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Elmvalle Maple Syrup Festival 55 Was Booming!!



Photo courtesy of Dylan Huber



April 29th began as a cold, damp day, but it didn't deter thousands of visitors from attending the 55th annual Elmvalle Maple Syrup Festival. The new layout was well received and things flowed smoothly from the pancake house, down Maria Street and into the arena and its grounds.

After a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and local maple syrup, accompanied by fabulous entertainment in our pancake house, the crowds made their way through our vendor area, stopping to browse and purchase items that caught their eye. There were also vendors inside the arena grounds and the arena itself, and the upstairs provided refreshments and a place to warm up and refuel.

The main stage was in its new location beside the arena, and there folks enjoyed our exciting log-sawing and pancake-eating contests and lots more amazing musical entertainment from various local talents. A

small midway and pony rides were included for the youngest of our visitors, and the Sugarbush tour bus transported lots of happy folks to and from Lalonde's Maple Syrup.

The winner for finding the bottle hidden litre of syrup was Lindsey Waldron of Elmvalle.

Congratulations Lindsey. Enjoy your syrup! The bottle was hidden on the table, in front of the little girl on page 49 of the digest.

Even with the damp and cold, our faithful attendees and vendors had a fabulous day. Thank you to visitors from near and far, for making our 55th annual EMSF a success.

The volunteer hours involved in presenting this event are all made worthwhile when we see the happy faces in our pancake house, arena and vendor areas.

All in all, in spite of the inclement weather, the festival was a huge success. It was so good to be back in business after a three year absence and the feedback has been positive and encouraging.

Next year's festival, our 56th, will take place on April 27th, 2024.

Thank you to ALL involved. See you in 2024!

Photos by Doug Jackson

More on the EMSF Festival on Page 12



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Sent to editor May 3, 2023 - **An Open Letter to Springwater Township Council re: Special Council Meeting May 3, 2023 at 3pm**

I urge you to cancel this meeting to avoid incurring any further embarrassment upon yourselves than you already have.

First, you are in violation of your own rules of procedure. This agenda was not issued until Fri. Apr. 28, effectively disenfranchising the citizens you were elected to represent. The request to depute needed to have been filed the day prior to the agenda. Such actions have attempted to silence anyone who had concerns about the agenda.

Second, you are in violation of, at least, the Canadian Bill of Rights, the Ontario Human Rights Code, the Ontario Public Libraries Act, and the Ontario Municipal Act. You do not have the authority to censure or discipline neither the CEO of the Library nor any Library staff or board members. Nor do you have the authority to dictate what programs the Library offers. The Ontario Public Libraries Act was put in place to safeguard communities from egregious acts of interference such as you are attempting to do. You have the authority to accept or decline any budgetary request the library makes which is in excess of the amount determined by the province. You have the authority to appoint to the library board such members of the municipality who have applied to serve in that capacity. Just as you do not have the authority to dictate to the Ontario Provincial Police which particular officers you want serving Springwater, and how they do their job, you cannot exert such control over library staff & programming. The Library Board hires the CEO and, in their governance role, sets policy. The CEO then hires staff and determines programming which aligns with policy. ANY interference in library operations is ultra vires (in other words - beyond the scope of your entitlement) I am equally appalled and incensed with your stonewalling of the rainbow crosswalk. What kind of message are you sending to future voters that their concerns and efforts are neither wanted nor encouraged? Your comments that their fundraising efforts were inadequate were unconscionable. You may have been embarrassed, and rightly so, by having a staff member correct you that the costs of installing the rainbow crosswalk had increased by sevenfold.

Again, your intentions to discipline any staff member is ultra vires. As a Council, you hire the CAO, and entrust the operations, and hiring of staff to that person. Your budget deliberations are the extent of the influence you can exert.

I have spent my adult life working in support of libraries and young people. I cannot find the world to express the disappointment and disdain I feel about your actions attempting to block Drag Queen Storytime and the Rainbow Crosswalk. You are entitled to your own beliefs and opinions, but your rights end where mine begin. Canada is a democracy, not Nazi Germany nor Stalinist Russia.. Encouraging and allowing every member of society to exert their rights and freedoms does not diminish your own.

I urge you to cancel the 3pm meeting you have called for May 3, 2023. I do not want to be embarrassed to live in Springwater Township, nor to have my community become the laughing stock of every other democracy.

by Donna Kenwell BA, MLS

Letter to the Editor of Springwater News - May 7, 2023

I attended a Township of Springwater council meeting on May 3 for the first time since we moved here in 2008. I was there to support our wonderful library. Four council members pushed for a special meeting to discuss two LGBTQ initiatives:

- The Rainbow crosswalk across Elmvale main street. Elmvale high school students had raised funds to contribute.
- Drag Storytime at Elmvale Library - family friendly storytime presented by drag performers. These presentations have been popular in libraries, schools and other venues for years.

Here are my takeaways from the meeting:

1. This special council meeting was unnecessary. The first item could have been easily handled by a short conference call with the interested parties and the

Mayor and CAO. Also two councillors complained that changed budget costs were not communicated to council (original budget approved by council Aug. 2022 just under \$9000, updated to just over \$2000). CAO Schmidt explained that small projects that come in under budget are not routinely reported.

Second item was also outside the responsibility of council. The interested parties should have called councilman Thompson (who is on Library Board) about defined roles and responsibilities of council and library organization. Not sure why such an informed source was bypassed? I was shocked that one councillor suggested defunding and even evicting the libraries!

2. These councillors may be unaware of the planned movement against LGBTQ by the Freedom General group who have orchestrated many angry, threatening and abusive protests against libraries in the last 4 months. (See Globe and Mail report April 23, 2023). Every library affected so far has stood their ground in support of program.

3. I was saddened, confused and embarrassed at the meeting inception and conduct of petitioners. There were young people attending from EDHS and LGBTQ groups. What kind of opinion do they now have of our local representatives?

4. We cannot allow these initiatives to be overruled by the minority. First because I don't want to see our township labeled as bigots and cowards while our neighbouring municipalities valiantly stand up to extremist opposition and angry protests. Secondly, not supporting inclusionary initiatives is a Human Rights Code violation (see p16 which defines Organizational Responsibility). This is the law folks! But I am truly grateful for council members and Mayor Coughlin who supported both initiatives.

Note: actual video of the open session is available on the Springwater Township web site - www.springwater.ca - see council meeting webcasts.

Prepared by Judith Waher - Springwater resident and taxpayer

EMSF would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to Linda Belcourt, editor of the Springwater News, for her generosity and support of our festival and our committee.

The exposure given to our event in this week's newspaper is evidence of the value of our festival to the community. The appreciation that we have received for our efforts makes it all worthwhile. THANK YOU LINDA!!!



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Next BIA community meeting will be Thursday, May 18 @ 5:30pm

For more info: info@elmvaleBIA.ca



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Correction for April 27, 2023 Edition 650
Hillsdale Happenings by Lauren Macinnis. The article was actually written by Hillsdale Public School student writer, Paige Shanahan. Springwater News apologies for this error.

Personal Declaration

Hello. My name is Frank Pesce, hairstylist. I've been a barber for 43 years. I have used Charlie Heather's hair growth product for 4 years and have had all my hair come back. I even gave the product away, to others, to try and they have had 70% to 100% recovery. This product is amazing and I would recommend it to anyone.
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NEWS ON OUR COUNCIL

Rainbow Crosswalk Discussions Continue at Council

By Dominika Zapolnik, Springwater News Reporter
May 8, 2023 - A special meeting of council was called on May 3 to continue the discussion about a rainbow crosswalk initiative in Elmvale which received unanimous support from council at its last regular meeting on April 19, and was originally approved by the previous council.

The meeting was brought forward by petition from Deputy Mayor George Cabral and councillors Danielle Alexander, Phil Fisher, and Anita Moore with the meeting agenda citing “Processes, financial implications, and irregularities respecting original motion” as the reason for the request.

At the previous April 19 regular meeting of council, students from Elmvale District High School’s (EDHS) Gender and Sexual Diversity Club presented a \$1,000 cheque to council to support this initiative. It was at this time that Cabral brought forward questions related to how the cost of the crosswalk went from what he recalled being between \$7,000 and \$,9000 to be shared equally between the township and students, to just over \$2,200.

“The issue that I have is more in the fashion with which the sidewalk (sic) came before council again this year, and it was the process that I think is faulty,” Cabral said at this most recent meeting. “I think staff had an obligation to come before this council and make a presentation to say hey we have a revised number. Unfortunately, that didn't happen, and that is the cause of why we're sitting here today right now.”

“... the township has an annual budget with multiple projects in the budget,” Springwater’s chief administrative officer, Jeff Schmidt commented. “We come in under budget on many of those projects and we don't come back to council on an individual project basis to update you on that so just to clarify that point.”

Coun. Matt Garwood expressed his thanks to the

student delegation and their \$1,000 donation towards the crosswalk initiative. “When we have young members of our community coming to delegate in front of council, I'm sure it's scary ... we should be creating an environment where they feel like they can do that all the time.”

After more discussion, the meeting ended with a resolution brought forward by Cabral and seconded by Fisher that asked “that a report be brought forward regarding the rainbow crosswalk project outlining changes to the costing, original estimates and how they were obtained, timelines and background information relating to the changes being proposed, including correspondence to such items, and that information relating to the construction details, paint equipment, etc. be included in the report.” The resolution passed with Alexander, Cabral, Fisher, and Moore voting in favour of a report coming back to council.

Springwater Council Votes 4-3 in Favour of Supporting Library Programming including Drag Queen Story

During the special meeting, council also continued to discuss the Springwater Public Library programming, including a drag queen story time, which has become a hotly debated topic at council. Council has no oversight or control over library programming, so this was brought forward for discussion by petition from Alexander, Cabral, Fisher, and Moore.

“Well, everyone should know where I stand. I am against drag queen story time. When you talk about inclusivity, I'm sorry my definition of openness and inclusivity does not include having children subjected to this type of thing. Not any time, and not with taxpayer’s dollars. I am totally opposed to it,” Fisher stated.

Coun. Brad Thompson clarified that drag queen story time is actually funded by Friends of the Springwater

Library and not taxation. “So, for those that are so worried about tax dollars, no tax dollars will be used for this event.” Adding that this programming isn’t new, that all libraries in the area have it, and that it is supported by the Simcoe County District School Board.

“These are all very well-educated people. They're people that have the community’s trust in protecting our children. In no way are any of us trying to groom children or harm children in any way at all. And I think that narrative is inappropriate, uncalled for, and there’s no supporting evidence of such information,” Thompson said.

Additional comments of support were offered by Mayor Jennifer Coughlin and Garwood.

“It (drag queen story time) has become divisive. I wish it wasn't. I wish we lived in a world where this was just another event happening ... we need to create an environment or support an environment that is welcoming,” Garwood said. Adding that if it helps just one person, he sees it as worthwhile.

This discussion is a continuation from the April 19 council meeting, when the Springwater Public Library cancelled its regular program update to council citing safety concerns.

“It's not okay with me that the CEO of our library board was threatened, harassed to the point where she needed to have the police involved. That’s not ok with me,” Thompson said.

“I've seen a lot of hateful comments and I've seen a lot of hopeful comments. I would like to let you know that I stand for the hopeful comments,” Thompson added before proposing a motion to support the library and its programming. The motion was carried with 4-3 in favour, with Alexander, Cabral and Fisher voting against supporting it.

EDITORIAL

By: Linda Belcourt

May 8, 2023 - It is with deep regret that I am writing this to inform the residents of the Township of Springwater that council has decided to stop communicating through the Springwater News. I am saddened for you the reader, that this time-honoured tradition of getting your township information will end after the June 22, 2023 edition. Council has decided to use a direct mail option for the Link with a potential budget increase of \$4,973.20 per month for a bi-weekly mailing (or at staff’s discretion for frequency of monthly or bi-weekly as needed).

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“I don't believe we're here to lobby for local businesses, they stand alone. They have their own business practices, and they will live and die by them,” Coun. Phil Fisher stated during the meeting. “I think that our main concern is to reach the vast majority of residents from the north to the south ... the amount of readership of the Springwater paper in at least the south end of the ward is not prevalent, so I believe that going towards a mailer at our discretion ...”

Just as a point of clarification here, when Springwater News did a one readership engagement for the Nest Box Giveaway, the results and postal

codes were tracked showing that the large majority of respondents were from the south end of the Township of Springwater, mainly from Midhurst.

Coun. Matt Garwood questioned the change and asked for clarification of exact numbers before making a decision on communication channels the township should use.

“We currently spend with the Springwater News \$1,841.67 per month, and ... if we went with the 8.5” w x 11” height at 12,000 pieces which is the \$1,295 plus HST plus the cost to actually mail, which would be the \$2,041.60 plus HST, roughly \$3,336.60 plus HST bi-weekly. We are looking at nearing \$7,000 a month in communication with (a) direct mailer. Where right now we're spending \$1,841.67. I completely agree that we should be looking at other alternatives and I think direct mail is a fantastic idea, but I do have deep concerns in regard to completely removing our presence in the Springwater News. I think folks throughout the municipality utilize the paper to figure out what's going on in Springwater Township,” Garwood said.

