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Library's Springwater Smile Campaign Brings Treats to Mothers



Sue Kerslake of the Elmvale & District Food Bank, Jodie Delgado of Springwater Public Library, and Jim Elliott from the Elmvale Lions Club

Springwater Public Library collaborated with the Elmvale & District Food Bank to treat Moms for Mother's Day. The Library asked for sponsors of gift bags to give to Moms. Community residents and businesses sponsored 25 bags, and the Elmvale Lions Club partnered with the Library to provide another 25 bags for a total of 50 donated to the Food Bank. The bags contain needed items (toiletries, a gift card for food) plus treats such as scented candles and chocolate so mothers can get have something nice for themselves and destress.

The Springwater Smile campaign was organized by Kathy Cook of the Midhurst Branch of the Library. She wanted to do something to encourage and bring a smile to those moms who use the Elmvale Foodbank. And she was successful! "With the help of the Springwater Community and the Elmvale Lions Club, the Springwater Library has been successful in putting together 50 gift bags. Happy Mother's Day!" she says.

Springwater Library was happy to welcome the Elmvale Lions Club as a partner in this project. Jim Elliott of the Elmvale Lions Club said "The Elmvale Lions Club is about helping those in need in the community. This is a great project, and we were very happy to have the opportunity to support it and the Elmvale & District Food Bank."

"The Elmvale & District Food Bank supports many families and single mothers. These bags will be greatly appreciated, and we thank all of the donors who participated in Springwater Smiles through the Springwater Public Library," says Sue Kerslake of the Elmvale Food Bank.

Springwater Public Library hopes to continue this program next year. Please contact for more information:
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Sign Was Hits Elmvale

The cheeky Ontario sign wars which some claim started in Listowel when the Speedy Auto Glass sign displayed a challenge and the Dairy Queen accepted - or was it in Sarnia where a car dealer put up a challenge about their great deals and it went wild. There a Pharmasave Pharmacy, took a jab at the adult store across the road with a sign reading "The Stag Shop can elevate mood, Pharmasave elevates everything else".

Actually, the idea began in United States and has spread across the world. The effort is designed to give a social media boost to suffering businesses, hard hit by the lockdown.



Well now it has hit Elmvale. Foodland sent the challenge to the Elmvale Home Building Centre who replied with the poetry of spuds and studs. But not to let it rest, Steelers sent their challenge to the owner of the EHBC offering food for wood.

If you see a fun sign - send it to the Springwater News. We'll publish it.

(Pictures courtesy of Isabella Kirton)



Local philanthropist pays tribute to nurses with \$25,000 matching campaign



Community philanthropist Jane Brown Jackson is matching every donation to RVH up to \$25,000 in honour of nurses starting National Nursing Week. Proceeds raised will support RVH's Intensive Care Unit expansion.

Local philanthropist Jane Brown Jackson will honour the heroic work of nurses by launching her second annual matching gift fundraiser to benefit Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH). Having received exceptional care herself from nurses and other care providers, she is inspired to give back and show her support to those who were there for her in the moments that mattered most.

RVH's "In Honour of Nurses" campaign kicks off today, May 10th, on National Nursing Week, and will continue until Brown Jackson's donation of \$25,000 is fully matched by the local community. All proceeds will support the expansion of the RVH Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

"I invite the community to make a donation to patient care at RVH

in honour of the incredible work done by nurses each and every day, and throughout this pandemic," Brown Jackson said. "The ICU provides lifesaving medical intervention and our donations will ensure it has the future capacity to be there for ourselves, family and friends in the moments that matter the most."

The majority of expansions, medical equipment and technology is only possible through the support of community donations.

"Your gift allows RVH to put the best tools in the hands of its nurses and care teams. Community support never fails to inspire TEAM RVH, including our nurses, particularly during these unprecedented times," says Pamela Ross, RVH Foundation CEO. "We are very grateful to Jane for standing behind nurses, RVH and for supporting growth in our ICU. It's never been more important."

Please visit RVHHERO.ca for more information and to make a donation and have it matched. In addition, share your words of gratitude with nurses on the comment section of the donations page - these messages of appreciation will be collected, and posted in a common area for nurses to read.

Editor's Musings

When male politicians like Trudeau call themselves 'feminists' they're pretending that decent and ethical behaviour towards women somehow makes them special. In the real world, decent and ethical behaviour is the standard expected, not something to brag about.

The Seattle Kraken officially joined the NHL on Friday when they made the final payment of their \$650 million expansion fee, allowing them to make trades ahead of the 2021 NHL Expansion Draft on July 21 and sign free agents ahead of their debut next season.

If any were watching the Wells Fargo Golf Tournament from Charlotte on Sunday, and only saw the very odd mask, the Covid rate in North Carolina is about 10% of what we have in Ontario.

I was looking over my Elmvale 'Water and Wastewater' bill. Since we are hooked into the sewers, someone decided that for every lick of water that comes into the house, it goes out through the sewer. It doesn't matter that you watered your grass/flowers/garden, filled your pool, washed your car or hauled it away, you are charged a sewage fee. One might think that in today's modern society, water could be metered in and sewage metered out...but I suppose they would just raise the rate to cover their expenses.

There is a quarterly fixed water (\$56.55) and sewage (\$104.19) rate so if you departed for three months and used no water, it would cost you \$159.74.

In a period of 89 days, I used 18.00 M3 of water at \$1.73/M3 and paid \$2.45 for each M3 as it is assumed it went down the drain. The cost of each M3 is \$4.18.

It appears that the more water you use, the cheaper it is.

The total bill = \$235.98 or \$13.11 per M3. Each litre of water is worth 1.3 cents.

Our new low flow toilets (which you sometimes have to flush more than once) uses 5 litres of water - 6.5 cents worth of water per flush. The old toilets use as much as 14 litres per flush so 18 cents worth of H2O. They figure the average person flushes the toilet five times per day. Assuming my wife and I are normal, that means that in that 89 days on the billings, we used over 6M3 of water, one third of all the consumption just flushing the toilet. Therefore, the average couple with low flow toilets spends around \$25 per month in just flushing the toilet. At \$12.50 per person, how many are in your household?

A clothes washer uses 50 litres - 65 cents to wash a load of clothes. But a dishwasher only uses 9.5 litres on rinse so 12 cents - if you use cold water and no soap. But a full wash may use 4 times as much - 50 cents worth of water. Those little dishwasher detergent tabs cost 50 cents each.

Don't wash dishes by hand because that uses around 60 litres - 80 cents plus soap - plus heating for the water but that's for another day.

And what about the 25 year old Malian woman who, at 30 weeks, gave birth by caesarean section to five girls and four boys weighing between 500 and 1000 grams (1.1 to 2.2 pounds). They are all doing well. They had predicted seven. No fertility drugs were used.

The current holder of the Guinness record is American Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to eight premature but



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otherwise healthy children in 2009.

Collingwood has a water problem - actually, they have a treated water problem. We won't try to analyze why with all the building going on, someone did not realize that the pump house and water treatment capabilities were not up for the expansions. Building has been halted while the improvements to the water source gets up to speed to supply treated water for future homes and businesses.

Despite what the real problem is, it still leaves room for the uninformed to make up stories.

The narrative from some news outlets is that a town in Ontario is running out of water. Collingwood is located beside one of the greatest sources of water in the world. Collingwood was built around the shipyards. There is little pollution in the waters of Georgian Bay and we could probably drink the water right out of the bay - if the government allowed it.

It wasn't that many years ago that Elmvale first started to put chlorine into our water. Elmvale's first water tower (30,000 gallons) and two miles of water mains were installed in the early 1927/28s at a cost of \$30,000. Until the early 80s, our water was not treated.

There was a lot of debate within the Elmvale Council and the ratepayers about destroying the good taste of our water. The problem appeared to be in our water mains. Some of them dead ended. The water sat beyond the last household connection and algae would form. Then if there was a surge of water, the algae would backwash and people would get it coming out of their taps.

I liked hanging around the curling rink. We were making ice. We were flooding the curling rink floor. We had such a rush of green algae, we had to divert the water until it cleared up. We filled a glass with this green water. The next morning, the algae had settled and sat in the bottom half. It appeared we had captured 50% algae.

Today, the people that maintain our water system flushes the lines to keep them clean. Years ago, I don't think they even flushed the lines. Even so, no one got sick but in the end, they began to add chlorine to our water.

The system was not perfect. Chlorine was not evenly injected into the water. Sometimes people would turn on their taps and wondered if they were the recipients of 100% chlorine. A few years back, the system was improved by mixing the water and the chemicals in a more balanced way.

That leads to other conclusions people come up with.

People have asserted that the weather is worse now than 70 years ago. Stats show it. But from 1959 to 1954, only tornado events were recorded. From 1955 to 1992, tornado, thunderstorm, wind and hail have been



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extracted from the raw data. From 1996 to the present, 48 event types are recorded as defined in NSW Directive 10-1605. This information is directly from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NOAA.

Yes, the recorded weather is worse. In 1950, they recorded one thing. In 2020, they recorded 48 things.

I have a little problem with Cannabis which can be either hemp of marijuana. Is this not the same as trying to control liquids which might be water or alcohol?

Cannabis breaks down into Hemp which can be used for clothes, rope, paper, biodegradable plastic, paint,

fuel, insulation, food and animal feed. It should be encouraged to be a replacement for fossil fuels which is used in some of the same things i.e. fuel, plastic, paints...

On the other hand, Cannabis can also be marijuana (or marihuana) which we all know about but which the government is trying to control.

I wonder how they do that when each household can grow four plants.

My point is - put no restrictions on hemp but control the production of marijuana - despite what the government allows people to do.

Springwater should be having a meeting to control the growth of marijuana, and call it that, not cannabis.

I think it is silly that we can sit outside in public places or sit in your car and smoke weed but we can't have a beer.

I scratch my head...

So Charles, along with your flowers and tomatoes, how is your grass growing? I hope you are controlling the weeds!

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Apr 24	640 (11,184)	50 = 763	7087	5669	
May 19	427 (23,384)	15 = 1919	17,889	3576	
June 18	173 (32,917)	3 = 2553	28,012	2352	
July 21	203 (37,942)	1 = 2753	33,617	1572	
Aug 11	33 (40,194)	0 = 2786	36,456	952	
Sept 12	232 (44,300)	1 = 2814	39,717	1769	
Oct 13	746 (60,692)	9 = 3016		5947	36,473
Nov 16	1487 (95,496)	10 = 3371	79,295	12,830	33,351
Dec 31	3328 = 182,195	56 = 4530	156,259	21,617	63,858
Jan 19	1913 = 242,277	46 = 5479	209,183	27,615	34,531
Feb 28	1062 = 300,816	20 = 6980	283,344	10,492	48,185
Mar 31	2333 = 349,903	15 = 7366	322,382	20,155	52,532
Apr 15	4736 = 403,571	29 = 7639	357,591	38,341	65,559
Apr 30	3887 = 463,364	21 = 8047	417,252	38,062	53,074
May 1	3369 = 466,733	29 = 8079	421,216	37,438	46,803
May 2	3732 = 470,465	23 = 8102	425,163	37,200	45,301
May 3	3436 = 473,901	16 = 8118	428,786	36,997	33,179
May 4	2791 = 476,692	25 = 8143	432,109	36,440	34,740
May 5	2941 = 479,633	44 = 8187	436,470	34,976	45,767
May 6	3424 = 483,057	26 = 8213	440,467	34,377	54,118
May 7	3166 = 486,223	23 = 8236	444,342	38,252	51,338
May 8	2864 = 489,087	25 = 8261	447,938	32,888	47,817
May 9	3216 = 492,303	47 = 8308	451,591	32,404	38,540
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ANTEN MILLS NEWS by Dennis Gannon

There are two events that are planned for the community this weekend and next. This weekend, the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association had planned a community wide cleanup of the parks and along Wilson Drive as has been normally conducted at this time of the year. It's an opportunity to do our part for the environment and keep the litter and debris from becoming unsightly. Regrettably the Township had received communication last week from the Province requesting that they not hold or sponsor any community wide cleanup litter clean up events due to the Stay at Home Order. What can occur though is that families can still work within their own household group and do their part and clean up a park, walkway or a portion of the roadways. This still encourages community involvement and appreciation for what we have. Take a picture of your family and what they collected, post it on the Anten Mills Community Facebook page and as well on Twitter using the hashtag #actONlitter and let's all do part in keeping Anten Mills clean and the pristine.

The second major event is the Anten Mills Spring Food Bank Drive in support of the Elmvale and District Food Bank. The drive will occur on the Victoria Day long weekend starting on Friday May 21 and concluding on Monday May 24. There are three collection locations with bins outdoors so that you may drop your donations off. They are at 8 Luella Blvd, 23 Pinery Dr, which is at the corner of Luella and Pinery, and 3947 Horseshoe Valley Rd W. The food bank has notified that they are in need of the following items, Pancake mix, Toothpaste, Stove top stuffing, Cereal, Cake Mix, Kidney Beans, Chick Peas, Dish Soap, Cream Corn, Chicken Noodle Soup, Snack Crackers, School Snacks and Drinking Boxes along with Jello. Please consider the food bank when you get your groceries over the next week and be generous in your donations for those in need. The next major food drive will not be until the fall so they need to keep their shelves stocked until then. A huge thanks to the families who are assisting with the drive by being drop off locations.

The CRA has also been working to bring some family activities to the community with pick up softball and Friday Movie Nights under the pavilion. The original plan was to start at the beginning of June however those plans are obviously on hold until the Province provides their next direction on their orders.

The Township of Springwater is planning on doing some roadwork to a few streets in the community that are in need. Springwater has requested bids to rejuvenate a portion of the older section of Lawrence Avenue, Pineview Avenue and the older section of Luella Boulevard. This past spring has seen these roadways deteriorate significantly so thank you to Springwater Council for considering the requests and to Councillor Maw-Chapman for advocating our behalf of our community.

Last week was Emergency Preparedness Week in Ontario and the Springwater Fire and Emergency Services is holding a contest this month for Springwater residents only to win a car emergency kit. Check out the details on the fire department section of the township web and enter.

If you have been down at the community park lately you may have noticed that some of the turf has been ripped up in different

areas. It is unfortunate that this has occurred and it is perhaps that the operators of the vehicles involved were not aware that motorized vehicles are not permitted past the parking lot area. The Township will be taking proactive steps by posting new signs and if you know anyone who has been operating a vehicle in the park please request that they stop. After all they would not likely rip up their lawns so why is the park any different.

In late April and early May of 1997 work began on the pavilion located at the community centre. For several months volunteers from the community laboured to build the fine structure as well as fund raise the money required. Fundraising paid for the entire structure. The pavilion has been the centre of many community activities as well as host of numerous family reunions and a small number of weddings. The township has committed to having a concrete floor installed which will make it more usable for our community events including our 50th anniversary celebration in October.

The 50th anniversary of a volunteer operated organization is somewhat an exceptional milestone. To celebrate this occasion and has been noted previously, the CRA is building an anniversary garden as well as a new defined floral parking berm. Beautifying the community park is an easy but rewarding project that will be sustainable for many years. If you are going to the garden centre over the next few weeks or are working on your own garden please consider obtaining a perennial flowering plant to donate. The goal is to build a pollinator garden so a significant number of flowering plants will be required. The plants will be looked after until the beds have been constructed and the CRA is pleased to advise that the Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts are assisting us with this project. They have a Facebook page so you can see what they are up to. The plants can be picked up or delivered and my contact information is how it can be arranged. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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Annie's Journal Annie Warner Donnelly



Is there something on your "To Do List" that you just don't want to do, so you put it off, and off, and off?

Richard Wiseman, who wrote the book, "59 Seconds", has an international reputation for reducing intricate research studies into practical suggestions for everyday living. He wrote about dealing with procrastination:

"Procrastination is a surprisingly complex phenomenon that can stem from a variety of causes including fear of failure; perfectionism; low levels of self-control; a tendency to see projects as a whole rather than breaking them into smaller parts; being prone to boredom; the feeling that life is too short to worry about seemingly unimportant tasks; and an inability to accurately estimate how long it takes to do things."

The good news is that, filtered through God's mercy and grace, any one of these characteristics can be overcome in God's strength.

In the 1920s, a young Russian psychology graduate, Bluma Zeigarnik, documented research that indicated starting any activity causes our minds to experience a kind of psychic anxiety. Once the activity is completed, our minds breathe an unconscious sigh of relief, and all is forgotten.

However, if for some reason, we're kept from completing the activity, our minds keep reminding us and reminding us until we finish what we started.

What's this got to do with procrastination? Wiseman explained:

"Procrastinators frequently put off starting certain activities because they are overwhelmed by the size of the job in front of them. However, if they can be persuaded, or can persuade themselves, to work on the activity for 'just a few minutes', they often feel an urge to see it through to completion."

Research shows that 'The Just a Few Minutes Rule' is a highly effective way of beating procrastination, and could help people finish the most arduous of tasks. This is a perfect application of Zeigarnik's work - those few minutes of initial activity create an anxious brain that refuses to rest until the job is done."

No research is complete without the results of it being tested, so I persuaded myself to start a task I'd been putting off. Sure enough, when I realized it was easier than I thought it would be, I just kept going until it was finished.

Imagine what we could achieve with just a few minutes of exercise or eating right, of going to bed earlier or getting up earlier, of praying for one more person, of learning to play the piano or paint a picture: just a few minutes.

Before long, just a few minutes can turn into a strategy that helps us beat procrastination for good, and achieve those goals we've been longing to achieve. Putting our anxious minds to rest as it relates to our "To Do Lists" helps us maintain that perfect peace that God promises.

This week, let's ask God to help us as we start that something on our list that we've been putting off. Let's work on it for a few minutes, and see happens. Amen

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 4. Work in the kitchen whenever you can... many fine tools are there, its warm and dry, and you are close to the refrigerator.
 5. If it's electronic, get a new one.
 6. Keep it simple: Get a new battery; replace the bulb or fuse; see if the tank is empty; try turning it to the "on" switch; or just paint over it
 7. Always take credit for miracles. If you dropped the alarm clock while taking it apart and it suddenly starts working, you have fixed it.
 8. Regardless of what people say, kicking, pounding, and throwing sometimes DOES help.
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May 5 – Springwater Council Meeting Highlights

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New SaveStation in Glenhuron Park

A new SaveStation with a life-saving automated external defibrillator (AED) will be placed in Glen Huron Park. The SaveStation will be located in a highly visible, public area of the park and will be available 24/7 year-round. The SaveStation cabinet is monitored in real-time, provides a climate-controlled environment and backlighting. When a cardiac arrest happens, quick access to an AED is critical to ensure the best chance of survival.

The initial cost of the SaveStation will be crowdfunded by the Glen Huron Estates community; the ongoing maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the Township. In 2019, the Township of Springwater became the first municipality to launch a full SaveStation community program with an investment in 12 public access SaveStations located throughout the municipality.

Provincial Consultation on Strengthening Accountability for Municipal Council Members

On March 5, 2021, the Province of Ontario announced it would be launching a public consultation process to seek input on ways to increase accountability of council members. The 90-day consultation process opened on April 14, 2021 with the release of a survey seeking feedback from member of Council, municipal staff and members of the public. Springwater Council will be submitting a formal response to the Province regarding the consultation. Members of the public interested in submitting feedback are encouraged to do so online at: www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-strengthening-accountability-municipal-council-members

Federal Gas Tax Top-Up Funding

To assist municipalities in preparing for the economic recovery from the pandemic, the federal government has announced additional one-time top-up funding under the Canada Community-Building Fund, previously known as the Federal Gas Tax Program. The Township of Springwater received an additional top-up allocation of \$581,084. At the April 21 meeting, Council allocated \$487,000 for the following road reconstruction projects: Golf Course Road (\$187,000), Old Orchard Road (\$75,000), Portage Trail (\$75,000), Pineview Avenue (\$15,000), Peacher Street (\$15,000), Lawrence Road (\$75,000) and Dobson Road South (\$45,000).

