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Fashion, Flair, and Fun For Sharewear



Apr. 24, 2023 - Sharewear: A unique FREE clothing experience for everyone Sharewear's free clothing Unique Boutique Fashion Show exceeded all our expectations this past Saturday.

The Community Hall was filled with fashion, flair, and fun as our models graced the runway to the tunes expertly played by G and the Few Records, Elmvale's very own Wes Covey (wesleycovey@gandthefew.com). Numerous volunteers and models gathered to put on this community event that featured clothing entirely provided by Sharewear, a ministry of Elmvale Community Church. Our purpose was twofold: to raise awareness of the free clothing available to all and to gather as a community for a fun afternoon.

Special thanks to the Springwater Library (Elmvale and Midhurst branches) as we partnered with them to present this event. All proceeds will be used to give back to the community through continued quality improvement at the Sharewear store. We'd also like to thank Springwater Township for the use of the hall, those that donated prizes, Linda Belcourt from Springwater News and the amazing community support we received.

Please stop by Sharewear Tues. Wed. Thurs. and Sat. (See store hours online) for a unique clothing experience. Remember Sharewear is about being environmentally friendly, upcycling our clothing, for you and me, it's all free!!! By Liz Ross (ECC Ministry Lead, Sharewear)

Midway At Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival



The Children Shout Out A Cheer!

Apr. 25, 2023 - Apr. 25, 2023 – The midway is coming back to Elmvale during the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival (EMSF)! Head over to the Elmvale Arena on Saturday to catch the fun.

Georgian Triangle Amusements, serving Collingwood and surrounding areas, heard that the midway was cancelled, so a last-minute phone call from its owner, William Gordon, made it happen. Gordon told Springwater News that he is not charging EMSF for this and that they are focusing on serving local events. Georgian Triangle Amusements is a family owned and operated business for 30+ years, based out of the Collingwood Area. They offer many different services from midway rides and games, a lemonade stand, to a magician. This is a prime example of how businesses support the community through the EMSF.

After the pandemic shut everything down, they decided it was time to go back to the basics.

“Our new vision was simple. Not only our industry but our community suffered greatly from being cooped up inside and missing the person-to-person interaction that we honestly need as a society,” Gordon said.

Springwater News fully supports the Elmvale Maple Syrup Committee, especially given all the challenges it has faced this year. I have dedicated two full centre pages (pages 12 & 13) to EMSF. They had some tough decisions to make. The pandemic took a toll on the budget and restricted some of the regular traditions, like shutting down main street. When someone complains about the changes in the festival operations, I simply respond by asking how many hours of volunteering they contributed or how much they spent in the digest?

The mission of the EMSF is to give funds back to community and non-profits. The festival is volunteer run. Businesses do benefit from the draw to Elmvale that this festival brings. It is great

to know that the midway tradition continues with support of local business. Thank you to those businesses and volunteers that have contributed to the getting the festival up and running this year.

By Linda Belcourt, Editor



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Join New Path Youth and Family Services in Shining Green This Children’s Mental Health Week



Photo above: New Path’s Leadership Team. Front row: Tara Powers, Human Resources Manager; Maureen Armstrong, Executive Assistant and Board Liaison. Middle Row: Kim Moreau, Manager of Finance; Bijumon Peter, Director of Operations and Planning; Lisa Cluett, Director of Services; Dominika Zapolnik, Communications Manager; Jim Harris, CEO. Back row joining virtually: Magda Montagnese, Manager of Continuous Quality Improvement; Mahendra Patel, Manager of Information System & Technology

April 25, 2023 -Simcoe County - The first week of May (May 1 – 7) is a time for communities, families and friends to come together to mark Children’s Mental Health Week. Children’s Mental Health Ontario (CMHO) and New Path Youth and Family Services are encouraging residents in Simcoe County to take some time this week to raise awareness about the importance of child and youth mental health and to recognize that many children and their families are struggling.

“With the warmer weather approaching, we are encouraging everyone to show their support of child and youth mental health by wearing the colour green and taking part in an outdoor physical activity to support mental wellness,” says Jim Harris, New Path CEO. “We also want all children, youth and families

to know that free, accessible and inclusive child and youth mental health services are available when and where you need them in your community – in-person, online and by phone.”

New Path is encouraging everyone to participate in showing their support by: • wearing the colour green (shining green) • taking part in an outdoor physical activity to support mental wellness • sharing how you are shining green on social media using the hashtags #CMHW2023 #shinegreen #kidsantwait • tagging New Path on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

The colour green is used to celebrate child and youth mental health as it represents hope, growth, and transformation. Learn more: www.newpath.ca/cmhw2023

Barrie Airshow Returns June 10 and 11

(Barrie, ON, Apr. 18, 2023) – The City of Barrie, the Canadian Forces Base Borden, the County of Simcoe, and the Downtown Barrie BIA officially announced the return of the Barrie Airshow, presented by Pratt Homes, at a media event on Tuesday, April 18.

With a de-commissioned Canadian Forces Snowbirds Tutor jet and a de-commissioned CF-18 Hornet as the backdrop, Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall officially announced that the free show will be returning to Barrie’s Kempenfelt Bay on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday June 11.

“Fun programming will be taking place all weekend long including the Downtown Barrie BIA’s first Open Air Dunlop of the season, CFB Borden’s kiddie commando course and static displays, live music at Meridian Place, and a free screening of Top Gun: Maverick at Meridian Place,” commented

Mayor Nuttall. “The economic impact major events like the Barrie Airshow have on our community is massive and we are honoured to be hosting the event once again.”

Iconic Canadian aircraft and demonstration teams will be taking to the skies including the Canadian Forces Snowbirds (431 Air Demonstration Squadron), the Canadian Armed Forces SkyHawks Parachute Team, a CF-18 tactical demonstration, and the Northern Stars Aeroteam.

The 2023 Barrie Airshow, presented by Pratt Homes, is supported by the Canadian Forces Base Borden, the County of Simcoe, the Downtown Barrie BIA and event sponsors.

For more information including a schedule of events for the weekend, visit barrie.ca/Airshow.

If you’re interested in becoming a sponsor of the 2023 Barrie Airshow, please email events@barrie.ca.





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NEWS ON OUR COUNCIL

Special Meeting of Council April 12, 2023

Council Asks for More Information on Lewis Gravel Pit Expansion Application

At a special meeting of council held on April 12, Township of Springwater Council asked staff to bring back additional information regarding a proposed expansion of the Galibier Materials Inc. Lewis Gravel Pit located at 2791 George Johnston Road before any decision is made regarding the expansion.

Council heard a presentation from a consultant on behalf of Galibier Materials Inc. about the proposed pit expansion which would see an additional 17.5 hectares of adjacent land on Seadon and George Johnston Roads added to the existing pit. It also included plans for environmental rehabilitation as

well as the addition of berms to control noise and dust. Although there are no proposed changes to the annual tonnage or traffic and haul routes, numerous residents living close to the existing pit expressed concerns at the meeting about the even greater negative environmental and quality of life impacts they see this expansion having.

Residents urged council to consider these impacts and shared stories of dust and truck noise that are already negatively impacting their lives as a result of their close proximity to the existing gravel pit.

Council requested that the application be referred back to staff and that Galibier Materials Inc. delay their pursuit of the official plan and zoning by-law

amendment until the province releases its update on the Aggregate Supply and Demand Study slated to be released in the first quarter of 2024. Township staff were also asked to find out the costs associated with an independent consultant to test the composition of the existing dust in the neighbourhood to determine its source, as well as obtain a legal opinion regarding the proposed setbacks in relation to the requirements outlined in the Aggregate Resources Act. Township of Springwater by-laws require 120-metre setback while the proposed expansion shows a 30-metre setback. *By Dominika Zapolnk, Springwater News Reporter, Apr. 23, 2023*

April 19 Regular Meeting of Council

Fees and Charges Scaled Back to 2022 Rates

Council voted to scale back the increase in the user fees and charges by-law (excluding building fees), originally approved in the 2023 budget, to 2022 rates. This change came as a result of feedback received from residents that the rates approved in the 2023 budget were significantly higher than 2022, making them too expensive to be affordable by users.

This decrease and resulting budget deficit of just over \$200,000 was cited as the reason for eliminating township staff positions originally approved in the 2023 budget (see below).

Council Votes 4-3 to Eliminate Township Positions Originally Approved in the 2023 Budget

Coun. Fisher led the discussion on the reconsideration of staff positions approved in the 2023 budget to make up the deficit resulting from scaling back fees and charges to 2022 rates.

“Since we are dipping back into the budget and this will affect taxpayers,” Fisher said. “I’d like to propose the elimination of certain programs (sic) from the budget.” Fisher brought forward the request to reconsider the farmer’s market manager and economic development officer positions, and “... pushing off (sic) the snowplow operators until November.”

After much discussion between councillors and township staff about the costs associated with various staff positions approved in the 2023 budget, Mayor Coughlin asked council to take some time to fully consider the implications of these decisions.

“While we hope that we have an understanding of how they (the positions) will impact the day-to-day operations of the corporation, I myself would hope that council would be amenable to put this back to staff and have staff come forward to us at a subsequent meeting with a cost savings,” she said. “... I think we have identified staffing shortages and customer service (issues). We’ve had many members of the public come to us and it’s not just about the roads not being plowed, it’s about economic development. I don’t want to sit here and reactively cut something from our budget.”

After more back and forth, motions to keep two positions were defeated, with Deputy Mayor Cabral, Coun. Alexander, Coun. Fisher and Coun. Moore voting to eliminate the GIS Coordinator and the Economic Development Officer positions from the 2023 budget.

Rainbow Crosswalk in Elmvale Gets \$1000 Boost from Students

Students from Elmvale District High School’s (EDHS) Gender and Sexual Diversity Club presented a \$1,000 cheque to council for the creation of a rainbow crosswalk to be placed at Queen and Maria Streets, by the Springwater Library Branch in Elmvale.

Coun. Garwood thanked the delegation, stating that he was very impressed with the group and fully supports this initiative. Mayor Coughlin also offered words of support. “Congratulations on raising a thousand dollars. As a mom who is quite often asked to be part of fundraisers, I know how much effort goes into that.”

Deputy Mayor Cabral stated that while he supports the initiative, he asked that the cheque presentation be deferred until a full understanding of the costs, which he recalled as being between \$7,000 and \$9,000 to be shared equally between the township and students, be brought back to council.

After further discussion, Township of Springwater General Manager Ramdeo clarified that the estimated cost of the initiative would be around \$2,200.

Garnering applause, Coun. Thompson chimed in and offered to personally pay any remaining difference, above the 50 percent originally agreed to, for the cost of the crosswalk.

“I wanted to send the message to the youth that council supports their endeavor,” Thompson said in an email response to Springwater News. “It took a lot of effort for them to raise their \$1,000 and courage to come to present their cheque. I hope they left the meeting feeling great about what they accomplished. They should feel safe and that they live in a kind, caring, inclusive community!”

Council voted unanimously to move ahead with the initiative.

In an email response to Springwater News, Gregory Davidson, EDHS teacher who presented alongside the student delegation said that he and the students are appreciative of council’s unanimous support.

“We will continue on the road ahead in creating safer spaces in our community,” said Davidson. “Many students and teachers are looking forward to having this crosswalk as part of our community.”

Springwater Public Library Cancels Presentation to Council Amid Safety Concerns

Springwater Public Library cancelled its regular update to council on April 19 amid safety concerns resulting from opposition to its drag queen story time program.

“It was cancelled due to safety concerns. Threatening

phone calls came in to the library so in an abundance of caution, it was recommended that we postpone the presentation to council,” said Jodie Player Delgado, CEO of the Springwater Public Library. “The library would like to showcase all of our programs and services. There are many amazing things going on at the library such as our Circuit Makerspace, Battle of the Books, our new Seed Library and more. We are a place that is open to all and wish everyone to feel comfortable and safe. We are committed to ensuring that all staff and residents are safe at all times.”

In an email request for comment from Springwater News, Mayor Coughlin stated she was disheartened when she learned that the library withdrew its presentation. “I believe in an inclusive Springwater, where diversity is not only welcomed but celebrated. I am hopeful that moving forward we are able to have an open dialogue, where perspectives can be discussed in a safe and respectful manner. There is no place for hate, bullying or creating fear in this township,” she said.

During council question period, community advocate and former president of Fierté Simcoe Pride, Brandon Rhéal Amyot, spoke in support of the EDHS Gender and Sexual Diversity Club and the Springwater Public Library’s drag queen story time.

“The sad reality is that I have to be here again today because our community is still under threat, and I have a responsibility to speak up, as all of us do, when we are under threat ... The public library had to cancel its presentation tonight because of safety concerns. And unfortunately, with this being a growing trend I don’t think this will end tonight. I don’t think it will end at next meeting. I don’t think it will end anytime soon,” Rhéal Amyot said. “So, I’m here to ask, what are you all going to do in response? How will you continue to show support for the 2S-LGBTQ+ community? I can’t stress enough how public shows of support like tonight matter.”