Editor’s Comments

If we look at last year’s numbers for the Township of Springwater Link printed in the Springwater News, staff placed 16 full one-page and 10 two-page communications. It would seem to me that the

communication will either have a lot less information or will cost a lot more. I agree with Garwood, that council should not be making financial decision without all the actuals of how much it will cost and what will be done.

“We should not be paying for sending the Link to the greater area of Tiny, Tay, and Oro-Medonte and we should not bare this cost,” said Coun. Anita Moore. The facts are that the Springwater News cost for mailing is lower due the volume of distribution to these areas. The cost for mailing neighbourhood mail is \$.163 per piece for Springwater News but would be \$.176 per piece for Township of Springwater for a 12,000 distribution as apposed to 18, 675 distributions. This larger distribution saves the Township of Springwater mailing costs.

I want to assure you, my loyal readers, that Springwater News will continue to support our community and to thrive financially. There are many ways to cut costs. Although not ideal, we are creative, and we will continue to serve our residents as we always have.

I urge you to watch the council meeting. This discussion starts at the 14:00 minute mark. You decide if your voice is being represented by your elected officials.

Regular Meeting of Council – May 3, 2023

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Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Elmvale BIA

Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m.
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Committee of Adjustment

Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Special Council Meeting - Development Charges Background Study Update

Wednesday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

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Trails Master Plan Update Open House

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 4:30-7:30 p.m.
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Details: springwater.ca/TrailsMasterPlan

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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:

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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:

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2. Go to join.zoom.us.
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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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2022-2023 Skate Canada Junior National NextGen Team

Hey Dads!



Photo above: Dana and Nicholas were named to the 2022-2023 Skate Canada Junior National NextGen Team Photo taken by their coaching staff at the Junior Grand Prix in Gdansk Poland.



Photos credit: Photographer, Danielle Earl

In May 2022, Dana and Nicholas were named to the 2022-2023 Skate Canada Junior National NextGen Team and assigned to represent Canada in Ice Dance at their first International Junior Grand Prix (JGP). They competed in the Solidarity Cup in Gdansk Poland in a deep field of twenty-four elite international ice dance teams, placed 10th in Freedance and 12th overall. Dana and Nicholas are proud of their first International Junior Grand Prix, especially as the three medalists at this event qualified for the Junior Grand Prix finals. Their first international assignment was an incredible positive experience for both Dana and Nicholas, that further solidified their passion for Ice Dance and commitment to their partnership. They placed 6th in Junior Ice Dance at the 2023 Canadian National Championships in January 2023 and were named alternates for the Junior World Championships. Based on their success, Dana and Nicholas have been renamed to the Skate Canada 2023-2024 Junior National NextGen Team and look

forward to representing Canada internationally in the upcoming season. Post Nationals, Dana and Nicholas have enjoyed performing and sharing their passion for ice dance in ice shows at local skating clubs: Elmvale SC, Collingwood SC, Mariposa School of Skating and Barrie SC, as well as the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club. Dana and Nicholas both share their love of skating with others by being Pre-Can and CanSkate Program Assistants, helping young children learn to skate at their respective home clubs. As they prepare for their upcoming season, they are enjoying the creative process of new programs and challenging themselves to keep striving to improve and achieve. Dana and Nicholas are appreciative of their entire ice dance coaching team at the Mariposa School of Skating, led by Olympian Mitch Islam, and are inspired by their choreographers Kelly Johnson, Mitch Islam and local Springwater Sports Heritage Hall of Fame inductee and Olympian, Alexandra Paul. Dana and Nicholas are reaching for the stars!!

May 8, 2023 - Are there any hobbies you share with your kids? An intense new hobby recently made its way into our family - Rubik's Cubes. Since gaming systems are unwelcome and despised in our house (by the parental authority figures, at least) this hobby is fine by me. It won't rot your teeth nor your mind.

Did you have a Rubik's Cube when you were a kid? I think they've been around for almost a century. We watched a documentary on it. The first Rubik's Cube was made of wood, believe it or not.

My two oldest boys got Rubik's Cubes about a year ago. Faster than you could say, "Up, Down, Left, Right", they were solving these multi-coloured transforming blocks in under a minute. If your pre-teen boys are anything like mine, once they find something they enjoy doing, they jump in whole hog. The classic "3X3" (nine squares on each side) cube was no longer challenging enough. The boys eventually solved it in less than 40 seconds so they needed a more difficult obstacle. They began to educate me on Rubik's speed cubes, pyramids, triangles, random shapes and bigger cubes - 4X4, 5X5 and the biggest one is literally a giant block 21X21.

I keep reminding the boys that solving a Rubik's Cube isn't exactly an employable skill and they may want to allocate some time to developing their plumbing, electrical or computer programming prowess. Maybe they'll work on those skills a bit more after they turn 12.

Enter competitive Rubik's cubing, otherwise known as "Speed Cubing". If you are as uneducated as I was, you probably didn't know that there are actual cubing competitions all over the world - even in Canada. The best "cubers" compete locally and can move on to the World Championships, hosted by none other than the WCA - World Cube Association. Yep. It's a thing. If you can solve a Rubik's Cube in under 4 seconds you stand a chance to become the next Cubing World Champion.

My 11-year-old son has his eyes on competing someday. He invested in a fancy "stack timer" and his best solve time is now 10.898 seconds. But who's counting? It appears that he is. It may not be an employable skill but perhaps there's some prize money out there to be claimed. Time will tell.

There was a time in my younger years when I could solve a Rubik's cube but not anymore. And certainly not in 10 seconds. There are other things to do now like working and child-rearing. The boys keep trying to show me how to solve the cubes but my elderly eyes have a hard time following the rapid swishes and snaps of their hands manipulating the cubes at warp speed. I try to pay attention. I really do. Dads, let's do our best to get involved in our kids hobbies. After all, time flies. Make every moment count. Maybe we'll run into some of you at a cubing competition someday.

Jason Weening tries to keep up with the hobbies of nine kids and one cute wife. If you're commuting you can listen to mistakes he's made on his new podcast, The LifeGuards Show, at heydads.ca.

I can hear the crowd. I step on the ice and the roar begins. I look up and see all the fans and for each fan their are a thousand others. I have friends, family, sadness and joy in my life and in that respect I am just like you. I also have my demons. I am always accountable to you. My life has been dedicated to this moment from a child's age. Extreme focus, brutal physical endurance, uncompromising stress. You give me the highs I need to be victorious and you have me go through the lowest of lows without forgiveness. I AM A TORONTO LEAFS PLAYER.
by Diane McQuillia, May 4, 2023

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NEWS FROM THE WYEVALE
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Submitted by Karen Moreau,

May 7, 2023 -

Ice Cream Time: Well folks it's coming back real soon. The famous Wyevale Jug City will be back on May 19th 2023. Come and enjoy this famous treat.

News from Wyevale United Church:

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.

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..

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.

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.

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

Birthday for the first half of May

Dawson Truax, Jack Hamelin, Arianne Caston, Heather Webb, Melissa Rawn, Shayne Large, Kevin Moreau, Bill Large, Doug Johnson, Stacey Caston, Norm Crannie,

Reminder the next publishing date will be May 21, 2023

Soldiers' Memorial Hospital
Foundation Appoints Perry Esler
as President and CEO

May 3, 2023 - ORILLIA, ON – Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (Soldiers') Foundation is thrilled to announce that Perry Esler will assume the role of President and CEO.

With over 25 years of experience in the charitable sector, Perry Esler is a seasoned fundraiser and non-profit leader. Throughout his career, he has helped raise over one hundred million dollars for local, national, and international charities.

Dr. Nancy Harris, Chair of the Soldiers' Foundation's Board of Directors, confirmed that Esler will be joining the Foundation's dynamic team on June 15.

"Perry's experience working successfully with hospital Foundations, rare disease research funding groups, and patient advocacy groups will be a great benefit for our hospital and the Orillia region," said Harris.

Esler will be transitioning from his current position as CEO of Defeat Duchenne Canada, a patient advocacy organization based in London, Ontario. As CEO, he helped to grow the organization from a grassroots charity into a federally recognized organization granting more than \$1M annually to Duchenne MD research.

Prior to this, he spent 16 years leading fundraising programs for 170 children's hospitals across Canada and the US as Vice President with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH).

Esler's leadership, strategic planning, and fundraising skills will be an asset to the Soldiers' Foundation as it continues to fundraise and advocate for Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH). In partnership with OSMH, the Soldiers' Foundation supports the health and wellbeing of our community through crucial upgrades to equipment and services.

"I'm excited by the opportunity to help Soldiers' medical experts, health care providers and hospital team achieve their loftiest goals to ensure excellent quality care for patients and families in the Orillia region", Esler said. "I look forward to bringing [Soldiers'] vision to life through the impact of philanthropy."



Springwater Adopts New
Community-Based Strategic Plan

Township of Springwater / April 28, 2023 – To plan for the future needs of Springwater and develop a long-term vision for the municipality, the Township of Springwater has created and adopted a new Community-Based Strategic Plan with a 20-year outlook.

The development of the plan was led by Ottawa-based consulting firm McSweeney & Associates, who worked collaboratively with a steering committee made up of key representatives of the Township's senior management team.

An intensive public consultation process was undertaken to ensure that members of the community had an opportunity to share their thoughts on Springwater's future. The public consultation included one-on-one interviews, a community survey and focus groups.

Five key themes emerged from the public consultation process and form the basis of the following 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 93 community-based actions were developed. These actions provide realistic and feasible steps for the municipality to take in achieving its goals.

"The Township of Springwater will provide progressive leadership and exceptional service delivery to all stakeholders in the community. It will strive to provide for modern sustainable communities that offer services, businesses and required infrastructure to support its residents, while still maintaining its traditions and small-town charm. It will be a green-conscious community with strong environmental policies in place. Springwater will retain its unique place in the world as the community with the purest spring water on Earth."

"Thank you to everyone who played a part in the creation of Springwater's new Community-Based Strategic Plan," says Mayor Jennifer Coughlin. "Together we have created a vision for the future of Springwater and defined the strategic priorities and actions we will take to create a municipality we can all be proud to call home."

"Developing the strategic plan is only the first step taken towards achieving our collective vision," says Jeff Schmidt, Chief Administrative Officer. "Moving forward, staff will work with McSweeney & Associates to draft an implementation plan for the 93 actions identified in the plan to ensure we are meeting our goals and moving the Township forward. The implementation plan will be presented for Council's consideration in the near future."

To follow the progress of the action items or for additional information on the Community-Based Strategic Plan visit www.springwater.ca/OurFuture

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Township Staff at Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival



Photo above L-R: Briana Dean, Brianna Belcourt, Nicole Audette and Jake Burford staff of Township of Springwater at Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival. Thanks for all you do.

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Let's Talk About...
Anaphylactic Reactions

With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Loughheed and Carolyn Glover

An allergic reaction that is anaphylactic usually occurs within minutes of being exposed to an allergen, but sometimes takes several hours. Signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis include: swelling of lips, tongue or throat, shortness of breath, trouble breathing, dizziness, fainting, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, rapid or weak pulse, hives and itching.

REMEMBER:

- Do not ignore early symptoms. Always take a possible reaction seriously and act quickly. Anaphylaxis can occur without skin symptoms or hives
- Not every reaction will always look the same; a person can have different symptoms each time. It can be worse with subsequent exposure
- A child may describe their symptoms differently than an adult

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by Annie Warner Donnelly



May 7, 2023 - Research says that our brain may not be fully developed until we become 25 years old; the pre-frontal cortex is the last part to develop. This is important information because the pre-frontal cortex is where executive functions like reasoning, problem solving, comprehension, impulse-control, creativity and perseverance are located.

Being wounded by words and actions - having our hearts broken - before these executive functions are fully developed, leads to difficulties as we become adults; we can see how children suffer when we expect more from them than their brains can deliver.

Pastor Emile Maxi has written a book called, *The Will to Heal: A self-care guide to reflecting, resolving, and embracing our past, present, and future, with clear advice, faith, and expertise.* He reveals these difficulties in his introduction.



“... often the ones who shattered them (our hopes and dreams) are the ones closest to us, the ones we admire the most, the ones we care for the most. Why? Because when the heart loves, it pours out love unreservedly; therefore, when it gives so much and receives nothing or very little in return, it bleeds out tears of pain to relieve itself of the emotional hurts. It may even be scarred for life unless something is done about it.

When the heart is broken, the mind becomes confused. This state of mind-confusion results in the lack of mental clarity, an intellectual fogginess, and an inability to do what the mind was created to do—think positively and act rationally. The heart-and-mind symbiotic relationship is so complex that when one gets hurt, the other feels the pain. When one is sick, the other is sick also.


Therefore, you must heal your heart from emotional pain before you can heal the mind. Life’s disappointments leave us broken, bewildered, and emotionally sick. They leave emotional scars printed on every fiber of our beings and affect us far beyond explanation. They impact our ability to trust, love, be assertive, explore, and live life to its fullest.

These heart-and-mind issues lead to constant emotional pain and unresolved grief, which then leads to anger, unforgiveness, resentment, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, and social issues that affect the very foundation of life—our families, our society, and our world ...

