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17 Racers Compete at the Midhurst Soapbox Derby and Classic Car Show



The annual Midhurst Soapbox Derby and Classic Car Show took place this past Saturday, June 17 on Doran Road. 17 racers aged eight to 13 competed in pro-built and home-built categories.

"It was an excellent day for the soapbox derby. The weather cooperated and the kids had a blast. This is a fun, community event. Having pro and home-built categories brings out racing fun and family ingenuity," said Jim Howell, Midhurst Soapbox Derby Ramp Coordinator.

Racers compete in pairs that are timed as they cross the finish line. To start the race, soapbox cars are loaded onto an inclined ramp and the racers climb in. After a countdown, a gate is dropped, and gravity assists the soapbox cars as they roll down the hill on Doran Road to the finish line by the Midhurst Community Hall.

"This is the first year that a scratch or home-built car has won all three categories: Fastest home-built car, an award for the best home-built car, and the car that beat the fastest pro-car - receiving the Midhurst Flyer trophy. Jonah's was the fastest car of the year. That rocks," Howell added.

The derby has been taking place in Midhurst since 2017, with a few years off as a result of COVID.



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EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Happy 25th Anniversary Springwater News

I am so pleased to announce that this paper has been in business for twenty-five years!

Michael Jacobs started the paper on June 4, 1998, with 8 pages and 6,000 issues. I helped created the first edition which was a huge learning curve. With the help of COW printer staff, the rest of editions began to take shape and look like a traditional newspaper. Today, there are at least 24 pages (one issue was 32 pages), 16 in colour, and 19,650 copies per edition. 18,500 are mailed out to various postal codes by Canada Post.

The Elmvale Lance used to be the local paper in our area. Michael Jacobs used to write the odd article for the Lance (lovingly called the “Glance” by locals). Michael wrote “Michael’s Musings” and “Michael’s Corner” for the Lance and the Tiny Observer. The Lance was finally purchased by the Star Group, and it was run out of Creemore. Michael says, “I used to write the odd piece and would have to drive to Creemore with a picture and article in hand”. The Lance folded in around 1996-97 and Michael thought a newspaper was missing in Elmvale, so he started up

the Springwater News. He only planned on publishing four editions when he started the paper. He grew the paper to what it is today, but in his 70’s it was time for Michael to enjoy some free time away from the strict deadlines. I have taken up the torch and I am so grateful for the wonderful support I receive from the community.

Council Refuses to Listen to 617 People

I feel so badly for the residents of the Township of Springwater that council has decided against communicating in the Springwater News. The number of residents that engaged with council on this issue is impressive. What this means is no council update from the township and no Link communication. I have not received a mayor’s message, but I am hopeful for one in the future. I also hope that council members will send in their own communication to keep you informed. I will continue to do everything I can to keep you informed on township issues moving forward. As always, my priority is to keep our community engaged and informed about what is happening in our township.

NEWS ON OUR COUNCIL June 7 Regular Meeting of Council

New “Springwater Village” Development Plan Presented to Council

June 19, 2023 - A presentation made to council, at its June 7 regular meeting, proposes a “unique community” to be built at 742 Bayfield Street. The presentation outlined plans for a diversity of housing options including a mixed-use medical facility for various medical needs including doctors and chiropractors. The plan also showed diverse housing types, including affordable rentals, townhomes, and a tiny-home community with an agricultural park, as well as plans for a year-round farmer’s market, a trail system and greenspace.

Township of Springwater Council Votes to Continue with Direct Mailer to Communicate with Residents

Springwater resident, Cindy Schutt, brought forward a petition to council with over 600 resident signatures asking council to reconsider the decision made at its May 3 meeting to discontinue Township of Springwater Link communication in the Springwater News.

“I am here because I was very disappointed to hear that the Springwater Township Council has decided to stop communicating through the local newspaper, the Springwater News. I'm still confused as to why you would want to replace this cost-effective communication tool with a direct mailer which would cost us taxpayers four times the money. I figured I couldn't be the only one, so I reached out to our community with a petition,” Schutt said.

Midhurst resident Glen Ampleford also spoke in support of keeping the Link in Springwater News due to lack of clarity about what the mailer would look like and how much it would cost.

“We still do not have any cost analysis. There is apparently not even clarity of what product is going to be distributed to the township's residents. Coun. Fisher was expecting an envelope. The administrator indicated it's just a flyer ... when you are talking about spending \$60,000 incrementally at a time of economic hardship and inflation for a lot of people who are struggling to put food on the table ... 60 grand on mailing flyers out. Are you kidding me? This is embarrassing ... Please explain to me how a decision of this dollar amount could be contemplated without cost-benefit analysis by Township staff,” Ampleford stated.

The original motion as well as the motion to reconsider was a 4-3 vote with Deputy Mayor George

Cabral, and Councillors Alexander, Fisher and Moore voting for the elimination of communicating with residents through the Link in the Springwater News. As a result, residents will receive Link communication from the Township of Springwater through a direct mailer.

Councillors on both sides of the issue weighed in with their perspectives.

Coun. Moore stated that her decision to support eliminating communication through Springwater News was not a financial one, but one made to address the challenges of reaching residents.

“We have a lot of new residents in my area and hundreds more coming. They don't know that in order to find Township of Springwater information that they need to look in the middle of the local newspaper. They just don't know that, and so we're missing out (on) communicating to people about job opportunities, business tenders, programming. We're missing out reaching a large number of people and so that needs to change,” Moore said.

Coun. Thompson had a different view stating that the pros of continuing to communicate through the Springwater News outweighs any cons.


“... the cost of (a) direct mail flyer is going to be more expensive no matter which way any member of council wants to spin it ... The direct mail flyer does not provide a better way of communication. In fact, it may turn out to be a worse way. We really don't know. No one has provided me with any credible information speaking to the benefit of a direct mail flyer. For me this is also an easy way to support local business,” Thompson said. Adding that “... this is an opportunity for us as council to actually listen to residents. 617 names on a petition I don't think can be ignored ... with this petition tonight, we should listen to taxpayers and rethink our position on this. I want you to know I'm listening. I am with you and would be happy to reconsider this and to help to find a solution for a better way.”

Deputy Mayor Cabral countered stating he didn’t think a direct mailer would cost as much as was being suggested and that it would be read by residents. “We say that (the) Springwater News, people throw it in the garbage. We say that the Barrie Advance comes (and) people just throw it in the garbage as well,” Cabral said. “We talk about direct mail, yes it goes in the garbage, but from my own experience I look at what the direct mail is, and I decide whether or not I want to throw it out in the garbage. I'm telling


you, if it says Springwater Township on it, and it's of interest to me, I will read it.”

Mayor Coughlin expressed excitement over a future potential app that could be used to communicate with residents, citing that many in Springwater have opted out of receiving direct mail altogether.

“I would love for there to be an app and I can't wait for us to get to that point. I think that that is going to be a game changer ... I never heard from someone I want less communication ... I



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650 in Hillsdale including the Rural Routes L0L 1V0
2550 in Elmvale including the former R R# 1, 2 & 3 L0L 1P0 which
includes Orr Lake, Waverley and some Tiny Beaches Road areas
265 in the Wyebridge area L0K 2E0
975 in Wyevale L0L 2T0 including Conc. 8 and some TBRS areas,
1325 in Perkinsfield including Balm Beach to Whipoorwill
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would absolutely support a reconsideration of the decision. I think that to remove all communications from the paper, then we're left with what?” Coughlin said.

Coun. Alexander voted in favour of a direct mailer stating that the residents she spoke to don’t read the paper.

“... pretty much every single person I talked to said I don't read newspapers anymore. And then I had a couple other conversations with other residents again about separate issues, and that that kept coming up ... I just felt that I was fighting for something that the people that I was speaking with didn't want or didn't read,” Alexander said. “... we have to have a written communication presence because it is our responsibility to try our best to reach every resident. And I feel like the direct mail option is something to try. I do think I am hopeful that if it's from the Township of Springwater, people will open it and try and read it,” she added.

Coun. Garwood said he had a different experience in speaking with residents and that many expressed their support of continuing to receive township communication through the Springwater News.

“I do share concerns regarding completely removing our presence in the paper. I have heard from many residents who reference the paper often and know folks throughout the municipality utilize the paper to determine what is happening within our community. I do agree with looking at alternative communications options to ensure that all residents receive information, but I do believe that the Springwater News has been an effective outlet not only for the Elmvale community but all of Springwater,” Garwood said. “I also want to mention many of the residents that I've heard from over the past few weeks were not from the Elmvale community. They were from the Midhurst community. They were from the Hillsdale and Phelpston communities, in the Minesing communities sharing their concerns and expressing their frustration (at this decision).”

by Dominika Zapolnik, Springwater News Reporter



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History Barbershop Helps Wendat Celebrate Senior's Month



June 9, 2023 - On June 1st, 2023 Wendat Community Programs kicked off Seniors' month with a spa day for participants of the Congregate Dining Program, Senior's Day Program and residents of the Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors.

The ladies had manicures and the gentlemen enjoyed hot towel shaves compliments of History Barbershop. The staff of History Barbershop Midland came to the Seniors Residence and provided pro bono shaves to all the gentlemen. The guys really enjoyed this special treatment.

"Wendat extends a big thank you to History Barbershop for their in-kind donation of their services and also for their compassion towards our clients and for making it a really fun and memorable day for them.", says Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director. On Thursday, June 29th, Elmvale District High School will hold its 69th Annual Commencement Ceremony. This momentous event will begin at 5:00 pm in the EDHS Gymnasium. The graduating class of 2023 has been through a lot, as both their grade 9 and 10 school years were interrupted by COVID. Both staff and administration are very proud of this group. It is always enjoyable to find out where the graduates are headed; whether it be the workforce, a skilled trade Apprenticeship, College or University. Thousands of dollars in Scholarships and Bursaries will be awarded that evening. There is not a cap on how many family members can attend, so please feel free to celebrate with all of us that night. A big thank-you goes out to the Commencement Committee who spend countless hours organizing this large and worthwhile event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Since 1987, Wendat Community Programs has been supporting adults with mental health challenges and care needs related to aging. The Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors, owned and operated by Wendat, is located in Penetanguishene and has been operating since February 2016. It is designed to accommodate 23 frail seniors of low income, with priority given to those over the age of 75. Each resident has their own bedroom designed for mobility and comfort. Wendat also operates Congregate Dining and a Senior's Day program out of the residence. Seniors living in Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny and Tay as well as those living in the residence are eligible for these programs.

Submitted by Andrea Abbott-Kokosin

Photos above and below: Staff of History Barbershop Midland and residents of the Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors.



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June 22, 2023

Office Closure

Please be advised that the Township Administration Centre will be closed on Wednesday, July 12 from 12-1 p.m. to accommodate a staff event.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 29, at 5:30 p.m.
Township Administration Centre

Special Council Meeting - Closed Session
Wednesday, July 5, at 5:00 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 5, at 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid | Township Administration Centre

Elmvale BIA
Thursday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Details: info@elmvalibia.ca

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



June 16 - September 15

The Farmers' Market - Elmvale is back for the season featuring local farmers, producers and makers!

The market is open every Friday between **9 a.m. and 2 p.m.** in the Elmvale Community Hall parking lot (33 Queen Street West)

Learn more at Springwater.ca/Farmersmarket

Elmvale CRA Scavenger Hunt

July 3, 2023 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Begins at the Elmvale Fairgrounds

Learn fun facts about the history of Elmvale in a village trivia Scavenger Hunt!

Vouchers can be purchased for \$20 on the day of the event or at Steelers Restaurant in advance.



Off-Road Vehicle Outreach Program

Gain information on the ORV By-Law, as well as rider safety, insurance, & licensing. Trail maps of the permitted and prohibited trails & roadways will also be supplied.

Program Dates:

July 8 - Flos Rd 7 East (Hillsdale)
July 22 - Phelpston Rd/Rainbow Valley Rd
Aug 5 - 1487 Crossland Rd
Aug 19 - 1150 Nursery Rd

Time:

11:00 am - 2:00 p.m.