At the May 5 meeting, Council allocated the remaining funding to the following projects: Kerr Street (\$35,000), Sandy Bend Road (\$35,000), Vigo Road (\$75,000). Additionally, it was determined that Dobson Road South would be funded from another funding source rather than the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Patterson Street Reconstruction – Watermain

The watermain along Patterson Street will be replaced as part of the road reconstruction taking place this year. Previously, it was believed that the watermain was polyvinyl chloride (PVC) based on a study completed in 2005. Since then, test holes have confirmed that the watermain is mostly ductile iron and old PVC installed in 1958. The Ontario Clean Water Agency has recommended that the watermain be replaced. Council has approved the replacement at an estimated cost of \$216,232.40.

Midhurst Development – Model Homes

Council has approved the construction of 8 model homes for the Midhurst Development. The model homes will be located on the northwest corner of Anne Street and Carson Road, just north of the approved sales centre lands, known municipally as 1404 Carson Road.

Minesing Moments

Walk for MUC - June 6-26

Individuals and families are invited to register and collect pledges in support of the **Minesing United Church**. Set a physical activity goal (walk, jog, bike, garden, etc) and work towards achieving it as you raise funds for a worthy cause. Registration will take place during the month of May and the challenge will begin on June 6.

For more information visit the Minesing United Church Facebook page or email minesingchurch@gmail.com.



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We're Here to Help

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Where do I find the latest vaccine information?

Timing of immunizations for various ages and groups may change. It will depend on vaccine supply. Right now, only select groups and ages can make appointments.

Visit smdhu.org/COVID19 for the latest eligibility information.

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

Springwater Fire is encouraging residents to get prepared for an emergency by knowing the risks, making a plan, building a 72-hour kit and staying informed.

To help you get prepared, they will be holding a draw for an emergency kit for your vehicle. Just visit springwater.ca/EmergencyPreparedness and enter your contact information for a chance to win!

Upcoming Meetings

[Economic Development Advisory](#)
Tuesday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m.

[Library Board Meeting](#)
Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

[Council Meeting](#)
Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

[Efficiency and Service Delivery Ad-hoc Advisory Committee](#)
Thursday, May 20 at 3:00 pm.

[Heritage Advisory Committee](#)
Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

[Recreation Advisory Committee](#)
Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

[Committee of Adjustment](#)
Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Career Opportunity

The Township of Springwater is recruiting a:

[Deputy Clerk](#)
Closes: May 21, 2021

Get a job description and details online at www.springwater.ca/careers

Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

[Batteries - Various](#)
(2021-16-FIN-GBAPPC 2021-02)
Closes: May 18, 2021

[Animal Pound Services and Animal Control Services](#)
(2021-15-CLK)
Closes: June 4, 2021

[Fire Hall & Provisional Training Centre](#)
(2021-03-FES)
Closes: June 15, 2021

For details and to register for upcoming opportunities, please visit: springwater.bidsandtenders.ca

Water & Wastewater Bills

Residential bills have been mailed and payment is due on May 28, 2021.

Payment Options

Electronic: Payments can be made through My Springwater, online or by telephone banking through participating financial institutions.

In Person/Mail: The Township Administration Centre is currently closed as a result of the provincial stay-at-home order. A drop-box is available for cheques and documents only. There are no changes to mail/courier services.

Pre-Authorized Debit: Payments will be automatically withdrawn from your account.

Notice of the Passing of a By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 5000, as Amended

ZB-2020-006 — Additional Residential Units

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater passed By-law 5000-329 on the 21st day of April 2021, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

Purpose and Effect

The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to align the Township of Springwater Zoning By-law policies with provincial policy regarding additional residential units.

The effect of the proposed zoning by-law amendment is to permit the use of additional residential units on properties that are zoned to permit a single detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings.

And take notice as per Section 34 (19.1) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c.P. 13 does not allow for the appeal of zoning by-law policies adopted to authorize and regulate the use of additional residential units. For this reason, the decision of the Township of Springwater is final and shall come into effect immediately.

The Complete By-law is available for inspection on the Township's website or can be mailed or emailed upon request.

Dated at the Township of Springwater on the 28th day of April 2021.

Planning Department, Springwater Administration Centre
2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, Ontario, L9X 1A8
705-728-4784 Ext. 2019, planning@springwater.ca, www.springwater.ca

Public Meeting re: Cannabis Production Facilities

A public meeting will be held on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. regarding updates to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law with policies regarding permissions and regulations for Cannabis Production Facilities.

For more information on how to participate in the Council meeting on Zoom please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions Protocol for Public Participation in Virtual Public Meetings" document available at www.springwater.ca/planning. Interested stakeholders/residents that would like to comment will be required to pre-register with the Township.

The Council meeting will also be live streamed on the Township's YouTube channel at: www.springwater.ca/live. Alternatively, you can listen to the meeting through Zoom by dialing 1-647-558-0588 and inputting the meeting ID: 869 9014 4136 when prompted.

For additional information visit www.springwater.ca/cannabis.

Ontario Ring of Fire Equivalent To Tar Sands of Alberta

by Dr John Bacher and Danny Beaton Mohawk

In Memory of Alicja Rozanska

The Canadian government's environmental assessment is the thin green line for the attempt by the ecocidal government of Premier Doug Ford to put a dent in one of the world's biggest refrigerators at a time of calamitous global warning. This is his government's announced desire to make the proposed mining belt called the "Ring of Fire" Ontario's equivalent to the Alberta Tar Sands. This risks putting 35 billion tonnes of cooling peat turned into a greenhouse gas emitter, spewing forth some of the most dangerous vapours, methane.

What the environmental review is lacking, at least for now, is a perspective on how caribou herds threatened by the Ring of Fire scheme could, if properly restored, become the basis for keeping cool Ontario's permafrost. It now locks gases such as methane in safe storage. Permafrost melt threatens to send airborne methane trapped under the permafrost.

Respected academic ecologists, most notably Professor Christian Beer of the University of Hamburg, have found a way to keep permafrost cool. This is to increase the numbers of grazing herbivores who browse above it. Their actions, these scientists' studies have documented, trample down winter snow in a way that makes it a better insulator for frozen permafrost. In northern Ontario the only native animal that is capable of doing this is Caribou, although extirpated Musk Oxen and Bison (near the Manitoba border) could be restored and help pack down the snow to protect the permafrost.

Caribou have lost about half of their former range in Ontario. Most of this range cannot be restored as deer now inhabit it. The precious landscape that still exists needs to be carefully protected. Sadly, one of the key reasons Ontario's Endangered Species Act has been twice gutted is to make it a weaker barrier to industrial exploitation in this caribou refuge.

The Endangered Species Act has commissioned a recovery plan for Ontario caribou. It has designated a Northeastern Recovery Zone for Woodland Caribou. This zone is the only part of the province where the plan is working in achieving its goal of a steady, but modest increase in caribou populations. This is largely because of the absence of roads, commercial forestry and mining in one of the world's biggest remaining intact blocks of mature conifer forests. Roads increase poaching by non-native hunters and trigger caribou deaths through collisions. They also aid natural predators such as wolves.

The Ring of Fire area, which has in the past been proposed to be protected through an expansion of Polar Bear Provincial Park, is an area where the more northerly Barren Ground Caribou and rarer Woodland Caribou



minge. The dry eskers (hilly ridges laid down by the debris of retreating glaciers) rise above the peat bogs. To protect the wet peat bogs vulnerable to pollution, it is proposed to have roads run along the eskers. These are the routes used by migrating caribou, travelling from Ontario's tundra, which serves as calving grounds, to forested wintering habitat. Roads also speed up permafrost melt.

Roads can be catastrophic for caribou. This was seen in the past thirty years in the case of what was, in 1990, the world's biggest caribou herd, the George River herd of Ungava (Quebec-Labrador). This was a herd of 750,000 caribou, the dream size of ecologists to trample snow and protect permafrost. Critical to the herd's demise was the construction of a road through the calving grounds, which was built to provide access to the Voisey Bay Nickel mine.

There are some who cynically believe that global warming has doomed the caribou. However, much like happened in the past with the Atlantic cod, wiped out by overfishing, this is a smokescreen for problems of poor standards of environmental protection. It is contradicted by the remarkable success of the Porcupine Caribou herd, safeguarded by the strong determination of the Gwitchin, on both sides of the Alaska and Yukon border. They have excluded mines, roads and commercial logging from the Porcupine Caribou range. The herd is now around 280,000 caribou, the height of what has been historically documented.

It is a disgrace to Ontario that mining in the Ring of Fire is seriously being considered and backed by all parties with seats in the legislature. It should be replaced, and replaced with a comprehensive strategy to protect permafrost from melt by stopping road construction, new mines and roll back on the northerly expansion of the commercial forest by Doug Ford. Caribou numbers need to expand to protect the ground under their feet. Doug Ford has opened up development in Simcoe County and Dufferin County, King County and so farmland is being bought and sold to create roads from aggregate corporations, letting more farmland go to waste for urban sprawl industry, not to mention how many trees are cut down for all of this industrious activity on the Green Belt which was created to protect ecosystems, especially plant life, rivers, streams. Obviously Doug Ford has no background in the study

of permafrost or northern ecosystems, plant life, trees or tundra, large trees or small bush or berries. But because politicians can buy their way into power and pretend to care about society and really have no connection to earth values, life suffers at their hands and thinking, because business has always superseded natural life and environmental protection. But what this trend of not caring for environmental protection has created is devastation and genocide. It has created Global Warming, or better, Turbulent Weather, Climate Change. The Woodlands Indigenous People Haudenosaunee, Ojibway, Algonquin Nations and tribes learned to live in harmony for thousands of years in The Great Lakes Area, farming, hunting and gathering in harmony with The Natural World, building canoes for transportation and timber for Longhouses with out clear-cutting a forest. Eastern and Western Woodlands People, more notably the Cree, even Lakota, have lived off the land for thousands of years without threatening Mother Earth or the future of our children's future. But technology is taking society on a devastating path or road to Doug Ford's Fantasy Island, where profit and extraction like the Tar Sands of Alberta can destroy pure clean rivers, lakes, aquifers, vegetation and life! Dr John Bacher stresses Northern Ontario is like having a natural refrigerator permafrost and moss holding methane gases in check. Just like the bumble bee pollinates crop production, blueberries, squash, many fruits and trees, the bumble bee is a part of the web of life as small in size as they are. Having Doug Ford open up the north for development is putting caribou, moose, wolf, deer and all creature, big and small, in danger from southern developers, or as the Cree call us, Bambi. Nothing in Doug Ford's thinking comes close to the Indigenous Philosophy of "Being In Oneness" or Unity. If we Google the specifics of the Tar Sands, you will see that the Mackenzie and Athabaskan Rivers are now polluted and toxic. If we Google the film CBC did with David Suzuki about 20 years ago, there were 750,000 caribou; today, after extension roads built up to Northern Quebec, there are only 8,000. If we want to know the power of forests, TVO has created a new film, *The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees*, featuring scientist and author Diana Beresford-Kroeger Call of The Forest. Without sacred vegetation human beings are nothing in the face of survival. Vegetation can live without human beings, but humans cannot live without vegetation in spite of all our arrogance! We are subjects of the Natural World, not business as usual even after a world pandemic! The virus was supposed to wake us up before it is too late, but Doug Ford is not waking up.

Ontario expanding vaccine eligibility tomorrow for essential workers, higher-risk health conditions

Ontario will expand COVID-19 vaccine eligibility across the province this week to residents 40 and older, essential workers and those with higher-risk health issues as it continues to expand its rollout.

Starting on Tuesday at 8 a.m., individuals with health conditions deemed "at risk" and Group Two of people who cannot work from home can begin booking through the province's online booking portal.

Group Two essential workers eligible as of May 10

- Essential and critical retail workers (including grocery, foodbank, pharmacy, ServiceOntario, Service-Canada, Passport Canada, wholesalers and general goods, restaurant, LCBO workers)
- Workers in manufacturing industries directly involved in supporting the COVID-19 covid 19 response, construction (including infrastructure) and other essential businesses and services where facilities are at heightened risk for COVID-19 covid 19 outbreaks and spread
- Social workers and social services staff who provide in-person client services (including youth justice workers, Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program case workers)
- Courts and justice system workers (including probation and parole workers)
- Transportation, warehousing and distribution workers (including public transit workers, truck drivers supporting essential services, marine and rail cargo and maintenance, highway maintenance)
- Electricity (including system operations, generation, transmission, distribution and storage workers)
- Communications infrastructure workers (including cellular, satellite, landline, internet, public safety radio)
- Water and wastewater management workers
- Financial services workers (bank branch staff)
- Veterinarians and veterinary teams
- Waste management workers
- Oil and petroleum workers (including petroleum refineries, crude oil and petroleum storage, transmission and distribution, retail sale of fuel)
- Natural gas and propane gas workers (including compression, storage, transmission and distribution of natural gas and propane)
- Mine workers (including those needed to ensure the continued operation of active mines)
- Uranium processing workers (those working in the refining and conversion of uranium and fabrication of fuel for nuclear power plants)

At-risk health conditions eligible as of May 10

- Immune deficiencies and autoimmune disorders
- Stroke and cerebrovascular disease
- Dementia
- Diabetes
- Liver disease
- All other cancers
- Respiratory diseases, such as asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy
- Spleen problems, such as asplenia
- Heart disease
- Hypertension with end organ damage
- Diagnosed mental disorder
- Substance use disorders
- Sickle cell disease
- Thalassemia
- Immunocompromising health conditions
- Other disabilities requiring direct support care in the community
- On Thursday morning at 8 a.m., residents aged 40 and older will also become eligible to book.

In addition, due to increased vaccine supply the province is adding high-risk health care workers, dialysis patients, and all First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals to the list of those eligible to book their appointment to receive a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine earlier than the extended four-month interval.

The province of Ontario says it is on track to administer first doses to 65 per cent of adults by the end of May.

SUPPORT BREAST IMAGING YOUR DONATION WILL BE MATCHED

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has a unique way for you to honour your mom on Mother's Day and support the purchase of new breast imaging equipment.

In recognition of Mother's Day and the work of their daughter, Dr. Sara Rask, Head of Medical Oncology in RVH's cancer program, generous community-minded and proud RVH supporters Randy and Bryn Styles will match every gift made through this special campaign up to \$10,000.

"Mammograms are essential to early detection of breast cancer. Part of early detection is having the most modern of equipment," says Randy. "Early detection makes a significant difference to the challenges those with breast cancer may face. Please join me and my family by honouring Mothers on their special day by supporting breast imaging at RVH."

RVH mammography equipment sees a

lot of traffic with 85 tests performed a day. And with age and with so much use, all four mammography units now need to be replaced. With community support, RVH can invest in state-of-the-art breast imaging technology and avoid maintenance down time which occurs with older equipment.

"Life's journey is too precious to put off something so important. I get regular mammogram exams because I am being proactive and care about the impact my life has on my loved ones," says Lise McCourt, president of the RVH Auxiliary. "My grandmother died of breast cancer, my mother survived it and I, thankfully, have had healthy check-ups so far. Early detection can save lives."

Visit www.SupportRVH.ca to make a donation, or go to www.RVHCareCards.ca to send a personalized Mother's Day e-card with a donation.

SOME LOW FAT ALTERNATIVES:

- * For low-fat gravy, use a separator (from any kitchen store), cool the gravy so the fat rises to the top and pour the flavorful liquid from the spout at the bottom.
- * Use half the amount of high-calorie ingredients like chocolate chips, but use the mini kind, or chop things small, so they go evenly throughout the dish.
- * You can remove most of the fat from a can of soup by putting it in the freezer for 10 minutes and scooping the fat off the top.
- * To flavor your next batch of rice, without adding lots of calories, cook it in broth.
- * The three biggest dietary-fat culprits: salad dressing, margarine and cheese. Aim for low-fat versions of each.
- * Peppers, chives, garlic and onions tend to satisfy your taste buds so you eat less.

Cat litter in the bottom of your trash can will keep moisture and trashy odors from invading your home. The cat litter absorbs odors and liquids, leaving a fresh scent in the vicinity of the trash. After a week or when the cat litter becomes damp with moisture, just dump it out and add some more.

Dryer sheets make another great anti-odor tool for your trash. Toss a dryer sheet into the trash can and stinky odors will be a thing of the past. It doesn't even need to be a new dryer sheet. You'll still get plenty of bang for your buck with used dryer sheets which can still block odors in your trash.

Clean your microwave with ease by boiling a cup of water in it first. Why? Because the steam from the water condenses on the walls, loosening the caked-on food. This makes it easy to wipe it off. This same trick actually works pretty well in the oven. If you want to eliminate odors at the same time try adding a slice of lemon to your water!

Gossiping, Backbiting and Forming Factions is Unhealthy

We all know of dysfunctional organizations, which can be as troublesome as dysfunctional families. Regardless of whether it is a school, office or church, if things are happening that negatively affect the well-being of members, then it is not a healthy organization. The most beautifully worded mission statements mean nothing, if all individuals are not truly honored and respected.

Gossiping, backbiting, and forming factions within the group is unhealthy for the whole, and damaging to the individuals. Unfortunately, these behaviors are often considered inevitable and unavoidable, and so nothing is done to address them. It is time now, that we began to bring them out of the closet. Many feel that critical comments or undermining behaviors do no harm if they occur secretly.

The fact is, the negativity that is produced slowly pollutes the entire atmosphere. It does not simply disappear into thin air. The first clue that these behaviors are toxic is that they don't even feel good to the one engaging in them!

A healthy organization would have open communication, and hence, a process for dealing with problems and concerns. When issues were brought forward, the motivation would be to find solutions, not to dump on anyone. There would be an honesty and integrity that flowed from the top down. Most of all, there would be an attitude of caring that permeated the entire organization.

There are those who might say that this kind of thinking has no place in business, or that it is not the job of the school to help people feel good. This thinking misses the point. We are here on Earth to learn, and the relationships we have are the contexts for that learning. On the deepest levels of our being, we are accountable for all of our actions.

If there is toxic energy within your office, school, church, sorority or what have you, there are several courses of action you can take. First, you can begin to exemplify the above values, of honesty, integrity and caring. Refuse to participate in negative processes and state your reasons for doing so. Second, you might choose to discuss this issue with colleagues to raise awareness and get some dialogue going. Third, you may choose to speak with your supervisor, boss or leader, and request that this topic be brought forward at an open meeting. Do not become discouraged if you do not get a great response. Old ways die hard, and it takes an effort to be conscious.

If you alone move to a higher level of awareness, then there is one small light in the darkness. Light can eliminate darkness, but darkness can never overpower the light. Go out there and shine. *Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit www.gwen.ca. Follow Gwen on Facebook for daily inspiration.*

Ontario Expanding Access to Dental Care and Affordable Prescription Drugs for Vulnerable Seniors

The Ontario government is updating the income eligibility thresholds for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and the Seniors Co-Payment Program to allow more of Ontario's most vulnerable seniors to have access to dental care and affordable prescription medications.