These unresolved griefs take away our sense of joy and happiness. Since we can’t give what we don’t have, we become unable to contribute to the joy and happiness of others ... Our ability to trust, love and care for one another vanishes.”

Pastor Maxi’s book is anchored in faith in a loving God. It offers hope and inspiration as well as practical exercises, real-life examples, and personal anecdotes, all designed to show us how to access healing and thrive while pursuing our hopes and dreams.

The book’s title “*The Will to Heal*” leads us to that all important question, “Do we want to be well?” If your heart is saying “yes”, this book could be for you. May God guide you as you think about this. Amen.



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Rose’s Devotions by Rosy Hagedorn

God’s Handiwork is Everywhere

May 7, 2023 - Romans 1:20 – For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. (NASB)

Have you ever examined the seed head of a dandelion before you puckered your lips together, blew, and watched its seeds scatter and rise into the air to fly away?

Have you ever seen a double rainbow? Or have you ever examined a snowflake that landed on your window sill? How intricate and perfect its design is, and yet each one is distinct from the others.

Have you ever looked at a sunset and felt content and at peace? Or have you ever listened to the waves as they caressed the shore in the moonlight? It's almost like a crescendo of voices praising their Creator.

Have you ever gone outside into your backyard at night, looked up and beheld the trillions upon trillions of stars that light up the night sky? Or have you ever been fortunate enough to see the northern lights? Living and moving brush strokes of red, green, blue, and violet colours dance across the night

Communication and Emotional Quicksand

Apr. 30, 2023 - There is an interesting phenomenon that often occurs in communication when two people are having a disagreement. They disagree, of course, because each one has a different point of view. Ideally, the next step would be for each to express their own viewpoint, and really listen to understand the perspective of the other. Having done this, the next step would be to focus on solutions that incorporate the needs of both parties.

Too often the communication never gets to this stage. Rather, it becomes like a ping-pong game, in which the opponent’s opinions or comments are immediately rejected or tossed back. Frustrated at not being understood, each side becomes more intense, more vocal, perhaps even derogatory or insulting.

Somewhere along the way the initial subject of discussion is lost, and it becomes individuals battling with each other instead of arguing a point. At this stage additional points of contention, unrelated to the original issue, are thrown in at random, adding more fuel to an already out of control fire.

The participants are now entering into a zone that I call ‘emotional quicksand’. I use this term, because the more one struggles, the deeper one sinks. Let’s look at an example. A wife tells her husband that she is feeling stressed and overwhelmed. (She wants him to hug her, give her sympathy and ask what he can do to help.) Instead, he replies by saying that he’s just as stressed as she is and doesn’t need her stuff as well. This makes her feel even more overwhelmed and resentful. Or he comes home and says he had a

sky. No one really understands how these auroras are produced. They are just another work of God, sharing His handiwork with His children.

Psalm 19:1 – The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. (NASB)

God's handiwork and His footprints are all around us. But His goodness, love, and mercy are best seen in the revelation contained in His Word, the Bible. There we see the intricate preparations laid for the greatest revelation of His love in His Son. Jesus said:

John 15:13 – Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (NASB)

The best part is that through thick and thin, we can count on God's love revealed and declared in Jesus always being with all of us who are His beloved brothers and sisters:

Hebrews 13:5b – He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." (NASB)

Prayer: Father, everywhere we go, we see Your handiwork: in the sunrise, in the sunset, and the art work on the seashore created by the rolling waves. We see Your handiwork in the tiny snowflakes and the ice formations on a window pane. Thank You for showing us in Your Word that You are with us always. Amen.

hard day, and she replies that she’d trade jobs with him any day.

In both cases a request for support is rebuffed and replaced with the responders own concern. A teenager says he does not feel appreciated in the family, and a parent responds with a comment implying that if the teen did more, then there might be something to appreciate. In this instance there is both a rebuff and an added insult.

In all of these instances, one person is calling out, and their plea for understanding is shut down. Of course there will be hurt and anger, and the relationship deteriorates a little more. The more that the argument is debated, the worse everyone is going to feel. The more of these arguments they have, the more difficult it is to create a healthy relationship. The more unhealthy the relationship, the more likely it is to die.

Because it is so hard to get out of ‘emotional quicksand’, it is important to learn how to avoid it in the first place. Sometimes if you just stop the struggle for a bit, you can halt the downward process and find a way out. Other times, you need assistance in the form of professional help. The worst thing you can do is to continue the process that got you there in the first place.

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Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother’s Day is the early Christian festival known as “Mothering Sunday.”



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Residents Concerned About Canada's Broken Bail System

May 1, 2023 - After a wave of violence and rising crime rates, I've heard from many residents who are concerned about Canada's broken bail system.

The Liberals have made life easier for violent criminals by repealing mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes with Bill C-5, have made it easier to get bail with Bill C-75, and have failed to stop the flow of illegal crime guns across the US border. The result of this failed policy is clear; Violent crime has increased by 32% and gang-related murders have nearly doubled since 2015.

OPP commissioner Thomas Carrique stated recently in a letter to the Federal government that "a minority of offenders commit most of the crime in Canada, and the chronic nature of re-offending by these individuals is not adequately recognized in current bail and sentencing practices."

Under the Liberal government's justice laws, violent offenders are thrown back on the street, sometimes in the same hour of their arrest. This catch and release system puts the public at risk.

Earlier this year, all 13 Premiers, as well as the major police associations from Canada's largest cities, called on the Trudeau Liberals to reform Canada's bail system. The Liberals continue to ignore these

calls.

On February 2nd, my Conservative colleagues put forward a motion that would have strengthened Canada's bail laws, however, the Liberal party voted against it. The Liberal government also will not commit to supporting a Conservative Private Member's Bill that would make it harder for people who commit violent offences with a firearm to be released on bail.

I will continue to advocate for harsh bail rules that will ensure violent offenders remain behind bars as they await trial, and if convicted are incarcerated for many years.

I would like to thank all residents who reached out to my office about this important issue. A Conservative government will do what is necessary to keep repeat violent offenders where they belong – behind bars.

As always, my constituency office is available to assist you with any matters related to the federal government. Please contact my office for assistance.

Sincerely,

Doug Shipley

Member of Parliament

Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte



May 5, 2023 - On April 6th our community suffered a great loss with the sudden passing of Dr. Tim Henshaw. Those that were lucky enough to have crossed paths with Dr. Tim, would have experienced firsthand the kindness and joy he showed everyone. He was known around our community for his work advocating for dairy farmers, as well as his role as a trusted and beloved veterinarian. On top of his professional achievements, as a teacher, mentor, and leader in the farming industry, Dr. Tim shared his passion for dairy farming through his infamous online presence where his personality and knowledge shone through.

Dr. Tim was admired for his selflessness and willingness to give to others, and he could always be found with a smile on his face. The laughter and sense of humor he brought to every scenario will always be remembered. With many years dedicated to the dairy industry across the country and with the Simcoe County Holstein Club, Dr. Tim will be remembered most for his outright kindness and compassion to all, people and animals alike.

My thoughts are with Dr. Tim's family and many friends in the community at this time, he will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Sincerely,

Doug Shipley

Member of Parliament

Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte

Doug Shipley, MP at the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival



Photo above L-R: Lyla Hewitt, volunteer from the crowd, Doug Shipley, MP, Doug Kirton, running saw log contest and volunteer of many thing Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival, Owen Knight, volunteer from the crowd, and OPP Superintendent Mike Stoddart.

Doug Shipley, MP was at the Elmvale Maple Syrup and enjoyed the log saw contest with OPP Superintendent Mike Stoddart. They came in seventh place. Lyla and Owen, volunteers from the crowd, helped give out some souvenirs to the crowd watching. Doug stated, "It is always fun to be here. It's fun part of the job to enjoy the great community spirit."

The May Court Club of Barrie Proudly Presented \$40,000 to the Community

May 5, 2023 - The May Court Club of Barrie proudly presented \$40,000 to the community. Mayor Alex Nuttall gave the Club a thank you from the City of Barrie along with Councillor Amy Courser (Ward 4).

The May Court Club of Barrie current President Bev Jackson and Past-President Anne Wilson graciously presented the nine charity recipients with their individual cheques.



Photo Front Row: Past-President Anne Wilson, Hillary Thomas of the Down Syndrome Association of Simcoe County, President Bev Jackson, Lucy Gowers of Youth Haven Barrie, Leah VanDyke of The VanDyck Foundation - Fresh Food Weekly, Councillor Amy Courser- Ward 4, Rhonda Kent of Redwood Park Communities, Middle Row: Hilary Pride of Seasons Centre for Grieving Children, Mara Manzato of March of Dimes Canada, Lisa Spinks of Seasons Centre for Grieving Children, Kerry Ploughman of Samaritan House, Theresa Morrison of Bridget's Bunnies Pregnancy and Infant Loss Foundation, Back Row: Jamie Staring of YouthReach, Jennifer Nightingale of May Court, Rosemary Johnston of May Court, Debra Rzeplinski of May Court, Mayor Alex Nuttall, Lenore Hamley of May Court. (Photo taken by Marianne Schall, Publicity Volunteer)



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GBGH Opens Doors to Potential New Team Members with Hiring Event



Photo above: The 2 East inpatient unit at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is one of many departments actively seeking new team members to complete its staffing complement. Anyone who would like to pursue a position with GBGH or are interested in a casual conversation to learn more about the hospital are welcome to attend an Open House and Hiring Event May 16 and 17. Details are available on the hospital's website - <https://gbgh.on.ca/join-our-teams/recruitment-process/>.

May 4, 2023 – In its ongoing efforts to recruit talented professionals to join its team of highly skilled professionals, Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is hosting an Open House and Hiring Event on Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to pursue a position with GBGH or is interested in a casual conversation to learn more about the hospital is welcome to attend. Interviews – either informational or specific to a position - will be available in-person and virtually. “GBGH’s consistent priority is to have our hospital function with a full staff complement, but that has become challenging since the beginning of the pandemic,” says Angela Wiggins, vice president, People & Culture and chief human resources officer, GBGH. “We’ve been successful in recruiting for some areas of the hospital which have traditionally been difficult positions to fill, such as Pharmacy and Environmental Services. We’ve also been able to hire 27 nurses in the past six months, yet we still encounter health human resource shortages and are continually seeking creative ways to effectively recruit. Through this Open House and Hiring Event, we are specifically looking to recruit for the Lab and Security, as well as nurses and personal support workers for inpatient units, Emergency and critical care, but welcome the opportunity to speak with any individual interested in our organization.”

Candidates who attend in person will also have an opportunity to tour the hospital, learn more about its culture as a learning organization, and hear about the GBGH work-life experience directly from the ‘Crew’ of current team members. Additionally, there is no résumé required to be interviewed.

Interviews will be available in person on a drop-in basis or scheduled virtually (register here for virtual – <https://forms.office.com/r/ANDrsnZQJY>) with candidates’ potential leaders. Having leaders present and engaged in the interview process during the event enables hospital leadership to make timely decisions about hiring. Successful candidates will leave the event with a job offer for their consideration.

To provide potential candidates with some insight into the hospital leading up to the event, GBGH will profile some of the departments and leaders overseeing the areas of focus for recruitment. This information can be found on GBGH’s social media channels between now and the event.

- Facebook - @GeorgianBayGeneralHospital
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- Instagram – gbghmidland
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Springwater Township Public Library Wins First Place TD Summer Reading Award



Photo above: We WON!!!! Last week, Springwater Public Library accepted a National Award for the 2022 TD Summer Reading Program! Staff member Amanda is pictured above, second from the left with our first prize plaque. This across Canada contest has three tiers of awards and Springwater was selected as the Grand First Prize winner for their hybrid programming with both in branch and online programming available to over 367 participants in our community. We are thrilled to be the recipients of this amazing award. Watch for details in early June to register for this year's TD Summer Reading Program!

by Jodie Player Delgado

May 5, 2023 - Springwater Township Public Library (STPL) is happy to announce that they received First Place in the annual TD Summer Reading Club Library Awards. The awards are given out to libraries across Canada to recognize and reward the most innovative and effective TD Summer Reading Programs.

The Summer Reading program at STPL was a mixture of face-to-face programs and videos. Children used the ReadSquared app to track their reading with 367 children reading for 155,946 minutes. They also created 57 book reviews, attended Family Reading nights at parks in Elmvale and Midhurst, attended programs at all the branches and watched storytime and programming videos online.

STPL's Children and Youth Librarian Amanda Hodgkinson was awarded the prize at the Saskatchewan Library Association Conference in Saskatoon. Ginger Tsang was responsible for the editing and animations of the video programs and was in attendance for the award presentation. The TD Summer Reading Award covered most of the costs of attending the award presentation. The award comprises of a plaque and \$8,000 for use in the children's area of the library.

Amanda says “We are completely overwhelmed with happiness and it's wonderful to see our amazing programs getting the recognition and appreciation they deserve. It's very validating for all the staff who worked hard to create our summer program and our community is worth it!”

The TD Summer Reading Club Program and Awards are sponsored by TD Bank Group.

More information will be available about STPL's 2023 Summer Reading program in June.