In partnership with the Central Ontario ATV Club (COATV), Simcoe County Off-Road Riders Association (SCORRA), and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Learn more at springwater.ca/ORV



Career Opportunities

The Township is currently accepting applications for:

Facility & Program Monitor
Posted until filled

Facility Maintenance Technician
Closes: June 26

For job descriptions and details, visit: www.springwater.ca/careers

Tax Billing

The 2023 final tax rates were approved at the regular council meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

The 2023 final tax bills will be prepared by late June with due dates of:

- July 19, 2023**
- September 20, 2023**

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Springwater's Cultural & Heritage Advisory Committee are looking for farmers' market vendors for the

Doors Open Simcoe County Event

**Saturday August 26 &
Sunday August 27, 2023
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

(Including set up & take down)

**Anten Mills Community Centre
3985 Horseshoe Valley Road W**

No fee for vendors to participate, at least one full day's commitment is required.

If you would like to participate or are looking for more information, please contact clerks@springwater.ca

Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

**Supply & Install Fencing and Gate
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Elmvale CRA Meeting

Monday May 15, 2023
Attendance: Councillor Garwood (Council representative), Chantal Nelson (secretary), Doug Tinney (Chair), Lynn Strachan, Nick Stavvinou, Malcolm Ross, Dayna MacLachlan, Shannon Fay, Sandy C, Ken Flieger, Gloria Woods, Heather O'Neill, Donna Adamick
Doug Tinney calls the meeting to order at 7:27pm.
Approval of minutes – moved by Ken and seconded by Shannon. Minutes have been approved.
Councillor Garwoods update:
• Duck race is not possible. As explained via email we need to ensure events that we operate do not require a lottery license and abide by the alcohol and gaming commission of Ontario.
• We should look at what our neighbouring CRA's have done and learn from those
• No change in the highschool / township programming relationship as of yet
• Phelpston CRA will be running a CRA baseball tournament in July where they compete against each other
• Lines on Homer Barret Park being painted for pickle ball
• Washroom at Homer Barret park will be built next summer 2024, new playground will be installed within the next month
Ideas:
• Rent a park, play a movie and sell alcohol and food
• Concert in heritage park
• Dinner
• Raise the dough, McDonalds, etc
• Fireworks
• Discretionary Fund- \$5000 to spend in that Councillors community for three years (\$15,000 total) policy has not been set yet or approved by council. Once that occurs it is a possibility that some of the funds could be used towards the CRA.
• Ball Hockey Tournament/ Corn Hole Tournament
• Walk-A-Thon (Heritage Park (use the pavilion to sell stuff) Scavenger Hunt
• Dance / Silent Auction /Share the Wealth (50/50 type) – Wes Covey (music)
• Daddy/Daughter dance family dance
DANCE (insurance is it only at facilities or is it wherever the CRA is)
Saturday July 8, 2023, **SCAVENGER HUNT/ WALK A THON-Summer Send Off**
Dayna MacLachlan, Lindsay Tinney, Matt Garwood, Doug Tinney, Macolm Ross, Gloria Woods, Shannon Fay, Sue Adams, Ken Flieger, Donna Adamick
• Evening in Northern Springwater
• Summer Send Off
• Friday June 30th
• Bags of Sample of Springwater (maple syrup, honey, library craft, etc)
• Over \$20 requires a receipt
• Hashtag #elmvalesummersendoff
• Committee needs to meet before the June CRA meeting
• History items from Councillor Garwood Senior Committee
• Walking Group (starting in June until early September) 7:30am-8:30am. Meet at heritage park, put an ad in the Springwater News. Monday through Friday.
• Get together and have a focus group. Library may be an option. Lynn will email Jodi Delgado. Monday or Tuesday morning in June.
• Shuffleboard
• Working with Jake to try to schedule senior groups
Next Meeting June 19 and July 17, 2023 both at the Community Hall at 7:30pm.
May 29th, 2023 meeting to be confirmed.
Meeting adjourned 8:30pm



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NOTICE OF THE PASSING INTERIM CONTROL
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SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT AND AMENDING
BY-LAW 23-048

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Tiny passed By-law 23-044 on the 29th day of May 2023, and amending by-law 23-048 on the 7th day of June, pursuant to Section 38 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 as amended.

And take notice that Interim Control By-law 23-044, as amended will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date of passing, lapsing May 29th, 2024, but may be extended by Council for an additional one-year period in accordance with Section 38 of the Planning Act, or repealed by Council at an earlier date.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW


THE PURPOSE of the By-law is to provide the Township with the opportunity to undertake a study to review its land use planning policies pertaining to retaining walls, fences, landscaping and structures in proximity to the 178 metre contour elevation of the Georgian Bay Shoreline; and to ensure that any retaining walls, fences, landscaping and structures are appropriately sited and regulated once the study has been completed.

THE EFFECT of By-law 23-044 is to prohibit any new development of retaining walls, fences, landscaping and structures that are in proximity to the 178 metre contour elevation of the Georgian Bay Shoreline. Amending By-law 23-048, included exemptions to By-law 23-044.

This By-law applies to all properties within the Limited Service Residential (LSR), Shoreline Residential (SR), Greenlands (GL) and Open Space One (OS1) Zones in the Township of Tiny.

Dated at the Township of Tiny on the 8th day of June, 2023.

MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE: June 8, 2023.


Kris Menzies, Acting Director of Planning & Development,
The Corporation of the Township of Tiny

Lakehead University Support Postsecondary
Students to Overcome Pandemic Learning Challenges

June 9, 2023- The Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) has awarded over \$560,000 to eight postsecondary institutions in Ontario to develop programs and supports for students impacted by the pandemic.

These projects include summer courses to help students recover pandemic-related academic gaps, coaching and mentorship programs to help students transition to and adjust to postsecondary studies, and specialized supports for Indigenous learners, mature students, and prospective students from historically unrepresented groups.

All are designed to support the successful experience of students whose academic journeys have been disrupted over the last few years.

“Postsecondary institutions are still navigating the impacts of the pandemic on the sector, and it is crucial for them to be able to adapt to their students’ ever-changing needs,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities.

“Through this funding provided by ONCAT, these eight institutions have created strategies to support students affected by the pandemic so they can reach their full academic potential.”

Led by Dr. Leigh Potvin and Dr. Julie Rosenthal from Lakehead’s School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism, \$98,594 has been awarded for a project to enhance pathway-transfer for Indigenous students in the North with an interest and/or career goals in outdoor recreation, parks and/or tourism.

Participating institutions/partners include Collège Boréal, Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology, Indigenous Tourism Ontario, Destination Northern Ontario, and Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point First Nation).

“The results of this project will lead to opportunities for students to flow between and amongst partner institutions and also to choose from a robust set of mechanisms to enter post-secondary institutions,” said Dr. Potvin.

Another project led by Andrea Tarsitano, Vice-Provost (Students) and Registrar, and Aimee Jaun, Associate Vice-Provost (Students), has been awarded \$35,750 to enhance the transition of transfer and mature students to university. A team from both Lakehead campuses will work collaboratively with internal and external partners to develop a seminar course to help students develop awareness of university supports and academic expectations.

“The pandemic continues to impact students as they move along their academic pathways and we need to ensure that they are set up for success on their journey,” said Dr. Adrienne Galway, Executive Director at ONCAT.

“These funding initiatives give students a strong foundation to build upon, especially those experiencing ongoing barriers to postsecondary access exacerbated by the pandemic.”

Through the Seamless Transfer Program, a third project being led by Tarsitano and Jaun has received \$76,450 for the development of a mature student orientation leaders’ model to increase capacity internally by creating a sustainable, broad support network of mentors and leaders.

Working collaboratively with Confederation College, this project will allow for early engagement in building awareness and offering of targeted supports for mature and transfer students in addition to students who face ongoing barriers.

“Once completed, both these projects will result in tangible supports for students who are experiencing academic life after a hiatus or who are new to the university context,” said Tarsitano.

“As a student-centred university, Lakehead recognizes the global pandemic has negatively impacted students in many ways, especially mature and transfer students,” said Dr. Michel S. Beaulieu, Associate Vice-Provost (Academic).

“ONCAT’s support of these projects advances Lakehead University’s commitment to providing a transformative university experience that facilitates achievement and success of our unique learners,” said Dr. David Barnett, Provost and Vice-President .

Submitted by Brandon Walker, Walker, Media, Communications and Marketing Associate

Hey Dads!

June 18, 2023 - Have you ever taken your kiddos deep-sea fishing? At one point in my life I said there was no way I'd ever do that again. My first deep-sea fishing adventure off the Tampa coast mostly involved deep-sea retching. Unpleasant for everyone, except for the fish. They got some tasty morsels literally tossed to them and they didn't get pulled into a boat. Win-lose!

I must have forgot that previous trip because somehow my younger brother talked me into getting into a boat and riding the waves again. This time we were with our boys. Two dads. Four boys. That intelligent brother of mine suggested we take some Gravol before we got on our Dominican fishing boat. It must have worked. Not one of us fed the fish from our own internal supplies.

After trolling around in the ocean for a couple hours and having no bites we stopped for lunch. Our friendly captain stopped baiting the lines with raw fish and put his hands in the lunch bag to start making our sandwiches. I suspected our ham and cheese sandwiches would have a fishy taste to them. I was pleasantly surprised not to find any bait in my sandwich. Perhaps he washed his hands overboard when I wasn't looking. I must have been too focused on the lines dangling loosely in the water not hooking any fish.

My optimistic brother kept reminding the boys to keep their eyes on the lines because at any moment we would probably see a monster marlin come flying up out of the water. The only things we saw flying around the top of the water were seagulls waiting for our lunch to come back up. We didn't catch any of them either.

After our snack the captain brought us to a place where we would surely catch some fish. We did. I was actually the first one to get a fish and being a foolish foreigner and far-from-fortunate fisherman, I made the dumb comment, "Feels like a big one!" I began reeling my line in like a madman. What would it be? A monster marlin? A titanic tuna? A goliath grouper? No. Nay. Nope. More accurately I describe it as an over-sized goldfish. It was gold. It was a fish. It was actually a grouper. Maybe six inches long. It made me regret commenting on the size when I felt it on my line. Rookie move.

Over the next couple hours we all pulled in a fish or two. The boys were excited to be catching something even if the biggest fish was maybe 10 or 12 inches long. We rode in a fishing boat. We caught fish. We kept our food inside. It was a 5-hour win for the dads and the boys. And we made a memory. Time flies, dad. Make every moment count. Even the small-fish ones.

Jason Weening puts bait on lines for his nine kids. Read about his other deep-sea fishing failure at heydads.ca.

NEWS FROM THE WYEVALE COMMUNITY

News from Wyevale United Church: June 22, 2023

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.

Book Club: Thank you to those who supported the Book Club. We will resume in the Sept. Please watch for the date.

Play Group: Play group at 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. every Thursday morning in the Church basement. June 29th will be the last Play Group until September.

Youth Group: Friday, June 23rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Roast Beef Dinner: July 8th at Wyevale United Church. Sittings @ 5:00 & 6:15 p.m. Take out available. Tickets are available at the Wyevale Jug City.

Celebration of Life for Lorna Webb: Celebration of Life for Lorna Webb: On June 24th there will be a Celebration of Life for Lorna Webb. A Church Service in the Wyevale Church at 1:00 p.m. Conducted by Rev. Hoon Kim. Following the burial there will be time of fellowship at the Wyevale Church.

Help needed: The ladies of the church will be preparing a luncheon for Lorna Webb's celebration. Help is needed to prepare sandwiches, squares, pickle trays, etc. on Friday afternoon the 23rd @ 1:00 p.m. also if you are able to provide a pan of squares it would be very much appreciated. We have been asked to prepare for 100.

Sympathy: We extend sympathy to the Jakio family on the passing of Eleanor Hunter. Mother of Kim Jaiko.

Sympathy also to Irene Bremner and family on the passing of her husband John.

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.

Wyevale Tribe: The Wyevale Tribe are back in action again this year. If you like to watch Men's Baseball join them this June 29th @ the (Peter Robinson Field) in Vasey and July 6th @ 7:00 p.m. @ Doran 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 last two weeks of June

Reid Rawn, Carolyn Handy, Ruth Ann Caston, Bill Hall, Susan Truax, Sid Price, Trevor Srigley, Celine Pauze, Jeff Moreau, Johathan Leroux, Stephnie Smith, Angelle Moreau, Barry Reynolds, Piper Leroux.

Reminder the next publishing date will be July 9th 2023.

Children as Scapegoats

June 11, 2023 - An insidious problem that sometimes arises in families occurs when issues between the parents are not dealt with directly, and instead become acted out with the children.

