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\$100,800 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Revitalizes Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre's Display Hall



Photo above: MPP Dunlop admires a dramatic scene added to the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre's display hall. The new exhibit features a hand-sculpted Osprey, clutching a catfish needed to feed the next generation of its line. Its nest rests atop an interactive learning station featuring replica eggs of birds living in the marsh.

May 19, 2023, Midland, ON – On Friday, local MPP Jill Dunlop visited Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre to recognize the work of Friends of Wye Marsh (FOWM) in revitalizing their Display Hall, thanks to the \$100,800 Resilient Communities Fund grant awarded in 2022 by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Three completely new exhibits have been installed this spring, providing new and hands-on educational opportunities for visitors of all ages.

"This OTF funding for Wye Marsh has contributed to revitalizing their onsite Display Hall, allowing



Photo Above: MPP Dunlop peers at an intricately curated tableau of life, created with financial assistance from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. It includes artfully preserved real-life bird specimens as well as amazing hand-crafted depictions of other life forms finding nourishment and shelter in a decaying log.

for valuable and interactive new exhibits, important signage, and educational opportunities for visitors to engage in environmental stewardship outside of the centre with what they have learned during their visit," said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North.

The three new exhibits highlight key areas of focus for Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre: the importance of pollinators; the beauty and wonder of eggs and nests; and the way nature interacts with fallen trees. The latter is particularly important, given that FOWM have recently had to manage the aftermath of an Emerald Ash Borer infestation, resulting in many felled trees on the property.

"We are so grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for this funding to be able to bring new life and learning opportunities to our Display Hall," said Kim Hacker, Executive Director, FOWM. "For the first time we are able to translate signage into not only French, but also Anishinaabemowin and Michif, the local Métis language, creating a more inclusive environment for our visitors and community. As a nonprofit

organization, we would never have been able to take on a project of this magnitude without the assistance of the Ontario Trillium Foundation."

Friends of Wye Marsh Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization responsible for operating the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre. Their mission is to be a center of wetlands research, interpretation and education based on the principle of stewardship and the importance of environmental awareness. Over 30,000 visitors come to Wye Marsh year-round to hike, snowshoe, canoe and kayak; and more than 6,000 students take part in experiential, curriculum-based educational programs.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario's Community Building Fund. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

By Heather Keery



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Email: info@springwaternews.ca or drop off at office. Contact information is on the right hand side of this page. **Phone number and address must be supplied for all letters to the editor.** The opinions expressed in articles contributed by interested parties and through the 'Letters to the Editor' do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this newspaper and/or the editor.

I am writing to share my objection to council’s decision to remove communication from the Springwater News and provide a direct mailer instead. The Springwater news is well received and very well read by all Springwater Township residents. It would make absolutely no sense to withdraw news from this newspaper simply to replace it with a mailer. You would be duplicating the exact same coverage area so why go to the extra expense? Not to mention mailers are almost always thrown away without a second glance. The Springwater news sits on many counters and coffee tables until everyone in the household has read it cover to cover.

Also, by supporting this local newspaper you are showing Springwater residents that you support us. Our businesses, our interests, our thoughts on what is happening in our Township. The very residents you are meant to represent.

This decision, if it succeeds, would most certainly be reflected at the next election.

Regards, Roslyn Watkins
Publisher, Farm View Newspaper

I have lived in environs of Elmvale for almost 40 years and continue to look forward to receiving the Springwater News in our mail box

Local papers have almost disappeared, Elmvale Lance, North Simcoe News, Barrie Examiner, due to modern technology reducing ad revenues. Inclusiveness issues today seem to Exclude seniors who grew up with hard copy newspapers as the prominent source of information about the world we live in globally but more immediately what’s happening where we live. I recall hearing all the business and market news as a ten year old boy. Former Barrie Examiner V.I.P. Fred Grant, visited our home daily armed with his paper and the Globe and Mail to tirelessly read to his blind friend who lived with us (as his tenants) to keep the man updated. I sat on the stairs and just listened. What an example of friendship! Mike Jacob’s efforts before and now Linda Belcourt are last vestiges of newspapers that don’t disappear by pushing a button.

Council should realize that local news in hard copy is important and handy. Try to cut out and post your grandson’s home run or goal on your fridge without this paper. Taking control of what gets printed or told when and how often under the guise of budget savings for the township is a dangerous form of censorship especially if the decision isn’t fact based. Councillors need only look at page two of every issue to see exactly where and how many papers are distributed not make incorrect statements about readership. The Springwater news is read and enjoyed by every community in a 20 mile radius of Elmvale. The little birds in my latest gifted bird box told me so. The recent contested issues argued at council and factually disputed in letters to the editor criticizing Councillors’ comments lead one to believe council’s cancelling support for and use of the paper to keep taxpayers informed is suspect at best. Please reconsider this decision.

Respectfully submitted from Hillsdale rural route reader
Paul Thompson

I am writing with respect to the apparent decision of Council to stop using the Springwater News for distribution of Springwater Link. From the facts provided in the article in the Springwater News there appears to be no logical basis for making such a decision and I would ask Council to reconsider.

The current costs for using the Springwater News are \$1841.67 per month. The proposal to use a direct mail option is in the order of \$7000 per month for a budget increase in the order of \$5000 per month or \$60,000 per year. The distribution lists used by the Springwater News and a direct mailer are the same, and the mode of delivery the same. Why therefore would Council consider it necessary to spend an extra \$60,000 /year to replicate an existing system that is efficient, effective, and requires minimum supervision by Township staff? From a simple financial consideration, there is no justification for such a change.

Councillor Fisher suggests that his constituents do not read the Springwater News. Why does he think

they will read a separate direct mailing that appears as yet more flotsam and jetsam in our mailbox? Surely an attractively presented newspaper is more likely to get a constituent’s attention and therefore deliver the information in the Link, than a folded single page mailer that is indistinguishable from many others.

Councillor Fisher also suggests it is not Council’s role to lobby for local business. I thought Council’s role was to support the Township’s constituents and represent their interests. A local business owner should expect support from Council where appropriate and where such support is not detrimental to the community at large. Support for a local enterprise such as the Springwater News benefits the community at large, supports local SME’s to provide employment and, by all accounts, provides the Township and therefore the taxpayers with significant savings over alternative providers. It is a win -win, so where is the problem and why has this been raised and voted upon without proper consultation? The alternative adopted by Council deprives a local enterprise of income, moves that financial benefit to an organization outside the Township and duplicates a process already in place. It makes no sense however you look at it.

If the council is attempting to improve communication, something that would be desirable, this is not, in my opinion, the way to do it. A much better approach would be to revert to the norm in Mayor French’s tenure where each Councillor (with one notable exception), the Mayor and Deputy Mayor provided an informative column on matters arising in their ward. This was published in the Springwater News and I, and I am sure others, felt much better informed and had an appropriate context to consider the decisions of Council. If Councillors feel they are unable to perform what seems to be the essence of their role, keeping their constituents informed, the funds used for direct mailing could instead be used to fund an intern from a journalism course at a local college to assist the Councillors. A much better use of taxpayers money.

In a similar vein, more effort could be put into making the Link digestible by adding explanation and context to the rather turgid but necessary notices that are currently provided. Finally, the funds proposed for direct mailing could be applied to improving the accessibility of information through the township’s website. I have attempted to find and retrieve information on several occasions and have found it difficult. Eventually the information is found but usually by a circuitous route which is difficult if you do not have the exact reference under which the item is indexed. Spending money in this regard would be a lasting benefit to all.

I trust you will consider the above comments in the constructive manner in which they are offered and continue with the delivery of the Link by way of the Springwater News.

Yours sincerely, John Orange
Just some of the online comments:
Leanne Hochevar - May 15, 2023

Springwater News is a local treasure and an inexpensive and environmentally friendly option to share news with our residents. Also there is a digital version for those who prefer non-newspaper option. In addition to those reasons a direct mailer costs a lot to money and from what I understand they plan on having it in an envelope which also costs money and will be tossed into the trash. Keep the Springwater Link local.

Linda Smith - May 15, 2023

I think this is a personal vendetta against Springwater News by at least one of Springwater Council members and this is deplorable.

Dan McGinnis - May 15, 2023



This has always been a needed source of communication.

Gillian Reynolds - May 15, 2023

Springwater News is the to-go-to place to get local news.

Jane Loftus




Very disappointing, I hope voters remember this for the next election, and do their homework before voting.




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Rainbow Pride Crosswalk Installed in Springwater



Township of Springwater / May 12, 2023 – Downtown Elmvale has a new splash of colour thanks to the installation of a new rainbow pride crosswalk located at the intersection of Queen Street W and Maria Street. This is the first pride crosswalk installed on public property in Springwater and provides a visual message to residents and visitors that Springwater is a welcoming and inclusive community.

At a meeting on August 3, 2022, Springwater Council agreed to partner with the Elmvale District High School (EDHS) Gender & Sexual Diversity Club for the installation of the crosswalk to further promote inclusion and provide support towards the LGBTQ2+ community in Springwater. The club

fundraised \$1000 for the project and presented a cheque to Springwater Council at a meeting which took place on April 19.

The location of the crosswalk was selected based on a number of criteria including: installation at an established signalized crosswalk, in a well-lit intersection on the highly travelled main street of downtown Elmvale.

“I am incredibly proud of this group of EDHS students who had the vision and who have made the efforts to make this crosswalk a reality. The fact that our youth has led this progressive initiative is in keeping with this generation’s commitment to diversity, equity, and acceptance,” says Elmvale

District High School Principal Mark Ruzyllo.

“This crosswalk is a way to let residents and visitors to Springwater know that no matter how you identify or who you love, you are safe, valued and welcomed in our community,” says Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin. “Thank you to the Elmvale District High School Gender and Sexual Diversity Club for stepping up, bringing this important item forward and fundraising to make it happen.”

Springwater Council, members of the EDHS Gender & Sexual Diversity Club, Springwater staff and community members gathered to celebrate the new crosswalk with a ribbon cutting ceremony which took place on Friday, May 12, 2023.

EDITORIAL

I would like to thank the readers and supporters of the Springwater News that have reached out to me recently. I am flooded with emails, texts and calls of support and disappointment in Township of Springwater Council’s decision on the change of communication methods with residents. I could have filled the whole paper with the letters and comments.

A common misconception by some members of council is that the Springwater News is not being read by residents in the south. How can this be backed up factually? Is there a way to know this for certain? The advertising in the paper from business, non-profits and community groups in the south tells me that this is wrong.

Cindy Stone Schutt of Phelpston has started a petition to “Keep communication in the Springwater News! I do not want a direct mailer!” The Canadian government is funding in part, small community papers to keep democracy alive. Our government at the provincial and federal levels continues to support Springwater News and I am grateful for that.

Comments on the petition:

Michelle Minnema - May 19, 2023
We need Springwater news and stop wasting money

Shelley Brooks - May 17, 2023
Why change what already works, and works well.

Keep communication in the Springwater News! I do not want a direct mailer!

Cindy Schutt started this petition

Springwater Council, in a 4-3 vote has decided to remove township communication from the Springwater News and replace it with a direct mailer.

<https://www.change.org/p/keep-communication-in-the-springwater-news-i-do-not-want-a-direct-mailer?redirect=false>

Lynn Graham - May 17, 2023
Too much clutter and save the environment- go digital.

Jenny Adamson - May 17, 2023
I work for canada post and I delivery on my route I know everyone enjoys there paper every 2 weeks

Pat Fergusson - May 17, 2023
Elmvale and Springwater is where I grew up, and raised my own family. The Springwater News is a local treasure that should be supported by every resident, as well as by every level of local government!

Jelena Rajkovic-Bennett - May 17, 2023
I enjoy reading the spring water news on paper!

Amy Smith- May 17, 2023
It costs \$1800 a month for them to run in the local paper. That’s a paper every 2 weeks. The monthly mailer will cost approximately \$3400 a month. Let’s make smart decisions!

Nicole Hubbard - May 16, 2023
It’s a part of the community I grew up in and people cherish it.

Dennis Gannon - May 16, 2023
Springwater News is the primary publication for our municipality. I have firsthand knowledge of the efforts that go into this publication and receive many comments from people who diligently read the paper. Newspaper reporting is tough as the facts need to be fully scrutinized before publication. That occurs with this publication. Direct mail is marketing that receives little attention as was noted in the recent municipal election. Keep the notices and information local and encourage more to read the Springwater News.

Anita Chiasson- May 15, 2023
Support our local paper!! What is the reason for this ? I can’t figure it out. ?

Lynn Mills - May 15, 2023
It just makes sense to support our local newspaper. They have taken enough out of village already.

Wanda Allen - May 15, 2023
It is refreshing to note that the Editor, Linda Belcourt is very diligent in her “Fact Checking” before she will allow anything in the Springwater newspaper. Well done Ms. Belcourt. That is not the norm these days. Springwater residents need to hear truthful information. There has been far too much misinformation floating around.