Please contact for more information:

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

Seed Library

Springwater Library is introducing our first ever seed libraries at Midhurst and Elmvale 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!

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.

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 Elmvale library Fridays at 1:30pm. Registration required.

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 Elmvale Branch Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm-6pm. These appointments are for one person at a time.

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 May 12 at Midhurst Branch, 3:30pm.

Guest Speaker: Poland Relief Effort

At the onset of the war in Ukraine, Tony, a former Federal Public Servant and lecturer at York University flew to Poland to provide humanitarian aid to the Ukraine. He is with us for one-night only to share his amazing story about his time in Poland. Tuesday May 16, 6:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Registration is required.

Closed Victoria Day Holiday

Please note all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed on Monday May 22 in observance of the Victoria Day Holiday. We will reopen to regular hours on Tuesday May 23.

Attention: High School Students and Parents

In partnership with Georgian College, we invite high school students and their parents for an information night covering the topics: What is OSAP and how to apply, where to find grants, bursaries and funding as well as tips on how to manage student debt and financial stress. Thursday May 25, 6pm at Elmvale Branch. Registration required.

Spring Craft

Join us at the library and make a creative beaded keychain. This program will be offered as a drop-in program and available while supplies last. Friday May 26 at Elmvale Branch at 3:30pm.

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Water and Birds

May 7, 2023 - Water is the lifeline of all life on Earth. The United States Geological Survey shows 71 of Earth is covered in water. 96.54 % is salt water found in oceans. And a mere 1.69 % is ground water while less than 1% is found in lakes.

David Suzuki, our world renowned Canadian environmentalist and scientist constantly reminds us, "Water is Life."

The theme this year for World Migratory Bird Day on May 13 is "Water - Sustaining Bird Life."

The Audubon Society reports the value of birds cannot be overstated. Many birds in tropical countries pollinate your favourite fruit. Here in Ontario the ruby-throated hummingbird is a master pollinator as it's long beak can reach down into long-throated flowers. We can help ruby-throated hummingbirds thrive, by planting red flowers and hanging up hummingbird feeders. You can also help birds by installing a bird bath with a fountain as birds are attracted to moving water.

Birds droppings known as guano have been recognized as important fertilizer from very early times. The nitrogen in sea bird droppings has been especially helpful in promoting the growth of native plants on barren landscapes.

The regrowth of forests are boosted by the tree seeds found in the droppings of birds as they fly across our vast land.

Science Daily reports birds around the world eat 400 to 500 million metric tonnes of beetles, flies, ants, moths, aphids, grasshoppers, crickets and other arthropods per year. This pest eating service adds billions to the economy every year.

Vultures perform a valuable service by eating dead animals. Since vultures rarely come in contact with humans, vultures serve as a barrier to prevent diseases from proliferating in dead animals and spreading to humans. A serious decline in vulture populations has resulted in feral dogs in many countries eating carrion and spreading deadly rabies.

Lake Simcoe Region Authority tell us Lake Simcoe supports an astounding 141 different species of birds.

Soon millions of birds will be migrating north and they all depend on an ecologically healthy aquatic ecosystems to keep them healthy and strong. Unfortunately, Lake Simcoe faces a number of detriments impacting its ecological health.

One major challenge facing Lake Simcoe is algae bloom triggered by too much phosphorus and nitrogen entering the watershed. Recently, a

study demonstrated that algae bloom, as well as, killing cold water fish such as trout and herring, also jeopardizes the health and life expectancy of songbirds by compromising their immune systems, reproductive rates, and contributing to weight loss. Importantly, algae bloom is particularly harmful to migrating birds on their long and arduous journeys north.

Residents can help reduce algae bloom by avoiding the use of chemical fertilizers, rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, on their lawns.

LSRCA reports Lake Simcoe also faces another existential threat.

Excessive road, parking lots, and sidewalk salt is entering Lake Simcoe at an alarming rate. Right now models indicate that 64% of plant and animal life are detrimentally impacted by salt contamination. LSRCA warn us if salt concentrations continue to increase at the current rates, by 2110 we will exceed the chronic exposure guidelines.

When a lake's salt concentration keeps increasing, the sources of food for wildlife including migratory birds decrease. Only, marine birds have built-in water desalination systems. Too much salt will eventually weaken and kill non-marine birds. As insect eating birds die off, we will see an increase in mosquitoes.

There are alternatives to salt, such as, using brine salt and beet juice to de-ice roads. Here in Barrie the good news is the City uses salt brine and molasses quite successfully on arterial roads while sanding other roads.

To reduce the amount of salt being used, residents and municipalities can work together by applying best practices that have been developed. Here in the Lake Simcoe watershed, many owners of large parking lots and snow plow operators have been trained in the "Smart About Salt" program developed by the University of Waterloo.

Finally, as residents of a Bird Friendly City, we can all take actions

by writing to our government representative, and join one of the following organizations such as Nature Barrie, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, Living Green, and AWARE.

On Saturday, May 13 World Migratory Bird Day, Nature Barrie will be hosting a Nature Barrie Bird Walk – starting at the Spirit Catcher from 10:30 to 12, rain or shine.

Register at jcoey@rogers.com.

by Gwen Petreman

Native Tree and Shrub Seedlings Available at Annual Arbor Day Tree Sale

UTOPIA, Ontario (May 2, 2023) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is hosting its annual Arbor Day Tree Sale at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation on May 13, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or until sold out.



The trees are bare root stock, and are sold in bundles of 10 for \$31 per bundle. This year's sale features a variety native of trees and shrubs, including: White Pine, Red Pine, White Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Cedar, Tamarack, European Larch, Red Oak, Silver Maple, Sycamore, Black Walnut, Nannyberry

and American Highbush Cranberry. Quantities are limited and available on a first come first serve basis.

"NVCA's Arbor Day Tree Sale is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to enhance the native ecosystems on their property," said Rick Grillmayer, Manager of Forestry at NVCA. "The tree sale is perfect for landowners that don't have the space to plant acres of trees."

All proceeds from the event support NVCA's forestry program. This year, the forestry program will see more than 100,000 trees planted across the watershed. These future forests will help to moderate the effects of both drought and flooding, reduce soil erosion, provide habitat for wildlife and mitigate climate change. They are also an important economic resource by providing wood fibres.

"We typically sell half of our trees in the first hour," continued Grillmayer. "I invite everyone to come early, since there are lineups well before the event begins!"

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation is located at 8195 8th Line of Essa, 10 minutes away from Barrie, Innisfil and Angus.

For more information on the Arbor Day Tree Sale, visit nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479.

Update From Doug Downey MPP

Ontario Strengthening Supports to Combat Hate and Create Safer Communities

May 8, 2023 - The Ontario government is investing \$25.5 million over two years to help address the rise of hate incidents against religious and minority groups. The new Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant will help faith-based and cultural organizations enhance or implement measures to ensure community spaces remain safe and secure.

The province has long believed that no Ontarian should live in fear that they will be targeted due to their background, who they love, or how they worship. This investment helps build on the province's mandate to combat hate, and will help build stronger, safer and more inclusive communities where everyone has a safe environment to practice their faith and express their culture and beliefs.

The Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant will provide up to \$10,000 to help religious groups, Indigenous communities and cultural communities better protect and secure their facilities from hate-motivated incidents, graffiti, vandalism or other damage. Grant funding can be used for things such as building upgrades, enhancing locks, installing cameras, training staff, completing security assessments, introducing safer cybersecurity measures, hiring short-term professional security personnel and making repairs.

This grant helps to address the most targeted groups of hate crimes from recent years, including Indigenous, Black, Muslim, Jewish and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. In 2021 alone, over 1,500 police-related hate crimes were reported in Ontario.

Since 2021, the government has allocated \$40 million through the Ontario Grant to Support Anti-Hate Security Measures for Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations. The redesigned Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant will now cover the cost of additional prevention and capacity building measures, and allows for more organizations to apply.

Eligible organizations include:

- Religious and spiritual communities (e.g., mosques, synagogues, temples, churches, etc.)
- First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and urban Indigenous organizations
- Cultural groups (e.g., 2SLGBTQIA+ groups, Black, Asian and other diverse organizations offering programs, workshops and ceremonies that promote their communities' cultures)

Applications for the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant will open in summer 2023.

The Ontario Grant to Support Anti-Hate Security Measures for Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations provided funding to more than 1,200 faith-based and cultural organizations to protect communities from hate. Ontario invested an additional \$1.6 million in the Anti-Racism Anti-Hate grant to support 25 additional projects. Through this grant, the Province has supported a total of 82 community projects to increase public education and awareness through the impacts of racism and hate.

The Ontario government is investing more than \$1.5 million through the 2022-2024 Safer and Vital Communities Grant program. This funding will help 17 community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nation Chiefs and Band Councils, support projects that prevent online hate crime, human trafficking and fraud.

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Are you an organization or non profit group in the Elmvale area looking for financial assistance with a community project? You're invited to submit a letter of request to burgleri1953@gmail.com by May15, 2023 for consideration

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Men's 2023 Log Sawing Competition

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- 2nd: County of Simcoe, Warden Basil Clarke & Counc. Stephen Walma
- 3rd: Town of Midland, Mayor Bill Gordon & Chris McPherson
- 4th: Township of Tiny, Mayor David Evans & Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins
- 5th: Town of Penetanguishene, Mayor Doug Rawson & Deputy Mayor LaRose
- 6th: Township of Springwater, Counc. Garwood & Counc. Fisher
- 7th: MP Barrie, Springwater, Oro-Medonte & OPP, Doug Shipley, MP & OPP Super. Mike Stoddart
- 8th: City of Barrie, Mayor Alex Nuttall & Deputy Mayor Robert Thomson
- 9th: Township of Springwater, Counc. Thompson & Deputy Mayor Cabral
- 10th: MPP Barrie, Springwater, Oro-Medonte, Doug Downey, MPP & Janine Peck
- 11th: Town of Collingwood, Mayor Yvonne Hamlin & Rob Wachter

Ladies 2023 Log Sawing Competition

- 1st: Township of Springwater, Counc. Moore & Counc. Alexander
- 2nd: SCDSB & Township of Springwater, Trustee Liz Grummett & Mayor Coughlin

Pancake House



Photo above: Mayor Coughlin, Township of Springwater Mayor and contest organizer Doug Kirton present Men's Division trophy to New Tecumseth Team, Counc. Alan Masters & Counc. Chris Roppin and to the Ladies Division trophy to Township of Springwater Team, Counc. Moore & Counc. Alexander



Photo above: Thanks to Tom McGinnis and Doug Kirton for running the event. Great job!

Pancake Eating Contest



Photo above L-R: James Doan, 1st Place in Fire Fighters Challenge Pancake eating contest. Open Pancake Eating Contest winner was Vanessa Vrontzo.



Photo above: on far right, Lion Linda Belcourt congratulates everyone that beat her in the Pancake Eating Contest. That would be everyone!



Photo above: The Mugs on stage outside of arena.

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Classic Jack’s, Back in Business!

May 8, 2023 - It started in 2012 – a monumental moment that would prove to shape our lives and our family in the BEST way! And, this past weekend, starting May 6th, 2023, our lives forever changed – again.

My husband, Tim and I began our retail ventures back in 2002 with our fledgling store, The Perfect Gift located in the Bayfield Mall. At that time, we had a host of beautiful product: from Polish handblown glass to replica medieval swords. It turns out – glass giftware just wasn’t the pull – the swords were! After discovering this dynamic and unique market, we promptly shut down The Perfect Gift, and reopened a month later as The Art of Warriors; selling all manner of movie replica weaponry that graced the big screen in movies like Lord of The Rings, Braveheart & The Last Samurai, we did not limit our product offering just to replicas. We also sold martial arts practice weapons along with hunting and practical survival gear.

In addition to our brick and mortar business home, we often participated in events all over Ontario; conventions, outdoor markets and various Highland Games, selling our products on the fly in an ingenious travelling roadshow developed by my husband. Much of the time, he hit the road and I ran the storefront; a busy life to be sure, but worth the education and connections we made in light of everything to come!

Given that the internet can be friend or foe, it turned out to be a bitter sweet relationship with The Art of Warriors. While it allowed people to see the same products we were selling online, very quickly we were finding that online only stores were becoming the main supply to consumers for that type of product. Knowing that, we turned our efforts to selling at conventions and events only.

Five years later, we decided to rent this wonderful gem of a retail space in the heart of lovely Elmvale! A working office for our painting and contracting business (lots of irons in the fire), and a place to store and showcase all of our retail goods while we waited for summer shows! Tim came up with the name. He managed to parlay ALL of our names (except his – his decision) into the name: Jack’s On Queen. J – Jack, A – Adam & Arlene, C – Colton, K- Kimberley. And of course, it’s located at 18 Queen Street West. In addition to the replicas we sold, we added some additions of comic books, games and other types of movie and pop-culture memorabilia. We opened with some limited hours and never expected what happened – to happen!

IT EXPLODED – into table top gaming, crafting, fundraising events, and generally, just having some good, clean fun, playing games and getting to know one another! What is table top gaming, besides just sitting down with a box of Monopoly? Well, let me expand: Tsuro, Red Dragon Inn, Fluxx, Epic Spell Wars (some of my favourite board games); Magic: The Gathering, Pokemon, Dungeons & Dragons, 40K, Age of Sigmar – to name just a few.

