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Passing of Deputy Mayor Jack Contin

Nov. 9, 2023, Town of Midland - It is with great sorrow that the Town of Midland has lowered all flags at Municipal buildings to half-mast in memory of Deputy Mayor Jack Contin. Deputy Mayor Contin passed away suddenly in the early hours of November 9, 2023. Our hearts are with his family, friends, colleagues and the rest of our community.

Deputy Mayor Contin has left an everlasting mark on our community. His unwavering passion and commitment to public service will continue to shine through as his legacy. Deputy Mayor Contin will be remembered not only for his exceptional leadership but also for

his kindness, compassion, and genuine concern for every individual in our community. His absence will be deeply felt by all who had the honour of knowing him.

Nov. 9, 2023 - Town of Penetanguishene The Town of Penetanguishene extends its deepest condolences to the municipality of Midland for the sudden passing of their Deputy Mayor Jack Contin. We understand that his passing has left a great void in the community of Midland, and our thoughts are with his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

“On behalf of my Council colleagues, staff and the residents of the town, I offer my sincere condolences to Jack’s family and friends,” said Mayor Doug Rawson. “Flags at Town Hall are lowered to half-mast in recognition of his passing and his

years of service to our neighbouring community”.

Deputy Mayor Contin was a dedicated public servant serving on Council from 2014 to 2018 before being elected as Deputy Mayor in 2022. Through his 25 years working in the public service industry with Parks Canada, Environment Canada and the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and as the executive director of an Indigenous tourism organization, he continuously made a positive impact in his community.

On behalf of the entire Town of Penetanguishene community, we express our deepest sympathies and stand ready to provide any assistance and support that may be needed during this difficult time.

By Town of Midland

Photos courtesy of the Town of Midland, <https://www.midland.ca/en/news/flag-lowering-passing-of-deputy-mayor-jack-contin.aspx>

NORTH SIMCOE READERS

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North Simcoe Springwater News looking for article writers for sports, community events, stories of the past, lessons from our elders and any general interest article that is interesting to the community.

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Photo above (L-R): Ron Coutts, club member, Ian Ashton, club member, Lucy Gowers, Executive Director of Youth Haven, club member Ken Ground and Louise Jones of Youth Haven.

Nov. 9, 2023 - MIDHURST- The Springwater Vespra Lions Club held their 32nd Annual White Water Willy Duck Race on September 23rd. Proceeds over \$5,600. The club topped up the donation to Youth Haven to an even \$6,000. The club would like to thank Currie Heavy Towing & Currie Truck Centre; GoldHill Roofing; and The Ice cream Hut each for sponsoring our \$500 First, Second and Third Place prizes.

Prize winners from the September 23th, 2023 race were:

1st Duck # 494 – Glenda Greenwood

2nd Duck #322 – Lin Brassard
3rd Duck #1410 – Janelle Lewis
4th Duck #378 – Sue Hill
5th Duck #1236 – Mary Jakeway
6th Duck #1007 - John Miller
7th Duck #825 – Mike Brown
8th Duck #923 – Judy Morphet
9th Duck #1050 – Jon Fraser
10th Duck #736 – Jim Morrison
11th Duck #1063 – Scott MacDonald
12th Duck # 1435 – John Philbrick
13th Duck #685 – Brian Smith
14th Duck #268 - Glen Higginson
15th Duck #828 - Michelle Eisses
16th Duck #219 - Colleen Peck
Last Duck #910 – Kelly Willshire
By Ian Ashton

By Ian Ashton

North Simcoe Springwater News is growing. Making to move to distribute to North Simcoe was an easy one. Midland and Penetanguishene have been so welcoming from business', readers and especially from the Mayors. I am growing and need more staff. I will strive to bind the communities together so that we may keep our sense of small town community.