An example might be a man who feels his wife is too controlling, perhaps even bossy, and so when he hears her disciplining a child, tells her to get off the child's back. Or the woman who feels her husband is too strict with the children, and so undermines his rules when he is not around.

There is the case where a father feels his wife is babying their son, and so he's extra tough with him so he'll "learn to be a man." (Yes, this still happens.) Or the woman who is jealous of the closeness between her husband and their daughter, and so (often unconsciously) punishes the daughter by being very hard on her. And then on the simplest level is misdirected anger: you're angry at your spouse, so you yell at the kids.

These behaviours all arise either because we are unconscious about what we are really doing, or we are not taking responsibility for dealing with the issues in our lives. It is much easier, and less scary to act out our frustrations, than to confront and deal with what's really going on.

It is also much more damaging. It is really insecure and misdirected thinking that leads to the conclusion that it's better to carry on a kind of emotional guerrilla warfare than to go and get some help to change your process. Often these negative processes are so well entrenched that the couple feels hopeless about it ever changing. This is because what they often really want is for the other person to change. It's easy to get locked into this dead-end perspective, and that is why having a third party who can point out the blind spots can help you to move beyond them.

We all have limitations and need to grow, and sometimes children are the catalysts who set this growth in motion. So if there is a lot of conflict at your house over how the children are to be treated or disciplined, then you need to honestly look at what is going on between you and your spouse.

Children must not be made into scapegoats. If this is happening, staying together for the sake of the kids is ludicrous, because the child is being emotionally damaged. If you see this pattern in your family, talk it over with your partner, and vow to change it. If you need help, then get help. Do this... for the sake of the kids.

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Inaugural Cycling Event Raises Over \$70,000 For OSMH

ORILLIA, ON – The first Soldiers’ Ride event was a huge success for the Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital Foundation, raising over \$70,000 for the areas of greatest need at Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital (OSMH).

On June 4, over 150 cyclists were treated to sunshine, scenic routes, and refreshments. Starting and ending at Quayle’s Brewery, participants chose to participate in either the 50 kilometer or 100 kilometer ride to support healthcare excellence for our community and region . It was a day of comradery for our cyclists and our Hospital.

“As a rider, I loved the energy that everyone brought to the day,” said Lawre Pietras, Soldiers’ Ride committee member and OSMH board member. “From the other riders, the sea of volunteers supporting the day, to the Quayle’s staff, their energy and enthusiasm made it a perfect day. And of course, the weather helped a little as well.”

The routes took cyclists through the beautiful and historic landscapes of Simcoe-Muskoka and included two pit stops, located at St. John’s Matchedash Anglican Church and Big Chute Marine Railway. The cyclists were able to stretch their legs, rehydrate, and enjoy a homemade butter tart before heading back out on the route.

After the ride, cyclists were greeted by friends and family. They had a celebratory farm fresh lunch at Quayle’s Brewery, paired with a craft beer of the participants choice. Quayle’s Brewery will also be donating one dollar from each purchase of Big Chute IPA on June 4 to OSMH.

The event organizers ensured that participant safety was a top priority. Motor marshals, pace cars, sweep cars, police, and first responders were all present to keep the traffic moving and make sure each rider was accounted for.

“154 riders went out on the routes and 154 riders came back, not a single Band-Aid was handed out,” said Ian Gordon, Soldiers’ Ride committee member and Safety Captain for the event.

The goal to raise \$25,000 for OSMH was more than doubled through the successful event.

“We are so honoured to see support from so many individuals and businesses in our community,” said Kaitlyn St. Pierre, Senior Annual Giving Officer at OSMH Foundation and the event organizer. “So many members of the OSMH team supported this event through participation, donations to colleagues, and sponsorships. It was truly incredible.”


Soldiers’ Ride is the newest addition to the OSMH Foundation’s line-up of signature events. The 7th Annual Charlee’s Run recently raised over \$150,000 for neonatal and paediatric needs at OSMH. The Soldiers’ Classic Golf Tournament and Annual Hospital Gala will be returning in the Fall.

“As our community continues to grow at an unprecedented rate, it is important to focus on healthcare excellence for generations to come,” said Carmine Stumpo, President and CEO of OSMH. “It was an honour to cycle alongside so many dedicated community members in what I am sure will be the first of many cycling events for our Hospital.”

To learn more about Soldiers’ Ride, visit www.soldiersride.ca

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12 A mimic
13 Assistance, usually financial
14 Type of stick
15 Sharp thing
16 Detective’s question
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19 Distress
21 Greek salad ingredient
23 Orders to plow horses
26 Chef’s amount
29 Pretentious
31 It can bring the temperature up
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Photo below: Adam Chambers starts The first 100k Soldiers’ Ride event



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With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover
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ANNIE’S JOURNAL

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Once my paperwork is finalized, I’ll be travelling to Mugeta, a rural village in Northern Tanzania, to teach in the Mugeta Children’s School. By many standards, it’s considered to be a poor village, but what makes it rich is love that never fails.

Primary school in Tanzania ends at grade 7. The first time Joash Gambarage wore shoes, he had to borrow them to attend his grade 7 graduation. In 2010, Joash, a PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia at the time, told his family in Mugeta that he wanted to give back to the village by starting a primary school. His father, who owed 15 acres, told his son to build his school on that land.

Today, the school has approximately 300 students. An 80-bed dormitory ensures that students no longer walk up to five km to and from school daily. Academically, government testing ranks it as one of the top schools in its district.

Having received his Doctorate in Linguistics, Joash, who is now a lecturer at the University of British Columbia, travels to Mugeta with his wife, Neema, and his sons, Jones, and Eli, every summer to add to the school and visit his family there. The children of Mugeta follow him everywhere because they recognize love when they see it.

The people in the village support the school to the best of their abilities. Promoting equity in education, the school mobilizes educational, linguistic, health and recreational resources for the benefit of all the children in the area regardless of their gender, religion, or economic background. It advocates for the wellbeing of the community by empowering girls and women.

How does one develop the kind of love that starts a school with a bare piece of land and \$300? That convinces a utility company to waive certain fees so that the school can have electricity from the main road about two km away? That convinces a drilling company to dig not one, but two wells in a remote part of Tanzania - one well for the village and one for the school? How do we develop the kind of love that perseveres, against the odds, in the centre of God’s will? How do we develop the kind of love that Dr. Joash Gambarage demonstrates daily to those around him, a man who, after all these years, still calls his wife “darling”?

He’s a humble man who’s risen from humble beginnings. What sustains him? Whatever woundedness he experienced, there is evidence that he exchanged it for love that never fails – the love of his risen Saviour!



It’s clear that he relies on these seven words: God loves us, and we love Him. How might our lives change if we rely on these seven words? How are our lives changing as we rely on them? Who can we tell about the comforting, constant and consistent love of God, the love that never fails? Amen

Rose’s Devotions by Rosy Hagedorn



Role Models

The dictionary defines a role model as a person looked up to by others as an example to be imitated.

There are role models everywhere. Some portray an example of good and some of evil. We look to movie stars, entertainers, famous people, our mothers and fathers, caregivers, and people who bring about much needed changes in this world, as those we could imitate.

Martin Luther King Jr. stated, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."

Although we may not approve of every action of Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, he does hold some high ideals. On November 26, 2015, he stated, "The future is never certain. It depends on the choices we make today. Compassion, acceptance, and trust; diversity and inclusion — these are the things that have made Canada strong and free. Not just in principle, but in practice. Let us not close our hearts to those in need, or our minds to the knowledge that better is always possible."

In a world that portrays a hunger for peace, let us be bringers of peace. Where people are starving, let us share our abundance. Where there is no fresh water, may we who are knowledgeable set up wells. Where there is sickness and no medicine, let us who are doctors and nurses sacrifice our time to bring relief



and healing.

The apostle Paul was very conscious of being a role model:

Philippians 3:17 – Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. (NASB)

Of course, our highest role model is Jesus. We can always ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"

John 13:15 – For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. (NRSV)

1 Peter 2:21 – For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. (NRSV)

As Christians, we are role models as well. Other people are always watching how we act and what we say. To them, we exemplify Christ's life on earth.

John 15:16 – You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you. (NASB)

Prayer: O Lord our God, equip us to do Your service on earth. Grant us the wisdom and desire to help our brothers and sisters where there is a need. Instill in us a spark that will ignite a fire to bring peace, reconciliation, and relief into this world that we call our home. May Your kingdom arise within each and every one of us. Amen.

Ask a Therapist by Sarah Covey
On Creative Rest

Q: I just don’t feel inspired. It’s like the colour has gone out of my life and everything seems neutral and flat - can you help?

A: Sometimes we can feel disconnected from wonder in our lives because we are experiencing a deficit of creativity. It may be that you are feeling depleted by the mundane, by bland unchanging routines, or by the inability to appreciate the simple beauty found in your day-to-day life.

While feelings of malaise can be a sign of mild depression it can also be symptomatic of a life in need of creative rest. A conversation with a therapist might be a helpful first step to determine the root causes of your languishing and to devise a plan of action to address them.

In order to attend to creative fatigue, we need to reconnect with our childlike wonderment. Restoring this part of ourselves can be greatly impacted by time in nature where the grandeur of creation fills us with awe. The feeling that accompanies the sound of ocean waves crashing on the shore or the magnificent sight and splendor of a sunset over the mountains can help to bring back the energy we have been missing.

Of course, savouring the beauty in art can be revitalizing as well. Sometimes just sitting to read some poetry out loud or putting a soul-stirring song on repeat in your playlist can rekindle some of the creative passion that has been dwindling. Small moments of noticing and relishing in the delight of simple creative pleasures can be highly restorative. For some, participating as the artist in activities can be a healthy way to maintain this creative vitality. Consider trying something new like a pottery course, a cooking class, an outdoor concert, a trip to the art gallery, a music lesson, or a screenplay workshop to ignite this part of yourself again. Or return to something creative that brought you joy in the past with which you have lost touch.

Don’t neglect your surroundings either! It can be helpful to add colour, plants, and meaningful art pieces to your spaces to infuse some inspiration into the places you find yourself most often. It will make a difference if you spruce up your office with some interesting artifacts, add some art postcards to your cubicle cork board, or throw a colourful, handmade quilt onto your bed.

Although beauty surrounds us and is available to us every day, it can often seem like appreciating its presence is of lesser importance than the other items on your to-do list. I encourage you to make room for beauty and art in your life regularly and without apology because creativity is vital to your overall sense of wellbeing.

Covey Wellness Centre is a local spot for all your mental health and wellness needs. We are a team of multi-disciplinary psychotherapists working out of our beautiful and serene space at 12B Stone Street. Our wellness bookshop - which smells and feels like a spa - is open to the public every day except Sunday. Please visit CoveyWellnessCentre.com and submit the form on our Contact page to book an appointment or to inquire about our products and services or simply drop by for a visit! Follow us on social media @coveywellnesscentre, SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEW PODCAST, and download and follow at Eventbrite for the latest updates and event tickets!

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This group of friends are all sixty years old or will be sixty this year. This 1982 graduating class of EDHS had a great time catching up. The reunion started with a tour of the high school. Christopher Columbus was on the tour but not in the photo. Dr. D’Aust made a surprise visit while Mr. Neily gave the tour of the school. Everyone were impressed by the improvements in the new high school from the shop to the music room to the beautiful gymnasium. Lots of memories were shared and everyone was so happy to see each other again. The high school friends moved on to happy hour at the Legion. Everyone laughed their way to the Elmvale Palace and enjoyed dining on Rumi’s for dinner. There was chatter about the good times and the sharing of fond memories. No reunion is complete without laughing about the antics of our treasured teachers. This graduating class broke through a couple of barriers. The males of this graduating class were the first to take part in home economics. The females were the first to join the stage crew in the much anticipated High School Play. Shop was for males only and Home Ec. was for females only until this group of students came to high school. We all valued the time we had together we are all so fortunate that we grew up in a small school and everyone knew everyone from grade 9 through grade 12.

so...”Here a shout, shout for glee, as we strive for victory, in the cellars of ole Elmvale High. And it’s guzzle, guzzle, guzzle as the (drink) goes down the muzzle, Shout out your cheer loud and clear. More (drink). If a teacher should appear, then say teacher have a (drink), in the cellars of ole Elmvale High. In the cellars of ole Elmvale High!” by Linda Belcourt, Editor.