People from all over Simcoe, Muskoka and even some City Folk have donned our door over the years and we are so very grateful to have heard our store’s name referenced as far as Niagara-on-the-Lake. Truly, we are so very thankful for the Community of Players we have come to know and love.

When we say that we know and love this Community – that is NO idle comment, no lightly peppered false adoration for those who have become our Friends. It is heartfelt, earnest and this Community has brought a profound sense of meaning to our existence as a family. Part of what has made it so special is that this space is not just merely a place to laugh and have fun, but we have found ourselves to sometimes be host to those who need a friend; sometimes those who may be marginalized or ignored anywhere else – only to find that they are some of the most beautiful people, the kindest people, the most engaging people, we’ve ever met. This is not just your average event space – this is a SPECIAL place. And it is the people who walk through our doors to visit with us who make it so. We are blessed & privileged to call each member our Friend.



During those years, there were always those who we became particularly close with, and continue to be so. An excellent example is our new partner in gaming, Shane Cloutier. Shane is a professional musician, who both records his own music, and teaches guitar, ukele, and bass. He’s incredibly talented! Shane and his 4 children often came to Jack’s on Queen to spend a Saturday or Sunday playing Magic: The Gathering, or DnD. The kids really held a special place in MY heart – they are, each one of them, tremendously bright, unique and endearing. We enjoyed getting to know Shane, and later his wife Lydia, and it turns out that not only were they excellent customers, they became very special friends! I think one of the favourite things we like to do together is LAUGH!

However, in 2020, the world changed abruptly, laughter in short supply – for everyone. Tim and I decided that with all of our other business interests, and with COVID introducing the need for various types of adjustments to the way stores like ours should operate, and not having the resources to do that component justice, we decided to pass the torch on to someone new who would be able to bring all of those needs along side and serve this great Community. And we found that person in Matt Manuel. We had worked with Matt in various capacities over the years, but the most crucial part of that decision was he had also been a customer at Jack’s On Queen, and possesses one of the most well respected reputations in the area. We were delighted that he was interested and we knew that the legacy we wanted to leave behind was safe in his hands: be kind, be patient, accept others, START from a place of respect, love others.

I must admit, I shall say this now – I did have concerns about losing touch with many of those who became our friends. Looking back, we may not have spoken a lot, but it didn’t mean we forgot one another, it just meant that a part of our life was just on ‘pause’.

Matt owned and operated Jack’s On Queen AS Jack’s On Queen for quite some time, and for us, we always appreciated that sentiment, but were completely at peace if he wanted to personalize it and make it his own. And in 2022, he did! He changed the name to Alpha Strike Gaming and continued to support this wonderful Community. It was great to be on the CUSTOMER side of the counter; a whole new perspective. It was clear that, to Matt, people are the most important aspect of this kind of an endeavour and he brought a great atmosphere and explored more games. Pokemon League, which didn’t exist at Jack’s on Queen prior, great for the Little People, often averages 8-12 kids attending. The Games Workshop gaming systems (40K & Age of Sigmar) part of the Community, have grown by leaps and bounds since our departure! Matt has done a stellar job of in growing the depth and breadth of who plays in Elmvale!

Little did we know that as the days passed, an opportunity to begin serving this Community again was headed our way. This too, is bitter sweet. Matt, due to some health issues (that being the bitter) decided to step away from ownership of the store. Knowing that he has been wrestling with this issue for some time, we knew that the Community, which also includes Matt, needed to continue to have a space, like Alpha Strike to call their LGS (local game store).

But, we knew we couldn’t go back into this on our own.

With all those irons, and some new ones in the fire, we knew that we could not do this Community justice, nor give it entirely what it needs, with only Tim and myself.

Enter Shane & Lydia, What if...what if we did it together? What if we brought MORE hobbies together under one roof? The games, of course, the crafting, well everyone has fallen in love with painting minis, many discovering it during the throes of COVID. The getting together and just having fun – who doesn’t like to have fun?! But let’s add MUSIC – and music LESSONS! We’re even exploring the option of sports paraphernalia, and MORE! What if we took our family, and your family and we combined our efforts to keep the momentum going - from us, to Matt and back this way again. Could we do that?

Let’s do it TOGETHER.

Shane & Lydia have partnered with us. It’s been a whirlwind. Inside of 30 days we have painted, moved things around, done more moving, then moving again. We’ve brought in guitars & basses - ukele’s forthcoming. Teaching rooms forthcoming. MORE will always be forthcoming.

The question arose about the name. What would we name our returning endeavour? We let Shane make that decision. “Oh, Jack’s On Queen; it has to be. You have no idea how much the store meant to me and my family” And when we talked about the logo, he said “Oh, Classic Jack’s, and all the kids say Classic Jack’s!” Classic Jack’s it is...

You know? It’s funny how often people get confused about the two words ‘gaming’ & ‘community’. In the digital age we live in, many assume that we are a video game bar – people sitting around playing video games, completely engrossed in what they’re doing. Community often denotes roads and buildings with people in them, in a particular space. But we forget how often, we can have a concentrated population of people who don’t know each other, don’t care about each other, and are often, not very nice to each other, but we’ll still call it a community. This is NOT that.

At Jack’s on Queen both the old and the new, we are meant to provide a safe space, a warm embrace of kindness and acceptance. In some ways, a home away from home. Shane, Lydia, Tim & I and our families are dedicated to bringing our very best to the Community who has shown us so much love and loyalty. We are meant to provide a safe place; where loving kindness comes first and playing games mean looking your playmates in the face, shaking hands at the end of the round, and where Community means togetherness, laughter & joy.

In the Jack’s On Queen incarnation of this business, our tag phrase was #comeplay. We are looking to expand that to #comeplayeverything – evening instruments! This weekend, we reopened as Jack’s On Queen. We had a visit from Deputy Mayor Cabral & Councilor Garwood, thank you so very very much, both of you! But they were not the ONLY VIP’s in our store this weekend. The VIP’s were the many players who played in our 40K Tournament, the Little Ones and their parents who came to Pokemon League. It was those we hadn’t seen for 3 years who popped in to say hello – like nothing had ever changed! It was the complete stranger we had never seen before who looked very somber, but the minute we started talking about the tournaments of his particular game of choice we’ll be running, his face lit up – he just might have found a gaming home!

And it’s YOU too Reader. #Comeplay!





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is ready and on the table in no time.

Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

INGREDIENTS

- 1 bunch asparagus ends trimmed, and cut into 1" (2.5 cm) pieces
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 1/2 of a small white onion, minced
- 10 eggs or 1.5 cups (375 ml) chickpea flour (garbanzo bean flour) & 1.5 cups (375 ml) water
- 2/3 cup (167 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese or 1/4 cup (125 ml) nutritional yeast
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) fresh dill, chopped or 1-2 teaspoons (5-10 ml) dried dill
- 1-2 cloves garlic or 1/8 -1/4 teaspoon (0.63-1.25 ml) garlic powder
- salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 375°F/190°C
2. Heat the olive oil in a large cast iron or ovenproof frying pan over medium heat. Add

Did You Know?

Asparagus is packed with nutrients and is a very good source of insoluble fibre, folate and vitamins A, C, E and K. Asparagus also contains the soluble fiber inulin which promotes gut and heart health.

- the onions and cook for about 3 minutes - stirring occasionally - until they soften and turn translucent.
 3. Add the asparagus and sauté 5–10 minutes until slightly softened, but still firm to bite.
 4. In a large mixing bowl, whisk eggs or chickpea flour and water until thoroughly combined. Add the cheese or nutritional yeast, dill, garlic, salt and pepper.
 5. Pour egg mixture over asparagus and onions and cook in the oven until the eggs are set, 20 to 30 minutes.
 6. Invert frittata onto a plate, cut into wedges and serve hot.
- ENJOY!

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Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



Today's hike started out under overcast skies with a soft rain. This fit perfectly with my mood, which was beyond sad and heading into the abysmal. My son and I loaded the two beagles into the car and headed out to the Tiny rail trail

near Perkinsfield. Mr. B was his usual self, nose to the ground and crisscrossing the trail to find tufts of grass to pee on. Betty Boop slowly followed behind, with her back legs trembling with each step and her giant abdomen swinging beneath her ponderously. Our little Boo was in end stage liver failure and had severely damaged hips that could no longer support her, and too often Boo would tumble down our stairs as her hips gave out. Today, with the gentle rain falling around her, she would be able to walk a short twenty five feet before needing to head back. I would look down and see little Boo with her tail wagging as she struggled to manage even a few steps. She never whimpered or complained, just kept on going. It was back to the car, then only a very short ride to the vet.

Betty Boop perked up and became excited at her favorite place in the world, the place of unlimited treats!! What dog doesn't like the vets.... oh wait, there is Mr. B trembling in panic at the thought of having his nails trimmed; what a diva. Today though, we didn't go in the front doors like we usually do, instead we went in the side entrance, into the quiet room with a couch, a blanket on the floor and paw prints in plaster on display. Mr. B paced the room while Betty looked in the corners for treats. Dr. Tiffany came into our small room, the room no pet owner wants to go into. I gently held little Boo while Dr. Tiffany gave her a sedative. As Betty slowly began to sink into the floor, Mr. B. gently licked her face while I pulled her close and spoke softly into her ear, "you are such a good girl, we love you so much". My son and I took turns holding her small little body and crying into her soft red fur until it was time for the final injection. This is when the tears really start, and roll down my cheeks in large rivulets, and I struggle to stifle the large knot in my throat that threatens to choke me with my sorrow. We said goodbye to our little pocket beagle, the little senior rescue who came into our lives a short four years ago, yet who made such a huge impact on our lives. It is so important for families to be there for the last moments of their fur babies, no matter how hard it is on us; we owe them this last moment of comfort.

Back track four years. I already had a charming



and gorgeous senior rescue beagle, Karma, when my husband came across a social media post about a woman who had passed away, and her daughter was trying to place her mom's two ten-year-old beagles. Absolutely not! I repeatedly told my husband that we could not take on two more seniors...and he continued to show me their pictures and tell me how much they needed us. Miss Betty Boop was a pocket beagle with weird eyes and a bark like a seal, while Mr. B. was a large hound from Texas with an extreme fear for rain, wind, and having his nails trimmed! Eventually I caved, as I could not allow these two beagles to be separated after sharing a decade together. This duo joined our home and provided so much love to us over the years. The hardest thing about rescuing seniors, is that the time you have to spend with them is so short. Yet, they give you so much love, as though they are so thankful for letting them live out there last days in a loving home.

Sharing grief with others helps with the loss, in what ever form that loss comes in. There are numerous studies that show that the loss of a pet is as emotionally difficult as the loss of a human. Grief has so many forms and is different for each person. There is no route that you must follow, no script, and no timeline for when you stop grieving.

There can be transference of grief, where the death of a pet can cause emotional reactions that are about past trauma or death that has not been dealt with. Anticipatory grief often occurs with families that have a loved one with a diagnosis of dementia, where families mourn the loss of the person through their dementia progression. Whatever form grief comes in, it is difficult, and scary and so very sad. It may feel suffocating and unbearable. Talk to others, share your grief, share your story, and hopefully find joy in memories.



If you find yourself overwhelmed, there is help. For the loss of a pet the SPCA does offer some counselling options and there are numerous online supports. Hospice Simcoe also offers counselling for pets as well as people. For other losses, there are a variety of supports. CMHA offers support and counselling and can be self-referred through their website. North Simcoe Muskoka Hospice and Palliative Network offers resources and counselling for children and adults. The Catholic Family Services is also another excellent resource. You are not alone, reach out.

A note here, for the fabulous team at Georgian Bay Veterinary services in Perkinsfield. They are amazing and have supported us through our many rescues and our end-of-life care for our beagles. Thanks especially to Dr. Tiffany and to all the team, as we say goodbye to our smallest beagle with the biggest personality. Thank you

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May 7, 2023 - Have you noticed that vehicles don't seem to come to a complete stop at stop signs? While most of the time traffic isn't too busy within the community, it is also noticeable that vehicles do not come to a complete stop when they come to a stop sign, rather they come to a rolling stop. The Highway Traffic Act states that drivers must come to a full and complete stop when they approach a stop sign. There is no definitive definition of a complete stop but police officers and the courts basically rely on evidence that a complete stop means that the wheels on a vehicle are no longer in motion. The question obviously becomes one then of is it worth the 4 or 5 seconds that you may gain by coming to a rolling stop versus the 3 demerit points you earn for several years, the \$110 plus fine and an increase in your insurance rates? Next time you are driving and need to stop at a stop sign give it some thought and remember that there are lots of children in our neighborhood.