Erin Patterson - May 15, 2023
This is a significant amount in money. I believe statistically more mailers are thrown directly into the garbage verses the newspaper. Our tax dollars could be spent in a more beneficial way.

As of May 22, 2023 there were 351 signatures on the petition. I know council members email in boxes are inundated. I emailed council but have not received a response as of May 23, 2023.

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Upcoming Meetings

Special Council Meeting - Development Charges Background Study Update
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Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Springwater Library Board
Tuesday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m.
Elmvale Library Branch

Elmvale BIA
Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Details: info@elmvalebia.ca

Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Committee of Adjustment
Wednesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

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



Trails Master Plan Update Survey

The Township is updating its existing Trails Master Plan (2009) to guide the future planning of trails, trail development and long-term maintenance over the next 10 years.

A survey has been developed to gather resident feedback on the planning, design, management, maintenance priorities as it relates to trails development in Springwater. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts.

springwater.ca/TrailsMasterPlanUpdate

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springwater.bidsandtenders.ca

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Residential water/wastewater bills have been mailed. Payment is due by May 29, 2023. To see a list of payment options visit: springwater.ca/water

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Register online at springwater.ca/recreation



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Learn more at Springwater.ca/Farmersmarket



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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:

Written Submissions:

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

Mail



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



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Email



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Oral submissions:

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

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

Computer, Smartphone or Tablet

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

Dial by Phone

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

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

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

If you are interested in watching the public meeting and do not wish to make any comments you can do so by viewing it online at: springwater.ca/live, by calling 1-647-558-0588 and using ID 835 4675 5635 for audio of the meeting or by attending the meeting in person at the Administration Centre. Registration to view or listen to the meeting is not required. These options will be available only for the duration of the meeting. Should you wish to view the meeting at a later date, you can do so by visiting the Townships YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV7aqd68Gy98xmhdW9aWUNg/videos>

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

Dated at the Township of Springwater on April 21, 2023

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A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

By Jan Perrault, Volunteer Writer, Township of Tiny
May 16, 2023

Let's Get Outdoors!

Spring is the season during which the natural world revives after the colder winter months. During spring, dormant plants begin to grow again and new seedlings sprout out of the ground. I've noticed the trilliums are now in full bloom. It's a wonderful time of year to start new beginnings, so in this article you will find information on some outdoor activities that you may wish to try out! Do you remember the carefree days of your youth when you played with a flying disc on a sandy beach? The good news is there is a fun filled sport called Disc Golf that you can still enjoy. Disc golf is played much like golf except, instead of a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc. A disc golf hole begins from a tee area and ends at a target, the most common of which is an elevated metal basket. It shares with golf the object of completing each hole in the fewest strokes (or, in the case of disc golf, fewest throws). It's a healthy, inexpensive, recreational activity that provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise and mental stimulation. Players of limited fitness levels can start slowly and gradually increase their level of play. More good news, there is a Disc Golf league in Midland! Dan Gilbert started the league three years ago and the club plays at Little Lake Park. The group is open to anyone who is 60 or older. They play every Thursday at 10 a.m, except in the summer heat when the start time is 9:30 a.m. If you would like more information, Dan can be contacted at 705-718-7178 or dangilbert1950@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can check out their facebook site at, Sixty and Hyzer.

Another activity that can now be enjoyed outside is Pickleball. Seniors embracing pickleball are attracted to its simple rules and its low impact on knees and joints, and studies have shown playing pickleball regularly can improve fitness levels in seniors. The Township of Tiny is offering Pickleball sessions at the Balm Beach Pickleball Court starting May 8th. The best part is that it's totally free! To obtain more information please call the recreation department at 705-526-4204 ext. 3 or www.tiny.ca and click on the Recreation and Community tab.

If you are not interested in sports but still love the outdoors, the Township of Tiny is proud to announce the launch of Art in the Heart. This is a new artisan

market that will showcase the work of local artists. The market will be held at Wyevale Park and run for four weekends over July and August. Art in the Heart is an opportunity for local artisans to showcase their talent and creativity and for visitors to experience the vibrant cultural scene in the Heart of Georgian Bay. The market aims to be an accessible and inclusive event that reflects the landscape of Tiny and the surrounding municipalities.

Programs, Activities & Events

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

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

Communications: A great way to keep informed on what's happening in the municipality is through TinyConnect. You can receive information via text, email, voice or TTY/TDD. There are several ways to register and receive updates, such as online at www.tinyconnect.ca, or phone 705-526-4204 ext. 301.

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

Transportation: CT Link – a community transportation service for Simcoe residents for medical (priority) and other appointments within Simcoe County and other destinations. If wheelchair assistance is required, advise when booking. To request this service, go online to ctlink.ca or Dial 211 for assistance.

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Flood the Floor May 30th

Women across Ontario demand an end to harassment by elected officials

May 19, 2023 - Toronto, ON – The Women of Ontario Say NO is hosting a public event entitled "Flood the Floor" on May 30th for the second reading of Bill 5 -The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. The public is invited to this family-friendly call on government to do the right thing and vote in support of basic human rights protection for all Ontarians.

To date, 112 Ontario municipalities, including 8 Upper Tier municipalities, are in support Bill 5, with unanimous support from Ontario Big City Mayors.

The proposed change in legislation will not only create a critical accountability framework for addressing harassment and abuse by municipally elected officials but will help prevent harassment in the first place. "When people know they can lose their jobs, they think twice before acting. This is as much about the pragmatism of the legislation as it is about the message it sends- the message to elected officials and community members alike that harassment will NOT be tolerated", shares Emily McIntosh, Lead

advocate. The effort firmly recognizes that without workplace safety, true diversity of voice will never be at the decision-making table, and this diversity is necessary for a healthy democracy. Emily McIntosh, lead advocate, adds, "We know there are people who have been harassed by sitting elected officials at the municipal level and do not feel they can come forward knowing there is no appropriate consequence for egregious acts of harassment. This reality needs to change now. And we can change it, together."

This collective advocacy involves many community organizations, groups and private citizens, and is growing daily. Women of Ontario Say No encourages everyone to visit the website www.thewomenofontariosayno.com, and to follow their Instagram page @womenofontariosayno to learn more.

To register for 'Flood the Floor' on May 30th at 4:30 pm, visit

BILL 5 - FLOOD THE FLOOR Tickets,
Tue., May 30, 2023 at 4:30 PM | Eventbrite
by Emily McIntosh

MINESING MOMENTS

by Lorrie Norwood

This spring weather is certainly challenging each of us as we try to figure out what to wear each day. As I write this I curse myself for having removed the snow brush from my car last weekend. My windshield was coated in a thick layer of frost and I had to turn on the seat heater and defrost before I could start my drive. It's mid May for heaven sakes. Come on warm weather!

As I am sure folks have seen there are several houses that have been placed for sale and have sold in the last couple of weeks. We hate to see our neighbours leave however we do wish them all well in their new homes wherever they may be. We would also like to welcome new neighbours into the village. You have found a fantastic area to move into. We are a great village with support for each other when there is a lot of snow, help when you need a hand and eyes when you may be away for a few days. We also welcome you to join in our activities that we have locally. There is golfing at Springwater Golf Course, skiing at Snow Valley Ski Resort, events at the community centre which also holds our own little gem of a library and a bowling alley in the basement of the same building. There is a baseball league for children and even a men's league. For those of you who may be computer savvy, you can look up our web page at www.minesing.ca and you can look to see all that we have to offer. There is also a Facebook page that you can find out many things, upcoming events, items for sale, services offered, even questions about what's happening in our village. Questions about Sirens going off, power outages, or if someone had something occur at their house and want to alert others. You can find it at "Minesing Community Page". Check these social media sites out if you are new or even if you haven't had the chance to take a peek yet.

Thursday was a very solemn day for the police community of the Ontario Provincial Police and for all police services across the nation. Sergeant Eric Mueller of the Russell County OPP Detachment in eastern Ontario near Ottawa is being laid to rest after being shot and killed in the line of duty. Two other officers were also shot during the same incident. One officer is still hospitalized while the other was released. Our community is located in OPP service area and we appreciate the work they do every day to serve and protect our communities. It is important to show our local police services that we have their backs just as they have ours. The last six months have been extremely difficult as there have been 10 other officers across our country that have been killed in the line of duty. These are all senseless acts of crime and something needs to change. When in times of need we call the police to assist. When they need assistance, it is our turn to support them.

Black flies have arrived in abundance. I'm sure the mosquitoes won't be far behind. Be sure to keep your grass cut and any items that are holding water be dumped to alleviate nesting grounds for these critters. Also be sure to check yourself and your pets for ticks this year, apparently they are around in large numbers.

Until next time, please be sure to hug your loved ones a little tighter as life is precious.

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NEWS FROM THE WYEVALE
COMMUNITY

Submitted by Karen Moreau,

May 21, 2023 -

ICE CREAM TIME: Well folks it’s back . The famous Jug City Ice Cream. It is served from 12 noon till 9:00 pm. Everyday Day. Come and enjoy this famous treat.

News from Wyevale United Church:

Rev. Kathleen Greidanus will be conducting the Morning Worship on Sunday May 28th at 10:00 a.m. Come join us for worship and a fellowship time downstairs after service.

Play Group: Play group at 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. every Thursday morning in the Church basement.

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.

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.

Sympathy: We extend our deepest sympathy to the Matheson family on the passing of Don. Don been a very active member of the Wyevale United Church. He will be missed greatly not only as a church member but by his family. Rest In Peace Don. We will meet you again someday.

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.

Wyevale Tribe: The Wyevale Tribe are back in action again this year. If you like to watch Men’s Baseball join them this Thursday May 25th @ 8:30 p.m. at the Wyevale Park.

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 rest of May

Jim Matheson, Nick Rawn, Laura Marley, Joan Crawford, Matthew Marshall, Leslie Webb, Paula Madill. Jason Moreau,

Reminder the next publishing date will be June 4th 2023.

HEY DADS!

Have you and your kids ever rescued a sea turtle trapped in fishing line? Ya. Me neither...until last Monday. Whoa, dude!

Last week I wrote about my boys’ new Rubik’s Cube hobby. Well, since we came down to the Dominican Republic the kids have picked up another new hobby – snorkeling. It started off when I visited one of the local stores full of merchandise straight from China and picked up a couple pairs of masks and snorkels. Which broke, literally, the first time we used them. They actually broke as we were walking out into the ocean to use them. Bogus deal, man. Returning merchandise isn’t really a thing down here, so that twenty bucks went to pay for my “retail education”.

A smart friend suggested I look at the local dive shop for some higher quality snorkeling gear. Glad I did. Most of the kids went back and bought their own sets of top-quality masks and snorkels. We’ve been out exploring the ocean many times even though the locals tell us the snorkeling isn’t very good here. Since most of my snorkeling experience has been in the murky depths of Lake Simcoe, I think the snorkeling is gnarly, dude! It’s amazing what’s swimming around out past the end of your arm.

I was snorkeling with my two oldest boys, Justice (9) and Sterling (11), and we hadn’t seen much more than a bit of coral and some sea weed. Suddenly I heard muffled exclamations puffing up out of their snorkels. Sure enough, they caught a glimpse of a little dude riding the current. A sea turtle. Cowabunga! Cautious at first, we swam closer. That’s when we noticed the fishing line. The poor little guy (or girl?) was wrapped up tight. One fin had about 30 tight loops around it. His un-natural leash only let him swim in a small circle. The line was getting tighter and tighter the more he struggled. Not cool.

If we were boy scouts we would have been prepared. We are not, and so we were not. On land we carry knives or multi-tools. But in the ocean? Nope. How

COMMUNITY RECREATION
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Phelpston CRA

1. Canada Day fireworks in Phelpston - July 1st at dusk.

2. Phelpston Annual Winger Dinger - Saturday August 5th.

Our next CRA meeting will be at the Phelpston rink building on Thursday June 1st at 7 pm. Items to discuss - fireworks, movie nights and winger dinger.

Submitted by Taylor Kelly, May 19, 2023

Elmvale CRA

Elmvale Senior’s Walking Group

The Elmvale Community Recreation Association would like to invite all interested seniors to a walking group beginning on Monday, June 5th from 7:30 to 8:30am. The group will walk each weekday morning (not weekends) during that time throughout June, July, August & September. We will meet at the pavilion at Heritage Park and leave on the trail from there. You can walk in groups or by yourself at your own speed. Please come and join us!

Elmvale Seniors Drop in

The Elmvale Community Recreation Association would like to invite all available seniors to a friendly tea and coffee time in the basement of the Elmvale Library in the McGuire Room on Monday, May 29 from 9 to 11 am. We are looking for feedback regarding possible activities for seniors that are feasible and wanted in our local community. Please drop in for a free cup of coffee or tea and some treats, and share your thoughts. We would love to see you there! Submitted by Lynn Patkau

Anten Mills CRA

1. Community wide garage sale on Saturday, June 10 from 8AM to noon. Posting has begun on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page and there is a link to sign up.

