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Photos above: Elmvale Fall Fair Events Oct. 6 and 7, 2023 (Left) Tractor Pull, (Centre) Red Barn Event Show and (right) Heavy Horse Hitch. *Photos courtesy of Flos Agricultural Society* 

# 2023 ELMVALE FALL FAIR HAPPY THANKSGIVING

#### FMX STARS FLY OVER ELMVALE FALL FAIR







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**Business** 

Oct. 10, 2023 - FMX World Tour Canada, stars Curtis Williams and Kyle Boone performed their aerial tricks at the Elmvale Fall Fair to a large crowd in attendance.

The FMX World Tour Canada travels across the country with competition taking place in many communities. Their last competition being in Simcoe Ontario on Tues-

day October 3, 2023. The freestyle motocross stars were on 250cc bikes for the demonstration at the fair. They use an 8 ft take off ramp, flying 30 ft above the ground, landing on a 20ft tall x 16 ft wide airbag landing ramp.

While in the air, they performed tricks such as Superman seat grab, Cliff Hanger, Kiss of Death, and Back Flips.

Announcer and long-time member of the FMX World Tour, Doug de Nance, from Calgary explained, "It original was done on dirt and unforgiving and then to mechanical ramps where they were solid, again unforgiving. With the air bag ramp, it is a bit more forgiving if you make a mistake your not going to go carting wheeler down the dirt." The air bag ramps used at the fair, still requires a good skilled landing. When the bike hits the air bag, if it is off to the side, it can throw the rider as the bike sinks into the ramp. They must also hit the sweet spot from the top of the ramp and transition downward. Factors to consider are the tricks being performed, bike size and environment conditions such as the wind speed and direction. The crowd at the fair enjoyed seeing the FMX stars in action. By Brian Belcourt, reporter.



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Another example of an attempt to shrink your way to greatness. Never happened and never will. Springwater is already extremely under staffed which is reflected in spending reports coming back to Council months if not years late which results in costs soaring. Short sited doesn't even begin to describe the assortment of incompetence of this council.

Rick Webster



small business month.

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focused on small business' and the importance

to the community.

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#### **EDITORIAL** by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Traditions keep on going for family, small towns and communities. Traditions and routines keep us grounded. We gain a sense of security that some things will always remain the same. This is very important on times of our fast-paced world. Thanksgiving and the Elmvale Fall Fair is a reminder to me to celebrate long time friends and family traditions. This edition is full of our community traditions, and I hope you enjoy reading about them and in return you gain a sense of security.

There are many things in life we do that are traditional. Having the same hairdresser is a tradition of mine. Only your hairdresser knows for sure. I found my hair dresser over 30 years ago. I have been going back to him every five weeks or so as my tradition



I keep. I consider, Vince, of Vincent's Hair Design, to be a good friend of mine. Yes, there are things that only he knows, especially about long walks in the bush! Vince has followed the milestones in my life and was saddened to hear of my illness and noticed the damage the medical treatments did to my hair. He gave me a won-

derful customized Herbal Treatment that produced instant results. I am not a fussy spa kind of girl and don't spend a lot on my hair or on products but this product amazed me. My hair went from radiation caused fuzzy, brittle dry to the shiny, gleaming and soft hair that I took for granted. Vince did not just apply a treatment and rinse and go. He asked me a lot of questions about how my hair has changed and what differences I noticed. He then made a mixture of this new herb product that was specifically formulated to my hair problems. Everyone that gets these treatments, gets different mixture depending on what the hair needs. I rarely notice a great difference in my hair after any treatment but this one amazed me. I had a smile on my face and felt a new confidence as I walked out the door of his Penetanguishene shop. Thanks Vince for listening and making my hair feel like mine again. Traditionally only my hairdresser

Springwater News is still the same it always has been. The only change is the growth to the North Simcoe area. Springwater News has lost its support from the biggest longest standing advertiser, so a strategic change is necessary. North Simcoe also has lost its local news and I am hoping to help that community keep their connection. Townships of Springwater, Tiny and North Simcoe have many overflows in news, events, and stories. North Simcoe residents, please send me your stories that celebrate community. Springwater and Tiny residents, please keep the small-town news flowing like the water in a spring. Service groups, clubs, sports all bind us, and I hope to build more community without taking away any of the of Springwater Good News. The distribution has changed slightly to keep in line with what advertisers want. North Simcoe Springwater News still delivers to Township of Springwater, Township of Tiny and now is also mailed to Town of Midland and Town of Penetanguishene. If Canada Post fails and you do not receive a copy in your mailbox, then you can always pick up a copy in the new 19 newsstands coming your way. There will be a list published to let you know what business have them. Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour and Waubaushene will have newstands installed. If any business would like me to direct customers to their location to pick up the paper, then call me and we will have some copies delivered to your business.

I am working on an article on the Economical Development in Township of Springwater. If anyone has input please send to me.

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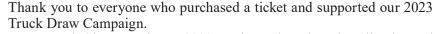


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Draw was held on October 7, 2023 on site at the Elmvale Fall Fair. And the winners were:

**Grand Prize winner of the 2023 Ford Ranger - Ticket #2455** - Janet Grant, Kitchener

\$500 consolation prize - Ticket # 4220 Tim McGinnis, Elmvale,

\$300 consolation prize -Ticket #6870 - Katherine Stokes, Penetanguishene Ticket



\$200 consolation prize- Ticket #0289 Artemius Bantilan, Mississauga

The Truck Draw is the main Fundraiser of Elmvale Lions Club.



#### Youth Blew It Out Of The Water

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Photo above(LtoR): 50th Ambassador of the Flos Agricultural Society is Hope Graham and Jr Ambassador for this year is Emma Coughlin



Photo above(LtoR): 50th Ambassador Hope Graham, Jr Ambassador Emma Coughlin, first runner up is Olivia Northrop, and the second runner up is Alex Seili.

Oct. 8, 2023 - Being an ambassador is defined by dictionary.com as "an authorized messenger or representative." However, we know that being the Ambassador of the Elmvale Fall fair is so much more than that simple definition. It is to share passion for this community, to be proud of the town you grew up in, and want to share that town with everyone you meet. When you have the honour of becoming an ambassador, it is also about learning how we can get more youth involved, and how we can utilize ideas from other fairs around our district and beyond. As the Ambassador these future fair directors get to network with other young individuals, they get to see first hand how the fair is run, and they get to participate in many local events.

On Sunday October 1st, we had the privilege of witnessing another successful Ambassador Program. This was the 50th year of the program and once again the youth of our area blew it out of the water. I had the privilege of witnessing another generation of spectacular contestants as they showcased their love and dedication for this community that we are so lucky to reside in.

The 50th Ambassador of the Flos Agricultural Society is Hope Graham. In her speech she spoke of years past while wrapping in the future to have us all excited for many more years of the Elmvale Fall Fair. The first runner up is Olivia Northrop, and the second runner up is Alex Seili. During speeches and impromptu questions, all three of these young people showed the audience, judges and each other how much our fair, other community events (such as the maple syrup festival), and the wonderful high school - mostly, their beloved houses - mean to them.

The **Jr Ambassador for this year is Emma Coughlin**, who showcased a speech which was able to have the audience laughing, and nodding their heads in excitement for the 161st Elmvale Fall Fair. As a Jr contestant she also showcased a poster representing herself and her connections to the fair and the community at large.

All of the contestants also partook in an interview portion of the program where they sat with the judges one-on-one and showcased their abilities to connect at a personable level. Fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all of the community members who came out to support this event.

As for all aspects of the fair, we couldn't put on an event like this without volunteers. We had three judges who volunteered their time, kindness and encouragement to this years program. A huge thanks goes out to Debbie Burton, local Real Estate agent, Bev Rittershofer, retired Captain with the Canadian Forces, and Tanya King, 1st Vice-President of the Flos Agricultural Society. Without judges we couldn't run the program, so we are always grateful when someone agrees to take on this extremely tough job.

The Ambassadors got to spend the 161st fall fair handing out ribbons, connecting with vendors, and of course enjoying time with their families and friends. Please if you know or see any of these wonderful young people, congratulate them. We are so lucky to live in a community that continues to produce such amazing talent.

We would also like to thank our amazing sponsors: Hardship Acers, Centry Masonry, Georgian Bay Painters - Eileen David, Raymond James - Paul Bouziz, Bounce Back Physiotherapy, Lalonde's Plumbing - Brian Lalonde, Bourgeois Motors - Dan McGinnis, TD - Midland Branch, Enterprise Mechanical - Corey Green, and Elm Flower Shoppe.

As always, keep an eye out for next years program, and if you are or know someone who may be interested we implore you to get involved.

If you would like to follow along on this years adventures you can find the Ambassadors on Facebook and Instagram @elmvalefallfairambassador.

On behalf of the Ambassador Committee, Rowan King

#### École Sainte Croix Students Being Taught By Elders



Photo above: Students from École Sainte Croix being taught by elders how to play the local card game called "58" during the franco-Ontarian flag celebration in Lafontaine on September 22nd. By Dre Joëlle Roy, directrice, La Meute culturelle de Lafontaine www.festivalduloup.ca



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Council Highlights provide a brief overview of noteworthy decisions and presentations made at Town of Penetanguishene Council meetings. Detailed agendas and minutes from the meetings are available on our website.

To ensure social distancing provisions are maintained, this meeting will be available for viewing on our YouTube Channel

#### **Special Council**

Council approved the recommendation that a bylaw be passed to lift part lot control for the property municipally known as 40 Thompsons Road being Blocks 1 to 8 (inclusive) on Plan 51M-1222.

Council approved that the Building Fees remain as prescribed as per By-law 2021-45.

Council approved the Andrews Village Development Pre-Servicing Agreement as outlined.

Council approved 4 by-laws, including: 2022-49- Being a By-law to establish a Pre-Servicing Agreement with 2704657 ONTARIO Inc. (1145

Fuller Avenue - St. Andrews Village) 2022-50- Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Subdivision Agreement with Bellisle (Penetang) **Developments Limited** 

2022-51- Being a By-law to Establish a One Foot Reserve on Mercer Crescent, Legally Described as Blocks 109 and 110, Registered Plan 51M-543 as a dedicated public highway

2022-52- Being a By-law to Exempt Certain Lands from Part Lot Control (40 Thompsons Road)

Upcoming Meetings and other community events are listed on our website.

The Town of Penetanguishene publishes Council Highlights after meetings. Council encourages its residents, businesses and stakeholders to stay abreast of Council news. Council Highlights briefly describe items of interest to the public. To view detailed information about the topic, visit www.penetanguishene.

#### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Wed., November 8, 2023 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Wed., December 13, 2023 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

#### **Plant Trees With NVCA Next Spring**

UTOPIA, Ontario (October 3, 2023) - The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is searching for landowners looking to plant trees in the spring of 2024. Each year, NVCA's forestry program plants around 100,000 trees for property owners in the Nottawasaga Watershed who want to convert their land into forests.

Planting trees helps to provide wildlife habitat, shade rivers and streams, produces oxygen, among many other benefits. Well managed forests also contribute to the economy by providing wood for construction and wood fiber for products such as paper.

"In the early 1900s, as settlers established communities in the Nottawasaga Watershed, they started to clear land for farming, but the topsoil quickly eroded and sand underneath was exposed," said Rick Grillmayer, Manager of Forestry at NVCA. "Between the 1960s and early 1990s, the Province of Ontario planted millions of trees to restore our forests. Fast forward to today, NVCA is the only organization in the watershed that offers professional tree planting services."

NVCA has a minimum requirement of 1 hectare or approximately 2 acres of planting space. All properties must be located in the Nottawasaga Watershed, landowners can use NVCA's Interactive Data Viewer to determine where their property is located.

Thanks to funding support from Forest Ontario's 50 Million Trees Program, the Simcoe County Tree Planting Program, and the Town of New Tecumseth Tree Planting Program, landowners may be eligible for grants for tree planting. Grant availability depends on property size and location and range between 60-88% of tree planting costs for 2024.