Communities in Bloom is back!



Let the Blooming Begin!

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit volunteer and partnership-driven organization that uses a multi-tiered competitive evaluation process to foster community strength, involvement, and continuous improvement. This is accomplished by nurturing environmental sustainability, enhancements of green spaces, and heritage conservation in cultural and natural environments encompassing municipal, residential, commercial, and institutional spaces. Our vision is to inspire all communities to enhance the quality of life and our environment through people and plants to create community pride. “Growing Great Places Together” is our slogan, and it captures the essence of the program.




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June 16, 2023 - As we kick off summer, I am excited for this time spent in Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte connecting with residents at community events and milestone celebrations. As important as the time spent in Ottawa is to my position as Member of Parliament there is so much value in being here at home, meeting with community groups and hearing feedback from constituents and the many organizations serving our communities.

June, and the end of the school year, bring many changes for local students. Summer seems endless when you are young. Some students may be ending the school year and looking forward to a new grade and new teacher in September. Others might be preparing for high school or getting ready to start their first summer job. And for some, high school graduation leads to big changes as they embark on the next great adventure life has in store for them. Recently, I have signed hundreds of congratulatory certificates addressed to 2023 high school graduates. To all the graduates in our surrounding communities, and their proud family members, I say congratulations and best wishes to each of you on your future path.

A quote comes to mind at this time each year and it is sound advice for any of us, whether pursuing a career in service or trades or carrying on with post-secondary studies, it is great life advice.

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbours. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” – Mark Twain

While times of change can be exciting, they can also raise questions, and often we just don’t know where to start looking for answers. That is where my staff and I can help. My dedicated and knowledgeable constituency team might not have the answer to every question you have about government services and resources, but often they know where to look, or who might be best suited to help you. No matter what the season we are always here and ready to help.

I love to hear from constituents, whether you have questions about a federal matter, or would like to share information about an upcoming community event, or a milestone celebration, I want to hear from you! You can contact me by emailing: Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca or contact my team by calling 705-728-2596.

I wish each of you a safe and happy start to summer.
Sincerely,
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Celebrate Pollinator Week with Nature Walks, Activities, and the Pic-a-Pollinator Photo Contest



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(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie will recognize Pollinator Week from June 19 to 25. Pollinator Week is an annual event celebrated across the world in support of pollinator health. This year’s focus emphasizes the connections between climate and pollinators. Pollinators are affected because their food and homes are disappearing, diseases have increased, and rising temperatures and natural disasters are affecting their ability to survive—all of which are related to climate change.

“Barrie residents are invited to celebrate pollinators and learn about what we can do to protect them,” said Stephanie Wideman, Parks Program Coordinator. “Since Barrie is a Bee City and Bird-Friendly City, creating healthy ecosystems is a priority. Ensuring pollinators can thrive and do their jobs will help us fight climate change locally.”

Residents are invited to take part in the City’s Pollinator Week activities and learn more about what can be done to protect and encourage pollinators in home gardens:

- **Open Air Dunlop – Pollinator activities**
June 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Barrie
Learn more about Open Air Dunlop at downtownbarrie.ca/events
- **Walk and Talk about Pollinators with Pollinate Barrie**
June 19, 5:30 p.m. at Sunnidale Park (meet at Dorian Parker Centre)
- **Nature Walks with Nature Barrie**
Various dates in June, July and August at city park locations. Pre-registration is required.
- **Pic-a-Pollinator contest**

Take a photo of a pollinator and submit it to the contest for a chance to win a bee hotel. Entries accepted until 11:59 p.m. on June 25.

Visit barrie.ca/PollinatorWeek for full details on Pollinator Week events and tips on how you can help pollinators.



Butterflies Hatching in the Library!
Come to the Elmvale and Midhurst libraries to see Painted Lady Butterflies! They arrived as caterpillars and you can watch them transform into butterflies right IN THE LIBRARY! Fun fact: Painted Lady Butterflies can be found on every continent except Antarctica and Australia. Be sure to drop by soon before they fly away! Pictured above left at Midhurst Library is staff member Elenna releasing a butterfly with a keen young observer. To the right at Elmvale Library are Susan and Bryn and special guests from England, Sandra and Bob.

Summer Reading Program
We just won a National Award for our Summer Reading Program so don’t miss out this year! Ages 3+ are you ready for another great summer of programs, reading, points and prizes? Registration is NOW OPEN at: <http://springwaterlibrary.readsquared.com/> You can start reading to earn points towards prizes on Monday July 3. Watch for more details coming soon about our in branch programs coming soon in July and August.

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

Cricut Sand Pail Project
This month our Cricut project is a personalised sand pail. Cost \$3. Book your appointment at Midhurst Branch Tuesdays 10:30am-2pm and Wednesdays 1pm-4pm or at Elmvale Branch Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm-6pm.

Clearance Craft Bonanza!
Join us at the library for a special craft event where we will offer all our left over craft kits, supplies etc and you can create a masterpiece! This program is offered as a FREE drop-in program and available while supplies last. Friday June 30, Elmvale and Midhurst Branches.

Elmvale Farmer’s Market
Come find us at the Farmer’s Market in Elmvale (and at the Midhurst Library) for our book sale, items fundraiser and a fun FREE weekly craft. The Farmer’s Market runs from 9am-2pm every Friday.

Summer Reading week themes
Our Summer reading program involves some weekly in-branch crafts in July with the following themes: Melting Crayon Art, Q-tip Launcher, Crystal growing, Test a Robot, Messy Day. Be sure to check our website for more details, dates and registration requirements.

Chalk the Block
The first week of July help us create some beautiful artwork on our sidewalks outside the library! We have had some wonderful, happy sidewalks the last few years since we started this annual kick off to summer and we hope you can participate and add your own unique style to our colourful sidewalks!

Elmvale Lions Club Donates to Springwater Library



Photo above L-R: Jodie Player Delgado receives cheque from Lion Murray Truax.

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Photo above: Midhurst library receives donation from Vespra Lions Club.

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“To GIC or to GIA: that is the question”

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June 7, 2023 -As you’re aware, the Bank of Canada sent interest rates soaring (relative to the last decade) in 2022. The Bank of Canada had the target rate at 0.25 on December 8, 2021, moving up the first 0.25 basis point on March 2, 2022, and by January 25, 2023 the rate had reached 4.50%. On Wednesday, June 7, 2023 the Bank of Canada raised rates another 25 bp to 4.75%.

For those with variable rate mortgages and lines of credit, increasing rates became painful. For those that gravitate towards fixed income products, higher rates are exceptionally appealing. Balanced funds are now in recovery mode after being crushed with the rising rates in 2022.

If you like having some of your money in fixed rate investments, where should you invest it? If the rates and terms being offered are the same, should you use a bank or should you use an insurance company?

Familiar companies like Canada Life, Manulife and Equitable Life are major Canadian insurance firms as well as being wealth management companies. They oversee immense wealth for pension plans as well as for retail investors like yourself. For those that like fixed income, they also offer GIAs – Guaranteed Interest Accounts.

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ON THE FIELD WITH THE HILLSDALE HAYMAKERS!



Team of the week: U15-1 (photo above)

Roster: Madalyn, Cristian, Jeremy, Nathan, Owen, Juregen, Lauren, Abby, Rylan, Rhiley, Ben, Braxton, Payton



2nd team of the week: U15-2 (photo above)

Roster: Chase, Spencer, Lukin, Ella, Carter, Morgan, Samantha, Jocelyn, Myla, Chloe, Sophie, Reilly, Elliot

Thank you to our sponsors of the week: Cardinal Irrigation, Cindy Johnston Real Estate

Scores from previous week -

U9 VS Victoria Harbour - 19-16 W

U11 VS Victoria Harbour - 4-7 L

U13 VS Minesing - 15-16 L

U15-2 VS Port McNicoll - 20-5 W

U21 VS Vasey - 0-15 W

Upcoming games:

Sun June 25th: U11 vs Wyevale @ Hillside Community Park - 4:30 PM

U15-1 vs Lafontaine @ Hillside - 6:30 PM

Mon June 26th: U9 vs Elmvalle @ Elmvalle HCES - 6:45 PM

U20 (OASA) vs Minesing @ Elmvalle arena - 8:30 PM

Tues June 27th: U11 vs Elmvalle @ Elmvalle arena - 6:45 PM

U20 vs Wyevale @ Elmvalle arena - 8:30 PM

Wed June 28th: U13 vs Lafontaine @ Lafontaine - 6:45 PM

Thurs June 29th: U15-2 vs Wyevale @ Wyevale - 6:30 PM

U15-1 vs Port McNicoll @ Talbot Park - 6:45 PM

To keep up with all things Hillside Haymaker related, follow on Facebook - Hillside Athletes or visit our website <https://hillsideathletes.com/>

Submitted by: Taylor Kelly June 19, 2023

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Midland and Elmvalle McDonalds partnered for McHappy Day



Photo above from left: Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation; Carol Cruden, owner & operator, McDonalds Midland & Elmvalle; Ashlee Chant, Manager, McDonalds (hwy 93); Mark Cruden, owner & operator, McDonalds Midland & Elmvalle; Matthew Lawson, President & CEO, GBGH; Victoria Evans, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation; Dave Hobson, OPP, Southern Georgian Bay.

June 19, 2023 - On May 10, 2023, McDonald's restaurants in Midland and Elmvalle once again partnered with the GBGH Foundation for McHappy Day®. The one-day event raised a record-breaking \$30,000! The GBGH Foundation received \$15,000 to support the purchase of a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine for GBGH. The remaining funds support Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto.

The GBGH Foundation expresses their heartfelt appreciation for Mark & Carol Cruden, who continue to support the hospital through this event, and their teams at the Midland, Elmvalle and Midland Walmart McDonalds restaurants.

By Jen Russell

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Christmas in June



Photo above, L-R: Lenore Hamley; VP, and Bev Jackson; President of the May Court Club of Barrie present Sharon Palmer, Executive Director of the Barrie Food Bank receive a cheque for \$875.00 from the members of the May Court Club of Barrie - Christmas in June Food Bank Gift Card Campaign.

June 12, 2023 - Organized by Sharon Fitzsimmons via the FundScrip ongoing fundraiser, the members of the May Court Club of Barrie supported the Christmas in June Food Bank Gift Card Campaign. In speaking with Sharon Palmer of the Barrie Food Bank, these particular gift cards will be used to purchase needed feminine hygiene products, shampoo, soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes to support gap needs of clients of the Barrie Food Bank.

The month of May, 2023 was the second busiest on record for the Barrie Food Bank with 1,243 households using its services, up 50% from a year ago. The Barrie Food Bank is serving about 2,730 individuals living in those households. Sharon Palmer says " We've also seen more students coming in from Georgian College. These are students working part-time jobs, two part-time jobs, and they are still having difficulty, primarily with rent. It's less periodic or temporary support and more of ongoing support to the general clients of the Barrie Food Bank."

Submitted by Marianne Schall, Publicity Volunteer
May Court Club of Barrie

The word TEACH reflects as LEARN.



Bloomzin Elmvale

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

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BLOOMZIN" BASKETS

"Bloomzin Elmvalle" hanging baskets are up along Young Street in Elmvalle. Springwater Township staff (Amanda Stacey - in photo) hung all 65 baskets & water them daily as needed throughout the summer season. The baskets are sponsored by Businesses, Community Organizations, Individuals & Families "In memory of" loved ones who have passed away. Information to sponsor a basket is in Springwater News.



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Toe-tapping Musical Tribute Kicks Off 2023 Season at the King's Wharf Theatre



Tuesday, May 30, 2023 - Before The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, a bespectacled kid from Texas changed music forever. Witness the meteoric rise of rock n' roll pioneer Buddy Holly in the toe-tapping, award-winning musical Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story at the King's Wharf Theatre from June 15 to July 1.

The life and career of Charles Hardin Holley (a.k.a. Buddy Holly) are celebrated in this musical biography that chronicles his triumphs and tragedies, from humble beginnings singing country music in small-town Texas to his rise up the popular music charts and into the hearts of music fans around the world.

This thrilling tribute explodes into full-throttled joy through renditions of Buddy Holly's greatest hits – classics like "Peggy Sue", "That'll Be The Day", "Not Fade Away", "Rave On", and many more. The music lives on, as this musical celebration will have you bopping in the aisles and singing your way out of the theatre.

"Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story has become a classic in musical theatre and it is known as one of the most successful rock 'n roll musicals in the world," says Alex Mustakas, Artistic Director & CEO of Drayton Entertainment. "This production is a brilliant tribute to a true artistic pioneer. Entire runs of the show have completely sold out in the past and we're convinced our audiences will be absolutely delighted to experience the magic at the King's Wharf Theatre."

The youth chorus performers include:

- Claire Burke of Elmvale
- Maya Jenkinson, Carina Jones, Luke Jones, Ainsley Morris, Emily Rabey, and Isabelle Rabey of

Midland

- Ava Gravelle, Cooper Reynolds and Olivia Reynolds of Penetanguishene
- Erdman Henderson and Jalise Henderson of Springwater
- Nala Beans of Tay Township
- Sophie Charlebois, Carmele Coward Mavrou, India Faris, Isabella Gendron, Scarlett Gendron, and Peyton Sloan of Tiny
- Callum Goodhue and Jillian Woodman of Victoria Harbour
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Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story has played to more than 25 million people in over 17 countries and has won numerous awards, including a Drama Desk Award, Laurence Olivier Award, a Tony, and several Dora Awards. The show spawned a whole genre of jukebox musicals including Mamma Mia!, Jersey Boys, and We Will Rock You, just to name a few.

The production is proudly sponsored by Brooklea Golf & Country Club. Media Sponsors are The Mirror, Bounce 104.1, and Midland Today. The Design Sponsor is ToDo Ontario. The Season Media Sponsor is CTV.

Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story is on stage at the King's Wharf Theatre from June 15 to July 1.

Regular performance tickets are \$55 for adults, \$34 for youth under 20 years of age. Tickets for select Discount Dates and groups of 20 or more are \$45, and small groups of 10-19 are \$50. HST is applicable to all ticket prices. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 705-549-5555 or toll free at 1-855-drayton (372-9866), or online at www.kingswharftheatre.com.

New Path Partners with Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka to Share Space and Better Support Children and Youth



June 5, 2023, Simcoe County – A new partnership between New Path Youth & Family Services (New Path) and the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka (CYACSM) aims to make the transition to child and youth mental health services easier for children and youth who have experienced physical or sexual abuse. This partnership will see CYACSM staff supporting children and youth at New Path offices across Simcoe County, creating more timely and easier transitions to mental health services at those same locations.

"You can certainly imagine how frightening it can be for a child or youth to have the courage to disclose that they have been physically or sexually abused. Each situation can be extremely frightening and intimidating, and in these circumstances every child deserves a safe, trauma-informed space to tell their story," says Dawn MacDonald, Executive Director, The Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka. "It's through our new partnership with New Path that our team of multi-disciplinary partners can conduct forensic interviews across the broader region of Simcoe Muskoka and bring the supportive care of our Child & Youth Advocates closer to home for many families. We know the mental health effects of abuse on children and youth are significant and require on-going support through prevention education, early interventions, therapy, and timely system navigation; our community partners like New Path make it possible for us to ensure this happens."

New Path is the Lead Agency for child and youth mental health in Simcoe County with the goal of ensuring that all children, youth and families receive timely transitions to mental health services when and where they need them. This partnership helps to ensure access to crucial mental health supports for vulnerable children and youth in our community.

"This is a win-win and a wonderful partnership that has been made possible because of our hybrid working model at New Path, which leaves some of our offices available to be used by our partners, like the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre," says Jim Harris, CEO, New Path Youth and Family Services. "This creative use of space enables us to support the critical work of the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre and enhance those warm hand offs we always strive to make, meaning that children and youth that have experienced abuse will be referred seamlessly and more comfortably to mental health services at New Path. We are committed to working in collaboration with partners that support children and youth and sharing resources, which is simply the right thing to do." Child & Youth Advocates provide individualized coordination of the forensic interview, forensic interview support, and follow up/ongoing support with system navigation, needs assessments, key community & service referrals, education, and connection to cultural resources.

**By Dominika Zapolnik, Communications Manager
New Path Youth and Family Services**

New Owners of Iconic Windermere House in Muskoka Plan

Cambridge, ON, June 01, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The new owners of the famed Windermere House hotel and resort on Muskoka's Lake Rosseau intend to revitalize the building and its amenities while preserving the property's historical integrity.

The property was purchased on April 15, 2023, by a group of investors and will be managed by the B Hospitality group based in Cambridge, Ontario, which also manages two other hotels.

Windermere House will continue to operate as a 58-suite hotel and resort with a wide range of amenities, including an on-site restaurant and pub with live entertainment. Where it previously operated on a seasonal basis, its owners plan for it to be open year-round.

Each member of Windermere House's new ownership group belongs to the senior leadership

team (some are co-founders) at Skyline Group of Companies, an \$8.2 billion firm based in Guelph, Ontario. Skyline Group of Companies purchases, manages, develops, and offers investments in various real estate portfolios (multi-residential, industrial, and retail) and clean energy assets.

As part of that firm, the owners have more than 30 years of experience in property management, redevelopment, and rejuvenation. This includes the restoration of downtown Guelph's historical Gummer Building, circa 1870, after it was destroyed by fire from a neighbouring building, as well as a circa-1910 convent-turned-apartment complex in Haileybury, Ontario. Both properties received awards for their redevelopment.

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Elmvale Food Bank Truly Thankful for the Kindness



June 9, 2023 - Things continue to “grow” at the food bank this month. A lovely group of volunteers prepared the garden beds and planted a variety of vegetables which were kindly donated by Rob Moon of Wye Nursery in Wyevale. The veggies include radishes, tomatoes, peppers and lettuce and will be offered to clients.

As mentioned in a previous article the food bank was the recipient of the proceeds of Tim Horton’s Smile Cookie Campaign. Pictured are members of

the food bank receiving a cheque for \$11,443.00 from the Trude family. We very much appreciate their generosity.

The food bank has also been chosen by 93 NORTH, a local music group comprised of Suzanna Carlson, Neil Lefaive and David Atkinson, as the beneficiary of a considerate donation.

We are truly thankful for the kindness of all of our volunteers and donors.

Submitted by Debbie Craddock

Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie

\$500,000 Shelter Me Capital Campaign

Here We Grow Again!

The Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie provides emergency residential support to over 30 women and their children every night. While our shelter tries to meet the demands for service, we are over capacity and cannot provide the much needed crisis services that many women need. To address the need for specialized, safe and affordable housing for women experiencing abuse, we are embarking on our next housing campaign. In addition to our current second stage housing, we will be launching our newest Shelter Me Campaign to raise the much-needed funds to purchase separate units that will house families leaving our shelter. Teresa MacLennan, Executive Director for the Shelter says; “Our team works hard every day, to help better the lives of abused women and children and assisting them to find affordable housing is part of that journey. We know how to provide the emotional, resource and caring support that our families need but they need to be housed in a location that can provide that very specialized service. Plans are underway to find a Barrie property to purchase, with the hope of having units furnished and updated with kitchens well stocked to welcome women and kids by March of 2024.

About the Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie

The Women & Children’s Shelter of Barrie has been providing shelter and outreach services to abused women and their children since 1981. The agency consists of a 27-bed crisis shelter along with Outreach services onsite. Approximately 1,500 women and children are assisted by the agency annually. In addition to a residential shelter, staff provide individual and group counselling, family court support, transitional and housing services, information and public education and referrals to other community and social services.

Join us in our commitment to end the cycle of violence. For more information, please visit: www.barrieshelter.com.

North Simcoe 4-H Judging Competition



June 12, 2023 - The North Simcoe 4-H Judging Competition was held Monday June 12th at the Elmval Curling Club in Elmval. 4-H members judged Pies, Strawberries, Holstein cows, Beef cows, Breeding Sheep and had a Weed ID Quiz. Special thanks to our sponsors; Elmval Curling Club, North Simcoe Jr Farmers; Simcoe County Dairy Producers. We would also like to thank the Leaders and volunteers for organizing this event. It is a great learning opportunity to learn about animals and present themselves to a judge when giving reasons.

This years winners:

Senior – 1st Gary Arthur McIntyre
2nd Chad Bell
3rd Lucy McNiven & Jacob Ball

Intermediate - 1st Ben Livingston
2nd Luke Jones
3rd Kaleigh MacNaughton

Junior - 1st Olivia Livingston
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Submitted by Steve Jones,North Simcoe 4-H

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DANDILION TEA – NOT YOUR GARDEN VARIETY WEED

As the days warm up, front and backyards across the region are once again becoming littered with dandelions. Although dandelions are despised by most homeowners, these misunderstood weeds provide a number of health benefits that may surprise you. Considered an herbal remedy, dandelion tea can be made from either the leaves, flowers or roots of the plant. Each version has a distinct taste that can be brightened with the addition of lemon juice or sweetened with honey, maple syrup or stevia. An obvious word of caution before you harvest your crop of dandelions - for safety's sake, please ensure that they have not been sprayed with pesticides or herbicides.

DANDELION TEA - 3 WAYS

ROASTED DANDELION ROOT TEA

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) dried dandelion root
- 1 cup (250 ml) water
- Sweetener – honey, maple syrup, brown sugar, stevia – optional
- Lemon Juice - optional

Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (177 C).
2. Roast the dandelion roots for 30 minutes.
3. Grind the roasted roots in a blender, food processor or coffee grinder.
4. In a mug, add boiling water to the roasted roots and steep for 5-10 minutes.
5. Strain dandelion roots.
6. Add lemon juice and sweetener of choice if desired.
7. Serve hot or cold.

DANDELION LEAF TEA

Ingredients:

- 1-2 teaspoons (5-10 ml) dried leaves or 1-2 tablespoon (15-30 ml) chopped fresh leaves
- 1 cup (250 ml) water
- Sweetener – honey, maple syrup, brown sugar, stevia – optional
- Lemon Juice - optional

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (177 C) and roast the dandelion leaves for 30 minutes if using dried leaves.
2. Grind the roasted or fresh leaves in a blender, food processor or coffee grinder.
3. In a mug, add boiling water to the roasted leaves and steep for 5-10 minutes.
4. Strain dandelion leaves.
5. Add lemon juice and sweetener of choice if desired.

6. Serve hot or cold.

DANDELION FLOWER TEA

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) loosely packed dandelion flowers, shredded
- 1 cup (250 ml) water
- Sweetener – honey, maple syrup, brown sugar, stevia – optional
- Lemon Juice – optional

Instructions:

1. In a mug, add boiling water to the dandelion petals.
2. Steep for 5-10 minutes.
3. Strain dandelion petals.
4. Add lemon juice and sweetener of choice if desired.
5. Serve hot or cold.

Enjoy!

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Did You Know?

Dandelion tea is a popular herbal remedy with numerous health benefits. Containing polyphenols - powerful plant-based antioxidants and a number of vitamins and minerals including vitamins A, C, K, iron and potassium, dandelion plants may aid in digestion. If you have a health condition or are pregnant or breast feeding, check with your healthcare provider before incorporating dandelion tea into your diet.

EDHS Youth Exchange Students Say Good-bye while at Rideau Hall

It was such an amazing opportunity to be able to host the kids from Taloyoak, Nunavut. They experienced so many amazing things, we made forever lasting friendships and memories. We were able to go to so many places, thanks to our parent drivers and financial support from the community. We were able to go tree top trekking. Their reactions to all of the trees was priceless since, for a lot of them, it was their very first time seeing a tree. They were having the time of their life.



Photo above: Eric, student, hunter, guitar player, tree-top trekker, friend.

We also went to Freehand Farm and Elmvale Jungle Zoo, it was so much fun. The kids loved to see all the different kinds of animals, especially the giraffes. They also loved talking to Charlie the white cockatoo. We went to Toronto to visit St. Lawrence market, where we got some really good food, The Royal Ontario Museum and the CN Tower which they loved. We had an amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity on May 31st to visit Rideau Hall and meet Governor General Mary Simon. We were able to ask her questions about reconciliation and have a one on one conversation with her. Her Excellency and His Excellency, Whit Fraser, were very nice and welcoming to our group.

The kids from Netsilik School got the chance to visit a couple of colleges and universities in Toronto, Barrie and Ottawa. A lot of them really enjoyed Georgian College and they hope to be able to go to school there in the near future. A big part of this is their new connections to us.