Photo above courtesy of OPP
It was nice to see that the OPP have been doing some radar enforcement along Horseshoe Valley Road. Recently they were observed at Wilson with drivers stopped and tickets being written. Waze, the traffic app, had many sightings of the OPP along Horseshoe

May 2, 2023 - I had just confirmed plans with my friend and her daughter, packed the car and headed to see a nesting barred owl on April 20, 2023. As I got to the main road, I got bits of odd messages popping up on my screen...Loon, your area, help... it was 10:48am and I pulled over to the side of the road because I wanted to read the messages.
Oh goodness...change of plans and I messaged my friend. I ask for location and details as I head home to grab supplies, I might need – Rubber fishing net, chest waders x2 (so I can maybe get help but one has a hole), blankets, an old cage (that was donated for moments like this) and my Kevlar gloves to help protect me from injury. I'm not really sure what I'm getting myself into but I want to help, and off I head.
A bit of back story about this loon, is that it was found 2 days ago by Barb and she had no luck getting help from wildlife rescue until she got a hold of her friend Shayna, who contacted Ann, who knew I would help if in the area.

In under an hour of me getting the message I was



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

in the community warning drivers to slow down. OPP also posted on Twitter that Anten Mills would perhaps be a bit calmer for a little while. Hopefully the OPP sees the need to increase traffic enforcement in the community on a more regular basis particularly with the large commercial vehicles that travel the road at an increased speed.
The Sunday morning PlayGroup ended their season on April 30. It reportedly was a huge success as the little ones and their caregivers had an opportunity to meet and have some fun. A big thanks goes out to Crystal and Stephanie who coordinated the group and hopefully late in the fall or early next winter the program will start up again.
As of May 1 ATVS and dirt bikes are again allowed in the County forest along their designated trails. The vehicles need to be licensed, have insurance, trail permit and an approved operator. While these vehicles in the past could use the trail system from Horseshoe Valley Rd to Phelpston, they are no longer permitted along the Rail Trail. Similarly, they are not permitted in any of our community parks. If you have one of these vehicles in your family, it would be a great time to have a discussion with the operators to ensure they know where they may ride and the consequences of not following the rules.
Have you ever had the desire to play or learn more about the sport of Pickleball? This is a sport that is gaining great interest and soon we may have a court available at the community centre. Springwater Township recreation is hosting a 4 week introductory program on Pickleball for those interested. Check the recreation webpage for more information.
This past Sunday, May 7, was the Hospice Simcoe, Hike for Hospice. Several community members participated, raising much needed funds for this very worthy organization. Previously it was noted that Marjan Delong Deller, our local fundraising diva, was gathering donations for the hike. Marjan continued her quest and to date raised over \$15,000, the largest single contribution. Thank you Marjan for your amazing volunteer support and a big thank you to the Anten Mills and area residents who contributed

to this very special event.
In the last column the email address for the Anten Mills Autumn Crafters Fair was incorrect due to spellcheck. For those who are interested in participating as a crafter, the correct email is farmview@on.aibn.com. Roslyn looks forward to hearing from you.
Our community anniversary garden will get its spring cleaning in the coming days. It is growing very well. Additional plants can be used for the parking berm gardens so if you wish to donate some of your perennials, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association.
The CRA held a meeting this past Monday evening and there were a number of items on the agenda. This column is submitted several days prior to the publication of the paper and as a result the next column will share what was discussed. Remember, if you have an interest in proposing an event and are willing to lead it, the CRA shares your enthusiasm and looks forward to working with you.
That's all for this week, THANKS for READING and BE WELL.

Photo below: Hike for Hospice event



Lucky Loon



on location to assessing. Plan A out the window, it was way to deep for chest waders. Then plan B was to use 2 of the neighbours' kayaks but one was a kid kayak, the other a double kayak. We only had kid canoe paddles and once on the water we quickly decided this wasn't going to be successful. We didn't have any other ideas, so decided to clean up and try to get a rescue team.
It was bugging me that I didn't help the loon while I was sitting there trying to figure out the solution. So, to clear my mind I met up with my friend and we saw the owl, no babies yet. It was really bugging me, so on my way home I said I was going to stop by and try something, one more time. Barb's neighbours had seen it on land trying to find bigger water, so it could feed and also taken off from.
A loon isn't meant to walk on land very far, if you watch my loon hatching video you can see how close the nest is to the water. The other thing is they need a lot of water to take off from, at least 90 feet to 1,320 feet. I had a plan that maybe I could help guide it to the bigger water if it wasn't injured.
At 5:36 pm I arrived back at the pond, and the loon was gone! I was told to look around and spotted it on the grass. I geared up, quickly and thought maybe I can grab it with my net even, and release it. At 5:41pm I sent the group a message, I had checked the loon out and released it



in the big pond! It didn't put up much of a fight and I honestly think it said thank you, with it's call as it swam away. To watch this rescue and other exciting videos check my YouTube channel.
Until next time, Stay safe, have fun and enjoy the wildlife! by Jason George



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Georgian Bay Gals That Give

April 25, 2023 -This is the 10th Giving Event! Hard to believe this all began in 2018! The membership have since it's inception given-back \$325,000 to various charities in our community! Isn't that incredible?!

This time around the chosen charity is GBGH! (Georgian Bay General Hospital)



Georgian Bay Gals That Give are a group of like-minded people that are so fortunate to live, work and play in the beautiful area of Georgian Bay, Ontario. We are grounded in a tradition of giving to our community and are motivated and committed to giving back and making a difference to keep our communities strong and vibrant. Gbay Gals Give holds a social twice a year where, as part of being a member, each member is obligated to donate \$200 at each social to the charity chosen by the members.

We give back to our local community.

The process to give requires little time or effort. Before each scheduled social, members are sent an email with a link to participate in a survey to nominate a charity of their choice, should they choose to do so. A second survey is then sent to the members to vote for a charity from all the charities that were submitted. The charity with the greatest number of votes is the charity chosen for that social. Before the social, an email is sent to members identifying the chosen charity and information on how to donate to the charity. Members donate their \$200 directly to the chosen charity, through the methods the charity has provided or at the social. Each member receives a tax receipt for their donation directly from the chosen charity. Once a charity has been chosen and receives donations, it is not eligible for another nomination for four years.

Members are obligated to make a minimum one-year commitment to ensure maximum impact for the giving. Each member is required to make a donation even if they are unable to make the social and regardless which charity was selected. Donations must be made in a timely fashion. Each member

commits to an annual donation of \$400 payable twice per year (\$200 each Spring and Fall). All personal and contact information of members is only used for the purposes for which it is collected.

To get things started the committee voted that the first donation was to the Georgian Bay General Hospital. All subsequent donations are decided by the whole membership. Think of the impact a \$200 per member donation can make when combined with a greater membership.


Eligible charities for nomination must be local within North Simcoe. Nominations may be organizations with a significant need to operate successfully within our community and perhaps receive little or no government funding. Once the charity is chosen, they are not eligible for consideration again for another four years.

To date they have raised over \$328,000 for:
The Georgian Bay General Hospital: \$24,200 on June 7, 2018, Hospice Huronia: \$36,650 on October 15, 2018, Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre: \$33,000 on May 27, 2019, Huronia Transition Homes: \$40,750 on October 21, 2019, The Guesthouse Shelter: \$35,000 on October 19, 2020, CLH Foundation: \$36,800 on May 31, 2021, Hospice Huronia: \$37,200 for October 18, 2021 Virtual Event, Community Reach: \$42,200 for May 30, 2022, Split: Warm and Cozy Childrens Charity \$21,250 and Georgian Bay Food Network \$22,000 for October 3, 2022

Contact us at gbaygalsgive@gmail.com or go on our website www.gbaygalsgive.com for more information. Submitted by Michelle Mink



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.

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4395 Horseshoe Valley Road, Springwater Township

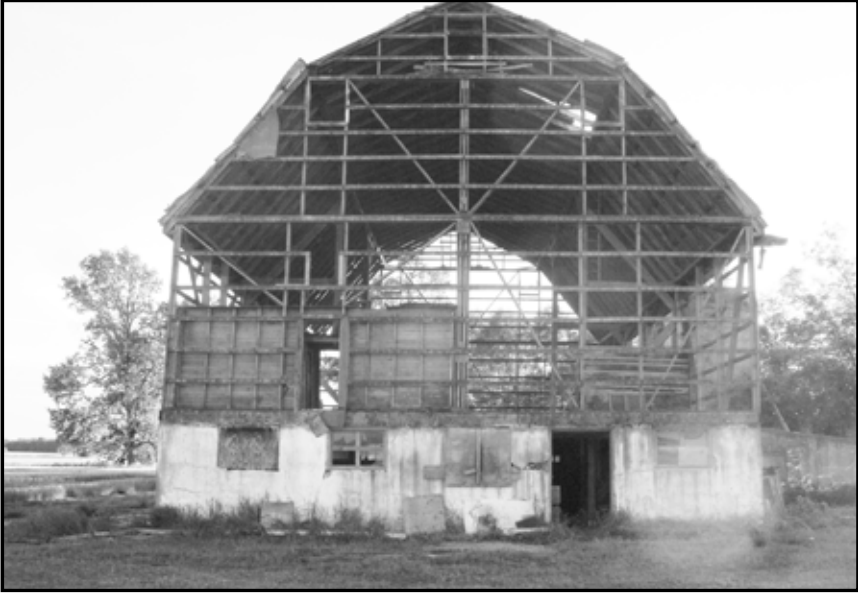


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The barn was 70 feet tall from the stable to the top of the hip roof. Rods were put in to hold it together. 6300 hay bales could be housed in the west mow and 5000 straw and hay bales in the east mow. A 12' x 12' x 9' high extension was added to house the horses but was not high enough for a tractor to clean the stables.

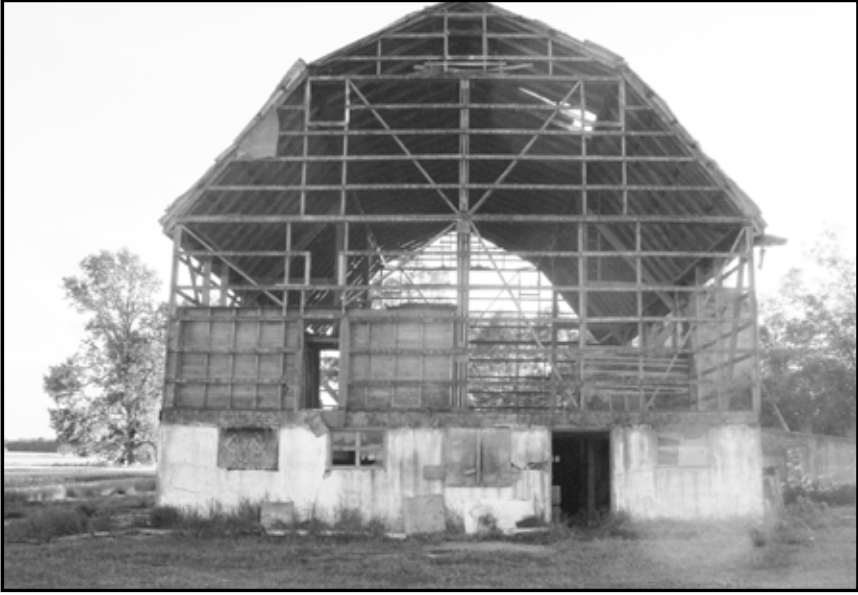

A plate on the barn dated 1934 indicated that the barn was built by George Hipple Manufacturing of Preston Ontario. It was put up in 1937 and torn down in 2007.

Alex Bowman milked 40 dairy cows and grew hay, grain and corn for silage.

Andy Bowman.



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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, barriekempenfelt72@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
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Elmvale Legion
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Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
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Bay Shore Seniors' Club - Winter Activities
Mon: Open
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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 at 10:00 with Exercise (either chair or work out to a video). Staying healthy and informed.
Pickleball – Indoor Court
Available at Bay Shore Senior's Club Sundays (2 – 4); Wednesdays (4:30 – 6:30); and Fridays (4 – 6) every week until the end of June. Pickleball contains elements of tennis, racquetball, badminton and table tennis. To any beginner, the rules can seem a bit overwhelming, but within a couple of sessions most people are comfortable with the basics. The sessions are quite informal, and everyone is very encouraging, so it's a great place to learn the game.
Visit www.bayshoreseniors.ca for full schedule

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Starting June 1, Barrie Transit offering Tuesdays as a second free day for seniors

(Barrie, ON) – On May 3, 2023, Barrie City Council approved a motion to implement a second free day of transit for seniors. Effective June 1, 2023, individuals 65 and older can take advantage of free transit on Tuesdays, in addition to Thursdays which is already free for seniors. Valid photo ID must be presented upon boarding.
“Reliable transit is essential to many of our senior residents, and providing an additional day of free service is just one small way to show our appreciation,” said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “Our seniors helped build our beautiful city to what it is today, and it is our job as public service to ensure transit service is accessible especially for those living on limited income.”
Tuesday was chosen as the second day in consultation with the City's Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee. Thursday has been offered as a free day for seniors since 2020. The launch date for the second day of free transit for seniors (June 1) aligns with Seniors Month in Ontario.
Learn more about Barrie Transit by visiting barrie.ca/transit.

Community One Time Events

Annual Midhurst Yard Sale
Sat. May 27, 2023
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Spring Giving Event: GGG (Georgian Bay Gals Give)
Monday May 29th from 5:30 pm- 7 pm.
Penetang Legion on
This is the 10th Giving Event! Our membership have given-back \$325,000 to various charities in our community! This time around the chosen charity is GBGH! (Georgian Bay General Hospital)
If interested in joining the 200 + members, contact gbygalsgive@gmail.com or go on our website www.gbygalsgive.com for more information.

