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Springwater News Coming Soon to the Town of Midland



Photo above: Elmvalle Fall Fair Decoration Contest



Photo above: This pumpkin is an exact replica of the pumpkin grown by Adrien Gervais (Farmer Morris' Dad). It was 985.1 lbs and won 1st place in Pumpkin Fest in Port Elgin in 1999! Photo taken at Barrie Hill Farms by Brian Belourt, Reporter



Photo above: Fall Harvest at Nicholyn Farms. Photo by Brian Belcourt, Reporter
We are so fortunate to live in an area where fresh fruits and vegetable are abundant at the many Farm Stands and where every town has a Farmer's Market. Many of us grow our own vegetables and fruits on our property. We are a farming community and know how to respect nature. Fall leaves are just turning into the brilliant colours. Will we see stunning reds or will we see the still beautiful oranges and yellows. Happy Thanks-giving to All!

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Folks, with the demise of our local Metroland newspapers, we should consider ourselves lucky to have the Springwater News.

These town newspapers are the glue of our communities. Something that evidently, Springwater Council fails to recognize, since it yanked its advertising from this paper — or did the councillors who voted to pull this much needed revenue want this newspaper to fail, because it reported news they didn't like?

These are the great dangers faced by all newspapers. And just think: where else are we going to get the facts and in-depth reporting we need to vote and otherwise be good, informed and active citizens?

Let's all throw our support, financial and otherwise, behind our few surviving local newspapers like Springwater News to keep them solvent and alive.

Pat Michener

Such a Sad Day , Loss of Print News

by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Sept 15, 2023- Metroland Media Group announced on Sept 15, 2023, to close Orillia, Barrie and Midland print newspapers. The announcement included that it will be restructuring its operations and seeking protection under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. Another 68 community newspapers will move online only.

The impacts to employees, journalists, community, and democracy are huge. Springwater News is saddened to lose the three local papers in our area. Editors of local newspaper all have respect for each other. They support each other more so than compete against each other. I will miss reading these papers. I find reading online is just not the same. I just can't get through it all before I get distracted.

Statement that Paul Deagan from News Media Canada and Gordon Cameron, President of OCNA:

It's a sad day for the communities who have lost their printed community newspapers and for the dedicated employees who helped produce and support local journalism. There are no easy answers, but making the Canadian Journalism Labour Tax Credit more effective and having a tax credit for businesses to advertise with news publications would help. Governments at all levels can make an immediate difference by directing 25% of their advertising spend to private sector domestic news sources instead of buying ads from foreign web giants.


The employees were shocked on Friday Sept. 15, 2023. There is no job and no severance, for 605 laid off employees. Severance can be negotiated later and if the funds are available then the employee may get something. This affects almost 65 percent of the work force. The work force of 68 employees affected are journalists. There are the delivery personnel, administrative staff including editors, photographers,

designers and the list is long. Journalists are more than story tellers, there are educated professionals. They are bound to truth and can be sued for what is published. They are experts in being non bias. Anyone can send a facebook post. Paul Deagan from News Media Canada commented, "... losing journalists is devastating to democracy." Imagine if our politicians could do and say anything they wanted. There would be no accountability and that leads to chaos. Without journalists as watch guards to the community, the voters would have no idea what is going on until decisions are final. Journalists are trusted and social media is not. So why are we allowing our government to spend more than half of advertising dollars on foreign web giants. Why are we allowing people in other parts of the world, who have no interest in Canada, dictate what we read, and taking the revenue out of the country.

Gordon Cameron, President and Interim Executive Director Ontario Community Newspapers Association stated, "The impact on other OCNA member newspapers will be quite varied. For those who used Metroland to distribute their papers, it will mean that they'll have to find another way to reach their readers. For those who had a Metroland paper in their market, it is an opportunity to reach new readers and advertisers who had chosen to read and/or advertise in the competition. With the number of journalists and other newspaper professionals who have been laid off, it is an opportunity for publishers to address their staffing shortages. For those who are looking to expand, several local markets have opened up and are now without a community newspaper. However, the size of the closure helps feed the narrative that "print is dying." While I would not call this a financial golden age for community newspapers, readership is strong as our members provide the sort of trustworthy local news and information that you can't find anywhere else.

Every time a community loses its newspaper it loses part of itself. Local newspapers are their communities' biggest booster and harshest critics. They set the record straight, separating coffee shop and internet rumours from the facts. They ask the difficult questions that community members either don't know how to ask or don't have the time to ask. More importantly, community newspapers get answers to those questions. Local papers let readers know what's going on, who just had a baby, who just died and all about the events that make our cities, towns, villages and counties special places to live. Community newspapers are a force for good in the places we call home. Without them it's a lot easier for politicians, community leaders and those in positions of trust to abuse that trust. Without a local newspaper, those self-serving or illegal actions may never see the light of day. It's difficult for voters to choose their representatives if the claims of the candidates go uninvestigated. Facebook doesn't do that. Google doesn't do that. Only independently minded journalism does that. Without a local source of good journalism, communities are in danger of becoming mired in mis- and disinformation that will only tear a once harmonious community place apart."

This rise of tech companies has taken a large percentage of advertising, but not in a small community. Large corporations stay in business only if there are large profits, but not in a small community. The consolidation of Canada's media has resulted in layoffs and shutting down of publications, but not in a small community. Springwater News is proud to say that every edition has been profitable, in this small community. The overhead is low and business's care about community. Midland is a part of our community, so Springwater News is increasing circulation to the Midland area. We have always reported on Midland events. Newspapers in print are not going anywhere soon. Springwater News hopes to give back to the people of Midland in the spirit of community engagement.



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EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Happy Thanks Giving Everyone! Elmvalle Fall Fair is just around the corner. The fair is a celebration community. It sure does not feel like fall with the weather consistently in the 20's. Look up on page 13 for the list of activities.

Elmvalle will be enjoying new hockey flags up on the main street. The actual unveiling of the flags will take place on October. 16, 2023. The Elmvalle Minor Hockey Association is honoring the sport of Hockey and the people that made hockey history in the town of Elmvalle. I am working on the "Historical Flags Come to Main Street of Elmvalle" article for the October 12, 2023 edition.

SwoopFiber is coming to Elmvalle and that is very exciting. I can dream of lower bills in the future, fingers crossed. There will be free, very fast, WIFI on the main street and expanding from there. Think of the possibilities for this one. Outdoor movies or music on large screen.

I have celebrated my 2nd year anniversary as editor and owner of the Springwater News. I will be expanding into Midland. I have news stand coming if anyone wants them placed at there business. I receive phone calls from people asking where they can get a copy and I direct them to the closest business.

National Newspaper Week

I have included information on newspapers (page 2 and 5) in honour of National Newspaper week that runs Oct. 1 to 7, 2023.

What are the effects of AirBnb's on our township? Not in my backyard they say, but in this case, you can make a lot of money with one in your back yard. It is the neighbours that are affected. AirBnb's are quite profitable and online website marketing makes it very easy to setup. Write in to the Springwater News if you are having issues with AirBnbs or if you are in favor of them. I am working on an article and would like your input. I understand both sides; the right to run a business and impacts to residential areas.

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Pumpkinferno Returns For a 7th Amazing Year With New Features and Fantastic Displays!

Sept. 15, 2023 - Penetanguishene, ON - Amidst the historical charm and picturesque setting, Discovery Harbour’s Pumpkinferno event returns to Penetanguishene, welcoming visitors with a hauntingly good time! From October 4-29, Wednesday to Sunday, amazing hand-carved artificial pumpkin displays, scary scenes and spooky creatures await you on our 40-acre historic site. A fun evening for the entire family...explore this award-winning event on the shores of Penetanguishene Bay and see what is lurking in the night!

This year's Pumpkinferno offers two thrilling ways to participate and enjoy the festivities:

- Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m. - guests can embark on a drive-thru experience, meandering through a bewitching trail of illuminated pumpkins through the historic site – right from the comfort of your vehicle.
- Thursday through Sunday evenings from 6-10 p.m. - families and friends can take a relaxed stroll through the captivating walk-through display, basking in the glow of the “fun-kins” while surrounded by the historic buildings that have stood the test of time.



Photo Above, on left: Roving Performers light up the night Thursday - Sunday
Photo on right: Wednesday is Drive-Thru night at Pumpkinferno



Photo Above, on left: Families love Grimm Reaper’s Grove
Photo on right: Over 5,000 funkins light up the night at Pump-kinferno

Pumpkinferno 2023 will feature:

- Thousands of hand-carved artificial pumpkins such as 40-foot dragon that illuminates the night sky.
- New exhibits this year: ‘Who Let the Dogs Out’: life-sized versions of all your favourite dog breeds and “Great White North”: Snowflakes, Inukshuks and Polar Bears, oh my!
- The Coffin Ride: a one-person immersive experience like no other returns!
- NEW Mini-Escape Room: 5 minutes is all you have to escape this intricate multi-player challenge! May the odds ever be in your favour!
- Bo’sun’s Brig: Escape Room Experience: an escape room challenge for 4-6 people. Solve puzzles and unlock clues to make your daring escape!
- 40-by-40 foot blow-up Halloween maze for the kids.
- Bubbling Cauldron Cafe - warm up with hot chocolate and indulge in spooky snacks! A variety of scary items will be available for purchase.
- Warm up by the outdoor fire pits.
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by Melissa Elsdon | Coordinator, Marketing & Media Relations, Huronia Historical Parks, Discovery Harbour

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Will Marshall Insurance Raises Over \$200,000 for Grieving Children



Photo above: Staff of Seasons Center for Grieving Children on left and Collin Marshall on right,



Photo above and below: Golfers after a fun day of golf. Another great year, with great company for a wonderful cause!



Will Marshall Insurance raised \$13,686 for Seasons Centre for Grieving Children on September 10, 2023 at Orr Lake Golf Course during the annual golf tournament. The tournament consisted of 18 holes, cart, lunch and prizes for the best ball two person scramble. Hole in one contest presented by Bayfield Ford. Marshall Insurance has been supporting Seasons Centre for 22 years. Will Marshall Insurance has raised over \$200,000 for the centre in the past 22 years.

Seasons centre supports youth that have lost a loved one as children grieve differently than adults and need special support to deal with their trauma. Seasons for the longest time was the only centre of its kind until just recently Oakville opened Lighthouse, a centre modelled after Seasons.

Will Marshall Insurance is proud to have held the



longest running charitable event for the centre.

Visit the website <https://www.grievingchildren.com/about-us/> and take the virtual tour.

The impact these programs have on the community is profound. Seasons does not receive government support but instead runs entirely on public donation. Originally our golf tournament chose Seasons at the charity supports youth, little did we know that years later the Marshall family would call upon the services of Lighthouse as we lost loved ones.

“Although running the event takes a great deal of time for my office it is certainly worth the effort as we give back to our community that has given us so much”, said Collin Marshall.

Many of our insurance company partners and clients donate to the event. So many local businesses can be listed that supported us but the list is too long.

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It is as essential today as it was the day we were founded – what we do matters. Blood and plasma are needed daily and thousands of patients across the country need stem cell and organ and tissue transplants. Together, with the generosity of donors and the support of our community of partners, we are working tirelessly to provide these life essentials.

The need is constant. As we move forward in our journey, we remain committed to building a resilient and inclusive donor community and matching evolving patient needs to ensure the best possible treatment is available for those who require it.

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Thank you for making all the difference in lives of patients across Canada.

Celebrate with us by:

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- o Help spread the word about the impact of donors, registrants and partners with your social media network in the hopes of inspiring others to make the same commitment to save lives.
- o If you are eligible, schedule an appointment to donate as soon. Even if you can't donate, there many ways to give including registering to become a stem cell or organ and tissue donor, volunteering your time, or becoming a financial donor.
- o Tag us and re-share posts from @CanadasLifeline to help inspire others.

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NEWS ON OUR COUNCIL

by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Council Meeting September 2023

Public Meeting Session: AIRBNB

The public session is the portion of the Township meeting where people can present to council. There was a presentation to council regarding an upcoming AirBnb that does not meet building code due to height and size restrictions (Planning Matters ZB-2023-014 – Hazlewood (2091 Dwyer Road). Eleven members of the public came to council to present their concerns of “strangers” overlooking their back yards. They felt the short term rental would affect the privacy of the neighbourhood. They were concerned about loud noise that would change their quiet neighbourhood. Room for parking was also brought forward and parking can be an issue.

Council is waiting for a report from staff on short term rentals. Council was informed this report has an estimated completion time of this spring. Council. Danielle Alexander pointed out that currently there are no regulations in place for short term rentals.

SwoopFiber: regarding an Introduction to Swoop-Fiber

Presented by: Alexia Agouridis, CMO and Dave Keegstra, COO

SwoopFiber Presentation

About SwoopFiber

A pioneering true fiber internet provider servicing the Elmvale area. Delivering unparalleled speeds of 1Gbps for both upload and download. Part of a global telecom sector that connects the world through various mediums, from phones to the internet.