2. Thursday night euchre at 7 PM

3. Inquiry on progressive Cribbage hat could be held at the community centre. As the township doesn’t provide much in passive type of recreational activities the CRA thought that this would fit well into our local programming. This will not be for those wanting to learn about cribbage but those who have some experience and enjoy the game. In order to determine what day and time to hold it, a survey will be posted in the near future on the Facebook page to check for sufficient interest. If you like cribbage, watch for the survey coming soon and respond.

4. Mark your calendar now for June 20 at the community centre for a meet and greet drop in for children going to kindergarten this fall. Crystal is working on some activities for the children along with food and drinks. More will be posted on Facebook but put the date in your family calendar now.

Submitted by Taylor Shewell

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43 2013 Golden Globes cohost Tina

HEY DADS! continued

do you cut heavy-duty fishing line with no tools in the middle of the ocean? You start trying stuff. Rip it apart with all your might? Negative. Rub it on the sharp part of the turtle’s own shell? Uh-uh. Justice gnawing it with his teeth? No way, dude. Cue the boys’ inner MacGyver. Get a sharp shell off the bottom and start sawing. This took some coordination while treading water. Justice...hold the line tightly-tight. Sterling...saw away. Dad...hold the turtle. Before you could ask, “Where’s Nemo?”, the line was cut. Excellent, dude. The tightly-coiled loops around his fin proved more challenging, however. The patient would have to come to shore.

The boys took off while I awkwardly swam back carrying the sea turtle. In about 10-minutes we had him on the sand. I told Sterling to run home and grab a knife. He returned a few minutes later with some dull scissors. Close enough. We soon had a group of curious onlookers helping with the rescue operations. Sterling cut the remaining line and began to loosen and unravel it from around the neck and fin. It took some persistence but finally the last piece came off. Awesome! The boys brought him back to the

water. Our little dude caught a wave and surfed off into the deep blue sea.

I told the boys few people ever see a turtle in the ocean and even fewer rescue one. A once-in-a-lifetime experience for sure! We made a totally awesome memory and the boys saved the life of the little guy. Time flies, dudes! Make every moment count! Jason Weening talks like a surfer to his nine kids and one cute dudette. Check out his podcast at heydads.ca.

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Constipation can be caused by certain medications, medical conditions (such as diabetes), or by problems with the gut. You don’t need to have a bowel movement every day. Normal can be three times a day to three times a week. A diet high in cheeses and meats or low in dietary fibre and fluids can contribute to constipation...but increasing fibre and water doesn’t always help. For example, increasing fibre can lead to further impaction in severe constipation cases or in patients on narcotic pain medications.

There are a number of over-the-counter medicines that can help with constipation; both laxative and non-laxative. Most of them work in one or two days, but it can vary. Ask your Pharmasave pharmacist for help if you are suffering from constipation.

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Rose's Devotions by Rosy Hagedorn
The Lonely Twig



May 17, 2023 - Ephesians 2:10
– For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in

them. (NASB)
Spring had finally arrived! The buds on the trees and bushes were slowly starting to unfurl, clothing their surroundings with varying shades of luscious, bright greens. This is the time of year that I like going for walks.
The trail that I walk on passes by a couple of marshes and then winds along the bay. I have seen blue herons, turtles basking on a log, geese and ducks. As I walk on I can hear the waves rolling onto the shoreline.
Sometimes I step off the trail to stop and listen to the many different sounds the water makes as it rushes over the different shapes and sizes of rocks that are in the water.
As I was sitting on the bench by the water, I noticed a tiny twig standing upright behind a rock in the water. The water, rushing against the tiny twig and rock, created a small waterfall that looked like a living, cascading mushroom. I sat and watched in silence, listening to the orchestra of the water rippling over the various rocks. After some time had passed, I decided to leave this sanctuary and walk home.
The next morning, I walked again to the spot where that twig was. While sitting on the bench, I noticed that the twig that had been standing upright behind the rock was gone — and so was the tiny waterfall. As I reflected on this, I thought about how each one of us is like that one little twig.
That little twig amongst the pebbles, rocks, tree stumps, and water was needed to create something beautiful — a waterfall. Without that little twig, the waterfall ceased to be. Just as we are created for God's wonderful purpose, each one of us is needed to play an important part in God's wonderful world. No matter how insignificant we may think our lives are, let's remember that little twig and the beauty that it helped to create!
Romans 8:28 – And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (NASB)
Prayer: Lord of all creation, You created each and every one of us in Your image. You are the Potter and we are the clay. You created each one of us the way that You wanted. Help us to accept each other as You have accepted us. Amen.

Three of Elmvale's Finest

May 18, 2023 - Three of Elmvale's finest 91 year olds got together for lunch at the home of Ron and Linda French, to renew acquaintances and compare notes about their years in Elmvale. The stories they can tell from better days gone by.
Photo below L to R: Frank Archer. Jack Dyer and Ron French.



Do You Ever Say, "You Don't Love Me?"

May 14, 2023 - Have you ever had someone say, "You don't love me!", when you won't do what they want? Have you ever said, "You don't love me," or "You don't care about me," because someone would not do what you wanted?
I remember times when one of my children, upon being refused a treat or a toy, would lament that I didn't love them. I would always laugh, and so would they, because we both knew how far from the truth that was. But what if adults say this to each other and really mean it? How do you defend yourself when someone says you don't care? It can be a no-win situation.
First, it is important to recognize that it is inappropriate to tell another person how they feel. That robs them of the freedom to express their own feelings. When we do this, we are projecting onto them our idea of what they feel. When they try to correct us, we might argue with them. If you like vanilla and someone says that you really don't, you like chocolate, we can see how inappropriate it is to argue with someone about what they feel or think.
Second, loving or caring should not automatically be associated with doing certain things. If you want to know if someone loves you or has stopped loving, it is best just to ask them, rather than to challenge them because of some behavior. If you want to see more of a particular behavior, then its okay to ask for it, but you don't need to attach an emotional bomb to your request.
If you tell him he doesn't love you because he never brings you flowers, then where does that leave him when he spends so much time working on the yard because he wants it to look attractive for you? If you're mad because he never says you look nice, you might be missing the fact that he thinks you're beautiful, even first thing in the morning. If you think she doesn't love you because she spends so much time talking with her friends, you might be unaware that she talks to them about how much she does love you.
In any case, a positive approach always works better. Telling someone they don't care triggers defensive reactions, not deeper levels of caring. Talking about what you would like to create with a person is a way of painting a positive picture that you can strive for. And as for parents telling teenagers that they don't feel loved because the kids would rather be with friends, or kids thinking parents don't love them because they won't finance a car, these are guilt trips plain and simple.
Don't lay guilt trips on people you care about, because for sure, they'll think you don't love them.



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Reflections in the Looking Glass

May 18, 2023 - There is always great debate surrounding the exposure of wrongdoing on the part of a public figure. If you follow the media at all, it would seem that there is no one out there without something to hide.
I had a grade twelve teacher once who spoke to the class after there was whispering about one of our classmates who left school due to pregnancy. He said nothing about the situation itself. He said only that we should never judge another human being unless we were in an identical situation and conducted ourselves differently. Of course, we can never recreate an identical situation, so according to this logic, few of us could judge.
I have always remembered his comments. I feel saddened when I read of behaviors that cost others their credibility or reputation. I am sad for the individual, and sad for any victims.
Our lives might be a microcosm of the larger world, and there are situations in which human behavior is reflective of what we see on the larger stage. Just think how in gossip, others are judged and shamed, whether in the family, neighbourhood, or workplace.
We can agree on behaviors that are considered wrong in our culture, such as lying, cheating, hurting others and stealing. The more emotionally strong and healthy individuals are, the less they would engage in any of these behaviors. We remain much more humble, when we realize that the wrongdoings we read about in the media are reflections of our own wrong doings, even if we think they are less wrong.
Perhaps the loud criticism and finger pointing we direct at others is to convince ourselves of our superiority. It may make us feel "holier" than them, but it does not make us "holier." Integrity and honesty are fundamentally black and white. Either you have these qualities, or you do not (but presumably are working to develop them). Being not quite as far along in a pregnancy as a friend does not make one any less pregnant.
The biggest denials may not be on the part of those who lie publicly. It may be on the part of the armchair judges, who pretend to be they are better. If the only ones who could judge were those who have never, ever transgressed, the silence would be deafening. This is not to deny the seriousness of the things we have been reading about, but rather to suggest that we be thankful that we have not been publicly humiliated for our own little dishonesties.
Humans in our culture seem addicted to criticizing others. Critiques of others take up a lot of their headspace, and sharing those with others spreads the negativity.
This, sadly, seems more common in women. Surely, we have more important things to talk about than tearing someone down or spreading dirt about another human being. Imagine a world where people focused more on how they could be a better person that what they think is wrong with someone else.



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Estate Planning – Don't Put Your Adult Child on Title

By Taivi Tayler, RRC®, CLU® CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER®

May 15, 2023 - Over the years, I have heard many ways that people strategize to move wealth between generations in order to avoid the Estate Administration Tax, otherwise known as probate. In Ontario, probate is triggered when the executor applies for an estate certificate to be issued.

It's a death tax as far as I'm concerned. The government swoops in and strips 1.5% off the value of an estate over \$50,000. If your estate is small, the bill won't be large. If your estate is large (north of \$250,000) you need to be proactive and put some tactical strategies in place.

A commonly suggested strategy is for an elderly homeowner to add their adult child to the title of their primary residence. This one is the most prevalent and probably the least effective.

This is one of those situations where you pause before you act.

The biggest risk is to the adult child, not to the senior parent. If the adult child owns their own home, and the value of the parent's home increases in value, the adult child will face a capital gains tax at their marginal rate on the sale of the elderly parent's home. The capital gains tax for the adult child could be significantly larger than the Estate Administration Tax.

If there are a multitude of beneficiaries, this situation becomes very messy. Good intentions without understanding the impact on all your beneficiaries could mean that your loved ones wind up suing each

other.

I have some rules that should be discussed before anyone puts pen to paper adding their adult child to title.

If you can't clear every rule, don't do it.

Rule 1: The adult child should be the ONLY beneficiary of the estate.

Rule 2: The adult child can not own their own home already.

Rule 3: That adult child must want to live in their elderly parent's home.

Rule 4: The adult child needs to have the mental capacity to care for the home.

Rule 5: The adult child needs to have independent resources to financially care for the home and its ongoing upkeep.

If you can't check all the boxes, don't do it. Everyone's situation is unique and there may be different and better solutions available for the senior homeowner depending on their financial, mental, and physical capacities.

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Mitchell Hooper

May 19, 2023 - A Midhurst local was recently put on the international strongman map when Mitchell "The Moose" Hooper was crowned as The World's Strongest Man! After five successful events in the competition, Hooper became the first-ever Canadian to win and brought the title home to Midhurst. I am lucky to have met with him recently at the Home Runs for the Hungry baseball game, where he was a celebrity player, to express our community's excitement about this amazing accomplishment and present him with a congratulatory scroll.

Going up against nine competitors from the United States, Ukraine, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and Australia in the finals, Hooper was named the Strongest Man Alive. On top of being the first Canadian to win The World's Strongest Man competition, he is also the fourth person ever to win the Arnold Strongman Classic and The World's Strongest Man title in the same year! After a very successful start to the year at the top of his game, Hooper isn't looking to slow down. Eyeing up a grand slam victory for 2023 also means winning the Shaw Classic and Rogue Invitational. With two more wins to go, he's currently in training mode and hoping to be the first person ever to win all four titles in the same year.

Despite his strongman build, Hooper is as humble as they come and he's hoping to start changing the perception of strongmen in general. With a motto of "lift heavy, be kind," Hooper assures that his competitors are as kind and as nice as they come. The way he speaks of his competitors makes them seem more like a community than anything else. Back at home, Hooper is an Accredited Exercise Physiologist and is dedicated to training and coaching his clients.

Please join me in wishing Mitchell Hooper continued success as he strives to reach those goals, while making his hometown community proud.

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Stop Ticks From Taking a Bite Out of Your Time Outdoors

Enjoying and being active in natural environments such as parks and woodlands is associated with better health and well-being. These places can also be home to blacklegged ticks that carry Lyme disease, a serious but preventable illness. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health (SMDHU) offers information to help you prevent bites from ticks so that you can focus on enjoying being outdoors.

Ticks are becoming more common across Ontario and Simcoe Muskoka as climate change is creating more tick-friendly environments and lengthening the season during which ticks are active. They prefer to live in moist shaded environments, especially leafy wooded areas and overgrown grassy habitats.