In 2019, the Ontario government launched the [Ontario Seniors Dental Care program](#) to provide free routine dental care for eligible low-income seniors across the province. The [Seniors Co-Payment Program](#) enables low-income seniors to access the medication they need with no annual deductible and a reduced co-payment for each prescription.

Starting August 1st, 2021, eligibility thresholds for both programs will be updated to reflect cost of living increases in Ontario and align with income support programs for seniors. Income thresholds will be updated for single Ontarians aged 65 and over, from \$19,300 to \$22,200, and for couples with a combined annual income, from \$32,300 to \$37,100. This will allow approximately 7,000 more seniors to access the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and 17,000 more seniors to access the Seniors Co-Payment Program in 2021-2022.

By ensuring seniors can access effective dental care and continue to afford the medications they need, the Ontario Seniors Dental Care and Seniors Co-Payment programs help to reduce unnecessary trips to the hospital and improve seniors' quality of life. This further supports hospital capacity as Ontario continues to fight the third wave of COVID-19 and is a key component of the government's plan to end hallway health care.

For the Seniors Co-Payment Program, seniors who are eligible under the new income thresholds are encouraged to apply now in advance of the start of the upcoming benefit year on August 1st, 2021. Applying early will help ensure eligible seniors receive the reduction in their drug deductible and co-payment on time to minimize the chance of out of pocket expenses. Once an application has been submitted, eligibility will be assessed to confirm enrollment for the year.

Quick Facts

- For the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program, eligible seniors can apply at any time [online](#), downloading and printing the [application form](#) or by picking one up at their local public health unit. The form can be submitted online or by [mail](#). For their application to be assessed under the new income thresholds, seniors who are eligible under the new income thresholds for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program can apply beginning July 1st, 2021.
- Since the launch of the Seniors Dental Care Program in 2019, over 50,000 Ontarians have enrolled in the program.
- For the Seniors Co-Payment Program, seniors who are eligible under the new income thresholds can apply now by completing the application that can be found [online](#) or request an application over the phone toll free at 1-888-405-0405 or 416-503-4586.
- On the first day of the month after an Ontarian turns 65 years old, they are automatically enrolled in the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program, which covers most of the costs of more than 5,000 prescription drug products. Seniors pay the first \$100 of their prescription drug costs each year (the deductible) and up to \$6.11 for every prescription (the co-payment).
- The Seniors Co-Payment Program, under the Ontario Drug Benefit Program (ODB), allows eligible seniors that are enrolled in the program to pay no annual deductible for their drugs and a reduced co-payment of \$2 for each prescription, improving access to essential drugs that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

UNIQUE DONATIONS

By Debra McLean - The past several weeks we continue to be busy at the Elmvale & District Food Bank.

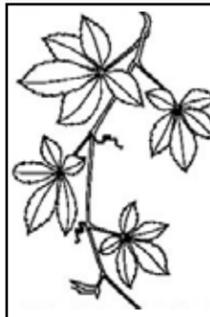
With the help of AI from G & S Computers we were able to get the new computer up and working. The new computer and printer is thanks to a grant which we received last year from Huronia Community Foundation. The Food Bank will now be able to have all forms and documentation located in one place and will be able to produce their own copies as required.

Thanks to The Dock 104.1 Feeding Families Restaurant Relief program the Elmvale & District Food Bank has been able to distribute over 200 freezer meals provided by Steelers Restaurant & Pub, The Original Pieces of Olde, Ace's Grill and The Country Diner. This is a win/win program for both the Food Bank and the local restaurants. We thank The Dock for the organization of this program and we thank the donors who have shown their support to the local restaurants and the Food Bank.

Thanks to the initiative taken by the Kathy Cook at the Midhurst Library the Smile Campaign Gift Bags was started. After sharing the idea donations were received from several individuals and businesses. The Elmvale District Lions Club contributed to the program by sponsoring 25 Smile Campaign Gift Bags. Each bag contains special gifts for "mom" and will be distributed by the Elmvale & District Food Bank throughout the month of May to all mothers, grandmothers and step-mothers. What a wonderful and thoughtful program and what a great way for two great organizations to work together in support of the Food Bank.

Anten Mills will be holding a food drive on the Victoria Day long weekend. Three locations will be set up for drop off donations. Check out the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Board facebook page for more information. Also be sure to check out the Elmvale & District Food Bank facebook page or website where we try to keep "items needed" updated.

Finally, volunteers would like to extend our sincere condolences to our longtime volunteer Donna Todd on the passing of her husband, Bob. We all hold Donna and family in our thoughts and prayers.



Native plants for sale

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For selection, see:

www.returnofthenative.ca/plant-list

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See map at www.returnofthenative.ca

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HEY DADS!

What's something you could do outside with your kids this spring?

Living in Springwater gives us so much opportunity to engage with our kids! Have you ever taken them for a canoe ride out in the Minesing swamp?

I have...and it didn't end well.

I thought it would be a good idea to take some of my kids out for a ride in the canoe this spring. Unfortunately our canoe was stolen a few years ago. I hopped on Kijiji and was able to find a few new (to us) canoes.

Since I couldn't take all nine of our kids in one canoe I had to divide and conquer. I chose a mix of paddlers and passengers for the first trip, ages 12, 9, and 7. All inexperienced canoeists. All experienced swimmers. Good thing.

The adventure began. Different kinds of wildlife made a stir as we floated by. We were happy to see ducks, beavers, and my son even caught a snake of the non-venomous variety. If they had masks and snorkels they may have seen some fish later in the journey.

We floated and "portaged" our way through the highs and lows of the swamp until it opened up into the Nottawasaga River. Now we were really cruising as we headed north with the current.

There were a few low-hanging branches that we navigated around. I thought it would be fun to go under a really low-hanging branch. As the kids looked around at birds and trees my expert rudder control steered us directly into the path of the oncoming flora.

The events that followed have been interpreted differently by some eye-witnesses but here's how I recall it:

As we approached the branch my son leaned to the right to avoid it. Then my other son did. Then my daughter did. Then I did. Then the canoe did.

Lifting my head out of the water I did a quick check that all parties were accounted for. They were. Lifejackets popped them up to the surface where they had the good sense to swim for shore. I had the good sense to get my phone out of my pocket as fast as I could. Still works!

The canoe was starting to go down so I did my best to pull her to shore before she was lost to the briny deep. Most of our belongings were saved but I had to unload the wads of cash from my wallet to dry out when we got home. Not.

Anyway, we all lived to tell the tale. Once they were dry the kids actually said it was a fun memory. It was.

But if we had sat around watching Netflix all weekend we wouldn't have made that memory.

Dad, is there something you can do outside with your kids this spring? There are so many options here in Springwater. Go for a hike. A bike ride. A canoe (careful, now). Plant a garden. Play catch.

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



Jason Weening lives in Minesing where he's collecting canoes to fit 9 kids, 24 chickens, and 1 wife. He's got dad vids and a blog at www.heydads.ca.

- Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, & Nobody -

This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

Consequently, it wound up that Nobody told Anybody, so Everybody blamed Somebody.

When did men's names get added to the hurricane lists?

Answer: In 1979, to eliminate gender bias, men's names were included to alternate with women's names. Anytime a tropical disturbance intensifies, with rotary circulation and wind speeds above 39 miles per hour, the National Hurricane Center, located near Miami, assigns it a name. The names are chosen well ahead of time by the World Meteorological Organization at its international meetings. This organization establishes the lists of names, which rotate roughly every six years. In the case of a particularly severe hurricane, the organization may choose to retire that name from the six-year list and replace it with something else.

Due to the Crossword mix-up in the last issue, as suggested by some enthusiasts, we have two cross words in this paper.

Letters to the Editor

COVID! IS YOUR LIFE WORTH SAVING?

“Stay Home and Save Lives” is a repetitive statement that has been bombarding our information/advertising sources since the beginning of this pandemic. After doing a bit of research to find out how I should care for myself should I become ill with covid-19, I sadly discovered that there is still no actual treatment being offered by “those in charge,” even though I have been reading about alternative treatments from “informed” doctor platforms worldwide. All the public health literature I have read simply commands us to “Stay Home and Save Lives.” Some websites even instruct us NOT to self-medicate. Considering the high standards of care our health system promotes on their behalf, I find this lack of available treatment somewhat puzzling. And so, strictly out of curiosity I wrote a letter to my personal and local physician. I felt, as a responsible citizen that I should be made aware as to what kind of care I could expect in my local community if I myself became ill.

I presented the following questions:
Does your personal office have a current standard of care protocol in place with respect to ‘treatment’ for your patients if they should contact the Covid-19 illness and call upon your office for help?

Do you have access to “recommended/alternative medicines” to treat Covid-19? Could you please tell me what treatment options are now approved in Canada, and easily available at this time? In addition, what would be the treatment choices you have available in your office that you would offer to your patients should they become ill?

The secretary/nurse(?) called me back within a week and informed me of the following:

My doctor is not seeing or treating any covid patients at all.

I must follow the protocol on my local health website if I suspect I have covid.

My doctor’s office did not know our local hospital procedures for the actual treatment of covid.

My doctor’s office has had very few known incidents of patients who might have had covid and as a result have not been busy with such.

And so now, I am even more puzzled and have even more questions. I especially found it rather curious that my doctor’s office didn’t know his/her local hospital’s standard patient treatment and care for covid. (I will be contacting the hospital next.) The whole situation just seems so sadly mishandled. After over a year, nothing has changed as far as ‘treating’ covid goes. Those in charge keep telling us there is no treatment. Their biggest push is the vaccine itself and in Canada, that may be a long wait for those who want it. In the meantime, if you get sick, stay home so you can save other people’s lives. Yours may not be worth a dam thing! (Sorry. I’m getting a little perturbed!)

Beverly Dujay-Macdonald

AKA GLOBAL WARMING, AKA CLIMATE CHANGE, AKA CLIMATE EMERGENCY

I really love reading these letters about the above subject from people who are obviously very ignorant about said subject!

Most people are very passionate about this, obviously! However, the debate is still going on, despite what the climate alarmists tell us!!

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERING OPINIONS OUT THERE! BEFORE WE BECOME HYSTERICAL AND PANICKED, PLEASE READ OR VIEW ANYTHING YOU CAN ON THE SUBJECT! EDUCATE YOURSELVES! THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA IS JUST THAT: MAINSTREAM(who knows what mainstream means anymore, anyway?) Here is an article that will make you think: A PLANET OF HUMANS.... a movie by Michael Moore!

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To the Editor

I have meant to write several times to say thank you for publishing the bi-weekly column by Bill French. I have great respect for our former Mayor - and while I might not always agree with him politically - I think his interpretation of the current council of Springwater is right on the mark. My thanks also to Mr. French for his commitment to our township - without him we would have a very one-sided view of the happenings down in Minesing.

D.R. Moulden

P.S. I also liked his remarks about your paper, Mike - I have meant to say thank you for ages. So this is it - Thank You.

What Has Springwater Become?

As I was flipping through the 598th edition of the Springwater News, I was appalled to come across a piece titled “What has America become” on page 18. For those of you who may have missed it, it was a letter to the editor from a US paper highlighting the so-called “double-standards” in today’s society. Excerpts from this letter included “If we dislike a black person, we’re racist and if a black person dislikes whites, its their 1st Amendment right,” and “in public schools you can teach that homosexuality is OK, but you better not use the word God in the process”.

Don’t get me wrong, I love Elmvale. As a university student who has spent the past two years living in Ottawa, I have often missed our small town and the many friendly faces I have grown up with. However, as I get older, I have become aware of the more harmful values that are present within parts of our community. I regret that one of my best friends from highschool who is Black feels unsafe here. I am frustrated that just weeks ago one of my highschool peers tried to convince me that wearing the confederate flag is not racist. When working for a local small business last year, I was angry to be told that because I am a girl, I was automatically not strong enough to help a customer lift a 50 lb bag of product into their car.

As a small town, many of our values operate to maintain the status quo, but for as long as we continue to uphold the oppression of people in the name of tradition, our society and community will never reach its full potential. I want Springwater to be a safe and loving community for anyone who lives or visits here, regardless of their sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or race. We cannot continue to oppress people and exclude entire strata of our population from the benefits of small-town life while justifying this oppression with certain religious beliefs or other traditional ideologies. On behalf of myself and those who support this letter, I would like to apologize to the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities as well as other marginalized Peoples for the oppression you have experienced in Springwater. You deserve safety, respect, and representation in our community and I hope that more people in privileged positions join me in advocating for these rights. As a white cis-gendered woman, I know that I have priveledges that others may not see in their lifetime. Although I cannot change the fact that the colour of my skin and my sexual orientation has granted me privileges in our society, I can use this privilege to elevate voices of those who are oppressed. It is my recommendation that the editor of the Springwater News sets aside a column for marginalized peoples to share their voices rather than giving newspaper space to oppressive pieces such as “What has America become”.

– Rachael Ozerkevich with the support of other passionate change makers.

Good morning,

I just read your paper and I was saddened by a few of the things that I read. First of all, I enjoy getting your paper as it helps me keep informed with what is going on as my husband and I moved here last August and because of COVID we would not know as much about this town if it was not for this paper and to read that it may be cancelled has upset me. I know that I am not alone when I say that not everyone in this world likes to go on a computer to get updates and the fact that the Mayor was in agreement adds to my sadness.

Since I am new to Elmvale (I moved here to be closer to family) does Elmvale have it’s own Mayor or is Mayor Allen the Mayor of Springwater? Is there any way for us to stop what seems ridiculous to me or is this a done deal?

My sister and I walk the town of Elmvale almost every day and we both chuckle when we read the BIA signs that say shop local, we ask ourselves where would the BIA like us to shop and wonder why we have a mattress store and a very overpriced computer store, this town needs a pub not a cannabis store and we need our beer store. The fact that it is closing makes no sense to me as I do not think it would be lacking in sales as it is probably very busy under normal non COVID days. The guy at the LCBO who made a rude comment to me one day in the summer because I was grabbing some beer, he reminded me it was an LCBO not a beer store, will not be happy learning the beer store will be closing as the resident of Elmvale will be definitely buying beer at the LCBO now.

These things upset me and being a new resident I would like to know if there is something that can be done? Does the BIA have a revitalization committee for the town? My sister and I have a lot of ideas on what we think would help the town, unfortunately for us we do not have the money to start opening up stores and pubs or we would.

Not sure if you can answer my questions and so hope I have not taken up to much of your time but I will miss this paper if it does stop publishing.

Thank you for all the great work you do keeping everyone informed with what is happening in this sweet town. Jane

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48	Black gold	42	It is breathable						
49	“What ___ the odds?”	45	Winter hazard						
50	Bounce back, in a way	46	“Tonight ___ Comes” Cars tune						
51	Give it a go	47	Dance						
52	Ran								
53	Ocean								

THE FLOW in Elmvale on Country Road 27 at Risk?

Dear lovers of The Flow! We enjoy filling our jugs with this exceptional and clean groundwater gushing forth, thanks to Nature herself.

There is some cause for concern for its "well being". The Team of Scientists, who have been studying this exceptional and pristine water are saying it is at risk of contamination. <http://aware-simcoe.ca/2021/04/scientists-sound-the-alarm-contaminants-found-in-cleanest-groundwater/>

Want to help us protect it? Please call or send emails to MPP Jill Dunlop:

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and

Premier Ford: PREMIER: premier@ontario.ca
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We thank you and the WATER thanks you!

Generally, refreezing thawed meat is not recommended. This is because the quality of the meat will be reduced in this process. Also, if the meat was not thawed in the fridge, there is a strong likelihood that bacteria has started to grow on the meat.

Food Safety - According to the USDA, as long as the meat has been thawed in the fridge, the meat can be refrozen. If it was thawed on the counter, the meat is not considered safe to refreeze.

Food Quality - When meat is refrozen not only is there moisture loss that contributes to dry and tough meat, but each refreeze actually changes the structure of the proteins. When you freeze the water inside of the protein cells, soluble salts are released which causes some of the proteins to shorten, causing tougher meat.

A good rule of thumb is: if the partially thawed item still had ice crystals throughout, it was considered safe to refreeze, whereas an item with most all moisture fully thawed, should be used and not refrozen.

But even if you have thawed your meat on the counter AND it is completely thawed with no ice crystals in it... you can still freeze it. You just have to cook it first!

Once it is cooked you can freeze it again for a later date. For one person who dreams of making fifty thousand pounds, a hundred people dream of being left fifty thousand pounds.

--A. A. Milne

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 - 25 "To Autumn" or "To Spring"
 - 26 Grill residue
 - 27 Appropriate first name for an attorney
 - 28 Web surfers?
 - 30 U2 bassist
 - 32 Post- opposite
 - 36 Fastener for a girder
 - 38 Born's partner
 - 40 Sound at the circus
 - 41 "Do this or ___"
 - 42 Pasty Hawaiian staple
 - 43 No longer in vogue
 - 45 England's government controlled TV
 - 47 Golfer's device

Canadian Problems

A Canadian telecommunications company said about 900 customers in a British Columbia town lost Internet service when beavers chewed through a fiber cable. Telus said customers in Tumbler Ridge lost service at 4 a.m. and repair crews discovered beavers had chewed through an important fiber cable at multiple points. Liz Sauve, a spokeswoman for Telus, said in an email that it was a "very bizarre and uniquely Canadian turn of events." "Our team located a nearby dam, and it appears the beavers dug underground alongside the creek to reach our cable, which is buried about 3 feet underground and protected by a 4.5-inch thick conduit. The beavers first chewed through the conduit before chewing through the cable in multiple locations," Sauve wrote. Repair crews captured photos showing pieces of Telus equipment being used by the beavers to build their dams.



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"There's a disease that's killing our parents and grandparents and no one seems to be doing anything about it. One day it's going to kill us. It hasn't become trendy to care about.... Part of that is because it's really depressing and there's not a lot of hope associated with it." **Seth Rogan**

Matthew's story is one of hope, courage and inspiration.
The theme for the 23rd Annual IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is **WALK 10,006 STEPS FOR 10,006 PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA IN SIMCOE COUNTY**, and over the past 15 years Matthew Vorstermans has walked 10,006 steps many times over for his Oma Jean, and for people living with dementia in Simcoe County

Born with Cerebral Palsy, Matthew sites his Oma as a great role model growing up. "Before me, she only had granddaughters and my disability was something she was indifferent to", says Mathew. She said, "I finally have a grandson and I love that".

Although they were distanced by miles, Matthew and his Oma talked and wrote to each other often, they shared a very close relationship and special bond. In early 2000, things began to change. Matthew admittedly found the repetition in their conversations puzzling and sometimes annoying, and he hoped the lapses were just temporary and would go away. By 2003, Matthew realized that was not to be. For much of his last visit with her she didn't know who he was, and when he returned home, the phone calls and letters ceased; by 2004 she struggled to identify even herself.

Matthew contemplated how he could turn the feelings of sadness and helplessness into positive action and that is when he started walking for Oma.

The Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County salutes Matthew and all the participants who have walked over the past 23 years. "The funds raised during the walk stay in our community to support the vital programs and services we provide to people living with dementia and their care partners across Simcoe County. We couldn't do it without our walkers", says Debbie Islam, Chief Executive Officer.

"Year over year, we continue to serve more clients, and this year, even in the face of COVID-19, it has been no different", says Laura Lynn Bourassa, Manager of Education & Support Programs. "The need for services draws draw people together, increases awareness, provides a sense of community and fosters social connections is higher than ever! COVID-19 has left many persons living with dementia and their care partners, already at higher risk for social isolation, further isolated and on their own. Education, Support and Social / Recreation programs are key to contributing to this sense of wellness and to alleviating the isolation that many are feeling", says Bourassa.