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Community Engagement

SwoopFiber is committed to becoming active participants in the communities we work in. We are more than a service provider; we strive to be a positive-impact community partner. Participation Economic Development Attending events such as the Fall Fair

Co-hosting events with local businesses Community feedback sessions Community Wi-Fi Zones with free internet Digital literacy workshops Supporting local businesses and improving remote work opportunities Giving Back Local sponsorships for sports and charitable organizations educational grants & scholarships

Timeline

SEPTEMBER: Construction begins Door-to-door sales begins Advertising begins.

OCTOBER: Construction continues Fall Fair participation 1st Community Event

NOVEMBER: Projected network launch 2nd Community Event

DECEMBER: First round of customer feedback Continued community involvement

Swoopfibre Goals

This initiative is not just a project to us; it's the beginning of a lasting relationship. Elmvale as a Pilot New Standard of Service Community Partner

Homer Barrett Park Tree and Sound Abatement

Nine trees will be planted at Homer Barrett Park to help reduced privacy and noise concerns raised by residents. Five trees are replacements and four trees are new.

Heritage Park Signage

Staff were directed to prepare a report showing options on ways to honour George Allen that may include the replacement or refurbishment of the roofed sign located at Heritage Park. George was the force behind the creation of this park and he continues to work very hard taking care of this park on his own time. He cleans up garbage almost daily and has done a lot of maintenance in the park.

Installation of Pedestrian Zone Roadway Signs

There will be eight new pedestrian signs installed throughout the Township and installation will take place between May to October, 2024.

For the official record, please refer to the minutes in the next Council Agenda. Past Council Meetings are available for viewing on the Township’s YouTube channel.

Elmvale CRA Meeting



Photo above: The Elmvale CRA running the Scavenger Hunt a previous event in July, photo by Brian Belcourt, Reporter

The Elmvale Community Recreation Association (CRA) held a meeting on September 21,2023 at the Elmvale Community Hall. The Elmvale CRA is a group of volunteers organizing local events to enhance their local community.

The Elmvale CRA will be running a booth at the Elmvale Fall Fair, on October 6 and 7. They will promoting and educating the public on what they are working on. There will be a Plinko game for kids with prizes as well as a donation jar for anyone wishing to help financially. A tax receipt for donations over \$20 can be issued.

The Elmvale CRA is looking to run senior events such as cards games, and activities as well as young-

er children’s events. These events cost money to run so they well also be looking to organize fundraising events.

More members are needed to help run the events. If you would like to contribute to your community and could volunteer some of your time it would be appreciated, please stop by the CRA booth to find out how you can help or attend the next meeting on October 19, 2023 at 7 pm at the Elmvale Community Hall.

There are seven local community recreation association in Springwater Township, contact information for each association can be found on the Township of Springwater website.

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Springwater Township Recreation Associations

Anten Mills
Contact: Lawrence Pavan, the_sarge007@hotmail.com
Popular annual events include the Anten Mills Eggstravaganza, Halloween Family Fun Event and Santa Claus Parade.

Elmvale
Contact: Doug Tinney, tinneydoug35@gmail.com
In addition to the Elmvale Community Recreation Association, there are several community groups that support the area:
Flos Agricultural Society (Elmvale Fall Fair)
Elmvale District Lions Club
Elmvale District Lioness Club (elmvalelioness@gmail.com)
Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival Committee

Grenfel
Contact: Mike Moore, 705-791-2225
expressprinting@bellnet.ca

Hillsdale
Contact: Lisa Stephens or Paula Turney
lisaporteous@hotmail.com; paulaleddy@yahoo.ca
Popular annual events include the Christmas Tree Lighting and June Vendors Market.

Midhurst
Contact: Hale Mahon, 705-816-3697, hmahon@villageofmidhurst.ca
Popular annual events include the Midhurst Soapbox Derby and Autumnfest.

Minesing
Contact: Wanda Maw-Chapman, 705-725-7000 x250, wmaw-chapman@telizon.ca
Popular annual events include the Minesing Mini-Fest and Christmas Tree Lighting.

Phelpston
Contact: Danielle Alexander, 705-322-7265 dalexander0507@gmail.com
Popular annual events include the Phelpston Horseshoe Tournament, Family Day Skate and Christmas Wagon Ride.

Elmvale Legion Spitfires First Place Trophy
And The Playoff Championship Trophy



Back row left to right, Jess Benny, Darcy Fay, Melissa Pollock, Tim Miginnis (Coach) , Ashleigh McLean, Megan Lillie, Erin Tjart, Dan McLean (Manager). Front row, Holly Trace, Karla Martin, Madelyn Martin, Erin Moriarty , Carey Coram. Absent Shannon Webster, Nicloe Loughan, Dara Beacock, Lauren KlienGebbinick

Sept. 16, 2023 - Congratulations to the Elmvale Legion Spitfires for taking the regular season first place trophy and the playoff championship trophy. The final playoff game was a tough challenge against the Phelpston Cougars , however the Spitfire came out victorious. It was a great year for the League and everyone is looking forward to next Season.

By Dan Mclean

\$1,000,000 Gift 1 Million GIFT to RVH from the The Kamel family



Photo above: The Kamel family pictured at the RVH Crystal Classic golf tournament in Barrie. The family celebrated their commitment to support RVH with a \$1,000,000 gift to the Keep Life Wild campaign from PureHealth Pharmacy located at RVH.

Sept. 21, 2023 - PureHealth Pharmacy, located at RVH, has made a \$1-million gift to the Keep Life Wild campaign. This extraordinary donation from the Kamel family, owners of PureHealth, will play a crucial role in the health centre’s expansion plans, including supporting the construction of a new health-care facility in Innisfil and doubling the size of the current site in Barrie.

“We are exceptionally proud to be part of the Keep Life Wild campaign, helping to achieve a vision that ensures that world-class, specialized healthcare is available here in Simcoe Muskoka,” says Magdy Kamel, Owner of PureHealth Pharmacy. “As a family, we call this region home—it’s the place we live, work and raise our kids. We want to leave a legacy that ensures that all our family, friends, and neighbours can build a good life and that requires us all to have access to top-tier healthcare,” explains Kamel.

RVH Foundation launched the Keep Life Wild campaign with an ambitious goal to grant RVH \$100 million to support expansion plans. The vision is to ensure everyone in the region has leading-edge care without having to travel to the GTA, particularly in the areas of cancer, cardiac, stroke, renal, critical care and child and youth mental health. To achieve this, RVH plans to build an integrated healthcare system across two sites that offers advanced, state-of-the-art diagnostics and personalized treatment, delivered by highly trained specialists.

“At PureHealth, we have a passion for serving and caring for our community. We’re a business who understand the value of treating everyone who comes through our doors as family and this gift is our way to extend that value to every patient that walks into RVH.” says Kamel. “We are proud to work in partnership with RVH to provide people from across the Simcoe-Muskoka community with pharmacy services and the holistic medical care they need on their health journeys”.


“PureHealth Pharmacy is exemplary of interwoven

community support that is both essential and foundational to advancing RVH’s plans for the future,” says Gail Hunt, RVH President and CEO. “This gift demonstrates the ongoing leadership of the Kamel family in our community and their deep commitment to creating a legacy of excellence in healthcare right here at home.”

“We are beyond grateful to PureHealth Pharmacy for their generosity and support of the Keep Life Wild campaign,” says Estelle King, Chair of RVH Foundation’s Board of Directors. “We can’t thank the Kamel family enough for bringing us one step closer to our future vision, a vision to keep us healthy and to keep us wild, so we can truly enjoy the way of life here that we all love so much.”

About PureHealth Pharmacy: The PureHealth Pharmacy is a family-owned pharmacy with a hi-tech and hi-touch approach to your health care. The Kamel family has developed one of the most successful individual pharmacies in the country. Our team of pharmacists, dispensary techs, and home health-care specialists focus on your health and caring for your needs. We have redefined the expectations of a typical pharmacy by advancing how we operate, and enhancing the services that we provide you on your journey to health.

About RVH Foundation: RVH is the heart of health-care in Simcoe Muskoka. As the region grows and ages, the strain on this vital resource is significant. In 2022, RVH Foundation launched the Keep Life Wild campaign to rally the community to protect the unique way of life that comes with living here. Our goal is to grant \$100 million to expand RVH, doubling the size of the current site in Barrie and building a new healthcare facility in Innisfil. Donor support will make it possible to reduce wait times, end hallway medicine and bring more world-class, specialized care close to home so that everyone in this region can stay healthy and stay wild. By Kimberly Wright RVH



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PD Programs are here!

Seniors Walk and Lunch
Once again, we will hold a Seniors Walk and Lunch for anyone who wants to get out and enjoy the outdoors with some conversation amongst other library members. Join us on Thursday, Oct. 12 (meeting place Penetanguishene Arena). The long walk will start at 10:45 and the short walk will start at 11:15 ending back at the Arena. Thereafter, join everyone for a free lunch and further conversation! Sign up with your library card until Oct. 6th.

Sound Advice on Hearing Loss
Are you interested in learning more about hearing? Join us for a presentation on hearing loss on Wednesday, October 18th from 10:00-11:00 am followed by a personal hearing screening. This is not a certified test, however you will receive a list of audiologists for reference, if needed. Registration is required. This program is Free.

New @PPL

The Health Unit will visit us again for a Covid Clinic. Get your Covid-19 booster on October 10th between 9:30 am - 3:30pm. No appointment necessary. Bring your health card along!

THE JACKFISH WIN THE IBL
CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A GAME
SIX VICTORY

September 17, 2023 - BARRIE — For the first time in their franchise’s history, the Welland Jackfish have won the Jack and Lynne Dominico Cup. Winning the series four games to two, Welland closed it out in Barrie with a 17-1 victory in front of a healthy amount of Jackfish fans in attendance.

It was the playoff MVP, James Bradwell, who picked up the win (5). Bradwell threw seven and two-thirds innings of shutout baseball, striking out six. The right-hander finished with a perfect 5-0 record in the playoffs. Evan Soules was charged with the loss (1).

Barrie’s lone run came from their RBI leader, Ryan Rijo, in the bottom of the eighth inning. Rijo drove in 16 runs in the playoffs, including three home runs, leading the team. Carson Burns picked up a pair of hits in three at-bats.

Welland hit three home runs in this game, two coming off the bat of Matteo Porcellato. Porcellato, who came into this game batting .195 in the postseason, drove in five tonight, scoring three runs. Gianfranco Morello also went deep, part of a three-hit night. Carlos Martinez, Sam Cawker, and Hogan Brown each cashed in two RBI.

With the final out made and the finals won, that marks the end of the 2023 Intercounty Baseball League season for both the Welland Jackfish and the Barrie Baycats. Next season, there will be a ninth team in the IBL as Chatham-Kent enters the league. For the Baycats, it will be a fresh start and a chance to get right back to the finals and give it another try to hoist the trophy.

Before that can happen, the offseason must come and go. To stay up-to-date with all Baycats offseason news, stay tuned to BarrieBaycats.com and the Baycats social media accounts.

by Sam Aucoin

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Huronia Community Foundation Announces \$352,000 in Funding

Huronia Community Foundation is pleased to announce \$352,000 in funding to support twelve community service organizations in North Simcoe and Southern Georgian through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment to help community service organizations (charities, non-profits, indigenous governing bodies) adapt, modernize, and be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and suitability of the community services they provide through the pandemic recovery and beyond.

The following organizations are being supported in North Simcoe and Southern Georgian Bay:

- Centre de santé communautaire Chigamik Community Health Centre - \$60,000

- Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre - \$60,000
- CLH Foundation - \$38,225
- BGC North Simcoe - \$35,000
- Gateway Centre for Learning and Bookmark Used Books - \$30,475
- Community Reach - North Simcoe - \$25,340
- Midland Public Library - \$24,162
- Askennonnia Senior Centre - \$22,540
- Huronia Museum and Huron Ouendat Village - \$16,458
- Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts - \$15,000
- Sistema Huronia Music Academy - \$14,000
- Wasaga Beach Blues Festival - \$10,800

A special thanks to the team of community volunteers who spent many hours reviewing the applications!

Donate Blood Now

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 (BARRIE) – After asking more people in Canada to donate blood and plasma this summer and despite many answering the call, distribution of blood to hospitals continues to outpace the number of donations being made—especially in Ontario, where nearly half of Canada’s population lives.

“Canadian Blood Services sends Ontario hospitals about 7,400 units of blood per week to treat patients so it’s incredibly important that people donate blood—or other blood components, like plasma and platelets—to prevent patient care from being impacted,” says Dr. Katerina Pavenski, head of Division of Transfusion Medicine, at St. Michael’s Hospital-Unity Health Toronto and member of the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products. “When a patient needs blood urgently, there is no substitute. Without it, lives are at stake.”

In addition to serious trauma and emergency care, blood and blood products are a critical part of everyday medical care including major surgeries, medical procedures, cancer treatments and managing diseases and disorders.

“As quickly as we collect blood, hospitals are calling for more. There are simply not enough people donating in Ontario to ensure patients’ needs will continue to be met long term,” says Mark Newburgh, director, donor relations and collections, Canadian Blood Services.