Lyme disease is passed through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick. Early symptoms may include fever, chills, headache, muscle and joint pain, fatigue, and an expanding red rash, and may begin three to 30 days after being exposed. Most cases of Lyme disease can be successfully treated during the early stages, when the first symptoms appear. More severe symptoms including recurring arthritis, neurological problems, and heart disorders can occur if left untreated.

Avoiding bites, removing ticks quickly after a bite and early detection can effectively prevent Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. You can reduce your chance of exposure by taking the following actions when heading outdoors in grassy or woody areas:

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants, and shoes with closed toes, and tuck your pant cuffs into your socks. Light-coloured clothing makes ticks easier to see.
- Use an insect repellent with DEET or Icaridin, being sure to read the label and follow the directions.
- If possible, stay on the trails when walking or biking in the woods and other natural areas.

After spending time outdoors, do a full body tick check on yourself, your family and any pets as soon as you can and at least before you go to bed that day. You can use a mirror or ask someone to help you check any hard to see places. Removing a tick within 24 hours can prevent infection, so taking a shower within two hours of being outdoors can help to wash away any loose ticks before they bite.

If you find a tick, remove it as soon as possible and check the rest of your body as there could be more. Once removed, visit eTick.ca to identify the tick and follow the guidance provided.



Congratulations Wyevale!

On May 11 Springwater Public Library held our annual Battle of the Books with four local elementary schools participating. Teams from Huronia Centennial Elementary School, Minesing, Wyevale and Hillsdale from grades 4-6 were tasked with reading 100 books in categories of award winners, Canadian authors, Fantasy and Wild Card (popular book list). Teams battled each other with tricky questions in a Jeopardy style game with Domino's Pizza providing a free lunch to the participants. The top prize and trophy was awarded to Wyevale. Way to go everyone!

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.

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.

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

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.

Creative Adults: Pottery Road trip

Join us this month for an afternoon of painting at the Paint Bar in Wasaga Beach. This road trip will be a fun outing you won't want to miss! The Paint Bar is located at 930 River Road West. The studio fee is \$8. Pottery pieces are available in a variety of sizes from \$8 to \$60. Monday May 29, 2pm-4pm. Registration required.

Outdoor Storytime!

Bring a blanket and head outside for a special Outdoor Storytime with Miss Amanda for stories, music and more! Tuesday June 6, 10:30am Homer Barret Park. This is a free drop in program with no registration required.

Alzheimer Society of Canada

Maryse from The Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County will be presenting a free informative talk on dementia covering general knowledge, communication tips and services and programs available in our area. Tuesday June 6, 1:30pm-3pm at Midhurst Branch. Registration required.

Pride Bracelet Craft

In celebration of Pride month in June, join us in the library and make a loom rainbow bracelet on Friday June 9, Midhurst Branch or Monday June 12 at Elmvale Branch.

Hillsdale Vendor Event

At the 2nd annual Vendor Market at Hillsdale Community Park you'll find over 40 artisans, bakers and small businesses including Kaitlyn and the Springwater Public Library! Drop by and visit with Kaitlyn who will have a free craft available for you! Saturday June 10, 9am-2pm at the Hillsdale Community Park.

Master Gardener Information Session

Linda, a local Simcoe County Master Gardener will be with us to chat about seed collecting, garden diversity, heirloom and native seeds. Discover how to identify, collect and preserve all types of seeds. This is a hands on workshop on sorting techniques. Tuesday June 13, 6pm-7:30pm at Elmvale Branch. Registration required.

Elmvale Deserves Help from Students (EDHS) Day at Heritage Park



May 11, 2023 - On May 11 six grade eleven students joined George and Ruth Allen and four eager Lioness supervisor/workers at Heritage Park in Elmvale to clean and maintain facilities. John Trace joined the work force as well. The EDHS students (Beckham Westcott, Enzo Coniglione, Jake Murphy, Edward Monck, Wyatt Aldred, and Arsh Makkar) came shortly after nine 'ready to work'. The boys, under the supervision of the adults, cleaned and painted the road sign, weeded and worked up three flower beds,



cleaned and washed kitchen shelves and utensils, weeded and groomed the path near the pavilion.

In twenty years of having students help in the park, I have never had a better student crew. As well, I must complement the sterling leadership of the Lioness who worked with enthusiasm side-by-side with the students. John Trace also was a great mentor for one of the students who helped him with the road-side sign. Ruth Allen has been a kitchen clean-up supervisor since the inception of the park.



The pandemic caused havoc with a lot of programs, including the spring clean-up in the park. It is refreshing to see the students out in the community again, making their contribution to Heritage Park maintenance and grooming.

George was at the BBQ to provide burgers and hot dogs for lunch (food paid for by the Lioness). There were no leftovers.

Thanks to all! George Allen

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On May 2, 2023, Squarefoot Commercial Group presented the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation with a \$10,000 donation to the Foundation’s Impact Fund. Squarefoot believes strongly in supporting their clients and community, and made the donation after they provided commercial real estate services to GBGH on the sale of the former Penetanguishene General Hospital building & property in 2022.

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Submitted by Jen Russell, Sr. Marketing & Community Engagement Officer GBGH Foundation

Elmvale McDonald's on McHappy Day



Photo above: Five year old Emma Reynolds and neighbour, local firefighter Rodd Innes are proud community members, and were happy to see such a great turnout at McHappy day supporting this cause.

Record-Breaking Charlee's Run Event Raises \$150,000 for OSMH



May 15, 2023 - ORILLIA, ON – This year’s Charlee’s Run 5K run/walk, presented by Subaru of Orillia, was the most successful event yet- raising over \$150,000 for paediatric and neonatal needs at Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital (OSMH).

On Saturday, May 6, over 1000 people came out to Tudhope Park to help break the silence surrounding pregnancy and infant loss. The event had fun for the whole family with live music, face painting, Charlee’s Run branded merchandise, memorial keepsakes, refreshments, and most importantly, a village of support for those in need.

“We expected 50 people to join us at the first Charlee’s Run and were so moved when more than 300 people came out to show their support,” said Dave Holmes, event founder and father of Charlee Clare Holmes. “The fact that we had over 1000 people attend this year is absolutely incredible.”

Charlee’s Run is named in honour of Charlee Clare Holmes, who passed away in 2011 only a few hours after birth. Her parents, Dave and Mallory Holmes, started the run as a way to raise awareness and end the silence surrounding pregnancy and infant loss.

“We struggled in silence for a long time, there were endless nights crying on the kitchen floor and



struggling to find a way through,” Dave Holmes said. “Eventually we found a group of parents that had lost a piece of their hearts as well and it was here that we found the strength, the comfort, and, above all, hope.”

Each year, the community around Charlee’s Run, known as “Charlee’s Village”, continues to grow.

“Losing a baby is something we wish no one had to deal with,” said Mallory Holmes, event founder and mother of Charlee Clare Holmes. “Charlee’s Run has reminded so many people that they are not alone in their suffering. No one should have to cry on the kitchen floor alone.”

Through seven successful events, Charlee’s Run has raised more than half a million dollars for OSMH. The donations have been used to purchase crucial equipment for the OSMH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), obstetrics, and paediatric departments, as well as stocking the dedicated bereavement cart to support patients experiencing a pregnancy or infant loss.

Due to the success of this year’s Charlee’s Run, OSMH will be able to purchase two new Giraffe Warmers for the NICU. Giraffe Warmers are the beds used in the NICU to keep OSMH’s smallest



patients warm and provide easy access for medical professionals to provide the care needed.

“Charlee’s Run continues to be a day to remember the lives lost far too soon and a day to remember that no one is alone in their suffering,” said Carmine Stumpo, President and CEO of OSMH. “Our hospital team members, many of whom participate in Charlee’s Run, are so grateful for the support they receive from Charlee’s Village.”

This year’s success would not have been possible without the support from participants, donors, sponsors, and volunteers. The OSMH Foundation will be celebrating those who went above and beyond with their fundraising initiatives by handing out awards to the top individuals and top teams.

Congratulations to the Charlee’s Run top individual fundraisers: Jen French, Kara Greene, and Heather Murphy. The top fundraising teams were Ripple of Kindness Orillia, OSMH Regional Women & Children’s Team, and Jensen’s Joggers.

For more information about Charlee’s Run, visit CharleesRun.com.

Submitted by Heather Price-Jones, Communications Officer, Foundation

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Put Some Colour Into Your World!



By Christine March, Master Gardener
March 29, 2023 - Of the many joys of spring - more daylight, warmth in the air - nothing makes me happier than seeing pops of colour return to our outside world.

Who doesn't take delight in the fresh greens of new growth, the cheery yellow daffodils, the pastel blossoms of spring flowering trees, and the incredible rainbow of colour that tulips bring to our gardens? Humans are hardwired to respond to colour and your garden is the perfect canvas to colour your world in ways that make you happy. So, let's hone in on six popular colours, listed according to where they land on the colour wheel, and the emotions most closely associated with them.

Primary Colours:
Red - passion, drama, fun
Yellow - joy, wisdom, youth
Blue - serenity, freedom, intelligence
Secondary Colours:
Orange - creativity, warmth, energy
Green - harmony, fresh, natural
Purple - royalty, romance, mystery
Looking for some colourful inspiration? Here's a selection of seasonal blooms whose colours will brighten your garden and your mood.

Spring
I can't imagine a spring without tulips. The anticipation of their colourful flowers is the tonic that gets me through winter. With over 3,000 registered varieties spanning a huge colour palette, there are no excuses not to have cheery tulips in your spring garden.

Early Summer
Peonies are the Queens of the early summer garden and the beautiful blooms come in a vast array of colours, from hot pinks to yellows to magentas and reds. Once established herbaceous peonies are long-lived, easy care plants. They are colourful and fragrant must-haves in every garden.
Irises are easy to grow perennials that come in a

range of colours from blues and purples, apricots, yellows, whites, even black.

Late Summer
If peonies are the Queens, dahlias are the Dramatic Showstoppers. These late season beauties bloom in a range of colours, shapes and sizes. With over 50,000 varieties, they come in every colour except blue and black.

Fall
Yellow seems to bookend the gardening year. It features prominently in the spring garden with daffodils, forsythia, and tulips, and also in the fall when our gardens are winding down. The jolly yellows of sunflowers, solidago, rudbeckia, and chrysanthemums remind us to enjoy colour while we can. Late season dahlias will extend the colour palette beyond the yellow family - until the frost comes.

When considering colour for the garden remember to look beyond flowers. Stems, foliage, and berries are all excellent options. For example:

Standout Stems
Red-osier dogwood (Cornus sericea)
Golden Twig Dogwood (Cornus sericea Flaviramea)
Golden Willow (Salix alba var. vitellina)

Fabulous Foliage
Ninebark Coppertina (Physocarpus opulifolius)
Bush honeysuckle (Diervilla lonicera)
Common witch hazel (Hammelis virginiana)

Beautiful Berries
Black chokeberry (Aronia melanocarpa)
Winterberry hollies (Ilex verticillata)
American cranberry (Viburnum trilobum)

CONSIDER THIS:
Your garden is a direct reflection of you. Let it tell your story! Whatever your colour personality may be - bright and cheery, moody blue, or softly pastel - there are no wrong choices. Colour your world!

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We are pleased to invite you to our community open house to share updates on the Barrie Area Transmission Upgrade project and construction activities.

In 2018, our team completed an Environmental Assessment to upgrade the existing two 115 kV transmission lines from the Barrie Transformer Station to the Essa Transformer Station, to a single 230 kV transmission line. Earlier this year in March, we shared information about the scope and anticipated timeline for this project. Since then, our crews have been preparing the work area to begin construction and replace the existing two transmission lines which consist of wooden structures, with a single transmission line of new, narrow steel lattice structures along the corridor.

We invite you to join our next community house to learn about the next steps in the project and speak directly with members of the project team.