We are fighting the small town feel with the large growth that is happening in our area. With large growth comes new comers. Let's welcome them. It is very hard to move to a new area and the "regulars" or local "circles" sometimes forget that it can be overwhelming to make new friends. It is hard to meet neighbours. It is natural to shy away and we feel we don't want to bother anyone. Just do it! Walk next door and say hi to your neighbour. Maybe you know them but you haven't talked in a while. Have wanted to meet that new neighbour but just haven't made the move? Just do it! What will happen when hundreds of new homes are built, the people are all new to the area and don't engage? That would be tragic to not know your neighbours. I recall being a new comer to Toronto when I was 18 years old. I was raised on a farm and wide eyed. While taking the TTC, I soon recognized people taking the same route as me every morning. I naturally said a shy, "Hi" and immediately got a "Strange Young Lady On Board" look and they moved their seat. Let's keep saying hi to one another. We need to keep that local home town feeling and it will happen only if we care enough. Let's keep the community connection and I strive to help with that through the North Simcoe Springwater News. Shop Local everyone, tis the season for giving!

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LIONS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GIVE



Photo above: Nov. 12, 2023 - Tiny Township Lions Club dropped off food and a cheque at the Georgian Bay Food Network mid-November. Interesting talk and learning experience with Mary. #WeServe,#a12lions



Photo above: Nov. 15, 2023 - Midhurst Pumpkinpalooza! 2023. Wow what a great day for the Springwater Vespra Lions club ! They catapulted pumpkins to raise money to our food bank ! Thank you to Ken Ground and Allan Mills for dropping by to present a cheque to Dave Don and Mike Trace from the Elmvale food bank board of directors .



Photo above: Lion Murry Truax presenting a cheque to Major Bruce from the Barrie Salvation Army for their Christmas Campaign. The Elmvale Lions are proud to support this great organization. The Elmvale Lions will be seen manning the Salvation Army Kettles during this festive season.



Photo above: Nov. 16, 2023 - Lion Murry Truax presenting keys to Garrett Lambert from Hospice Simcoe for their new garden shed. The Elmvale Lions are proud to continue their support for this amazing organization.





ELMVALE DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The 2023 Elmvale Santa Claus Parade

Sunday, December 3, 2023 @ 1:00pm

Theme: Night Before Christmas

Line starts at 12:30pm

The parade will leave H.C.E.S School @ 1:00pm

Have your letters ready for Santa... he will be picking them up during the parade!



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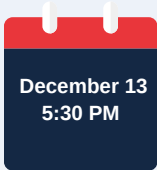


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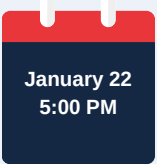
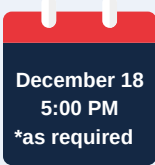
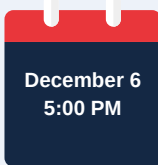
Council Meeting Schedule and Time Change





Regular Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings now begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public.

The 2023 Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar.

Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m. and are open to the public.






 **Township of Tiny**
 www.tiny.ca/events

Recreation Events and Programs


Tree Lighting Celebration



 November 28, 2023
 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Perkinsfield Park

Save the Date - Carnival D'Hiver!



 Saturday, February 10
Perkinsfield Park
(43 County Road 6, S)



Outdoor Rinks

Public skating is coming soon - weather dependent. Check out the schedule at www.tiny.ca/rinks!

Winter Program Registration



The 2024 Winter Recreation Guide is on our website. General registration opens November 28 at noon!
www.tiny.ca/recreation/register

Holiday Reminders from Tiny Fire and Emergency Services



make sure to water fresh trees daily



do not leave candles unattended and keep them away from any flammable material, consider using flameless candles instead



never leave your cooking unattended



check all lights before decorating for broken or damaged lights, strings, or plugs and do not overload electrical outlets

Winter Maintenance Reminders



Snow Removal

- Higher speed roads with heavier traffic are plowed first based on Provincial Maintenance Standards.
- Property owners are responsible for removing snow that accumulates at the end of driveways as a result of road maintenance.
- Disposing of or piling snow from private property onto a Highway or municipal lands, including ditches, is strictly prohibited.
- Sand is only applied to roads at major intersections, hills and corners during freezing rain/ icy conditions. Sand is not applied to straight-a-ways as it is the driver's responsibility to drive according to weather and road conditions.

Winter Parking

- During the winter months, parking on the road is strictly prohibited at all times as it interferes with snow removal practices. The Township of Tiny does not have an allotted time of day to which parking on the road is allowed as snow removal can happen at any/ all times of day. Cars that are found to be parked on the roadside during snow removal operations will be ticketed and charged.