Finding a cure is the ultimate goal but until then, every dollar raised in the walk will help provide support, promote public education, awareness and so much more. "Without the Alzheimer Society I would be at a loss. I've learned so much about how best to take care of my parents and myself and how to prepare for the road ahead", ASSC client.

The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is the Alzheimer Society's biggest, nationwide fundraising event of the year. Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia strike every community and affect entire families. No one should have to face this disease alone. Participants can sign up individually or make an even bigger impact by joining or creating a virtual team with family and friends.

Between now and May 30th walk 10,006 Steps for 10,006 people living with dementia in Simcoe County. Who are you going to walk for?

About the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County:

The Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County (ASSC) has been serving this region since 1985 to ensure people living with dementia get the care and services they need to improve their quality of life. ASSC is one of 29 local Alzheimer Societies in Ontario providing support services, education, public awareness, and social recreational programs to persons living with dementia, their care partners, families, and the public at large. For more information please visit alzheimersimcoecounty.ca or by calling 705-722-1066.

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A Message from Doug Shipley, MP
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Who could I be describing? Is it someone you know? These are some of the skills and attributes commonly associated with people who dedicate their careers to nursing and patient care.

May 10-16,2021 is National Nursing Week in Canada.

Over the past year we have heard much about the impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on nurses. We have heard that nurses are exhausted, burnt out, overwhelmed, anxious and scared. And yet they continue to show up, work their shifts, day after day and week after week. Nurses have always had a challenging role, acknowledging the feelings of the patient, providing care when needed and simultaneously fading into the background as families say their first hello in the happiest moments or their last goodbye in the saddest moments. In a normal year, the nurses among us make a difference in the lives of many every single day.

2020 and 2021 have not been 'normal' years. As hospitals have been overwhelmed and the health and safety of patients and staff during the pandemic dictated new policies for visitors, more work has fallen to nurses than ever before. Patients might feel lonely, scared, frustrated or isolated when they can't rely on family and friends to come in and distract them with a chat, bring their favourite snack, a new book, or even fresh clothes from home. A nurse may be the only person on hand to comfort someone in those tough moments. And even though they don't have even a minute to spare most shifts, nurses always make time.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the amazing nurses that work in our hospitals and care facilities, both in our region and across the country. After the events of the past year and all they have bravely faced there is no way to measure our gratitude. One thing that we can all do to show our appreciation is to continue to adhere to public health measures and get vaccinated when eligible so that case numbers and hospitalizations decline.

If you are a nurse, we thank you. If you know a nurse, please share a kind word of thanks this week.

Sincerely, Doug Shipley



Member of Parliament
Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte

Why is a nautical mile different from a land mile?

Answer: The mile was originally a Roman linear measure of 1,000 paces – about 1,618 yards. (Its length has varied considerably at different periods and in different localities; the legal mile is now 1,760 yards, or 5,280 feet.) Such a linear measurement cannot be used at sea, so the nautical mile is based on the length of one minute of arc (or 1/60 of a degree) of a great circle of Earth. Owing to the fact that Earth is not a true sphere, the mile as thus defined varies considerably. Therefore, the British assigned it a standard value of 6,080 feet.

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How do I get my vaccine?

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Book a vaccine:

1. Visit the Provincial Booking Site to find out if you are eligible for a vaccine.
2. If you are eligible, register for your first and second dose at the same time.
3. If you have already received one dose, and need to book a second, visit the Provincial Booking Site or call 1-833-943-3900

What vaccine can I get?

Vaccine distribution is based on federal availability, however the following vaccines have been approved for use in Ontario:

- Pfizer-BioNTech – approved on December 9, 2020
- Moderna – approved on December 23, 2020
- AstraZeneca – approved on February 26, 2021
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) – approved on March 5, 2021

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Old Age Security increase targets older seniors' higher risks

By Deb Schulte, Canada's Minister of Seniors

Budget 2021 has helped to strengthen the financial security of Canadians later in life. It announced two important measures. In August 2021, we will issue a one-time \$500 payment directly to seniors aged 75+ as of June 2022. Then in July 2022, we will permanently increase the Old Age Security pension by 10 per cent for seniors aged 75+. That's worth \$766 over the first year to pensioners receiving the full benefit and helps 3.3 million seniors.

It's targeted at older seniors who are more financially challenged and who are worried about outliving their savings.

As they age, seniors face more health issues. Their healthcare expenses rise due to illness or disability: on average out-of-pocket health expenses of those aged 80+ are over \$700 a year higher than those aged 65-74. At the same time, most older seniors can no longer supplement their income with paid work. Few seniors work beyond age 75, and those that do have median earnings of only \$720 a year.

The passing of spouses adds to the pressure. Among seniors, almost twice as many over age 75 are widows. And with women, on average living longer than men, it's no wonder many senior women slip into poverty after the hardship of losing their life partners.

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

Cathy Johnston Walton

Available from Cathy Walton at 705 728-1388 or snow-flake53@mail.com
Ritchie's Feed or Simcoe County Museum.

To help secure older seniors' finances, the Liberal government is making the first permanent increase to Old Age Security since 1973, other than adjustments due to inflation.

It builds on our strong record of supporting seniors of all ages. For the youngest seniors, we restored the age of eligibility for OAS to 65 after the Harper Conservatives raised it to 67. We also strengthened the Canada Pension Plan for future retirees, increased the Guaranteed Income Supplement for single seniors and reduced income taxes for all Canadians.

Our work is showing results: the latest data shows 11 per cent fewer seniors live in poverty than when we took office in 2015.

Taken together, our ambitious and progressive measures are making a real difference for seniors' financial security, and there is more work to do. Canadian seniors can always count on Liberals to listen, understand their needs and work hard to deliver for them.

In 2020 alone, COVID-19 was the cause or a contributing factor in the deaths of 377,883 people in the United States, or just over 11% of the estimated 3.3 million people who passed away last year, *CBS News* reported. Meanwhile, heart disease caused 690,882 deaths and cancer caused 598,932 deaths.

About half of Toronto-area condos are owned by investors, who buy the units and use rents to cover the cost of their purchase. That's important because [those investor condos](#) now account for about a third of the region's rental housing supply.

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

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

Present Owners Bruce Barkskin - formerly Malcolm McGinnis

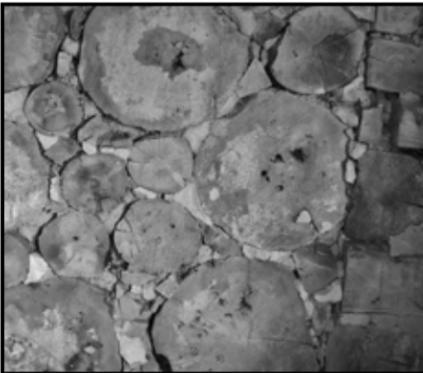
Owners	Built: ~ 1885
1988-present Bruce Barkshire	Dimensions: 48 x 70'
Real Estate	Features: a few charred sleepers
Malcolm McGinnis	Materials: foundations of stone, cedar logs, pine covering cedar logs
1918 ² John McGinnis	Water Source: cistern in barn
1887 ¹ John McGinnis	

At the roof of the barn is a wooden track. Bruce Barkshire strung wires in the upper part of the barn to bring beams into alignment. The barn was built before the house.

Bruce Barkshire, Tom McGinnis



The threshing floor runs from the front of the lean-to to the back of the barn. The building to the far left appears to have been built at the same time.



The cedar logs on the inside are of varying sizes with pine on the outside.



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Sports with Patrick Townes

A ban from Major League Baseball is a form of punishment levied by the Commissioner of MLB against a player, manager, executive, or other person connected with the league as a denunciation of some action that person committed that violated or tarnished the integrity of the game. A banned person is forbidden from employment with MLB or its affiliated minor leagues, and is forbidden from other professional involvement with MLB such as acting as a sports agent for an MLB player.

The latest former player to join the official banned list was former Toronto Blue Jay, Roberto Alomar. Alomar is fondly remembered as a valuable player to the Jays during the glory years, and also as one of the best second basemen to play the sport. Equal to his accomplishments, there is a bad side to the storied career of Alomar. Recently inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011, he now is banned following an independent investigation into the claims he harassed a female Toronto Blue Jays' employee in 2014. Quickly thereafter, the Toronto Blue Jays announced they would remove his banner from the Rogers Centre and sever all ties with him. This trend and precedent was set with the removal of Roberto Ozuna.

It is amazing how some things get forgotten over the years. Who thought Alomar could ever get back into the good books after the 1996 spitting incident? It was the first inning and his Baltimore Orioles were playing in Toronto. Umpire John Hirschbeck called Roberto out on a called third strike. Alomar went ballistic, firing a series of brutal insults before manager Davey Johnson could interfere. Alomar, who was ejected by that point, suddenly spit right at Hirschbeck's face, prompting further bickering before the second baseman could be hauled away.

At the end of the day, there is just as much good news as bad news associated with Alomar. An unfortunate way to leave baseball, but assuming these decisions do not come lightly, likely deserved.

Who else is on the banned list? The latest addition to the banned list was Brandon Taubman. The former Houston Astros assistant general manager was added to the list in November of 2019 for his inappropriate comments towards female reporters. George Steinbrenner was banned in 1990 for bribing a private investigator to find dirt on Dave Winfield to discredit him. Pete Rose was banned in 1989 for his alleged ties to gambling and illegal bookmakers. Most surprising to me, both Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle were banned in 1980 and 1983 respectively after they were hired by casinos as greeters and autograph signers. Ferguson Jenkins was banned in 1980 after a customs search in Toronto found drugs but he was reinstated for the 1981 season.

The movie, Eight Men Out, is one of the better baseball movies out there. Eight players from the Chicago White Sox were banned in 1920 for conspiring with gamblers to throw the 1919 World Series. Of the eight players, "Shoeless" Joe Jackson and Buck Weaver were controversially included in the banned list following decent personal performances in the series. They were found "guilty" because they knew what was going on. No teams or players have been banned for stealing signs by electronic means!

Biden's USAID Plans for Central America: Slim Chance of Positive Change for Honduras

Serious Issues Not Addressed by the Biden/Harris Taskforce

In our previous Honduras update of April 29, 2021, we outlined President Biden's USAID Plans for Central America after 100 days in office. However, there are several issues that the Biden administration has not addressed related to Honduras and the reasons why Hondurans need to flee their homeland. These issues must be solved to affect positive change.

Honduran Government Corruption: The US government (also Canada) continues to turn a blind eye to the dealings of the narco-trafficking government of Juan Orlando Hernandez, despite serious implications of its involvement in drug trafficking, assassinations, gang activity, and cocaine production and distribution. This evidence was brought forward in 2020-2021 by the New York District Court. The US and Canadian governments also supported two illegal elections of Juan Orlando Hernandez in 2013 and 2017, despite his link to corruption, drug trafficking, extortion, human rights violations, and 90% impunity for the rich in the judicial system.

With this in mind, the trial of David Castillo, accused of masterminding the 2016 murder of indigenous Lenca leader and human rights activist, Berta Caceres, continues today in Tegucigalpa Honduras. The family of Berta and the members of the organization that she founded, acronym of COPINH, are demanding not only Castillo be convicted of Berta's murder, but the intellectual authors also be brought to justice. Since Castillo was working with and for the members of the wealthy Atala oligarchy family, specifically Daniel, Pedro, and Jose Atata, COPINH and the Caceres family demand they also be charged and convicted in her murder. The Atala family owns the Ficohsa Bank of Honduras. Their net worth is valued at \$3 billion. (Photo of Berta Caceres courtesy of Business and Human Rights Resource Centre)

The evidence presented demonstrates that Castillo accepted large amounts of cash from the Atala family members before the murder. Evidence also proves that Berta was constantly followed and surveilled by those working for the Atalas. The Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor (SCHRMM) urges the Canadian government to join US government officials to take a stand on this matter and demand that the Berta's intellectual murders along with Castillo, the mastermind, be brought to justice. For further information on the Castillo trial, refer to Karen Spring's daily report on her blog found at: aquiabajo.com.

Repression of the People: If the Honduran people speak out against the government, they are met with severe repression by US trained Honduran military forces. When I visited La Tolva prison to visit Edwin Espinal and Raul Alvarez, I sometimes asked the guards where they were trained. They remarked, "the US."

Honduras is a military state where the military have policing duties in the streets. The number of National Police is staggering. There are at least three special police forces, one being the US-trained and funded TIGRES unit who were created to combat organized crime. They do not combat organized crime; units patrol the streets and harass the residents. They also take bribes. The Honduran government just funded the construction of a large building for the TIGRES in El Progreso, the location of the food programs we support. El Progreso has a long history of being very vocal against and critical of the government. Most likely the location of this new military building is strategically placed to monitor the residents. In addition to the TIGRES, there are countless other police units, all of which can be seen on a daily basis in the streets in Honduras: the National Police Investigation Unit, Transit Police, Urban Transport Security Police, Special Prison Police, Anti-Gang Police are all under the jurisdiction of the Honduran government and are linked to corruption.

Gang Extortion: In late May 2019, SCHRMM sponsored members of our community to travel to Honduras on a delegation, organized by the Cross Border Network, Kansas City. We met with Honduran human rights activist Bartolo Fuentes who assists community members affected by violence and extortion. Fuentes also helps the people who decide to join a caravan; traveling in a group is the safest way to cross through Guatemala and Mexico to the US.

Fuentes talked about the desperation of the people, harassed by gang members to pay a war tax. He told us stories about taxi drivers who must pay bribes to multiple gangs, and transportation companies that pay extortion fees regularly via direct bank deposit, just to stay alive. Even ministers, priests, and pastors have been forced to pay a war tax through their church funds. After war taxes are paid, the people have barely enough money to live on.

Fuentes remarked that many young people turn to criminal activities to survive and to support their families. "People get sucked into the gang activity to alleviate their poverty. The police are all involved in extortion ... people join the caravans because they don't want their kids to become criminals. The cause of migration isn't just poverty or lack of jobs as corrupt government officials and the US assert. It's extortion and fear perpetrated by gangs."

Land Expropriation and Crop Control: Land is expropriated by large corporations; small campesino farmers must find small



Prisila Alvarado Reports from Honduras: Agricultural Issues Related to USAID Funds

Prisila: There is a Secretary of State who is responsible for providing land to campesinos and what is necessary for them to produce crops. But the government does not give this agency the funds. President Hernandez gave more than a million dollars to the armed forces to control the production of agricultural groups in November 2019 but did not give funds to the small farmers.

In some agricultural sectors, the floods devastated houses, production, and even the land. There is a national bank for agricultural development called BANADESA; it is a state bank where campesinos can take out loans for production, but the large landowners (such as Callejas, Pepe Lobo, among other politicians) took out millionaire loans from that bank and did not repay them. They have left the bank in ruin, and now the armed forces control the money designated for peasant production. Most of these funds do not get to the small campesino farmers.

Most of the land is being used by African palm and banana corporations. All of the crops produced are grown for export. The Honduran people must then rely on campesino farmers to produce their food.

It is necessary for people abroad to know where the aid they send is spent. Funds do not reach the small farmers. There is an agricultural institution called SAC - Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock. Funds in this account were used for the Hernandez election campaign of 2017.

Another issue is the purchase of seeds. Monies donated through USAID is for the purchase of genetically modified seeds. Campesino farmers cannot afford to purchase these seeds each year. Therefore, they try to grow their own native seeds so they can replant the seeds they harvest from their crops.

Hondurans Desperate to Flee Take Life Risks: Migrant Boat Capsizes near San Diego CA

On Sunday May 2, Anita Beckman and her family, residents of San Diego, visited Point Loma to spend a day at the beach. This day turned into a rescue mission, when a 12-metre trawler boat, carrying 32 people, broke apart on the rocky shore. Beckman and her family and other residents who were at the beach, helped to rescue the people out of the icy waters to shore. Three people died in the waters before they were rescued.

Speaking on CBC *As it Happens*, Beckman told interviewer Carol Off, "I just went in and started helping people get out of the water all the way onto the beach and get their wet clothes off, get dry clothes on them. Civilians were giving their dry clothes to all of them. They were shivering, hypothermic ... you're watching people just really struggle for their life right in front of you."

Beckman spoke to the group in Spanish and reported that all were traveling alone in the boat except for one couple who were married. One woman was from Honduras, fleeing violence. Beckman told CBC that even though the group had endured a 24-hour period when they knew the boat was unstable and in trouble, they were freezing and scared. She said, "you could see some excitement in them, some relief that they were here." Beckman was very emotional while recounting the incident and hoped the weary and cold boaters would be safe and their desires to stay in the US be granted.

However, Border Patrol agents were quick to arrest them. They now face an uncertain, fearful time in border captivity with the strong possibility that they will be deported back to the dangerous situations they were fleeing. For further information, refer to: <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-monday-edition-1.6011957/it-was-awful-says-woman-who-helped-survivors-of-deadly-migrant-shipwreck-off-san-diego-1.6013359>

Four Families Separated at US/Mexico Border were Reunited Last Week

The first four children that were separated from their family members as they attempted to claim asylum were reunited this past week. Over 5500 children were taken from their parents by the Trump administration's zero tolerance immigration policy. There are still over 1000 that need to be reunited. Hundreds of children are still in ICE detention facilities and in tent cities; others who were more fortunate are staying with US family members. Many parents were deported; some remain in ICE detention centres awaiting release.

Over 455 children in detention cannot be reunited as immigration agents have not kept detailed family records. Some children were snatched from their parents; one mother who recently was reunited with her child told CNN that the border agent told her that she would never again be reunited with her child. This mom was deported back to Honduras and was forced into hiding due to unsafe conditions in the village she had left.

To facilitate the reuniting of families, human rights groups have assisted parents, providing funding for flights, travel expenses, and for accommodations. Organizations are also pressing the Biden administration to offer families permanent legal status, compensation, and most importantly, social services to help families deal with depression, trauma, and anxiety. For further information, refer to: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/03/politics/immigrant-families-separated-under-trump-reunited/index.html>

Help SCHRMM Support the Food Program in El Progreso
We thank the Springwater residents who continue to support the food program in El Progreso. Our grassroots organizers remark that the need for food donations is great.

If you wish to support the food program, contact us at: 705-734-4238 or via email at: janetspring7@gmail.com.

Thank you.
Janet Spring, Kate Harries, Christine Nugent, Rev. Meg Jordan for the Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor Committee



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E.D.G.E. Elmvalle District Garden Enthusiasts (Elmvalle and District Horticultural Society) are seeking sponsors towards the hanging flower baskets that adorn Elmvalle's main street.

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Mayor Don's Update –
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Emergency Preparedness



The week of May 2-8 was Emergency Preparedness Week. Over the week, Springwater Fire & Emergency Services encouraged everyone to get prepared in case of an emergency. Emergencies can happen at any time. Make sure you are prepared for unexpected emergencies by knowing the risks, making a plan and building a 72-hour kit. If an emergency happens, make sure you stay informed by tuning into local news channels and ensure your 72-hour kit includes a portable battery-operated or crank radio in case of power outages.

To help you get prepared, Springwater Fire will be giving away two emergency car kits this month. All you have to do is visit www.springwater.ca/emergencypreparedness and enter your name and contact information for your chance to win!

Cannabis Production Facilities Public Meeting Reminder

There will be a virtual Public Meeting taking place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 31 to obtain feedback related to an update of the Office Plan and Zoning By-law with respect to policies regarding permissions and regulations for Cannabis Production Facilities.

Comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendment (OPA) and Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) are welcome. Written submissions are recommended and can be made prior to May 31st by e-mailing planning@springwater.ca; by regular mail to: Township of Springwater, Planning Department, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON L9X 1A8 or by the drop box located at the Administration Centre.

To learn more about the proposed changes or how to view or participate in the virtual Public Meeting, visit www.springwater.ca/cannabis

SaveStation in Glen Huron Park

A group of residents in Glen Huron Park will be crowdfunding for a new SaveStation with an automated external defibrillator (AED) to be located at Glen Huron Park. The SaveStation will be located in a highly visible, public area of the park and will be available 24/7, year-round. The initial cost of the unit is being crowdfunded by the Glen Huron Estates Community; the municipality will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance cost of the device. When a cardiac arrest happens, quick access to an AED is critical to ensure the best chance of survival. With this in mind, in 2019 Springwater invested in 12 public access SaveStations throughout the municipality.

Provincial Consultation on Strengthening Accountability for Municipal Council Members

On March 5, 2021, the Province of Ontario announced it would be launching a public consultation process to seek input on ways to increase accountability of council members. The intent of the consultation is to ensure that councillors and heads of council maintain a safe and respectful workplace and carry out their duties as elected officials ethically and responsibly. Currently, municipalities are required to have a code of conduct for members of councils and certain local boards, as well as provide access to an integrity commissioner, however, there is no standard code across the Province.

A survey has been released to receive feedback from members of Council, municipal staff and members of the public. Springwater Council will be submitting a formal response to the Province regarding the consultation. Members of the public are encouraged to learn more about this process and submit their own feedback online until July 15 at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-strengthening-accountability-municipal-council-members>

Gas Tax Funding and Reconstruction Projects

The Federal Government is providing additional Gas Tax Funding, now known as the Canada Community-Building Fund, to assist municipalities in the economic recovery from the pandemic. The Township received an additional allocation of \$581,084 and as a result a number of area roads will see improvements this year. Council has approved the following reconstruction projects: Golf Course Road (\$187,000), Old Orchard Road (\$75,000), Portage Trail (\$75,000), Pineview Avenue (\$15,000), Peacher Street (\$15,000), Lawrence Road (\$75,000), Kerr Street (\$35,000), Sandy Bend Road (\$35,000), Vigo

RVH launches new website

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has launched a new website as another way to enhance the patient and visitor experience. The website was developed with broad consultation from internal and external stakeholders including volunteers and members of RVH's Patient Family Advisory Council.

The new website is easier to navigate with an enhanced search feature, better accessibility and full integration of the RVH Foundation, Research Institute and the Physician Portal websites. Important or urgent information is displayed at the very top of the website in an orange bar as an alert. This includes easy to find information about COVID-19.

The website features quick access links to popular items such as directions, parking, surgery tracker, Emergency wait times and ways to donate and six main drop down categories

- Patients and Visitors – includes campus maps, visitor information, ways to thank your care team, feedback page
- Areas of Care – full listing of all departments and services available at RVH, including contact information
- About RVH – history of RVH, leadership team, newsroom, strategic plan
- Get involved – RVH Auxiliary and RVH Foundation
- Careers and Volunteering – job postings and volunteer information
- Teaching and Research – education and the research institute

The website address remains www.rvh.on.ca.

Notice from the Association of Psychiatrists

Dear citizens,
During the quarantine it is considered normal to talk to your plants and pets.
Kindly contact us only if they reply.

Thank you

Road (\$75,000). Additionally, Council approved the reconstruction of Dobson Road South (\$45,000) from another funding source.

Model Homes for Midhurst Development

New model homes for the Midhurst Development have been approved by Council. A total of 8 model homes will be located on the northwest corner of Anne Street and Carson Road, just north of the approved sales centre lands, known municipally as 1404 Carson Road.

County Extends Waste Facility Hours

The County has extended operating hours at waste facilities to support residents and businesses during COVID-19. All sites except Mara and Matchedash have moved to six days-a-week service and hours of operation have increased to 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The County is requesting that all residents continue to follow all Public Health recommendations and only make necessary trips to the waste facilities. For a full schedule of facility days and hours visit Simcoe.ca/covid19

Ask an Expert Series – Businesses in Transition and How to Stay in Control

The County is continuing to support businesses through their 'Ask an Expert Series'. On May 20 from 2:00-3:30 p.m., the County of Simcoe and area partners will host their next virtual session for business owners, with a focus on 'Businesses in Transition and How to Stay in Control'. Local experts will provide information regarding staying in control after negative financial growth and transitioning.

This is a free event; however, registration is required. To register, visit https://askanexpert_businesstransition.eventbrite.ca/

These comments reflect my thoughts and not necessarily those of council.

Stay safe.

What was America's biggest pig?

Answer: The record probably belongs to Big Bill, a Poland China hog from Tennessee that weighed a stunning 2,552 pounds and measured 9 feet long. (His belly dragged on the ground.) At his demise, this little piggy didn't go to market. Instead, he was stuffed, mounted, and displayed.

Local Sea Cadets carry on



Tyson Barker, 13, a local Sea Cadet, hits a beat on his practice drum pad on May 5. Photo by: PO2 Torrey Barker.

Able Cadet Tyson Barker, 13, of Springwater Township, a Grade 7 student at Forest Hill Public School in Midhurst, joined the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets in Barrie last September. He soon volunteered for the cadet band and

began learning to drum.

Like many activities in the community though, cadet training has been changed by the pandemic. It's now mainly internet-based. Using his drumsticks and a practice pad, Barker has received some drum instruction by video and has been practising at home. What does he think of this? "I'd rather be practising together with all the other bandsmen," says Barker, "but this is still a lot better than not doing it at all!"

The Sea Cadet program is for youth aged 12-18. It aims to develop good citizenship and leadership in young people, promote physical fitness, and stimulate an interest in the activities of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Barrie is jointly sponsored by the Barrie branch of the Navy League of Canada and the federal Department of National Defence. The Barrie Navy League branch also operates a Navy League Cadet Corps for kids aged 9-12.

To learn more, go to "Barrie Sea Cadets" on Facebook or Instagram.

Local Hunter Publishes Book

A Penetanguishene man, outdoorsman Bob Dutton, has written a book chronicling his lifetime of deer hunting. The book was published and released March 19, 2021. Bob was inspired by his nine year old grandson who was looking through his grandpa's deer hunting diary last summer and said "grampa you should publish a book". Titled "DIARY OF A DEER HUNTER - 40 Years in the Ontario Woodlands", it is now available on

Apple Books <https://books.apple.com/ca/book/diary-of-a-deer-hunter/id1560920464> & Amazon <https://www.amazon.ca/Diary-Deer-Hunter-Ontario-Woodlands/dp/B08ZWFTB5V>



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Standby list available for same day COVID-19 vaccination appointments; eligibility expands to more groups

SIMCOE MUSKOKA – A standby list is now available for same day COVID-19 vaccination appointments in Simcoe Muskoka for those who are eligible and can get to an appointment within 45 minutes of receiving a call.

The standby list has been launched as a new way to use up any remaining vaccine doses at the end of each clinic day and is created new each day. Individuals can add their name to the standby list at www.smdhu.org on those days that they are available and must meet current eligibility criteria to qualify. People are still encouraged to book an appointment outside of the standby list, and if they are called from standby list staff will help them cancel their previously booked appointment.

As of yesterday, Monday May 3, everyone 18 years of age and older in who lives in the postal code area of L3Z can now book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment through the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website www.townofbwg.com/vaccine; via the provincial online booking site www.Ontario.ca/bookvaccine; or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900. Those turning 18 years of age or older in 2021 who live anywhere in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury can book their vaccination appointment at one of the local pop up clinics available at www.townofBWG.com/vaccine.

In addition, beginning Thursday May 6, the following groups will be eligible to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the provincial online booking site, or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line:

- Individuals turning 50 and over in 2021;
- Individuals with high-risk health conditions;
- People who cannot work from home who fall under Group One (including remaining elementary and secondary school workers); and
- First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, in addition to separate channels for booking at local Indigenous-specific clinics.

For more information about COVID-19, how to add your name to the standby list, and who is eligible for an appointment, please visit our COVID-19 pages at www.smdhu.org.

AMPUTEE'S STORY HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF FARM SAFETY



May 11, 2021 – With farming season here, Merrill Loepky, a War Amps Regional Representative, is reminding parents to pass on an essential and possibly life-saving lesson to their children – **PLAYSAFE!**

Merrill grew up on a farm in Manitoba, and at 3 years old, his curiosity led him to get too close to a grain auger, resulting in the loss of his right arm. “Accidents can happen in a split second,” says Merrill. “I hope my story will prevent even just one child from being injured.”

The War Amps **PLAYSAFE** Program aims to make children more aware of the dangers in their play environment and believes that no one is better qualified to deliver the message than amputees, many of whom have lost limbs in accidents while at play, like Merrill.

“It’s important that families and educators help make kids aware of the dangers on the farm,” says Merrill. “Kids should never be near grain augers, tractors, lawn mowers or other ‘mean machines.’”

The public can access valuable safety resources, including **PLAYSAFE: Don't Let It Happen to You**, a video featuring young amputees who share their stories about how they lost their limbs in accidents, visit waramps.ca/playsafe.

NVCA April 2021 Board Meeting Highlights Next Meeting: May 28, 2021, held virtually

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors

2020 Financial Statement

NVCA receives clean audit for 2020. Board members received the 2020 NVCA audited financial statements as presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants. The financial statements is available on NVCA's website.

Presentation on Forestry

The Manager, Forestry provided an overview of NVCA's Forestry Program.

Every year since 1964, NVCA's Forestry Program has been planting trees. It is the only agency left in the watershed that is providing this service. This program fits into the NVCA mandate in many ways, including reduce flooding, improve water quality.

History of tree planting in the County of Simcoe

As communities settled in the County of Simcoe between 1831 and 1841, forests were cut down for farming and to create turpentine. The area quickly became a desert, and many farmers abandoned their farms.

In the 1920s, the Province of Ontario tree planting efforts in Southern Ontario, including County of Simcoe. These efforts were transferred to the county in 1988. The province's tree planting program was based on science and very innovative. In the County of Simcoe, there were provincially owned tree nursery in Midhurst, and a tree seed plant in Angus.

Funding and partnerships

In 2020, \$71,053 of NVCA's levy was used in the Forestry Program. Our partners, including Forests Ontario, Simcoe County, Federal Government, Town of New Tecumseth and landowners contributed \$270,000. Our biggest contributor is Forests Ontario. In the past 5 years, they have contributed \$1 million to NVCA's Forestry Program.

2021 Planting Season

This year's planting season will start on April 26, 2021 with 94,000 trees to be planted in 9 municipalities in the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed.

NVCA's comprehensive tree planting program includes tree planting services, and survival surveys in years 1, 2 and 5. After year 7, the trees will most likely be able to survive on their own.

Arbor Day

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, NVCA hosted a tree sale for property owners who did not need to plant acres of trees. This year's sale is cancelled due to the pandemic.

Challenges

The trees in our watershed face several challenges including lack of precipitation compared to other geographical areas, deer predation, species selection due to climate change, emerald ash borer, gypsy moths and other invasive species.

Infrastructure Repair for NVCA Tree Cooler

The NVCA Board of Directors has approved that staff use a maximum of \$5,000 from the NVCA Operational Reserve to secure the services of RCH HVAC & Automation for the supply and installation of a new refrigeration unit be approved as presented.

Hazard Tree Removals at New Lowell Conservation Area

The NVCA Board of Directors has approved the use the New Lowell

Conservation Area reserve for hazard tree removals be supported, and further that, Falls Tree Service be contracted for the project at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

Swaley Drain - Springwater Township

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the use of use no more than \$6,000 from the NVCA Land Management Acquisition reserve to secure the services of Sid Vander Veen from R.J. Burnside & Associates Ltd to identify NVCA's options/obligations as a landowner, including how a decision under the Conservation Authorities Act may impact the outcome of the Drainage Act review process (for example, allocation of costs).

Achieving Net Gains through Ecological Offsetting

NVCA staff has developed an updated watershed-specific policy and guideline which sets clear direction to when and how offsetting should be implemented.

Population growth and resulting urbanization presents a challenge for the protection and enhancement of wetlands throughout Southern Ontario watersheds. In addressing this challenge, one concept that is gaining momentum is the establishment of policies which outline an approach to 'compensation' or 'offsetting' for the loss of natural assets, which may include wetlands. Like many other Conservation Authorities (CAs), NVCA has historically accepted informal offsetting as a mitigation measure for wetland loss on an adhoc basis.

In recent years, other CAs within fast-growing watersheds, such as the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, have standardized this process through instituting formal ecological offsetting policies.

The intention of this guideline is to ensure that, moving forward, natural heritage offsetting is conducted using clear standardized criteria and metrics. This concept assigns a responsibility to compensate, where appropriate, for the value and function of lost natural features, thereby ensuring important functions are maintained and enhanced on the landscape.

This draft document will be circulated to municipalities, stakeholders and board members for comment.

Source Protection Committee Chair's Update

Proposed changes to the Director's Technical Rules have resulted in the Committee starting the process of reviewing policies in the Source Protection Plan which includes addressing dense non-aqueous phase liquids and road salt respectively. Chair Lynn Dollin also outlined the challenges that Risk Management Officials were facing due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

Source Protection Region Update

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposed Director Technical Rules to address feedback from Source Protection Committees, Risk Management Officials, and Source Protection Authorities. The changes include proposals include changing circumstances for salt application, salt storage, commercial fertilizer storage, stormwater management.

New or replacement municipal wells

and intakes are required to have the source water protection work completed and approved before the MECP issues the drinking water license.

Several municipal systems in the NVSPA are presently underway in this process, completed under Section 34 of the Clean Water Act. These municipalities include Stayner, Shelburne, Caledon, and Alliston

Appointment of Municipal Member to the Source Protection Committee

Chris Gerrits (Deputy Mayor of Amaranth) was appointed as the municipal representative in the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Area to in replacement of Deborah Korolonek, who recently retired from the County of Simcoe.

Annual Source Water Protection Progress Report to the Ministry

Section 46 of the Clean Water Act (Section 46) requires that the lead Source Protection Authority (SPA) report to the Director of Source Protection (MECP) on the implementation of all policies each year.

A primary objective of monitoring and reporting is to assess if threats to municipal drinking water sources are being reduced through the implementation of the Plan's policies. This information will help support any future amendments to the Plan and provide accountability and transparency to stakeholders. The following key findings include:

- All municipalities have submitted their annual reports to Source Protection Authority staff.
- Most policies (98%) that address significant drinking water threats in the Plan have been or are in the process of being implemented in accordance with the timelines set out in the Plan or otherwise amended.
- It is estimated that 89% (3157 of 3514) of existing significant drinking water threats have been mitigated through policy implementation.
- Two hundred and fifty-one (251) RMPs have been established and an estimated 119 RMPs remain to be negotiated across the Source Protection Region. Historic rates of RMP establishment suggest the July 2022 deadline is unlikely to be met. In addition, the rate of RMP negotiation in the remaining 14 months leading up to the deadline has been and will continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Nine hundred and twenty-seven (927) of estimated 2110 round-two on-site sewage (septic) system inspections have been completed with approximately 9 months remaining until the 2022 deadline.

The deadline to complete Risk Management plans was extended to July 2022, however, this represents a significant workload that they may not have the resources to complete. SPA staff will bring progress reports on RMP completion to each future meeting of the SPC and may request a review of the deadline once more to account for the disruption caused by COVID

BRIDGE BITES from The American Contract Bridge League

A TALE OF TWO SUITS

♠ AQ	♠ 9743
♥ A72	♥ 9543
♦ 9432	♦ Q
♣ 6542	♣ T973
North	
♠ T8652	♠ KJ
♥ K6	♥ QJT8
♦ A876	♦ KJT5
♣ AJ	♣ KQ8
Declarer	

By: Brian Gunnell

Both Vulnerable
South West North East
1NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

Thanks in large part to the horrible Spade duplication (where ten HCP bring in two measly tricks), 3NT needs some luck. And, after the opening lead of the Spade Five, 3NT also requires careful play in Diamonds and Hearts. Can you make nine tricks?

Your best chance for nine tricks is to score four Hearts and three Diamonds. How do you play the Diamonds? Yes, you must take the tiny precaution of leading a low Diamond from the board. The trap to be avoided is running the Nine, that would be fatal in the actual case where East has the singleton Queen and where West's spots would prevent the suit from running. So, Dummy's ♠Q wins the opening lead, and a low Diamond is led, to the Queen, King and Ace.

West returns the Spade Two, again won on the board. You get back to hand with a Diamond (East pitching a Club), but refrain from cashing the two other Diamond winners, they may provide some useful back and forth later in the play. Instead, you lead the ♥Q, covered by the King and Ace. Back to hand with the ♥J, both defenders following, but neither dropping the all-important Nine.

Where is that Nine? You don't know for sure, so you will go with the odds. West's opening lead was the Five, and he later played the Two, so he appears to have started with a minimum of five Spades. West also started with four Diamonds, that's nine of his cards accounted for. By contrast, East started with a total of only five cards in those suits. Clearly, East has more room in her hand for Hearts, and the odds tell you to finesse against East for the Heart Nine rather than to play for the drop. So, you cash the Diamond Ten, cross to Dummy's carefully preserved Nine, and finesse the Heart Eight. Nine well-earned tricks!

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BizLink helps business buyers and sellers

April 27, 2021 Midland, On

A group of local Community Futures organizations have joined forces to assist business buyers and sellers to connect and confidently move forward in the business transition process.

The program, now known as BizLink, has proven to provide business buyers and sellers with tools that offer confidentiality and anonymity in buying or selling a local business. Thanks to a three-year, \$606,500 Grow grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) in 2020, BizLink has been able to expand from a pilot program.

“This three year Grow Grant will arm business buyers and sellers with tools necessary to effectively move these types of business transactions forward with discretion and assurance while meeting needs in our community. I applaud the partnerships formed between these organizations in delivering this much needed program in such an innovative way through BizLink,” said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North.

BizLink began as a pilot project in 2018 as a partnership between the Orillia Area Community Development Corp. (CDC) and Nottawasaga Community Futures, with support from the County of Simcoe, the City of Orillia and other local partners. Funds from the grant will be used to help run the program, and include assisting with staffing, creating information materials, translation, equipment purchases, hosting workshops, and some administrative costs as well. With the OTF grant and continued support from the County of Simcoe, BizLink evolved into a regional program that is also offered now in the Midland and Collingwood areas through the Centre For Business and North Simcoe Community Futures. “We saw a need: buyers and sellers were not connecting due to privacy issues,” explained Carol Benedetti, BizLink Coordinator. “Buyers and sellers often have concerns over whether they should publicly announce their intention to buy or sell a business. BizLink helps to address this.”

The program partners offering BizLink all have extensive local knowledge and connections making them a great choice to guide entrepreneurs through the full transition process and provide wrap around support for the entire life cycle of a business. They have the expertise to set business buyers and sellers up for success.

The program has built a regional database of buyers and sellers and provides participants with subsidized access to the independent online portal, Succession Matching.com. The portal provides an opportunity to create an individual buyer or seller profile, access to a national database of buyers and sellers and a variety of online learning tools and connections with international investors through the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program.