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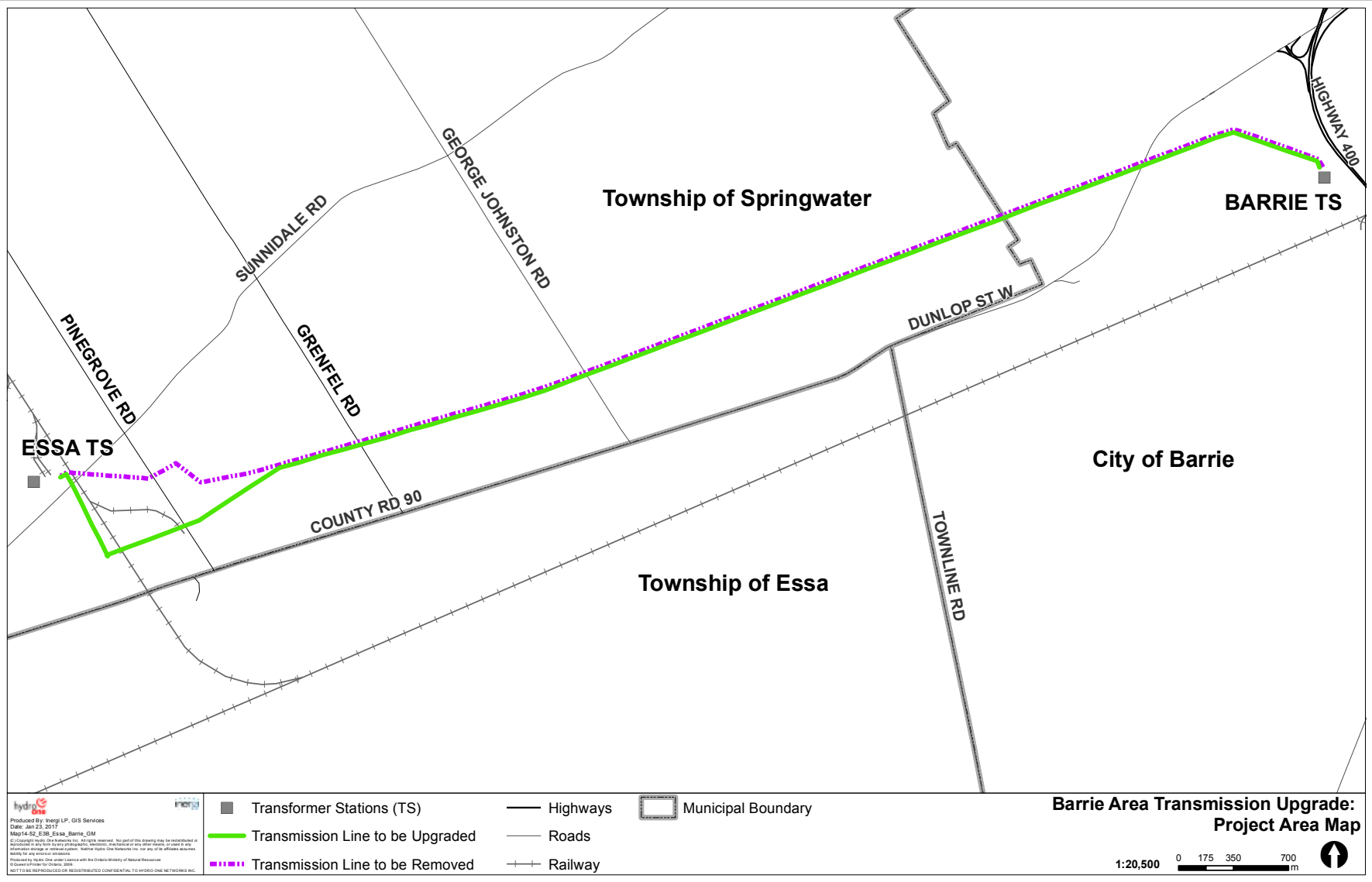
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Phelpston Community Recreation Association Gets \$8,548.54



Photo above L to R: Councillor Alexander, Ralph Craddock, Cory Kelly and Sharon Chambers-O'Neill

Thank you to the past Phelpston Recreation Association members Ralph Craddock & Sharon Chambers O'Neill for presenting the current Phelpston Community Recreation Association with a cheque for \$8548.54 at our meeting on Thursday May 11th!

These were funds raised at the Outhouse Races in the late 80's and early 90's. Looking forward to see the great things we do in our community with these funds.
Submitted by Taylor Kelly

Fundraise with Kidney Clothes

May 17, 2023 - – Are you looking for an easy and cost-free way to raise funds for your school, team, or community organization? Kidney Clothes wants to partner with you to host a clothing drive, raising funds that will support your cause as well as people in the community living with kidney disease.

The average Canadian throws away over 80 lbs. of clothing a year and 90 percent of those items could be recycled or reused. Having a clothing drive is a great way to capitalize on that waste, not only raising money to support your initiative but also protecting our planet by keeping textiles out of landfills.

Hosting a Kidney Clothes drive is easy and costs nothing. All you need to do is spread the word about your drive and collect unwanted clothing and textiles from your family, friends, and community. Kidney Clothes will pick up the donations and turn them into funds. It really is that easy!

The funds raised through the Kidney Clothes program are used by The Kidney Foundation of Canada to provide hope and support to Canadians affected by kidney disease. More clothing drives will enable people in local communities to access more Kidney Foundation programs which include financial assistance, peer support, and educational materials such as the Living with Kidney Disease patient manual given to every newly diagnosed kidney patient.

To learn more about Kidney Clothes and our partnerships visit www.kidneyclothes.ca.
Submitted by Jennifer Breese

One Day We Booked a Chap From Orillia, Gordon Lightfoot



With the passing of Gordon Lightfoot, it brought some memories back for me, when I was much younger. Please be patient while I explain. I was a poor student, grade 10 only, tried Gr. 11 twice but didn't like it, so I kicked around doing odd jobs or shooting pool, until my Father volunteered me for a part time job at Coles Books in Dufferin plaza. I worked there part time for about 6 months, and got to know retail, which I enjoyed. They must have liked my attitude, so they asked if I would move

to Oshawa as receiver and window display man at Coles in the Oshawa Centre. I would have been 19 at that time. Oshawa Center was unique as it had underground delivery, built during the early Nuclear threats, which could be used as hiding places and fed from the storerooms of Loblaws. Once there, I had an opportunity with two other chaps to travel to Toronto one evening, to see the new folk music scene and coffee houses which were springing up, especially on Avenue Rd., in those large homes that converted to serving the University students with the latest craze, which was Folk Music and expensive coffee's. Ian and Sylvia were just starting out, as were various groups in the U.S., as students rebelled at the VietNam war, etc. On the way back, we three decided to open a coffee house in Oshawa. We rented an old house on the Main St., tore down some walls and painted the walls purple to resemble the Purple Onion, which we had heard about. The coffee that we served was pricey for the times, but we justified it by adding a shot of Brandy in it, keeping an eye out for the liquor inspector. Cafe O'lait was a favourite. We called our place Club Abstract. Now we needed entertainment, so we spread the word out and got some local Folk singers to entertain our clientele. One day we booked a chap from Orillia, that was just starting out as a singer. His name was Gordon Lightfoot, and was a few years older than me. He arrived on a Wednesday and played for 4 days, at the huge cost of \$250.00 for 4 days. Nice man, not flashy, but gentle. Two things stand out in my mind for that time. 1) His teacher girlfriend showed up on that Friday afternoon, but refused to stay at the lodgings that we normally booked for out of town entertainers, it was a real dive. It only cost us \$7 per night, but her

refusal to stay there, we were forced to book her and Gordon at the Genosha Hotel, at the whopping price of \$20 per night. 2) At the end of each set, Gordon would sing this ditty, "When I was just a little tot, my mommy put me on my little pot, and there I wee-wee'd quite a lot, wee-wee, see you in a few minutes folks" and he would take a break. Shortly after this venture, I was transferred back to Toronto as assistant manager at Coles # 1 store on Yonge St. and Charles. The coffee house closed soon after, as the majority of G.M. workers were from the East Coast or Northern Ontario and their preference was Country Music, not Folk. Besides, we were selling our coffee's at \$1 or more, while Timmy's was only 15c (but no liquor). Many complaints. Next time I met Gordon was when he dropped by the Coles store to buy sheet music, & I spoke w/him briefly, asking why I had not seen him on the Yonge St. strip, & he told me he had just finished a tour of Europe, where folk music was all the rage. This was 1963, that's when I applied & joined Zeller's on their Mgmt. Training program & worked in 12 different communities as manager & associate manager, even twice more in Oshawa. That folks was my experience with Gordon Lightfoot. He was even younger than attached photo, Curly hair and angelic smile, but as the years went by, probably with many chemicals, his appearance changed to what you see on T.V. now, on his last days. Jan and I saw him twice more in the ensuing years, once at the Orillia Opera House & the second time @ Massey Hall where he appeared yearly. I doubt he would have played for \$250 for 4 days there. I hope you enjoyed this bit of trivia and my short link to the great Canadian singer. *Regards to All, George Potopnyk*

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Black Bean & Brown Rice Burgers – So Healthy, So Good

May 21, 2023 - Let's face it, not all veggie burgers taste great, but I promise, this one does. Several attempts and countless taste tests, this recipe is a winner! Filled with fibre and plant-based protein, these black bean burgers - made with brown rice - are so healthy, so delicious and so easy to prepare.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cans black beans (1 can is 15 oz or 1 3/4 cup)
- 2 cups (500 ml) cooked brown or white rice
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced or 1/4 teaspoon (1.25 ml) garlic powder

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- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) black pepper
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) cumin
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) chilli powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon (7.5 ml) ground coriander
- 1 1/2 teaspoon (7.5 ml) ground turmeric
- 1/2 (125 ml) to 2/3 cup (167 ml) breadcrumbs or oat flakes
- 2 eggs or chia eggs (mix 2 tablespoons (30 ml) chia seeds with 5 tablespoons (75 ml) water – let sit 10 minutes)
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) corn kernels – frozen, canned or fresh
- 1/3 cup (83 ml) fresh cilantro, chopped
- Juice from 1 lime or 1/2 lemon
- 1-2 tablespoons (15-30 ml) olive oil if frying the burgers

INSTRUCTIONS

1. To a large bowl add the beans, cooked rice, onion, garlic, salt, black pepper, cumin, chilli powder, coriander, turmeric, bread crumbs or oat flakes, eggs or chia eggs, corn kernels, cilantro, lemon or lime juice. Mash with a potato masher until the mixture holds together, but still has a chunky texture. Alternatively, place all the ingredients in a food processor and pulse until somewhat smooth with some chunks.
2. With your hands form patties the size of a hockey puck or smaller, if desired. If the patties are too moist,

add some more bread crumbs or oat flakes.

3. Either BBQ or heat a frying pan on medium heat. Brush the BBQ grill with olive oil or add olive oil to the pan to prevent sticking.

4. Cook for 6-8 minutes on one side, flip and then cook 4-6 minutes on the other side.

5. Serve patties with the usual fixings in a hamburger bun or wrap the patties in iceberg lettuce as an alternative to a bun.

ENJOY!

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Did You Know?

Black beans are a great source of plant-based protein and very good for your gut's microbiome – the healthy bacteria in your gastrointestinal tract. Full of fibre, beans promote a feeling of fullness and also keep you regular. Black beans also contain iron, zinc, calcium and antioxidants that support your immune system.

Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



Thursday April 27, 2023 - After a week of cold and drab weather, today's sunny skies had me taking the day off work. This is not just a great day for hiking, but a day for a long drive with the sunroof open and the music...ok, not

loud, but louder than normal.

I decided to head west and back towards my childhood stomping grounds. I grew up in Creemore and loved to explore the surrounding area from the Blue Mountains, through Maple Valley and up into Maxwell along the Niagara Escarpment. Today I headed to the Devil's Glen. It has been thirty years since I attempted this hike, and I remember struggling to finish the climb back up. But I digress. Let's start from the beginning.



The entrance to this provincial park is off country road 124 heading into Singhampton. Watch carefully for the entrance on the "S" bend as it can be difficult to see. Parking is limited. As you start out, the main trail heads out to the lookout. This is a beautiful spot, as you can sit and enjoy the view out and over the ravine to the Devil's Glen ski hills. If this is as far as you can make it, well the scenery is worth the drive. For those wanting to push themselves further, head down the right-hand trail. This trail is a part of the Bruce trail, so it is well trod and has clear blazes to follow. As you descend into the gorge the sounds of traffic on the highway are replaced by the sounds of the rapidly flowing Mad River. The trail can be



muddy, and you would not want to attempt this trail after a rain. There are well maintained bridges over the many fresh streams that cascade down the slopes, but there are still areas of spring water that will have you contemplating how much mud you are willing to step into.

Eventually the trail comes to the bottom of the gorge, and travels along the Mad River. Just the smell of the river had me reminiscing of my childhood, and how at this time of year we would be tubing down the Mad using tractor tire inner tubes. Our lips would be blue and our teeth chattering, but what a ride! I have no interest in even dipping my toes in that cold water anymore, but I do love this little river. It is neither deep nor wide, but so active as it tumbles over rocks and around deadfalls, forming cascades and pools and an amazing amount of white water.

Eventually the trail exits out onto the parking lot for the Devils Glen ski club. At this point the Bruce trail interconnects with several other trails. Stay to the

right, across a bridge, and right again. By now I had shed layers of clothing and decided to cool off on one of the last remaining patches of snow. I swear I heard sizzling sounds as I lay spread eagled in the snow! After cooling off I headed up the ski hills to a side trail, that continued to the top of the ravine. I decided to head back and used a lower trail to connect back with the main trail, passing two ladies having lunch sitting on a bridge and enjoying the sun's warmth.