Supporters of the library and its programming are asked to email letters of support to: info-library@springwater.ca

Clarifications and Corrections: In the April 13 edition of Springwater News, the article News on Our Council Fees and Charges for Pavilion Rentals Amended incorrectly stated that there was a non-refundable deposit on pavilion rentals. This should have read that the deposit was refundable. Springwater News regrets the error.

By Dominika Zapolnk, Springwater News Reporter, Apr. 24, 2023

Bay Shore's

Mother's Day

Saturday
May 6th
10am - 4pm

Craft, Art & Vendor Show

Sunday
May 7th
10am - 3pm

Lunch will be Available

Bay Shore Senior's Club
2000 Tiny Beaches Road South, Tiny

Upcoming Meetings

Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 3 at 5:00 p.m.
Township Administration Centre

Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 10 at 5:00 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Township Administration Centre

Council and Committee of Adjustment meetings are live streamed online at springwater.ca/Live.

Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

Springwater Water Tanks 2023 Maintenance Project (2023-24-IOS)
Closes: May 8, 2023

Supply and Delivery Winter Sand (2023-11-IOS)
Closes: May 10, 2023

Professional Engineering Consultant Services for Springwater's Water & Wastewater Facilities Assessment (2023-12-IOS)
Closes: May 16, 2023

For details or to submit a bid, visit: springwater.bidsandtenders.ca

New Recreation Programs

Babynastix (ages 1-2)
May 3 - June 7 | Wed. 9:30 - 10:00 am
Elmvale Arena - Springwater Room

Monkeynastix (ages 2-3)
May 3 - June 7 | Wed. 10:05-10:35am
Elmvale Arena - Springwater Room

Littlest Warriors Soccer (ages 2-3)
May 11 - June 15 | Thurs. 5:00-5:30 pm
Elmvale Community Hall

Junior Warriors Soccer (ages 3-4)
May 11 - June 15 | Thurs. 5:45-6:15 pm
Elmvale Community Hall

Junior Warriors Soccer (ages 4-5)
May 11 - June 15 | Thurs. 6:30-7:00 pm
Elmvale Community Hall

Adult Pickleball (18+)
Beginner, intermediate & advanced classes 4 weeks, beginning the week of May 29
Minesing Community Centre Pavilion

Get details and register online: springwater.ca/Recreation

Backyard Project Day

Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 9 am - 3 pm

Details: springwater.ca/Building



The Township will have staff on site to assist you with your backyard project throughout the day. If all of your documents are in order, you may be able to receive your building permit that day. Otherwise, your permit will be given priority within the following week.

Participating departments:

- ☒ Building
- ☒ Planning
- ☒ Finance
- ☒ Fire
- ☒ By-law
- ☒ Library



Vendors Wanted!

The Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvalle is now seeking interested vendors for its 2023 Summer Season. The season will start June 16, 2023 and run Fridays 9am - 2pm until September 15, 2023.

Learn more at Springwater.ca/Farmersmarket

2023 Spring Watermain Flushing Notice

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) will be flushing watermain for the Township throughout April and May. It is very important to REDUCE water use from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the dates listed below so that OCWA can effectively complete the maintenance.

May 1 – May 5 Midhurst & Minesing

May 8 – May 12 Snow Valley (includes Highlands, Lowlands and Centre Vespra)

May 9 SWABBING - Vespra Downs*

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

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

No Mow May

Put away your lawn mower and let your grass grow during 'No Mow May.' This initiative aims to help pollinators such as honeybees and bumblebees by allowing wildflowers and other plants to flourish. Details at: springwater.ca/NoMowMay



Trails Master Plan Open House

The Township is completing a Trails Master Plan Update. A public open house to gather resident and stakeholder input has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.** For additional details visit www.springwater.ca/TrailsMasterPlan



Springwater Swing

Thursday, June 22, 2023
Springwater Golf Course

Get registration information and sponsorship opportunities online at: springwater.ca/SpringwaterSwing

Water & Wastewater Billing

Residential water meters have been read by the Township's third-party contractor, WAMCO. Bills will be mailed at the beginning of May with a due date at the end of May.



Notice of a Public Meeting under s.12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater will hold a hybrid public meeting (in person and/or virtually via Zoom) on **Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** pursuant to section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the municipality's proposed development charges (D.C.) bylaw and underlying background study.

In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study is being made available online at the municipality's website www.springwater.ca on April 21, 2023. Copies of the proposed D.C. by-law and the background study are also being made available as of April 21, 2023 from the Clerk's Department and can be requested via email, telephone or in-person at the Administration Centre.

Interested stakeholders/residents that would like to make comments regarding the proposed development charges (D.C.) bylaw and underlying background study are provided with the following options:

Written Submissions:

Written comments received by noon on **Wednesday, May 31, 2023**, will be included on the agenda for Council's consideration. Submissions can be made by:

Mail



Township of Springwater – Clerks Department
2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, Ontario, L9X 1A8
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In person



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Email



clerks@springwater.ca

Oral submissions:

Stakeholder/residents wishing to make an oral submission during the public meeting will be required to pre-register by **noon on Wednesday, May 31, 2023**. Oral submissions may also be accompanied by a written submission, which will be included on the agenda if received by noon on **Wednesday, May 31, 2023**.

Registered persons wishing to participate virtually can connect to the Zoom virtual meeting by:

Computer, Smartphone or Tablet

1. Open a web browser (For example: Chrome, Safari, Firefox).
2. Go to join.zoom.us.
3. Enter the meeting ID 835 4675 5635
4. Follow the prompts to download the Zoom application and join the meeting.

Dial by Phone

1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number: 1-647-558-0588
2. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 835 4675 5635
3. Once you are in the meeting, you can press *6 to mute or unmute yourself.

Registered persons wishing to participate in person can do so by attending the Administration Centre at 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON.

To register for an oral submission, please contact the Clerks Department at 705-728-4784 x 2026 or via email at clerks@springwater.ca. Written and oral submissions will form part of the public meeting minutes record, including the name and address of the speaker, as information collected under the Development Charges Act. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Township's website.

If you are interested in watching the public meeting and do not wish to make any comments you can do so by viewing it online at: springwater.ca/live, by calling 1-647-558-0588 and using ID 835 4675 5635 for audio of the meeting or by attending the meeting in person at the Administration Centre. Registration to view or listen to the meeting is not required. These options will be available only for the duration of the meeting. Should you wish to view the meeting at a later date, you can do so by visiting the Townships YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV7aqd68Gy98xmhDW9aWUNg/videos>

The agenda will be published six days prior to the public meeting. Agendas can be viewed online: <https://springwater.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/32435>

Dated at the Township of Springwater on April 21, 2023

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A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

Apr. 26, 2023 - It's all happening in Tiny with many initiatives and events in place or in the planning stages.

The weekly **Coffee and Connect** program for adults 55 and over is being offered again every Tuesday until May 31st. Classes are from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Wyebridge Community Centre (8340 Highway 93, Tiny). **Note:** there will be no classes on May 2nd.

This is a drop-in program designed to help older adults become more comfortable with technology and increase their knowledge about the internet. Through a hands-on approach, participants will learn how to use a variety of devices such as smartphones, tablets, and computers while also understanding how to navigate the internet, use email, and search for information online. In addition, something new this spring will be beginner and intermediate sessions, running simultaneously.

If you're interested in gardening, the Tiny Community Garden, which is located at Perkinsfield Park provides opportunities to see how green your thumb really is! A plot can be rented for \$25 (plus HST). To register, complete the application form at www.tiny.ca/gardens or call Grace Beaman at 705-526-4204 ex. 3.

The Township of Tiny is holding its annual update for **Seniors at the Seniors Symposium** on June 1st. This will be held at the Tiny Community Centre located at 91, Conc 8 E, Perkinsfield, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The agenda will include the annual update on Tiny's Local Aging Plan, information booths, presentations, lunch and Tiny's Senior of the Year Award Ceremony for 2022.

The Senior's Directory has been reviewed and is currently being translated. There should be new updated copies available at the Senior Symposium.

The Township of Tiny will soon be releasing nominations for the 2023 Citizen of the Year Awards. The Township recognizes that volunteers help to achieve the Township's mission and mandate as well to enhance the work of paid staff in the creation of a safe and enjoyable place in which to live. As such, each year, the Township seeks nominations for various Citizen of the Year Awards: Robert Robitaille Memorial Volunteer Award; Corrie Hamelin Memorial Community Volunteer Award; Youth of the Year Award; and finally, the Senior of the Year Award.

At the writing of this column, we've experienced a few days of warm temperatures, the grass is starting to look better, and several golf courses are planning

to open. The organizing committee for the 2023 Tiny Township Mayors Charity Golf Tournament is hard at work planning for the annual tournament. Charity selection has been confirmed with a projected target of \$50,000 to be distributed to 14 charities. All golfers are welcome, come for fun, social networking and a chance to win some prizes.

The Tournament is scheduled for June 16 from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. at the Brooklea Golf & Country Club. Details can be found online on the Tiny.ca website, under recreation-community/events/mayors-charity-golf-tournament. Golfer registration forms will be available on Tiny's website. For more information, please check on the Tiny.ca website or contact Jaelen Josiah, Recreation Services Coordinator, at (705) 526-4204 ext. 288 or jjosiah@tiny.ca.

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Dial 211 - A free helpline that connects you to community and social services in your area, 24/7, 365 days a year, in over 150 languages.

Red Cross Simcoe Muskoka is available to seniors 65+ facing barriers, contact by phone at 705-721-3313 x5274 or via their website at www.redcross.ca. Upon request, a Friendly Visiting/Telephone program could be set up for seniors needing at home assistance.

Transportation: Huronia Seniors Volunteer Care Team, Wheels 4 Wheels, by phone at 705-526-5566 or email wheels4wheels@gmail.com. Clients must be wheelchair dependent.

TLC - Community Reach, serving residents of North Simcoe with limited income and older adults with limited support. Contact by phone at 705-528-6999 or online at www.communityreach.ca/transportation.html.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis.

*By Marilyn Hughes Volunteer Writer Tiny Township
- for Seniors everywhere*

Sunday Mixed League Curling Winners

With the arrival of spring another Sunday Mixed League curling season at the Elmvale Curling Club comes to a close. This league offers two sessions, and is enjoyed by a fun, multi-generational group of curling enthusiasts! Congratulations to the winners and much thanks to the games committee Frances Stevenson and Carol McMann. New curlers are always welcomed!

1st Tuesday winner: Skip Trish Campbell / Joanne Downey, Sue Henry, Beth McRae, Carol McMann



1st Thursday winner: Skip Diane Kenney, Kate Boris (absent), Heather Milligan, Lucille Kennedy (absent)



2nd Tuesday winner: Skip Diane Kenney, Bonnie Locke, Ruth Hurst



2nd Thursday winner: Skip Diane Kenney, Barb Fralick, Deb White, Kim Adshade



3rd Tuesday winner: Skip Joanne Downey, Heather Mephram, Cathy Borchuk



3rd Thursday winner: Skip Mary Lynne Vander Wielen, Fran Stevenson, Lucille Kennedy (absent), Heather Mephram



Have your say
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drinking water

Public Consultation on the Amended South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Assessment Reports

You are invited to view and provide written comments on the proposed amendments to the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Assessment Reports. Documents can be found on the internet at:

<https://www.nvca.on.ca/Pages/Drinking-Water-Source-Protection.aspx>

The proposed amendments are in response to an **additional new well as part of the Craighurst drinking water system within the Township of Oro-Medonte**. Existing source protection plan policies, previously approved by the Minister, are not changing and will simply be extended to these new locations with the wellhead protection areas.

Comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted in writing by April 19th, 2023 to:

Sarah Thompson, Acting Source Water Coordinator

Email: sthompson@nvca.on.ca

Mail: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON
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705-424-1479

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News & Events at the Penetanguishene Public Library

PPL

24 Simcoe Street 705-549-7164
www.penetanguishene.library.on.ca

PD Programs are here!

National Superhero Day

Join us for a super party on Friday, April 28th, 2023 from 10:00am-12:00pm. All ages are welcome. Games prizes and snacks will be provided. Sparky will visit the library! Register with your library card. Dress as your favorite Superhero for the party! Free.

Herbal Miracles

Learn about herbs and how beneficial they can be to your health! They also can enhance your garden! This month we learn about 2 different herbs, Rosemary and Thyme. Join us on Monday May 8th, from 2-3pm. Register with your library card. Cost: \$2.00

Storytime with Connie

Due to construction at the library, unfortunately, Storytime will not take place in the month of May.

Cloud Library

Do you have questions about the Cloud Library? We will hold a tutorial to assist you in joining Cloud Library on April 28th at 11:00. Bring your devices, library card and chargers. Download the app and start reading!