Hazards

- Ensure children refrain from building tunnels or forts inside snow banks by road ways.
- Township will not replace items (including mailboxes and garbage bins) that are damaged as a result of snow accumulation or force of snow off the plow blade. Please be sure to place items far enough back onto your property to keep them out of reach of this area to avoid destruction.

Interim Control By-law for the Tiny Shoreline



For further information:
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Did you know? The Interim Control By-law 23-044, as amended, prohibits the erection of any structure, fence, or sign through the duration of this by-law. This includes, but is not limited to, boathouses, retaining walls, patios, landscaping, decks, fences, walls, or shoreline alteration that are in proximity to the 178-metre contour elevation of the Georgian Bay Shoreline. Before you construct, visit www.tiny.ca/InterimControl for more information.

If you have witnessed a violation of the Interim Control By-law and wish to file a complaint, please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Department at 705-526-4136.



Welcome to / Bienvenue à PENETANGUISHENE

Nov. 9, 2023 - PENETANGUISHENE

- Council provided an opportunity for Open Forum that allows residents to speak to an item on the agenda for a maximum of 2 minutes. 5 members of the public spoke.
- Council presented Long Serving Council member certificates to past members, Debbie Levy, Michel Mayotte, and Anita Dubeau.
- Council received a presentation from Caroline Bourque Wiley, Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs regarding Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care Update.
- Council received a delegation from Brig Kennair on behalf of the residents of the Village of Bay Moorings regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z.A. 9/2023200 Fox Street and 2 Hope Street.
- Council approved minutes from the October 11 and October 17 Council and Special Council meetings.
- Council received a memo for information from the Director of Planning and Community Development regarding new public comments for Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z.A. 9/2023 200 Fox Street and 2 Hope Street and how public notice is given under the Planning Act and the Town Notice Policy.
- Council approved the purchase of a replacement Fire Tanker Truck.
- Council approved the Winterama operating budget increase as outlined.
- Council received a memo from the Clerk outlining the results from the Huronia Airport Task Force Meeting Ombudsman Report and Investigation and approved the recommended actions.
- Council approved the October 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole

- report with the exception of item 8 b. i) being the Zoning By-law Amendment Z.A. 9/2023 – 200 Fox Street and 2 Hope Street PL-2023-52 which was referred back to staff to provide clarification regarding the questions and concerns from the public that were received after the public meeting.
- Council deferred By-law 2023-67 and passed 7 by-laws, including:
 - o 2023-64 A By-law to Appoint the Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer for the Town of Penetanguishene (Harbour Master and Road Patrol Equipment Operator)
 - o 2023-65A By-law Amendment to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the Town of Penetanguishene (Public Works Department Staff)
 - o 2023-66Being a By-law to appoint the position of hearings officer for the purposes of administration of an administrative monetary penalty system within the Town of Penetanguishene
 - o 2023-68Being a By-law to Establish a Public Highway (Thompsons Road West Connection)
 - o 2023-69By-law to Establish and Approve the Fees and Charges of the Town of Penetanguishene
 - o 2023-70 Being a By-Law to Amend the Town of Penetanguishene Water Regulation By-law 2015-64 with 2024 Rates and Fees
 - o 2023-71 Being a By-law to Amend By-law 2022-49, A By-law to Establish a Procurement Policy for the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene and to repeal By-law 2018-12
- Committee of the Whole**
Committee of the Whole (Committee) facilitates the decision-making process

Council Highlights

- of Council. The Committee is comprised of all members of Council who fully participate in debate and forward recommendations to Council for final decision. Items that are discussed in Committee of the Whole are to be ratified at Council's next meeting.
- TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
- Committee received Midland Penetanguishene Transit Committee Meeting Minutes from Tuesday June 13, 2023, for information.
 - Committee received the Midland Penetanguishene Transit Ridership Quarterly Update for Q3 for information.
 - Committee approved the Proposed 5 Year Preventative Road Maintenance Plan as outlined.
- RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**
- **Committee** received the Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2023, for information.
 - Committee received the Tourist Information Centre 2023 Summary for information.
 - Committee directed staff to explore using development charges to pay for growth-related capital costs associated with a new Multi-Use Recreation Centre, established an estimated opening timeline of 10 years and directed staff to start soliciting proposals for partnerships with a new building in 2024.
- PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**
- Committee received a memo from the Planner regarding Affordable and Sustainable Housing Community Improvement Plan for information.
 - Committee received a memo from the Planner regarding Zoning By-law