Properties over 4.45 hectares or 11 acres in size may be eligible for the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.

If you are interested in planting trees with NVCA, please contact Rick Grillmayer at rgrillmayer@nvca. on.ca



#### **Township of Springwater Council Meeting Highlights - October 4 Corporate Reorganization**

During a special meeting, Council approved a corporate reorganization. The new structure re-moves the General Manager level and instead includes six Directors; the Director of Finance/Treasurer, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Director of Public Works, Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities, Director of Planning & Development and Director of Fire & Emergency Services/Fire Chief. This shift aims to enhance cohesion and collaboration among senior management while reducing the span of control for the Chief Administrative Officer. A by-law finalizing the re-organization will be brought forward at the October 18 meeting.

#### **Service Springwater**

Council received a presentation and report on the implementation of "Service Springwater" a customer service initiative to address growing resident expectations for multi-channel, accessible and efficient service delivery. This initiative aims to centralize and streamline customer service across Township departments, enhancing consistency and improving service quality. Council has referred the program to the 2024/25 budget deliberations taking place in No-

#### **Springwater Farmers' Market – Elmvale**

Council received a summary report on the Springwater Farmers' Market – Elmvale, which ran from June 16 to September 15 this year. The market featured 15 vendors and 8 community organizations over the duration of the summer and ran with the assistance of a seasonal Economic Development Assistant who oversaw the administration and operation of the market. Following Council's direction, in the future the Township will no longer be the lead organizer as it relates to the Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale.

#### **Hometown Hillsdale Subdivision Agreement**

Council authorized the execution of the Stage One Subdivision Agreement related to the Hometown Hillsdale subdivision by Fernbrook Crystal Homes. The Stage One Subdivision Agreement allows for site works and site preparations to commence. The Hometown Hillsdale Subdivision is planned to consist of 470 residential units.

#### **Housing Affordability Task Force Update**

Council has provided direction for staff to proceed in providing comments to the Province of Ontario regarding the Provincial Housing Affordability Task Force Report. The Task Force Re-port, released by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in February 2022, aims to ad-dress housing supply and affordability issues in Ontario. The report explains that the Province has set a goal to build 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years. Township staff have reviewed these recommendations and proposed the five statements they feel are most impactful.

#### **Crossing Guard Locations**

Following Council's approval, the crossing guard location in Midhurst has been relocated. At the August 2 meeting, Council had designated the intersection of Finlay Mill and Belmont Crescent as the crossing guard location in Midhurst. However, in response to residents' concerns and in alignment with Forest Hill Public School's support, the crossing guard assignment has been shifted to the Doran Road crosswalk, which is closer to the school and serves a greater number of students.

#### **New Fire Station Award of Contract**

The contract for the design-build of the new Springwater Fire Station has been terminated due to the contractors inability to fulfil their obligations. As a result, Council has awarded the Design-Build contract to the next lowest bidder, Pegah Construction at a higher cost of \$9,250,627.49 plus HST. This decision has necessitated an additional budget increase of \$1,628,950, which will primarily be funded from development charges (86.8%), with the remaining portion covered by debt.

Read this article on website. https://www. springwater.ca/en/news/council-meeting-highlights-october-4.aspx

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.



#### TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jennifer Coughlin: Mayor **George Cabral: Deputy Mayor** 

Matt Garwood: Councillor Ward 1 Danielle Alexander: Councillor Ward 2 **Brad Thompson: Councillor Ward 3** Anita Moore: Councillor Ward 4 Phil Fisher: Councillor Ward 5

#### **To Contact:**

https://www.springwater.ca/en/townshiphall/mayor-and-council.aspx

#### **Springwater Township Recreation Associations**

#### **Anten Mills**

**Contact:** Lawrence Pavan, the sarge007@

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

anguscarwash@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.

#### **Midhurst Autumn Festival**





Photo above: Thank you to volunteers, Christie Taylor and Hannah Silk



Oct. 1, 2023 - The Midhurst Autumn Festival was held on Saturday September 30, 2023. The Midhurst Community Recreation Association organized event was held from 10 am to 3pm on a beautiful fall day.

There were lots of activities for children from rock climbing wall to games to participate in. Over 30 vendors offering crafts and food were at the Autumn Festival. There was an apple pie making contest. Springwater Fire department had their new Aerial truck at the event dropping balloons.

The event is held on the last weekend of September by the Midhurst CRA, a big thank you should go out to all the volunteers that make this event possible.

The next event is the **Midhurst Scarecrow Contest** that is a tradition of family fun and community spirit!

1. Build a scarecrow on your lawn, deck or porch. 2. Snap a photo and submit it by Oct. 27 in one of four categories: Funny, scary or traditional. Step 3. Vote for your favorite online from Oct. 28-29.

Visit villageofmidhurst.ca/scarecrow for full details.

By Brian Belcourt, reporter





#### Schools From All Over Come To the Elmvale Fair

A very unique thing about the Elmvale Fall Fair is the Friday of the fair is always "the school day" for the Fair. Imagine the reaction from someone from Toronto or any large centre, when you explain to them that around 9 schools shutdown for the afternoon to enjoy a fall fair and they all march and cheer on their way.

This year's parade held on Fri. Oct, 6, 2023 enjoyed marchers from all the way from Minesing to Midland. The schools that marched and cheered were

Minesing Public School, Forest Hill Public School in Midhurst, Hillsdale Public School, Wyevale Public School, HCES Elmvale, OLOL Elmvale, HCES Elmvale and St. Theresa from Midland.

By Linda Belcourt, Editor







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#### Flag Lowering - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Sept. 29, 2023 - Today staff gathered with members of council, as well as attendees from the public to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30).

Patricia Monague, Culture and Heritage Coordinator for Beausoleil First Nation started us off with a smudging ceremony and prayer. Followed by words from Mayor Gordon, with other attendees sharing personal sentiments and experiences.

Every year September 30 stands as a day to honour the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation

Reconciliation is not a one-time event; it is an continuous process that requires our collective commitment, dedication, and action. We must be willing to listen to the stories of survivors and their families, acknowledge the historical injustices, and work together to ensure that such atrocities never happen again. We make a commitment to be guided by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation as we move forward and strive to create a community where we uphold our promise of ongoing learning By Town of Midland

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#### Community Safety Symposium - Hope, Housing and Health



October 19, 2023

North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre

527 Len Self Blvd., Midland, ON

#### Afternoon Session 1 to 4 PM

This session is open to local service providers and will feature sessions on information sharing, tools and resources, and best practices.

#### **Evening Session** 6 to 8:30 PM

This session is open to the public and will feature a panel of guest speakers and a town hall style Q&A session.

#### Registration is required for afternoon session

To register, visit www.simcoe.ca/housing







Join the Town of Midland and the County of Simcoe on October 19, 2023 for a Community Safety Symposium, centering the topic of "Hope, Housing and Health" hosted at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre.

- Service Provider Session (from 1:00pm -4:00pm): Local service providers (health, addiction, homelessness, supportive housing, mental health, outreach, poverty, etc) are invited attend this session, registration is required.
- Public Evening Panel Session (from 6:00pm - 8:30pm: This session is open to the public; no registration is required. This is an opportunity for residents in North Simcoe to learn more from service providers, and will feature a panel of guest speakers. Topics relating to homelessness, poverty, addictions, mental health, as well as other chronic and acute issues will be discussed.

# **MIDHURST**

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Influenza (flu) & COVID-19 vaccines



With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover We are expecting our first shipment of influenza and the newest version of COVID-19 XXB vaccines this week. We will be administering doses to highrisk patients. The program opens up to the general population on October 30,

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#### SPIRITUAL and MENTAL HEALTH

#### **ANNIE'S JOURNAL**

#### by Annie Warner Donnelly



Oct. 9, 2023 - On Day 31 of Mark Batterson's 2012 Book called, Draw the Circle - the 40 Day Prayer Challenge, Mark shares six specific prayers that Aleona Isakov prayed and how they were answered.

Aleona, a fashion designer, and her husband, Sergei, had come to

the United States as Russian missionaries a few years prior to the Challenge. Mark wrote, "First, Aleona prayed that God would give her a platform at the National Prayer Breakfast to share her newest fashions. God answered that prayer with an invitation to speak to one hundred guests at the Breakfast, and one of those guests invited her to speak at a conference in

Second, Aleona and Sergei prayed they'd receive their EB-1 visas, but God did them one better by providing green cards that allowed Aleona to bring her entire fashion collection to the United States. Third, she prayed that God would heal her husband's sixmonth cough. No more cough drops required!

Fourth, she prayed that her daughter and son-in-law would get American visas. They got them in two weeks' time. Fifth, she prayed that God would send her a new fashion photographer who loves Jesus. What she didn't expect is that the amazingly talented photographer would volunteer to shoot photos of her collection for free.



And last, but not least, Aleona prayed for a good job for her husband. Sergei started his job as an IT engineer at National Geographic Magazine two days after the prayer challenge ended."

Mark Batterson's personal testimony begins with him waking up in the middle of the night unable to breathe. It was the first of many asthma attacks, followed by rushed trips to emergency rooms for a shot of epinephrine more times than he cares to remember. The number of days he spent in intensive care units would add up to many months. He lived with severe asthma for over 40 years.

In 2020, Mark published a book called, Win the Day: 7 Daily Habits to Help You Stress Less & Accomplish More. On page 19, he wrote, "Then on July 2, 2016, I felt prompted to pray a brave prayer. I asked God to heal my asthma, and He miraculously answered. For the record, I had asked God to heal me hundreds of times before. Why he chose to heal me on that particular day, in this particular way, is a mystery to me. But I never lost faith in one simple fact: God is able! Plus, I believe that God honours bold prayers because bold prayers honour God ... I actually keep a running tally, numbering the days I have been inhaler-free."

Why have I told you these stories? Because they are evidence that God is answering all kinds of prayers and requests when people pray in the Spirit on all occasions as the Apostle Paul suggests in Ephesians

May God continue to inspire authors to write books that provide practical, Bible-based suggestions – and evidence of God's love for us – to help us grow our faith. May God inspire us to do what we can. Amen.



#### Food as Comfort

"Wisdom is nothing more than healed pain." --Robert Gary Lee

Oct. 1, 2023 - Many who struggle with weight are sabotaged by emotional eating. They eat when they are happy, they eat when they are sad, and sometimes they just eat because eating feels good. It can be terribly difficult to break this habit because it is usually quite deep rooted.

It goes back to childhood when eating "fun" food was associated with birthday parties, holidays, and family get-togethers. In happy families, mealtimes had positive associations; mom and dad were there, and the time may have included humor and affection.

These are not, however, the main things that cause emotional eating to persist. The real culprit is food that was used to comfort an upset child. If you hurt yourself, you got a treat. If someone was mean to you and you were upset, it was into the kitchen for a treat.

Why does this result in adult emotional eating? It is because food was used to distract the child from the pain, and the pain itself was never dealt with. As a result, the child never learned how to think about or process painful events.

Where parents took the time to really explore the child's feelings about what happened, they could help the child reframe the event, learn not to take it personally, and know how to deal with similar events in the future. It is comforting for the child to hear these things, and over time they learn to think things through this way. They learn to self-comfort.

The adult who never learned this then distracts her/ himself with food, and simply buries the pain. Over the years the well of pain becomes deeper and deeper. Every painful experience brings forth the vulnerable child who does not know what to do, so the automatic, often unconscious response is to reach for comfort food.

How does one get past this? It is important to first recognize our pattern, and to re-visit the painful experiences of childhood. This can be difficult, which is why it is often done with a trusted therapist. Sometimes the pain is so blocked or buried that the individual has no idea what is behind the emotional eating. The adult must learn to nurture and support the painful inner child, and then how to process the adult experiences which trigger the old pattern.

Of course, the impetus can be current stresses in life, which may or may not be connected to the past. Anxiety and worry, or feeling unloved, or not understood, may cause one to seek comfort in food. Current stresses may also be triggers for past pain, so inevitably we have to explore the past.