New @PPL

E-books

The Libby app is no longer available. E-books are now available via the new app Cloud library! Get the library app from the Apple store or google play. Start reading for free with your library card. Additionally, enjoy the many audio books also available in the e-catalogue.

Coming soon!

Heads up for Healthier Brains

The Alzheimer’s Society will be offering another free program to anyone interested in learning how to keep their brain healthier and reducing the risk of Dementia. Healthier brains include information on Dementia vs normal aging. This program will be held on Wednesdays, from June 7-28 from 1:00-3:00pm. Do not need a library card to register. Refreshments will be served. Contact the library to register in advance.

Construction at the library!

The library is under construction! Scheduled from March 27th to June 1st, 2023. The library will remain open and most programs will still be running. (Some service interruptions may occur. Keep posted via our social media pages).

NEWS FROM THE WYEVALE COMMUNITY

Submitted by Karen Moreau, Apr. 23, 2023

News from Wyevale United Church:

Join us for worship on Sunday morning’s @ 10:00 a.m. on Sunday April 30th we welcome Rev. Hoon Kim who will take part in the morning worship. Refreshments will follow the morning service. All are welcome.

Food Bank:

The first Sunday of the month @ the Wyevale Church we ask people to bring Food for the Food Bank. If you wish to donate please call the church if interested in donating food. They ask for pop open cans. This makes it easier for people who do not have a place to go to. Thank you.

Communion Service:

Communion is held the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome to take part and receive Communion.

Wyevale Book Club:

Next meeting will be held in the basement of the Church at 2:00 p.m. Watch for the next date for the Book Club meeting and please come and see what it is all about. All are welcome.

Wyevale Youth Group:

Unfortunately I don’t have a date for the next meeting. For further dates please contact Pat Smith.

Bible Study:

Bible Study will resume in September. Watch for start-up date and time. Rev Bonnie would like to thank all those who participated in the study.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Saturday May 6th from 5 pm to 6:30 pm tickets available at the Wyevale Jug City \$20.00. Continues Sitting. Eat in or take out.

Sympathy:

We extend sympathy to Sandy Rawn and family on the passing of her mother Dianne Raetds.

We also pay tribute to Florence Brock formerly of Bluewater Beach. Flo passed away on April 15th at Hillcrest Manor in Midland. One week shy of her 102nd birthday.

Wyevale Parks and Recreation Report:

Wyevale Recreation will be starting a fund raiser for new baseball lights in the Wyevale Park. Watch for further information on how you as a community can help with this project.

The Township of Tiny will be upgrading the play ground equipment at the Wyevale Park.

Registration is completed online. Follow this link to their website for information and to register. (https://wyevaleminorsoftball.com/). Contact Deanna at wyevalebaseball@rogers.com for additional information.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS PART OF APRIL

Bonnie Moreau, Catherine Moreau Coulton, Brian French, Katelyn Marshall, Jasmine Caston, Steven VanDerVoort, Robyn Smith, Derek Smith, Emma Withall, Francine Raby.

If you have anything you would like to have announced in the Springwater News from Wyevale please contact me. moreau1949@rogers.com

Reminder the next publishing date will be May 7th 2023.

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Top Hat Ceremony Back at Midland Harbour April 21, 2023

April 19, 2023, Midland ON)- A time-honoured tradition is returning to the Midland Harbour after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic. On Friday April 21st at 10:00am, Midland’s Mayor and Harbourmaster will ceremoniously present Mr. Playfair’s black, silk top hat to the Captain of the

Canadian Steamship M.V. Frontenac at the Front Gate of ADM Mills port in Midland Harbour. This 100+ years Midland tradition was first started by James Playfair, one of Midland’s most prominent citizens and owner of over 50 ships. Mr. Playfair (died 1937) created the Midland Navigation Company

in 1900 and then began a friendly competition by offering a black, silk top hat to the first ship into Midland Harbour each season. This tradition still stands today, where the first commercial vessel to arrive in Midland Harbour is ceremonially presented with the top hat.

Midland Harbour Top Hat Ceremony

Date: Friday, April 21, 2023
Time: 10:00am
Location: Front Gate of ADM Mills Port, Midland Harbour

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MIDHURST PHARMACY

Let’s Talk About... Timing of Blood Pressure Medications

With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover

Last year, a large study found that taking blood pressure medications before bed may lower the risk of serious heart-related complications more than taking the medications in the morning. Heart attacks and stroke are more likely to occur in the early morning hours than other times of day due to the natural rise in certain hormones that occurs right before people wake up. Taking blood pressure medications before bedtime leads to peak drug levels and lower blood pressure in the morning when risk of heart attacks and stroke is higher.

Some medications cause a dramatic drop in blood pressure soon after they are taken. We advise people to take these medications at night to avoid falls. Other medications have a sedating effect, which can help people fall asleep. However, medications known as diuretics, which increase urination, shouldn’t be taken at night because they can prompt nighttime trips to the bathroom.

To optimize your medications you can check your blood pressure with a home monitor in both the morning and evening for a few days over the course of a week or so. Our pharmacists can use these values to individualize your medication timing. For those who take multiple medications, we often advise patients to take at least one of the medications in the evening. Remember that medications only work if you take them regularly so ensure your regime suits your lifestyle.

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ANNIE’S JOURNAL

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Charles Osgood Wood III, known professionally as Charles Osgood, is best known for being the host of CBS News Sunday Morning for 22 years, a role he retired from in 2016. As an actor, he is known for Horton Hears a Who! (2008), CBS News Sunday Morning (1979) and A Science Odyssey (1998). Today, I am sharing a poem he wrote about “a most important job that needed to be done”.

“There was a most important job that needed to be done, And no reason NOT to do it, there was absolutely none. But in vital matters such as this, the thing you have to ask is WHO exactly will it be who’ll carry out this task. ANYBODY could have told you that EVERYBODY knew that this was something SOMEBODY would surely have to do. NOBODY was unwilling, ANYBODY had the ability, but NOBODY thought he was supposed to be the one. It seemed to be a job that ANYBODY could have done, If ANYBODY thought he was supposed to be the one.

But since EVERYBODY recognized that ANYBODY could,EVERYBODY took for granted that SOMEBODY would. But NOBODY told ANYBODY that we are aware of,That he would be in charge of seeing it was taken care of. And NOBODY took it on himself to follow through and DO,What EVERYBODY thought that SOMEBODY would do.

When what EVERYBODY needs did not get done at all, VERYBODY was complaining that SOMEBODY dropped the ball. ANYBODY then could see it was an awful crying shame, And EVERYBODY looked around for SOMEBODY to blame. SOMEBODY should have done the job, and EVERYBODY would have, But in the end NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have. The End.”

Can we identify something in our family, our school, our workplace, our church, our community, a local not-for-profit organization or a community service – even something in our world - that ANYBODY might have told us that EVERYBODY knew that this was something SOMEBODY would surely have to do. Not only that, EVERYBODY has a chance to do it. EVERYBODY took for granted that SOMEBODY would, but NOBODY has done it yet. Might you be the SOMEBODY to do it?

Might you be the SOMEBODY who has the heart to take the time to ask the questions about what needs to be done and how the plan needs to be developed to do it? Might you be the one to help EVERYBODY learn how to do their part?

There is a SPECIAL SOMEBODY willing to help you bring others together to do what EVERYBODY knows must be done. The Apostle Paul had a personal encounter with this SPECIAL SOMEBODY on the road to Damascus. In Philippians 4:13, he tells us what he learned. He wrote: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you, too! Imagine how good you will feel when you can look back and see that you were the SOMEBODY who did it! Amen.



Rose’s Devotions by Rosy Hagedorn

Angels All Around Us

Apr. 23, 2023 - Matthew 18:10 – See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you

that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. (NIV)

Have you ever wondered how you escaped a car accident with only a scratch, whereas it could have been so much worse? I have, on many occasions. There were times, while driving my car, when I changed the radio station or inserted a music disc into the CD drive, just to look up and see that I had swerved a little too far to the left, narrowly missing an oncoming car. Something or someone made me look up at just the right time.

Psalm 91:11-12 – For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (NIV)

I remember a time when my youngest daughter and I were driving home from a shopping trip. It was wintertime. We were coming down a hill, and the stop light turned yellow. We came to a stop. We heard a muffled sound behind us, getting louder the closer it came towards us. By the time we realized what was happening, a huge transport truck passed us on the right-hand side driving through a red light.

Mistakes We Live

Apr. 16, 2023 - It's hard to admit we've made a mistake. The bigger the decision, and the more profound the consequences, the harder it is. If we've made a big investment in the square peg, and can't return it, then we may be tempted to try every possible way to get it into the round hole. Even if we are damaging the peg and the hole, we may still keep trying to force the situation.

If we're in the wrong job, or working with people who frustrate us, or do not respect us, we may complain about the job, or try to change the people. This can be very damaging to our self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-worth.

The reason it can be damaging is because unless we are in a situation that is based on true cooperation, and in which our input is genuinely welcomed and appreciated, our efforts will have little impact. They may even meet with resistance, but either way we will feel negated, rejected or ignored. These are not healthy feelings. Either we accept the fact that we are not in a truly democratic environment, and live with the consequences of our choice, or we find somewhere else to be.

The third option is to be an agent of change, but this also must be a conscious choice, because it is an extremely difficult path. It may or may not be comfortable, depending on the situation, but for sure it will exact an emotional toll.

Now let's imagine the same scenario, but this time

As the light turned green, we noticed the truck on the side of the highway. We saw the driver's face. As far as I could see, he was apparently shaken and in shock. We surmised that his brakes must have failed. When we looked behind us, we wondered how this huge transport trailer could have passed us without impact. The truck had about two feet between my car and the lamp post to pass us. If that truck had hit us, it would have hit the passenger side where my daughter was sitting. It was a miracle. I believe it was an angel that intervened at just the right time.

We often don't recognize that these celestial beings have come to our aid until much later, when we reflect about the incident and wonder how we got through it and lived to tell about it.

God sends His angels to help and protect us, sometimes without our knowing about it at all. The least that we can do in return is to intervene to assist and guard others, and be an "angel" to them.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for sending Your angels to help and protect us. Empower us to be "angels" to others, whether it be by volunteering in a retirement facility or hospital, sending a card, visiting the home-bound, making a phone call, sending flowers, or giving someone a much-needed hug. Amen.

it's a marriage. Your spouse is just not acting the way you think a spouse should. He/she is not attentive, loving, interesting enough. He'd rather watch T.V. (always) than be with you. She'd rather be out with her girlfriends than to spend time with you. So you might rant and rage, nag, withdraw into silence, or distance emotionally. If this starts going on for years, any of the above responses may begin to become a way of life. You find yourself turning into a nag, or perhaps pulling back into your own little world.

At some point we have to ask ourselves how long we want to live our lives as the disgruntled employee, or the frustrated, alienated spouse. The problem is if we do it for too long, we lose the belief and confidence in ourselves, as well as the energy to do anything about it. And discouraging as it might seem, no one else can make it better.

We must decide what we deserve and know that we are worth it. We can only make our needs and wishes known, and see what the response is. If the pattern is that we don't count in the workplace, or in our own home, it may be time to count ourselves out.

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Registration Opens May 2 For Summer Recreation Programs

Apr. 25, 2023 - Barrie, ON – The City will open registration for summer recreation programs on Tuesday, May 2, at 8 a.m. Customers can currently browse offerings at play.barrie.ca and save them to their “Wish List” to conveniently find desired programs when registration opens.

Registration will be available online at play.barrie.ca or by visiting Allandale Recreation Centre (190 Bayview Drive), East Bayfield Community Centre (80 Livingstone Street East) or Peggy Hill Team Community Centre (171 Mapleton Avenue).

The City also provides a fee assistance program, called recACCESS, that offers support to low-income families and individuals in Barrie by providing qualifying participants with a recPASS membership and youth credits that can be applied to the registration fee for qualifying programs and activities. Residents can learn more and apply at barrie.ca/recACCESS.

Registration for spring programs and summer camps has been open since March 7, 2023.

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Springwater Council Meeting Highlights: April 19, 2023



Photo above: EDHS Gender and Sexual Diversity Club presented Council with a \$1000 cheque to be utilized toward the installation of a rainbow crosswalk at the intersection of Queen Street and Maria Street in Elmvale

Next Council Meeting: May 3, 2023

This summary is not a full representation of the meeting. For the official record, please refer to the minutes in the next Council Agenda. Past Council Meetings are available for viewing on the Township's YouTube channel.

Rainbow Crosswalk Cheque Presentation

The Elmvale District High School (EDHS) Gender and Sexual Diversity Club presented Council with a \$1000 cheque to be utilized toward the installation of a rainbow crosswalk at the intersection of Queen Street and Maria Street in Elmvale. (shown below)

At a meeting on August 3, 2022, Council agreed to partner with EDHS for the installation of the crosswalk to further promote inclusion and support towards the LGBTQ+ community in Springwater. The crosswalk is anticipated to be installed in May.