- Amendment File No. Z.A. 11/2023 – 40 Military Road for information. The memo indicated that a Public Meeting is proposed to be scheduled for December 13, 2023.
- Committee received a memo from the Director of Planning and Community Development regarding Bill 134, Proposed Amendments to the Development Charges Act for information.
 - Committee received a memo from the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer regarding Monthly Activity Report – October 2023 for information.
 - Committee approved the proposed new Building By-law as a result of the Public Meeting on the increase to Building Permit fees. The increased fees would be effective as of January 1, 2024.
 - Committee approved the Tree Protection By-law and Tree Compensation Reserve Policy as presented.
- FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**
- Committee received the 2023 Scholarship Program for information.
 - Committee received the 2024 Development Charge Annual Indexing for information.
 - Committee received the Police Services Board Meeting Minutes for information.
 - Committee approved the By-law to provide for a 2024 Interim Property Tax Levy as outlined.
 - Committee approved the By-law to Authorize the Temporary Borrowing of Funds to Meet Current Expenditures until 2024 Taxes are Collected as outlined.
- Committee Upcoming Meetings and other community events are listed on our website.
Submitted by Town of Penetanguishene



A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

By Carol-Lynn Lepard, Township of Tiny, Senior Column Writer

Nov. 20, 2023- TINY - Our final columns for 2023 focus on programs that help seniors keep healthy, physically and socially, and the dedicated and talented volunteers and professionals who make them possible. Today we're highlighting Colin Eccles, and Aging Backwards.

With the holidays just around the corner, many of us are spending hours walking around the stores to find the perfect gift and just the right sized turkey. That also makes this a time when we're carrying and lifting and bending more than usual, which can result in a lot of pain or discomfort by the time the big day arrives.

Taking a couple of pleasant breaks that can help rebalance your body and release tension before Santa's visit may seem like a pipedream. But if you'd prefer feeling better to grouching like the Grinch, think about taking one or more of Tiny's Aging Backwards classes. A few spots are still available for the three remaining fall sessions, Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., at the Wyebridge Community Centre. And the winter series will start up in January. The classes are led by Colin Eccles, who has enjoyed music and dance since childhood and studied Music at McMaster University. He has been a professional pianist, music teacher and ballet instructor in Collingwood for more than a decade. He's also well known in this area for his piano per-

formances with local choirs.

Eccles began to take an interest in Essentrics and Aging Backwards, a fitness program developed by former Canadian ballerina Miranda Esmond-White, when he was teaching ballet, and found it a great fit with his work. He's been offering the program, which includes some moves from Pilates, Tai Chi and dance, and has now taught around the globe, for seven years.

He says that one of the difficulties faced by most people who exert themselves physically, for work or pleasure, is that the learning for one activity doesn't engage the entire body – for example, many golfers have back problems, think Tiger Woods – and result in systemic imbalances. Aging Backwards exercises involve constant movement to help improve stiff joints, release tension and break up scar tissue. Also cardio-vascular benefits result, as veins are strengthened by squeezing muscles, so the heart pumps easier.

How helpful do participants find the program? One former nurse said the pain from a shoulder injury she'd suffered years before improved after just a couple of sessions. Often attendees say that after a single session, they feel as if they'd had a whole body massage – limber and more alive.

Aging Backwards can be enjoyed by just about anyone who can walk. It supports functional movement, like lifting

those bags of groceries and bending and stretching as we put up the tree, by rebalancing the entire body.

To participate in one or more of the last few 2023 sessions (price is prorated) call the Township's Recreation Department at 705-526-4204 ext. 290. To register for the winter program, starting Thursday, January 18, 11 a.m. at the Wyebridge Community Centre, 8340 Hwy. 93 W, visit the website: www.tiny.ca, the Township office, or call the Recreation Department at the number above.

Programs, Activities & Events
Tree Lighting Celebration: Join in the fun to kick off the holiday season at the Township of Tiny's annual celebration, Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Perkinsfield Park (43 County Road 6 South).

Hope for the Holidays Winter Market: Find that perfect gift and support the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre, Saturday November 25, 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m., 45 Edward Street, Penetanguishene.