While Canadian Blood Services manages a national inventory and blood can be moved around the coun-

try, the national blood system depends on donors showing up across Canada, including people right here in Barrie.

Blood donors in Barrie help ensure hospitals in this province receive the blood they need — including the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, which needs more than 4,500 units of blood every year. To keep meeting the needs of patients in Barrie and elsewhere in Canada, 568 people are needed to donate blood in the next four weeks at the Barrie donor centre located at 100-231 Bayview Drive.

There are roughly 10 million people in Ontario who are eligible to donate blood, yet only a mere fraction do—just 1.5 per cent of the population.

“Life can change in seconds, and you or someone you love may need blood urgently. It’s up to all of us to ensure we can save lives here at home,” says Newburgh.

Don’t count yourself out. Canadian Blood Services regularly updates our eligibility criteria for donating blood. You may be able to donate—even if you couldn’t before.

Go to blood.ca, download the Give Blood App or call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) and book an appointment today, tomorrow and in the coming weeks.

If you cannot donate, you can still help save lives in other ways. Visit blood.ca to learn how you can make all the difference for patients and their families. You can also ask friends, family and colleagues to donate blood and share the message on social media.

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Mask Requirements Return to RVH Ahead of Fall Virus Season

Sept. 11, 2023 - Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) is updating its masking guidelines ahead of the fall respiratory season in anticipation of increased spread of influenza, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and COVID-19.

Effective Tuesday, September 12, RVH will return to mandatory masks in ALL clinical treatment areas including:

- Patient rooms
- Waiting rooms in the Cancer Centre, Dialysis Clinic and Emergency Department
- When care is being provided in ambulatory or in-patient settings

Masks will remain optional, but recommended, in areas such as hallways, administrative spaces, meeting rooms and public areas like the cafeteria.

All visitors should continue to self-screen upon arriving at RVH. If they have any symptoms or are unwell, they should stay home and return to the health centre once they are well.

Patients requiring care, and who are unwell, should inform their care team upon arrival.

“RVH’s goal is to always maintain safety for patients, families and members of TEAM RVH. That is our top priority,” says Gail Hunt, RVH President and

CEO. “As we enter a season when respiratory illnesses typically increase among the population, RVH’s Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC), Workplace Safety and Occupational Health and Wellness teams have been working diligently to assess our mask-wearing protocol to keep everyone safe, while at the same time allow us to maintain some flexibility

within the health centre. We will carefully monitor the situation over the coming weeks and adjust our policy as needed.”

RVH will keep the community informed of any masking changes via updates on the homepage of the health centre’s website – www.rvh.on.ca

By Donna Danyluk RVH

MIDHURST PHARMACY

Let’s Talk About...
Muscle Cramps


With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover

Studies show that about 70% of adults over 50 years old experience nocturnal leg cramps. A cramp occurs when a muscle involuntarily contracts and cannot relax. The most common areas of the body that experience muscle cramping are the calves, thighs, feet, hands, arms and rib cage.

There are many theories on the potential causes of muscle cramps including tired muscles, poor stretching, dehydration, exertion in heat, flat feet, standing on concrete, prolonged sitting and mineral deficiencies (such as calcium, magnesium and potassium)

To treat a muscle cramp: stop what you are doing and massage the muscle and stretch it slowly.

To prevent cramps: do stretching exercises regularly and stay hydrated. If you continue to have cramps that may disturb your sleep – speak with your doctor or pharmacist about potential therapeutic options.



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SPIRITUAL and MENTAL HEALTH

ANNIE'S JOURNAL

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Here's a question I was asked recently: What does it mean in Ephesians 6:11, "to put on the full armour of God so that we're able to stand against the wiles of the devil?" The word "wiles" can be replaced with words like: deceptions, counterfeit truths; shame and blame bundled into

condemnation.

Are we strong enough to resist trickeries like these in our own strength? The Apostle Paul didn't seem to think so. In Ephesians 6:10, he wrote, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."

So much of what Paul has written in Ephesians is about relationships - our relationship with God, with those in the church, our relationships at home, with those we supervise. Now, near the end of Paul's letter, he clearly states that our strength in all things comes from God. But how do we access this strength? Paul says: Put on the full armour of God!



What are we risking if we don't put on the full armour of God? History and statistics demonstrate that we risk shattered relationships: children who leave home and don't return; children who leave home but return with anger and disrespect; a spouse who can't put up with us any longer or who we don't want either; broken marriage vows; loss of the family's home through divorce; the stress of new family members through multiple marriages; bankrupt businesses; alcoholism; diabetes; heart disease; cancer; mental health issues; tears - pain - grief - loss.

So back to the question: what does it mean to put on the full armour of God? It means that we submit to the truth of God's word. It means we surrender our pride and admit that we're no match for the strength of the fallen angel who hates us because we choose to follow Jesus. Jesus' view of relationships is unmistakable: In John 15:12-13, Jesus said: "This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

That's what Jesus did - He laid down His life for us and now He gives us His full armour so we can resist sin just as He did. Wearing His full armour means we're able to keep His commandment to love one another as He loves us; it means that in our relationships with one another we can express love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and forgiveness. It means Jesus' perfect peace fills our hearts and minds. It means our children, and the children of others, are safe in our presence and they will stay safe as we teach them to wear the full armour of God as they follow their Saviour.

As we review Ephesians 6:10-18, here are two more questions: How are we doing in our relationships? Are there cracks in the armor we're wearing? As always, God gives us the freedom to choose what we will do. Amen.

Telling Children Difficult News

It is not easy breaking bad news to a young child. Parents often ask for advice as to the best way to do it and wonder what they should expect in terms of a reaction from the child.

If we are telling a child about a death, or impending family separation, it is important to remember that the child may have difficulty grasping what this information means. It can be extremely difficult to comprehend that someone we love will not be with us anymore. Or that Mom and Dad will not be living together in the same house.

We tend to want to sit down and explain the situation because it is important. But children have short attention spans, and they are shorter if what we are saying makes little sense to them. They also pick up on our sadness or anxiety, and that makes them uncomfortable, so they would rather just go and play. Consequently, it works better to give children information in small doses, and to allow them to go off and have a break if they need to.

Sometimes it is puzzling because children may seem to have no reaction at all. This only means that at this point, they have not been able to process the information, or that they are in a type of shock or denial. It is best to take a relaxed approach, realizing that it will take time for the child to really understand what is being said. They may only receive the message that Dad or Mom is going away and forget the part about his still being an important part of their lives. In a shared parenting situation, at first, they do not see why there will be two homes. If one parent stays in the family home, they will feel the absence of the other parent until they get used to spending time in two residences.

It is very difficult for them to visualize a situation that seems incomprehensible. Think of it as you might if you were teaching someone a new language. At first you don't expect them to understand everything, but as you go over things, gradually they pick up more and more. They may ask you to repeat things again and again. Remember also, that the child may be experiencing a wide range of feelings but may not be able to express them verbally. We might find some regression in the areas of toilet training and language development in younger children, as well as changes in eating or sleeping patterns.

The most important message you can give to your children is that you will be there for them, and although things may be difficult, that everything will be all right. This might be hard to do in the midst of crisis, but we must reach down to find that inner well of strength. The little ones depend on us for that.

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You Are Never Alone

Sept. 25, 2023 - We all get anxious, we all get frustrated, and we all get depressed. These emotions tend to make us feel so lonely and like these are only our experiences and our experiences alone. During a bout of depression, I sometimes feel embarrassed to admit I feel this way as though I will be judged by everyone who knows me. When I get angry at my kids and lose my temper, I always think how badly people would view me if they knew I could be so short and not have it all together every day. This is the first time in human history we have had so much emotional pressure on us and have feelings on top of feelings. We can't just be depressed; we also must be shameful for being depressed. We can't just be angry we also have to feel disappointment in ourselves for being angry. We can't just be sad; we must feel failure since we can't be stoic and strong twenty-four

Rose's Devotions by Rosy Hagedorn



A Labour of Love

Sept. 25, 2023 - A few years ago, my friend, Mary, hand-crocheted a beautiful afghan for me. It must have taken her many hours to crochet this blanket because not only did she crochet a pattern, but also

she weaved long strands of wool through it to create long tassels at the end.

I just love it! It still keeps me warm and cozy during the winter months, also a welcome relief on cool summer nights and my cat, Ginger, enjoys its softness as well.

My friend, who has now passed on, had offered to crochet me another one. I was very excited at the time and offered to pay for the wool at least. She replied, "No charge. It is a labour of love."

For many of us, it is so easy to give, yet at other times, it is very hard to receive a generous gift without wanting to do something in return. We need to learn to receive graciously, to say "Thank you", and leave it at that.

This generous deed made me think of a Father who gave up His Son to die on a cross for us, for our salvation, for free. We do not have to do anything. We just have to accept God's free gift. Can you hear our heavenly Father saying, "My child, there is no charge; it was a labour of love."

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. (NASB)

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. (NASB)

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for giving us Your only Son in order that we may inherit eternal life. Help us to accept Your free gift without any reservations. We do not have to do anything to receive this free gift; we have only to accept and believe. Amen.

You Are Never Alone (continued)

hours a day seven days a week. As though anger and depression aren't bad enough, we must add layers of more emotional pain to ourselves and then judge with a sharp sword for having them. How exhausting. Even writing this feels a level of unnecessary stress from merely thinking about it. Through all this we blame ourselves and believe we are the only ones going through this, no one else could possibly get depressed. We compare our lifestyle to others and convince ourselves that the person who owns more or has less debt or a nicer car has no reason to be depressed. How very wrong you will be, some people tend to hide it and society has taught us these sorts of things are signs of weakness. The person you think is living their best life with no apparent struggles, could be suffering a great deal with loneliness or anxiety or depression. These emotions are not yours to take ownership on, these are emotions we all share, provided we may experience different levels and magnitudes, however we all experience them. I have felt so disappointed in myself that I cannot shake the blues or snap out of a seasonal depression and hold myself accountable any time I feel anxious about something. Maybe it is just the environment or time of year or amount we do in a day, and we need to give ourselves a break. Nobody is battling a thousand in life and never feeling low, or lonely, or depressed and reading it that way seems quite ridiculous that we believed that does it not? No one avoids these things; nobody gets to escape knowing what anxiety feels like or frustration or loneliness. These are not your emotions to own, we all have them, we have all battled them and we need to normalize them as being shared experiences, so we no longer have to suffer in silence. You are not alone.

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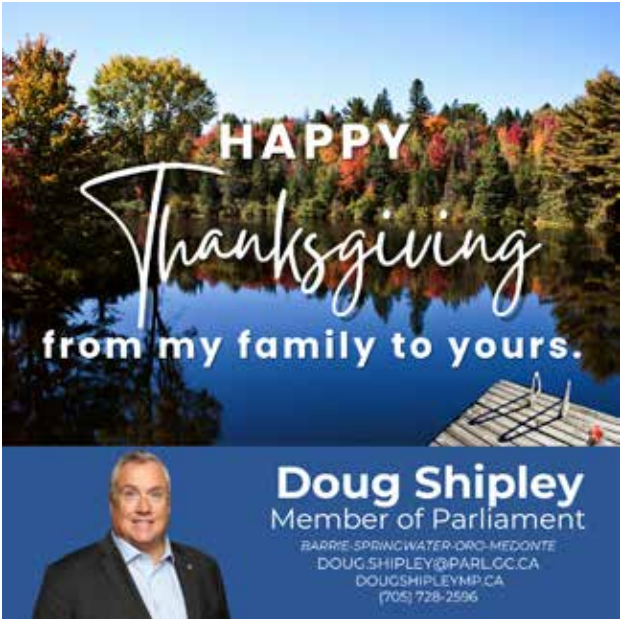
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I can hardly believe that summer passed by so quickly. There is no denying it though, as we are all

HEY DADS! Do you feel yourself getting older? If you're younger than 40 you're probably humming along just fine. I'm a couple years over 40 and it seems like the aches and pains seem to be multiplying. So my patient wife is helping me eat healthy. I'm resisting. But I am exercising. Sort of. Do you exercise or play sports? I haven't played hockey in a few years. I keep saying I'll get back to it but don't. I also keep saying I should go for a run every morning. I also keep saying I should use a push mower. You get the point. Yet every year I do one event that requires me to not get too out of shape the rest of the year. If I do not prepare for this event I may die when we run it. My teen daughters have done this event with me the last two years. This event is the Tough Mudder. Have you heard of it? I don't remember how I heard about Tough Mudder. Some Barrie friends did it one year and I think they invited me to join them at Mount St. Louis the next year. Let me describe it to you. They say it's probably the toughest event on the planet. That can't be true because I know some people who have done triathalons and Ironmans and ultra-marathons and those look tough. Tough Mudder is a 15k obstacle course mud race as the name hints at. There's 25-30 obstacles sprinkled throughout the course that range from merely dirty to muchly difficult. Some obstacles we've encountered involve swimming through dumpsters filled with ice, crawling through