St. Louis Church Spring Bazaar, Plant and Bake Sale
Sat. June 3, 2023, 10am-1pm
4th Concession N and Mt. St. Louis Rd.

Annual Memorial Service
Sunday June 25, 2023, 10:00am
Vasey Cemetery, 5096 Vasey Road, Vasey, ON
If it rains, the service will be held at Unity United Church. Lunch to follow at Unity United Church 4967 Vasey Road at the 4th Line North, Vasey, ON
All welcome as we remember those who have gone before us. For more information call 705-835-2903
I am connecting with you to see if you can help us share with our community our upcoming GGG (Georgian Bay Gals Give) Spring Giving Event. We are hosting it at the Penetang Legion on Monday May 29th from 5:30 pm- 7 pm.

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when the Century home was renovated (note still
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Stroud Ont.; Horse drawn sprayer wood barrel &
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OPP REPORT

WASAGA BEACH PROM PARTY VISITORS ASKED TO CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY

(Wasaga Beach, ON, May 8, 2023)- Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are aware that prom parties have begun in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

The OPP recognizes that this is a very exciting time for many people and encourage everyone to celebrate their accomplishments and achievements safely, and responsibly.

Residents and visitors should expect to see increased police presence. When responding to calls for service, the Huronia West OPP will be exercising a "strict but fair" enforcement approach.

The OPP reminds anyone who plans to visit Wasaga Beach for a celebration to be responsible and respectful. Visitors are reminded to respect our communities and not jeopardize the safety of our citizens or our neighbourhoods with risky, illegal or dangerous actions.

The OPP will be working in partnership with the Town of Wasaga Beach - Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Unit to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents and visitors.

Town of Wasaga Beach general and bylaw information can be found on the following links: www.wasagabeach.com.

Unlawful activity can be reported to the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or to Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

INCREASE IN ENTRIES INTO VEHICLES

(WASAGA BEACH, ON, May 8, 2023) Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating an increase of entries made into vehicles over the past few days.

Huronia West OPP is reminding residents and visitors to “Lock It or Lose It”. Leaving your vehicle unlocked and/or with valuables in plain view offers would-be criminals an easy opportunity to victimize vehicle owners.

Don’t leave yourself vulnerable to becoming a victim of this crime. Ensure that your vehicle is locked regardless of where you are and make sure that valuables are not in plain view.

Vehicle owners/passengers can do simple things to decrease the risk of being victimized, such as:

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended
- Lock your doors
- Roll up your windows
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box
- Pocket your keys
- At night or during extended parking periods, always park in a well-lit area.
- Park in a locked garage, if possible.
- Install surveillance security cameras.
- Install motion-activated lights.

Anyone with information or surveillance footage regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Huronia West OPP Detachment at 705-429-3575 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). When you contact Crime Stoppers you remain anonymous, you will never have to testify, and you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

FATAL COLLISION IN ORO-MEDONTE

(ORILLIA, ON, May 7, 2023) - Members of the Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision in Oro-Medonte.

On May 6, 2023, just before 11:00 p.m., Orillia OPP, Simcoe County Paramedic Service and Township of Oro-Medonte Fire, were dispatched to Ridge Road between Line 4 and Line 3 South for a report of a single vehicle rollover collision. Four vehicle occupants were located.

One person was transported to hospital, where they were pronounced deceased. A second person was

transported by Orange to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious, life-threatening injuries and two other occupants with minor injuries were transported to local hospital.

The deceased has been identified as an 18-year-old male of Barrie.

The OPP Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement (TIME) Team attended the collision scene to assist with the investigation. Ridge Road was closed for several hours for the investigation and has since been re-opened.

The investigation is ongoing.

Members of Orillia OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information that may be helpful, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.

SUSPECTED HUMAN REMAINS LOCATED IN SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP

Human Remains Identified

(SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP, ON, May 5, 2023) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have identified the human remains that were located in the Township of Springwater last month.

On April 19, 2023, at approximately 5:00 p.m., officers received information that suspected human remains were located by a member of the public on a property off Penetanguishene Road. A post-mortem examination has identified the human remains as a 38-year-old male reported missing to the Barrie Police Service in July 2022.

The death is deemed to be non-suspicious and foul play is not suspected. There is no threat to public safety.

The investigation is being conducted by the Huronia West OPP Crime Unit, with assistance from OPP Forensic Identification Services and the Office of the Chief Coroner.

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

20 YEARS OF DEDICATION WITHIN THE HURONIA WEST OPP COMMUNITY

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW AND SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIPS, ON, May 5, 2023)

- The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is proud to acknowledge Auxiliary Sergeant Norm Luke for his ongoing dedication and commitment to the Huronia West OPP communities. Earlier this week, Norm was presented an honorary medal and letter of recognition.

Originally from Timmins Ontario, Norm was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces as a Reservist with the Algonquin Regiment. During this time and prior to becoming an Auxiliary Officer Norm was also a member of the OPP Pipe Band. In the late 1990s, Norm moved to Mississauga to accept a job with the GO Transit Service. While still a member of the OPP Pipe Band, Norm was encouraged to apply to the OPP Auxiliary Program. In October 2002, Norm graduated and joined the Port Credit Auxiliary Unit. He moved to the Barrie area in 2003 and in 2005 he transferred to Huronia West OPP, where he has generously served the community since. In 2013, he was promoted as our Auxiliary Unit Supervisor. In July 2021, Norm, and his family were left homeless after a tornado had passed through Barrie. This tragedy did not prevent Norm from continuing with his volunteer work. He continued his administrative duties during this extremely stressful time for him and his family and resumed his full duties in the fall of 2022.

Norm, thank you for your ongoing commitment. Congratulations on your twenty years of service.

Stunt Driving Investigation Leads OPP to Drug Investigation

Significant Seizure of Cash & Drugs

(TAY TOWNSHIP, ON, May 3, 2023) - As a result of a vehicle stop by a uniform officer of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment, a significant seizure of Canadian currency and drugs have been removed from the streets of North Simcoe.

At approximately 4:32 p.m. May 2, 2023 the officer observed a black BMW X5 travelling south bound on Rumney Road, Tay Township and was able to obtain the speed of the vehicle to be in excess of 50km/h over the posted 80 km/h zone. The officer was able to safely stop the vehicle and entered into a stunt driving investigation.

As a result of this investigation, a quantity of cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, Percocet, Zanax, drug paraphernalia along with a significant amount of Canadian currency was seized with the assistance of the Detachment Community Street Crime Unit. (See submitted photograph)

Charged in connection to this investigation are the following persons with their charges as listed.

#1 Driver -Timmy Michael LEMAY 30 years of Midland

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
 - Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine
 - Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking-Opioid (other than heroin)
 - Contrary to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act
 - Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000 - in Canada
 - Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada
- And further with
- Stunt Driving Contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

The accused is also the subject of a 30 day driving suspension and the BMW was towed and impounded for 14 days as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines.

#2 Passenger - Adam CHARLEBOIS 33 years of Midland

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine
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#3 Passenger - Tyler PAUZE 33 years of Tiny Township

- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon
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The accused persons were released from custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on June 15, 2023.



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Ask a Therapist: On Social Rest

Q: I feel like I am around people all the time but it just wears me out. Is that just because I am an introvert?

A: There is an energy that we experience when we are around people which has the potential to be draining or life-giving. It's broadly true that extroverted people tend to be energized by time with others whereas introverted people tend to be depleted by social experiences; however, there is more than that to consider when examining the value of social interaction. Both extroverts and introverts need time with others and time in solitude in some proportion to maintain their holistic health but often the energy of the particular people in one's social circles matters the most.

The degree to which a social interaction is restorative is an important thing to consider when you are choosing your communities and connections. Social rest is found by recognizing both the need for face-to-face, meaningful, and authentic connections with others while placing good boundaries around negativity.

Even as an introverted person, it may not be the simple fact that you are around people most of the time that is depleting you; rather, it may be that you are spending time with people who always need or demand something from you or who are consistently negative and that energy will cause social fatigue. If you are someone in a helping profession, you may experience exhaustion due to an overexposure to grief, suffering, and challenging circumstances that understandably are a heavy energetic burden and this can lead to compassion fatigue in your interactions with others as well.

Unhealthy and hurting people often bring toxicity and strife to their relationships and these types of relationships can be particularly depleting. On the other hand, spending time with healthy people who are genuinely invested in bringing goodness to your life will restore your energy in tremendous ways.

Making conscious choices to connect with positive friends, family, colleagues, and other restorative people (like mentors, teachers, doctors, clergy, and counsellors) will make all the difference. A therapist can help clients discern and assess the level of depletion or the restorative capacity of particular



relationship dynamics in your life. They can help you build a plan to increase positive connections while placing healthy boundaries to protect against ongoing negative interactions.

Needless to say, being socially disconnected negatively affects your wellbeing in significant ways and many are recovering from that reality having dominated their lives through the pandemic; but, it's also prudent to assess the quality of the social interactions you are choosing and to remember that you need the positive energy of life-giving people to keep you healthy! What is one step that you could take today to bring some vitality back to your social life?

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What's It Worth?

round of photographs, the copies of images taken by those in attendance, and the created collectibles like bobbleheads, pucks, jerseys, helmets, memorial gloves, sticks, and hockey cards.

Recently, Tim Hortons started running a promotion with their version of collectible hockey cards, which are accessible to everyone for free. Wayne Gretzky is the lead in the promo. Out of the designed and reproduced items, where will the value be? This discussion leads to the motivations behind collecting.

For some, the motivation is immediate gratification for the game, party, or event. For others, the short-term value of having a memento may be the driving force. Long-term value, however, is created when you have a need to fill in the boxes and sleeves to complete sets, particularly in the case of created collections like hockey cards.

Conversion from a collectible to an investment-grade item is also a possibility. Most likely, individual single items that are signed or with proven provenance (traceable association or contact to an event person or activity) - think player-associated or game-worn

Georgian College students win gold at Skills Ontario Competition

Six Georgian College students recently won medals at the Skills Ontario Competition held May 1 to 3 in Toronto. The competition offers a unique opportunity for students to showcase their competencies in skilled trades and technologies against the best of the best in their fields.

Gold medals were awarded to Ben Bader for Additive Manufacturing, Allison Partello for Hairstyling, Ethan McCallum for Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machining, and Xander Powell for Outdoor Power Equipment. Viraj Gaurang Shah also won silver for Web Design and Development, while Ryle Reynolds scored a bronze medal in CNC Machining.

McCallum, a first-year Mechanical Technician – Precision Skills student, said, “The feeling of taking first place in this event is amazing. I’m grateful to have been able to perform so well alongside some of the top students in the province.

“I spent countless hours working in the shop and computer lab to prepare for the competition, and I made lots of mistakes throughout the training process,” McCallum added. “Ultimately, I learned from those mistakes, and I was able to continuously improve my skills with a lot of support from faculty.”

Brett Austin, an instructor at Georgian, mentored McCallum and helped prepare him for his category. Austin said the best part of this process is seeing students develop so quickly and watching their confidence grow.

“Our role as faculty and advisors is to give promising students this incredible opportunity to broaden their industry knowledge and network with employers who are hoping to hire a Georgian graduate. Everyone wants to be the very best in their field, but that comes with extensive dedication to their training.

“I am thrilled to see so many Georgian students take home gold, especially given that many of them are only in their first year of studies,” Austin said. “They have very promising futures ahead, and they have demonstrated a high level of commitment to practising their skills and excelling in their skilled trade.”

McCallum, joined by Partello and Powell, are preparing to represent Team Ontario at the upcoming Skills Canada National Competition in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 24 to 27.

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.



Late at night, I often sit and ponder motivation and how that translates to value and desire. As I watch the NHL playoffs, I can't help but notice the whole new collection of desired mementos being created. From pucks, jerseys, and sweat or even blood-stained equipment to flags and banners, and the next

- are good bets. Additionally, some common items, usually mass-produced, become invaluable due to future activities and events of an individual. These are known as sleepers.

The best example of a sleeper is the rookie card, commonly available in all sports sets. You just have to be able to pick out the right guys from the rookie roster. For instance, the Wayne Gretzky rookie card, Topps, 1979, gem state (a perfect card), is valued at \$1,200,000. That's not bad for a few pennies in 1979, and it is essential to note that this is in US dollars.

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The family of the late, Diane Raedts wish to express our sincere appreciation to family, friends, and neighbours for the calls, cards, food, flowers and donations during this past week in our time of grief.

Special thanks to Dr. Rafikov and the nurses on 2E at Georgian Bay General Hospital for your care over the last few months. Also, Rev. Bonnie Kelly from Wyevale United Church for your visits and memorial, and the Lynn Stone Funeral Home Elmvale for all your support and help.

Steve Raedts, Sandy Rawn, Mark and Rick Therrien and their families

I would like to say a sincere thank you to my friends, neighbours and relatives who attended my 80th birthday on Sat. Apr. 22, 2023. It was a terrific turnout despite the rainy day it was. A special thank you to my four daughters who hosted the event. A heartfelt thank you to everyone.