Township of Tiny Lions Club Polar Bear Dip: Join in the fun and frolic or sponsor a participant, in support of Dog Guides, at this annual event, January 1, 2024 at Balm Beach. Registration starts at 11:00 am, and the dip is at 12:00 pm. For registration see the website at <https://tiny-township-lions-club.square.site/>

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- Canned Kidney Beans**
- Canned Cranberries**
- Dish Soap**
- Toilet Paper**
- Kleenex**

Donation boxes are at our local libraries , Churches and the Guardian Drug Store in Elmvale .

WYEVALE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Karen Moreau

Nov. 19, 2023 - WYEVALE - Rev. Kathleen Greidanus will be here with us on Sunday Nov. 26th 2023. We welcome her here for the Sunday morning worship

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.

PLAY GROUP: Thursday mornings @ 9 till 11:00 Call Pat Smith for further information @ 705-543-9043.

BOOK CLUB: Duffle Bag Theatre Presents "A Christmas Carol" December 16th 2023 @ 1:30 pm. Sponsored Midland Rotary Family Scene. Held at the Midland Cultured Centre. Please speak to Vonna if interested.

NEW WYEVALE LUNCH BUNCH: Come and join Wyevale's Lunch Bunch. A new initiative starting on Thursday, December 14th, at 1 pm. Once a month, on the second Thursday, a lunch together for fellowship, conversation, laughter and good food. Our first LUNCH BUNCH will be at the Royal Tea on King Street. So mark December 14th on your calendar and let us know by November 26th if you can come. Reservations will be needed.

MACMILLAN'S: Delivery date December 7th. Further information call Gillian Reynolds @ 705-322-2300.

BIBLE STUDY: Join us Wednesday afternoon 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. @ the church. All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP: Next Youth Group Meeting will be Nov. 24th @ 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Contact Pat Smith for more details @ 705-543-9043.

WYEVALE SANTA CLAUSE PARADE: Join us for the Annual Santa Clause Parade. Dec. 2nd 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The parade leaves the Wyevale Fire Hall, South on Cty Rd. Six to Pricilla St. West from there up to Reynolds St. toward Concession 5 and turns East towards the Cty. Rd. six and across there and does a small tour on the other side of the village and back to the Fire Hall. Dress warm and come on out for a wonderful parade.

ADVENT: Advent Season is quickly approaching watch for announcements about what will be taking place for this special time of year.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING MEMORIAL SERVICE: At the Elmvalle Presbyterian Church. 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 3rd 2023. All welcome to join us. Sponsored by: Lynn Stone Funeral Home.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Thelma Bayley.

Also we extend sympathy to the family of Pino Bono of Wyevale. Former operator of the Wyevale Garage on the corner of County Rd. 6 and Concession 5 W.

Next submission date is Dec. 4th, 2023.



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PD Programs are here!

First Light at Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons
(Nov. 16 – Dec. 2)

Free passes for Seniors 55+ available. Must have a valid library card. Available while quantities last.

Childrens Christmas Craft

Monday, November 27th, from 4:00-5:00 pm.
Cost: \$2.00 Bring a photo for the snow globe ornament you will be making. Register with your library card.

Children's Author Talk

Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 10:00 am.
Join David Turner as he reads his book "The Little Girl Who Stayed Up Late". Drop in for the event, no library card necessary.

Adult Christmas Craft

Two workshops will be held on Nov. 29th, from 10:00-11:00 and 5:30-6:30. Make a Candy Jar Snowman! Register in person with your library card. Cost: \$5.00.

Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic.

The Health Unit will visit the library on December 5th for anyone who would like to get a Covid Vaccine or booster. The clinic will run from 10:00 – 3:00pm. No appointments necessary. Bring your Health Card and a mask for the clinic.

Tax Talk

Presentation on taxes by Yuriz Lozinky, Small Business Tax & Accounting. Thursday, Dec. 7th from 2:00-3:00 pm. Must register in person with a valid library card.

Coming soon!

Santa and Mrs. Claus visit the library!

Share stories, letters and snacks with Santa on Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00am-12:00pm. Free. Register with your library card and reserve your individual photo spot with Santa!

New @PPL

Our library hours are changing!
Starting December 1st, the library will be open as follows:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:00 -6:00pm. Closed Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday as well as Statutory Holidays.