The hardest part of this whole trip was saying goodbye. A lot of tears were shed and lot's of hugs were given. We have grown so close to each other and have made ever lasting friendships. It was very hard to say goodbye to them. Hopefully we get to

see them again soon. This Student Exchange has been absolutely astounding, none of this would have been possible without Mr. Davidson and Mrs. Wilson.

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Photo above: Saying Good-bye.



Photo above: Ballroom at Rideau Hall



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

Welcome to Summer 2023! The summer solstice officially arrived yesterday, Wednesday, June 21 at 10:57 AM making it the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere with 15 hours, 32 minutes and 8 seconds of sunlight. Today we start going down in sunlight, losing 2 seconds until we reach the winter solstice on December 21 at 10:27 PM making it the shortest day. It's interesting to note that what we learned in school, that spring, summer, fall and winter begin on the 21st of the month, is actually happening for summer and winter this year. Happy summer and hopefully you get to enjoy the longer days for the next month or so and warm weather. Strawberry season has kicked into full gear and will be for the next several weeks. The early heat and significant rain that occurred last week has the berry farmers looking forward to a good season. There are a number of farms in the area and hopefully you can get out to one and pick your own or purchase some already picked. One of the activities that was enjoyed in our community in years past was the Strawberry Supper. This was held in late June or on Canada Day and saw many in the community come out to one of the two sittings. Delicious salads and cold plates were served along with fresh strawberries from one of the local farms. It was a great event that was always sold out and many families came together and assisted. As a community association this was one of the major fundraising events of the year as the association was responsible for the maintenance costs of the community centre including heat and hydro. There aren't many strawberry suppers left to be found but if you can find one, it is an experience that you won't soon forget. The Huronia West OPP recently posted a statement to the communities that they police. In their statement they said the following, " Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility, drivers and other road users can significantly contribute to safer roads by complying with all traffic laws, respecting others, and avoiding taking unnecessary and dangerous risks. Officers will be actively enforcing the Highway Traffic Act,...including excessive speeds." This statement is very strongly worded and hopefully will



be the attitude that the officers take particularly in regards to enforcing the speed limit. Horseshoe Valley Road has changed from a county road to a highway with almost by minute examples of unsafe speeds and disrespect for others. Wilson Drive is also much busier now and speeding is a major factor. The OPP does have an online reporting system where you can report bad behavior and other incidents and perhaps they need to see more contacts from our community to be more visible along these roads. Residents can also encourage more direct notice by installing the yellow and black, Slow Down, Kids at Play signs on their property. There are about a dozen properties along Horseshoe that have the sign and if more did, then perhaps the traveling public may take notice. If you would like one reach out to our ward council member, Brad Thompson. Brad can be reached by email at brad.thompson@springwater.ca and he can arrange to get you one. Many in the community use the rail trail for recreational purposes. Last year the township, with grant money, upgraded the trail with a new base and pedestrian gates. They also worked on a new agreement with the dirt bike and atv associations on where they could travel. Shortly after the gates were installed, one on Coughlin Road was damaged by persons unknown. Over the past weekend, two gates were pushed out of the ground at the intersection of Phelpston Road and Flos Road 3. There were numerous vehicle tracks evident along that section of trail heading into Phelpston. It is disturbing to think that there are individuals who think that the trails are

for their enjoyment only and not everyone else's and would cause that type of damage for their pleasure. If you see such activity, on the trails or in our parks, don't engage with the individuals but do take photos and send them to the township bylaw department. They will work with the police to bring the necessary justice to these irresponsible people. Regardless of where the grant money came from, it is your money that goes into these enhancements and anyone damaging them should and must be held responsible. Next week the school year will officially end. Other than snow days, our children were able to complete a full year for the first time in three. Our community extends our collective congratulations to all who graduated this year whether from kindergarten, elementary, high school, college or university. We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you all the best for the future. Canada Day is next weekend. There are no activities planned in our community but our neighbours to the north in Phelpston will be having fireworks that evening. A reminder that while the municipality does not have a fireworks bylaw, be considerate. There are many pets in the village and loud noises cause them to panic and unfortunately as was the last time there were fireworks ignited, run away. Most residents will expect fireworks at dusk but please not after 10PM. Your consideration is appreciated. That's all for this week, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and HAPPY CANADA DAY!



Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn



A 'CHIP' OFF....

Recently, I attended a funeral for a good friend's brother. I didn't know him well but wanted to pay my respects in support of my friend and to show the family he had made an impression on me with just one short visit. It was the third time in the last two months that I had attended services for a sudden loss. No matter the age, it is a difficult time and the Celebration of Life after is always a great opportunity to get to know their family and friends. You get to hear the personal memories and stories of 'way back when' and 'if he were here now'. It was a very large gathering. What really made an impression on me was the service I attended at the church for this upstanding, 82-year-old, youthful man. He was active in his church, a rock for his family and an example to all who knew him. The priest performing the Requiem Mass, knew him very well and was able to provide a colourful description of their interactions over the years. What really stood out to me was his mention of that fateful day likened to a type of maturity date when you would be welcomed 'home to the Father'. My mind wandered to the idea of an 'expiry date' as we all have one. I'm not afraid of my expiry date at all, but I'm certainly in no hurry to see it as a 'coming soon'! Many do fear this fateful time and it is a good thing we have other things to think about in the here and now. Last week I was working on some lattice on my deck. My nail-gun jammed for the third time, and I was so perplexed that I took a step back to see what



the heck was going wrong. My right foot stepped into thin air and down I went, reaching for anything to stop the fall. No such luck as I banged my right knee, scraped the left one and bounced onto my butt! From

there I flung backwards where my back connected with the corner of a concrete block sitting innocently on the ground. That's the short version of the calamity but because I'm a 'rubber-made' senior, I bounced right up saying "I'm ok, I'm ok" (stumble stumble)! I took a breather and was able to move around but by the next morning it was a different picture. If you've ever seen anyone twisting a Rubik's cube, that is a good likeness of me trying to get out of the bed! I managed to drive myself to the hospital for x-rays and a prescription. It only hurts when I think of how stupid I was to fall in the first place. It could have been a lot worse if that piece of concrete was to connect just a little bit higher and well, it may have turned out to be my fateful day. Guess I'm a 'chip' off the old block now; pun intended Chip! Getting back to the service I attended, what really came to mind is the fact that we are all so very lucky to be in the here and now. I like to think of it as the 'best before date' and we are to be fully in the present; joyfully thankful that we have this time to celebrate life with all it's ups and downs. To breathe is life and though I can't take a full breath at this time (oh the pain when I laugh...or cry...or sneeze), I am expanding my perspective on what is really important. Family, friends, pets, and service to others is where its at. I can only hope to make half the impression on my sphere of influence that Robert (Chip) Terry made on the lives of his family, friends and anyone who came to know him. Till we all meet again...you are truly missed.

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Saturday, July 8th, 2023

Age: 5 to 18 years

5 Rounds: starting at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
lunch, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Sections: One Section (rated CFC and Chess N' Math)
All players will play a Swiss tournament
The tournament will be rated by Canadian Chess Federation for Quick Events
CFC ID required. CFC membership NOT required
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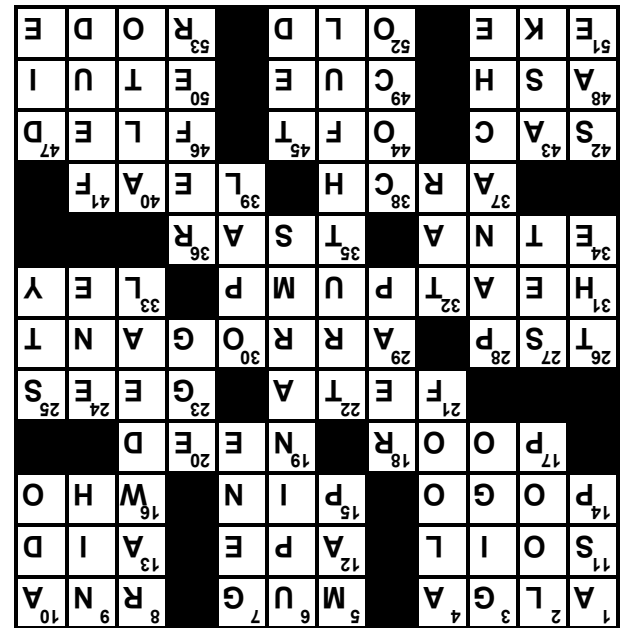
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There will be a free DRAW for a chess book plus...

Entry Fee: \$50. All players must register before July 7th
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First come first serve as capacity is limited to 60 players
Large area for parents to wait while the world champion plays
On-Site Food Services

Prizes: Cash prizes/trophies/medals awarded for top placements
1st place \$300 2nd Place \$200 3rd Place \$100
Preregistration and payment must be submitted to Georgian Bay Park by July 7th
Link to registration website: www.GeorgianBayPark.com.

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Owners		
1982-present	Dwight and Mary (Ketelaars) Bryan	Built: 1800s
~1975-1982	Rowlandson	Dimensions: 50 x 52', 32 x 48'
	Hugh Ellis	Water Source: cistern near gangway
	Crawford Ellis	drilled well now
~1940s	Peter and Emma (Ford) Windatt	
~1920s	H. Travers	
	Jno. Travers	
~1887	Donald Campbell	
~1881	Angus Campbell, 50 acres	
~1837	William Bishop, 125 acres	

When Dwight and Mary Bryan bought the farm the barn and house had been severed from the farm land. There were stanchions for 8-10 cows and stalls for horses. Dwight removed a cedar block foundation from the smaller barn and cemented it. A low wall in the larger barn was added so the pigs wouldn't root at the stone foundation. Bryans had 25 sows with feed coming from Alliston Feed Services Ltd. Five hundred laying hens produced eggs for the Brookdale Restaurant and other restaurants in Barrie. At that time the eggs did not have to be graded.

Mary and Dwight Bryan



A watering trough was inside the front half of the lean-to that was not walled in.



The boards have been removed from the granary, with the mow above. The threshing floor, with access up a gangway is to the left. A steel track is at the roof.



The barn at the back was smaller. The foundation was part stone, part cedar block. A ring was fastened into the stone foundation. The rest of the foundation had been cedar block.



A shelf was built into the stone wall.



The sleepers were hand hewn on two sides, while the beams upstairs were hand hewn on all four sides.

Community Events

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Every Monday.
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Midland Bridge Club 427 William St, Midland
Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge, **Tues 6:45pm:** Social Bridge, **Thur. 12:45pm** Duplicate Bridge, **Fri. 12pm:** Bid Euchre. Contact Vern 705-730-9998. Possible lesson if desired. midlandbridge@gmail.com

Good Vibes

Every Thursday night from 7 to 10 p.m.
An open-mic music event Our location is the little white schoolhouse at the corner of Mount St. Louis Road and the 4th Line of Oro Medonte. Admission is a donation of \$5.00.

Let’s Do Lunch \$5:

Elmvale Presbyterian Church
2nd Thursday of the month. Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5
For take-out & town delivery \$6 call 322-1411 between 9 & noon on the Monday previous.
Pick-up Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 at East side of the church.

BARRIE-KEMPENFELT PROBUS CLUB
Meets at 10:00 am, third Thursday of month
Canadian Legion, 410 St. Vincent Street in Barrie
Main Contact: Chief Information Officer, Robert Newby, barriekempenfelt72@gmail.com (705) 220-3501

Bay Shore Senior’s Club

Activities are in full swing - check out website at www.bayshoreseniors.ca for all activities.
Call 705 361-1331.

E.D.G.E. Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts
Meetings held **4th Wed. of each month, 7:00 pm** at Elmvale Library.
Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.
Coffee Party
Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
All Welcome, Cost: \$3

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program
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Adults 55+ FREE
Wed. Elmvale Community Hall 11am
Mon. Elmvale Presbyterian Church 9am
Thur. Elmvale Presbyterian Church – 9am (Very full)
Also available – pole walking at Heritage Park on Wednesdays 9:15am
Times and locations all subject to change.
Bring good support (running) shoes and water
Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club
3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Prime Time Club,1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach
1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
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For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

Elmvale Legion
Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Wasaga Beach Parkinson’s Support Group
1st Thursday of each month, 12:30-2pm

Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room, 120 Glenwood Dr. All Parkinson’s patients & caregivers welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender 905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com
Elmvale Youth Ball Hockey
Monday and Tuesday 5-8 pm in Elmvale
Players ages 4-12 for skill development and game play
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GANARASKA HIKING CLUB.-Wasaga Beach
Weekly, **Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am** at various locations., year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes **Sunday 1:30pm** from a park near Foodland, WB.Weekly, Monday morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal. Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

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!