Deadline for Calendar Art Submissions Fast Approaching

preparing for Thanksgiving. I am sure I don't have to tell you the other very exciting event we are all looking forward to on Thanksgiving weekend!? That is right, it is almost time for the Elmvale Fall Fair. The Elmvale Fall Fair is an event that my staff and I all love to attend. We will be hosting a booth again this year and invite you to stop in and say hello. While you are enjoying the Elmvale Fall Fair and Thanksgiving weekend celebrations I want to remind you that my team and I need your help too. Every year, my staff and I put together a calendar to send out to residents. This year, I want to continue to highlight the scenery in Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte as well as the talented members of our community by inviting residents to submit artwork inspired by the riding. Some of these pieces will be included in my upcoming 2024 calendar. I have been receiving beautiful art pieces and if you are considering participating, please send in your pictures ahead of the November 10th deadline.



tents filled with tear gas and running through hanging wires which sporadically jolt out 10,000 volts. That can throw a grown man down to the ground. Multiple times. In the mud. There's some regular-type obstacles too like monkey bars, hanging hoops, climbing walls and rope ladders. But they're adult-sized which make the whole event a lot of fun. My young kids watched me and my friends do Tough Mudder for a few years and consistently asked, "Dad when can we do Tough Mudder?" My oldest daughters are in their late teen years so all

their waiting has finally come to an end. Other dads have told me that it's important to find the interests and hobbies that your kids enjoy and join them in doing those things. One friend of mine in his 50's still skateboards with his kids. Truth. But what is super awesome is when your kids enjoy doing the same kinds of activities you do! This makes Tough Mudder so much awesomer than it used to be! I get to do a challenging, difficult and still fun event WITH my kids! It's a win-win! Three of my daughters have now done Tough Mudder events with me, one of them has actually done it twice. Her goal is to 100 events. Yikes. Their younger siblings are jealous and even ask me to lie about their age so they can come along for the fun. I don't think so, kiddos. So where does this leave you, dad? You have hobbies. Your kids have hobbies. Maybe exercise stuff isn't your thing. Maybe you enjoy fixing transmissions or building furniture. Maybe you enjoy writing software or fixing hardware. Maybe you enjoy playing piano or painting pictures. You enjoy doing things. Your kids enjoy doing things. Do some of those things together. Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the muddy ones. *Jason Weening stays in shape by running around after nine kids and one cute wife. For more dad-ventures check out heydads.ca.*



Sept. 21, 2023 - Craighurst Women's Institute met on Tuesday Sept 19, with 11 members and 2 guests. We began with a talk by Kathy Chappell explaining her business, Royalty Care. She fills a huge hole in the Health Care system for seniors, namely the chance for folks to stay in their homes and be assisted with doing that. Things like driving to appointments, visiting daily, nursing care, PSW care, handyman help, going with the client to a doctor's appointment and being the second set of ears, advocating, setting up Face Time visits with the family that lives out of town - really anything and everything. Her business has 25 employees and is expanding. Well done Kathy. Then we began our meeting with singing the Ode and reciting the Mary Stewart Collect. Minutes and Treasurer's report followed. A report by our District Director Carol on the South Kempenfelt Area meetings was interesting. Carol also told us proudly that the Provincial Plowing Match had taken place on

her family farm in Woodville. An honour. Then the meeting began to go off the rails - literally. Have you, gentle readers, been following the saga of the Craighurst CPR crossing that endangers life and limb? It continues. President Brenda decided to call the Canadian Pacific Railway head office in Calgary. Twice she called. They did not answer. So she thought she would google the local CPR num-

ber. They answered. "Hello" she said, "I want to report an awful rough crossing of the CPR tracks in Craighurst. We can hardly drive over it with out being shaken almost to bits. What can you do for us?" "Madam, you have reached the wrong department. We don't do anything about railway tracks" he said. "But wait," she cried. "You are my local CPR number. We need this fixed right away." "Madam, I repeat, we don't do work on rails. We do work on chests. Get it? CPR. Heart attacks and the like. We can't help you with your bump!" At this point the meeting lost its way so to speak. When we pulled ourselves together we decided to direct the Secretary to write once again to the County, the Township and to the CP Railway about our concerns. Now readers, do you not sense this is the tip of an iceberg? If the famous railway cannot remedy a simple crossing, what else can they not do? What other maintenance is being put off or neglected? Where does that bad management lead? It leads to derailments, that's what. We will be contacting our MP on this one, before tragedy strikes. Until next month, CWI salutes you. *By Sheila Craig*



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Southern Georgian Bay Farmer's Market

Southern Georgian Bay Farmer Market will be winding up their 2023 season on Thanksgiving weekend. The Farmers Market at 526 Bay St Midland has over 51% local farm content. It takes place every Sunday May 21, to October 8, 2023, 9am to 1pm. The farmer's market is run by a local board of volunteers. Their mission is to organize and manage seasonal outdoor and online farmers markets serving Midland and surrounding area. Local vendors offer local grown produce, hot sauces, honey and other products, artisans' products as well as prepared food. The market offers local producers a venue to sell their produce as well as local residence the opportunity to enjoy locally grown food. By Brian Belcourt, Reporter



Photo above: Bob's Good Eats. Bob Forbes shown here is a board member Feather & Fir Farms Carl Garland. Photo by Brian Belcourt, Reporter



Photo above: Feather & Fir Farms and Carl Garland, on left, sells goods. Photo by Brian Belcourt, Reporter



Photo above: CampHouse Farm. Photo by Brian Belcourt, Reporter



Firefighter Storytime
Join us at the Midhurst Branch on Wednesday October 11th at 10:30 am. Come and meet a firefighter and see Sparky the Fire Dog! Free! Drop In!
Emoji Keychain Craft
Design and create your own unique keychain. This program will be available as long as supplies last. Friday September 29, after school at Midhurst and Elmvale Branch.
NEW! Babytime
Starting weekly on Fridays come and join us for short stories, songs and rhymes! This is a great place to chat with other parents and make connections in your community. This is for babies who are not yet walking. Friday October 6, 10:30am, Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.
Elmvale Fall Fair
Be sure to visit us at the Elmvale Fall Fair Friday October 6 and Saturday October 7 in the arena!
Thanksgiving Hours
Please note all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Monday October 9 and will return to regular hours on Tuesday October 10. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!
DIY Dishcloth
Every Tuesday in October (starts October 10), come to the Midhurst Branch at 1pm and learn to either knit or crochet a dishcloth. Crochet hook size 5 will be supplied, if knitting, please bring your own needles. This is a free class but registration is required.
Cricut Class
In this two part class, learn how to make a project with heat transfer vinyl. Bring your own cotton T-shirt, bag or pillowcase and learn how to create a design in Cricut Design Space. Vinyl can be purchased from the library for \$2 per 12x10 inch sheet. Tuesday October 17 and Tuesday October 24, 6pm-7pm, Elmvale Branch.

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Come to this FREE information session as we host Mark Weir, Barrister and Solicitor from HMH Law Offices. He will be covering the topics of estate taxation, power of attorney, reverse mortgages, dying without a will and distribution of assets. There will be a draw for two single will/power of attorney packages! Tuesday October 17, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Registration required.
NEW! Pajama Storytime
Join Kaitlyn for bedtime Storytime once a month! Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket or your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy a quiet Storytime in the library. Thursday, October 19 at 6pm, Minesing Branch. Registration required. Cost: Free.
Read to Tilley
Sign up your child ages 5+ for four weeks and read to Tilley! Tilley is a trained dog ambassador. Thursdays October 19, 26, November 2 and 9, 5:30pm-6:50pm. (Appointments are 20 minute time slots). Registration required.
PA Day Take and Make Craft
Kaitlyn's crafts are very kid friendly and only available while supplies last. The craft on Friday October 20 is a pumpkin person.
Georgian Bay Reads
Staff member Carrie will be representing Springwater Library at this year's hottest ticket event. Each library's chosen author defender hopes to convince fellow defenders and audience members of their books' merit in a live debate. The winning defender brings home a trophy to their library. Saturday October 21, 7pm at Collingwood Public Library, 55 Ste Marie Street.
NEW! After School Games
Come on in after school hours to play some games with friends and family! The library will provide the games, or you can bring your own! All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Drop in Tuesdays 3pm at Minesing Branch.
EarlyON Stay, Play and Learn
Open to ages 0-6 and their caregivers: Stay, Play and Learn program is every Wednesday and Friday 9am-12noon at Elmvale Branch. Pre-registration is required at earlyonsimcoenorth.ca. For questions you can call (705) 526-2456.

Centre Flos Women's Institute



After a summer of hosting Coffee Parties, Centre Flos Women's Institute resumed their regular monthly meetings with a trip to Nepal. Donna Lange, Director of Public Affairs for Egg Farmers Ontario, was our guest speaker. Just prior to the outbreak of Covid, Donna was in a group of five Ontario egg farmers who travelled to Nepal as part of the World Accord Organization. They were participating in a Women for Peace and Democracy project. This project is called RENEW – Rights and Economic Development for Nepal's Empowered Women. Global Affairs Canada is the major funder, and Egg Farmers Ontario is the corporate sponsor. This project is a four-year initiative in two of Nepal's most impoverished districts – Makwapur and Nuwakot. Nepal has a population of 31 million people, with

approximately half the citizens living below the International Poverty Line of \$1.25 per day income. Unemployment rates in Nepal exceed 25%, with the adult literacy rate hovering around 55%. Agriculture accounts for 405 of the country's income. Nepal is also vulnerable ecologically – subject to earthquakes and monsoons. The Canadian delegation travelled to view the projects, meet the women involved, and participated in supporting the expansion of chicken farming operations. Donna is honoured to be part of the second group travelling back to Nepal this November. The picture is of Donna Lange (centre) holding the book of photographs from her trip to Nepal. On her left is her grandmother, Doreen Lambie, and on her right is her mother, Pat Lambie, both members of Centre Flos WI. In other news – next month, Centre Flos WI will be physically travelling to Meaford for the Scarecrow Festival. We will also have a display at the Elmvale Fall Fair. Stay tuned for information about the celebration for the 75th anniversary of the founding of Centre Flos WI branch. Thank you to all the people who supported the Coffee Parties this summer. We will be donating th profit of \$520.25 to Georgian Bay General Hospital's MRI project. By Donna Kenwell

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Ontario Awarding Victim Support Grant to Barrie

Province supporting victims and survivors of intimate partner violence/domestic violence, human trafficking and child exploitation

NEWS
September 20, 2023 BARRIE —The Ontario government is investing more than \$4 million across the province to help support victims and survivors of intimate partner violence/domestic violence, human trafficking, and child exploitation. The funding is being delivered through the Victim Support Grant program and includes \$100,000 for the Barrie Police Service (BPS).

Barrie Police Service will work with the Barrie Native Friendship Centre (BNFC) and Victims Services of Simcoe County (VSSC) to address the significant human trafficking problems in Barrie. Funding will help BNFC to create a lived-experience peer support group to assist survivors, enable VSSC to extend its human trafficking survivor supports and allow the

BPS to create a committee to enhance officer understanding and recognition of human trafficking.

“This funding allows for a varied and comprehensive approach to addressing the human trafficking crisis in our community,” said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. “Our community partners are the boots on the ground, dealing with these issues and addressing survivors needs daily. This grant will help ensure that this important work continues and that awareness and support for victims of human trafficking increases.”

“Support for victims and survivors is a crucial first step to recovery,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “This important grant is part of our government’s plan to combat violent crime on our streets and ensure that victims are not left behind.”

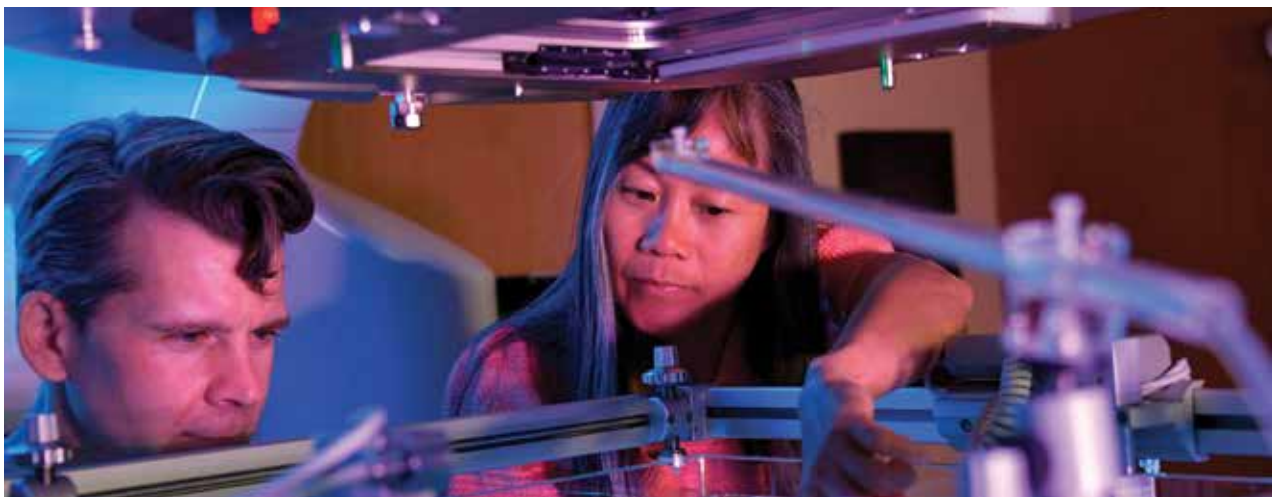
“Our government is invested in fighting crime in our communities” said Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie-Innisfil. “This \$100,000 investment will strengthen



the services provided by Barrie Native Friendship Centre, Victim Services of Simcoe County and the Barrie Police Service that address the significant human trafficking problems in Barrie.”