This can be a complex process, but it has taken a lifetime to develop and take hold. Healing the pain of the past is an essential step in moving forward.

Gwen Randall-Young is an author and awardwinning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit www.gwen.ca. Follow Gwen on Facebook for inspiration.



#### Rose's **Devotions** by Rosy Hagedorn



**Angry and Disappointed** 

Oct. 5, 2023 - September 30, 2021, marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day that coincides with Orange Shirt Day. It recognizes the tragic legacy of residential schools, the missing

children, the families left behind and the survivors of these institutions.

I have been very upset with the discovery of the remains of indigenous children, and the numbers are going up!

This horrific tragedy has impacted my faith and trust in the religious system and I wonder if I will ever be going back into a church building. I am disappointed and angry what people have been doing in the name of God and are still doing.

Now is the time to own up to what our predecessors did. We need to learn from the past and make sure that horrific deeds like this will never happen again. The truth must prevail. Only by coming together and talking about what happened in the past, will we be able to forgive.

James 5:16-Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.(NASB)

Micah 6:8-He has told you, humanity, what is good, and what Adonai is seeking from you: Only to practice justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. (TLV)

There will never be peace on this earth until we truly understand what Jesus' message is and what he was trying to convey and teach us. The cost of this message, of course, was his life. The truthfulness of Jesus' message needs to be understood and practiced within each one of us, and it is only then that the veil that is covering our eyes right now, will be removed.

2 Corinthians 3:15-16-But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts; but whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Prayer: Lord, God remove all that is hindering us from doing Your Son's work on earth. Remove hatred, suspicion and fear from our hearts. Mould us into the people that you intended us to be. Help us to love each other unconditionally. Amen.

#### **Town of Midland Hosts Open House for Yonge Street Reconstruction Project**

(October 5, 2023, Midland ON) The Town of Midland invites all residents and interested parties to attend an in-person public engagement session. Town Staff and the consultants will present various options for improving the active transportation facilities throughout the Yonge Street corridor.

This Open House, drop-in style, Public Information Centre will include presentation boards outlining the design options and constraints, where members of the public can ask questions and offer feedback. A survey will be available for all attendees to provide their comments on the project.

#### **Public Information Centre**

Date: Wednesday October 11, 2023

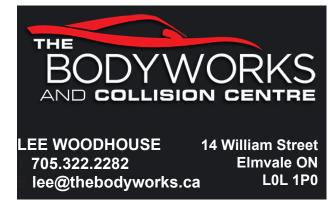
**Time**: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (drop-in)

Place: Midland Public Library (320 King St, Mid-

land ON L4R 3M6)

Room: Lower level (off Elizabeth St).

See the project website Yonge Street Reconstruction for more information. Following the event, the presentation information and the survey will be available on the project website.





Oct. 6, 2023 -

Dear Neighbours,

On September 18th, I returned to Ottawa for Parliament's fall session. I am happy to be back on Parliament Hill to represent your voices and discuss your views with my colleagues.

Amid rising costs of gas, groceries, and home heating. Conservatives are laser focused on delivering results that will bring home affordability for all Canadians.

To highlight a few examples, in September, my Conservative colleague MP Stephen Ellis' Bill C-323 passed second reading in the House of Commons and will now head to committee. In Canada today, counselling therapists and psychotherapists are the only regulated mental health service providers that must pay tax on their work. Bill C-323 will fix this imbalance by removing the federal tax on counselling therapists and psychotherapists. I've heard from several residents that this initiative will make a big impact on their family's finances.

My Conservative colleague MP Rosemarie Falk's

Private Member's Bill C-318 also recently passed second reading. MP Falk's bill seeks to create a new 15-week benefit for adoptive and intended parents through the Employment Insurance program. This new benefit will give the opportunity for a parent to stay home to care for their child, to bond, and to form healthy attachments within the first critical first year of their life or placement in a family. Conservatives know that time is a precious commodity, and we support giving adoptive and intended parents the time they deserve with their child.

At a time when countless Canadians are struggling with the current cost-of-living crisis, Conservatives are offering tangible solutions that will go a long way toward providing relief.

As always, my staff and I are available to discuss any federal matters that may be of concern to you and your family. Please do not he sitate to get in touch. Sincerely,

Doug Shipley Member of Parliament Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte

#### Innovation Hub

#### Economical Development – Midland, Penetanguishene, Tay, Tiny



Oct. 6, 2023 - The Chamber business after 5 meeting was full of business minds alike. The main speaker on Thursday Sept. 28 from 5-7 pm was Paul Marchildon and he spoke passionately on the upcoming conceptual Innovation Hub model. Le Cle in Penetanguishene was full, the food was great and there was a buzzing of people in business sharing stories, ideas and thoughts.

The Economic Hub will be a place where things happens, space for all to have equal access to, and an opportunity for industry changing innovators to nurture ideas.

#### The reasons why this Innovation Hub will be a great resource for business' are:

- Growth of Existing Businesses
- Attract & Grow New Businesses
- Foster Collaboration & Mentorship
- Improved Skills of Existing Staff
- Improved Engagement of Staff
- Innovation of Process and Product
- Associate our Region with Innovation • Provides a dedicated initiative for EDCNS

manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism.

The Pillars of Commerce are large, small and entrepreneur and start ups. There are form the advanced

The Innovation Hub can be like business ecosystem that connect people, opportunities, and ideas. The Sandbox in Barrie is quite similar to the business model of the Innovation Hub.

The Springwater News has an office in Elmvale but meetings will be conducted at least two days a week in Midland. Where does a business professional meet clients in a quiet atmosphere? An innovation hub would solve this. A coffee shop does work but lacks a lot of privacy and serenity. I can see large tables were meetings can take place, I can envision lots light and larger groups taking training that is coordinated from many companies like First Aid and all companies shared this expense and maybe the expense can be reduced through a innovation hub. WSIB and what ever mandatory training the government makes all employees take.

Companies can collaborate to share technology and ideas. It would be a space that is neutral group for business. We share the same problems and challenges and we can share the space for create solutions. It would be great to have a coffee shop for business

people to mingle.

The Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe is a non-profit organization incorporated by the Town of Midland, the Town of Penetanguishene, the Township of Tay and the Township of Tiny for the purpose of corroborative promoting the economic health and prosperity of North Simcoe.

For more information contact Paul Marchildon at paul@whatisleisure.com

By Linda Belcourt, Editor



#### It's Sweater Weather!

Embark on an autumn adventure in Midland! Explore the breathtaking fall foliage and take in the enchanting colours.

Visit Little Lake Park for a walk, support local in our downtown core, or enjoy a bike ride along the waterfront trail!

Visit our website and see what fall fun you can get up to our community!





**Thanksgiving Office Closure and Service Impacts** 

#### Closures on Monday, October 9, 2023

- Municipal Office will be closed
- Mid-Pen Transit Service will not be running.
- North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre will be closed

#### **Seasonal Closures**

#### **Harbour Closure**

The Town of Midland Harbour will be closed October 31, 2022. The Harbour will reopen April 2024. Washroom Closure

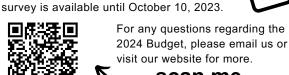
Town of Midland park washrooms will be closed after October 9, 2023, will reopen in Summer 2024.

#### 2024 Budget Survey - Live!

Have your say - we want to hear from you! Scan the QR Code or visit our website to complete the 2024 Budget Survey now. The











#### "In pursuit of quality of life"

#### Calling all Youth!

Are you a young individual aged 12-20, ready to make a difference in your community? The Town of Midland invites YOU to be a part of the Youth Advisory Committee!

#### What does this mean for you?

- Empower your voice and influence a bright future!
- Make an impact your ideas matter!
- · Gain and develop valuable skills

Apply online by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. Make sure your adult/caregiver helps you fill out the application form if you are under 18 years old!







#### **Contact Us - Report Online**

Need support when accessing Town services, requesting information, providing feedback or expressing a concern? We are here to help. Report online by scanning the QR code or visit our website!







#### **Upcoming Council Meetings**



2023

Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council meetings take place virtually and in person (hybrid) and can be viewed on RogersTV (cable 53) or on RogersTV live











#### **FREE Workshops Thanks TO HCF**

Through a generous grant from the Paul Fahey Endowment Fund at the Huronia Community Foundation, North Simcoe students and teachers will be able to access virtual STEM workshops "free of charge" through Scientists in School this fall. The workshops bring fun and relevant investigations that build critical thinking, creativity and problem solving skills for students and have proven to be very successful with teachers and students alike.

Photo below: Paul Fahey and Therese Jansen-Hudson Outreach and Development Specialist Scientists in School.



## Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund Midland

September 28, 2023 - Huronia Community Foundation (HCF) is excited to announce a new funding opportunity that will get more funds into our local community.

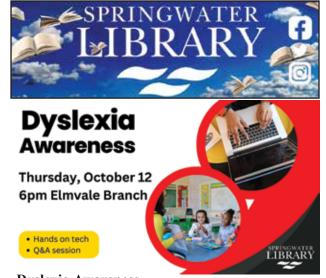
The Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund has been established by a resident family who wishes to improve the quality of life for those in our communities. The Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund will inject up to \$100,000 into our community by the end of the year. Following the priorities established by The North Simcoe and Area's Vital Signs® Report 2023, produced by HCF, the funder is looking for bold and innovative ideas that address Food Security, Education, Literacy and Training opportunities, Healthy Living Activities, Environmental Leadership, Promotion of Mental Health, or Creativity in Arts and Culture.

We are seeking submissions for project-based applications; priority will be given to start-ups and new initiatives. Any organization serving the communities of Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny Township, Tay Township, and Beausoleil First Nation, may be eligible for funding from the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund.

Funds up to \$10,000 are available to registered charities or other qualified donees. If you are a non-registered organization, please seek sponsorship from a registered charity.

Online applications to the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund will be received via our website until October 31st at 5:00 p.m. Application reviews will take place in November and all approved grants will be disbursed in December.

For more information, please visit our website at www.huroniacf.com or contact Huronia Community Foundation at: info@huroniacf.com Scott Warnock Executive Director Huronia Community Foundation



#### **Dyslexia Awareness**

Are you interested in learning about what resources can help with Dyslexia? Learn more from our partners: Centre for Equitable Library Access, Scanning Pens and Georgian College. There will be hands on products to see and try out at this event. Thursday October 12, 6pm at Elmvale Branch.

#### **Teen Games Night**

Bring your friends and try out some of the new games the Library has purchased for Teen Games Night. Tuesday October 17, 5:30pm at Elmvale Branch.

#### **Cricut Class**

In this two part class, learn how to make a project with heat transfer vinyl. Bring your own cotton Tshirt, 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.

#### **Wills and Estate Planning**

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.

#### **Vaccination Clinic**

There will be a pop up vaccination clinic on Thursday October 19, 10:30am-3pm at Elmvale Branch. Primary doses will be available for eligible people age 6 months+ and booster doses available for eligible people ages 5+. Appointments can be booked at https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine or by calling 1-833-943-3900. Walk ins accepted while supplies last.

#### NEW! Pajama Storytime

Join Kaitlyn for bedtime Storytime once a month! Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket or your favorElmvale Branch: 705 322-1482
Midhurst Branch: 705 737-5650
Minesing Branch: 705 722-6440
www.springwaterlibrary.on.ca
information, branch updates and our virtual
programs. Programs and Videos on Facebook and
YouTube (search Springwater Library)

ite 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.

#### **Creative Adults: Mandala Jewellery**

Connect with new or existing friends and have fun designing your own jewellery (pendant or earrings). All supplies will be provided. Monday October 23, 2pm-3:30pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: \$10. Registration required.

#### **Reading Buddies**

At Reading Buddies we have a reader's circle, one on one reading, and fun games. Reach your personal goal to win cool prizes! Sponsored by Moreau Family Law this six week program starts Tuesday October 24 at Midhurst Branch, 4:30pm - 5:30pm. For children 6-10 years old. Registration required. Limited to 10 spots.