Fees and Charges By-law Amended

Council voted to amend the Fees and Charges By-law (2023-017), initially approved as part of the 2023 Budget on February 15, with a by-law that reflects the 2022 rates, excluding building fees. Staff have been directed to develop a new fee schedule with a public consultation process including user groups, residents and stakeholders.

To offset the estimated \$205,000 shortfall resulting from the amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law, Council removed two previously approved positions from the 2023 budget including the Economic Development Officer and the GIS Coordinator.

The amending by-law to reflect the 2022 rates will be presented to Council for consideration at the May 3 meeting.

Community-Based Strategic Plan

The 20-year Community-Based Strategic Plan has been adopted by Council. Following extensive public consultation the plan was drafted by McSweeney and

Associates and provides clear direction regarding the future priorities of the Township through the identification of a collective vision. The plan outlines five strategic priorities:

- Leveraging growth to improve Springwater as a community;
- Leveraging growth to improve Springwater's economy;
- Building community unity to support a sense of place;
- Addressing climate change while embracing environmental sustainability; and,
- Corporate actions.

To accomplish the objectives outlined in the strategic priorities, a set of ninety-three (93) community-based actions were developed. These actions provide realistic and feasible steps for the municipality to take in achieving its goals. An implementation plan will be developed and presented to Council at a subsequent meeting.

Integrity Commissioner Services

Council has directed staff to renew the agreement with Robert J. Swayze for Integrity Commissioner Services for a 4-year term, commencing September 15, 2023.

Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Repealed

Council has repealed the Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. The policy was implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and required employees, members of Council and Committees to provide proof of vaccination or proof of medical exemption.

Slide-in Water Tank

The tender for a slide-in water tank / brine applicator was awarded to Road Maintenance Equipment & Services Inc. at a cost of \$38,500 plus HST.

Hillsdale Happenings by Lauren Macinnis

Apr. 17, 2023 - Hello Hillsdale! We have had some awesome months here at Hillsdale Elementary since the last article.

In December, we held our annual Festive Feast. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal of hotdogs, crackers, cheese, cucumbers, and fruit. Thank you to Candace Perrault, Roz Llewellyn, Jason Shanahan, Travis Durham, Heather Cooke, Jodi Alexander, and Steve Bouwmeester for helping to set up this fun event. We also had our Open House where our student leaders and parents helped us learn about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Victorian Christmas, and Winter Solstice. A big thank you to Mrs. Kennedy for teaching us many Indigenous hand games and bringing in animal pelts for us to carefully examine. We also thank Mr. Patenaude for providing us with our costumes and materials to make ornaments.

In December, we congratulated Carl Wright on being one of Canada's Favourite Crossing Guards. This award was given to Mr. Wright to honour all of his hard work supporting our community by Parachute Canada and Desjardins. Way to go, Mr. Wright! We also welcomed our families and neighbours for the first Small Town Girls Tea in our gym. We had our

amazing intermediate girls help serve tea and had all of our talented students provide fun entertainment. Our school staff also introduced our Teacher Band at our Christmas assembly. It was awesome to see Mrs. Weisflock, Mr. Hache, Mrs. Lewis, her husband, and her son rocking it out on the stage! During the month of December, we had our students bring in non-perishable food for our Food Train Drive that was donated to the Elmvale Food Bank.

In January, we had Games Club start for kindergarten to grade eight to play a variety of games provided by our school. We also welcomed one of the parents to share a presentation to help our kindergarten friends to learn about Lunar New Year. We also had two Early Childhood Education Student Teachers to help out in both kindergarten classes.

Over the month of February, we celebrated Black History Month and learned about Canadian Black people of excellence and their impact on our world today. We also celebrated Valentine's Day with the passing around of candy and valentines. We had lots of sports teams and intramural sports clubs happening over the winter. Many students were part of the Intermediate Boys Basketball and Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team.

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Dear neighbours,

During the current cost-of-living crisis, I've received countless calls, emails, and letters from residents who are concerned about the inflationary pressures they're facing. Many families and businesses in our community are feeling the pinch because of the added costs of the government's carbon tax.

On April 1st, the Liberal carbon tax increased to \$65 a tonne, increasing the price of gasoline, home heating, and other fuels. Canada's Food Price Report for 2023 found that, by 2030, a typical 5,000-acre farm could see taxes of over \$150,000 a year which will hinder the owner's ability to make a profit. It's clear that this tax disproportionately affects our community's agricultural sector.

In response, Conservatives have introduced Bill C-234, which includes a real plan to save farmers tens of millions of dollars on upfront costs by removing the carbon tax from natural gas and propane used on farms. This legislation recently passed third reading in the House of Commons and will now head to the Senate for further debate.

This year's increase, and the government's plan to eventually triple the carbon tax by 2030 is simply too high a price for farmers and families in our community and across Canada to pay. My Conservative colleagues and I will continue to fight for Canadians who are struggling due to this costly tax plan that is damaging to families and businesses in our community.

As always, my constituency office is available to assist you with any matters related to the federal government. Please contact my office at Doug. Shipley@parl.gc.ca or 705-728-2596 for assistance.

Sincerely,

Doug Shipley

Member of Parliament, Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte

Hillsdale Happenings Continued

Throughout the month of March, we have had a lot of Eco initiatives that our Eco leaders have taken part in. On March 8th, our school encouraged students to wear their favourite hoodie or sweater because we turned the heat down 2 degrees to support the environment. There were so many bright colours with their sweaters! We have also recently finished the Clothing Drive that has been donated to the Kidney Foundation of Canada that started on March 1. Students brought in old clothes, ripped or worn clothes, shoes, blankets, toys, and other appliances that were given to people with kidney disease. We had the Big Crunch on March 9th where our staff and students took huge bites out of delicious apples to encourage healthy eating. Our school has also finished Games Club, which ended on March 28th. Thank you to our lovely teachers and wonderful student leaders for providing our younger students with fun activities.

We have had a great year so far. Our staff and students are very excited to see what the last three months of school will bring.

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Springwater Hosting 'Backyard Project Day'

Township of Springwater / April 17, 2023 – With the warmer weather upon us and thoughts turning to the summer months, the Township of Springwater will be hosting 'Backyard Project Day' on May 6, 2023.

Throughout 'Backyard Project Day', The Township will have staff on site to provide assistance with the building permit process, setting up an online portal account, document submission and Ontario Building Code Compliance.

In order to provide efficient service, the scope of projects applicable for Backyard Project Day has been limited to the following residential projects:

- Decks
- Gazebos
- Porches
- Pools (limited)
- Hot tubs
- Small Accessory Buildings

Staff will attempt to issue same-day permits. Any permits that are not issued that day will be prioritized the following week. Please note, should a property be located in an area regulated by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, or any other agency (i.e. Ministry of Transportation, etc.), the Township will not be able to issue your permit until approval is received from the applicable agency(ies).

To expedite the process, residents should bring the following documents:

- Application form, filled out to the best of their ability;
- Site plan showing setbacks to property lines and any other structures on the property;
- Drawings;
- Letter of authorization (if applicant is different than the property owner); and,
- Any additional documents that may be required for your project (e.g.: engineering, septic use permit etc).

In addition to the Building Department, the following departments will have staff available during Backyard Project Day: Planning Services, Finance, By-law Enforcement, Springwater Fire and the Springwater Library. Representatives from BMR Pro and United Lumber will also be on site with product displays and demonstrations.

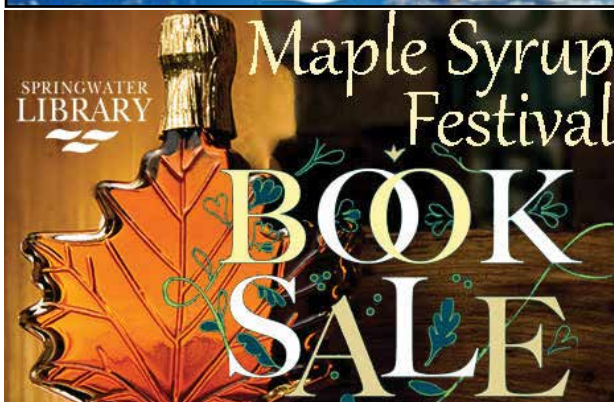
Backyard Project Day will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 9 am – 3 pm at the Township

Backyard Project Day and the building permit process can be found online at www.springwater.ca/building

Greetings to all the Minesing Moments readers. I know we've had Easter, and I hope everyone was able to enjoy some time with family and friends. Easter is like the door opening for spring and this year was no exception. As I write this we are in for some cooler days, it wouldn't be spring without some nasty weather showing up. We usually have some unruly weather just to prove that we are true Canadians and can handle whatever Mother Nature throws at us.

I would like to send deepest condolences out to the Wagner family formerly of Anten Mills. Irene Wagner passed away on April 4th with her family by her side. Predeceased by her husband Glenn, Irene leaves behind her children Brad and Heather (Geoff), and was predeceased by son Brian. She will be missed by her many grandchildren and great grandchild. The Wagner's were one of the originating families of Anten Mills and operated Wagner Pulpwood for many years. I know Irene will be missed by family and friends and our thoughts are with you all.

The last beautiful week we had brought with it many new outdoor sounds. The birds of course are celebrating spring fever, which is always a nice sound. The kids outside playing, motorcycles are being brought out from storage, more traffic heading to cottages and a couple of other noises like the crack of the baseball bat hitting a ball just down the street. For those wanting to sign their children up for Minesing Minor Ball, registration has started, and it is available online at <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/357470>.



Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival BOOK SALE!

It's been a few years since we were able to have a book sale so you know you're going to find something awesome at this year's Book Sale, sponsored by the library and the Friends of the Springwater Library is taking place during the Elmvalle Maple Syrup Festival at the Elmvalle library. Saturday April 29, 10am-3:30pm. Please bring a bag as we are not able to provide them at this time.

Sign Language with Babies

Ages 6-18 months are invited to join EarlyON for a special six week program every Wednesdays April 5 to May 10 at Elmvalle Library, 1:30pm-3pm. This interactive program will teach new ways to learn and bond with your baby through singing and signing every day words, family signs and more! Pre-registration is required at earlyonsimcoenorth.ca. For questions you can call (705) 526-2456.

English as a Second Language

Come and join us weekly for a conversation group that will be working on English language basics. All languages are welcome! Meet new people, increase your fluency and vocabulary at Elmvalle library Fridays at 1:30pm. Registration required.

Seed Library

Springwater Library is introducing our first ever seed libraries at Midhurst and Elmvalle Branches. You will be able to borrow seeds to plant in your garden and then harvest the seeds to return at the end of the season. Come in and check out our seed library today!

Minesing Moments by Lorrie Norwood

com/forms/357470. Any questions regarding the Minesing Minor Baseball league can be directed to minesingminorball@gmail.com. They are looking for help to run the ball league. Some volunteers to join the organizers to help run the program. Please email if you think you would be a good person to help keep the baseball league active!

A couple of other events that are coming up in our area are the Fleurish Spring Market on Saturday April 29th at 1148 Snow Valley Road the hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be over 20 vendors selling a variety of locally crafted goods, artisanal foods, and handmade products. Visitors can also indulge in a variety of delicious treats and food. There will be a food truck on site selling gourmet poutines. There will also be interactive activities for all ages. Whether you are looking for unique gifts, incredible food or just a fun day out with the family, the Fleurish Spring Market is the place to be.

Minesing Central Public School is also hosting a Spring Market taking place May 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come shop and support local vendors and students. The Scholastic Book fair will also be open as well. Some of the items available will be bath and body products, baked goods, beef jerky, jams and jelly, hand crafted jewellery and crafts, epicure, Thirty-one, candles gift baskets, custom signs, wood products, educational games and much more. Food Bank

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information, branch updates and our virtual programs. Programs and Videos on Facebook and YouTube (search Springwater Library)

Mother's Day Craft

Join us at the library to make a cool creation for the special mom in your life! This is a drop in program, no registration required. Friday April 28 at Elmvalle Branch 3:30pm or Friday May 12 at Midhurst Branch, 3:30pm.

YMCA Job Search Help

This program run by the Midland YMCA Employment Service offers FREE assistance with employment questions, resume help, cover letter help, HOW TO job search, interview prepping, etc. The last Friday of every month (April 28) at Elmvalle Library from 10am - 4pm. This is a walk in service.

Cricut Monthly Project

For the month of May you can make a personalised tea towel. Cost \$5. To use the library's cricut machine you can book an appointment time at Midhurst Branch on Tuesdays 10:30am-2pm and Wednesdays 1pm-4pm or at Elmvalle Branch Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm-6pm. These appointments are for one person at a time.

Win RUFF MUDDER tickets

Stop by any Springwater Library to fill out a ballot to win tickets to a very muddy 5.5 km dog obstacle adventure for you AND your dog over, under and around 90+ obstacles. Traverse through forests, streams and fields in Stayner to complete an adventure like no other. Family friendly event. Valued up to \$200/family for a family of 4 + 1 dog. Contest runs for the month of May.