The Victim Support Grant (VSG) is part of Ontario’s Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy and complements the province’s \$307 million Submitted by Office of Doug Downey, MPP Barrie-Springwater - Oro-Medonte

Local Hospitals Partner to Tackle Health Issues through Research



Sept. 19, 2023 - Continuing a long history of collaboration, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) and Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) have announced a new partnership that will expand research activities focused on improving patient care and clinical outcomes.

“As our region’s population rapidly grows over the next decade, RVH and GBGH want to be at the forefront of health system innovation,” says Gail Hunt, RVH President and CEO. “Sharing knowledge and expanding the depth and breadth of our research programs will help our hospitals find better ways to solve many of the challenges we face today, particularly those that need to be solved at a community level.”

While the partnership will initially focus on developing a joint framework for streamlining procedures, training, and ideas, GBGH can immediately leverage

existing resources provided by the RVH Research Institute, a well-established, research facility within RVH, comprised of research teams and a world-class research ethics board.

“Given RVH’s size and regional scope, a partnership of this nature means GBGH can further expand our research and education resources to support our clinicians in delivering excellent care for the residents of North Simcoe,” says Matthew Lawson, GBGH President and CEO. “By investing in strong relationships that maximize our collective expertise, we hope more of our patients will be able to access new drugs, devices, or other treatment approaches which will improve their quality of care and outcomes.”

With the region experiencing rapid population growth and aging, issues that are common to RVH and GBGH today, such as chronic illness, wait times, and staffing shortages, are expected to increase as

the need for specialized medical care rises.

Simply focusing on the clinical aspects of care may not be enough to address these challenges.

“We’re at a pivotal time in healthcare,” says Dr. Paige Churchill, GBGH Chief of Surgery. “A broad set of social and economic factors are having a big impact on both equitable access to care and community health outcomes. There’s an urgent need for communities across the region to not only work closely together to tackle urgent health issues, but to apply research and innovative thinking to drive and communicate scientifically credible evidence that the changes we’re making are indeed benefiting patients, their families, and our staff.”

As hospitals face increasingly more complex pressures, both RVH and GBGH hope this venture will evolve to include other hospitals and community partners, particularly as new digital technologies emerge for testing and validation, including artificial intelligence, precision medicine, wearables, robotics, 3D printing, and immersive reality.

“A strong applied health research network would become a catalyst for investment and discovery,” says Dr. Giulio DiDiodato, RVH critical care physician and Chief Research Scientist. “When more hospitals collaborate, they create diverse environments that make it easier for academic and industry partners, as well as local innovators, entrepreneurs, and growing businesses, to turn their ideas into practical solutions, ultimately contributing to a healthy, prosperous, and sustainable region.”

By Jennifer Moore, GBGH

Creditor Protection for Business Owners

Aug. 17, 2023 - Self-employed people need to work very hard to stay on top of the ever-changing business world. There is so much to know, learn and understand to prevent business failure, cash crunches, privacy breaches and tax problems.

Business owners should also protect their personal assets from business creditors. Using a segregated fund for personal, non-registered assets is an ideal and simple strategy to accomplish that.

A non-registered account is an account that is used

for those that have extra wealth outside of their RRSP and TFSA. This is where you can put large personal wealth that may have sourced from an inheritance, a lifetime of savings or from the sale of a real estate investment like a cottage or a rental property.

Self-employed professionals and small business owners need to protect their personal wealth from professional liability. Segregated funds may be able to protect your assets from your creditors in the

event of bankruptcy or a lawsuit, provided you have named one of the specified family class beneficiaries.

If your non-registered wealth is invested in a

bank, through a stockbroker, using an ETF provider or mutual fund advisor, it is absolutely vulnerable. These types of investments are not able to offer this additional layer of protection because they do not have the ability to name a family class beneficiary. This is a unique and highly valuable option that a professional and small business owner needs to investigate to protect their money.

Please reach out if you have questions on how to protect your personal wealth from business risk. At Tayler Insurance & Estate Planning our solutions are simple and tax efficient. We help business owners grow their wealth and plan to protect their legacy.

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11 AM: Farm Animal Display Starting
12 PM: Midway
12 PM: School Parade with Floats
1 PM: Small Animals & Jr. Livestock Shows
1 PM: 4-H Club Achievement Day
1 PM: Sheep Show
1:15 PM: Children's Pedal Tractor Pull (Registration at 1 PM)
1:30 PM – 5 PM: Outdoor events, Escape room,
Obstacle Course, Dog Agility shows
2 PM: Mary Bertram Memorial Baby Show
5 PM – 11 PM: "Full Pull" Lounge – at trackside, (Age of Majority)
6 PM: Antique Tractor Pull (Registration at 4 PM)
7:30 PM: On Stage in Arena – Emma Reynolds
8 PM: On Stage in Arena – Elmvale's Own Dayna Reid

Saturday, October 7

10:30 AM: Heavy Horse Show
11 AM: Farm Animal Display Starting
11 AM – 6 PM: Midway
12 PM: Parade
1 PM: Livestock Judging
1 PM: Motor Sports
1 PM – 5 PM: "Full Pull" Lounge – at trackside, (Age of Majority)
2 PM – 4 PM: On Stage in Arena – Musical Entertainment
2:30 PM (Approx.): Stock Truck & Tractor Pulling
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A graphic for Rumi's Restaurant showing its hours of operation. The background is a blurred photo of the restaurant's exterior. The Rumi's logo is at the top. Below it, the text "HOURS OF OPERATION" is written in large, bold, red letters. Underneath, there are three white boxes with red text: "SUN-MON 11AM - 10PM", "TUE-THU 4PM - 10PM", and "FRI-SAT 11AM - 10PM". At the bottom, a red box contains the text "COME VISIT US AT 13 QUEEN ST W, UNIT B ELMVALE, ONTARIO".

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Wyevale United Church Donates
Signature Quilt To Simcoe County
Museum

In 1914 this signature quilt was designed and constructed by the ladies of the Methodist Church in the village of Wyevale. It was a fund raising project where by the church and community members paid a fee to have the names of their family members included. It displays many names of the early 1900's settlers to the village and surrounding countryside. It has been in the care of the Clute family, one of the prominent families of Wyevale at that time, for several decades. A few years ago it was returned and dedicated to the Wyevale United Church.

Photo below: Matt Black, (museum staff), Joanne Hall, Betty Hall, Carol Withall



GBGH Recognizes Franco-
Ontarian Day



Each year on September 25, Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) recognizes Franco-Ontarian Day – a time to celebrate the unique francophone community the hospital is so proud to serve. As part of GBGH's commitment to providing French language services in several designated departments, the hospital provides patients with an opportunity – called Active Offer – to identify if they would like to receive services in their preferred language of French. GBGH first received its partial French Language Services designation in September 2017. To recognize the local Fran-cophone community, GBGH team members proudly raised the Franco-Ontarian flag.

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OPP Veteran's Ass. and The Springwater Firefighters
Donate to Food Bank

Chapter 18 of the OPP Veteran's Association held their annual picnic at the end of August, at Heritage park in Elmvale. They donated \$500 and a truck full of food to the food bank. The Springwater Firefighters recently held their "stuff-the-truck" campaign and presented the food bank with an abundance of items. Chris and Louise Birch of Birch Farms donated their amazing fresh produce including lots of corn on the cob. Tammy Lorette, of the Elmvale Adult Day Out Program, dropped in last week with a trunk full of groceries. We thank everyone for their continued support. *By Debbie Craddock*



Photo above: The Springwater Firefighters recently held their "stuff-the-truck" campaign. Amazing Vegetables and fruit donated by Chris and Louise of Birch's Farm.



Photo above: OPP Veteran's Association held their annual picnic at the end of August, at Heritage park in Elmvale. They donated \$500 and a truck full of food.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Fall is the perfect time of year to GIVE. Preparations are underway at the food bank to support those facing food insecurity at Thanksgiving and Christmas and all of the weeks in between. Watch for and donate to a food drive in your community or drop off your donation at the food bank in Elmvale.

ELMVALE FOOD BANK

Food list of Items Currently Needed

- Peanut butter
- Jam
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these easy homemade fries are just as delicious and more nutritious than what is available in the frozen food section of your local grocery store. Don't be fooled. Those baked in the oven frozen fries are still fried before they are flash frozen and packaged in plastic. When buying frozen fries, it is a good idea to read the ingredient list and skip the fries that use unhealthy palm oil and trans fats. Both white and sweet potato store bought fries also contain excess salt, whereas you control the sodium content when you make your fries from scratch. Tired of soggy fries? The main trick to crispy sweet potato fries is to soak the cut potatoes in cold water for 30 to 60 minutes to remove the starch. Another trick to dodging the soggy is to lightly dust the fries with cornstarch before baking. Okay, here's one more tip. Give your fries space on the baking sheet. Do not crowd!

INGREDIENTS

- 5-6 medium sized sweet potatoes or 4 large
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) olive oil

Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) paprika or smoked paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon (1.25 ml) ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) black pepper
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) cornstarch

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C).
2. Wash and peel the sweet potatoes. Cut into planks and then slice into sticks of desired size.
3. Soak the sweet potato fries in cold water for 30 to 60 minutes to remove the starch. Drain and pat dry with paper towels.
4. In a large bowl, combine the sweet potato fries with the olive oil. Mix well to coat the fries.

5. In a small bowl, mix together the remaining ingredients until combined.
 6. Place the sweet potato fries on baking sheets lined with parchment. Do not crowd!
 7. Sprinkle the seasoning mixture on top of the sweet potato fries until evenly coated.
 8. Bake for 18- 25 minutes or until there is some browning along the edges of the fries. Flip the fries over in the middle of the cooking time to ensure even browning. Serve warm.
- Enjoy!
Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers cooking demos/ classes and counselling – in person or online via Zoom Health. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com.

Did You Know?
You would think that sweet potatoes would be more nutritious than white potatoes, but in reality, they are both quite good for you. Similar in calories, carbs and protein, they only differ in some of the vitamins and minerals they contain. The main difference between the two is that white potatoes contain more potassium while sweet potatoes deliver a good amount of vitamin A.

Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



So here I am in Nova Scotia, and after spending a day in beautiful Halifax, my husband and I headed out to Peggy's Cove. Why spend money to take a tour when you can just drive the scenic route yourself? The coastal lighthouse route is winding, narrow and so

beautiful, with views of isolated inlets and bays and of course the requisite fishing boats and small cedar shake homes. This drive only becomes challenging when the occasional impatient driver becomes reckless and causes an involuntary reaction from my one finger. Ahem.
Peggy's Cove is spectacular, consisting of large, rugged rocks leading to the traditional lighthouse. The small village clings to the coastline, boasting houses of bright colours and small fishing vessels. Today the ocean was calm, and the waves were almost non-existent. A heavy fog lay close to the shoreline which limited our view. Of course, the view was also obscured by the abundant tourist's population, us included. While this is a must go to for a Nova Scotia trip, and I am glad we experienced it, I never like to spend too much time in heavily used areas. We drove south a short distance and took a brief walk to the memorial for the Swiss Air Flight 111. There were few tourists here, and the intense quiet and introspection of the area overlooking the spot where 229 people lost their lives was more meaningful than any tourist area we had been to. A moment of silence and respect for each of these souls please.
We headed south to Lunenburg and the home of the Blue Nose. This is a stunning small town, with Victorian homes in bright colours arrayed along and up the steep hills. The streets are narrow and crowded but worth the tense driving moments. Next, we headed west and overland to the Bay of Fundy near Annapolis Royal to spend the next few days with my cousin Jeremy and his family. This is a gorgeous area of mountains and valleys, and rich in history that spanned more than 400 years. We walked through Fort Anne, around the embankments and through the old graveyard filled with black stones encrusted with pale green lichen. Many of the



stones dated to times in the early 1700's. This is one of the oldest settlements in Canada, and you feel the history as you walk among the ancient tombs. My husband and I took a day trip out to Brier Island. If you look at a map of Nova Scotia, you will see a long spit of land along the west side next to



the Bay of Fundy. This narrow band of land begins at Digby, then heads through small villages and along a winding and narrow coastline. It takes two ferries to make it to Brier Island, and you had better be quick, as the ferry men will be leaving the dock before your car has even stopped! Along the way we made a detour to the balancing rock, a tall stack of basalt rock on the shoreline. Initially this is an easy trail with a gentle up hill climb along marsh and scrub. I love that the trail starts with information on how to interact with aggressive coyotes. I have had several encounters with coyotes over my decades of hiking, and found them to timid and wary of humans, however if confronted with aggressive coyotes you should make yourself big and loud. After all, humans are the scariest creatures on the planet.
The trail is an easy approximately 5 km return trail. There are boardwalks across the wettest areas, with flora including skunk weed, tamarack, and blue spruce. I loved the pale green lichen hanging from the trees like party streamers and found out this is called Old Man's Beard. Continuing along this easy trail changes dramatically once you near the coast, as this area would be inaccessible if not for the extensive 225 stairs. The stairs lead straight down a near vertical cliff to the coast and the can be challenging for anyone not used to strenuous activity. Once at the bottom of the stairs you have a spectacular view out and over the Bay of Fundy to the mainland, and of course to the Balancing rock. This tall basalt stone balances on its edge and is a product of the lava formation that occurred millions of years ago, that is evident all along St. Mary's Bay. Once you view the spectacular shoreline, it is a challenging climb back up those stairs. It is a long way up and a great leg work out. We headed back to my cousins after a quick stop at the local moonshine distillery, Still Fired, for some small samples of different types of products available for sale. Well, my husband sampled, while I abstained as I was the driver, and even though I generally don't like liquor, I was tempted by the smell of the apple moonshine. A to-go item we bought to bring home, and now on to our trip home through the states, where the misadventures begin to happen.