#### **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.

#### **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. Fridays, 10:30am, Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

#### **Grenfel News** by June Everton

What a wonderful array of colours nature has provided for us this year It is nice to see people walking in their summer attire However, I think it will be coming to an end shortly.

Grenfel United Church has a friendship Hall for 60 people that is available to rent for showers, crafts or any event. No alcohol. For info call 705-790-4376.

Grenfel United Church has been worshipping in this community for 150 years On Sunday, Oct. 22 at 11 am, we are asking former members and friends to join us in this special celebration. Following the service we will have a time of renewing friendships with a light lunch and birthday cake For info call 705-790-4376.

Harris Farm Market has been booming this year with all their home grown vegetables, homemade

preserves, homemade baking.

Also available is great beef, milk,eggs etc Corn is still plentiful Tomatoes that you love for, one slice sandwiches, is coming to an end but other tomatoes are still available. Time to stock up for winter with their root vegetables, many kinds of potatoes, squash, and the biggest ever onions. Do not forget their homemade preserves and baked goods, pies,tarts, cookies, and loaves.

Come visit this great family farm where you are greeted with friendly smiles and help in getting your produce to your vehicle. We must not forget the hard working workers in the fields constantly picking your vegetables to get them fresh to the counters. Enjoy your food this winter





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#### **Enbridge Gas Assists Township of Tiny Fire and Emergency Services Department in Supporting Firefighter Training**



Tiny, ON, October 4, 2023 - Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is helping Township of Tiny Fire and Emergency Services Department purchase firefighting training materials, through Safe Community Project Assist-a program with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) that supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge Gas operates.

"At Enbridge Gas, safety is at the core of what we do. Providing support to Ontario firefighters with emergency response training, we're equipping the heroes of tomorrow to better protect the communities we live and work in-keeping them healthy and vibrant," says Michael Christensen, GTA West Region Operations Supervisor, Enbridge Gas.

This year's \$250,000 donation from Enbridge Gas will be shared by 50 Ontario fire departments, including the Township of Tiny Fire and Emergency Department. Funds are used to purchase educational materials to assist in training firefighters in life-saving techniques.

Since the launch of Safe Community Project Assist in 2012, 344 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

"Fire departments train every single day and that's why it's important for them to have access to the right materials to keep their members and the public safe. Safe Community Project Assist helps departments afford some of these training tools and improves the ongoing learning that occurs across Ontario," says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, and Chair of the FMPFSC.

"The Township of Tiny would like to thank Enbridge and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council for selecting our community for this grant and for their ongoing efforts towards carbon monoxide education and training through Project Assist," says Dave Flewelling, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief for the Township of Tiny.

Submitted by Jacqueline Brown, Communications Officer

#### Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Funded By HCF

Through a Smart and Caring Grant provided by the John and Jan MacIntyre Community Fund and the Tom and Lucille Gay Memorial Fund at the Huronia Community Foundation, Scientists in School will once again be able to provide complimentary STEM

workshops to children and youth across North Simcoe. The workshops focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and have been very well received by teachers and students alike over the years



Warnock Executive **Director Huronia** Community Foundation and Therese Jansen-Hudson Outreach and Development **Specialist Scientists in** School.

**Photo to left: Scott** 



#### **Ontario Celebrates Women's History Month**

October 05, 2023 - Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

TORONTO — Today, Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, released the following statement:

"This October, our government is proud to join Ontarians in celebrating Women's History Month. This is an opportunity to honour the contributions that women have made to their families, communities, and workplaces across the province. These women are an incredible source of inspiration for the next generation of women and girls who will continue challenging the status quo, advancing gender equality, and making Ontario a better place to live, work, and play for generations to come.

This year's theme, Through Her Lens: Celebrating the Diversity of Women, recognizes and spotlights the contributions of women from diverse backgrounds, including Indigenous, Francophone, racialized, rural, immigrant, and disabled women, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals.

Every day, women enrich Ontario with their unique experiences, knowledge, and perspectives. Whether they are innovating in the science and technology sectors, starting and running their own businesses, building homes for young families, educating the next generation of leaders, growing our food, or caring for our most vulnerable, the full participation of women is imperative to our province's present – and future.

Our government is taking action to help women and girls thrive at home, at work, and in their communities. This includes supporting affordable child care options, increasing exposure to STEM and skilled trades at an earlier age, making workplaces safer, and offering targeted training, skills development, and employment opportunities for women experiencing social and economic barriers to increase their participation in the workforce and gain financial security and independence, especially in sectors where they have been traditionally underrepresented.

This Women's History Month, I encourage Ontarians across the province to celebrate the outstanding achievements and significant contributions of women in shaping the Ontario we live in today. Let's continue working together to pave the way for more women and girls to achieve the success they deserve and make history in Ontario."







#### **FLOS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY 2023 AWARD WINNERS**

#### **Ambassador Contest:**

Winner: Hope Graham 1st Runner-up: Olivia Northrup 2nd Runner-up: Alexi Seili

<u>Jr. Ambassador Contest:</u> Winner: Jenna Coughlin

1st Runner-up: 2nd Runner-up:

**Best Rural Display:** 

Winner: Steve & Nicole Nahuis 2nd : Kylie & Alicia Spence

3rd TIE – Amy Spence & Marlene Lambie

#### **Residential Decorating Contest:**

Winner: Karen Locke & Brian Lambie

2nd: Darlene McLean 3rd: Sherree Buchanan

Merit:

**Business Decorating Contest:** Winner: **BounceBack Physio** 2nd: Four Corner Tea Room 3rd: Waterbed Gallery Merit: Steeler's

#### **Junior Fair:**

Most points Classes 1 – 56: Molly Wiens Most points Classes 57 – 121: Annie Stroud Most points classes 171 – 223: Addison Cline

#### **Elementary Student accumulating the most points**

Winner: Molly Wiens 2nd place: Allie Wiens Hon Mention: Adison Cline

#### **Junior Pedal Tractor Pull**

Class 1 winner: Alex Auger Class 2 winner: Ryan Spring Class 3 winner: Tave Cobbett Class 4 winner: Gunner Ververs

Bicycle Draw: (Donated by Elmvale & District Ma-

ple Syrup Committee) Winner: Calvin Parnell

**Sheep Show:** 

**Overall Grand Champion Ram** Winner: Lauren Cowan, Innisfil

**Overall Grand Champion Ewe** Winner: Olivia Schlosser, Hanover

**Champion Market Lambs** 

Winner: Mary Robertson, Phelpston

Overall Grand Champion Breeder's Flock AND Get of Sire Winner: Lauren Cowan

**Top Youth Showperson:** 

Junior - Lauren Cowan Senior - Olivia Schlosser

**Things From the Past:** 

Best Antique entry: **David Archer** – Historical plate



BR 262 Fall Fair ticket draw. \$500.00 prize

Winner: Meg Kenney



#### **4-H Achievement Day:**

Beef Club:

Champion Calf: Amber Montgomery Champion Yearling: Faith Walker Champion Showperson: Faith Walker Res Champion Showperson: Brody Cramp

Elmvale Dairy Club:

Grand Champion Animal: Cameron Robertson Reserve Grand Champion: Beth Robinson Champion Showperson: Sydney Robinson Res Champion Showperson: Cameron Robertson

Overall Grand Champion Showperson: Faith Walker, Elmvale Beef

Reserve Grand Champion Showperson: Sydney Robinson

#### **Domestic Science:**

Exhibitor winning the most points in the Domestic Science Section, sponsored by PineRitch Fur farm

Winner: Peggy French

#### **Handcrafts:**

Elaine Parnell Memorial Quilt of the Fair,:

Winner: Sandra Upton Bea Lambie Memorial Quilt Winner: Marilyn Buie

Exhibitor winning the most points in the Handcraft Section -Ricky Hummelink Memorial:

Winner: Linda Marchant

<u>Grain & Forage</u>: Exhibitor with the highest points-\$100 Gift Cert from Holmes Agro:

Winner: Aaron Martin

#### Field & Garden Produce

Exhibitor with the highest points Winner: Linda Marchant

#### **Beef Show:**

#### **OVERALL CHAMPIONS:**

Grand Champion Bull & Grand Champion Fe-

Winner: Medonte Highlands

Grand Champion Breeder's Herd: Winner: John Vancise **Grand Champion Get-of-Sire:** Winner: Medonte Highlands

Jacob Martin memorial Banner: Best Cow-calf pair

-British breeds.

Winner: William Mcniven

#### **Dairy Show:**

#### **Class 15: Holsteins**

Champion Jr Female: Grace Finch Reserve Jr Female: Robins Holsteins Champion Sr Female: Arway Farms Reserve Champion Sr Female: Robins Holsteins Best Udder & Best Herd: Arway Farms Exhibitors' Sweepstakes; \$100 cash Winner: Arway Farms

#### **Parade Winners:**

Church: Elmvale Presbyterian Church Community Entry: Neighbour Farmers & Friends Family entry: McLaughlin Farms

#### **Heavy Horse Show:**

Best Horse on the Grounds: **Kent Bruce - percheron Best Team: Kent Bruce** 

#### **Business Decorating Contest:**

Winner: BounceBack Physio



#### Many Thanks for a W

What a fair weekend it was! Such an amazing showcas tertainment, making our legendary Fall Fair a success!



To our Board of Directors, shown above, your commitment to the Flos Agricultural Society is strong. Thanks for making time throughout the entire year to gather and share ideas, promoting agriculture for the community we all love. Editor's Note: To show the dedication given to the fair, this article was sent in at 2 am Monday morning following the fair. Thanks Brenda!



To our Sponsors & Partners, we wouldn't be able to host such an incredible event of this caliber without you! Thank you for believing in our vision and your continued support as we navigate the future of the fair is paramount.

By Brenda Munshaw, President







#### **Residential Decorating Contest:**

Winner: Winner: Karen Locke & Brian Lambie



#### onderful Fair Weekend

e of stunning exhibits, fun activities and astounding en-It truly takes a 'village' to accomplish such greatness...



To our Volunteers, you continue to do an amazing job keeping the Elmvale Fall Fair on track. You graciously give your time over the Thanksgiving weekend assisting from set-up, and 7 days later clean-up and everything in between.

Photo above (LtoR): JR Fair Highest Points Winner, Molly Wiens, and Board Volunteer Linda Murray



To our Exhibitors & Guests, thank you to all the families, friends and guests who choose to include the Elmvale Fall Fair as a part of their Thanksgiving weekend festivities. We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Flos Agricultural Society - Oct. 9, 2023.





#### 2023 Mary Bertram Memorial Baby Show At 161st Elmvale Fall Fair



Photo above: the Sweepstakes Winner for 2023: L-R Hope Graham, 2023-2024 Senior Ambassador Elmvale Fall Fair, Rachel Green, mother of Sweepstake Winner, Rayne Green, of Stayner, and Jane Lees, Chairperson. By Jane Lees

The "Mary Bertram Memorial Baby Show" was once again a success at the Elmvale Fall Fair, held Friday, October 6th. There was a great turnout with 31 babies registered in the show, amongst the 3 classes.

In the first class, 0-6 months, the winners were (1) Noah Craddock, 4 months, Elmvale (2) Joel Iacurci, 9 weeks, Petawawa (3) Silas Kent, 5 months, Elmvale

In the second class, 6-12 months, the winners were (1) Rayne Green, 10 months, Stayner (2) Lucy Hunter, 10 months, Minesing (3) Willis Marshall, 11 months, Elmvale.

In the third class, 12-18 months, the winners were (1) Henry Fish, 16 months, Collingwood (2) Lennon May Hallyburton, 13 months, Elmvale (3) Theodore Hall, 14 months, Tiny.

The prize for the youngest babies went to Kenneth Harvey of Collingwood & William Audette, of Tiny The Sweepstakes winner of the "Mary Bertram Memorial" plaque was Rayne Green of Stayner, daughter of Rachel Green.