Jim Lalonde

Thank you to the following who volunteered their time early Sat. morning on April 29, 2023 at the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival; Glen Ritchie, Dave Lewis, George Allen, Paul Archer, Reg Cowan, Dave Dawn, Brady McLaren and Jeff Mogridge.

THANKS GUYS! Doug Kirton

THANK YOU

The family of the late **David Lawson Stewart** would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone for their kind words of sympathy, shared memories, cards, flowers, and charitable donations. We would also like to thank Dave's medical team of Dr. Doug Collins, RVH Cancer Clinic, Dr. Kelly Sowden, Dr. Kent Russell, and Dr. Marianne Belau for the excellent medical care David received during his cancer and Parkinson's journey. A special thank you to Gilda's Club of Simcoe Muskoka, Hospice Simcoe Muskoka and all the Bayshore nurses and PSWs who cared so compassionately for Dave and supported us. We would also like to thank the Lynn Stone Funeral Home and its wonderful staff, Reverend Rudy Plug for the his uplifting words at the Celebration Of Life service, and Valley Farms for their fine catering of the luncheon. To everyone who has been there for us both before and after Dave's passing, we are most grateful for your love and support. Dave will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

With sincere gratitude, Audrey

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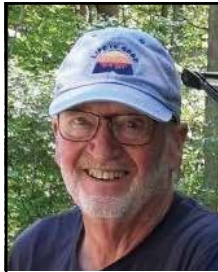
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MACDONALD, Graham

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Husband, best friend and adventure companion of Carol; for 53 years, they've hiked, biked, canoed, kayaked, camped and travelled extensively. Loving Dad and teacher to Julie MacDonald and Cindy Thor. Poppa and proudest supporter to grandchildren Marc Booth(Skylar), Liam, Jack and Bella Thor. Loved and snuggled by his furry feline companions Marshmallow and Marmalade and grand puppies Hudson and Finn.

Our large family will deeply miss the laughs and times shared; Brother Ian MacDonald(pre-deceased, Vicky), Greg MacDonald(Cheryl), Brother in-law Graham Webb (Jill), Joe Webb (Vicki), Marg Webb (Nancy) and many nieces and nephews. Cherished friends of almost 60 years, Dave & Peggy Lynn, Wayne & Pam Irving and the many friends he has made on his life's journey.

Graham's career with IBM was as a Senior Technical Operator, trouble-shooting issues with copiers and computers. He loved a challenge whether it was figuring out how to fix something around the house, teaching someone to fix or build something or he would design and make a tool if there was not one handy. He crafted a cedar strip kayak for Carol and almost completed one for himself that his Grandchildren will finish in his honour.

He was always available to lend a hand whether it was sandbagging during the Red River flood to sandbagging on Wolfe Island, to changing a light bulb for a friend, Graham was always ready to help where ever needed. He was the MacGyver in our life.

In his retirement he worked at the Horseshoe Resort where his MacGyver skills were called on daily. However, the retirement work he loved was at the Wye Marsh. He enjoyed his maintenance work there, tending the trails, the swans, geese and in particular his falconry work with his hawks. He developed and created the snowshoe trail at the WyeMarsh which was named in his honour.

We would like to sincerely thank all of the staff at Georgian Bay General Hospital 1 North, for their sincere and compassionate care, Thank You.

Hasta luego my friends, until we meet again.

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Returning this year to help support the annual

campaign are two of Canada's most decorated Olympians and World Champions, Penny Oleksiak and Marie-Philip Poulin.

To participate in this year's Smile Cookie campaign, visit your local Tim Hortons restaurant or place an order through the Tim Hortons mobile app for delivery. Guests can also complete a form to place preorders for Smile Cookies through the restaurants in Barrie or Stroud, or by downloading a preorder form at www.rvhkeeplifewild.ca/happening-now/smilecookiervhhospice/



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Obituaries



WHITTON, James Harris

Passed away peacefully at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood, on April 27, 2023. Harris Whitton of Wasaga Beach will be reunited with his beloved wife, Annabelle (nee Thompson), after many long years. Predeceased by his parents James and Hazel Whitton, his brother Lorne (Jean) and sisters Evelyn (Bill) Adams and Myrtle (Claude) Coates. Uncle Harris will be lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his special lifelong friend Jim Ayotte.

A celebration of life will be held at the Palace Tavern in Elmvale on May 20 from 1 -3 pm. Memorial donations to Cancer Society will be greatly appreciated.

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SMITH, Robert James

Passed away suddenly on Thursday, April 27th, 2023 at G.B.G.H. Robert was born on May 31, 1950 to the late Allan and Jean Smith. Predeceased by his wife, Doreen (Ritchie) Smith. Father to Pamela (Joseph) Fralick, Heather (Jason) Juneau,

Derek (Crystal) Smith and adopted daughter Jaime Wood. Cherished Grandfather of Owen, Cora, Keegan, Mason, Jakob, Evelyn, Collins and Abby. Dear Brother to Harvey Smith, William Smith, Terry (Neil) Harkes and Lyle (Julie) Smith. Brother-in-law to the late Don and Anne Ritchie, Lois (Pete) McCloskey, Ken (late Nicole) Ritchie, Marilyn (late Phil) Kenny, Dan (Karen) Ritchie. Robert will be missed by all his nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Our Father will always be remembered for his love of hockey and fishing in addition to his involvement with the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival, the Elmvale Food Bank and Elmvale Minor Hockey. He had a helpful, outgoing nature and was often having pleasant conversations and generating laughs with friends and passersby. "Bob" also chased countless kilometres as a long haul truck driver for several years to ensure we had everything that we needed. Our Father was always faithful to the Marine Corps., left the USMC as a Corporal and a Vietnam veteran after having been a Sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. Our Father will be missed.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will happen on Monday, May 15th, 2023 between 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Elmvale Legion, 7 John Street, Elmvale.

Please consider a donation to the Elmvale Food Bank in lieu of flowers.



MARIN CROWE, Jo Anne Nicole Marie

Jo Anne Nicole Marie Marin Crowe peacefully passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on May 5th 2023. She was in her 68th year.

Born to loving parents Joseph Marin*(late) and Fernande Simard* on September 28th, 1955.

She married her soulmate Donald Crowe* on September 13, 1975.

Lovingly remembered by her children:

Donny Crowe (Femke)
Chantal Crowe
James Crowe (Robin)
Shannon Heppner (Eric)

Honorary mom of:

Thomas Zinn, Sherryann Macfarlane, her furbaby Muffin and many others.

Proud and loving "Mère" to:

Ashton, Zoe, Nolan, Tristian, Amy, Emma, Alex-Zandra, Caleb, Masen, Colby, Oliver and Finley

Proud sister of:

Bertha Pichette* (George*), Lucien Marin*, Armand Marin* (Myrna*), Ernest Marin (Yvette*), Giselle Marin*, Jeannine Levesque* (Gerald*), Colette Tanguay* (Gerry), May Robichaud (Louis), Jean Paul Marin (Nicole), Mona Marin*, Roger Marin*, Marcel Marin* (Diane*), Robert Marin*, Denis Marin

Fondly remembered as Aunt, Great Aunt, Great Great Aunt, by many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Elmvale on Saturday, May 20 at 11:30 am.

Cremation with interment Elmvale Cemetery

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SPRING, Robert (Bob)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of Bob on April 28, 2023, at the age of 75.

He leaves behind his loving wife Joanne, his cherished daughter Ellen, and all the

wonderful friends and Chums he made on his life journey.

Bob was a man of many talents, but above all he was kind in spirit and in deeds.

He said he was fortunate to have been given warning of his demise — "a privilege denied to many."

As a result, we were able to celebrate Bob's life while he was with us. He was humbled and deeply touched by the outpouring of love he received from those he so dearly loved and respected.

There will be no funeral, at Bob's request.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Bob's family by visiting www.legacyfuneral.ca



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Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn



**GORDON MERIDITH
LIGHTFOOT**
**- NOV 17, 1938 – MAY
1ST, 2023**

‘PUSSY WILLOWS, CAT TAILS, SOFT WINDS
AND ROSES’

May 8, 2023 - This is how I will always remember Gordon Lightfoot...the song written for memories of Orillia, Ontario, his birthplace. It was so, so, sad to hear the news of his passing. I am truly grateful for the effect his music had on my life and those of my family in years past.



Just some of his achievements:

Gordon received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Trent University in Spring 1979 and was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in May 2003. In November 1997, the Governor General's Performing Arts Award, Canada's highest honour in the performing arts, was bestowed. On February 6, 2012, Lightfoot was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. June of that year saw his induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and on June 6, 2015, Lightfoot received an honorary Doctor of Music in his hometown of Orillia from Lakehead University. Lightfoot received no less than sixteen Juno Awards—for top folk singer in 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1977, for top male vocalist in 1967, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973, and as composer of the year in 1972 and 1976. A true Canadian icon, in 1980 he was named Canadian male recording artist of the decade, for his work in the 1970s. Lightfoot was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in 1986, the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame in 2001 and into Canada's Walk of Fame in 1998. In May 2003 he was made a Companion of

the Order of Canada, the country's highest civilian honour and as well he became a member of the Order of Ontario. In 1977, he received the Vanier Award from the Canadian Jaycees. In 2007 Canada Post honoured Lightfoot with a postage stamp! On June 24, 2012, Lightfoot was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in a New York City ceremony and on June 16, 2014, Lightfoot was awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by SOCAN at the 2014 SOCAN Awards in Toronto.

On October 23, 2015, Lightfoot was honoured with a 4-metre-tall bronze sculpture which sits out on the point at Tudhope Park and the shores of Lake Couchiching. The sculpture, called Golden Leaves—A Tribute to Gordon Lightfoot, features Lightfoot sitting cross-legged, playing an acoustic guitar underneath an arch of golden maple leaves. Many of the leaves depict scenes from Lightfoot's 1975 greatest hits album, Gord's Gold. In 2017 a bronze bust was placed at the Orillia Opera House where he had sung so many, many, years before.

In 2017, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society

You can watch a 2019 documentary film Gordon Lightfoot: If You Could Read My Mind that was produced by Martha Kehoe and Joan Tosoni.

I grew up on Bass Lake in the summers of the late fifties until the late seventies. Orillia was our go to place to shop, do the laundry, watch the latest 007 movie, and visit friends my dad made in his youth. His Pussywillows song became a forever memory of my summers spent on the Lake, hiking in the fields and forests, playing in Couchiching Park, looking out from the Bandstand, climbing the Champlain monument, and admiring the cannons. Taking a ride on the miniature railroad was a highlight! My gran, Mildred Pilling lived to 102 and was often out with the Lightfoot seniors for parties and community gatherings in the 30's and into the early 40's before moving to Toronto. She'd often tell stories of bouncing Gordon on her knee, never knowing he'd become one of Canada's most treasured icons. She lived on Peter Street West, and I suppose was a neighbour. New Year's eve parties at the Armoury were a must do, and dad on occasion babysat or so he mentioned more than once with pride. So long ago... A memoriam was held in Orillia at St. Paul's



United Church. As I waited in the long, long lineup of mourners this past Sunday, you could overhear memories being shared by hundreds of strangers that came together to pay their last respects to a man that impacted all our lives with his music and the messages therein. Some 2,400 mourners laughed, cried, and stood in the pouring rain for hours, bringing the song Rainy Day People to new life. Gone but never to be forgotten, play on Gordon, play your Sundown for us, just one more time.

As I write this, I am listening to Gord's Gold album on my 1973 Pioneer turntable. To listen is a heavenly respite, but to read his lyrics is a journey that may take years with over 500 songs penned.

Thank you for the songs, thank you for the memories, thank you for the Summer Side of Life!

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Join the Friends of the Springwater Public Library today! The Friends group is a stand-alone organization to support and enrich Springwater Public Library. Friends members act as volunteers, help with fundraisers such as our Maple Syrup Book Sale and Silent auction, help at events and outreach, staff the Farmer Market table, and promote the library. You can participate as much or as little as your time allows!

Donna Kenwell, acting Chair has been a library supporter for years. She says, "A library is one of the cornerstones of a healthy, vibrant community. Friends assist the Board and Staff in promoting all the Library has to offer."

To become a Friend is easy! Fill out an application form and pay a small annual membership fee (\$10 for individuals, \$20 for families, and \$5 for seniors). Application forms for the Friends group are available from the library branches, or on our website at www.springwater.library.on.ca. Please return the form to your library branch.

Thank you for being a Friend!

Please contact for more information:
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\$1,000 was Raised For
Programming at the Library.



Photo to right: Amanda Hodgkinson, STPL Children and Youth Librarian, centre, being presented with the TD Summer Reading Club Award first prize

by Jodie Player Delgado

May 8, 2023 - The Friends of the Springwater Public Library and the Springwater Public Library hosted their first Maple Syrup Book Sale since 2019. It was a great success, with customers waiting to enter when the doors opened at 10am. Over \$1,000 was raised with the funds allocated to upcoming programming at the library. The Library's partner, EarlyON offered a children's painting activity upstairs during the Festival. Thank you to everyone who visited despite the rain.

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