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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

Do you like to support local? Local crafts, artisans, farm produce? Would you like to support the Elmvalle and District Food Bank? Well your chance is this Saturday, September 30 from 10 until 2 at the Anten Mills Community Centre, 3985 Horseshoe Valley Rd. W., as the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association presents the 3rd annual Anten Mills Artisan Craft Fair. Over 30 vendors have been confirmed for the fair making it the largest one yet. They will be under the pavilion, in the hall and around the pathway. There are knitters, wood crafters, authors and others along with locally grown produce available. There are no commercially manufactured items. The Anten Mills CRA will be in attendance in case you have any questions about what activities are held and if you would like to consider helping out. It is hopeful that a special project they are working on will be unveiled at the fair as well. From 10 AM until they are gone, you can enjoy 2 freshly made pancakes, 2 hot and delicious sausages and all for 2 Toonies. Proceeds from this breakfast snack will be in support of the food bank so bring your appetite and your wallet.

The CRA, thanks to our wonderful community sponsors, has a new adult event coming later in October. Many people enjoy the Halloween season. For them, our family included, it's an opportunity to turn their yards into graveyards or get the creepy and scary creatures out on display. Some even like to dress up like witches and warlocks. Well mark your calendars now as on Friday, October 27, the first Anten Mills Witches and Warlocks Walk will take place in our community. The evening will start with a walk through the village to the community centre for all those creepy and scary witches and their warlocks followed by a live band under the pavilion. More details will become available soon on both this column and on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Board Facebook page so now is the time to start planning the costumes.

The Facebook page is a wonderful place to get information about what is going on in the community or to share some news. Everyone who is

part of the group does so with the permission of the administrators and must follow the simple guidelines. It has been noted on a few occasions that some posts have been delayed in getting on the page. Like our neighboring community Facebook pages, the administrators review each post before it goes live. That way we aren't deluged with spam or unwanted advertisements. We thank the current administrators for their diligence in keeping the posts up to date and timely. The Facebook page was first established 10 years ago and currently there are 1,358 members. With the permission of the originators of the group, the CRA is reviewing the rules and will be adding several more administrators so that posts go out in a timely fashion. They are also reviewing ways to determine if there can be a local business directory or a buy and sell section. Stay tuned and when changes are made everyone will be notified.



Last Wednesday evening our community did a

fabulous job in supporting the food bank when the firefighters came calling with the Stuff the Truck event. Thank you to the firefighters who gave of their time to collect the donations and to all in the community who gave. As a community we support the food bank with all of our CRA events. If you weren't able to donate last week, the CRA will be accepting donations at the kid's Halloween event and the Christmas in the Village later this year.

Christmas is just 88 days away from today. Now it might seem early to mention this but our Christmas in the Village is just 72 days. Already we have one committed float entry, there has been one inquiry about a float and marching unit and a resident on Laddies Lane has put out feelers to see if some interest from that street. Our parade last year was tremendous and for those who don't know, this will be our 26th annual parade, making this the longest traditional event in the village. Talk it up now with your family, neighbors and friends and consider joining in the fun. More details will be coming.

While there hasn't been much posted, there are confirmed reports that Yogi, Boo Boo and Cindy bear are all still very active in the area. The humming birds and monarchs are on their way south and many will be starting to fill up their bird feeders for our winter birds. As the bears really like bird feed and have been destroying them regularly, you may wish to hold off for a few more weeks until our friends decide to hibernate for the winter.

Thanksgiving is next weekend and we can be truly thankful for all that we have in our community and country. Certainly we may have differing opinions but that is one of the great things about where we live. If you are hosting your family this thanksgiving, consider helping to support our local farm community. Clarke's over on Nursery Road still have many fresh vegetables available at their self-serve roadside stand.

That's all for this week. Hopefully we will see you at the Artisans Craft Fair and may you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. THANKS for READING and BE WELL.

WYEVALE COMMUNITY NEWS By Karen Moreau

Sept. 28, 2023 - **Food Bank:** The first Sunday of the month @ the Wyevalle Church we ask people to bring Food for the Food Bank. Please call the church if interested in donating food 705-322-1451. They ask for pop open cans. This makes it easier for people who do not have a place to go to. Thank you.

The office of the **Wyevalle Church Office** is open on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Rev. Bonnie is in the office usually on Wed. afternoons. Please call ahead to make sure she is there. 705-332-1451.

The phone is answered on a regular bases.

BOOK CLUB: The first meeting for the Wyevalle Book Club will be October 11th @ 2:00 p.m. @ the Wyevalle Church. All are welcome.

Fall Programs will soon be starting in the very

near further please watch for dates for Youth Group, Bible Study, Mom' & Tots. Please contact Pat @ 705-543-9043. For more information about perhaps joining one or more of these groups.

TURKEY DINNER: October 7th Thanksgiving Dinner: Mark the date on your calendar. Sittings @ 5:00 & 6:15 p.m. Take out is available as well. Tickets sold at the Wyevalle Jug City. \$25.00

CHRISTMAS MARKET: November 4th Wyevalle United Church. Vendors tables contact Pat at 705-543-9043 or www.wyevaleuc.ca, Bake Table. Take away- Fresh Ham and Scalloped Potato dinner with peas and dinner roll. Tickets are

\$10.00 Prepared by church members (warm and serve)

PLEASE if you have anything you would like to see in this report please send your information to moreau1949@rogers.com or the Springwater News. Before the next Submission date which is listed below. If you have any concerns about anything in these reports please contact the Springwater news.

The members of the Wyevalle United Church send our deepest sympathy to Rev. Irwin and families On the passing of Rev. Heather Graham. Heather was the Minister of the Wyevalle – Waverley Congregations from 2009 – 2016. Rest in Peace Heather.

Next submission date for this report is October 9th 2023.

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Minesing Moments

by Lorrie Norwood (705) 728-9784 / lorachalli@sympatico.ca

Here we are over half way through September. Summer is over tomorrow and autumn officially arrives. My favourite time of year!! Pretty colours, cool evenings, the smell of Bon fires and few bugs!

Writing this segment in the newspaper can be tricky sometimes, life and work often take over and then all of sudden deadlines are gone and I'm too late. I do apologize to those who search for it in each edition, but sometimes there is also just nothing new to report. Please bear with me though as I do enjoy writing it.

I must publicly thank all of our volunteers who made this year's Labour Day slo pitch tournament another great success. From the scheduling of the games, to the booking of band, and beer garden organization of supplies and bartenders, cleaning up, emptying garbage cans and way more. I know the work that gets done is not just one weekend, it is many hours, and during the weekend they are late nights and early mornings! I do not know the names of everyone involved in the Recreation Committee, but please know you are all truly appreciated in what you do for our community.

The kids are back in school now. I see there has been some construction at the school where people can do their student drop offs and also more parking. I hope this alleviates the problems that occur when parents are parking on the streets during morning and afternoon pick up times. To those who are driving in the village in the morning before school and after school, please lower your speed, I repeat again... PLEASE lower your speed. We as residents in this area see you, we see the culprits of this. We know

that you may be running late, but to what detriment do you need to speed in the village causing concern, potential accidents or worse. I know it seems like it will never happen to you, but realistically, it may. I've seen and heard about too many close calls and am dumbfounded that this even has to be an issue to address. These are our children, leave earlier so you do not have to speed, send them on the bus, whatever you can do, protect them and their friends who walk to and from school.

With Thanksgiving approaching, it was great to see that the local Springwater Fire Department collected goods for the Elmvale Food Bank that services Springwater Township. Social media reported that a great amount of food was collected. Well done neighbours! Hopefully everyone in need will receive plenty to eat on a holiday where we surround ourselves with family, friends and food and be thankful for what we do have. In times like these it is necessary to do our best to share what we have with those less fortunate. Even if it is a small donation, it is a donation that wasn't there before. Thank you all who were able to donate.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish my parents Claire and Norma Norwood of Anten Mills a very Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 5th.

Do you have an upcoming birthday, anniversary, notice or event that you wish to have in the Minesing Moments? Please be sure to forward it to me at lorachalli@sympatico.ca and I will get it in the next issue.

Until next time, enjoy these remaining warm sunny days and cooler nights.



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

Cathy Johnston Walton

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or snow-flake53@mail.com
Ritchie's Feed or Simcoe County Museum.

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

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

Concession 9, Lot 9 & 10, Vespra Township
2117 George Johnston Road, Springwater Township

Owners
1952-2007 Gilbert Jr. and Betty (Maw) Haight
1921-1952 Stanley and Gertrude (Priest) Fralick
1904-1921 William and Mary (Littlejohn) Fralick
bought the N ½ Lot 9 from Albert Orchard
1899- William and Mary Frances (Littlejohn) Fralick
1887-1899 Spencer Crowley S ½ Lot 9

Built: first and second burned,
third rebuilt around 1945
Dimensions: 60 x 60' plus lean-to
Bents:4
Water Source: artesian well at barn,
another artesian well near house

After the first barn burned Fralicks built a second barn with wood timbers and steel siding. The second barn fire happened around noon. Some of the high school boys from the Minesing Continuation School came down to see it in Laddie Wilson's old car.

Many received the fire call of one long ring on the party line and picked up to hear where the fire was. There was little that could be done due to the lack of fire equipment and water. Wheat was shovelled out of the granary. Gertrude caught a horse by feeding it oats in a bowl. She led the horse out and then went back and put the bowl back. Frank Fralick was around four and he went into the burning barn to get his tom cat. He remembers Jack Downey carrying him and the cat out of the barn. All the livestock was saved.

The present barn came from Joe Tuck's old barn on Tucks Hill in Sunnidale Township northwest of Strongville Road. The neighbours helped dismantle the barn and Billy Rowell supervised the rebuilding. Two chicken barns came from a farm where Innisdale Secondary School in Barrie is now.

Gilbert grew hay, corn, oats, and barley on 200 acres. He had a cow/calf operation raising Charolais and Limousine while continuing to milk cows at his father's on Concession 8 W ½ Lot 1, Vespra Township for some years. The family continued with cows/calves until 2010.

Bill Haight, Alan Johnston, A History of the Community of Minesing p. 92, 93.

A wood timber and steel siding barn replaced the first barn that burned.
(Courtesy Frank Fralick)

Concession 9, Lot 9 & 10, Vespra Township
2117 George Johnston Road, Springwater Township

The third barn on the property was rebuilt around 1945 from a barn in Sunnidale Township.

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Community Events

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

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

Good Vibes
Every Sunday from 2 to 5 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 Seniors Club
Bid Euchre – Every Tuesday Night
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Bridge – Every Wed. Afternoon 1-4 pm
All activities at Bay Shore Seniors’ Club, 2000 Tiny Beaches Road South
Call Bay Shore for details: 705-361-1331.
www.bayshoreseniors.ca

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
VON SMART Program
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
(North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial Arena, Brian Orser Lounge, 2nd floor. 61 Maria St.
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 8 pm to 9:30 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
Email: elmvaleyouthballhockey@gmail.com

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

Open Gym Drop-In
Mondays: - 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Drop-in basketball - All ages are welcome.
Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Drop-in pickleball - All ages are welcome.
Drop-in programs will be no charge for July and August.
The Township is pleased to offer sessions at Elmvale District High School (25 Lawson Avenue)

Barrie District Stamp Club
2nd Thursday of each month, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm
East Bayfield Community Centre, 80 Livingstone St. E., Barrie L4M 6X9
For more information: m.widner@sympatico.ca, or 705-726-9624



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Community One Time Events

14th Annual Artist Tour
Georgian Bay
Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2023
10am to 5pm
The Bay Studio Tour is presenting their 14th Annual Artist Tour. Welcoming Studios are opened at 23 unique locations, presenting 35 Artists from Tiny Township, Penetanguishene and the shores of Georgian Bay. Painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, fibre art, glasswork, woodwork, metalwork and mixed media will be offered. FREE self-guided Art Studio Tour. www.thebaystudiotour.com

Anten Mills Artisan Craft Fair
Sat., Sept. 30, 2023 10am-2pm
Anten Mills Community Centre 3985 Horseshoe Valley Rd W
25+ local artists, crafters, foodies and authors. Door prizes from each vendor. See dog rescue organization.
Pancake breakfast at 10am. 2 pancakes + 2 sausage for 2 toonies.