A big thank you goes out to the moms/dads, friends

& relatives that entered babies in the show. Without them, the show would not happen.

A very Special Thank you goes out to the following Business' and individuals that donated gifts for the Show: Elm Flower Shoppe, Yonge St. S., Elmvale, Scotiabank, Barrie Financial Centre, 44 Collier St., Barrie, Essentials Salon, 19 Queen St. W., Elmvale, TD/Canada Trust, Sharon Emmett, Wasaga Beach, Fleming Electric, Elmvale, Century Masonry, Elmvale, Scottland Tire & Auto, Barrie, Foodland, Yonge St. N., Elmvale, Babies R Us, Bayfield St. N., Barrie, Jim & Jacquie Spence, Elmvale, Superior Facility Services, Yonge St. S., Elmvale, Pat Fergusson (Booth), Broker Sutton Group, Barrie, McLaren Equipment, Horseshoe Valley Rd. & Highway 27, Phelpston, Sophisticated Stitching, Victoria Harbour, Northern Automotive Solutions, Phelpston, Klink's A Team Mechanical, Elmvale, The Old Corner Store, Hillsdale, Simcoe Stonecraft & Masonry, Elmvale, Norwex ~ Nancy Adams-Lefaive, Wyebridge, Four Corner Tea Room, Elmvale, Motivationz Fitness, Elmvale, Pharmasave, Elmvale and The Flos Agricultural Society, Elmvale.









#### North Simcoe Fastball League

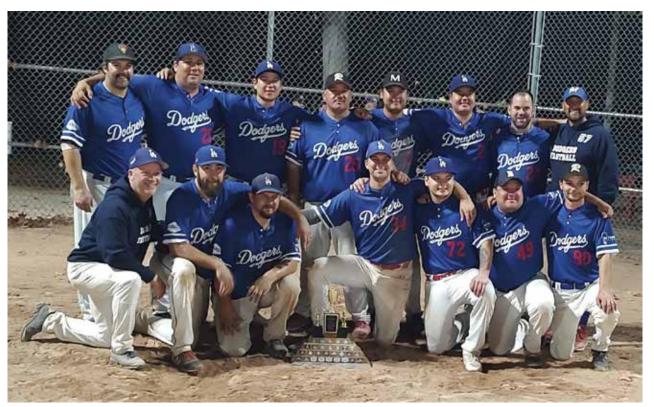


Photo above: Tay Dodgers the North Simcoe Fastball League Champions for 2023 Season.

The fifth and deciding game between the Tay Dodgers and Minesing Mallards for the North Simcoe Fastball league was held in Victoria Harbour on Monday October 2.

The Tay Dodgers came away victorious 12 to 2 led by the pitching of Denny Benson and home runs by Jeff Schilling and Brayden Parent. Tay took an early lead in the first inning, taking control of the game in their second at bat.

Rob Milligan head coach of the Tay Dodgers, who plays out of Victoria Harbour and Waubaushene, was happy with the contribution of all of his batting order. Pitcher Denny Benson was intentionally walked every time he came to bat.

Denny had a great season playing for the national champs; the Toronto Batman. He is also on the Canada 40-man roaster for the national team.

By Brian Belcourt, reporter



Photo above: Minesing Mallards, the North Simcoe Fastball League Runner Ups for 2023 Season.



Photo above: Coach Rob Milligàn accepting championship trophy on behalf of the Tay Dodgers.





# Smash Hit Broadway Musicals, Heartwarming Comedies, and Holiday Family Fun Set to Lift Spirits in 2024

Oct. 5, 2023 - The King's Wharf Theatre has announced its 2024 Season featuring four productions spanning the summer and fall. Blockbuster musicals, delightful comedies, and some good old rock 'n roll will entertain audiences from June 6 to November 23.

"This is an exciting season filled with entertaining shows for theatregoers at every stage of life," says Alex Mustakas, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. "From hit Broadway musicals like Jersey Boys, to laugh-a-minute comedies, and the beloved annual panto, there really is something for the whole family."

King's Wharf Theatre
Rock of Ages (June 6 to June 30)
Steel Magnolias (July 11 to July 28)
Jersey Boys (August 8 to September 1)
A Christmas Carol: The Panto (November 6 to November 23)



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# IT WORKS - Want Your Hair Back? Organic Hair Growth Conditioner

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#### Roasted Pumpkin Soup - A Fall Favourite

A nice alternative to butternut squash soup, this healthy, vegan recipe is perfect for the month of October when there are sugar pie pumpkins aplenty in local grocery stores. Much to the surprise of many, roasted pumpkin soup can also be made with the

flesh leftover from your Halloween pumpkin carving creations. Although, the flesh from Halloween pumpkins is not nearly as flavourful, they are perfectly edible and using them in this recipe is a great way to reduce food waste. The trick is to ramp up the spices when using Halloween pumpkins and this recipe does just that.



#### **INGREDIENTS**

• 3-to-4-pound (1.4-1.8 kg) whole pumpkin (carving or sugar pie) or 2 to 3 cups (500-750 ml) pumpkin



We had spent a lovely time exploring Nova Scotia, but decided to head out a day early to avoid the hurricane that was to be a direct hit on my cousin's home. His wife Kristie tempted us with hurricane chips and the excitement of a massive storm, but we decided to pass and head

across the Bay of Fundy on the last ferry of the evening. I was tempted by the hurricane chips, with my imagination running wild with visions of fries covered in gravy or chili, only to be disappointed to find out it is regular chips from the local store, just lots of them to get you through the power outages. Thanks, but no thanks, as I can eat those same chips without the threat of 120 km winds ripping the roof off my

We left my cousin and his family to hunker down and wished them well, while we headed down to Digby in thick fog to catch the Fundy Rose to New Brunswick. I had expected this to be a sightseeing trip, however the thick fog obscured anything beyond a few feet from the ferry, and after two plus hours we arrived in New Brunswick without seeing a thing. It was only the low drone of the engines that convinced me that we had moved at all. It was now late in the evening, and we searched for a restaurant to have dinner. Now, I had promised my husband that our last east coast meal would be seafood for him. Not for me, as I am anaphylactic to shellfish. Off to Billy's Seafood, which is a lovely fine dinning experience....for most people. As for me, I hugged my three EpiPen's close as the dinners next to me cracked into their large lobsters, sending death chunks flying in my direction as I attempted to dodge the lobster globs. The waiter was visibly upset to find out about my allergy and reminded me that this was a seafood restaurant. Umm, Yep, I know. Off he went to talk to the chef and came back to inform us that the chef was anxious about his ability to offer a shellfish free meal to me. I expressed my confidence in both the chef and waiter and was rewarded with a delicious chicken meal while my husband enjoyed his lobster. Thanks to the very frequent handwashing of the staff and the attention to my allergy, I was perfectly fine and want to thank the staff for

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#### Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

puree (canned)

- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 large or 2 medium white onions, chopped
- 2 large or 3 medium carrots, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) gar-
- 2 teaspoons (10 ml) chopped fresh sage or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) dried sage
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) pumpkin pie spice or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) ground ginger and a pinch of nutmeg
- 1 cup (250 ml) coconut milk, full fat
- 4-6 cups (1000-1500 ml) chicken or vegetable
- 1-2 tablespoons (15-30 ml) pure maple syrup to taste, optional
- Pinch cayenne pepper, optional
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- Toasted pumpkin seeds, chives or green onions to

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Scrape the flesh out of your pumpkin and aim for at least 2 cups (500 ml) of flesh.
- 2. Heat oil in a stock pot and add the chopped onions and carrots. Cook on the stove on medium heat until the carrots are somewhat softened and the onions are translucent.
- 3. Add the garlic, sage, pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg. Cook for another 2 minutes while stirring.

- 4. Add the coconut milk, stock and pumpkin and mix to combine. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until the pumpkin and carrots are tender.
- 5. Stir in the maple syrup to slightly sweeten, if desired.
- 6. To make the soup smooth, use a hand blender or put the soup in batches in a regular blender. Return to the stock pot if using a regular blender.
- 7. Taste and add salt and pepper and a pinch of cayenne, if using. To correct the seasoning, add more sage, pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg, if necessary.
- 8. Serve the soup hot with a garnish of toasted pumpkin seeds or thinly sliced chives or green onions.

Enjoy!

Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian.

For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows. nutrition@outlook.com.

#### Did You Know?

Pumpkin of all varieties are filled with fibre and their bright orange colour showcases their impressive content of vitamin A in the form of carotenoids. Vitamin A is important for healthy vision and good immune function. Powerhouse pumpkin is also a good source of vitamins C, B1, B3, B6, folate and the minerals copper, calcium, phosphorus and potassium.

#### **Bearbells** by Leslie Noonan



accommodating my needs, which I have never asked a restaurant to do before. It is always a great dining experience when no one needs to be stabbed with a large needle containing epinephrine!

The fog continued and only grew thicker as we left Saint John and headed to Bangor Maine. Visibility was often limited to a few feet on the major highways, and I had some tense moments as I followed a transport, hoping it would lead me the right way while clearing the road of any wildlife. Early in the morning I decided that I need to stop and rest, and I pulled into a small parking area next to a community center hoping to catch a few hours of sleep. So here we are, in a thick fog winding its tendrils around our car like a living being, near Steven King's home, in the middle of the night, and a demon begins to scream outside our car as it circles our vehicle several times before heading off into that unnatural fog. Sleep? No, no sir, no way. For perspective, do an internet search for fox mating screams, play it loud in the dark with all the lights off, and tell me that it is not terrifying!

The faint glow of the early morning sun had us moving on to Bangor for gas. At least, that is what we expected to get when we pulled up to the pumps. However, I was distraught to find that none of my cards would work, and neither would any of my husbands. After standing in line for several minutes

and holding up other customers, I left the store in tears, unsure how we would get any money for gas or get back to Ontario. This is when Karma steps in and restores my faith in paying it forward. Sitting in my car with tears streaming down my face, while my husband is on the phone with our banks, a hero steps up to our car window and hands me sixty American dollars, enough gas money to get back to Canada. Thank you, sir, I only wish I had been more on the ball and had got your email, or even a name. I only hope you see the letter to the editor that I sent to the Bangor news paper. Your kindness will not be

After filling up with gas and getting some snacks to tide us over, we set our navigation for the shortest route to Canada. Dumbest idea I have ever had. The shortest route consists of small winding roads leading us through the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire. Not the tourist areas, but area of no houses, mountains, and fiddle music playing in my head. The Notch, however, is a spectacular mountain area through Vermont leading towards Quebec. This is a hiker's paradise, with multiple side trails for hiking. Often the waterfalls are only a short five-minute walk from the main road. I would love to come back to this area to explore it further, only when I have gas and a working bank card.

We did make it to the very small border crossing into Quebec, where the border officer heard our story with astonishment and just waved us through to Canada with minimal questions. From there we headed to Cornwall, and I found a TD bank to find out what had gone so wrong with our debit cards. Apparently, our bank card chips had been shredded by a machine somewhere along the way. Yikes, and now to decide if we should head back to the States to the Air BNB in the Adirondacks we had paid for or just head home after our exhausting trip. Yes, you know me well,

and it is off to Adironthe dacks for our advennext ture!

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Wasn't that an unbelievable stretch of weather that we just had? Warm, almost August like temperatures that came in just under 30 degrees. Clear skies with minimal wind that allowed the trees to show off their fall colours. There was no rain for 16 days in a row and that allowed our farmers to work on getting their crops off the fields. Of course, mother nature rules what we got and this past Thanksgiving weekend demonstrated that we are subject to her whims. Let's hope that the rest of our fall is what we know as seasonable and we don't get that dreaded four letter word, snow, too soon or too much.