Live Music Concert!

All ages are invited to come and tap your toes at this free music concert performed by the group: The Young and The Rest of Us. Tunes from the 70s, 80s and up will be performed including rock, pop and celtic music. Wednesday May 3, 1pm-2:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Registration required.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Smile Campaign this year. Your donations were greatly appreciated and with your help, 35 gift bags were given to the Food Bank to be distributed to Moms in our community in May for Mother's Day.

items accepted or monetary donations at the door. Mother's Day is coming up and I am sure you can find something special for the women in your life.

Remember to those walking your dogs, keep them on a leash and ALWAYS clean up after them. Though we live in the country, we are still a community where people love to walk and play, please do your part in keeping it clean.

The Minesing Community Facebook page has plenty of new posts. Check it out for local services offered such as swimming lessons, job advertisements, local farms offering eggs, poultry or beef. How great to be able to support our local neighbours by buying local. Check it out!

Until next time, enjoy watching the leaves fill in on the trees and the flowers sprouting up from the ground. - Apr. 22, 2023



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Support for Homelessness Prevention in Simcoe County

Province's additional investment will help people at risk or experiencing homelessness

April 11, 2023 - SIMCOE COUNTY - The Ontario government is investing an additional \$202 million annually in the province's Homelessness Prevention Program and Indigenous Supporting Housing Program, bringing Ontario's total yearly investment in these programs to close to \$700 million. The additional funding will help those experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support community organizations delivering supportive housing.

This includes \$21,083,300 for the County of Simcoe, an 86% increase over the 2022-23 allocation funding. "Homelessness has been an ongoing problem in our community, and addressing this issue in a compassionate and dignified way provide many challenges," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. "With this 86% increase in funding our local service provider will be well equipped to combat the issue of homelessness and help those at risk of experiencing homelessness. Furthermore, this funding will allow service providers to identify and address key factors leading to homelessness that may be unique to our community. I am grateful we are able to work together to combat this ongoing issue with all-encompassing services."

The additional funding, announced in the 2023 Budget, represents a 40 per cent increase in funding by the government to support the most vulnerable by providing supportive housing and homelessness prevention services. Under the \$202 million, \$190.5 million each year will be allocated to the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP), which gives Ontario's 47 Service Managers greater flexibility to allocate funding and make better use of existing resources to focus on delivering supports. "This \$21,083,300 investment is crucial to serving the needs in our community to continue growing and enhancing supportive housing, while assisting the increasing pressures on emergency shelters" said Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie-Innisfil. "We

need to protect our most vulnerable, and that is by preventing and addressing homelessness."

"Inflation has had an impact on the entire population, and as a result Ontario's homeless crisis is being felt across all cities, including Barrie," said Mayor Alex Nuttall. "I am incredibly supportive of this much needed investment in Barrie and look forward to working with all levels of government in a collaborative way to end homelessness in our city and throughout Ontario."

The remaining \$11.5 million each year will be invested in the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP), which provides Indigenous-led, culturally appropriate long-term housing solutions and support services to Indigenous people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

"We know Ontario's housing supply crisis impacts all Ontarians, no matter their background or budget," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "That's why we've increased funding for our homelessness prevention programs by more than 40 per cent. These measures

complement the bold and transformational change we are implementing to tackle the housing supply crisis and get more homes built faster across Ontario."

"During a time of economic challenges and change, our government is supporting those who have fallen on hard times and are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, homelessness," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Ontario's 2023 Budget: Building a Strong Ontario is the right plan to support those who need it the most today while laying a strong fiscal foundation for future generations."

The increased funding is a result of a revised funding model that better reflects the current needs of individuals who are facing homelessness across Ontario. Funding dollars are being increased to address increased needs, particularly during a time of rising inflation, and to help ensure that no service manager receives a decrease in funding compared to 2022-23 as a result of the transition to the new



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model. "Supportive housing provides people in need with a roof over their heads. It also connects them with services that provide a hand up to improve their circumstances, including mental health support and job training," said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister for Housing. "Our government met with partners and stakeholders across the province this past fall – we heard their concerns and are addressing their valuable feedback to improve Ontario's supportive housing system. This investment will make a real impact to support housing providers that help vulnerable Ontarians each and every day."

The changes also address the recommendation in the Auditor General's 2021 value-for-money audit on homelessness, which called for a better funding model for homelessness programs that would target areas where funding is most needed.

In addition to reducing costs in other sectors, supportive housing provides people in Ontario with an opportunity to live happier, healthier and more fulfilling lives. Ontario will continue to support the most vulnerable by providing supportive housing and homelessness prevention services to help those most in need along with information about their needs. This is to ensure that Service Managers have the up-to-date information they need from individuals experiencing homelessness to help connect people the right housing and supports as soon as they are available.

Springwater Piloting 'No Mow May'



Township of Springwater / April 19, 2023 – Put away your lawn mower and let your grass grow during the month of May. The Township of Springwater will be participating in the 'No Mow May' initiative, which aims to help pollinators such as honeybees and bumblebees by allowing wildflowers and other plants to flourish.

On March 1, 2023, Springwater Council approved a pilot project to allow for residents and businesses to let their lawns grow through the waiving of Section 4.1 (d) of the Clean, Safe, Properties By-law from May 1-31, 2023.

The goal of No Mow May is to pause mowing during the month of May, allowing flowers and weeds to bloom in early spring, when food sources are limited for local pollinators. In addition to increasing food sources for pollinators, not mowing in May also prevents disturbing insects and amphibians that may be burrowed or hiding in leaves and lawns.

To support the pilot project, the Springwater Parks, Recreation and Facilities team will be evaluating Township parkland and open spaces to determine which properties may be a good fit for the program.

"Understanding that 80 per cent of all flowering plants rely on pollinators to produce seeds, By-law Services recognizes the importance of No Mow May. By waiving the Clean, Safe, Properties By-law, we are pleased to offer residents an opportunity to participate and reconsider their yard maintenance plans during the month of May," says Brittany Kellington, Supervisor of By-law Services.

Additional information on the No Mow May initiative is available on the Township website at: www.springwater.ca/NoMowMay



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Pancake House
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Log Sawing Contest - The Fastest Slice
One of the many must-see events at the Elmville Maple Syrup Festival is the log-sawing contest, which takes place on our main stage shortly after noon. Local dignitaries and politicians from nearby municipalities pair up to participate in this exciting competition. The pine log, donated by Robert Ritchie Forest Products, is set up on stage and our referee, Doug Kirton, hands over his 52" crosscut saw, which has been oiled and sharpened to produce the best result possible. The stop watch is set to go, and is in the capable hands of our official timer. After a brief practice run, the order to 'go' is given and the contestants work in unison to remove a section of the log in the shortest time. This task tests even the hardest of competitors and is a completely different experience from their daily routine. It is much harder than it looks, and anticipating your partner's moves is definitely an asset. The winning teams are rewarded with their names on our trophy, bottles of delicious maple syrup and bragging rights until the next year.

Pancake Eating Contest
The Annual Firefighters Challenge & Group Challenge. This will be our 22nd annual EMSF worldwide pancake eating contest. There are now 2 divisions in this world renowned contest. Six local firefighters will compete in their division. This is our second year with a separate division featuring 6 community groups participating. Will Marshall Insurance will be sponsoring this year's contest once again. This event would not be successful without the support of the Elmville Firefighters and our sponsors. Watch for this main attraction on the big stage following the Log Sawing Contest.

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Craighurst W I April Meeting



Photo above: Past President Sheila Craig passes gavel to incoming President Brenda Hore, while Secretary Beth Conway, Treasurer Marg Patterson and Vice President Kay Morrison look on.

The Craighurst Women’s Institute met on Tuesday for the “Annual Meeting”, where dues are collected for the next year’s membership, where the past year is wrapped up. We opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, Secretary’s minutes, Treasurer’s report, business arising....the usual. Sheila explained how she had met with the Oro-Medonte Mayor and Deputy, to talk over the Museum Board’s demise and were they, as county counsellors, aware of the changes (they weren’t). She also talked a bit about, oh maybe, SIDEWALKS in the village. (You know, gentle readers, of the perils of walking on our beautiful sidewalks, where if you look up to enjoy the view you might find yourself down under. We ran over our plans to sell snacks at the World Fiddling Day on May 20. Next the Tweedsmuir History Curator collected the members’ paragraphs on the Pandemic experience and finally she thanked everyone for years of fun and friendship.

Then the election took place. We presented the new president Brenda with the ceremonial Gavel, we read the slate of Officers, held the installation ceremony, and there were smiles all around. Craighurst W I marches on. The May meeting will be exercises for the body and maybe the mind. See you then.

“Town Hall” Meeting – April, 17th
The Next Step.....

A Wonderful Turnout!!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was able to come out to Monday night’s “Town Hall” meeting at Elmvale Community Hall. It was a great feeling to see ‘all the chairs’ in the hall filled with members of the community who are anxious to learn about “The Elms” as we move forward to-wards the ultimate moment when we break ground! The evening presented me with a chance to get in front of many of the Wait List and Contact List members. I realize that not everyone was able to turn out for the event, but I hope over the next few weeks to connect with each of you to discuss how and when “The Elms” community might become a part of your family’s future plans.

As I pointed out in my April 7th message and was reiterated again during Monday night’s presentation, the next steps in the process will involve connecting with the “Wait List People” to confirm “Active” interest and to focus on more of the details surrounding the different models and the introduction of the pricing information.

Realizing the time necessary to properly present the information and to discuss the various models, I’m planning to make myself available every day. Since joining “The Elms” in late March, I’ve maintained daily weekday hours (Monday-Friday) and will continue to do so moving forward. I would invite each of you to, proactively, reach out to me at anytime to ask questions or set a time to meet.

Over the next few months, leading through the summer and into the fall, the focus will be on continuing to “get out into the community” to promote and sell the merits of “The Elms” concept and making it a reality! The next community event is the annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival. However, we will also be looking to participate and showcase “The Elms” at various events and festivals throughout Springwater Township and surrounding areas. I truly believe the success of this project will depend on all of us pulling in the same direction by getting the word out and showing a commitment to making it happen!!

Once again, to all of you who were able to make Monday night’s “Town Hall” meeting...thank you.

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HEY DADS!

Do your kids ever get hurt? You probably do your best to keep them safe but it’s a challenge to keep an eye on them 24-7. Especially little boys. It’s quite obvious they’re different from their sisters when we watch them running around pell-mell. Despite constant reminders from dad about not running in the house there’s a collision every now and then. Sometimes with each other, sometimes with inanimate objects.

We have doors that lead out to the patio with windows in the top of them. We also have curtains that you can pull over to cover the doors if they are closed, or cover the doorway if the doors are open. They cover the entire door from top to bottom. If the curtains are closed and you’re a four-year-old running at 10 or 20 km/h your eyes may not be processing as fast as your legs are moving. You may see the curtains, but not the doors behind them. That would result in running through the curtains but not through the doors. And that might result in a big goose-egg on your forehead. A self-induced practical reminder not to run in the house. Literally the school of hard knocks.

The three boys and I went for a walk on the beach last night a few hours after the door incident. That same four-year-old has a creative imagination. It’s amazing what can be made from a stick found on the ground. It can be a sword, a gun, a canoe paddle, a boat rudder, a pirate flag pole, a hockey stick, a baseball bat and more! The stick he found last night was a sword. If you’ve ever held a sword, you know that you can’t just hold it. You’ve got to swing it. And run with it. If you’re holding your sword and swinging it and running with it and it’s dark and you’re on a walk with your dad and two older brothers...

Not unlike Jurassic Park I heard the screams in the dark somewhere in the distance. “He hit me with a stick!”

“It was an accident!”

I caught up to the three boys who had scattered all over the beach in front of me. The middle son was nursing a bloody lip, the youngest son was running away and the oldest son was in pursuit of the runner. With no medical supplies close by, middle son was using his t-shirt to tend to his wound. He was able to stagger back to the house despite his injuries.

We got home a few minutes later and mom and sisters helped nurse his cut lip. Youngest son was assured that he wasn’t in trouble. It was an accident. With bed time now long past it was time to finish this day. After all the excitement bed time was a little more disorganized than usual but eventually the whole crew was put to bed.

I struggle with the lessons to be taken away from this event. I have no problem with boys playing creatively with sticks. Better than playing video games. I guess the two lessons are: “be careful playing with sticks” and “running in the dark with sticks and brothers should be avoided if possible”. We’ve probably got at least 16 more years of boys running around here so I’ll do my best to implement those lessons. Maybe you can learn from my mistakes as well. Time flies! Make every moment count!

Jason Weening enjoys long walks on the beach with his cute wife and nine kids. Check out his new podcast, “The LifeGuards Show”, at heydads.ca.