Happy Fall Y’all Fabric Pumpkins Workshop
October 2nd
Simcoe County Museum presented by SCACA
Doors open at 12:30. Workshop at 1pm.
Make a small table decoration using fabric Yo Yos. Members \$10, Guests \$15 (cash only please).
Register your spot at 705 727-7389 or littlerockimages@simcoe.net

Midhurst United Church Luncheon
Wed. Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon
Special Fundraising Luncheon featuring Kathleen Wynne as the guest speaker. Cost \$45.00
For tickets : annmidhurst@gmail.com or call 705-721-7629

Elmvale Fall Fair
Oct 6 & 7, 2023 - See page 12-13

Halloween Run Midhurst
Sunday October 22nd
SAVE THE DATE

1st Anten Mills Witches and Warlocks Walk
Friday, October 27
A walk through the village to the community centre for all those creepy and scary witches and their warlocks followed by a live band under the pavilion.

Homes For The Holidays
Sunday, November 5, 2023, 10 - 4 pm
Self-drive tour of 4 stunning holiday decorated homes, Tea Room and Makers Market.
Tickets: \$35 ea. All funds to charitable needs. www.barriemaycourtclub.ca/events

Tree Lighting
Tues. Nov. 28, 2023 5 pm to 6:30pm
Perkinsfield Park, 43 Country Rd 6 South
Hot chocolate or apple cider, s’mores by the fire.
Food Trucks on site. Quantities are limited and exclusive to Tiny residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

Empowering Seniors
Thur. Oct. 5, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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Other highlights: 3D duplicating machine, vertical milling machine, and harvest dining table sets.

Jewellery Overstock Auction #2 - Guelph (Sept. 24-28)

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Upcoming:

- Jeno Zsiga Asset Dispersal Auction, Tiny (Oct. 1-5)
- Real Estate Auction for Mr. Jeno Zsiga, Tiny (Oct. 5-19)
- Fall Classic Multi-Consignor, Guelph (Oct. 8-12)



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Midland Public Library Community Services Recovery Fund

\$24,162 from the Government of Canada's
Community Services Recovery Fund Builds a
More Resilient Midland Public Library

Sept. 19, 2023, Midland – The Midland Public Library has received \$24,162 from the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund via the Huronia Community Foundation.

2022 saw MPL rebound from COVID closures, with significant increases in active members, material circulation, and online access. We're a key partner in building our community, collaborating with over 30 local groups, and providing programming that reaches roughly 10,000 people annually and continues to expand. We know that to continue to grow and to build sustainably for the Library's future, we'll need to expand our fundraising and development system.

MPL will invest in expert guidance and systems to build on the fundraising and development skills of our board and leadership. We recognize the impacts of COVID on existing fundraising streams and the way organizations interact with donors, and what donors value.

MPL prides itself on being community-led, and offering our community relevant and exciting ways to be engaged, inspired, and empowered. To continue to be a central part of what makes Midland and the surrounding areas a great place to live, work & play, we need to be agile and responsive with our programs and services, requiring funding above and beyond the status quo. Improving our fundraising and development systems will provide sustainability and build our capacity.

The Midland Public Library is freely accessible to residents of all four North Simcoe communities and the Beausoleil First Nation, as well as other contracting municipalities. It's widely known as a community hub expanding access to opportunities for engagement, inspiration, and empowerment. To find out more about the Library's programs and services, visit www.midlandlibrary.com.

"Community service organizations are at the heart of communities like Midland, creating a sense of belonging from coast to coast to coast. The Community Services Recovery Fund will enable the organizations, like the Midland Public Library, that serve our diverse communities to adapt and modernize their programs and services and to invest in the future of their organizations, staff, and volunteers. Together, we can rebuild from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic and build a more just and equitable future for those in Midland."

– Jenna Suds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support community service organizations, including charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies, as they adapt and modernize their organizations. The Government of Canada delivered the Community Services Recovery Fund through three National Funders – Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, and United Way Centraide Canada. The National Funders distributed funding to eligible community service organizations, including charities, non-profits, and Indigenous governing bodies, providing services in communities across Canada.

Township of Tiny Announces 2023 Senior Speaker Series

(Sept. 12, 2023, Tiny, Ontario) The Township of Tiny's Senior Advisory Committee, in partnership with local clubs and service providers, offers workshops for seniors annually. The workshops are free, open to residents of North Simcoe, and are geared toward addressing topics that concern older adults.

Registration is required and light refreshments are provided. Interested residents can enroll for any of the events online at www.tiny.ca/seniors/workshops or reach out to the Recreation Department for assistance or with questions.

There are four events scheduled this Fall:

Keeping Active – Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession 8 East, Tiny)
Discover the vitality of physical activity in aging, preventing health issues, strengthening muscles, and boosting well-being while connecting with your community.

Empowering Seniors

Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location: Township of Tiny Council Chambers (130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny)

Gain an understanding of Powers of Attorney, vital for financial and healthcare decisions, and how to take control of your legal and financial well-being.

Health Care Support

Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location: Lafontaine Community Centre (342 Lafontaine Road West, Tiny)

Discover vital local healthcare services that enhance your well-being and connect you with healthcare professionals.

Cost of Healthy Eating

Tuesday, November 9, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location: Township of Tiny Council Chambers (130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny)

Explore the link between food costs, insecurity, and nutrition. Gain insights on budgeting for healthy meals and overcoming challenges.

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OPP REPORT

HURONIA WEST OPP ARE INVESTIGATING A FATAL COLLISION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLEARVIEW

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW AND SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIPS, ON) - Officers from the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal collision that occurred at 3-4 Sideroad Sunnidale and Concession Road 9 Sunnidale in the Township of Clearview.

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, just before 8:00 A.M, officers and emergency crews responded to a report of a serious two-vehicle collision at 3-4 Sideroad Sunnidale and Concession Road 9 Sunnidale in the Township of Clearview.

Sadly, as a result of the collision, a passenger, a 31-year-old female from the Township of Clearview was pronounced deceased. The driver of one of the vehicles was transported by Air Ornge to a Toronto trauma hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

An infant passenger was transported by Air Ornge to a Toronto trauma hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Another child passenger was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. Multiple other passengers involved in the collision were transported to a local hospital for minor injuries and have been released.

The area was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Huronia West OPP at 705-429-3575 or 1-888-310-1122.

The Huronia West OPP is committed to serving our province, including the Town of Wasaga Beach and the Townships of Springwater and Clearview. If you have any information about crime in our community, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at www.crimestoppersdm.com. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous. You will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Marine Officers Still on Patrol as Fall conditions Approach

(MIDLAND, On)- Members of the Marine Unit attached to the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment continue to patrol the waterways of North Simcoe as fall conditions approach. 47 vessels were checked for equipment and operators for signs of impairment during the officers 34 hours of patrol on Georgian Bay.

Six operators were educated by the officers for various infractions under the Canada Shipping Act and two operators were charged for infractions contrary to the Liquor Licence Act and another for a violation of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Five operators were tested on the roadside screening device for alcohol levels and all passed, although operators should be aware that Impaired Driving is Impaired Driving whether you are on the road or on the water.

Patrol officers responded to eleven calls for service while on waterways patrol during the September 13-17 time period.

The Safe and Sober Awareness Committee of North Simcoe in partnership with the OPP ask that all operators and drivers make the right decision when getting behind the wheel to have a designated driver or safe ride home. https://twitter.com/OPP_CR/status/1696936694094647440

The popular “I Got Caught Wearing My Lifejacket Program” continues, thanks to the generous support of Maple Leaf Marina’s in partnership with Graffiti Art, rewarding youth who are “caught” by marine officers wearing their lifejackets. - see attached sup-



plied photographs

Remember, if you see a possible impaired operator “Make the Call” and dial 911 and help prevent a marine tragedy.

Youth Charged in Connection with Stunt Driving Investigation in Penetanguishene

(PENETANGUISHENE, ON)- A 17 year old Penetanguishene youth is walking instead of driving after an officer from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment observed a vehicle travelling a little too fast on Main Street in the town of Penetanguishene around 12:45 a.m. September 17, 2023.

The speed noted by the officer was 132 KM/H in a 60 KM/H zone and after a safe stop, the youth was handed several Provincial Court appearance notices for Speeding, Drive Motor Vehicle-Perform Stunt-Excessive Speed, Fail to Surrender Licence all contrary to the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario.

The accused faces a 30 day drivers licence suspension as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and as well, the vehicle was towed and impounded for 14 days.

Weapons Call Results in Two Firearms, Drugs and Cash Seized

(Oro-Medonte, ON) - Members of Orillia Detachment of the OPP have arrested an individual following a complaint from a taxi driver on Highway 400 near Mount St. Louis Road.

On September 16, 2023 shortly after 8:45 pm Orillia OPP were dispatched to a weapons call, whereby a male enroute to Sudbury demanded to be let out of a taxi. The male subsequently got out on the side of the highway, however left a quantity of cash, as well as a firearm in the rear of the taxi. Officers, along with members of the OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU), OPP Canine and York Regional Police Service Air Support shut down Highway 400 in both directions to search for the individual. Police located another loaded firearm nearby along with a large quantity of what is believed to be cocaine, and a large quantity of cash. Police did not locate the suspect at this time.

At approximately 2:35am on September 17, 2023, police responded to a complaint of a suspicious person walking along the highway. The person was located by police a short time later, identified as the same individual and was taken into custody.

As a result of the investigation, the following was seized:

- Two Loaded handguns
 - Ammunition
 - Cocaine- approximately 454 grams
 - Canadian Currency- approximately \$18000.00
- In addition to the seizure, Jordan COLE, 25, from Subury, ON, has been charged with:
- Careless storage of a firearm
 - Possession of a Weapon for Dangerous Purpose (2 Counts)
 - Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm (2 Counts)
 - Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm (2 Counts)
 - Occupant of Motor Vehicle knowing there was a

- Firearm (2 Counts)
- Possession of a Prohibited or Restricted Firearm (2 Counts)
- Tampering with the serial number of a Firearm
- Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Opioid
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5000.00
- Careless Storage of a Firearm
- Failure to Comply with Probation Order
- Failure to Comply with Release Order
- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon

The accused party was held for a Bail Hearing on the 17th of September 2023 to answer to the charges. The Orillia OPP is committed to serving our province, including the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn and the City of Orillia. If you have any information about crime in our community, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To report minor occurrences online please visit www.opp.ca/reporting. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit your information online at www.crimestoppersdm.com. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous. You will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00

HURONIA WEST INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ANOTHER GUN AND DRUGS BEING TAKEN OFF THE STREET

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW AND SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIPS, ON) - The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged an individual following a drug investigation.

In the spring of 2023, the Huronia West Community Street Crime Unit initiated an investigation for drug trafficking. Soon after the investigation, the Huronia West Crime Unit began an investigation involving the same individual.

As a result, a search warrant was sought for a residence in the Collingwood area. On September 12, 2023, the following OPP units executed the search warrant as part of this joint investigation. The Huronia West CSCU, Huronia West Crime Unit, Collingwood CSCU, Southern Georgian Bay CSCU, Huntsville CSCU, Caledon CSCU, Nottawasaga CSCU, Huronia West and Collingwood Uniform Officers.

Brandone SMITH, a 34-year-old from Collingwood, has been charged with:

- Use of a Firearm in the Commission of an Indictable Offence
- Possession of a Prohibited Firearm
- Possession of a Loaded Prohibited Firearm
- Possession of a Firearm Contrary to Prohibition Order x 4
- Possession of Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Fentanyl
- Possession of Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Possession of Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - MDMA

As a result of the investigation, the following property was seized:

- Smith and Wesson M&P - 45 Caliber loaded firearm
- Firearm ammunition
- Crossman BB pellet gun .177 Caliber
- 10.4 grams of suspected blue fentanyl
- 12 pills suspected to be MDMA
- 5.4 grams of suspected cocaine
- Mini crossbow
- Multiple cellphones
- Drug Paraphernalia

The accused was held pending a bail hearing and has been remanded in custody until the next court date.