The weather was nothing short of excellent for the 3rd annual Artisans Crafters Fair on September 30. Over 30 vendors showed up displaying their wares to a large crowd of people who came by for the entire time. Quite often at shows the last hour gets very slow and the vendors are looking to pack up their items and head home. That wasn't the case this year as shoppers came up to the end. The vendors all donated a door prize and some lucky people got rewarded for coming with some very nice gifts. Many early shoppers took advantage of the pancake breakfast and as a result of their generosity and that of a couple of local businesses, over \$500 was donated to the Elmvale and District Food Bank to help support their efforts in bringing food stability to those in need. Thanks Roslyn for stepping forward and leading this event and to all the volunteers who assisted.

The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association was pleased that they were able to launch their Anten Mills Collection clothing line at the event. This is an incredible opportunity to wear your neighbourhood with pride with the collection of tshirts, long sleeve t-shirts, crew neck sweaters and hoodies and help support CRA activities. The design, showing our present Anten Mills community, is forefront and when wearing it if someone asks where you live, you can just point to your location on what you have on. These are top quality clothes that range in the very reasonable price points between \$13 for a t-shirt to \$27 for a soft and well made hoodie. The great part of this is that for every item sold, \$5 will

#### **ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon**

come back to the CRA in order that they can continue to offer events for the family as they have for some time. Orders are taken online and there are a number of colours available for the items as well as multiple sizes. Pickup for each item will be in Anten Mills, no shipping, and a number of pickup dates are being arranged. To check out these great items, go to https:antenmills.justadd10.com and order your items today. More information is available on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page as well.

With Thanksgiving behind us, many in the community will be getting ready for Halloween. Homes will be decorated, some more so than others, and a group from the community is getting ready for two major Halloween events at the end of the month. Adults it's going to be your turn for some fun as the first Anten Mills CRA Witches and Warlocks Walk takes place on Friday, October 27. The walk, for all those who like to dress up as a witch or warlock, will start at 7PM at the intersection of Laddies Lane and Pinery and walk to the community centre. There, from 7:30 to 10:30 you can dance or just enjoy the company of your friends and neighbours and listen to live music being provided by the band Bombshell. BBQ hot dogs and bavarian sausage will be available along with limited refreshments. No alcohol will be sold. Cash donations will be accepted to help offset the event so please give generously. Then on Sunday, October 29, from 11AM to 1PM it's the kids' time. At the community centre there will be games, pumpkin carving, photo booth, loot bags and much more for them to enjoy. The children are encouraged to wear their costume and it will be a fun filled couple of hours. Looking back in our archives, this is at least the 7th and most likely the 10th Halloween party for the kids. As is the great part about our community, a number of people have come forward to lead this event over the years and we are thankful for their support. Crystal has a great group involved in planning this year's activities and we appreciate what they are doing. As we try to do with most of our events, the CRA supports the Elmvale and District Food Bank. For this event the admission is a donation to the food bank. More

information will be on the Facebook page and a list of the food bank needs will be posted as well. Please remember to help those in need with your grateful donations.

Noted in the last column, our Christmas in the Village will occur the weekend of December 9 and 10. If you participated last year an email will be coming your way reminding you of the events. If you didn't join in the fun, why not try to this year. Much more information will be coming in the near future.

That's all for this week, as always, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.





#### WYEVALE COMMUNITY NEWS By Karen Moreau

**Food Bank:** The first Sunday of the month @ the Wyevale 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.

**Church**: The office of the Wyevale 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 basses.

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

**YOUTH GROUP:** Next Meeting is on Friday October 27th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For further into call Pat Smith @ 705-543-9043.

**PLAY GROUP:** Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Contact Pat Smith for further information @ 705-543-9043.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: November 4th Wyevale 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.

We are sorry to hear the news of the passing of Rev. Bev Irwin on Sunday October 8th 2023. Beloved partner of the late Rev. Heather Graham.

Next submission date for this report is October 22th 2023.



Photo above: Karen Moreau's great-grand-daughter GeneVieve celebrating her 2nd birthday on Tuesday. She is pictured her with her mother Catherine and Great-Grandmother taken October 8th while celebrating her birthday with family.

## Youth Wellness Hub Gets \$1,000 Grant

The North Simcoe Youth Wellness Hub which offers a wide range of services to youth ages 12-25 at the right time and in the right place have received a generous grant of \$ 1,000 from the Bimbombay Memorial Fund at Huronia Community Foundation. The fund was established by Jane Courtemanche in memory of her son Duncan. The annual grant is used to support local programs that provide much needed support for youth in our area struggling with mental health issues.



Photo above: Jane (second from the right ) are staff and youth from the North Simcoe Youth Wellness Hub in Midland

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#### **HEY DADS!**

Oct. 12, 2023 - Happy belated Thanksgiving! Did you get some turkey? Maybe some ham? Maybe two or three? My best Thanksgivings were made up of three Thanksgiving dinners, maybe even four once or twice. If we played our cards right we'd have turkey Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday! We'd visit my family, my wife's family, grandparents set one and grandparents set two. Much thanks were given. Those were glorious weekends. Those were not weight-loss weekends.

This year we traveled west for Thanksgiving. Far west. For three days. To Saskatchewan. We loaded up most of our crew for a road trip half-way across Canada. What made this drive more exciting than some of our other adventures was a two-year-old potty training. If you've ever trained a child in this area you've probably got some messy stories. If you've ever trained a child in this area while driving across the country you've either got some messy stories or a lot of extra stops on the way. We had a lot of stops.

When do you decide to stop for a child who says they need to use the facilities? After they ask once? Twice? Ten times? When they start crying? When they start peeing? Ask some of your friends and you'll probably hear some creative solutions to this problem. Diapers, pull-ups, pop bottles, pots, mobile potty systems or open doors. That last option may also require more stops to wash your vehicle making it a time-losing proposition.

Speaking of time, I think most dads are like me, trying to beat the GPS estimated time of arrival. Aren't we constantly calculating how long this stop will add to our trip? Or considering if it's worth the risk of a speeding ticket if we drive 10% faster than the posted speed limit? Doing that should cut our time down by 10% right? We then do the math based on a 60-minute hour and trimming off 6 minutes each hour to calculate how much earlier we will arrive. Surely I'm not the only guy doing these calculations over and over in my head!

The nice thing about parts of northern Ontario and some western provinces is they've got awesome speed limits like 110 km/h and even 120 km/h on some of their roads! These do cause a bit of confusion for our time and speed calculations but there's lots of time to think and calculate while you're driving. Until you hear the dreaded time-losing statement from your two-year-old, "I have to go pee!" I kid you not! We were driving out of the parking lot of one of our bathroom stops and I hear her. "Daddy, I have to go to the bathroom." Her seatbelt literally just clicked shut! So then we play the distraction game. Car games, audio books, actual books and

singing songs (her favorite is "Happy Birthday") help take one's mind off of one's situation. Sometimes it works and sometimes we pull over on the side of the road.

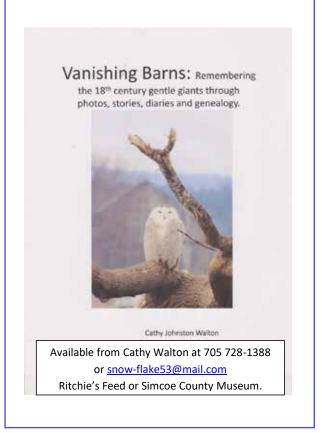




Believe it or not we made it all the way to Saskatchewan without any wet incidents in any van seats. That's a win! And there was turkey and ham for us when we got there. Win-win! So dads if you can take your minds off the time calculations for a few minutes try and make some memories on the journey. Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the rest stops.

Jason Weening is putting a lot of kilometers on his van full of nine kids and one cute wife. For more dad-ventures check out heydads.ca.





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 <a href="mailto:snow-flake53@mail.com">snow-flake53@mail.com</a>.

Concession 10, N 1/2 Lot 1, Vespra Township 3405 Highway 26, Springwater Township

Owners John and Wendy (DeJong) Ploeg Keith and Lois (Jamieson) Rowell Harry and Agnes (Priest deceased) and Pearl (Priest) Rowell 2nd wife 1906-1952 farmed by Jane Ann Rowell and her sons after James died in 1896 1896-1906 ~1868 James Rowell bought Alvin Johnston's

James and Jane Ann (Maw) Rowell 1866 bought Concession 10 W 1/2 Lot 1 1866 Alvin Johnston owned Concession 10, E ½ Lot 1, partly cleared

Barn: built before 1896 Dimensions: 36 x 56 enlarged in 1901 to 36 x 88'

Features: hewn with broad ax Material: timbers are pine Water Source: drilled well in 1898

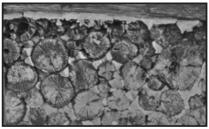
James Rowell came to Minesing from England in 1866. He cleared the 50 acres. The original artesian well had a 2 inch casing and was 190 feet. A new artesian well is also 190 feet

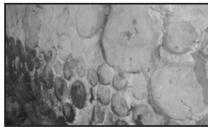
new piglets as they were born. Wendy had worked as a dairy maid in Holland where she cleaned milk cans with sand and cold water. Ploegs soon had seven cows. The cream was kept in the well and shipped in cans to Bessie's in Stavner once a week. In 1968 Bessie's dairy was sold and cream was switched to industrial milk which was stored in milk tanks and picked up every other day. Today they milk 80 cows with milk shipped to Toronto. Present crops include hay, barley, corn, soy beans and

John and Wendy Ploeg, A History of the Community of Minesing p. 120, Minesing



Concession 10, N ½ Lot 1, Vespra Township 3405 Highway 26, Springwater Township





The foundation was a combination of cedar block and stone construction



The pine beam was hand hewn prior to 1896.



#### **Bid Euchre**

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm Every Monday.

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**Midland Bridge Club** 

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**Good Vibes** 

church.

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

**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** 

Indoor Pickleball Sun. at 2pm, Wed, at 4:30 pm, and Friday at 4pm. All levels are welcome. Thursdays from 11:30 to 12:30 for Beginner Line Dancing - Thurs. 11:10-12:30pm 2000 Tiny Beaches Road South, Woodland Beach in Tiny, Ontario 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 Legion, 7 John Street Elmvale 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

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Thur. Elmvale Presbyterian Church – 9am (Very

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

(North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial Arena, Brian Orser Lounge, 2nd floor. 61 Maria St. For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

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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

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#### Community Events

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GANARASKA HIKING CLUB.-Wasaga Beach
Weekly, Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am at various

locations., year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes Sunday 1:30pm from a park near Foodland, WB. Weekly, Monday morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal. Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

Elmvale 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** 

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#### **One Time Events**

#### **Pumkinferno**

Oct. 4 to 29th at Discovery Harbour

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#### **Meet the Spirits**

October 13 2023, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tour the St. James on the Lines Cemetery to encounter the many spirits of Penetanguishene and discover the significant history of the church! \$10.00 per person. Pre-registration is required and opens August 29th, 2023.

#### A Tribute to The Song Remains the Same & Led Zeppelin

Oct. 13 2023, 8pm to 11pm at MCC

Zepology: Zepology. Capturing the essence of the members of Led Zeppelin, Zepology assimilates their best live performance of their 1973 Live Album, "The Song Remains The Same" and other epic live and studio recordings.

Tickets: Floor \$35 +tax & fees; Balcony \$40 + tax

#### **Elevation Realty Halloween extravaganza!** October 21, 2023 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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#### 70s, 80s, 90s Music Trivia

Saturday October 21, 2023, 6:30pm-10:30pm

Midland Cultural Centre, 333 King St., Midland This is a fun evening of group trivia competition, live music and dancing, hors d'oeuvres, a photo booth, plus a silent auction. All proceeds go to support LIfe4Kids Canada. Tickets: \$75 are available at the



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Midland Cultural Centre box office

#### 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.

#### **Roast Beef Dinner**

Sat. Oct. 28, 2023 - Take out Style

Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Road, Midhurst Dinners can be picked up at the church drive-thru at your scheduled time. COST: \$30.00 (plus Eventbrite Ticket fee). TICKETS: https://www.eventbrite.com Phone: Liz at 705-722-7208

#### A Victorian Christmas Gift & Craft Show Saturday November 4, 2023, 10am-4pm

North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre, 527 Len Self Blvd, Midland

There will be 24 amazing local vendors selling crafts and gifts ranging from stained glass, woodwork, pottery, jewelry and much more! There will also be raffles and refreshments, with all event proceeds helping animals in need in our community.

Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Tickets are available at The Pebble Tree, The Catnip Dispensary and The Midland & DIstrict Animal Centre.

#### **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.

#### **Christmas Dance Elmvale Legion**

Nov. 25, 2023 8-11pm

Live band, "The Mugs" - 60's-90's Classic Rock \$5 at door

705-322-1042 for info

#### Masons Double Impact For New MRI



Photo above: Jesse Dees, senior key relationships officer, accepts a cheque from the members of Bayport Masonic Lodge. From June 23 to August 11, 2023, Bayport Lodge and its members, matched donations to the Georgian **Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation** MRI Fund, up to a total of \$50,000. The challenge resonated with the community and inspired local businesses, individuals and another local masonic group to donate \$50,300 in just





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Real Estate Auction, Tiny, ON. (Oct. 5-19)

Selling a partial build home and large workshop (framed, roofed and plywood sided buildings with septic and well).

- Cast Iron Acres Dispersal Sale, Rockwood (Oct. 15-19)
- Fulton Moving Sale, Puslinch (Oct. 22-26)



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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Springwater Village – Minister Zoning Order Application (742 Bayfield Street North, Springwater)

**Public Information Centre (PIC)** (MZO 2023-002)

There will be a Public Information Centre (PIC) held on Monday, November 13th, 2023 from 6:30P.M. to 9P.M. for a Minister's Zoning Order application that will be held virtually via a Microsoft Teams meeting using the following link: https://bit.ly/3ZMrNHM.

The Minister's Zoning Order (MZO 2023-002) application proposes the development of a masterplanned community in the Township of Springwater consisting of a medical campus, mixed-use buildings, single detached dwellings, semi detached dwellings, stacked and traditional townhomes, tiny homes, farmers market and outdoor pavilion, four season outdoor amenity space, affordable housing units, condominium/hotel and apartments.

The purpose of the application is to expediate the approval of the proposed application through the CHIA/MZO process. The application aims to create a complete community that meets local housing needs, provides healthcare services and sustainable food and recreational opportunities for residents. Please contact Innovative Planning Solutions via email at info@ipsconsultinginc.com with the subject line "Public Information Center - 742 Bayfield Street North MZO 2023-002" or contact Kevin Bechard at Innovative Planning Solutions via phone at 705-812-3281 if you have any comments or questions. The property is municipally known as 742 Bayfield Street North. The land is located in the Township of Springwater south of Bayfield Street North and Carson Road intersection and has an area of 41.9 hectares (103.5 acres) as shown in the map below.



#### **Public Information Centre (PIC)**

Date: Monday, November 13th, 2023

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Meeting ID: 289 001 967 75 Link to the meeting https://bit.ly/3ZMrNHM

Call in (audio only) -+1 437-747-0431 (Enter Phone Conference ID: 928 674 509#)

#### Introducing... FRIENDS OF SARA VISTA

Oct. 3, 2023 - Friends of Sara Vista is a non-profit organization composed of volunteers from our community who have made many "wishes", of the residents and staff, come true at Sara Vista Long-Term Care Home in Elmvale. "The Friends" gratefully accept monetary donations which are used to provide equipment, services, and other assistance that will enhance the environment and lifestyle of all of the residents and staff at Sara Vista.

"Wishes" that have been fulfilled would not have been possible without the financial support of family, friends and community members who have made generous memorial donations in honour of a loved one who resided at Sara Vista. Donations can also be made "in kind" or "in honour" of someone special. You may wish to make a donation to The Friends of Sara Vista in recognition of a staff member who has made a difference in the care of your loved one.

Here are a few WISHES that did come true!!!!!

Enclosed the front porch to make a Sunroom Purchased TV, Stand, Wii Console & Vari-

ous Games

- Purchased Electric Piano
- Purchased two Garden Gazebos for staff
- Cupboards in the Activity Room
- Purchased new Patio Furniture
- Purchased three Butterfly Tables
- Purchased a Fireplace
- Purchased two Transport Wheelchairs
- Treated all Residents and Staff with ice cream by means of having an ice cream truck come to Sara Vista
- Purchased a BBQ

All donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent to:

Friends of Sara Vista c/o Sara Vista LTC 27 Simcoe St. Elmvale, On LOL 1P0 by Karen Locke

#### **Midhurst Scarecrow Contest!**

This contest has been a tradition of family fun and community spirit for over a decade, and helps to celebrate the agricultural roots of our community. Residents and businesses alike take part each year by building and decorating a scarecrow for the entire neighbourhood to see. Online voting garners attention from around the region and the top entries receive a prize of a gift certificate to a local business. Want to take part?

#### Here are the details:

- 1. Build and decorate a scarecrow on your front lawn, front porch, or in front of your business.
- 2. Take a photo and submit it in one of three categories (Funny, Scary, or Traditional) by October 27 at midnight—either email it to info@villageofmidhurst.ca or submit it via the form at villageofmidhurst.ca/scarecrow
- 3. From Saturday, October 28 to Sunday, October 29, vote on our website for your favourite scarecrow in each category and best overall.

4. Prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category and for bestoverall:

1st place – \$20 gift certificate 2nd place – \$15 gift certificate 3rd place – \$10 gift certificate

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#### **OPP REPORT**

#### HURONIA WEST OPP LAY SEVERAL CHARGES OVER THE LONG WEEKEND

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW AND SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIPS, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were busy patrolling, conducting enforcement, and educating over the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Between Friday, October 6 - Monday, October 9, 2023, members from the Huronia West OPP laid a total of 390 traffic related charges. Officers conducted traffic enforcement with a focus on the "Big Four" which include impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, and lack of seatbelt use. Additionally, officers performed several R.I.D.E. spot checks throughout the area.

The following list includes some of the charges laid over the long weekend:

- · Speeding 202 charges
- · Seatbelt 9 charges
- · Distracted Driving 5 charges
- · Impaired Driving 4 charges
- · Stunt Driving 3 charges
- Other 121 charges

our communities safe.

The Huronia West OPP would like to thank all of the community members who obey the laws and work with the police and other emergency responders to help keep the roads, trails, and waterways safe. Thank you to all the hard-working officers last weekend for their efforts and dedication in keeping

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.crimestopperssdm.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

#### **OPP and CAFC - Information Bulletin on Investment Scams During Cyber Month**

(MIDLAND,ON)- Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) are continuing to raise the awareness for North Simcoe residents of the various scams that they may encounter on the telephone or online.

This bulletin was prepared to inform the public as a part of Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's (CAFC) campaign for this October's Cyber Month.

With investment fraud losses totaling \$305.4 million, this category represents the highest reported losses in 2022. Typical investment frauds offer get rich quick opportunities and higher than normal returns. These frauds often result in investors losing most, or all, of their money. The majority of the investment scam reports involve Canadians investing in crypto currency after seeing a deceptive advertisement online. Crypto investment frauds typically involve victims downloading a trading platform controlled by fraudsters. After investing and seeing their money grow in the trading account, victims are often unable to withdraw any funds.

#### Variation: Romance and investment scams

Fraudsters are also targeting victims on dating or social media sites. They will develop a relationship with the victims and convince them to invest into a fraudulent crypto investment platform.

Common methods of solicitation used by fraudsters:

- o Search engine optimization
- o Compromised social media accounts
- o Ads on the internet and social media
- o Email or text message
- o Direct phone calls from fraudulent crypto investment companies

#### Warning Signs - How to protect yourself

- Be careful when sending cryptocurrency; once the transaction is completed, it is unlikely to be reversed.
- Be wary of individuals met on dating sites or social media who attempt to educate and convince you to invest into crypto currency.
- Canadians need do their research to ensure they are using reputable and compliant services.
- Proceeds of crime and anti-money laundering regimes around the world create regulatory frameworks that treat businesses dealing in crypto currencies as money service businesses
- Prior to investing, ask for information on the investment. Research the team behind the offering and analyze the feasibility of the project
- Some fraudsters will use the name of legitimate companies to lend credibility to the fraud and convince victims to send money. Verify email addresses, URL's, phone numbers and their physical address.
- Verify if the investment companies are registered with your Provincial Securities Regulator or the National Registration Search Tool (www.aretheyregistered.ca).
- If you receive a suspicious or odd investment related message from a trusted friend, reach out to them through a different means of communication to confirm that it is them.
- Beware of fraudsters asking you to open and fund new crypto accounts, they will direct you to send it to wallets they control - Don't!
- Question why someone is reaching out to you about an investment offer: Is this a conversation I would usually have with an unknown person? Does it make sense to invest in an opportunity based on the communication I had? Should I feel pressure or urgency when deciding to invest?
- Learn more tips and tricks for protecting yourself. Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of cybercrime or fraud should report it to their local police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's online reporting system or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. If not a victim, report it to the CAFC anyway.

The CAFC is updating the fraud and cybercrime reporting statistics available on the Open Government Portal. Check out the portal today to see statistics up to June 30, 2023.

HURONIA WEST OPP IS REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE





(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW AND SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIPS, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario

Provincial Police (OPP) are requesting the assistance of the public to help identify these two suspects.

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, police responded to a theft from vehicle occurrence in the Town of Wasaga Beach. The complainant reported that their credit and debit cards were stolen from inside their vehicle. Following the report, it was discovered that the cards had been used at multiple locations to make fraudulent purchases.

Police are releasing images of the suspects and are requesting the assistance of the public to help identify them.

The investigation is ongoing.

If you can identify these suspects, please contact the Huronia West Detachment at 1-888-310-1122

# HURONIA WEST OPP ARE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE TO IDENTIFY SUSPECT IN THEFT INVESTIGATION

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW AND SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIPS, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a theft that occurred at a local business.

On October 3, 2023, police responded to a business on 45th Street S in the Town of Wasaga Beach for a theft investigation. Some of the stolen items were recovered, however over \$350 in items were stolen.

Police are releasing an image and are requesting the assistance of the public to help identify the suspect. The investigation is ongoing.

If you can identify this suspect, please contact the Huronia West Detachment at 1-888-310-1122.



# HURONIA WEST OPP IS REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PUBLIC TO HELP IDENTIFY BREAK AND ENTER SUSPECTS

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW AND SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIPS, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating two residential break and enters.

On October 3, 2023, police responded to two residential break and enters on Glenwood Drive in the Town of Wasaga Beach. Security footage revealed that the suspects broke in during daytime hours.

Police are releasing images of the two suspects and are requesting the assistance of the public to help identify them.

The investigation is ongoing.

If you witnessed these suspects, have any information that would assist the investigators or have any video surveillance footage, please contact the Huronia West Detachment at 1-888-310-1122.







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#### Message From Our Ambassador Flos Agricultural Society

This weekend's Fall Fair was a hard-to-miss event themed - Sew it, Grow it and Show it. I am so thankful for being a part of the community weekend and to represent as the 2023/2024 Elmvale Fall Fair Flos Agricultural Society Senior Ambassador.

There was awesome cheering from the Springwater students, great parades, school fair, arts and crafts, live entertainment, livestock shows, midway, vendors, the tractor pull along with so much food.

Thank you to the real superstars of this weekend the Volunteers! Many people work tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this incredible event to life. The organizers, directors, judges, office team, parade and gate volunteers, fundraisers, food stands, the kids'

activities and those who contributed their time, effort, and expertise are the heart and soul of the fair. Behind the scenes, they ensure that we all have this very special weekend in Elmvale. The weather was great and it was a show I will never forget. The 161st Fall Fair embodied the essence of our community's resilience and unity as we came together this weekend to celebrate giving thanks for our shared values, talents and heritage!