Season's Greetings

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



Santa Storytime

All ages and families are invited to join our special Storytime guest, Santa Claus, to sing some songs, listen to a story and take a picture with him. Saturday December 2, 10:30am Elmvalle Branch and Saturday December 9, 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Registration required.

Salt Dough Turtle

Come and make a salt dough turtle at our monthly drop in craft on Friday November 24 at Elmvalle and Midhurst branches. The supplies and instructions will be provided and available while supplies last.

Parent/Child Bookclub

For parents and children age 8 - 11, the "On the Same Page Book Club" will be meeting on Thursday December 7, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Read the book together and then gather as a group to talk, play games and enjoy some snacks! Registration is required.

Cookie Jar

Ages 10-100 are invited to our chewy chocolate chip MnM cookie jar recipe event. It makes a great gift or you can enjoy it yourself! Tuesday December 12 at 6pm, Midhurst Branch. Cost \$10 per jar. Registration required.

Holiday Craft

Get in the festive mood with some fun activities, holiday craft stations and then take a break and enjoy a hot chocolate! This is a drop in program while supplies last. Thursday December 14, 4pm-6:30pm, Midhurst Branch and Friday December 15, 3pm-4:30pm, Elmvalle Branch.

Pajama Storytime

Ages 6 and under and their families are invited to join Kaitlyn at the Minesing Branch for a bedtime story time. Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket or your favorite stuffed toy and enjoy a quiet story time in the library. Thursday December 14, 6pm at Minesing Branch. Registration Required.

Holiday Music

The musical group, The Young and The Rest of Us will be performing holiday music on Wednesday December 20, 2pm Midhurst Branch. Registration required.

English Language Learners Club

Come and join us weekly for a conversation group that will be working on English language basics. All are welcome! Meet new people, increase your fluency and vocabulary. Mondays 1pm at Elmvalle Branch. Registration required.

After School Games

Come in after school hours to play some fun 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.



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HEY DADS!

Who doesn't love a good visit to the emergency room with one or two kids? In my 17 years of being a father I've observed that there's two kinds of kids in this world. We have those kids that don't ever need to go to the emergency room and we have...boys. I think we've done pretty good, tallying up only three emergency room visits with our six daughters and three sons. You can probably deduce by now who the injured parties were. Yes, one was our middle son, Justice, and the other was our oldest son, Sterling. In all fairness, Justices' visit was after a car accident that wasn't his fault so I'll let him off the hook. But Sterling on the other hand...

The first visit to RVH with Sterling was a few years ago when he "tapped" an old glass window with his hand and shockingly "tapped" right through. His most recent visit to the emergency room was two weeks ago in the beautiful country of the Dominican Republic. This tropical emergency room was a slightly different, though not unpleasant, medical experience.

We were staying with some friends, Mike and Laura, near Puerto Plata, a popular destination for Canadian vacationers. Mike and Laura have built a beautiful guest house where they host short-term missionary teams visiting the Dominican Republic to serve the people. Behind the guest house they built a beautiful little fountain and concrete fish pond. You might say it's little enough for an 11-year-old boy to jump over. You would be wrong.

We noticed the fish pond when we arrived at the guest house and my children's father warned them that they might want to jump over and around the fountain and fish pond. He even said, "I bet some of

you can jump right over this but that's a bad idea so please don't jump around the fish pond." Sometimes we obey our fathers and sometimes we attend class at the school of hard knocks. For 11-year-old Sterling, class was about to begin.

A few days later I heard one of our other children calling me in an emergency-room-type voice, "Dad! Sterling really needs you! He needs help!" When I got around the corner to the back of the guest house, I could hear Sterling calling. He was lying on the ground beside the fish pond. He was crying and holding his leg with his hands which were covered in blood. No bueno, amigo.

Not one to over-react in a situation such as this, I calmly asked him to take his hands off his leg so I could see what the problem was. I hoped we could avoid the DR hospital and bandage his small wound. When Sterling took his hand off his leg and I could see his shin bone, I realized bandages would be insufficient in this scenario. To "el hospital" we go!

I was pleasantly surprised with our Dominican hospital experience. There were doctors, nurses and even English! After two hours, 11 stitches and 39 attempted phone calls to our travel insurance provider we were done at the hospital. Hopefully Sterling learned a lesson. He's recovering and pulling his own stitches out so it can't be that bad! Kids, if you're reading this, obey your parents the first time. It's less painful that way. They really do have your best interests at heart. Time flies, dads! Make every moment count! Even the Spanish hospital ones!