Key services that the BizLink offers to buyers and sellers include: Confidentiality and anonymity; connection suggestions based on each individual buyer and seller; referrals to local professional resources, such as business valuers, tax planners, accountants, lawyers, and real estate agents; contact with Immigration Specialists to promote businesses to international buyers; customized sales sheets to promote businesses through local networks; access to financing and business coaching; and workshops on related topics such as Bookkeeping and Business Valuation.

The BizLink team is ready and waiting to serve local business owners and entrepreneurs and looks forward to helping business buyers and sellers realize their dreams! To learn more about how BizLink works, or to register as a buyer or seller, contact Lois Irvine. The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$115 million to 644 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

Contact Lois Irvine, Client Care Coordinator
North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation 705.526.1371 x 113 lrvine@nscfdc.on.ca

Ontario Responds to High Vaccination Rates, Modifies Restrictions in Long-Term Care Homes

Changes will help improve residents’ quality of life while keeping homes safe

— Ontario is responding to high levels of COVID-19 vaccination in many long-term care homes by making changes that will help homes safely resume communal dining and social activities. These changes will help improve residents’ quality of life while keeping homes safe.

“Our government puts the safety and well-being of long-term care residents at the heart of everything we do,” said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. “The high vaccination uptake in long-term care homes means we can take further steps towards bringing social interactions back — supporting the mental and emotional well-being of residents while protecting their physical well-being.”

Based on advice from public health experts and in direct response to residents and their families, an updated Directive #3 for Long-Term Care Homes from the Chief Medical Officer of Health was released today, along with a [guidance document for long-term care homes](#). The updated Directive #3 sets out that long-term care homes can now safely resume activities such as communal dining and indoor events and gatherings, with precautions.

Additionally, residents and their caregivers who are fully immunized may choose to have close physical contact beyond what is required for care and supervision, such as hugging.

Once the current province-wide Stay-at-Home order is lifted, further direction allowing social and temporary outings for fully immunized residents will be issued. Under the updated Directive #3, all residents, regardless of their immunization status, can leave their homes on an essential absence, which includes outdoor exercise, buying groceries, or visiting the pharmacy, while the Stay-at-Home order is in place. Essential absences are not permitted when a resident is symptomatic, has been identified as a COVID-19 case or a contact, or as directed by local public health

All residents continue to be able to leave their long-term care homes for medical absences or compassionate absences at all times.

Homes must provide residents with a medical mask for outings and remind them to maintain appropriate physical distancing and hand hygiene while away from the home.

The province continues to actively monitor COVID-19 activity, particularly in this vulnerable sector, and ensure that the health and safety of residents and staff in this sector remains a top priority, while improving residents’ quality of life.

Quick Facts

- The new guidance document bases precautions on long-term care homes’ immunization coverage rates in both residents and staff.
- The guidance document identifies extra precautions should be taken to support activities in homes that do not meet a threshold of 85 per cent of residents and 70 per cent of staff fully immunized.
- All Ontarians, including all staff, visitors, and residents in long-term care homes, must continue to practice public health measures including masking, physical distancing, hand hygiene, and staying at home when they are sick. While COVID-19 immunizations have been demonstrated to be very effective, it is important for Ontarians to not let their guard down during this crucial period in the ongoing fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As of May 4, 2021, across Ontario, 95 per cent of long-term care residents are fully immunized and more than 85 per cent of staff have received at least their first dose

Vaccinated nursing home residents can socialize, eat together and hug

After a year of isolation and public health restrictions, vaccinated nursing home residents are now allowed to take trips to the pharmacy, socialize, eat together and even hug, Rob Ferguson reports. The new freedoms — most widespread in homes with the highest vaccination rates — come after months of pressure from families and advocates to ease restrictions in LTC.

By the numbers: 95 per cent of nursing-home residents are fully immunized and 85 per cent of staff have had at least one dose. We don’t know how many have had two.

Go deeper: While the new allowances are welcome, some say more restrictions should be eased, like the ban on canine and other animal visitors. “One of the highlights for my mom is always seeing my dog,” said one Toronto man.

Another angle: Meanwhile, [Ontario’s LTC Minister refused to apologize for a second day in a row](#), after two independent reports found the government was slow to respond to the deadly threat of COVID-19 in nursing homes.

Ontario to Modernize and Streamline Apprenticeship Training

Proposed legislation will help apprentices prepare for in-demand jobs and complete their training faster. Under the proposed legislation, Skilled Trades Ontario would become the province’s industry-informed training authority to lead the promotion, research and development of the latest apprenticeship training and curriculum standards. It will also provide a seamless one window experience for client-facing services including apprentice registration, issuance of certificates and renewals, and conduct equivalency assessments all in one place with many services offered digitally.

As recommended by the Skilled Trades Panel’s first report, Ontario will streamline and simplify the apprenticeship system by establishing a new Crown agency. The Ministry will provide system oversight and be responsible for regulatory decisions, financial supports and take on responsibility for compliance and enforcement of the skilled trades, building on existing expertise, best practices and a robust inspector network that is already in place across the province.

Quick Facts

- Data suggests that the need to replace retiring workers is greater for skilled trades workers than for other occupations. In 2016, nearly one in three journeypersons were aged 55 years or older.
- There are 144 skilled trades in Ontario.
- The Skilled Trades Panel includes Michael Sherrard as the Chair, and industry representatives Jason Ottey, Melanie Winter, Shaun Scott and Melissa Young.

•The Skilled Trades Panel is currently consulting on Phase 2 of its mandate, which will focus on classification and training in the trades. Those wishing to take part in the online consultation can visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/skilled-trades-panel-consultations>.

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Proposed location identified for Barrie supervised consumption site

Barrie – After an extensive community consultation process that included online surveys, discussions with key stakeholders including Barrie City Council members, and neighbourhood virtual consultation sessions, 19 Innisfil St. (also known as 80 Bradford St., Unit 940) has been identified as the proposed location for a Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) for the community.

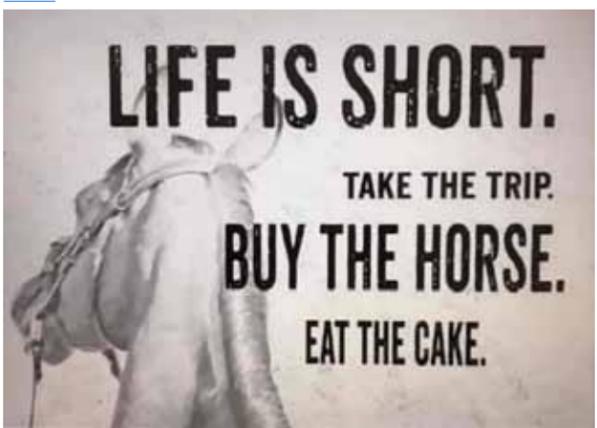
The search for prospective locations was carried out by the lead applicant Canadian Mental Health Association-Simcoe County Branch and co-applicant the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, along with a diverse and dedicated SCS Site Selection Advisory Committee. The committee is comprised of community members and partner agencies, including those who provide support to the drug using population of Barrie and others who bring perspective from local residents and businesses. A number of factors were considered in the decision by the applicants, including provincial and federal guidelines, best practices for locating SCS sites for accessibility, proximity to sensitive land uses (i.e. schools, parks, licensed child care centres, residential development and businesses), feedback received during the multi-faceted community consultation process and final input from the Advisory committee members.

"We appreciate everyone who took the time to participate in any of our consultations or reached out to us," said Dr. Lisa Simon, Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. "Community consultations have been a critical part of the SCS application, ensuring that a wide range of community members have the opportunity to express their needs, thoughts and concerns so that the location can best meet the needs of people who use drugs, as well as those of the broader community."

"As a community, we have been carefully listening to all voices to ensure that we made a balanced decision. We look forward to a continued dialogue as we move forward with the next steps in the site selection process and we recognize the importance of working together as this journey continues," stated Dr. Valerie Grdisa, CEO, CMHA Simcoe County. "On behalf of the both agencies, thank you to the Advisory Committee members for your dedication and countless hours to get us here to today."

Selecting a location is part of the ongoing application process for a SCS site in Barrie. Endorsement of the proposed SCS location will be sought at a presentation to Barrie City Council on May 25, 2021. If endorsement is received, an application to the federal government for exemption from the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to the provincial government for their approval for funding will be completed and submitted.

For more information on SCSs, including the local SCS application history and the recent work of the SCS Site Selection Advisory committee, visit www.smdhu.org/SCS.



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-- Benefits of Cucumbers --

I mentioned that cucumbers are almost made completely out of water. But along with the water they also contain electrolytes.

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Staying hydrated is important for many things including maintaining a healthy intestine, preventing constipation, and avoiding kidney stones.

Try mixing fresh mint and cucumber in your water to create a more attractive drink while relaxing at home, sitting in the office, or putting in a good workout at the gym.

Cucumbers are also extremely good for bone health. One cup of cucumber provides 8.5 micrograms (mcg) of vitamin K. The Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) recommends that women aged 19 years and over consume 90 mcg of vitamin K each day, and men 120 mcg. It also contains calcium. Vitamin K helps improve calcium absorption. Together, these nutrients contribute to good bone health.

If used directly on the skin, sliced cucumbers have a cooling and soothing effect due to their anti-inflammatory benefits.

These can decrease swelling, irritation, and inflammation.

People have even used it to alleviate sunburn and most commonly used to decrease "morning puffiness" on the eyes.



My View – Bill French

Springwater Township – Municipal Drains and NVCA

There are multiple municipal drains throughout the township and many date back well over a century. They are intended to prevent flooding on some of the richest farmland in the Township especially in what I call the Minesing flatlands. The Township recently updated the municipal drain list and provided a report to Council. There is one major drain in the south of the Township called the Swaley which relieves flooding on farmland from about Horseshoe Valley Road on the west end of Anten Mills and drains various farms all the way southwest across Highway 26 to the Minesing Wetlands. The approved 1917 (Over 100 years ago) outlet in the Minesing Swamp is the Nottawasaga River. Over the years through build up of silt and fallen trees, the Swaley outlet is plugged, causing flooding and backup on farmland eastward as far as Vespra Valley Road and beyond. When I was on Council, I wanted this addressed as it has been lingering for about 20 years and one farmer on George Johnston Road was in regular contact with me (and knocked on my door this week) about Spring flooding impact on his 50 acres. When he complained, apparently someone at the County told him to think about growing rice! The Township engaged a specialist who came up with a solution and the Township wants to move forward. However the NVCA doesn't want to allow any disturbance of the wetlands even though they are ultimately responsible to provide the outlet according to the original agreement. They are now the barrier in the Township's initiative. Ironically the NVCA's mandate is to prevent flooding and natural disasters but in this case the NVCA are part of the problem and a hindrance. The Township and the Expert are appearing at the next NVCA Board Meeting to plead their case. Let's see if the inconsistent decisions of the NVCA will continue or will they do the right thing and get this resolved once and for all.

Carson Ridge – AED – Automatic External Defibrillator

I was quite impressed with the presentation by the resident for the community group who are raising funds for a local AED in the Carson Ridge neighbourhood. They were simply asking that the Township to provide a location and permission in the local Park. These types of initiatives make our communities safer, especially as we age and might overexert ourselves and be the subject of a sudden cardiac arrest. I don't particularly understand why some on Council wanted to jump in and pay the full cost even though the residents have agreed to fund the capital cost. I fully support the Township providing a location and even the power source, but let's allow neighbours to fund worthwhile projects such as this and not be coughing up taxpayer money when not asked. Over my 25 years back in Springwater, I have seen many initiatives, especially our community pavilions, built as partners with the Township rather than just expecting a handout from the Township. That is how we can have amenities in our local areas and not burden the general taxpayer with added debt.

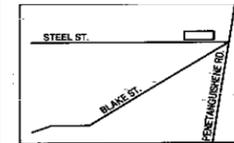
Codes of Conduct – A Blessing or a Curse?

The township is working on an update of its Code of Conduct for Council Members. This was mandated by the Province, even though the MPP's don't have one. All you have to do is read the various reports, after complaints are filed, and see that they are a waste of time and tax dollars. What I find troublesome is the fact that the Codes themselves are being written by the Integrity Commissioner that is hired by the Township. (Springwater has already fired its first IC because of poor and inconsistent performance). I find it unusual that the law is effectively written by the Judge and their opinion is not subject to any appeal process, if the report is approved and acted on by the local Council, except for possibly a Judicial Review which is very expensive. The Codes are being used more for "Gotcha" moments rather than improving our local governance. To illustrate my point, read up on some of the reports for Barrie complaints. Municipal residents are well protected by the existing Municipal Act, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and all the Anti Bullying and Harassment legislation that are on the books. To be frank, even though I had no problem having a code during my 4 years, Codes always are and will be a waste of time, money and will resolve nothing. I would be asking the Province to repeal that requirement instead of trying to improve it.

COVID-19 – Interesting Facts

We know this COVID-19 is out of control and more and more our elected officials have no idea about how to deal with it except lockdowns that are proving not to

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While painting, he noticed a small hole

in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting.

The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!"

"But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant."

"My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened: When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time. When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole. Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!"

"You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed."

So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've saved.

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work and probably are compounding the problem. Even with vaccines, it will take another year to build the herd immunity needed to return to any sign of normalcy. The United States has the highest infection rate hitting close to 10% of the population but is now showing signs of real decline and softer waves. Canada has seen an infection rate of about 3.5% but in this third wave is growing uncontrollably with little signs of a near term decline. India, which is on a steep upslope in its infection rate is still actually at only 1.65% of the population. We can stop and start our economy but something tells me that Nature will dictate the outcome and that might be an end infection rate of 10%, which has been the result in the United States. In the meantime, lets do what we can by Wearing a Mask, Keeping a Physical Distance and Sanitizing and Washing our hands and consider seriously taking the vaccine if you are able.

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

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Serving Through Extraordinary Times to Keep Communities Safe

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is joining police services throughout Ontario and across Canada to promote Police Week, which honours and celebrates the work of front-line police officers, 9-1-1 communicators, and civilian staff members.

This year's Police Week theme is "Working Together to Keep our Communities Safe", and the campaign runs from May 9 to 15, 2021.

"Police Week was first observed in 1970 and coincides with the Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is recognized internationally on May 15. This year, we honour our police officers and personnel for the extraordinary work they do every day in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic." -Inspector Glenn Miller, Essex County OPP Detachment Commander.

Throughout this week, detachments across West Region will be highlighting the many ways in which our members continue to serve and engage with our communities. Our members continue to work alongside our allied first responders and health care professional partners to protect members of the public. Our social media accounts are used regularly to share information and provide education to ensure public safety.

Although traditional public engagements will not occur during this year's campaign, OPP members are inviting the public to connect on social media to show their support.

Police Week in Ontario is sponsored by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General. It is part of National Police Week, led by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

OPP ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

(ORILLIA, ON) - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is requesting that Ontarians voluntarily comply with the new emergency orders as it does its part to support the Government of Ontario's health emergency declaration to limit transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

OPP officers will enforce the Stay-at-Home Order, under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA), and the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA) by focusing on non-compliance in businesses and restaurants, complaints from the public and unlawful public gatherings. Officers can disperse and ticket individuals found to be non-compliant resulting in a \$750 fine.

The new emergency orders include:

- Outdoor events/gatherings are now prohibited unless all parties are from the same household or one other person from outside that household who lives alone or is a caregiver for any member of the household

- All retail stores that are permitted to be open must:
 - Limit the number of persons to 25 per cent capacity of the store

- The following outdoor recreational amenities shall be closed:

- All outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields including:
 - Baseball diamonds,
 - Soccer fields,
 - Frisbee golf locations,
 - Tennis, platform tennis, table tennis, pickleball courts,
 - Basketball courts,
 - BMX parks, and
 - Skate parks

- All portions of park and recreation areas containing outdoor fitness equipment

- All picnic sites and picnic tables in park and recreation areas

- An Outdoor recreational amenity that is an off-leash dog area or park bench may be open and used if physical distancing is maintained

- A playground, a place specifically designed to enable children to play there, may be open and used

Consistent with the new emergency orders, OPP officers will not arbitrarily stop an individual or a vehicle, or enter a dwelling for the singular purpose of checking compliance with the order. Individuals are not expected to provide proof of essential work. Officers who believe an individual may be participating in a gathering that is prohibited may require the individual to provide information to determine whether or not they are in compliance.

More information about the restrictions covered by the Government of Ontario's declared 'State of Emergency' and the updated enforcement provisions of the EMCPA can be found at Reopening Ontario Act (A Flexible Response to COVID-19; ROA), 2020.

For all non-emergency police matters - including allegations of COVID-19 restrictions non-compliance - contact your municipal by-law office, call the OPP non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122, or contact your

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local detachment. Please reserve 911 for life-threatening emergencies.

The OPP will continue to provide public safety services to the communities we serve and support the efforts of federal, provincial and local health authorities.

OPP Investigates Theft of Cigarettes

(ORO-MEDONTE, ON) - Members of the Orillia detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating the theft of a large number of cigarettes from an Oro-Medonte business.

On May 06, 2021, approximately 7:30 p.m., officers received a call reporting that a large number of cigarettes had been stolen from a business on Highway 11, Oro-Medonte. Officers attended the location and learned that two males and a female had attended the store and the female had distracted the employee while the two males stole over \$6000 worth of cigarettes.

All three suspects left in a silver, four door sedan and are described as:

- Suspect 1 : White male, black sweat shirt, sunglasses, jeans, slim build
- Suspect 2 : White male, late twenties or early thirties, black sweat shirt, dark pants, slim build
- Suspect 3 : White female, late twenties or early thirties, black sweat shirt, green pants

If you recognize any of the suspects or have information that could help with the investigation, please contact the Orillia OPP at 705-326-3536 or 1-888-310-1122. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at www.crimestoppersdm.com if you have any information on this crime or any other crime. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

The Orillia OPP is committed to serving our province, including the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn and the City of Orillia, by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety.

Ongoing Investigation Related To Threat To Public Safety

Officers from the Collingwood and The Blue Mountains detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) evacuated several businesses in Thornbury yesterday evening as a result of a threat to public safety.

The threat, targeting the Thornbury area with no specific location, was delivered via an online platform and resulted in the evacuation and temporary closure of several business which took place shortly after 6:00 p.m.

Eventually the businesses were allowed to re-open at approximately 7:30 p.m. with no one being injured or any incident taking place. Investigation is ongoing at this time to determine the source of the threat.

Anyone with information on this occurrence is asked to contact Collingwood/The Blue Mountains OPP at (705) 445-4321 or if you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can submit your information online at www.crimestoppersdm.com if you have any information on this crime or any other crime.

Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

OPP Traffic Officers Respond to Area Speeding and Traffic Related Complaints

(MIDLAND, ON)- During the month of April 2021, officers from the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have responded to public complaints of motorists and commercial vehicles speeding and other related traffic violations on area roadways. Calls to the OPP Communications Centre and through the OPP Online Reporting have been recorded and acted upon as follows-

- Officers attended 36 complaint areas and issued 140 tickets and warned 75 drivers for their driving violations
- 117 hours of focused patrol in these noted areas

Officers also provided 15 hours of R.I.D.E. check stops at 19 locations checking 540 vehicles for signs of impairment.

Speeding along with other offences under the Highway Traffic Act carry licence suspensions some of which are issued on the spot along with automatic vehicle impoundment. For more information please click on the following Ministry of Transportation link- (ADLS) .

