud. Beloved father of Pamela McCluskey of Hunstville, Charles McCluskey, British Columbia, with his wife and their children, and Mercedes Cooper, of Oshawa with her common law spouse and their children.

He will be lovingly remembered as a brother to Linda Edwards (nee McCluskey), Port McNicoll, married to John Edwards (deceased), Michael McCluskey, Port McNicoll, and Greg Blue. Charlie will be greatly missed by his many other family and friends from the Northern Simcoe area.

Please visit [LeClair Cremation Centre \(www.arbormemorial.ca/en/leclair\)](http://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/leclair) to place condolences and announcement of place and time of Celebration of Life.

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Anger Makes Things Worse

“Nothing is permanent.
Nothing is worthy of anger.
Nothing is worthy of dispute.
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~ From Heart of a Buddha



Life presents opportunities daily for us to get caught up in polarity, negativity and conflict. Whether it be something in our personal lives, our work situation, or a global issue, anger can be triggered. We may justify our anger based on the actions of others.

Some may say that another made them so mad, as though that person caused them to behave as they did. This way of thinking allows the angry one to take no responsibility for their behaviors. It is important to clarify that we are talking about angry behaviors, not feelings.

Something can trigger our anger, but the way we respond is totally our own choice and responsibility.

If you do not agree with this, what would you say to a husband who beat his wife, and argued, “I wouldn’t have had to hit her if she hadn’t lipped me off.”

This is a knee-jerk, primitive response, and as a civilization, this has not served us. It is clearly time to evolve beyond this way of thinking.

Look at our world today. Never has there been so much divisiveness.

Individuals, families or groups may find that conflict becomes a central facet of existence. There is always something, or someone, to rage about, either silently or openly. However, true joy is impossible in an angry heart, and anger never brings peace.

Marshal Rosenberg, a global mediator, did not seek to get parties to agree about their interpretations of the situation. It was about ceasing the fighting, and then looking for options both could live with, despite their differences.

I remember spending hours building intricate sand castles at the beach. Soon the waves began lapping at the edge of the structure, and eventually washed it away. In the end, the beach was completely smooth, flat and pristine, with no sign of what had once been.

We are no more permanent than the sand castle. Time laps at the edge of our lives, and will ultimately wash away all signs of our existence. The same, eventually, will happen to our entire species.

Of what consequence will be our battles with individuals or nations? What will it all have been for?

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As individuals, and as a species, we must ask ourselves how well we are utilizing our evolutionary potential. What separates us from other animals is our ability to think, plan and communicate with each other. Whenever we fight, we are at our most primitive.

Yes, there will be problems, disagreements and differing viewpoints in any situation. We must care enough to consider the other’s point of view, and work to create respectful relationships where we can work together to find solutions.

The time will come when we are all gone. There may be no memory of our existence on this earth. Somewhere however, our souls will carry the memory of how we lived here, and how we treated one another.

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Views from the Cottage



Where WOOD we be without good neighbours??

We all know that this time of the year, February and into early March can be the coldest of temperatures. January gave us up to a chilling -29 and lower with wind chills. No matter how much you turn up that thermometer, it always seems there is a chill somewhere. For those that have a woodstove or a nice fireplace with good airflow, you’ll be toasty and warm all winter. If you were able to harvest wood from your own land, bonus! Maybe you were able to scrounge your wood from dead tree fall or helped a neighbour take down a few overgrown deciduous stands that were getting too big for their inconvenient location. If you are like many of us, you elect to buy your wood from a trusted source who will chop and deliver a few bush cord of well seasoned, low moisture hardwood that will allow your stove or fireplace to burn hot and efficient. When you measure out the cost of the wood, the effort in stacking it, bringing it into the

home, splitting the too-large pieces and cleaning up the sawdust, dirt and yes, a few bugs (dead or alive), you may think it’s just not worth the aggravation. For many, it is not. For me, it is a joy!

I learned a long time ago, how to use a chainsaw (safely), how to fell a (small) tree, how to split it and how best to stack it for its drying time. I learned the value of free wood but then it became so labour intensive that it was not so free lol!

In recent years, with business taking more time instead of less, I decided that I’m better off buying it locally but I never thought my calculations would be so off! Was it the deep cold that just seemed to vacuum the very last scrap from my nicely stacked, covered cache of wood fuel? My woodstove heat is supplementary but with the cost of hydro and other fuels going up and up (and will continue), I really wish I’d got that extra bush cord (4x4x8 ft stack). Note for next year, buy more than you need as it never goes to waste!

At any rate, I want to thank my neighbours whole heartedly. Amid a February freeze, one neighbour allowed me to harvest some

deadwood in the lane, another organized the felling of a large dead elm that was still standing, and another came to cut it into manageable lengths and thereafter deliver it to my door. Where ‘wood’ I be without them! Thank you to neighbours everywhere.

Good neighbours represent so much to us both in microcosm right here in our own backyards and in macrocosm. Where would we be without our friendly neighbours to the south. From a global perspective I pray for neighbour countries everywhere including Ukraine and Russia and hope the current situation finds swift and peaceful solutions. With Ukrainian roots in the family, the only power I have is prayer and I’ll use that daily as I light my fire each morning. Amen!

Oh and my tip of the week is “have your WETT certificate available when you are selling your home”. This will save time and help with the smooth sale of your home. Insurance carriers need this and the extra premium charged is well worth a better nights sleep! Burn safe!

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