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Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



Coconut Kefir –
Homemade Goodness
for the Gut

Almost as popular as yogurt in Eastern Europe, kefir is worth getting to know for its tangy flavour and important health benefits. Traditionally made with cow's milk and fermented with bacteria and yeast, kefir is becoming more popular in North America and is now available in many grocery stores across the continent. Like yogurt, kefir can also be made at home using dairy or a milk substitute with a starter kit that can be bought online or at your local health food store. Alternatively, this recipe hack for a mock kefir bypasses the need for a starter kit all together and uses probiotic capsules instead.



INGREDIENTS

2 cans coconut milk (1 can, 13.5 FL. OZ, 400 ml)
1-2 capsules probiotics – your preferred brand

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put the coconut milk and the probiotic capsule(s) in a blender and combine until the coconut milk consistency is very smooth.
2. Transfer to a 32-ounce (1 litre) mason jar and fasten the lid loosely.
3. Keep the mason jar on the kitchen counter for 24 hours to allow the fermentation to take place.
4. Once done, reserve 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the kefir as a “starter” for your next batch.
5. When you're ready to make your next batch, combine the reserved kefir with 1 can of coconut milk and repeat steps 1 through 4.
6. Store the coconut kefir in the refrigerator for up to 4 days. Kefir can also be frozen for future use.

ENJOY!

Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers cooking demos/ classes and individual counselling – in person and online via Zoom Health. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com

Did You Know?

This homemade kefir - made with creamy coconut milk - offers all the benefits of fermented foods without the gastrointestinal upset that some people experience with dairy products. Probiotic powerhouse kefir is so very good for you as it supplies healthy bacteria to your gut microbiome (i.e., the microorganisms living in your digestive system). Not only does kefir aid in digestion, it also promotes healthy immune function. With a consistency often thinner than yogurt, kefir can be pleasant on its own or sweetened with honey or maple syrup. If you're not a fan of the taste, but crave the health benefits consider adding kefir to your smoothies, oatmeal or cold cereal.

Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



Apr. 23, 2023 - I am often asked about how fearful I am in the bush. My honest answer is...rarely. I am genuinely less frightened by the animals out there that I may encounter than I am by encountering another person. If I hear people coming

along the trail, I will often move myself off the trail and out of sight. However, I am a firm believer in listening to that internal voice, that lizard brain that still recognizes danger even when my evolved cortex has no idea what is going on. Many times, I have listened to that lizard part of my brain, and I have never regretted it.

Several years ago, I was hiking out on the back end of the Wye Marsh on little used trails. I had been out here multiple times and was very familiar with the area. This time was...different. I started out on a well used path, but within a kilometre or so began to experience intense anxiety. There was no rational reason for me to be so anxious, but I became so terrified that I had to stop myself from running in panic. The terror was intense, yet I could not identify the source. I listened to my lizard brain and quickly headed out of the area. As this was a loop trail, I returned to where I had started, only to find bear scat and evidence that a bear had been following me along the trail. I believe that my subconscious was registering an immediate danger threat that my conscious self was not aware of. Always, always listen to your lizard brain. He is a slippery little fellow, but he knows when there is danger near even when your highly evolved primate brain doesn't register it.

There is another trail where I always have high anxiety, yet I have no rational reason for it. I love



this trail, as it is a beautiful route through hardwood forests, fields and alongside deep cedar forests. Yet, I always feel anxious along the last section of trail. It begins at Flos Road 7 east just west of Base Line Road and ends at Flos Road 4. It starts in an old growth forest of pines and begins a gradual route up a lengthy hill of more than a kilometre. The trail then goes down a steep incline and into a beautiful hard

wood forest. It is the next section that my anxiety leaps into high gear.

On my right is a deep cedar forest and on my left is a small field. It is at this point my heart rate begins to accelerate and I plan escape routes if anything should come out of that cedar forest. After all, there is a fence I can clamber over before the zombies get me. As I continue along the trail, I come to a barn. Not your red painted happy barn, but an old, abandoned barn, with a line of crows along its ridge line cawing out their shrill displeasure at my intrusion. There doesn't seem to be any road or trail to this barn, just an empty field. This is seriously a scene out of the zombie show “walking dead”, and my anxiety arises from what might be in that barn. I have been out here several times and yet still become highly anxious every time. Unfortunately, today's hike ended in disappointment, as that scary barn is no longer there, probably to hide evidence of the zombies. The crows remain, though they now congregate around a solitary tree in the same field.

Once past the now empty field you head up a steep and water eroded trail. While I continue to check behind me, generally my anxiety disappears at this point. At the top of the hill, you can turn right and eventually head out to Flos road 4 and return by the same trail. If you feel adventurous, the trail also has a left turn that I have never taken, and curious me wonders where this goes. But this is when the crows begin their cacophony and leave their tree to investigate what I am doing. No thanks, as my imagination has me picturing silent people with pitchforks. I would love to hear from anyone that is brave enough to pursue this route.



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

Did you enjoy the early taste of summer we received recently? Or was that summer? The warm temperatures without the humidity were a pleasant relief from this very unpredictable spring. Last week certainly demonstrated that it is not us but mother nature who is in charge.

The clear skies that we briefly enjoyed while basking in the warmth allowed us to gaze up into the sky and see the contrails of the aircraft flying high above us. There are a number of apps that allow you to check aircraft, flights and landings. While embracing the weather and using the app, FlightAware, it was interesting to see flights originating in China and Amsterdam passing over us enroute to Mexico, Chicago and other major cities. It is not uncommon to have European flights go overhead in our area. So on a clear day, look up into the sky and imagine that you are a passenger on that international flight heading to our continent and all that it offers.

Last Saturday, April 22 was Earth Day, the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement started in 1970. While the day was not celebrated in any official capacity here, it should be acknowledged that as a community we take our responsibilities to keep the earth and our community healthy. Wilson Drive from Binnie to Pinery looks in good shape thanks to the Dunn family who were out cleaning the ditches. The walkway from Luella to Pinery received a good Spring cleaning from the efforts of the Daniels and new Anten Mills residents the Landry's. Thank you to all who keep our community clean. It is also worth noting that the community centre park is also in good condition this year with little debris or garbage lying around.

Next week we are into the month of May. This year in our township it is No Mow May. No, it's not our municipal staff not doing their job and keeping our community clean and green, rather it is an opportunity for the pollinators to seek their first food source for the season. In May the temperature does get and remains warmer and our plants and grasses start to flourish. Perennial plants start to bud and the pollinators, bees, ants, wasps, moths, butterflies and other insects come out of hibernation and seek their first food. By allowing the lawns to grow a bit longer, it allows the insects that are overwintering in the grass or leaves the opportunity to come out when nature



tells them to. So what does No Mow May mean here in our community? The bylaw department will not be enforcing a section of the Clean, Safe Properties By-law 2014-037 from May 1 to May 31. Our Parks and Recreation Department will be choosing what areas to mow and not to mow. Not being mowed are the front side lawn area of the Administration Centre, a section of the Minesing Station Parkette and different roadside and parkettes that will not negatively impact outdoor recreation or safety. Residents are also encouraged to delay mowing their lawns as much as possible and consider any areas of their property that can remain uncut all summer. Leaving your grass to grow a little longer and consider planting a pollinator garden with asters, bee balm, milkweed and coneflowers will definitely help the pollinators. We are fortunate that our Anniversary Garden has a number of these plants already growing in it as well as other native plants. Selective cleaning in the garden will occur over the next several weeks to encourage the growth of our native plants and somewhere where the pollinators can get a start on the season. Let's all do our part in No Mow May and help get our pollinators back. Over the next several weeks slide by the community park and check out the early bloomers of tulips and daffodils which are making their way up. Hopefully the garden will be in full bloom soon.

Are you a crafter or artisan and live in the community? If so then you should consider being part of the Anten Mills Fall Artisans and Crafters fair on Saturday, September 30. The fair is now in its 3rd year starting off as part of the Anten Mills

50th Anniversary. Originally it was designed for local Anten Mills residents to showcase their talents locally. This year's edition is expanding to include the community centre and areas along the pathway. As this is a first come first served event, space is limited and will go first to Anten Mills and surrounding residents. No commercial products are permitted and the entry fee to offer your wares is reasonable. To sign up or get more information contact Roslyn by email at fairview@on.aibn and she will be happy to assist you.

For those hankering for a Honkin' Bucket of good fries, The Fry Guy is open for the season. Stop by and say hi to Matt or Joanne and get your fill soon!

Last year the township embarked on some upgrades to the rail trail that runs through the community. A new base was installed along with bicycle / pedestrian gates at roadway entrances. Over the winter the gates were installed and unfortunately persons unknown decided to not only damage a gate at Coughlin Road but break an arm of it off. We are all stewards of our community and it is up to us to stop this type of vandalism. Almost everyone carries a cell phone these days that are quite capable of taking photos, in fact very good ones. If you see unwanted activity in our community whether it is vandalism or off road vehicles where they shouldn't be, snap a photo and send it to the township bylaw department. They are always able to assist and have the capability to investigate the situation further keeping you from unwanted confrontation.

At last week's Springwater Council meeting, students from Elmvale and District High School, Gender and Sexual Diversity Club presented a cheque for \$1000 for a new Pride Crosswalk to be installed in Elmvale. These students raised that money and due to circumstances beyond their control, it was almost not accepted. Thank you to the students of EDHS for your efforts and consideration to diversity, inclusiveness and acceptance in our community. A special thanks goes to our Ward 3 Councillor Brad Thompson for stepping forward and ending the debate by donating personally any outstanding amounts owed. He deserves the thanks of our community.

That's all for this week, THANKS for READING and BE WELL.



Big Night For Kempo Students

Sensei Martin and Sensei Patti of Double Dragons Martial Arts (705-322-6951) Wyevale were pleased to present next level belts to a large group of their students earlier this month.

Photo to left: Back Row Left to Right: Angus Adams - Orange / Green, Octavius Cobbett - Yellow, Maverick Quesnelle - Yellow
Front Row: Mya Dorion - Yellow, Hailey Quesnelle - Yellow, Xander Klatt - Yellow and Brody Thompson - Orange
Absent from the photo was Kingston Brueton who also received his Yellow Belt. All students train twice a week in the same class at the private club, receiving instruction in the art of Chinese Kempo, as well as, self-defense and safety awareness.



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Stewart Lewis Page was born Oct. 11, 1897 at Thornhill in York County.

He was a graduate of Richmond Hill High School, served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1918 and attend the Ontario Agricultural College in 1924.

Mr. Page was assistant agricultural representative in Wentworth County in 1924 and became the representative for North Simcoe in 1925, an office that he held until 1967.

He organized the first Boys and Girls Club in North Simcoe, the Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Junior Fair section of the Barrie Fair, the first crop convention and seed fair and the first Junior Soil and Crop Club with 59 members in 1950. That club led to the first soils course at O.A.C. in 1951.

He helped to initiate and organize

the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and the first certified seed potato growers in the county, the “Lafontaine Restricted Seed Potato Area.”

He initiated the first tuber unit method of producing seed potatoes with their own patented bags “Norsimcoe Brand” resulting in the championship at the Royal Winter Fair.

His accomplishments extended into the community where he was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Theatre Guild, Drama Club, Corinthian Masonic Lodge, County Library Board and Collier Street United Church.

He was author of “At the First Table” for the county council. He married Margery E. Wright on Mar. 22, 1922 at Richmond Hill. The couple had

no children.

His induction into the Hall of Fame was sponsored by the North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association.



Courtesy Simcoe County Agricultural Hall of Fame/Joni



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.

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

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

Concession 1, Lot 24, Flos Township
4230 Highway 26, Springwater Township

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Owners		
2011-present	Graham and Casey (Wilson) McNabb	Built: 1941
-2011	Mac and Muriel Sewers	Dimensions: 36 x 52'
	Allan and Laura (Lennox) McNabb	Features: 12' lean-to on south side of barn
~1920s	Bill (William) and Annie (McNab) McNabb	Materials: barn built from 3 other barns
	J. Graham, tenant	Water Source: drilled well
~1918 ²		
1856 ⁵	James Russel, 200 acres	

Bill McNabb’s brother Jack was conscripted near the end of W.W. I and was at the White Cliffs of Dover when the war ended. Bill was left at home to help run the farm. When Jack returned after the war, Bill went west to Manitoba. Bill had enough money when he returned to buy this 50 acre farm across the road from where he was raised. There were still pine stumps on the farm.

Bill dismantled a pine timber barn that was on the rise half way between the present house and barn. A number of the cedar sleepers in this barn had burn marks from the fire in 1881. It had been very dry in 1881 and there were fires from Edenvale to Elmvale and to what is now the Ministry of Natural Resources in Midhurst. Many trees burned by the fire were sound and used to rebuild. The muck that caught fire burned all winter.

Bill bought two old barns from the present day Edenvale airport. They were taken down timber by timber and board by board. Bill’s son Allan was thirteen and old enough to drive the tractor and haul the lumber down. Allan was also given the job of making pins for the barn to connect the tenons to the mortises. White ash was pounded into a steel form to create the round pins.