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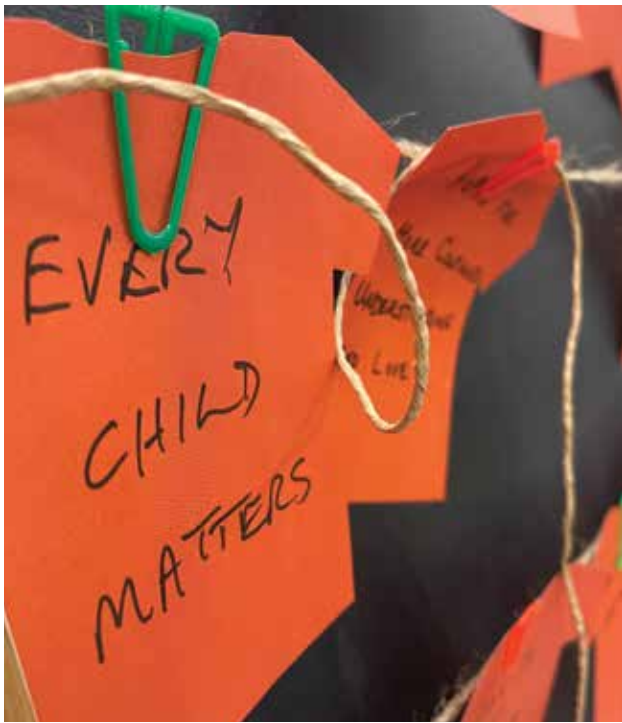


Photo above: Visitors wrote down their thoughts about truth and reconciliation on paper cut-outs of orange T-shirts during National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Sainte-Marie in 2022.

Historic site offers commemorative educational programming

Sept. 19, 2023 - MIDLAND, ON – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation recognizes the legacy of the Canadian Indian residential school system, and it respectfully honours the survivors and those who never came home, as well as their families and communities. It is the responsibility of present and future generations to acknowledge this history and legacy through education, care and open dialogue. In support of the recognition of this dark period in Canadian history and its lasting, cumulative, multi-generational effects on Indigenous peoples, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons is committed to acknowledging and advocating for the empowerment of these stories through empathy, respect and understanding. On September 30, the historic site will be hosting a day of commemoration and reflection and will be

offering the opportunity for all to focus on their own journey toward Truth and Reconciliation. Sainte-Marie will also be providing a free virtual learning platform from September 25 to October 5 online at hhp-events.ca to support and continue this important work.

“September 30th marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and is a day dedicated to reflecting on the impacts of the Canadian Indian Residential School system,” said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. “The programming provided by Sainte-Marie among the Hurons gives us an opportunity to learn about Indigenous culture. I encourage everyone to visit Midland to participate and educate themselves to help further the dialogue on truth and reconciliation.”

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons offers free commemorative programming both in person and online to mark National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The program will consist of conversations with leaders on reconciliation, discussions about Indigenous foodways and crafts and places for thoughtful reflection. This day of commemoration will honour Truth and Reconciliation through a provocative journey and the empowerment of Indigenous voices and cultural revitalization activities.

A sampling of these activities will include an inclusive opening ceremony in which the sacred fire will be lit to provide participants the opportunity to present cedar offerings. The historic site will also offer participants the opportunity to build knowledge and respect for Indigenous cultural traditions, including the importance of medicinal plants and the creation of a medicine pouch.

“Today, and every day, we recognize Canada’s dark chapter in history and work towards reconciliation by moving forward with respect, empathy and understanding with Indigenous partners,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs. “We take every opportunity to recognize and amplify Indigenous stories to provide opportunities for learning, and I am thankful that the Sainte-Marie historical site will be providing this in-person and virtual learning platform for visitors to reflect on.”

As part of the participants’ journey, the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada will be exhibited with the hope of providing thoughtful steps forward for individuals.



Photo above: The survivors’ flag will fly at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Saturday, September 30, 2023.

The interactive Indigenous Floor Map, provided by Canadian Geographic, will include tools for learning about the impacts of residential schools, as well as the resilience of Indigenous Peoples and their unique cultures throughout North America.

The online portion of this initiative will be streamed live on September 25 with opening ceremonies followed by learning sessions led by First Nations leaders and cultural experts. Topics will range from language revitalization to allyship. This content will be available on-demand until October 5 free of charge to allow teachers, students and all who would like to join the journey a chance to access it. Participants need only register to receive a link.

Sainte-Marie is inviting local schools to get involved in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by creating orange shirt artwork to be displayed in the historic site’s visitors centre in late September and early October. If you are a Simcoe County teacher looking for ways to engage your class in reflection on this topic, reach out to hhp@ontario.ca for details and supplies.

To learn more about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, in-person or online, visit SainteMarieAmongtheHurons.ca/events. The historic site is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration for online learning is also open now.

By Mikaela Lefaive, Sainte Marie

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.

Vintage and Old Motorcycles

What is the difference?

Technically, vintage, and old mean the same, but most collector investors tend to attribute negative to old; and positive to vintage. Vintage sounds cool, looks good and does not sound dirty, unclean, or worn out. Old tends to apply to used up, worn out, unpretty, and not maintained. Antique, on the other hand, has a broader general inclusion group and simply means ancient (just like your kid describes you.)

Ultimately, it is a positive description if we like an old item. If we do not, it is there with the other junk.

Why talk about motorcycles? Motorcycles are among the highest-valued items considered investment-grade collectibles. The most expensive are not necessarily the oldest, but instead unique. Seldom do investment-grade motorcycles see the road, truly they are garage queens. If you want to be a collector, you may have a modern rider: Harley or Honda; with the more expensive garage queen bike that you merely look at may occasionally start, even drive the road. However, it is never transportation. Old bikes, which are transportation, are seldom referred to as vintage because they are not treated as a venerable family member who needs to be catered to. Old also tends to refer to something that has been used up, consumed. You never consume your prize Vincent Black Shadow, Crocker, J.A.P., or Harley JD. You would run your Goldwing (Honda) into the ground. We all live in a world of subjective values. To make it even more confusing, from my experience, there are three types of automotive buffs: The first group is users /drivers. They want to go, feel the power, and

enjoy the machines’ capabilities. The second group are builder/ restorers. These are the people who take mediocre quality; a box of parts, and create art. Once built, they dispose of them as they have had their gratification. The last group is displayers and advocates. These are usually the ones who pay the biggest money for the best. They buy and hold for bragging rights. The fact is that they can say to their friends, “I have it you do not, and you cannot get one because there aren’t any around!” Most of these classifications apply to all of those who play with automotive.

VMLC has one of the rarest bikes in the world currently in their showroom; a 1938 Ariel four-square motorcycle with zero miles on it. It is a concours bike, original, an art deco fantasy on wheels. Valued at \$65,000, it is one of the most sought-after collector bikes in the world. It is one of the original four-cylinder motorcycles.



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Obituaries



PORRETTA, Elizabeth
December 27, 1938 – September 19, 2023
It is with deep sorrow that the family of Elizabeth Porretta announces her peaceful passing on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at the age of 84 years.
She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 62 years, Antonio; daughter Linda (Bruce) Carmichael; son David Porretta; brother Andrew (Cathy) Spohn and sister Margaret (Bill) Wright; grandchildren Kevin (Allysha), Stephen (Elaine), Andrew (Corrine), Alicia (JJ) and Jessica (Philip); as well as numerous relatives and friends.
She was predeceased by her son Robert, and daughter-in-law Cheryl Lockhart (David).
She was a devout Catholic and an active parishioner of St. Patrick's in Phelpston, as well as a member of the Catholic Women's League for 55 years. Elizabeth enjoyed cooking, gardening and singing in the church choir.
In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made in Elizabeth's name to Hospice Simcoe in Barrie and the Canadian Cancer Society.
The family wishes to send a special thank to Dr. Emerson and the staff and volunteers at Hospice Simcoe for their compassion and support during Elizabeth's illness.
Visitation was held at Adams Funeral Home (445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie) on Sunday, September 24, 2023, from 3-7pm, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Mary's Parish (65 Amelia Street, Barrie) on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 10am. The interment had taken place at St. Mary's Cemetery (208 Sunnidale Road, Barrie) immediately following the funeral mass.



GENTLE, Doreen Marie
Gentle, Doreen Marie ("Deen"), nee Sye, passed away peacefully at Watford Quality Care, Watford, Ontario on Friday, September 22, 2023 in her 97th year. Deen Gentle, formerly of her beloved Orr Lake, early years in Mount Dennis and winters in Florida, was predeceased by Ronald Gentle (2014), and was the cherished mother of Craig (Carolyn) of Thornhill and Rhonda (Herman) Leystra of Camlachie. She will be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren, Sarah, Scott (Brooke), Christopher (Robyn), Amy (Corey), and Jonathan (Pam), as well as 16 great- grandchildren. Dear sister of Terry (Joan) and Jack (Doreen), all predeceased.
Friends and family will celebrate Deen's life on Sunday, October 1st at 11am in the chapel of the Lynn[1]Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale, Ontario. Interment will follow on Monday, October 2nd at 10am in the Elmvale Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, if desired, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.
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HERCHAK, Norma

March 21, 1936 - September 13, 2023

Norma Herchak in her 88th year passed suddenly in her beautiful Orr Lake home. She will be greatly missed by her five children, Michael (Zona), Elizabeth (Gord), Stephen, Michelle (Carlo) and Stephanie. Proud grandmother of Rachel, Matthew, Hayden and Chase and furry child Riley.

Norma enjoyed her life raising 5 children and being married to her loving husband Norman for 65 years. They built their dream home on Orr Lake next to their cottage and cabin where they enjoyed many life long friendships and created lasting memories.

Norma had a passion for animals and enjoyed her role as a volunteer at the Toronto Zoo.

Rest in peace Mom, you were the greatest mom in the world and we can't imagine a world without you. You will be forever in our hearts and prayers. We take comfort in knowing that you are reunited with the love of your life, our dear dad Norman. We miss you.

A private family service has been held. Norma enjoyed supporting multiple charities. Memorial donations may be made to the Elmvale food bank or a pet rescue of your choice.

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GIBBS (COOK), Shirley

On Tuesday, September 19 at the age of 94, Shirley went home to be with her Lord, and Bill, her husband of 73 years. She will be greatly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Peter Skala. She leaves her 2 grandsons, David and Phillip

(Jason), and her nephew and his wife, Brad and Sharon Cook. Our sincerest thanks go to the staff at GBGH for their kindness and compassion.

In lieu of flowers it was Shirley's wish in keeping with her love of all animals, donations be made to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

A funeral will be held on Saturday, September 23 at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale. Visitation will be held at 1 pm followed by a funeral service at 1:30 pm.

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KLEIN GEBBINCK, Gerarda "Gerry" (Nee Scholten)

Passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Hospice Simcoe in Barrie. Gerry Klein Gebbinck of Elmvale in her 88th year.

Beloved wife of the late Frank Klein Gebbinck (Deceased 2017). Dear mother of Marlene (Wayne) MacDonald, Tom (Karen), Sylvia (Rob) Priest, Roger (Heather), Debbie (Graham) Cromb and Scott (Laurie). Loved Oma of Rebecca (Chad), Dan, Bryan (Taylor), Christa (Alex), Mark (Toni), Erin (Greg), Stacey (Matthew), Lauren (Mitch), Brock (Chloe), Nadia, Owen, Isaac, Cole, and Riley. Proud Great-Oma of Caleb, Addison, Harvey, Lenora, Otto, and Atlas. Gerry was predeceased by her parents and siblings. She will be dearly missed by her many nieces, nephews, and friends. Gerry was a 60 year member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm on Monday, September 18, 2023. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 11 am in Phelpston at St. Patrick's Church.

Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery Phelpston.

If desired memorial donations in Gerry's memory may be made to Hospice Simcoe Barrie or the Cancer Society.

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McAuley, Alexander William,

Passed on September 20, 2023 at 74 years. Alex (Sandy) of Elmvale, Toronto, Wymbolwood Beach, and most recently, Orillia, was predeceased by his wife Miriam, and leaves behind his

children Katherine (Craig) and Evan. Alex was kind, open, witty, and a lifelong wanderer. Music was important to Alex, and, even when his voice faltered, he continued to drum and to dance and to beckon his friends to join him. He will be sorely missed.

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‘Niners’ Welcomed to EDHS on Grade 9 Day



On Friday, September 15th cheers and chants could be heard all around Elmvale but especially at Homer Barrett Park. EDHS' Student Council and some Grade 12s welcomed the Grade 9s to EDHS with a high energy, action packed afternoon. The Grade 9s worked in their houses to compete in 8 different events. The Grade 9's enthusiasm and energy was exactly what makes this school so great. All of the houses (Rowdies, Blizzards, Pirates, and Trojans) are benefitting from this remarkable group and we all look forward to watching them grow as individuals and to keep the powerful house system going strong.
Blair Lesage

In My Day...

Grade 9 Day was the same but it sure was different. Grade 9 Initiation is what it was called when I was a lowly niner. We had to complete dares or suffer the coincidences. The coincidences would be far more embarrassing than the dare itself. Being embarrassed in Grade nine or even to be shown as being different in any way was a tragedy back in the early 80's. I imagine not that much has changed. Before I was in Grade 9 things were out of hand and some rules had to come into play for safety. An example of a dare (that can be published) would be asking the drug store employee to gift wrap a square bubble gum or roll a penny down the hall touching your nose or doing push ups over a mud puddle. Other students used to pay to “order around” a grade niner for the school day. This was our idea of fundraising. Oh boy, so many things wrong with that one. The idea was for older students to interact with younger ones and it worked. *By Linda Belcourt*





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