Elmvale Legion
Every Saturday at 5 pm
Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games
Everyone welcome

Elmvale Farmer’s Market
Every Friday 9 am - 2 pm
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Community One Time Events

St. Paul’s Anglican Church Drive-Through Chili Dinner
June 24, 2023 from 3 pm to 7 pm.
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“Double Impact” Concert
Sunday June 25, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
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Annual Memorial Service
Sunday June 25, 2023, 10:00am
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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.

Elmvale Seniors Drop in
Monday, June 26 from 9 to 11 am
Elmvale Library in the McGuire Room
The Elmvale Community Recreation Association

Community One Time Events

would like to invite all available seniors to a friendly tea and coffee time. 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!

TRIVIA NIGHT
Tuesday June 27, 2023, Doors Open 6:30 pm.
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Fundraiser Strawberry Supper \$20
Wednesday, June 28 5pm-6:30pm
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Coffee Parties at Heritage Park
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Parties run from 9 to 11:30 am on Thurs. June 29, Thurs. July 27 and Thurs. Aug. 31. Proceeds go to support local charities. New this year is our Trinkets & Treasures table.

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Registration website: www.GeorgianBayPark.com.

Fundraiser BBO
Saturday July 1st, 11am-1pm Rain or shine
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Phelpston Canada Day Fireworks 2023
July 1st at the baseball diamond at dusk.
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OPP REPORT

Complaints of Shoplifting in Midland Retail Stores Over the Weekend Keep OPP Officers Busy
(June 19, 2023 MIDLAND, ON)- Calls to the Ontario Provincial Police Communication Centre for shoplifting offences from Midland area retail stores kept officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment busy over the weekend.

On June 17, 2023 at approximately 5:44 a.m. June 17, 2023, officers were directed to a theft in progress call from the Midland Avenue Circle K retail store. Attending investigators patrolled the area with suspect description and located the suspect at approximately 5:49 a.m. June 17, 2023, in the area of Elizabeth and Princess Streets, Midland. The suspect was arrested and charged in connection to the theft and released.

Officers were later at 9:15 a.m. June 17, 2023, dispatched to the Midland Walmart retail store after store security reported a shoplifting occurrence. Officer attended and located the suspect who was also the accused in the previous theft. Charged criminally is Paul Rodney BASKERVILLE 34 years of Tiny Township with Theft under \$5000 (two counts), Possession of Property Obtained by Crime (two counts). He was further charged with two counts of Breach of Probation from two prior investigations.

The accused was held for bail court and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

On June 17, 2023, officers were dispatched to the Midland Walmart retail store at approximately 12:46 p.m. to a report from store security of a theft of store goods that had just occurred. A description of the suspect was provided and through investigation the suspect was identified.

Officers on patrol located the suspect on Midland Avenue at 11:06 a.m. June 18, 2023 and made an arrest. During the arrest process an quantity of blue fentanyl was located on the individual. Through investigation it was further learned that the individual was also the suspect in a theft from the Midland Walmart on June 13, 2023.

Charged criminally in connection to these offences is Cody BLAIN 30 years of no fixed address Midland with the following.

- Theft Under \$5000- SHOPLIFTING (two counts)
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada (two counts)
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order (eight counts)
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance- Other Drugs
- The accused was held for bail on these charges and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

Officers are currently investigating the theft of a charity raffle basket containing Galaxy gift cards, Tim Horton's mugs, various DVD's from inside the Tim Horton's restaurant on Poyntz Street, Penetanguishene at 6:30 p.m. June 16, 2023. The raffle was intended to raise funds to send underprivileged children to camp. Suspect video to follow as it becomes available.

ORILLIA OPP OFFICER ASSAULTED DURING ARREST FOR BREACH OF PROBATION

(June 17, 2023 - ORILLIA, ON) - The Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged two individuals attempting to flee police custody during lawful arrest for outstanding warrants.

On June 16, 2023, shortly after 6:00 p.m., officers from Orillia OPP were called to a business on Colborne Street in the City of Orillia for reports of two suspicious males. Orillia OPP officers identified the individuals as persons currently on outstanding warrants. During the arrest both males became combative and attempted to flee police custody. An officer sustained minor injuries during the altercation and both individuals were arrested and charged.

As a result; Jordan KING, 28 year-old, from Orillia has been charged with:

- Fail to comply with Probation Order - 2 counts.
- Fail to comply with an appearance notice.
- Escape lawful custody.
- Assault with intent to resist arrest.
- Resist peace officer.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orillia, to answer to the charges on June 17, 2023.

As well, Bruce COOTE, 33 year-old, from Barrie has been charged with:

- Resist peace officer

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orillia, to answer to the charges on July 25, 2023.

ORILLIA OPP CHARGE ONE MALE TRYING TO OBTAIN SEXUAL SERVICES

(June 16, 2023 - ORILLIA, ON) - The Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrested and charged an individual for attempting to obtain sexual services at local beach.

On June 16, 2023, shortly after 1:30 p.m., officers from Orillia OPP were called to Couchiching Beach in the City of Orillia. Orillia OPP Officers along with the Orillia OPP Community Mobilization Unit, were led into an investigation involving a male conversing with a female attempting to obtain sexual services in exchange for money.

Officers investigated the incident and as a result; Cosmo DOMINELLI, 67 year-old, from Orillia has been charged with:

- Communicate with anyone for the purpose of obtaining sexual services.
- The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orillia, to answer to the charges on August 14, 2023.

HURONIA WEST OPP IS SEEKING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

(June 15, 2023 - TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEWAND SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIPS, ON) - Officers from the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have responded to an attempted robbery at the Petro Canada in Wasaga Beach and are now requesting the public's assistance to identify two suspects.

On June 11, 2023, shortly after 1:26 a.m., Huronia West OPP responded to a robbery at the Petro Canada on River Road West in the Town of Wasaga Beach. The investigation revealed that the suspects entered the establishment and the female suspect remained at the entrance, while the male suspect approached the counter. The male suspect asked the employee for some items, then made a demand for money, while brandishing a knife. The employee was able to scare off the suspects, at which time they fled the store without incident.

Suspect descriptions:

- Male suspect: Male, white, approximately 25 to 30 years of age, wearing a blue sweater with Bryan's Roofing on it, a red bandana covering his chin and grey track pants.
- Female suspect: Female, thin build, approximately 45 years old, brown hair, wearing a black sweater with a hood and white running shoes.



DISCOVERED BODY IN WOODED AREA ON WEST STREET IN ORILLIA UNDER INVESTIGATION

(June 15, 2023 - ORILLIA, ON) - Members of the Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a death in City of Orillia.

On June 14, 2023, shortly after 8:00 p.m., Orillia OPP, Simcoe County Paramedic Service and City of Orillia Fire, were dispatched to a wooded area on West street south for a report of an unresponsive male. Male was pronounced deceased at scene. The Orillia OPP Crime Unit are continuing the investigation with the assistance of The Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario.

The deceased has been identified as a 40-year-old male. The cause of death is to be determined pending a postmortem. Investigators do not believe there is a threat to public safety.

THE OPP WOULD LIKE TO RAISE FRAUD AWARENESS DURING SENIORS MONTH

(OTTAWA, ON) - June is Seniors Month in Ontario and the 2023 theme is "Working for Seniors." The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to raise awareness about frauds that target Ontario seniors, who have spent their entire life saving funds for their golden years. The OPP asks that we work collectively at sharing important fraud prevention tips with seniors in your life.

Being able to recognize frauds targeting seniors will go a long way in helping to combat cyber enabled frauds. With the public's help we want to deliver information, tips and strategies for Ontario's Seniors.

In 2022, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) received fraud reports totalling a staggering \$531 million in victim losses. A devastating \$138 million (26%) in losses were reported by senior victims. According to the CAFC, seniors lose on average 33% more than other demographics. It is estimated that only 5-10% of victims report scams and frauds to the CAFC or law enforcement.

According to the CAFC, in 2022, the top frauds affecting seniors were:

Investment frauds represented \$79.1 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$36.5 million.

Romance frauds represented \$19.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$8.8 million.

Service scams represented \$8.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$6 million.

Extortion frauds represented \$7.7 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$542,000.

Emergency-Grandparent scams represented \$7.1 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$4.3 million.

The OPP encourages the public to visit the CAFC website to learn more about the frauds mentioned above www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

Remember...if you fall victim to a fraud or know someone who has, contact your local police service to report the crime and report it to the CAFC at 1-888-495-8501 or online on the Fraud Reporting System (FRS), even if a financial loss did not occur.

FEDERAL OFFENDER WANTED

(TORONTO, ON) - The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (R.O.P.E.) Squad is requesting the public's assistance in locating a federal offender wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant as a result of his breach of Statutory Release.

Nicholas WOODLAND is described as a Caucasian male, 33 years of age, 5'11" (180cm), 131lbs (59kgs) with brown hair and blue eyes.

He is currently serving a two (2) year and two (2) month sentence for Sexual Assault, Possession of Child Pornography and Bestiality.

The offender is known to frequent the Toronto, Caledon, Woodstock and Brampton areas.



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RVH Volunteer Celebrates 50 Years of Service



Photo above: RVH President and CEO Gail Hunt and RVH Auxiliary President Lise McCourt congratulate and present Josie Hunter (centre) with her 50-year service award in a ceremony held at RVH on June 6, 2023.

At the Annual General Meeting on June 6, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre’s (RVH) Auxiliary honoured Josie Hunter for a remarkable 50 years of volunteer service.

RVH President and CEO Gail Hunt and RVH Auxiliary President Lise McCourt presented Hunter with her well-deserved volunteer service pin. “What an incredible accomplishment,” says McCourt. “The Auxiliary and RVH have been blessed by people like Josie who have been so generous with their time and kindness in helping patients.”

Hunter joined the RVH Women’s Auxiliary (as it was called then) in November 1972 at the urging of friends who were already involved in the organization. She began volunteering in the hospital gift shop where she was responsible for purchasing chocolate bars. She enjoyed it so much; she would spend the next fifty years working in the shop, as well as supporting Auxiliary tag days and bazaars.

“I made a lot of good friends, and we had so many good times together,” says Hunter. “It was a social

life!”

When the gift shop was first opened in 1963, it was operated solely by volunteers. Today, a full-time manager runs the shop with volunteer staff, but all proceeds still go directly to patient care.

“The Auxiliary has a very long and rich history of volunteering. It began in 1897 with four women who decided to raise funds for the first hospital in Barrie. We recently celebrated our 125th anniversary, and the Auxiliary remains a cornerstone of the RVH legacy. In addition to helping support patient care, we are also a mighty fundraising force. We are currently working on our \$5 million pledge to the Keep Life Wild campaign, which we hope to complete in record time,” says McCourt.

Cutline: RVH President and CEO Gail Hunt and RVH Auxiliary President Lise McCourt congratulate and present Josie Hunter (centre) with her 50-year service award in a ceremony held at RVH on June 6, 2023.

Submitted by Lisa Cooper, Communications Coordinator RVH

City receives \$325,000 in grants for greenhouse gas reduction work

City working to achieve net-zero emission by 2050

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie was recently awarded grants, valued at \$325,000, from Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Both of these grants will assist the City in its efforts in corporate and community energy conservation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

“This funding will help get us one step closer to achieving our plan of net-zero emission by 2050,” said Adam McMullin, Manager of Energy Management. “Thank you to Natural Resources Canada and FCM for making these grants available. The funding will make a huge difference as we work towards creating a more sustainable community.”

Barrie will receive \$200,000 from FCM’s Green Municipal Fund’s Community Buildings Retrofit. The City is currently conducting greenhouse gas emission audits at ten City facilities, and this funding will cover 80 percent the cost. These audits will focus on existing and future building operations to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions at the facilities.

The City also recently received a grant of \$125,000 from Natural Resources Canada’s Zero Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative (ZEVAI). ZEVAI helps fund outreach, education, and capacity-building activities, ultimately enabling greater adoption of zero emission vehicles by Canadians in all regions of the country.