Jack Lockhart from New Lowell looked after the cement work for the house and the barn. Jack Pickering, helped by his brother Frank, took the three 36 x 56’ barns and made one. The north side of the barn was built into the side of the hill. The sleepers were 18 feet long and together made the 36 foot expanse. An extra sleeper was needed, and it came out of the Princess skating rink in Minesing. After the frame was up and before the roof was started, Frank Pickering shimmied up and walked all around the barn on the 10 inch beams. Bill Peacock bought what wood was left over.

Allan McNabb.



Community Events

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm

Every Monday.

Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Midland Bridge Club 427 William St, Midland

Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge, **Tues 6:45pm:**

Social Bridge, **Thur. 12:45pm** Duplicate Bridge,

Fri. 12pm: Bid Euchre. Contact Vern 705-730-9998.

Possible lesson if desired. midlandbridge@gmail.com

Good Vibes

Every Thursday night from 7 to 10 p.m.

An open-mic music event Our location is the little white schoolhouse at the corner of Mount St. Louis Road and the 4th Line of Oro Medonte. Admission is a donation of \$5.00.

Let's Do Lunch \$5:

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

2nd Thursday of the month. Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5

For take-out & town delivery \$6 call 322-1411 between 9 & noon on the Monday previous.

Pick-up Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 at East side of the church.

BARRIE-KEMPENFELT PROBUS CLUB

Meets at 10:00 am, third Thursday of month

Canadian Legion, 410 St. Vincent Street in Barrie

Main Contact: Chief Information Officer, Robert Newby, barriekempfenfelt72@gmail.com

(705) 220-3501

Bay Shore Senior's Club

Activities are in full swing - check out website at www.bayshoreseniors.ca for all activities.

Call 705 361-1331.

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

Meetings held **4th Wed. of each month, 7:00 pm** at Elmvale Library.

Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.

Coffee Party

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

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

All Welcome, Cost: \$3

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program

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

Elmvale Community Hall, VON SMART Program

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Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

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

Prime Time Club,1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach

1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm

(North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial

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For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

Elmvale Legion

Tuesdays at 1 pm

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Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO

Every Tuesday night

Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Barrie Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group

1st Thursday of each month, 12:30-2pm

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welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender

905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com

Elmvale Youth Ball Hockey

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Bay Shore Seniors' Club - Winter Activities

Mon: Open

Tues: Billiards, Line Dancing, Crafts, Bid-Euchre

Wed: LifeStyles, Bridge, VON Pole Walking, Access Art, Pickleball

Thurs: Choir, Book Club, Darts

Fri: Gardening, VAN SMART Exercises, Billiards, Wood Carving, Shuffleboard, Pickleball

Sun: Pickleball

LifeStyles – Health & Wellness followed by Exercise.

Join us at the Bay Shore Senior's Club Wednesdays at 9:15 for a discussion on Health & Wellness, followed

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OPP REPORT

DEATH INVESTIGATION IN SPRINGWATER
(HURONIA WEST, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are conducting a death investigation in Springwater Township. On Monday, April 24, 2023, at 1:01p.m., the Huronia West OPP received information regarding a deceased person located at an address in Springwater Township. At this time, police do not suspect foul play.

The Huronia West OPP Crime Unit and Central Region Forensic Identification Services are continuing the investigation in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario.

Police are asking the public's assistance in this investigation. Any person with information regarding this incident should immediately contact the Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122

OPP Seeking Assistance in Locating Stolen Statues from Tiny Township Home

(TINY TOWNSHIP, ON)- Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are seeking the assistance of the community in locating a number of bronze garden statues that were taken from a residence in the Cedar Ridge development, Tiny Township over the recent winter months.

The victims returned recently and noted that five bronze coloured garden statues which vary in size from 39 to 49 inches in height and weight approximately 100 lbs each were removed from the garden area of their home.

The statues are further described as being made of bronze created from a process known as "lost wax casting" and have a value of approximately \$20,000.00 in total and are very sentimental to the owner who welcomes their safe return. See attached photographs the statues named as follows: "Wheelbarrow Boy", "Hiker Boy", "Miss Emily Reading", "Hiker Girl", "Serene Man".



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Anyone who may have information of a property crime is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp.ca or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your anonymous information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/submit-a-tip/submit-a-tip>. You can follow Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka www.crimestoppersdm.com on Twitter or Facebook.

Drinking and Driving Investigations Keep OPP Busy Over the Weekend on Area Roadways

(MIDLAND, ON)- Drinking and driving investigations kept members of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment busy over the past weekend and still managed to fit in 11 RIDE program

spot checks along with calls for service in an effort to increase road safety here in North Simcoe.

An OPP officer on general patrol south bound on Simcoe County Road 93, Midland near 10:39 p.m. April 23, 2023, noted an north bound vehicle that was travelling at a high rate of speed and appeared to have a headlight malfunction. The officer conducted a traffic stop and after speaking with the driver, entered a possible impaired driving investigation.

As a result of this investigation the driver James R. BEESTON 59 years of Severn Township, has been charged criminally with the following offences.

Operation while impaired - alcohol
Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused was released from police custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on May 4, 2023. As well, the accused faces a 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a 14 day vehicle impound.

Officers on general patrol on Main Street Penetanguishene, near 5:27 p.m. April 23, 2023, entered a possible impaired driving investigation with the operator of a vehicle within a nearby strip retail mall. As a result, Keith J DUVAL 31 years of Penetanguishene, has been charged criminally with the following offences.

Operation while impaired - alcohol
Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused was released from police custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on May 11, 2023. As well, the accused faces a 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a 14 day vehicle impound.

At approximately 8:11 a.m. April 23, 2023 an east bound Mustang on Angela Schmidt-Foster Road attempted to complete a U-turn just west of Marshall Road, Tiny Township. The Mustang caught the attention of an OPP officer who had just completed a RIDE check nearby and watched the vehicle slide sideways into the ditch and promptly spoke with the driver. The officer entered a possible impaired driving investigation and as a result of this investigation, Armando PECCHIA 59 years of Klein, has been charged with the following offences.

Failure or refusal to comply with demand contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

Fail to have insurance card contrary to the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act

Careless driving contrary to the Highway Traffic Act
The accused was released from police custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on May 4, 2023. As well, the accused faces a 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a 14 day vehicle impound.

Near 5:22 a.m. April 22, 2023, officers responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on Honey Harbour Road near Hillside Drive, Georgian Bay Township. Attending officers spoke with the uninjured driver and entered a possible impaired driving investigation. As a result of this investigation, Lucas Robert VOGEL 23 years of Georgian Bay Township, has been charged criminally with the following offences.

Operation while impaired - alcohol
Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused was released from police custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on May 4, 2023. As well, the accused faces a 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a 14 day vehicle impound.

Officers checked 150 vehicles at 11 different RIDE program spot check locations throughout the

Detachment patrol area over the weekend.

Educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired driver on our roadways, waterways or trails please "Make the Call" and dial 911 as impaired driving never ends well, please make a plan to get home safely.



HURONIA WEST OPP CHARGE MALE WITH FIREARM AND DRUG OFFENCES

(WASAGA BEACH, TOWN OF SPRINGWATER, CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP)-The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) made an arrest in relation to an on-going drug investigation.

OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) members from Huronia West, Collingwood, and Southern Georgian Bay detachments executed a search warrant in Stayner, and evidence of criminal code offences was located.

As a result of the investigation, a 21-year-old male from Stayner has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking, contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
- Unauthorized Possession of Firearm, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada; and
- Possession of a Prohibited Firearm with Ammo

The accused was held pending a bail hearing in the Ontario Court of Justice.

If you have any information about crime in our community, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at www.crimestoppersdm.com. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous. You will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

ORILLIA OPP INVESTIGATING RASH OF VEHICLE THEFTS FROM PUBLIC PARKING LOT

(ORILLIA, ON) - The Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested one youth in relation to the theft of motor vehicle investigations from an Orillia area public access facility.

On numerous occasions throughout March 2023, Orillia OPP responded to calls for service for motor vehicles being stolen from a parking lot.

On April 5th, 2023, as a result of the ongoing investigation, a 16-year-old youth was arrested and charged with the following:

- Theft of motor vehicle contrary to section 333.1 of the Criminal Code of Canada x3
- Possession of Property obtained contrary to section 354 (1)(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

The identity of the accused will be withheld as it is protected by the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA).

This investigation is ongoing if you have information about it, please contact the Orillia OPP Detachment at 705-326-3536 or the Provincial Communication Centre at 888-310-1122. You can also provide an anonymous tip online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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HAPPY 123RD GRAN!!

Apr. 26, 2023 - Well, she would have been that age today if she had not slipped away from us in August of 1984 at the tender age of Eighty-four! I say tender age because in my mind, she was too young to be leaving us. She had a youthful, feisty spirit and had just celebrated her ninth anniversary to her second husband. After being a widow for several years, she met Clarence at Church and after 6 months of courtship, they were married in the summer of 1975. They proceeded to travel all over the countryside. Trips were planned to California and other southern States as Clarence was about 13 years younger and loved to drive on the open highway. They even took a trip out to the west coast of Canada to find Gran's long-lost brother who had disappeared (purposefully lol) after the war (that would be WW2). It seems he did not want to come back to the wife and four kids but that is a story for another day.

It was a busy Spring, that year of 1984. I was living in Georgetown as a single mom with two small children and rented a small apartment in a home in the old part of town. It was a very reasonable rent that was subsidized by my willingness to cut the grass, rake the lawns, and do a bit of upkeep on the century home as the owners were quite elderly. The second-floor windows overlooked a nearby Funeral Home. They were quiet neighbours.

Working full-time as a bookkeeper in Brampton and taking care of the home and the needs of two active young boys gave me no time to rest and even less time to dream, you would think.

For several months, I would dream that I was in the washroom (seated...was my impression) and I knew that I was not going to leave the room. I would look at the bathroom door and just know 'this was it'.... fade to black. It seemed a disjointed dream and I would often wake up in a sweat. There are just some dreams you do not forget, but repeated dreams really get your attention.

I was incredibly sad with the passing of my Grandmother that year but there were a few other events to happen that summer. My ex-hubby and his new partner had just had a baby girl and it would be late on a Friday evening before I could drop the kids off for 'his' weekend. I would have waited till the

next morning, but I had plans to go up north and it was agreed this would work out for both of us.

After settling the kids in with him and having a quick cup of tea to celebrate the new baby, I headed back to Georgetown along Steeles Ave. West. I had planned to take McLaughlin Road, north to Hwy 7 West. With so many things to plan for the weekend getaway and no cell phone to recite notes to, your mind tends to 'autopilot' home. I seemed to be following a dark line on the road and somewhere a part of my mind was judging it to be a tar line. At almost midnight, there was basically no traffic at all, and I was still following this line past the next lights. I did notice one car up ahead that brightened up the dark road with brake lights. They veered to the right and slowed down before continuing westward.

Knowing these roads as I did, I questioned the sudden movement outside the single lane. What was that up ahead? A big white dog on the road?? I was still following this line and started to slow down hoping this poor animal was not suffering.

I came to a near stop before I was frozen in disbelief as I became witness to what I had been following this last mile. A bloodline. I circled quite slowly around what appeared to be a dummy on the road, but this was not Halloween. It was a cool night in August, and this was a human body! Lifeless and quite literally worn to the point of not having a full head of hair anymore if you can picture that but please don't. I had been following this shiny, tar-like bloodline for over a mile. Another car soon pulled up and quickly spun off to no doubt, call Police. I stayed in the car until they arrived saying a silent prayer for this poor soul. It was not the car ahead of me that had hit him (Ira was his name; just new to Ontario from Newfoundland and I will not forget him) but they later found out who did. Somehow the poor 21-year-old lad had tried to walk home from a local bar but had passed out on the road.

Not an hour later, as I was finally on my way home, no less than five Cop cars flew past me with lights flashing. I caught up to them as they converged onto a driveway just a mile or two west of the accident scene. As it turned out, another young man that should not have been at the wheel, somehow was distracted and hit him. Either from fear or ignorance, he drove from the scene without the knowledge he was dragging his 'forever mistake' under the carriage

of his car. Oh, how a joyful day can turn so, so sad... Nightmares were abundant after that, for some time.

Getting back to my other dreams, they did stop in July of that summer. The Summer my gran died. I even stopped mentioning "I think if I die, it will be in the washroom," to everyone I met. Life got back to routine by the Fall, and I was able to spend more time consoling my mother who had lost her mother and you never get over that (at any age). So, I asked her; "Where was Gran when she died?" She sipped her tea and murmured "In the bathroom dear...you know, on the John." I immediately flushed!

Springwater News Found in Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba.



Kaitlyn Beardsall and Tom Dewar recently moved from Barrie to Phelpston and they have discovered what a great community it is here. They love getting the Springwater News and seeing all the local action.