The trail back to the top of the Glen takes time. It is steep in places as well as muddy. Thankfully there are stairs for the steepest areas. There is no shame in stopping and taking a rest on the well-placed bench. After all, this break lets you soak in the quiet, and listen to the songs of the warblers and woodpeckers. All together, this portion of trail covered approximately six kilometers and took two and a half hours to complete. Of course, you can vary your route with the interconnecting trails to make it longer. Or you can park at the Devils Glen ski hills for a shorter route that is less strenuous.

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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

Have you completed your Spring cleaning and discovered that you have many items that could be repurposed? Wondering if you should have a garage sale? Don't know when the best time to have it would be? Well worry no more as the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association is pleased to advise that there will be a community wide garage sale on Saturday, June 10 from 8AM to noon. Posting has begun on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page and there is a link to sign up. Over 15 families have already indicated they will be participating so it should bring lots of traffic to the sale.

Earlier this month the CRA met and updates on many of the activities that have happened, are occurring or upcoming were discussed. As the events get closer more information will be released. One activity that has seen new life is the Thursday night euchre. Usually at this time of the year they shut down for the season and return in the fall. The involvement has been such that they have asked to continue through the summer. Euchre will continue on Thursday evening starting at 7 PM until further notice so if you are looking for something to do, go give it a try.

At the meeting a local resident inquired if progressive Cribbage might be something that could be held at the community centre. As the township doesn't provide

much in passive type of recreational activities the CRA thought that this would fit well into our local programming. This will not be for those wanting to learn about cribbage but those who have some experience and enjoy the game. In order to determine what day and time to hold it, a survey will be posted in the near future on the Facebook page to check for sufficient interest. If you like cribbage, watch for the survey coming soon and respond.

Do you have a child who will be starting Junior Kindergarten this fall at any of our local schools? Do they or you know any other kids or parents who will be attending? Crystal, who ran the Sunday morning PlayGroup thought it would be great to get the kids and families together and introduce them to each other. Mark your calendar now for June 20 at the community centre for a meet and greet drop in. Crystal is working on some activities for the children along with food and drinks. More will be posted on Facebook but put the date in your family calendar now.

If you travel Nursery Road on occasion you will be pleased to see that it has been repaved. Thanks Springwater for looking after this.

Many have wondered what the status is of the new development along Wilson Drive that has been under construction for several years. This past week

the Estates of Anten Mills subdivision received its formal approval as a registered plan of subdivision. The developer now needs to fulfill their subdivision requirements with the township before building permits can be issued. There is the potential for 76 new homes to be constructed in the coming years. Currently the street lights are being installed and there are real estate signs on some lots.

This past week a family on Horseshoe reported that they had a vehicle severely vandalized in their driveway. This is very unfortunate and not what we like to see happen. If you see unwanted activity please notify the OPP immediately. You can contact them by 9-1-1 if it's a true emergency or by calling *677 (*OPP) for important but non urgent matters.

There are confirmed reports of a Black Bear and cub in the Hendrie Forest. If you walk your dog in the forest it would be wise to keep them on leash so not to cause concerns.

Springwater Township recently had a Trails Master Plan meeting and will be having a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Open House on June 5. If you have an interest in either of these check the Township website for more details.

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

Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn

SPRINGING INTO SUMMER?



The long weekend has passed, and I must say...brrrrr as it was a bit chilly till thankfully, Monday brought us 20 degrees of Celsius and clear sunny skies! I've been holding off putting in any of my seedlings and that turned out to be a wise choice. Some of my friends were a little excited about the really warm days we recently had and subsequently lost quite a few small plants with those cooler nights. It is so sad to lose little seedlings that you worked so hard to nurture indoors.

My garden is a joy to me, and I hope to expand on the varieties of veggies so I can look forward to a glorious harvest in the fall. I still have butternut squash from last year! I need to amend and till the soil this week but as I look out my window today, the haze of mosquitos are making me afraid...very afraid! Not to worry as I'll soak myself down with a home-made version of repellent that no bug (or human) will want to go near, LOL. It's a combination of citronella, cedar leaf, eucalyptus, and lavender scents with an almond oil carrier. After slathering it on, I smell more like a tent in the hot summer sun, but it works.

Pests are all around us and I do not look forward to seeing those Asian Beetles come back to visit so I'll be looking for help in that department. I could put screening over my plants but that would not please the bees and without their help in pollination, I'd be cutting my nose off...well, you know... I guess I'll just be on the ready with my mason jar full of soapy water and jump on them as soon as they show their buggy eyes!

I'm still setting out a bit of bird feed and suet which had brought me much joy over the winter months. I

didn't want to stop feeding them. It was just a lonely Chickadee at first that came to my door but after a few weeks there were Finches, Juncos, Blue Jays, Downy Woodpeckers, and my blessed ruby-coloured



Cardinals. I was even visited once or twice by a Pileated Woodpecker that engulfed the whole feeder. By late Spring, I was seeing Grackles, Starlings, colourful Goldfinches, Warblers, Nuthatches, Red-Winged Blackbirds and gently cooing, Mourning Doves.

Speaking of pests, the fun soon started. The Black Squirrels, the Red Squirrels and even a big Grey Squirrel discovered my 'food score'. Love them but they can get really pesky! They ran up the screens and crawled down from the roof to reach the feeders. They jumped from the tree and up from the ground and down the make-do ropes I had used, just to swing about sending all the seeds flying! They chased each other around the yard and chattered up in the trees to scold each other for not sharing. If the food wasn't out in the morning, they'd scamper to my door with a look of askance. Cute but not that cute!

You would think that even this scenario would settle down in the evenings, but I soon realized I was being visited by Racoons and Skunks in the middle of the night. I'd hear a crash and stumble out of bed to shine a flashlight beam on a couple of bandits safe cracking the suet cages! Later that same night, I surprised a Skunk who thought my compost heap was hiding their fair share of tasty slugs. We both backed away slowly figuring it was nothing to make a 'stink' about.

I have since removed the seed feeding stations, but I still hang on to the idea that the suet feeders, if placed properly, won't hurt to keep. I'll also keep a little cracked corn on hand for my favourite ducks as I've been trying to get them 'in a row' all my life! Cheers to that and hope you had a wonderful Victoria Day weekend!



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Day Trip Gem: Beaver Valley

April 24, 2023 - When the warmer weather comes and the trees and spring flowers start to blossom, many folks start itching to hit the road and kick off day trip season. The Beaver Valley is the perfect place to indulge in a leisurely road trip that can last anywhere from a couple hours to an entire day.

Located south of Georgian Bay, in Grey County, this region has much to offer. From enjoying beautiful scenery from the comfort of your car to engaging in more active pursuits, the valley, which is named after the river flowing through it and is also part of the Niagara Escarpment, will not disappoint.

For the outdoorsy bunch the Beaver Valley is the perfect place to hike, swim, kayak and just generally embrace everything such a varied and gorgeous landscape has to offer. There are a number of access points to gain entry into the Beaver River. One is located at 235566 Grey Rd. 13 and another is at 686561 Grey Rd. 13. Both are near Kimberly. I’m also certain locals will be able to point out additional access points if you inquire. Lake Eugenia is also a great spot for aquatic pursuits. Hiking Trails abound as the Bruce Trail runs right through the valley. Kimberly Forest is another popular hiking spot. Horseback riding can also be done on many of the area’s trails. For the super adventuress why not try kayaking/ canoeing in Ontario’s best preserved hardwood swamp.

For those who love being outside but are of a more artsy persuasion, bring along your camera or canvas and pastels and/or watercolours and take in the

beautiful panoramic views offered at Beaver Valley Lookout near Flesherton off Grey Rd 13 or at the Old Baldy Lookout also located off this road. Epping -John Muir Lookout and Conservation Area is also a great place to encourage those creative tendencies. The splendour of Eugenia and Webwood Falls cannot be overlooked either as both provide spectacular scenery. The Duncan Crevice Caves serve as a stark contrast to the rest of the surrounding geographical features.

Looking to move indoors for some arts and culture, Clarksburg is emerging as an artsy alcove. Be sure to check out Beaver Valley Glassworks located at 127 Hill Street. Throughout the valley small towns and villages filled with quaint shops, pubs, bistros and adorable main streets beckon. Ravenna is famous for its Country Market. Flesherton, Kimberly and Thornbury are great places to browse and embrace a small town vibe. Other interesting places of interest include Blackbird Pie, Georgian Hills Vineyard, the Thornbury damn and fishery, Kimberly General Store and the Fiddlehead Nursery. Being responsible for much of Ontario’s apple industry, a trip to a cidery is a must. Thornbury Craft Cidery and Brew House or Beaver Valley Orchard and Cidery are two good choices.

Whether you visit in the winter, spring, summer or fall, Beaver Valley has an abundance of sights, smells and sounds that are sure to leave a long lasting impression. Don’t miss out!!

by Lesley Gowens


Craighurst Women’s Institute May Meeting

We opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was “what is your daily exercise routine”. That brought a huge range of answers. One member claims she has “knee-itis” She says you can look it up. So she works on her knees before breakfast. Another member said she had none, and everyone went tut tut and secretly wished they were her. After we found who was present we had minutes, treasurer’s, new business. Some members had been at the South Kempenfelt District Meeting, and reported on that great day. (Craighurst is one branch of seven in S K District, readers. Then there are four districts that make up “Simcoe Area.” The Women’s Institute is nothing of not organized, province wide. You can look us up.

The new business was getting the catering in order for the World Fiddlers Day at Eady Hall, May 20. Imagine 25 people, from 5 to 75 years old, playing the fiddle. Can’t wait to hear “Old Joe Clark”, and “Arkansas Traveller”and that favourite “Whisky before Breakfast”. When we’re not square dancing we’ll be selling snacks. It’s a fund raiser for Cope dogs, to train those wonderful canine companions. Then the program for the evening, “Restorative Stretching”, led by one of our members. We stretched and flexed and listened to music, and had sage aroma in the hall. Everyone enjoyed the gentle exercises and the quiet and the contemplation. It was an excellent presentation.



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A small aboriginal site is on this farm. It was on a hill, with easy access to a lake and stream. Another site was two miles away on Concession 8, W ½ Lot 8.

William Johnston built the house and had the first door knobs on a house in Minesing. Prior to that, a homemade latch or slide would have been used in homes. Two teenagers walked three miles to see the door knobs. Annie took over the farm after William died in a stump puller accident and successfully ran it for three years until Edgerton turned 21.

A History of the Community of Minesing p. 98, Alan Johnston.



The barn was torn down in the 1970s.
(Photo courtesy of Barb Priest Fralick)

Bill and Annie McNabb were married in 1928. Bill and Annie had two telephones because they were at the end of both the Stayner and the Minesing line. Annie came from Stayner and they called the Stayner line the whoop and holler line. To call to Stayner on the Minesing line you had to go through Barrie and it cost a mint in those days. It was probably 35¢ and less expensive to have the two phones.

Allan McNabb

When Ewart Carson ploughed with horses, he had an old smock he would move for each strike out. When he wasn’t looking, his nephew Dalton Patterson moved his smock back to the previous strike out. Ewart headed back to the smock and didn’t realize until he got right up that he was back at the same place. Ewart met Harold Hickling later when the two ploughed and met one another across the fence. Harold had been told of the prank but said nothing as Ewart explained he must have forgotten to move the smock.

Harold Hickling

“I used to churn the cream in an old dasher churn. Sort of a messy job, and made bread (good bread, if I do say it myself.) by the starter method, three times a week, to feed the large family. We seemed to have more time to do things in those early times. We would make all the good patches into quilts, make smaller bits into mats for the floor. Cut long strips into carpet balls, sewed them end to end, rolled them into balls, then took them to a weaver to make into carpets. Very nice carpets were made, according to the sort of rags and how fine and even they were cut.

Thrifty housewives in those days saved all the fats from meats for the soap kettle, and filled a barrel that was set up on a block with hardwood ashes. Water was poured over the ashes, and openings made at the bottom for the lye to run off into a bucket. As the bucket became filled it was poured into a large iron kettle. When sufficient was had, a fire was set under the pot which was of course hung a little distance off the ground. It had to be stirred some and watched until it was the right consistency, and then it was stored in another wooden barrel (in the basement) if you had one. They used to make very good little buildings, well insulated with sawdust, for a place to keep milk and butter and cream cool. Or one for vegetables, piling enough soil on it and over it, to keep out the frost. Stephen’s mother used to tell of the wolves coming howling around in the night, and sometimes the wild cats. And a bear would sometimes come into the farmyard in daylight. ”

Gertrude Walton Elliott b. 1882. Letter written to Dorothy C. Giffen in 1965.