OPP Search Warrant in Midland Nets Cash and Drugs

Seizure of Fentanyl, Crack Cocaine, Cocaine

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(MIDLAND, ON) - As a result of an ongoing investigation, members of the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) attached to the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant at a residence on Southwinds Crescent, Midland on April 29, 2021. Assisted by uniform detachment members along with the OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), officers arrested all persons at the scene and seized quantities of Fentanyl, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, \$8970.00 in Canadian currency and associated drug paraphernalia. (see attached photograph)

Charged in connection with this investigation are the following persons-

- Bjorn Garfield BARTLEY 19 years of North York
- Cyrena Celine BRATHWAITE 25 years of Toronto
- Taylor Marie DUPUIS 26 years of Penetanguishene
- Kristen JOHNSON 39 years of Midland
- Tanner MCCUE 24 years of Penetanguishene
- Natasha PRINCE 21 years of Penetanguishene
- Kelly PURCELL 23 years of Brampton

All have been charged with the following offences-

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking-Opioid (other than heroin)
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
- And further with
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada

Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

All of the accused persons were released on an undertaking to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Midland on May 27, 2021.

OPP DEALING WITH ONGOING DIRT BIKE COMPLAINTS

Dirt bikes equipped with a green and white licence plate are not permitted for road use. The green licence plate is to be mounted on the front of the motorcycle.

Where you can legally ride:

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

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Long-term Care Beds in Wasaga Beach; Maybe Next Time, Says Minister

May 4, 2021 - Why was Wasaga Beach left out of Ontario's 2021 budget announcement of new long-term care beds for seniors? Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson put the question to Long-Term Care Minister Merrilee Fullerton today.

Speaking in the Legislature, Mr. Wilson reminded Dr. Fullerton that 36 percent of residents in Wasaga Beach are senior citizens – one of the highest concentrations of seniors in all of Canada. But, the community doesn't have a single long-term care bed. Residents have to move elsewhere to access care.

"There are proposals from at least two companies to fill the void," said Wilson. "Both of these are reputable firms with proven track records," he added. "They have the resources, the experience and the commitment to deliver the urgently needed support that my constituents need and deserve."

Asked why Wasaga Beach was left out of the government's "historic investment" in long-term care, Minister Fullerton responded that applications not approved in the current budget will be considered in the next round of allocations.



OPSBA continues to advocate for students as 2021-22 education funding announcement leads to cautious optimism

Toronto, May 4, 2021 – The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) is reviewing the 2021-2022 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) for impacts on school boards across Ontario and is analyzing the announcement to ensure that increases will cover the sector's most pressing needs for the upcoming school year.

Today's announcement includes a year-over-year increase of approximately \$561 million, to a total of \$25.6 billion, with per-pupil funding increasing from \$12,525 to \$12,686.

"Given the relative uncertainty of the ongoing pandemic, OPSBA is pleased that the government will continue to provide funding for many pandemic-related items, including personal protective equipment, public health nurses, and renewal of technology and devices," says OPSBA President Cathy Abraham. "With that said, many boards still continue to face funding pressures that have been exacerbated by the pandemic, such as increasing costs for capital projects."

The mental health and well-being of our students is a significant concern for school boards and trustees across the province. The investments in mental health are welcomed and we look forward to learning more about the details in coming days.

"Many school boards have, as permitted by the Ministry of Education, used reserve funds for pandemic-related expenses," says President Abraham. "Our members have been seeking full reimbursement of any reserve funds already used, and while the partial reimbursement will be helpful to some boards, other boards will have challenges as these funds are often earmarked for specific future projects."

Communities and school boards have their own local contexts that must be considered to maximize student outcomes. Funding flexibility is key when trying to ensure that all students are given every opportunity to succeed, and the additional \$384 million for flexible staffing will help ensure that boards are giving students the support they need.

School boards are now making decisions for the 2021-22 school year, which include both in-school and remote learning and they need to continue to be part of the discussion about return-to-school planning. In recent days, questions have also been raised about whether a final decision should be made about whether any schools in the province might return to in-person learning before the end of this school year. Throughout the pandemic, OPSBA has consistently emphasized the importance of having students attend school in person, when it is safe to do so. We remain hopeful that circumstances in our communities and our health care system will improve sufficiently to allow a return to in-person learning before the end of the school year. As has been the case throughout the pandemic, school boards are ready and equipped to transition when needed.

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Digital Main Street and Beyond helps 339 local businesses and counting

Midhurst/May 5, 2021 – The County of Simcoe continues to support local businesses with innovative solutions through the COVID-19 pandemic with the extension of the Digital Main Street and Beyond training program until June 15, 2021, originally approved by Council nearly one year ago. Administered by the South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre and the Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia Small Business Enterprise Centre, Digital Main Street and Beyond has assisted over 339 local small businesses since it was announced in May 2020.

"We are extremely proud of the tremendous impact that the Digital Main Street and Beyond program has had on our local communities," said Warden George Cornell. "We know this pandemic has been difficult on many of our business owners and at a time when so many small businesses were struggling to pivot, the Digital Main Street and Beyond program was there to help. County Council is proud to extend this program until June 15, 2021 in order to continue supporting small businesses, owners and their employees as we work towards a safe economic recovery."

The unique Digital Service Squad program was designed to assist local businesses adapt sales models to meet the needs of the ever-changing online consumer world. It includes one-on-one training to eligible local businesses to ensure that Simcoe County small businesses are able to compete in rapidly changing online environments. The program extension also opens eligibility to registered home-based businesses.

This program is an expansion of the provincially funded Digital Main Street initiative and provides opportunities for additional businesses throughout Simcoe County.

About Digital Main Street and Beyond Program
The County of Simcoe is providing funding toward this unique program to help local small and medium-sized businesses go digital. Eligible businesses will receive up to 10 hours of free one-on-one coaching from Digital Service Squads and other digital supports. For more information, including full eligibility criteria, visit <https://edo.simcoe.ca/Pages/COVID-19-Government-Supports.aspx>.

In May 2020, County Council approved funding of \$60,000 towards the program, with support from Tourism Simcoe County and the County's Economic Development Office.

To sign up for Digital Service Squad assistance contact the Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia Small Business Enterprise Centre at 705-720-2445 or digitalsquad@barrie.ca, or the South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre at 705-446-3355 or digitalmainst@collingwood.ca.



Enter to Win a Boot Brush Station to Help Prevent Invasive Species in Ontario

Sault Ste. Marie, ON – To support practical ways to reduce the impacts of invasive species, promote community spirit, and as part of its 10-year anniversary, the Invasive Species Centre is providing ten boot brush stations in Ontario to help protect recreational trail systems from invasive species.

Invasive species can hitchhike on people's boots and clothing, equipment, and pets from other areas, and damage the natural areas where we love to hike and camp. When we brush debris containing invasive plant seeds off our feet, clothing, and equipment, we stop harmful invasive plants, insects, and diseases from infesting these special areas. Many of our parks and natural spaces are experiencing record numbers of visitors, so these community boot brush stations are a small step to help provide new ways to prevent the spread of invasive species.

"Boot brush stations are a great way to increase awareness about invasive species and what we can all do to prevent

Rosie's Devotions

Hope vs Fear

The World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the Corona 19 virus a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020, and a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

I can't believe that we have been fighting this virus and its variants for over one year already. To date, millions of people have died all over the globe, thousands are in hospitals and intensive care units are filled to capacity.

Our prayers were answered when research teams developed several vaccines to inoculate people and to hopefully destroy this silent killer. But little did we realize that the production and immunization of millions of people would cause additional hardships.

To date, millions of people are still waiting for their first shot and another million have received their second dose. And while people await their anticipated first dose, hundreds of conspiracy theories are plastered all over the internet that are against the vaccine. Fear of the unknown seems to be prevalent.

Polio reached epidemic proportions in the early 1900s in countries with relatively high standards of living, at a time when other diseases such as diphtheria, typhoid, and tuberculosis were declining. Because of widespread vaccination, polio was eliminated from the Western Hemisphere in 1994 and hope became a reality.

People all over this earth hoped and prayed for a vaccine, and their prayers were answered. People all over this earth are hoping and praying that these viruses will be destroyed.

John 14:27-Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (NIV)

Prayer: Lord God, you see what your children are facing and fearing at this uncertain time We pray for the families that have lost loved ones and ask that you give them the strength and courage to go on. We thank you for the caretakers, doctors, nurses, all healthcare workers and service men and women. Protect them as they sacrifice their lives to look after us. Amen.

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their spread," says Sarah Rang, Executive Director at the Invasive Species Centre. "Boot brush stations are effective at helping stop the spread of invasive species, as trail users can use the boot brush to remove mud, dirt, and seeds from their shoes before and after using a trail."

A total of ten boot brush stations with invasive species signage will be randomly drawn from eligible entries across Ontario, two in Southern Ontario, two in Central Ontario, two in Northwestern Ontario, two in Northeastern Ontario and two in Eastern Ontario.

The contest is open to individuals, groups, or organizations in Ontario (e.g. municipalities, Indigenous communities, non-profit or charitable groups, parks, conservancies, conservation authorities, schools and school boards, clubs, and associations) with access to a community recreational trailhead (used and accessible by the public). To be eligible, each entrant must provide proof that they, or the group or organization that they represent, has access to and permission to install, a boot brush station on a community recreational trailhead (used and accessible by the public) located in Ontario. No purchase is necessary to enter the contest.

To enter the Invasive Species Centre Ontario Boot Brush Station Contest, please complete and submit the digital entry form by the contest closing date of Monday June 7, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. The ten contest winners will be contacted, and once eligibility is established, arrangements will be made to customize the boot brush station signage with the winner's name and/or logo and deliver the boot brush station to the winner's location within Ontario.

Go to www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/bootbrushcontest to enter the contest and view the full contest rules. Please direct any contest inquiries to info@invasivespeciescentre.ca.

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New heart attack protocol expands to Muskoka

May 4, 2021 – Heart attack patients in Muskoka now have access to the ‘gold standard’ of care thanks to the Simcoe Muskoka Code STEMI Protocol.

Starting today, residents with heart attack symptoms who present to Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) Emergency Departments in either Bracebridge or Huntsville or who call 911 may now be transported by Muskoka Paramedic Services directly to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) in Barrie for their lifesaving treatment. This ‘gold standard’ of care is achieved when a patient receives advanced cardiac care in less than 120 minutes from first medical contact.

“Having these advanced cardiac services and a highly-skilled team at RVH’s Cardiac Intervention Unit (CIU), means that now the majority of patients in Simcoe and Muskoka will be able to get lifesaving intervention within 120 minutes of a heart attack,” says Dr. Tony Lee, medical director of RVH’s CIU. “Extending this new cardiac protocol to Muskoka would not be possible without the full collaboration of all our health partners in this region.”

This change is the result of an important new heart attack process called the Simcoe Muskoka Code STEMI Protocol, first introduced to Simcoe County in November 2020. This phased, gradual approach to bringing advanced cardiac care to the people of Simcoe Muskoka is a partnership between RVH, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services, Rama Paramedic Service, Muskoka Paramedic Services and area hospitals.

“We are excited to see the gold standard of heart care reach the Muskoka region in collaboration with our emergency medical services partners at Muskoka Paramedic Services,” says Dr. John Simpson, Director and Chief of Emergency Medicine at MAHC. “This change in heart attack protocol means eligible patients in Muskoka can get the required medical care closer to home through the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Heart Program in Barrie.”

Since December, residents of Simcoe County, including Rama First Nation, who call 911 or arrive at an area hospital, with heart attack symptoms have been transported directly to RVH for care. In this fourth phase of the protocol residents in Muskoka can now expect the same standard of care.

“Our paramedics will now be able to use their knowledge, assessment skills and tools to quickly begin treatment, and potentially improve outcomes by directly transporting patients to RVH for rapid definitive treatment,” says Jeff McWilliam, Chief, Paramedic Services and Emergency Planning for the District of Muskoka. “We value the partnerships with RVH, Muskoka Ambulance Communication Service, MAHC and Sunnybrook Centre for Prehospital Medicine as we would not be able to provide this level of service without the collaborative efforts of all.”

RVH is well positioned to deliver advanced cardiac care. The regional heart program, a partnership with Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, opened in January 2018 and since then the cardiac team has completed just over 7,000 heart procedures including angiograms, angioplasty and pacemaker implants.

County of Simcoe to safely extend waste facility hours

Midhurst/May 3, 2021 – Starting May 3, 2021, the County the County is safely extending operating hours at our local waste facilities to support residents and businesses during COVID-19. All sites except Mara and Matchedash will move to six-days-a-week service effective May 3, 2021.

- **All Waste Facilities** – Hours of operation increasing from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Collingwood, West Gwillimbury and Tosoronto Waste Facilities** – Effective May 3, 2021, sites will also be open on Mondays, providing six-day Monday through Saturday service
- **North Simcoe, Nottawasaga and Oro Waste Facilities** – Effective May 8, 2020, sites will also be open on Saturdays, providing six-day Monday through Saturday service
- **Mara Waste Facility** – Continues to operate Thursday through Saturday
- **Matchedash Waste Facility** – Continues to operate at pre-COVID levels on Sunday and Monday schedule

The County and our front-line staff ask that residents continue to follow all Public Health recommendations. If you are in self isolation, please stay at home. Please don’t make any unnecessary visits to the sites and adhere to physical distancing when interacting with staff and other site users. When physical distancing is not possible, Public Health strongly recommends wearing a mask in all settings. Traffic volumes will be monitored to ensure physical distancing can be maintained. This may lead to longer wait times during peak periods. Significant safety measures are in place to protect staff and customers; however, we ask that all customer do their part to keep our critical frontline landfill workers safe.

The full schedule can be found at simcoe.ca/covid19. The County also encourages residents to download the Simcoe County Collects app to view your waste calendar and to receive updates on our waste services. Service Simcoe is also open to field inquiries by phone and email Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 705-735-6901 or service@simcoe.ca.

The County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. --Albert Schweitzer

County acknowledges the contributions of Health Care Providers throughout the month of May

Midhurst/ May 3, 2021 – Throughout the pandemic, health care workers have selflessly put the needs of Simcoe County residents first and provided outstanding care to those in need. In May, the County is proclaiming a series of recognition days and weeks to pay tribute to their hard work, skill and commitment that keep our communities safe.

“The County is tremendously proud and grateful to all the men and women working on the frontlines of health care, saving lives, keeping us safe and caring for their patients,” said Warden George Cornell. “The pandemic has highlighted the extent to which we rely on these professionals to keep our communities healthy and safe. This May, in a series of proclamations, we pay tribute to the outstanding service of our paramedics, PSWs, nurses, doctors, and all our unsung heroes working in the health care sector.”

About Long-Term Care and Seniors Services Appreciation Month

Operating four long-term care homes and two seniors’ services facilities requires more than 1,000 staff who care for residents both directly and indirectly. Long-Term Care and Seniors Services Staff Appreciation Month this May recognizes all our employees who keep our facilities going, including around 50 Home Services Assistants and 15 Home Support Workers, more than 100 dietary staff, around 40 recreationists and activationists, and approximately 70 laundry and housekeeping staff, who work alongside numerous maintenance and administrative staff, putting our residents first each and every day.

About PSW Day and Nurses Week

The County of Simcoe employs around 400 PSWs and 200 registered nurses who form part of a team that cares for approximately 540 long-term care residents and provides seniors services to more than 1,300 clients. These dedicated staff members have gone above and beyond during the pandemic, working overtime and forgoing vacation to keep our vulnerable residents safe. This year, the County will recognize Nursing Week between May 10 and 16. Personal Support Worker Day is May 19.

About Paramedic Services Week

Paramedic Services have continued to provide excellent 911 emergency medical response in addition to community paramedicine services, shelter support, vaccinations, COVID testing and high acuity interfacility medical transport services. Approximately 370 County of Simcoe paramedics serve our 16 member municipalities and the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Every year, paramedics respond to 70,000 - 80,000 calls providing emergency front-line medical care in all settings. This year, Paramedic Services Week recognizes their efforts between May 24 and 30 with the theme “Paramedic as Educator - Citizen Ready”.

HELP US WITH OUR 1ST ONLINE AUCTION TO BENEFIT LOCAL SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Senior Wish Association is a not-for-profit organization that identifies lonely and marginalized seniors providing programs and initiatives to facilitate their inclusion - giving them a sense of belonging and community.

In previous years over 3,500+ marginalized and lonely seniors in the Barrie and surrounding areas benefited from programs offered by Senior Wish.

With an aging demographic there is a critical demand for action, specifically during these unprecedented times. Senior Wish has taken this call to heart. We will be holding an online auction with A Touch of Class Auctions that will end on June 9th, 2021 at 8PM.

We are reaching out to you today looking for your support in helping us with items for our fundraising auction. Items such as restaurant gift certificates, gift cards and certificates for local products and services would be greatly appreciated, home décor, antiques, collectibles, etc.

All profits will go directly back into our community ensuring seniors will be served by our efforts. All items need to be received by May 22nd.

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Obituaries



ARCHER, Mary Winnifred

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Mary Winnifred Archer, 71 years old, on Saturday, May 1st peacefully at Milton District Hospital.

She was born to the late parent's Ab and Winnie Archer. Loving sister of Jim (Pat), Ed (Debbie), Fred (Fran), Len and her late sister Liz (Scott). Mary is survived by daughter Brenda and her husband Francois (Chloe and Brandon), daughter Shelley (Brett and Brooklyn) son Shawn and his wife Alicia (Kai) and her loving nieces and nephews.

Mary was known for her infectious laughter and smile, loving eyes and her unwavering kindness making her adored by many who crossed her path. Mary was passionate about the time and love she had with her children and grandchildren extending to the several bonds she built over the last 8 years with the nurses and all staff members at Milton District Hospital.

With Covid restrictions, attendance is limited, however a live feed of the service will be available for viewing. Search Youtube: Lynn-Stone Funeral Home at 2:50 pm on Friday, May 7, 2021.

Interment Elmvalle Cemetery

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

NORMA LEE BROWN (nee Edwards) June 20, 1955 – May 5, 2021

It is with heavy hearts, that we announce the passing of our beloved Norma Brown on May 5th, 2021 at the age of 65 while surrounded by her family.

Born in Midland, Ontario, Norma grew up on her family farm in Vasey. Predeceased by her parents Roy and Roberta Edwards (nee Stewart). She is survived by her lifelong partner, husband, and best friend Douglas Brown. Children Jessica Caston (Douglas Caston), Kathryn Kosakowski (Mariusz Kosakowski) and her cherished grandchildren: Mason, Grace and Alina.

Loving sister of Lyle (Phyllis) Edwards, Blayne (Sandy) Edwards, Carolyn (Don) Woodrow, Sheila (late Peter) Dunn. Dear sister in law of Ronald (Betty), Wanda (Craig). She will be greatly missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her father and mother in law, Morley and Donna Brown.

If you had the pleasure of knowing her, your life was blessed. Norma was a beautiful soul. For many she was a treasured friend, for her family she was a beloved wife and partner of 41 years, the world's best mother, sister, aunt and the greatest title of all, Nana. Norma and Doug created many special memories raising their adored children, sharing many adventures with their family and friends. Spending many happy summers on Lake Rosseau and Kawigamog Lake, taking family vacations in Florida, Cuba and several southern destinations.

Norma came from a large, very close family. She was an anchor for her family and friends, a person that would welcome you with open arms. She was selfless soul, always putting the needs of others before her own. She had a smile and energy that would light up any room. She was not only a mother to her own children, but a mother figure to so many of her children's friends. Her nurturing spirit made you feel love whether by giving the greatest hug or her filling your belly with delicious treats. Known as a world class baker by all who knew her, buttermilk pies and cakes were in high demand. Norma's greatest joy came from time with her family and providing for them. Norma will live on in our hearts and memories. Never forgotten, always loved.