Jason Weening rarely visits hospitals with his nine kids and one patient wife. Read about more injuries at heydads.ca. (Aug. 31, 2023)

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Midland Cultural Centre (MCC) Teams Up with Partners for Holiday Food Drive

Nov. 21, 2023 - MIDLAND- The Midland Cultural Centre (MCC) is pleased to announce a collaborative effort with partners Huronia Players, Quest Art School + Gallery, as well as the Midland Y's Men's Club, Downtown Midland BIA, Bounce 104.1 and Pure Country 106 to launch a holiday food drive.

The MCC serves as a central collection point, making it convenient for patrons and community members to contribute to this meaningful cause. Currently, the MCC storefront is vacant and it will be used as the primary location for the "Fill this Space with Food for the Holidays" campaign.

"We believe in the power of collective giving, and 'Fill this Space with Food for the Holidays' embodies the spirit of unity and generosity that defines our community," says Dan Broome, Executive Director for the MCC. "Our goal is to see how many times we can fill this empty room with food bank donations, providing crucial support to those in need during the holiday season."

All donated items will be distributed with help from the Midland Y's Men's Club to three essential community organizations, ensuring a broad and positive impact on the local community. Non-perishable items will be distributed to the Georgian Bay Food Network, the Salvation Army Food Bank, and the Society of St Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Join us in spreading the joy of giving this holiday season and help us reach our goal of filling the empty storefront at the MCC with food donations. Food donations are encouraged during the Downtown Midland Tree Lighting event on November 24th between 5:30pm-7pm. Donations will then also be accepted during MCC Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10am-4pm or when attending an event at the MCC between now and December 12th, 2023. by *Jess Klug*





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Dianne and Helmut Paddags Move to Tiny



Nov. 9, 2023 - TINY- In 2005 Dianne and I relocated to Tiny, where we bought a picturesque home on the shores of Georgian Bay. Not knowing anyone, we wanted to become involved in the community. We actively engaged in various sports, social activities and volunteer opportunities. Initially, we lead the Newcomers Club, orchestrating outings to diverse events such as a boat cruise where new comers could socialize.

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I enthusiastically participated in tennis, badminton, and table tennis at Askennonia Senior Centre. We joined various bridge clubs and learned to play bid euchre. We joined Probus and looked after the coffee for the meetings and produced the monthly newsletter for several years. From these activities we developed many long-lasting friendships.

Concurrently we supported the Huronia Community Foundation by photographing grant recipients and sending articles to the papers from various locations in the community. This helped us to find our way around North Simcoe. Over time, my involvement expanded as I joined the grants committee, eventually assuming the role of chairperson. This responsibility entailed setting criteria, evaluating and selecting charities for funding through the foundation. As a result of sending numerous items to Springwater News the editor, Michael Jacobs, issued me a press card so I could report on events when he was not available.

Simultaneously, our involvement extended to Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors social club at The Place, where we contributed by managing music for dances, organizing car rallies and producing bi-monthly newsletters. Every month there were themed dances for the various seasons, spring fling, corn roast, Halloween, Christmas and New Year’s Eve. When I was president in 2014 The Place celebrated its 40th anniversary. Dianne worked diligently for Angels with Backpacks, collecting donations from the Lions Club and Rotary, then buying backpacks and filling them for the outreach workers to distribute to the homeless. Her biggest success was working with high school teachers who then organized a class to raise funds and filled backpacks. She also enjoyed singing and performing with Vox Huronia and Just Attitude at Askennonia.

Additionally, I served on Tiny's recreation advisory

committee, eventually becoming its chairperson. Later on, I made a presentation to Tiny Council to apply for a grant to become an age friendly community. Tiny’s Recreation Director applied for the grant and the money was used to establish Tiny’s Seniors Advisory Committee. While I served on that committee, I was also the delegate to Simcoe County’s Seniors Advisory Committee. Our seniors now know where they can find resources to continue to help them age in place.

Our collaborative efforts continued with active roles on committees for the yet-to-be-built Midland Cultural Centre, with Dianne focusing on the operations committee, and myself contributing to the finance committee where we applied for and received grants to establish a media presence.