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
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Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program
Weds. at 10am & Fri.'s at 11am
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Prime Time Club,1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach
1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm (North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial Arena, Brian Orser Lounge, 2nd floor. 61 Maria St. For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

Elmvale Legion
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Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
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Barrie Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
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Bay Shore Seniors' Club - Winter Activities
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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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Elmvale Senior's Walking Group
Monday's 7:30 am
The Elmvale Community Recreation Association would like to invite all interested seniors to a walking group beginning on Monday, June 5th from 7:30 to 8:30am. The group will walk each weekday morning (not weekends) during that time throughout June, July, August & September. We will meet at the pavilion at Heritage Park and leave on the trail from there. You can walk in groups or by yourself at your own speed. Please come and join us!

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Unity United Church
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Summer Community Camp Bazaar
Saturday May 27 from 10 am to 4pm
At Camp CCC. 1674 Gill Road. Midhurst
Everyone welcome. Admission is free
Bring the family and friends and support the local vendors and the camp. Wagon rides take you to the theme areas of the park where local craft vendors are waiting for you to enjoy the campfire and shop for unique crafts and speciality items.

Elmvale Seniors Drop in
Monday May 29, 2023 9am to 11 am
The Elmvale Community Recreation Association would like to invite all available seniors to a friendly tea and coffee time in the basement of the Elmvale Library in the McGuire Room on Monday, May 29 from 9 to 11 am. We are looking for feedback regarding possible activities for seniors that are feasible and wanted in our local community. Please drop in for a free cup of coffee or tea and some treats, and share your thoughts. We would love to see you there!

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 gbaygalsgive@gmail.com or go on our website www.gbaygalsgive.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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You are invited to an informal High School reunion on June 16, 2023 in Elmvale. I hope as many of us as possible are able to attend. It would be great to see everyone. When we graduated, I promised I would organize a reunion in ten years! Oops! Where did that time go? Well, better late than ever...

Many of us have not been to the new High School So the reunion begins on Friday June 16 at the place we all met.

Schedule:

Friday June 16/23

4:00 p.m. Meet at EDHS for a tour

5:00 p.m. Walk to Legion for a drink/visit

6:30 p.m. Walk to dinner at local restaurant

We hope you can attend. A few of us have been working together to spread the word and organize some details of the event. You will be sure to get a visit with myself from Thunder Bay, Paula Bishop (Babinok) from Calgary, Darlene Lamberti (Lalonde), Peggy (Bertram), Ann Millard (Thompson), and Kevin Kerr... To RSVP, please email cwatson@tbaytel.net. You can also text or call me on my cell at 629-6522

I am willing to organize a few events on Saturday such as breakfast and/or a walk in Copeland Forest but I will wait to gauge the interest first. Let me know if any of these ideas appeal to you, or if you have any other suggestions.

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OPP REPORT

TWO DUMP TRAILERS COLLIDE IN ORO-MEDONTE

(May 19, 2023 ORILLIA, ON) - The Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was called to a collision involving two commercial motor vehicles in the Township of Oro-Medonte.

On May 19, 2023, just before 9:00 a.m., officers from Orillia OPP were called to a traffic collision on Line 9 North in the Township of Oro-Medonte. Two commercial dump trucks collided while one was attempting to cross Old Barrie Road. One truck sustained damage causing diesel fuel to spill onto the roadway. Lanes were reduced temporarily at Line 9 and Old Barrie Road but have since been re-opened. All parties were alert, and no injuries were reported.

As a result, a 27-year-old male from Brampton was charged with:

- Start from stopped position - not in safety.

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FALL FROM TREE LEAVES ONE PARTY DECEASED IN ORO-MEDONTE

(ORILLIA, ON) - Members of the Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were called to a home in Oro-Medonte where a male was pronounced deceased.



On May 17, 2023, shortly after 1:00 p.m., Orillia OPP, Simcoe County Paramedic Service and Township of Oro-Medonte Fire, were dispatched to a home on Huronwoods Drive in Oro-Medonte for a report of a male arborist who had fallen approximately 50 feet out of tree. Male was pronounced deceased at scene. The Ministry of Labour, OPP Forensic Identification Services and the Coroner have been contacted and are further investigating.

The deceased has been identified as a 45-year-old male of Springwater Township.

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OPP Conducting Death Investigation in Penetanguishene

(May 17, 2023 - PENETANGUISHENE, ON) - Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Office of the Chief Coroner are currently conducting a death investigation after the body of a male was located in a wooded area near the intersection of Fox Street and Beck Boulevard in the afternoon hours of May 17, 2023.

OPP uniform officers were assisted by Detachment Crime Unit members as well as the OPP Technical Identification Services Unit (TISU) in this investigation.

Investigators have identified the deceased and are notifying the family. This death is not believed to be suspicious and there is no threat to public safety. Further investigation will continue at a post mortem examination which will take place in the coming days.

NOTTAWASAGA OPP WARNING RESIDENTS OF PAVING SCAMMERS

(May 17, 2023 - TOWN OF NEW TECUMSETH, ADJALA-TOSORONTIO & ESSA TOWNSHIPS, ON)- The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is currently investigating a fraud scam involving an asphalt company operating in the Angus, Essa Township area.

As a result of the police investigation, Nottawasaga OPP would like to make the community aware of this illegitimate company operating in our area attempting to defraud members of our community by offering reduced asphalt services. They are representing themselves by the name of “Icon” or “Ikon”. Upon entering into a verbal agreement, these individuals may begin working or damaging the current driveway. The scammers are skilled at communicating quickly in a tactic to make the consumer feel rushed into a decision to purchase the asphalt. They are offering low-cost paving as they have a “surplus” of asphalt from roadwork. They are giving estimates and then completing the jobs without paperwork or providing written quotes or receipts.

The crew is comprised of all males who are operating newer model dark Ford F150 pick up trucks. Anyone who may have camera footage of them is encouraged to report it to police.

Police remind citizens that they should follow a few simple steps when getting home renovations:

- Always read over thoroughly all written contracts before signing them. Get a family member to review them.
- Get references from other customers to ensure quality of the work
- Do some research before you pay for product or service and consider getting numerous quotes
- Thoroughly understand what product or service you are purchasing, the process any guarantees and complaint process if you do not receive the product or service you paid for.
- Inspect all work prior to making payment and ensure work has been completed properly and that the service you received was what you had paid for in your business contract.
- Legitimate businesses will be happy to provide you with information on their services
- Always be careful about providing confidential personal information especially banking and credit card details unless you are certain that the company is legitimate.

Nottawasaga OPP believe that there may be others victims within our community, and encourage calling us at 1-888-310-1122 to report the fraud.

CAFC Report on Fraud Investigation Success Story

(MIDLAND, ON)- Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

(CAFC) are continuing to raise the awareness for North Simcoe residents of the various scams that they may encounter on the telephone or online. In this case an investigative success story!

This bulletin was prepared to share a success story with the public. On May 4th, 2023 the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and the United States Secret Service (USSS) along with a financial institution were able to freeze a \$212,000 fraudulent transfer. The CAFC assisted victims in recovering \$2.9M in 2022. The funds were frozen after a business reported to the CAFC that they were a victim of a Spear Phishing incident.

As a result, the business is well positioned to recover their funds. This success story illustrates one of the benefits of reporting to the CAFC as quickly as possible when targeted by fraud.

Spear Phishing is one of the most common and most dangerous attack methods currently used to conduct fraud, usually on businesses and organizations. Fraudsters take their time to collect information on their intended targets, so they can send convincing emails seemingly from a trusted source. Fraudsters will infiltrate or spoof a business or individual email account. They create a rule to send copies of incoming emails forwarded to one of their own accounts. They comb through these emails to:

- study the sender’s use of language
- look for patterns linked to important contacts, payments, and dates

How to protect yourself

- Remain current on frauds targeting businesses and educate all employees.
- Include fraud training as part of new employee onboarding.
- Put in place detailed payment procedures.
- Encourage a verification step for unusual requests.
- Establish fraud identifying, managing and reporting procedures.
- Avoid opening unsolicited emails or clicking on suspicious links or attachments.
- Take a few seconds to hover over an email address or link and confirm that they are correct.
- Restrict the amount of information shared publicly and show caution with regards to social media.
- Upgrade and update technical security software.
- Learn more tips and tricks for protecting yourself from fraud.

We thank all of our media partners for helping to promote this awareness campaign and will continue to provide the community with information in order to prevent victimization by this and many other devastating scams.

IT ONLY TAKES A FEW SECONDS, ONE BAD DECISION TO CAUSE A ROAD FATALITY

OPP takes part in Canada Road Safety Week (ORILLIA, ON) - Following a year that marked the highest number of fatalities on Ontario Provincial Police-(OPP)-patrolled roads in 16 years, the OPP is reporting that the majority of the 359 people killed in 2022 pointed to bad decisions on the part of drivers and passengers.

Every year, a significant number of road deaths are linked to motorists who decide to drive aggressively, distracted, under the influence of alcohol/drugs or fatigued, with little or no thought about the unimaginable consequences that await them - the loss of human life. The decision to not buckle up is another factor that costs drivers (and passengers) their lives every year.

The OPP reminds drivers that they are among the greatest contributors to these efforts and that some of the most important decisions of their lives are made every time they Take The Wheel.



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Springwater Council Approves Construction of New Fire Station

Township of Springwater / May 17, 2023 – During a special meeting on May 10, Springwater Council gave its approval for the construction of a new Fire Station in Midhurst. This station will be an integral part of the Township's future Community Hub, to be located at 1132 Snow Valley Road.

During the May 10 meeting, Council members authorized the retention of the project architect, Masri-O Inc., to oversee the contract administration and field review processes. Berkim Construction Inc. was selected as the successful proponent for the design-build phase of the project. Council approved an additional \$730,065, bringing the total project budget to \$8,530,065. This budget includes expenses for architectural consultants, the design-build contractor, and furnishings and security features.

“Thank you to Council for giving staff the go ahead to proceed with construction on the new fire station in Midhurst,” says Fire Chief Jeff Kirk. “The new facility will provide much needed upgrades to our training, maintenance, and administrative functions. We look forward to seeing this project come to fruition so that we can continue to provide residents in the growing southern portion of our Township with the highest level of service our residents have come to expect.”

The new fire station will feature a four-bay apparatus area, support and vehicle maintenance sections, administration and training spaces, and residential areas, including a day room, kitchen, fitness space, and washroom facilities. Construction is scheduled to commence this summer, with an estimated completion date in mid-2025.

In addition to the new fire station, the future Community Hub is expected to encompass various amenities, including a recreation center offering both active and passive recreational opportunities, a library and creative space, meeting and activity areas, as well as a new Simcoe County EMS post. At the meeting, Council also discussed multiple options regarding the master plan for the Community Hub. Staff were instructed to collaborate with the consultants to review the presented options and report back with additional information in the near future.

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.



May 19, 2023 - Why renting a storage locker is among the dumbest decisions you can ever make!

Your Mom is going to a home, but she is not sure if she will stay there. So, mom convinced you to let her store her furniture in the storage locker. Cost? \$400 a month or 4,800\$ a year. She never leaves the home but will not let you sell her stuff because she

At 80 Years Old, He Received a Doctorate in Woodworking



May 22, 2023 - On May 13, Eric Lauren passed a milestone. At 80 years old, he received a Doctorate in Woodworking. Eric, in addition to building cabinets, and with knowledge of all aspects of home building, has an intrinsic love of music. These skills have all combined in his greatest love, building instruments. His 2006 accomplishment, pictured here, is a violin, made from Maple imported from Germany. There are mother-of-pearl insets in the neck: along the ribs and in the front.

In addition, he has built mandolins, and crafts one-of-a-kind bowls and boxes. To immortalize his legacy, his talented sister painted a portrait.

Eric worked for many years, and truly deserves the accolades accorded to him. In addition to hosting his own birthday party, with a live band and many, many well-wishers, Eric entertained the crowd by playing his pride and joy. It was a unique experience that I am truly fortunate and happy to have been a part of.

by Teresa Butt

Community Members Giving Their Time and Talent for Elmvale Foodbank

Spring has sprung and exciting things have been happening at the food bank. Many thanks go to Minesing Central School for the generous donation of food items that were collected at their recent Craft Show. The enthusiastic staff and students at Elmvale District High School put forth a Cereal Domino Challenge. They met and surpassed any expectations donating over 250 boxes of cereal to the food bank. We are very fortunate to be the recipient of proceeds from the annual Tim Horton's Smile Cookie campaign once again this year. Sincere thanks to owners, Kim Trude and Janet Trude, and the incredible staff at Elmvale Tim Horton's, whose organization and guidance made it not only a delight for our many volunteers to decorate cookies, but they also provided a great atmosphere in which to do so.