Interment at Vasey Cemetery followed by a celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation or the Elmvalle Food Bank in Norma's memory.

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HAROLD MARTIN of Elmvalle (May 21, 1921 – May 1, 2021).

Life-loving farmer, school bus driver and storyteller, with a passion for world travel and outdoor adventure. He lived his 99.9 years with grace, curiosity and kindness. He will be remembered for his eagerness to share the beauty of the world with others. He greeted events beyond his control with humour, and marvelled at a century of change.

Harold was predeceased by his first wife Joyce (nee Farrows) and his second wife Frances (nee Crooke). He is survived by his four children, James, Bryan (Linda Embro), Beverly (Ken Webb) and Lynn; his grandchildren Kristen, Jennifer, Stephen (Maarika Hiis), Allison (Joshua Porco); and great-granddaughter Millie. Harold made our lives brighter in every way. His spirit, kindness and good

humour will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the children's charity, Home Free (www.home-free.org).

Thank you to everyone at Bayfield House and Georgian Bay District Hospital for caring for Harold.

Messages may be sent to the family through lynnstonefuneralhome.com



Gordon James McKay • February 7, 1940 – May 1, 2021

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Gordon James McKay, in his 82nd year. Gordon was the son of Bob and Millie McKay. He will be deeply missed by his wife, the love of his life, Grace Hill-McKay and Brian Rigo (always loved as their adopted son). Loving brother to Bob McKay and the late Betty McConnachie. Missed by Auntie Jean Roi. Brother-in-law to Harvey Hill, Ruth Gregory, John Hill and predeceased by Harold Hill, Mary Hutchinson, Joan Hill and David Hill. He was a cherished Uncle to Jeff (Karen) McConnachie, Glen McConnachie, Lynda and Vicky McKay, George Hill, Kim (Dennis) Dusome, Jennifer (Rob) Cober, Richard (Sylvia) Hutchinson, Jason (Tracy) Hill, Sheila Johnson, Michael (Shana) Hill, Robbie Hill, great-niece Emily Grenier and great-nephew Mitchell Hutchinson and all those whom Gordon considered his nieces and nephews, Tracy Neller, Darrell Grenier, Alexandra, Alicia and Bram Grigatis, Shelley Smith, Meaghan Whiteside and all those who called him Uncle Gordy. Sadly missed by his best friends Sheryn (the late Dr. Peter Schoppel) Graham "Tuck" Whiteside, Anne Marie and Armand Grigatis, Joyce Smith (the late Russell), Debbie James, Laura Richens, the late Larry Grenier, and all those who had the privilege of calling him friend. For those whom we have missed mentioning by name, and for fear of running out of print, please know that Gordon thought the world of you all.

Gordon was born and raised in Toronto, moving to the area of Hillsdale in 1964, where he worked as foreman at TRW (formerly Nameplate) and then moved on to work full time at his life's passion of training horses professionally, for many years, predominantly Arabians, where he achieved the title of World Champion for many Horses that he showed. Then together with his wife, they built Sanderson's / Dreamers trailer park, Candlelight Village community and Candlelight on the Bay, The Strand and Hair Matrix Design Team.

Grace would like to thank her family and friends for the overwhelming love and support that has been showed to her during the difficult times. As special thank you to, Jennifer Snedden with the LHIN, Debbie, Lyn, with Paramend, Elise with the nurses at Bay Shore Home, Barbara with Home Instead, Dr. Stanley Karson all of them the help was always amazing outstanding service and care that made it possible for Gordon to remain at home until the end.

There will be a celebration of Gordon's life at a future date to be determined, when covid allows us too. Memorial donations in Gordon's name, to Hospice Huronia-Tomkins House would be greatly appreciated. Messages of condolence will be received at leclaircremationcentre.ca



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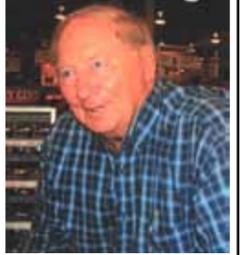
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SCOTT, LLOYD LIVINGSTON

June 21, 1936 – April 24, 2021

Dad, brother, uncle, friend. Lloyd passed quickly and unexpectedly, at home, on Saturday morning. He will be sorely missed by his daughter, Karen Scott, and by his sisters Heather (with Brian Brady, and nephews Paul and Kent, and families) and Bonnie (with Charles Gervais, and nephews Charles Jr, Gibson, and Chetley and families), and by his in-laws Barbara Casson and Pierre Robin and their family. He was married to Sandra Casson and while they eventually separated, they remained friends until she died in 2017. Lloyd was a teacher for 30 years, in Barrie, Scarborough, and Northern Saskatchewan. He retired back to where he started, in Midland, Ontario. Lloyd loved to garden, growing vegetables (lots of potatoes!, and apples in his orchard). He enjoyed building projects and he always loved learning and sharing. He loved hockey and sharing a laugh with friends. No one escaped without a joke or 2. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his daughter, of whom he was very proud. A small funeral was held on May 5 at Nicholls Funeral Home, 330 Midland Avenue, Midland (705) 526-5449, and Lloyd was laid to rest at the Minesing Union Cemetery. There will be a memorial service when there is an opportunity for us all to gather and enjoy a true celebration of his life. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Garden Ontario, or to a charity of your choice. Memorial condolences may be made at www.nichollsfuneral.ca



TODD, Robert Douglas

It is with much sadness we announce the death Monday, May 3, 2021 of Robert Douglas Todd in his 83rd year, husband of 58 years to Donna (Bridges) and devoted and proud father of Lori Christine (Charles) and David Robert (Cheryl). Special and wonderful grandfather to Paige Todd and Rebecca and Scott Craddock.

Robert Todd was born 1938 in the little hamlet of Vasey to parents Verne and Dora Todd and



sisters Ruth Cadeau (deceased) and Roberta Lumree (Alvin deceased). Married in Midland in 1963, Bob and Donna moved to Elmvalle in 1965 and still today are residents of Elmvalle.

Upon leaving his father's roofing business, Bob began a career in wire and cable manufacturing in a new Midland Plant "Greening Donald". He eventually became a supervisor and worked there until its closing in 1988 or 1989.

At the age of 50, with his skills and knowledge in building and carpentry Bob then moved on to work at Cashway Building Centre in Midland and then to construct homes with an Elmvalle Contractor George Reynolds.

Bob's next adventure was driving school bus for PMCL and eventually became Supervisor of the Elmvalle School Buses, a job he talked about often and took great pride in. He cared for his buses, students and bus drivers until his retirement in 2011.

During his years Bob enjoyed playing baseball, horseshoes, hunting and snowmobiling. He has always been most happy building, renovating, repairing and roofing, any task needing a hammer and nails.

Bob was quiet by nature, hard working with a funny sense of humour. He loved his family and enjoyed get-togethers with family and friends. The name Johnny Cash always brought a smile to his face and Johnny's music made him happy with his favourite song being Teenage Queen. Bob will be missed dearly by family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Because of the social disaster we are experiencing, a private family funeral will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home. If you wish to view the service, it will be streamed on Youtube, search Lynn-Stone Funeral Home starting at 10:50 am. Interment Vasey Union Cemetery.

If you wish to honour Bob's memory, in lieu of flowers, a donation to Georgian Bay General Hospital or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

We love you and will miss you Bob. Ruth, Mom and Alf, Carol and Michael are happily awaiting your arrival. May you rest in Peace.

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What I want to happen to religion in the future is this: I want it to be like bowling. It's a hobby, something some people will enjoy, that has some virtues to it, that will have its own institutions and its traditions and its own television programming, and that families will enjoy together. It's not something I want to ban or that should affect hiring and firing decisions, or that interferes with public policy. It will be perfectly harmless as long as we don't elect our politicians on the basis of their bowling score, or go to war with people who play nine-pin instead of ten-pin, or use folklore about backspin to make decrees about how biology works. -PZ Myers, author, biology professor (b. 9 Mar 1957)

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

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Announcements

RVH launches new wayfinding app

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“Since the COVID-19 pandemic, navigating within RVH has changed dramatically due to the closure of some entrances, the absence of our beloved volunteers to assist with directions and changes to department locations. We know this can be a stressful experience, so one of the ways we are addressing this is by introducing the RVH Maps app to make finding your way around the health centre easier,” says Nancy Savage, executive vice president, Patient & Family Experience, regional vice president, Cancer Care Ontario and Chief Nursing Executive.

The RVH Maps app is a step-by-step navigation tool that helps direct patients and visitors to any RVH location, including off-site locations. The app provides a directory of RVH departments, treatment clinics, programs and services along with detailed directions of how to get to a destination. When the RVH maps app is launched from home, the app will navigate users to RVH using google maps, then will display a 3-D map of RVH with written and voice prompt directions that follows the user, even rerouting them if they go of course. It is available in mobile app stores (Apple and Google Play) by searching and downloading ‘RVH Maps’ or by visiting [RVH Maps on the web.](#)

The RVH Maps app was developed with broad consultation from internal and external stakeholders, including our Patient Family Advisory Council. Our volunteers also played a significant role in the design and functionality of the app which will work in conjunction with our volunteers’ in-person wayfinding once they safely return to RVH.

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Obituaries

Wendland, Klaus Dieter -
December 8, 1936 –
May 8, 2021

Passed away suddenly in the morning of Friday, May 7, 2021 on his farm in Minesing at the age of 84. In May of 1982 Klaus came to Minesing from Germany with his family where he became an accomplished dairyman. Klaus was the beloved husband of Linda (nee Tews) for 55 years over which time he enjoyed fine dining. Loved father of Heidi (Bob) Salisbury and Reinhard Wendland. Proud grandfather of Jake Salisbury and best friend to his beloved Bella, his four-legged friend. In accordance with Klaus’ wishes there will be no service at this time. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the First Responders who attended. Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family through adamsfuneralhome.ca

WAPLES, Keith Gordon
Saturday, December 8th, 1923 -
Friday, May 7th, 2021

- Famed Harness Horse driver and trainer, Keith Waples passed away peacefully at Guelph General Hospital on Friday, May 7, 2021 at the age of 97.

He will be sadly missed by Eileen, his loving wife of almost 75 years, and his four children, Barbara Lennox, Donna Galbraith (Mac), Karen Hauver (Maurice) and Gord (Denise), as well as his 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Keith was the son of the late Jack and Bertha Waples and was predeceased by sisters, Jean Swan and Annabelle Caffry, and by his grandson Jason (Jay) Waples.

He is survived by sisters Dorothy Rumney of Wasaga Beach, Peggi Diebel of Squamish, B.C. and Mary Jane Burnett of Orangeville, and brother Murray of Barrie.

An inductee in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame and the Harness Horse Hall of Fame in Goshen, NY, Keith was also honored by his peers as Horseman of the Century.

He drove and won his first Standardbred race at the age of 12 in 1935 at Sunderland, ON. His yellow and blue silks last appeared in a race when he was 81 in 2005, but he continued to train a few horses until just a few years ago.

Keith was also instrumental in racetrack ownership as he and James Keeling pioneered Orangeville Raceway, Cloverdale Raceway (now Fraser Downs) and Sandown Raceway in B.C.

In recent years track visits became less frequent, but his TV was usually tuned to the Horse Racing Channel and he followed industry happenings on the Standardbred Canada website.

As per his wishes, his body has been cremated and a small private funeral will be held at the Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home in Guelph. The service will be live streamed on Wednesday, May 12, at 11am., link to follow below. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Guelph General Hospital would be appreciated by the family in recognition of the excellent care that he and Eileen have received there over the years. Donations/online condolences can be made through the Funeral Home at www.gilbertmacintyreandson.com

MACPHAIL, ALEXANDER PAUL - Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Friday, May 7, 2021. Alex MacPhail of Waverley in his 95th year. Beloved husband of the late Joanne MacPhail. Dear father of Mardi (Russell) Redshaw, Jennifer (Brett) Knowles, Stephen (Janet) MacPhail, and Heidi O’Brien. Proud grandpa of 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Alex loved gardening and with help from his friend Diane, produced beautiful flowers and delicious vegetables in his extensive gardens. He also loved to golf, dance, fly his small plane, build his own houses and travel after retiring from a teaching career. Joanne was the love of his life and they are together again now. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com

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5th Annual Charlee's Run Raises Record-Breaking \$115,000 for Soldiers'



Dave and Mallory Holmes and their family on their virtual walk for Charlee's Run 2021.

COVID-19 pandemic, participants were once again encouraged to run or walk individually, sharing photos of their journeys online using the hashtag #RunningTogetherApart to break the silence surrounding pregnancy and infant loss.

Now in its fifth year, the event was named in memory of Charlee Clare Holmes who sadly passed away just after her birth. Her parents, Dave and Mallory Holmes, created Charlee's Run as a way to cope with their grief.

"We hoped to help just one other family struggling with a devastating loss of a little one," said Dave and Mallory. "We could never have imagined that five years down the line, we'd be celebrating \$300,000 dollars raised for our Hospital. We can't put into words how grateful we are, nor can we truly express how much this community means to us and our family. We just want to offer our sincere appreciation to everyone for their overwhelming support of Charlee's Run."

The funds raised from this year's run will support the purchase of at least two Panda Bedded Warmers with Resuscitation Units for Soldiers' Birthing Suites. When a birth doesn't go according to plan, these units put all the necessary intervention tools in one place for Soldiers' care teams to have the best possible chance of a successful outcome.

For Audra Jesso, Program Manager of Paediatrics and Children's Services at Soldiers', and her team, the impact of Charlee's Run is hard to measure in just dollars raised. "Dave and Mallory Holmes have left footprints throughout our care," she explained. "Charlee's Run has been absolutely incredible to motivate and engage our teams, especially right now. Our frontline staff are so enthusiastic to support this fundraiser because it is always done with heart! We are so grateful to be able to purchase these important items we can't always afford, but that truly help us push our level of care forward for our patients and their families."

Over the last five years, Charlee's Run has raised \$300,000 for paediatric and neonatal needs at Soldiers'. These funds have helped purchase a Bereavement Cart for the Obstetrics Floor, a Central Patient Monitoring System for the Paediatric Unit and an Operating Room Birthing Table for emergency and high-risk deliveries.

To learn more about Charlee's Run, or to make a donation in support of Panda Bedded Warmers with Resuscitations Units, please visit www.CharleesRun.com.

About Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation

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

County Looking to Find Appropriate Balance in Pandemic Framework

Midhurst/March 2, 2021 – We understand and appreciate that many residents and businesses are concerned about the recent decision by the Province of Ontario to implement further restrictions on our region by placing Simcoe-Muskoka in Grey-Lockdown. We understand the major impacts this has on our local businesses, industries, and restaurants and the County continues to work hard to support these sectors.

While the County provides funding to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), it is a separate entity and the SMDHU reports directly to the Ontario Ministry of Health. We regularly meet with our local Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Charles Gardner. We believe the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit continues to work hard to safeguard our residents and attempts to prevent significant impacts during a potential third wave of COVID-19. The SMDHU is also very concerned about further spread of variant cases in Simcoe Muskoka. These concerns were expressed by the SMDHU to the Province of Ontario, which ultimately sets the COVID-19 framework levels for each region.

We understand that the change in our status after only a short time in the Red designation has put significant stress on our small businesses and communities as a whole. This, coupled with the timing of the Provincial announcement regarding our move to Grey, and regions adjacent to us being moved to green levels, only adds to the frustration. We know that these changes make it difficult to operate a viable business.

Given these concerns, County representatives convened meetings with area partners and a local MPP on Monday. As a result of these discussions, we have asked the Province to reconsider its decision with a focus on finding the proper balance between supporting our economy/businesses and continuing to meaningfully safeguard public health.

We have also shared these perspectives with the SMDHU. We have asked Dr. Gardner to look at alternate ways that would allow businesses that can and have operated safely to be able to reopen, while maintaining other required public safety measures and restrictions to reduce community transmission, particularly with the variants in

our region.

We have been assured that the Province is actively looking at the situation and are encouraged that the Province and the SMDHU understand the issues and will work to resolve this local challenge.

The risks of variant strains and a third wave are significant. However, Dr. Gardner confirmed that the criteria that supported his previous recommendations is variable and fluid and they are reviewing their options to re-address the situation as outlined above.

This pandemic has been difficult and these changes in our status are challenging for everyone. However, to limit impacts of a third wave and spread of the variant virus, we must as a community continue to follow all Public Health guidelines by staying home except for essential needs, physical distancing, wearing a mask and practicing hand hygiene. The SMDHU has begun rolling out a large vaccination program (based on eligibility and vaccine availability) and we encourage all residents to follow their roll-out timelines and be vaccinated once it becomes available to them. The combination

of the efforts and guidelines including vaccinations and safety protocols is what will ultimately get us to where we all wish to be.

At the County level, our employees continue to work hard to deliver critical services and programs. This includes important assistance to individuals through our Social, Community and Health services, as well as supports to businesses/industry (small businesses, tourism partners and restaurants) through Tourism and Economic Development, among many other critical County services.

Tourism Simcoe County:

- Continue to run shop local digital campaigns
- Pivot Tourism website for Covid-19 supports for restaurants, businesses, and tourism assets
- Promote local businesses, restaurants through social media and partnership
- Increased to \$600,000 our recently launched Tourism, Culture and Sport grant program to support not-for-profits and municipalities with tourism development with a focus on recovery
- Represent region on Boards to provide direction and support, relaying information on all relief programs to Simcoe County stakeholders and operators
- Co-coordinate the Digital Main Street & Beyond Program (going beyond provincial program to support eligible businesses throughout Simcoe County with digital pivoting supports)
- Assist operators with product and Experience Development (e.g. Agritourism Toolkit)
- Develop destination marketing initiatives – e.g. signage program, operator photo and video shoots

County of Simcoe Economic Development Office:

- Manage Covid-19 Business Resources Portal - resources, funding programs, events and education available to support the business community
- Partner to Ask an Expert Series - virtual webinar series to assist businesses during the pandemic (13 sessions and counting)
- Automation Accelerator Program (launching March 9 for regional manufacturers)
- Social media support for local businesses promotion and business resources
- Lead the Made in Simcoe County Campaign (includes showcasing local businesses switching to PPE production)
- Co-coordinate the Digital Main Street & Beyond Program (going beyond provincial program to support eligible businesses throughout Simcoe County with digital pivoting supports)
- Continued advocacy (in partnership with Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus for broadband internet (SWIFT) and Covid-19 business supports)
- Industry and ecosystem best practice sharing around COVID-19 business strategies

Ontario Works and Social Services:

- Administration of the Canada Recovery Benefit, Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)
- Co-ordination of the Ontario Works Financial Support program for qualifying individuals who are temporarily unemployed or experiencing a business closure
- Co-ordination of the Housing Retention Program to support qualifying individuals who are experiencing rental, utility or mortgage arrears

Above, we have listed some services and programs offered by the County to assist residents and business partners; however, we know that our businesses and employers need to be open to be viable and survive this challenging time.

Please continue to stay safe, and remember we are stronger together.

~ George Cornell, County of Simcoe Warden

I'm interested in finding the North Star on clear nights. I know it has something to do with the Big Dipper.

Answer: The North Star, Polaris, lies directly over the North Pole. You can find it by tracing a line through the two "pointer" stars, Merak and Dubhe, which mark the side of the cup portion (opposite the handle) of the familiar Big Dipper, and continuing it straight across the sky to the next bright star. That's about the distance from your outstretched thumb to middle finger, held at arm's length.

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