There's Money in Your Stuff

Let me teach you the difference between "VALUE" N "STUFF"

This is a column by Mr David Kai for VMLC. David Kai is a published author nationally, a TV and radio commentator on investments, asset classes, collector and investment markets.



The Power of Music

Music is timeless, but the ways in which we access, listen to, and enjoy it have changed greatly over

What's It Worth?

the years. We've gone from coveting 78 long play records to swinging over to 33.3 albums in the late fifties and early sixties. Along the way, there were 45s with small records and big holes in the center, followed by 8 tracks, cassettes, and then compact discs. As space and transport improved, so did the size of our music storage options, but not necessarily the quality of sound. Compact discs, for example, have much poorer sound reproduction compared to Ips. Then everything went Bluetooth wireless.

It's interesting to note that the changes in music technology were related to transport and storage, not necessarily sound quality. We can't forget the Walkman, boomboxes, and car players of all types. In a used goods operation, older generation items have much greater value than newer ones. Albums from the rock era with their pictures, graphics, and memories have much more value than CDs. However, values decrease for older music because the type of music changed. The highest values are

LPs from the mid 60s to the 80s. Some LPs, due to their rarity and the notoriety of the artist, have greatly increased in desirability among collectors. It seems that being a good musician, screwing up your life, and becoming famous is a recipe for success in the collector's market!

When retro-style sound equipment is starting to be manufactured again, you know that there is a now an emerging market. We often receive requests for 70s-style amplifiers, turntables, and the like. Oddly enough, no one ever asks for an 8-track player. From my experience, they were a car thing, and car guys may be interested, except they want better sound when cruising and less stuff in the car, which is the great downfall of 8 tracks.

Do you have an abandoned record collection from your youth lying around? Bring it in to have us evaluate it. You may be surprised at the value of hidden gems in your collection. - April 23, 2023



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VAERUM, Villy
It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of beloved father and husband, Villy Vaerum. He passed on April 21, 2023, of natural causes. He was 83 years old.
Born on May 3, 1939, in Denmark to Minna and Ejnar Vaerum. He is survived by his wife, Ute; children, Soren and Vibeke; and his siblings: Sonja, Elin, Lise, Doris, Preben, and Alvin. Beloved Opa to River.
Villy and Ute emigrated to Canada twice, enabling his vocation as a district vet and veterinarian in Manitoba and Denmark. In retirement, Villy and Ute moved to Phelpston, Ontario. An active retirement of travel, golf, and learning followed. A man of the earth, Villy was an avid gardener, creating an oasis for fish, birds, flowers, and trees from scratch. We remember him for his distinct sense of humour, warmth, and inquisitive mind.
The family would like to thank Dr. Omar and Nurse Laura (RVH) and the Springwater Fire & Paramedic Departments for their kindness and professionalism during this time.
Cremation has taken place. Service information to follow.
In lieu of flowers, donations to the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation would be welcome.
Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at lynnstonefuneralhome.com



TRAVERS, Darryl James Stewart
With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Darryl, who bravely battled diabetes with unwavering courage. Darryl passed away on April 15, 2023, at the age of 41 years. Beloved son of Brian and Betty Travers,
Darryl was a loving father to his children Logan and Alexis. He was a cherished brother to Donna (Adrian) and a dear friend to many. Darryl had a deep passion for Nascar and anything related to the outdoors. He loved hunting and spending time in nature, connecting with the beauty of the world around him. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to honor Darryl's memory. Darryl will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and his memory will forever live on in our hearts.
Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.peacefultransition.ca



RAEDTS, Diane Catherine
May 19, 1954-April 18, 2023
Diane Raedts (nee Dempster) passed away surrounded by her family at Georgian Bay General Hospital on April 18, 2023.
Diane is survived by her husband of 27 years, Steve Raedts, and her children, Sandra Rawn (Kirk McDonald), Mark (Amy) Therrien, Rick (Jennifer) Therrien and her grandchildren, Alexandra Rawn (John Hogan), Melissa Rawn, Jonathan, Justin, Ethan, Joel and Leighton Therrien. Sister of Isabelle (the late Mel) Orser, the late Bill (Anne) Dempster, Brian (Elaine) Dempster, Don (Deirdre) Dempster and aunt of many nieces and nephews.
Visitation will be held at Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale, from 2-4 pm on Friday, April 21st. Funeral Service at 4 pm.
Interment Elmvale Cemetery at a later date.
Following the service friends are invited to the Lion's Club, 1979 Flos Rd 7 West, Elmvale.
The family would appreciate memorial donations to Parkinson Canada, or in support of the terrific care that was shown to Diane and her family, the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation.
Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at lynnstonefuneralhome.com



JOYCE, Kenneth Leslie
Kenneth Joyce died peacefully, in Barrie on April 11, 2023, just shy of his 95th birthday, surrounded by his children and their spouses.
Ken Joyce was born in Toronto, May 3, 1928 to English immigrants John and Winnifred Joyce, brother to Jack jr., Audrey and Doreen. He was raised in central Toronto and started working in the insurance business, immediately out of high school. He soon met Elaine Audrey Roworth, who worked at the same company; He was 19 and she was sixteen! They soon fell in love and, a few years later were married, bought a home, in Scarborough, and, successfully, raised a family of three children. They were married a total of 69.5 years. Elaine died before Ken in February 2021.
Ken's hard work and excellence at negotiating enabled him to grow and prosper as an insurance adjuster in the Guardian Group of insurance companies. After 20 or so years, he left the Guardian Group to join insurance broker Reed, Shaw, Osler (eventually, Reed Stenhouse Ltd. and now AON) as Vice President, Claims. His knowledge of insurance policies and insurance company operating methods, enabled him to excel in assisting clients to obtain the best possible claim payouts on their claims. He loved his job and traveled extensively to help resolve difficult insurance claims. He was a past president of the Ontario Insurance Adjusters Association and was their longest-lived past president.
Although considered city people, Ken and Elaine retired to Horseshoe Valley, Ontario around 1988 and prospered. They built a home and immersed themselves in local activities, including local politics, golf, tennis, and cross-country skiing. Ken particularly enjoyed participating in an ad hoc men's group called "The Rinky-Dinks". He was president of the Horseshoe Valley Property Owners Association and loved to welcome new residents to the area. He also loved jazz music and was a member of a group of jazz aficionados, who met regularly to share music finds. Ken supported Elaine's involvement in the Women's Institute, the Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society and helped her with the lovely flower gardens around their home. Ken is survived by all of his children and their spouses: David Joyce and Carol Teal; Brian and Mary Joyce; Janet Joyce and Michael de la Haye. As well, he is survived by six grandchildren: Anne, Daniel, Megan, Alex, Christopher, and Devin, plus three great-grandchildren, Lane, Emmett, and Edward.
The Joyce family will be forever grateful for the medical care, personal attention and guidance that Dr. David K. Evans provided to Ken and Elaine over the years. Memorial donations to Royal Victoria Hospital and Hospice Simcoe, in lieu of flowers, would be appreciated.

THANK YOU

I would like to say a sincere thank you to my friends, neighbours and family for attending my 90th birthday celebration. Your gifts, cards, phone calls and online wishes were very much appreciated.
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Obituaries



NELSON, Donald Andrew

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Donald Andrew Nelson (91), of Oro-Medonte, on April 9, 2023

Dad's story started in Northern Ontario with Mom, Iola Nelson (Barr) and Dad, Andy Nelson.

The oldest of 13, his siblings Gordon, Ron, Vince, Edgar, Maurice, Cyril, Albert, Laurette, Lorraine, Leona, Germain and Louise were the subject of many of the stories he had of growing up in the north and the hardships overcome.

He lived his life well, and by his terms. Well known in both the stock car racing community and as a valued Ontario Hydro (Hydro One) member he made his mark everywhere. He earned his "Restless One" moniker by always striving to be the best. It is that same spirit he instilled in his children, Donna McFadden (Ron), Darlene Nelson (John), Debra Nelson (John), Dwight Nelson (Michelle) and Dale. He will be missed by Grandchildren Neil, Ryan, David, Brandon, Travis, Hailey, Alannah, Nolan, Abby, Jace, Patty, Jennifer plus numerous Great Grandchildren.

Dad has now joined his Bride, our loving Mom, Dianne, on the other side and he is at peace again. To know that they are together again makes our hearts a little lighter. We will continue to honour and love them. And share stories of them to future generations.

A visitation was held at Lynn-Stone Funeral Home from 6 - 8 pm on Thursday, April 13th.

Funeral Service was in the chapel at the funeral home on Friday at 1 pm.

Private family interment Elmvale Cemetery.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory please consider the Alzheimer Society.



BROCK, Florence Margaret

April 23, 1921 - April 15, 2023

Passed away peacefully at Hillcrest Village Care Centre just one week before her 102nd birthday. Florence Brock (nee Taylor), beloved wife of the late Allison Isaac 'Ike' Brock and cherished sister to the late

Flo Allen of Toronto. Florence was a dear Aunt to many nieces and nephews and a great protector and friend to as many animals as possible. She was born in Toronto, Ontario where she enjoyed the city life and a career in the fashion industry until her late thirties when she met the love of her life, Ike Brock, and moved north! They married in 1961 and Flo came to live with Ike in Wyevalle. What a lucky turn for Wyevalle! Florence was an avid volunteer and loved to help out. Together they were pillars of the community where they worked tirelessly at church suppers and Silent Auctions, whatever the request, they were there to lend a hand!

Aunt Flo and Uncle Ike thoroughly enjoyed living at Bluewater Beach and then later Parry Sound, while spending winters in Florida. Flo loved the sunshine and playing tennis and shuffleboard. She LOVED to fish and enjoyed the water and would never pass up a game of cards. In her more senior years, she moved down from Parry Sound to Elim Retirement Home in Waubashene to be closer to her niece Ellen (Greaves) Bader...and a little later to Hillcrest Village Care Centre in Midland. Ellen visited Aunt Flo regularly and got to know the staff at Hillcrest Village and would dearly like to thank everyone there for all the love and support they showed Aunt Flo over the past 8 years.

Respecting Florence's wish there will not be a service. If you wish to make a donation in her memory know that she would be grateful for donations to Wyevalle United Church - 846 County Road 6 South, Tiny, ON L0L 2T0 (www.wyevalleuc.ca).

Interment will take place at Wyevalle Cemetery.

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PERSI, Maria

January 4, 1940 - April 14, 2023

Maria (Mariann, Ingeborg) Persi was born in Frankfurt Germany on January 4th, 1940 and passed away peacefully at Simcoe Hospice on April 14th.

Maria is survived by: her husband of 61 years, Sam (Serafino) Persi, her children Michael Persi and Michel Persi-Kasper, her Son-in-law Karl Kasper and her grandchildren, Tyler, Luke, Ella, Enzo and Mila.

Maria moved to Elmvale in 1972 to help create one of Simcoe County's greatest family attractions for all to enjoy, the Elmvale Jungle Zoo.

Her warm smile greeted every guest as she would give them helpful hints and reminders.

Ensuring all the plush and souvenirs were neat, tidied and stocked.

Her outstanding knowledge of raising young animals has been passed down through to her grandchildren and has saved many furry lives.

Maria loved to travel whether it was to see the ocean in the Bahamas or the bright lights and ringing bells of the slot machines in Las Vegas and family vacations were always an adventure she enjoyed.

Maria had poise and elegance to her that was admired by many. Her heart filled with kindness and love for all.

She be missed greatly.

A Celebration of Life with be held at Southshore Community Center (205 Lakshore Drive, Barrie) On April 30, 2023 from 1pm to 4pm

Feel free to wear something blue as we celebrate Maria with her favourite colour.

In honour of Maria, donations can be made to Hospice Simcoe.

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



FOODBANK NEWS

Elmvale Food Bank
Elmvale & District
Food Bank is Giving
Back Through a
Caring Community.

Food list of Items Currently Needed

Canned Potatoes
Canned Cream Corn
Cake Mixes
Pudding Mixes
Shampoo
Turkey Gravy
Beef Gravy

The food bank will gratefully accept any donations of food items. When these items are donated it will save them from having to purchase these items.

The Elmvale & District Food Bank continues to receive support from our local communities. We thank Anten Mills for the wonderful donation of food and money from the Easter Eggstravaganza Rabbit Run.
We wish to thank Springwater Libraries for providing gift bags for Mom. These bags each contain items just for “mom” together with a gift certificate provided

by Steelers Restaurant. We thank local businesses and individuals for their support.
This past week was National Volunteer week. Elmvale & District Food Bank is run totally by over 40 volunteers who work throughout the year to make better days for our neighbours who struggle with food insecurity.
Elmvale Tim Hortons has chosen us for their Smile

Cookies Campaign this year. The Smile Cookie Campaign has been moved from September to May. This year the Campaign will run from May 1st-7th. Last year Elmvale Tim Hortons raised \$8,000.80 for the Food Bank. Can we top that???? We live in a very caring community and have lots to smile about! I hope everyone can take the time to put a smile on their face and perhaps share with others.

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