We are grateful to Township of Springwater Mayor Coughlin and Councillors Matt Garwood, Danielle Alexander and Brad Thompson, The Elmvale Lions Club, For Sale On Georgian Bay, Keller Williams Experience Realty, The Peggy Hill Team, The Elmvale and District Food Bank Board of Directors and many members of our amazing community for giving their time and talent. The efforts of everyone involved are a testament to this terrific community and its amazing community spirit. The raised garden beds that were built by EDHS students have been moved to the front of the building and will be prepped and planted soon. We are seeking volunteers to help plant and maintain the beds throughout the growing season. Please call the food bank if you are interested in helping. 705-322-9096

What's It Worth?

will need it when she gets out! You are downsizing but you're not able to part with certain items that were given gifted or obligated to you with emotional attachments. So instead of purging you rent a storage locker. Cost \$500 a month, or \$6,000 a year. Two years old and \$12,000 later, you still feel guilty about getting rid of the cherished silver plate, the dining room set, and the awful paintings other sister did during her hippie stage! You are taking an offshore non-Canadian job and you don't need anything for two years, so you rent a storage locker at \$450 a month or \$5400 a year. You stay an additional two years, and you find that your taste changed, styles changed. A couple of true stories. A lady has all her stuff including her catering business materials and supplies she goes into a home, and it sat in the storage locker for 17 years. We calculated the cost of the storage, and it was around \$43,000 over that time. The locker was eventually abandoned and sold by auction for \$450. I know because our company was buying storage lockers for a short period of time,

another story, another bogus TV fantasy.

In all of the above examples, selling the things, giving them away or throwing them out would have been much wiser. You can buy a complete apartment of furniture and all the trimmings from a used resellers such as VM LC for under \$5000 and I would suggest you probably for as little as \$2500. The worst example I have personal experience with is a doctor who bought stuff over 30 year period, took it home, put it in boxes, then start in boxes. After two years he started storing it in the storage warehouse. At the end he had 260 skids paying \$15 a month, for each or \$3,900 a month in total, for a total of \$46,800 a year. The skids were sold at auction for \$12,000. Simple rules! Buy, purge, upgrade and display. If you store, then set limits on the activity. We see all the time those who become hostage to theirs and others stuff.

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THANK YOU from HENSHAW Family

There are NO words to express our Gratefulness for the LOVE, PRAYERS, SUPPORT and KINDNESS shown to our Family with the recent loss of Tim. Your Beautiful cards, donations, floral tributes and food received were appreciated beyond what words can express, a testament of Tim's legacy of giving. Tim had a Heart for the unnoticed and always made an effort to support and encourage those he connected with every day. Please continue his Special Legacy by choosing to make a difference in someone's life each day. In Memory of a Life so Beautifully Lived and a Heart so Deeply Loved. *With Loving Gratitude, Jane, Christe and Darius, Jarrett and Twila*

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Georgian College Auto Show back in person June 2 to 4

The largest outdoor, student-run new car auto show in Canada is back at Georgian's Barrie Campus June 2 to 4 with the theme Revive the Drive – representing the shift in the electrification of the industry and emergence of new technologies. The event is organized by students enrolled in programs in the Automotive Business School of Canada (ABSC) under the leadership of five dedicated student directors who manage all show tasks, including marketing, sponsorship, recruitment, event logistics, and more. "After three years of not being able to host the show due to the pandemic, we're so excited to be back," said Grace Stein, Director of the show's Media and Marketing Relations and a second-year student in the Automotive Business program. "Get ready for an action-packed weekend with fun for the whole family. Thanks to our incredible industry partnerships, we're

EVENTS



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• Silent auction: In place of our live auction, we're running a silent one with proceeds directed toward ABSC student awards and scholarships • Food vendors: Don't go hungry! Enjoy delicious eats from Quesada (franchise owned by a Georgian grad), Dominos Pizza, Foodiez and Smoke's Poutine Back by demand: • Fun field activities and KidZone: Enjoy our bouncy castles,

Obituaries



ELLIOTT, Brian Earl

Brian Earl Elliott passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Brian is lovingly remembered by his children, Katie and Hannah, "forever-engaged" sweetheart Muriel Grimble, his brothers Garry (Vivien), Colin (Susan), Glenn (Nicole), predeceased by his sister, Sheila (Gary). Brian was loved by his many nieces, nephews, and all of the Grimble/Elliott family. Brian grew up on a farm in Elmvale, ON, born to parents Earl and Velna (nee Doupe). Brian was a lover of golf trips, fishing, Caesar Sundays, and tasty tomato sandwiches. He was an avid community member involved for years coaching with St. Albert Ringette and helped found the Turkey Ring Tournament. He was also involved in community work through the St. Albert Cosmopolitan Club for over 30 years. He brought joy to those whose lives he touched, even if it was only for a short time. He always made friends wherever he went and was happy to share a story with those who would listen. He loved to travel and had many stories to tell of his adventures. Costa Rica held a special place in his heart and was a place he enjoyed sharing with family and friends. He was able to make one last trip there earlier this year when he attended his youngest daughter's wedding in Costa Rica. He cherished friendship and family as his number one priority. Quick-witted and always down for a good time, he made us laugh, he helped us when we needed him, and he cared about us deeply. He will be lovingly missed and remain forever in our hearts. Celebration of Life for Brian will be held on June 17th, 2023, from 1 PM to 4 PM at Red Willow Place (7 Tache Street, St. Albert, AB). In celebration of Brian, attendees are encouraged to wear bright colours. There will also be a celebration held in Ontario in late summer 2023, dates TBD. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kids with Cancer Society.

a dog show, and see vehicles from Canadian Forces Base Borden and Barrie Fire Service • Show and Shine: Love classic and customized cars? Don't miss this display • Smart Adventures mini-bikes: For children ages six to 12, we'll offer a chance to learn how to ride mini-motorcycles. Donations will be accepted toward our student directors' charity of choice NEWS RELEASE One Georgian Dr. Barrie ON L4M 3X9 T. 705.728.1968 GeorgianCollege.ca "Being a director for the Georgian College Auto Show has set me up for future success," said Stein. "I've met some of the most amazing people in the industry and some of them now know me by name. I've also formed close relationships and built an incredible network within my program." The automotive industry has always been in Stein's blood. Her dad owns an auto repair shop that her grandfather opened more than 50 years ago. Some of her earliest memories were at the racetrack. Her parents drag raced together for years. "I grew up with the roar of engines and the smell of race fuel," reflected Stein. "Once I was old enough to race, I was given my mom's drag car. From there my love of cars took off." Stein learned about the Automotive Business School of Canada when she was in Grade 10 from an auto teacher and knew that's where she'd end up. She also started advocating for other women in the industry and began using social media as a way to start conversations and celebrate women's achievements. The Georgian College Auto Show – in its 35th year – has attracted more than 11,000 visitors from across Ontario over the weekend in the past. Stein expects the Barrie Campus to be buzzing all three days. The show runs Friday from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for those ages 12 and under. General admission early bird tickets are \$7 until May 19 when they jump to \$10. You can get a family of four pass for \$30. Get your tickets online and learn more about the show.

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Obituaries

**DESROCHES, Ivan Joseph**
February 20, 1961 – May 18, 2023

Surrounded by his family and with his heart full of memories of a life well-lived, Ivan Joseph Desroches of Wasaga Beach, a Skipper among men, passed away on May 18 at Hospice Simcoe (Barrie). Ivan was the life-long, hard-working, best friend of Tammy (nee Hocken), together through all sorts of weather and the deeply loved father and hero of Evan (Emily), Emily, Bryn and Zach.

Life was always an adventure for Ivan growing up on the farm as the seventh child of 11 children, of the late Venard Desroches and Yvette (nee Robillard). He will be missed by his brothers and sisters: Allen & Linda, Elaine & Dave, Tim & Mona, David & Ann, Theodore (Teddy) & Brenda, Mary, Judy & Roger Gagne, Lucille, Peter & Linda and Lisa. Ivan will be remembered by his brother-in-law Ken Hocken. Ivan's memory will be held in the hearts of his many nieces and nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Ivan, Skipper, will always be remembered for the things he taught his own children and the rest of us by example. He managed to teach his own kids and all the soccer and Scout kids (and most of the parents) to be, at the same time, adventurous and responsible for themselves. Today they call that self-reliance. He never lost sight of what is important for kids and never lost the "kid-ness" in himself. He never appeared to be flustered or caught up in the "stuff" going on around him. As Ivan would say "In five minutes".

Ivan was always Gettin' er Done. As a respected mechanic he valued fix over replace saving his customers money, creating loyalty and, more importantly, friends. He always seemed to come second. How much sleep did he miss out on coaching, arranging camping trips, bike hikes, canoe trips down the river in the dark, all the winter Scout meetings at the Sports Park, creating Santa Claus parade floats, researching new tricks like hobo stoves and aluminum foil camp ovens for pork roasts, working late, and early, to see that a broken car was fixed and safe when its owner really needed it?

Whatever we do in life, let's prepare for and remember it as "The Best Camp!" Thank you, Skipper, mentor to so many and hero to us all.

Our immense gratitude to Dr. Derek Nay, Dr. Heidi Deboer-Fennell, Tracy RN, and our chemo angels of the third floor that rose to every challenge and question, making the best team ever.

A visitation was held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home Elmvale on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 11 am – 1 pm. Memorial service in the chapel at 1 pm. Reception did follow at the Elmvale Legion.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Elmvale and District Lions' Club, Elmvale Foodbank, or Hospice Simcoe.

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

**Anderson, Robert "Bob"**

It is with sadness we announce of the passing of Robert (Bob) Anderson on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at the age of 80.

Bob is predeceased by his wife Barbara (Lee) and his daughter Marsha. He is also predeceased by his parents Charles and Viola

Anderson (Bath), step siblings Don, Ralph and Joan, siblings Janet and Bill. He is survived by brothers Gary and David, sisters Judy and Kathy and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews.

Bob will be sadly missed by his wide circle of loyal friends who have stood by him for many years.

We will miss his laughter, curiosity, and art of conversation.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations to a charity of choice would be appreciated.

*Condolences may be forwarded to the family
through www.legacyfuneral.ca*

Arrangements entrusted to Legacy Funeral Home, Barrie. 705-728-8282

**BARNETT, Shirley Ann (nee Coombes)**

September 22, 1934 – May 8, 2023

Peacefully, on May 8th, 2023, in her 89th year. Beloved wife to the late Albert Barnett and previously to the late Glen Brown. Loving mother to Lesley

(Joe) Lopez, Stephen (Frances) Barnett and Susan Hannam. Caring grandmother to Michelle (John), Matthew (Victoria), Christine and Benjamin. Adored great grandmother to Arielle, Jack and Kosta. Predeceased by her parents Murray and Mabel Coombes and sister Glen Mary. She will be missed by many family members and friends.

Shirley was born in Barrie and moved to Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories when her father was stationed there with the Canadian Armed Forces. She spent the best five years of her life here. She returned there in 1999 for a visit with her daughter Lesley. Shirley also lived in Ottawa, where she worked as the Secretary to the Head of the Boy Scouts of Canada. Retuning to Barrie, she married her first husband Glen and welcomed her daughter. They farmed for 18 years at the corner of Cundles Road and Bayfield Street.

Later in her life, she met and married Albert, welcoming Stephen and Susan into her family. Together they raised their three children and bred Bichon Frise, allowing her to embrace her love of animals. She enjoyed many hobbies, including folk art painting.

The family would like to extend a thank you to the nurses and personal support workers at I.O.O.F. for their wonderful care of Shirley.

Funeral Services took place on Thursday, May 11th, 2023 with burial at Midhurst Union Cemetery.

Messages of condolence can be forwarded to the family at adamsfuneralhome.ca

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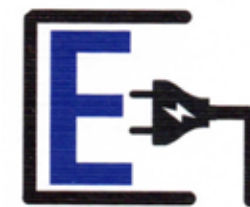
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Elmvale District High School’s Student Exchange Program



Photo above: Boothia Peninsula, Nunavut: Netsilik and Elmvale Exchange Students



Photo above: DJ Eetoolook, land guardian, Dad, cared for our students on the ice.



Photo above: Armpull: a challenging and Laugh Out Loud activity.

May 18, 2023 - Sixteen brave E.D.H.S students have returned from their trip from Taloyoak, Nunavut. It was an amazing and once in a lifetime experience for us. We had a very pleasant welcome at the Taloyoak Airport from students, staff and plenty of other members of the community. We learned about the traditions and culture of the people of Taloyoak such as, throat singing, square dancing and hunting.

All of the students got the chance to make their own sealskin mitts with fox fur cuffs. This was only possible with plenty of help from elders and the Netsilik students. The students also got to partake in some Arctic winter game activities such as: one foot high kick, leg wrestling, and armpull; everyone was very enthusiastic about these games.

We went on a 9 hour excursion to hunt seals. The National Film Board of Canada also joined us on the hunt while they made a documentary about food scarcity in the Arctic. Overall, our students made plenty of amazing life long friendships while on this trip.

By Hunter Pownall, Grade 11, Student Ambassador



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