It was a reminder that when we sew our traditions, grow our roots and proudly show our achievements, we strengthen the fabric of our community and ensure a bright future for the next generation of Elmvale!

Thank you to the sponsors of the 2023 Ambassador program:

Bounce Back Physio, Elm Flower Shoppe, Hardship Acres, Lalonde's Plumbing, Paul Bouzis - Raymond James LTD, Enterprise Mechanical, Century Masonry, Georgian Bay Painters, Dan McGinnis - Bourgeois Motors.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Flos Agricultural Society and the Elmvale Fall Fair and I am excited to embrace this year, knowing we are a part of something truly special.

By Hope Graham, 2023-2024 Ambassador Flos Agricultural Society, Elmvale Fall Fair



Photo above: Our new Ambassador, Hope Graham, with the ladies of the Presbyterian Church. The church serves a great hot lunch as a fundraiser at the Elmvale Fall Fair upstairs in the arena. Arena

#### There's Money in Your Stuff

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

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.

#### Why signatures and numbers are important to create value.

If you do not know much about this area, you are not greatly different from most. Statuary, wood carving, and acid etching on brass are mainly old-world arts, as back then, there was no other way of creating images. I was once associated with a company that made acid etchings on brass, a medieval skill. The pieces were beautiful and extremely expensive because each was handmade.

To a layperson, a cheap print on tinfoil that costs \$50 looks the same as a \$10,000 one which is three hundred hours into an invested piece. Of course, the \$10,000 piece could last a thousand years on the tinfoil until you move, or it is time to repaint the room. The point here is that valuable artwork has an extremely limited market, but mass production is not valuable. The mass production market is controlled by the ability and willingness to pay because they understand what they are looking at.

At our store VMLC, we have Inuit soap carvings, the majority are signed. We have African and Asian carved horns, as well as European drinking flasks made from horns. We have carved stone as decorations, wood carvings, totem poles, and engraved flat surface items. We also have the modern equivalent, laser-etched wood plaques. I would say that, as a collector, I look for pieces that are steeped in culture and tradition and that can represent this to the viewer. Most of the Inuit pieces match this category: sandstone, granite, and wood. You can expect a greater increase and stability of value from the signed and numbered pieces.

Here is a thought: when did Inuit artists start signing, numbering, and dating their pieces? A truly high-value piece might be an early unsigned piece made long before there were art and collector shops. The next most valuable piece and probably the easiest to monetize and get value from would be a signed piece from a well-known artist. Why? Because they

are known to the public and they have a secondary market. They have other pieces that people may want to acquire.

Therefore, I would suggest that you purchase the most expensive art, carved, and statuary as a way of saying, "I have it. It's mine and you cannot have one." This is what I call bragging rights.

Would someone really pay one million dollars for a piece that is unsigned and unauthenticated? Unless they had some sort of mechanism to state that it was worth much more than what they paid, then that is a wise investment.

People who buy a piece simply because they like it will not pay the premium to get a well-known name or a special copy. Many have witnessed what has happened to all the Robert Bateman prints from the 80s and 90s. These used to retail for up to a thousand per signed copy. Now, most can be sold for 5 to 10% of those numbers. If you are buying unsigned unauthenticated pieces, they probably have little chance of increasing in value. Unless, as I said, these pieces originated before numbering and signing were invented as a way of creating a marketable product.



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#### **EVENTS**

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#### **Remembrance Day Dinner**

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Meet & Greet: 5 pm Dinner: 6 pm

Sat., Nov. 4, 2023 8-11 pm

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Deadline: Thurs. Oct 26, 2023

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# E.D.G.E October Meeting

Your Garden Sucks (CARBON)

**Speaker:** Marianne Lepa, Master Gardener

Wednesday October 25th at 7:00 p.m Elmvale Legion

## L)feLabs

Regular hours of operation are **Tuesday & Thursdays 7-9am.** 

Elmvale Lifelabs will be closed from **October 30-November 10.** 

Will reopen on **Tuesday November 14 at 7am** 

# Elmvale Lions Dart League

Team, Couple, Individual or Spare.

Registration Fun Night:
Oct. 11, 2023 at 7 pm

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Sign up as a



Call Brian 705-220-3942

#### ROAST BEEF DINNER

Spares are welcome

Saturday October 28th Take Out Style

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- \* Roast Beef and gravy
- \* Mashed potatoes and vegetables
- \* Salac

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Dinners can be picked up at the church drive-thru on Sat Oct. 28 at your scheduled time and then easily reheated at your convenience. Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Road, Midhurst

COST: \$30.00 (plus Eventbrite Ticket fee)
TICKETS: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/
midhurst-united-church-takeaway-roast-beefdinner-tickets-718632568357?aff=oddtdtcreator
\*\*note: ticket sales end Tuesday October 24th\*\*
Questions? Phone: Liz at 705-722-7208



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Please send resume and hourly rate expectations to admin@communityreach.



Looking for a **Part time Bartender** for Branch 262 Elmvale Legion.

If anyone is interested, please contact the Legion at 705-322-1042





#### Obituaries



#### DANIELS, Jane Elizabeth (nee Ververs)

Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Jane Daniels (nee Ververs) of Elmvale in her 67th year. Beloved wife of Pat Daniels. Dear mother of Bob

(Sarah), John, and Ryan (Melissa). Proud and loving grandma of Ian, Cole, Eli, Kendra, and Brynlee. Sister of Jerry (Anne), Richard Ververs, and sister-in-law of Lori Ververs. Jane will be missed by her brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Jane was a nurse for over 42 years. She loved gardening, musicals, and going to the cabin at Dunchurch Ontario.

Special thanks to the Doctors, Nurses and staff at the Royal Victoria Cancer Centre, especially Dr. Kotchetkov and his team.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 on Monday, October 2, 2023. Funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, October 3 at 11 am.

Memorial donations in Jane's memory may be made to the Elmvale Food Bank or the Elmvale Lions Club.

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



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#### GGG (Georgian Bay Gals Give) Fall 2023 Giving Event.

#### Fall Social 2023

When

Oct 23, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where

Boathouse Eatery,

177 King St, Midland, ON L4R 3L9, Canada



Sept. 26, 2023 - Hard to believe this all began in 2018! Our membership has since its inception given back \$374,150 to various charities in our community. Isn't that incredible?!

This time around we have decided to split the donation. The two charities that are the recipients this time around are The Salvation Army, and Georgian Bay Cancer Support Center (GBCSC)

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

#### We give back to our local community.

The process to give requires little time or effort. Before each scheduled social, members are sent an email with a link to participate in a survey to nominate a charity of their choice, should they choose to do so. A second survey is then sent to the members to vote for a charity from all the charities that were submitted. The charity with the greatest number of votes is the charity chosen for that social. Before the social, an email is sent to members identifying the

chosen charity and information on how to donate to the charity. Members donate their \$200 directly to the chosen charity, through the methods the charity has provided or at the social. Each member receives a tax receipt for their donation directly from the chosen charity. Once a charity has been chosen and receives donations, it is not eligible for another nomination for four years.

Members are obligated to make a minimum oneyear commitment to ensure maximum impact for the giving. Each member is required to make a donation even if they are unable to make the social and regardless which charity was selected. Donations must be made in a timely fashion. Each member commits to an annual donation of \$400 payable twice per year (\$200 each Spring and Fall). All personal and contact information of members is only used for the purposes for which it is collected.

To get things started the committee voted that the first donation was to the Georgian Bay General Hospital. All subsequent donations are decided by the whole membership. Think of the impact a \$200 per member donation can make when combined with a greater membership. If you wish to be a part of this giving back and making a difference to keep our communities strong and vibrant, please contact us.

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By Michelle Mink









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#### Dayna Reid Thrilled Hometown Crowd at the 161st Elmvale Fall Fair



Photo above: Dayna Reid's First Hometown Show on Friday October 6, 2023 at community Arena. Photo by Flos Agri Soc.

Oct. 9. 2023 - Dayna was born and raised right her in our rural town. This is where she grew up. She went to school here attending OLOL school and EDHS. She learned to drive here, went to church here, played sports here has family and friends here. She is as much a hometown Elmvale girl as any of us are. Just like her hit song says 'she has her feet on the ground.'

Dayna was young when she discovered her love for music and it was not long before she knew she wanted to be a singer/songwriter. She has worked tirelessly to perfect her guitar skills and her vocals to continue to pursue a career in music. In the summer of 2019, Dayna was introduced to multi-CCMA award winning artist Beverley Mahood, who quickly became a mentor and songwriting partner. Dayna wrote her story, composed music that she resonated with, and released her debut EP "Back To The Trailer." The first single, 'She's Me,' hit #32 on the Country Radio charts and earned Dayna recognition as iHeartRadio's Future Star and Stingrays's Trending Track artist. Dayna's latest single, 'The Way You Lie," is at Canadian country radio now. Beginning in November Dayna is heading out on her first tour with Tim Hicks, with 10 Ontario dates.

Dayna we want to thank you for sharing your talent with not only us right here in Elmvale but also within the country music industry. We are immensely proud of you! Being an artist is often a vulnerable path you create something deeply personal and then share it with your audience with an open heart. Not everyone is so fearless. Thank you for reminding us what is possible. It is truly uplifting to watch you dedicate your life to what your heart loves and brings you so much joy. May all of us be inspired in our own paths by watching you pursuing your passions despite the risks and fears.

Our society was blessed to have Emma Reynolds grace our stage as our opening act on Friday night. Emma has been a favourite singer at our fair over

the years. We were pleased that she had time in her schedule to sing for us again this year. Emma is in her third year at Sheridan College studying Musical Theatre Performance . Emma is another one of our home grown talents from just up the road where she calls Penetanguishene her home. Please look for her as she has engagements in and around our area. Follow her on Instagram and Facebook @emrey music On behalf of the Floss Agricultural Society we would like to express our genuine appreciation for our three sponsors in partnership with the Floss Agricultural Society. Thank you to ROBTRANS, BOUGEOIS GROUP and HANA FORD. All three of these businesses have a hometown connection to our fair and there wasn't a second of hesitation when we went knocking on their door for support. Without their support it would not have been possible to have provided such a fantastic evening of entertainment.

We also want to thank all of the people in attendance at Friday night's concert with Dayna Reid and Emma Reynolds. Your attendance is much appreciated and contributed to the successful evening.

Saturday afternoon had fair goers enjoying more local talent with the likes of our very talented students from EDHS sang and played musical instruments and the same for our younger students from HCES. These two schools make us very proud of the effort and time they and their leaders put into giving us such wonderful performances. You can see their dedication and enthusiasm while they perform. Watch out for more of their appearances. Gwyneth Covey also preformed her talent on stage for us to enjoy. And last but not least the band 93 North joined us to round out the talent on the stage Saturday afternoon.

We truly hope everyone who was at the fair this year had a chance to enjoy the entertainment. We look forward to putting together another line up next year for our 162nd Fair.

by Tanya King

## SPRINGWATER NEWS FOUND IN SWITZERLAND



Photo above (LtoR): Ruth Hurst of Wyevale and Bonnie Locke of Phelpston hold the Springwater News in Mount Rigi in Lucerne Switzerland

# ELMVALE FOOD BANK DID YOU KNOW...

Applications for Christmas hampers can be made during regular business hours at the food bank, beginning October 25th?

Many thanks to the Wyevale Public School for collecting boxes of food for the food bank. Continued gratitude to Foodland Elmvale and Craighurst for their participation in preparing and selling bags of prepacked goods. And to Georgian Bay Volunteer Search & Rescue, many thanks for your ongoing support of the food bank. These donations are timely, as between January and September of this year there has been a 43% increase in the people we serve and a 42% increase in the families that the food bank serves. We cannot stress enough how important and meaningful each donation is.

#### Food list of Items Currently Needed

Peanut butter
Jam
Snack crackers
Beef gravy
Cream corn
Canned potatoes
Hamburg helper
Canned fruit
Stew