This funding will support the launch of a program called Electrify Barrie that includes a series of activities, including:

- Raising awareness of electric vehicle (EV) and EV charging stations within Barrie
- Conducting research to understand potential barriers to EV ownership and utilization
- Assessing the current state of Barrie’s EV charging stations
- Hosting in-person education/awareness events

To learn more, visit www.barrie.ca/ClimateChange.

Submitted by Scott LaMantia, Manager of Marketing & Communications

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.



What’s It Worth? Going up creates wealth.

Wealth creation in the dictionary is defined as abundance. Wealth creation strategies are ways to create abundance. Satisfaction comes from when you can build wealth within the parameters of your goals beliefs and interest. Most financial advisors will tell you that the sum of all your assets should have 5 to 10 percent in alternative assets. Commonly, these are thought to be gold, silver, real estate deals, and art. What those same advisors will not tell you to do is invest in things they do not understand which to them seem to be reaches and justifications for investing in a personal passion or hobby. Yet the following items have had and still have, massive followings, with data available on valuations, events, clubs, newsletters, catalogues, and grading systems. Classic items include collector cars and collector motorcycles along with comic books, hockey cards, rare gold coins, stamps, China, and pottery. Add to that list the last 30 years of your childhood. Video games, Pokeman cards, 1960 to 1980’s records, rock

concert t-shirts and posters, collector vehicles and then like. Historically all businesses have a tendency to promote the items they have an economic interest in, and where you get a good mix, is when you combine the knowledge of a advocate, the experience of a user, the passion of a fan, and the investment practices of a counsellor who can give you a head start and suggestions about which things are going up.

Going up, what does that mean. It means going up, not just in value, but in interest, going up in publicity, going up in promotion, going up in utilization and going up, onto your fireplace mantle or in your son or daughter’s room. Going up in value has many components. These include how much interest is there. How big is then population? How many exist, where are they. Then there is utilization, what are they used for, and bragging rights, how many people have then and brag to others. Build wealth by finding the things that go up, and they should represent up to ten percent of your net worth.

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Two Fundraisers for MRI for Georgian Bay General Hospital



June 12, 2023 - Elmvale Presbyterian Church is holding a Strawberry Supper, Wednesday June 28th from 5-6:30pm and a BBQ and Bake/Craft Sale July 1st from 11am to 1pm, rain or shine. The Strawberry Supper will be \$20 with in town delivery only. Please call 703-322-1411 Friday, June 23rd from 9-12 to order delivery. No excuse is needed to come to a Strawberry Supper or a BBQ but enjoying food while supporting a worthwhile cause makes it a meal with a purpose.

Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) in Midland announced recently that it has received approval of operational funding from the Ontario Government for a much needed MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machine for the hospital but funding for the purchase and the investment in infrastructure needed to install it must be raised by the GBGH Foundation – a \$4-million project over the next 2 years to bring this much needed diagnostic service to our North Simcoe community.

Outpatient wait times for MRI services in Simcoe County are many months long and there are, currently, hundreds of people in our region waiting for an MRI for many and various reasons, delaying their diagnosis and/or surgery.

Victoria Evans, Community Giving Officer for the GBGH Foundation says “raising \$4-million in 2 years is a challenge, but one that we must achieve because so many people in our community are waiting for this life-saving technology”.

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Submitted by Mary Fleming

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On Thursday, June 29th, **Elmvale District High School will hold its 69th Annual Commencement Ceremony.** This momentous event will begin at 5:00 pm in the EDHS Gymnasium. The graduating class of 2023 has been through a lot, as both their grade 9 and 10 school years were interrupted by COVID. Both staff and administration are very proud of this group. It is always enjoyable to find out where the graduates are headed; whether it be the workforce, a skilled trade Apprenticeship, College or University. Thousands of dollars in Scholarships and Bursaries will be awarded that evening. There is not a cap on how many family members can attend, so please feel free to celebrate with all of us that night. A big thank-you goes out to the Commencement Committee who spend countless hours organizing this large and worthwhile event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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Obituaries



WICHERS-SCHREUR, Benjamin Jordan
August 18, 1991 – June 1, 2023
It is with heavy hearts that Jordan’s family announces his sudden passing on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Huntsville, Ontario. Jordan is survived by his father Ben Wickers-Schreur (Patti), and mother Sue Tait (Stan). Brother to Korey Gillanders, Jason Tait, Emma Tait, Luke Sheardown, Nathan Wickers-Schreur, and Mikaela Wickers-Schreur. At Jordan’s request there will be no funeral service. A private family visitation has taken place. Special thanks to Kelly from Rainy Funeral Chapel. Memorial donations to Teen Challenge (www.teenchallenge.ca) would be appreciated. Condolences may be left for Jordan’s family by visiting www.legacyfuneral.ca
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WEBB, Wellington 'Tone' -
Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at The Villa Care Centre, Midland one day after his 93rd birthday. Beloved husband of the late Betty Webb (nee Hussey). Much loved father of Jane Scarff, Judy (Bob) Staruch and Greg (Sheila) Webb. He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Andrew, Mathew, Foster (Anissa) and Sarah (Dave) as well as his great grandchildren, Isaac, Sophie and Adalyn. Cherished brother to the late Elmira Freeman, Jeanne Webb, Edward (Bessie) Webb, Lloyd (Jean) Webb, Fred (Grace) Webb and Orville Webb.
Dad was born and raised in Wyevalle, a village he held near and dear to his heart. It was here that he began a career with his father and brothers as a builder. It was during this time he and his family built their beloved Wyevalle Free Methodist Church. It was a small church with a small congregation, but Dad and his family were committed to keeping it going. Later Tone served as a Township of Tiny Police Officer and some years after that mom and dad opened Webb's Drive-In Restaurant, followed by Webb's Greenhouse. Running these businesses was pure joy for our parents. They so enjoyed the day to day interaction with the residents of Wyevalle and our Tiny Beaches cottagers, many of whom became lifelong friends.
Visitation will be held on Monday, June 12th at Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale, from 11am to 1pm followed by a funeral service in the chapel at 1 pm.
Interment following the service at Wyevalle Cemetery.
The family would dearly like to thank everyone at The Villa Care Centre for the love and support they showed to dad and our family.
If you would like to make a donation in his memory please consider The Canadian Diabetes Association, Alzheimer's Society or the Canadian Cancer Society.
Messages may be sent to the family at www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com



LAURIN (TUBMAN), Margaret “Jean”
August 11, 1956 - June 1, 2023
It is with heavy hearts and immense sadness that we announce the passing of Margaret Jean Laurin, after a sudden illness. Jean passed on June 1, 2023, at Georgian Bay General Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.
She will be deeply missed by Marc Laurin, her husband of 41 years and best friend, and daughters Danielle and Krista (Jeremy) Laurin. Dearly loved sister of Eric (Pat) and Elaine (Brian) Tubman and their children and families. Youngest daughter of the late Harry and Mae (Strath) Tubman. Sister-in-law to Annette (Don) Jones, Rene (Elizabeth) Laurin, Claude (Sandy) Laurin, Romeo (Lucie) Pilon, and the late Adele and Maurice Laurin, and their children and families. Daughter-in-law to Ligouri and the late Marielle (Maurice) Laurin.
Jean’s family will host an informal drop-in Celebration of Life on Saturday, August 12th from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Township of Tiny Community Centre, 91 Concession Road 8 East.
Cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to LeClair Cremation Centre, Midland. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Jean’s memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada or the Hospital for Sick Children.




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Ripple of Kindness - Founding Chapter (ROK)



On June 8th , Ripple of Kindness (ROK) Barrie hosted their summer social at McLaren Equipment on Horseshoe Valley Rd. in Phelpston. Collectively the group donated \$32,000 to Communities Connecting for Children Camp and \$33,000 to Glowing Hearts charity, making this their 22nd and 23rd donation back into the community. To date, ROK Barrie has donated over \$ 660,000 to local charities in the community.

Ripple of Kindness was started in 2016 with two friends having coffee and talking about how they could come together and make the community a better place. Although the giving circle concept is not new, it resonated with so many local women in our community, it took no time to begin making an impact.

Each member pledges to give \$100.00 four times a year to the charity voted on by the members and ripple kindness through the community. Our members are incredibly busy women in the community and love the simple concept of collective impactful giving, making it this the easiest way to fundraise.

There are currently 335 members in Barrie, a chapter in Orillia as well as Ripple for Kids in Barrie. The co-founders, Barb White and Mary-Anne Frith always end their socials with “keep rippling kindness” as they feel it is the best way to make a difference in the community.

There is no limit to kindness so if you are interested in joining, please visit the website at www.rippleofkindness.ca. Ripple women ROK!

If you are interested in starting a chapter in your area, please reach out to us a rokbarrie@gmail.com

In Kindness, Barbara White & Mary-Anne Frith, Co-Founders of Ripple of Kindness. #rippleyourkindness #makingadifference



Nail Biting Lawn Bowling Game Yields a Silver

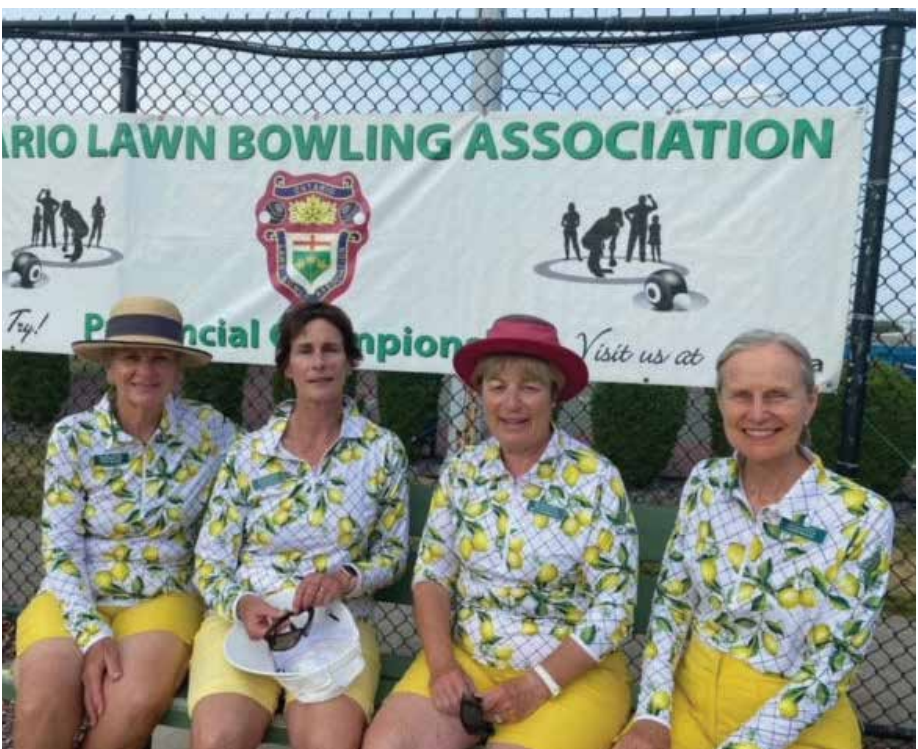


Photo above L-R: Cindy Higgins, Lynn Cranch, Betty Robitaille, Laurie McLeod

June 12, 2023 - Cindy Higgins, Betty Robitaille, Lynn Cranch and Laurie McLeod representing the Midland Lawn Bowling Club took the silver at the provincial Women’s Fours competition in Windsor over the weekend.

After a tightly fought first game loss in the last end the team went on to win the next three games to take the medal.

In the deciding game the score was 13-13 after 15 ends. An extra end was needed to decide the winner. It was a nail biting-game against the other highly ranked team. With the silver win, the team is off to Victoria BC August 22 -26 to represent Ontario at the Nationals.

Submitted by Leslie Gordon

Mavrou Chiropractic Lawn Bowling Tourney



Photo above: First place winners of the Mavrou Chiropractic tourney Serge Diamanti and Betty Robitaille with drawmasters Gord Belcher and Carol Finlayson.

The Midland Lawn Bowling Club recently hosted the Mavrou Chiropractic 2-4-2 Pairs tournament. It was a great day on the greens with 16 teams competing through three 10-end games. The winning team was Betty Robitaille & Serge Diamanti, followed by Laurie McLeod & Lori Bone and in third place Brian Minns & Bev Belcher. Thank you to our draw masters for the day Gord Belcher and Carol Finlayson and umpire Cindy Higgins. Come out and see what lawn bowling is all about at the club at 664 King St., beside the new Villa Long term Care campus or visit the website.

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