Before Covid we hosted several rural week medical students, annually, who gained valuable hands-on experience at Georgian Bay General Hospital and who might someday want to work here.

In 2016 we joined the German Canadian Club Gemuetlichkeit 70 participating in all their activities. Unfortunately, after Covid 19 the membership declined and the club had to be closed and the assets distributed to charities. Because of the deaths of some of the executive I became president and helped guide the club through the difficult steps to dissolution.

Throughout these years, we shared the joys and experiences of our three children and their families as they established themselves in their respective communities. Looking back Dianne and I feel we made the right decision to leave Toronto and to seek out opportunities to meet so many like minded people who shared our vision of small town living and who made us feel welcome and appreciated. With our efforts we enriched our lives and feel we made a positive difference in our adopted community.
By Helmut Paddags

Notice of Public Information Centre
Township of Springwater Transportation Master Plan

The Study
The Township of Springwater has initiated a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) study to set the transportation vision and strategy for the Township’s mobility needs to the year 2041. The TMP will be completed in accordance with Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process (Municipal Engineers Association, March 2023).

Public Information Centre #1
You are invited to attend the Public Information Centre to provide your input. The Township and its Consultant (R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited) will be present to discuss the study and answer your questions in a drop-in format. Additional information is available at:
www.Springwater.ca/TransportationMasterPlan.

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers – Springwater Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, Ontario

To provide comment or to request additional information please contact either of the following Project Team members:

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**Simcoe County Warden Statement regarding
Provincial Child Care Workforce Strategy**

Midhurst/November 20, 2023 – Our Child Care sector is extremely important to our families, our economy and the health, wellbeing, and development of our youth. Last week, we were informed about the Ontario Government’s comprehensive Child Care Workforce Strategy and its investment in Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) across Ontario and here in Simcoe County. We were pleased to see that this strategy is comprehensive and is well-funded to provide increased wages and additional support for the recruitment of high quality, qualified Early Childhood Educators across the province.

We thank the Province for increasing the starting wage of over 650 RECEs in Simcoe County, employed by Child Care operators enrolled in the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system, to \$23.86/hour in 2024 from the planned \$20 per hour. This wage enhancement builds on actions taken by the province through the introduction in 2022 of a new wage floor for RECEs working in settings participating in the CWELCC system, which includes annual \$1 per hour wage increases beginning in 2023.

The increased salaries will help recruit new RECEs and support staff retention. As labour shortages have been a challenge in this important sector, this increased funding will ensure wages more closely align with industry standards and hopefully support recruitment efforts. The hiring of more RECEs will also support the County’s goals as we continue building up licenced child care in our region by creating over 3,000 new child care spaces.

Earlier this fall, County of Simcoe Council took significant action to building up futures through the approval of the region's new Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth Strategy, a five-point plan that creates spaces, increases affordability, and builds knowledge of the positive impacts that a strengthened early learning and Child Care system will have in our communities.

I’m pleased that both the County and the Province continue to invest in new strategies and supports for this important sector to assist workers, families and our economy.

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Golf Tournament Scores \$21,000 for MRI

Photo above (LtoR): Dave Miller, SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce; Arthur Christakos, president, SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce; Fred Wareing, SEGBAY Golf Tournament Chair and VP, SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce; Linda Young, Pure Country 106 & BOUNCE 104.1; Lisa Nolan, Pure Country 106; Lisa Buck, SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce; Erin Kominek, manager of diagnostic imaging, laboratory and cardiorespiratory services, GBGH; and Victoria Evans, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation.

Nov. 9, 2023 - MIDLAND- On Thursday, August 17, 2023, the community came together at Oak Bay Golf Club for the SEGBAY Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, in partnership with Pure Country 106 and BOUNCE 104.1. Through registration, sponsorship, live & online auctions and raffle, the event raised \$31,000 in total for its charity partners: the GBGH Foundation, Georgian Bay Township Food Bank and Severn Township Food Bank.

This year, the \$21,000 raised for the GBGH Foundation will support Kickstart Your Heart, which is raising funds to bring an MRI to Georgian Bay General Hospital.

To learn more about the MRI campaign at GBGH, please visit: <https://gbghf.ca/current-needs/MRI>.

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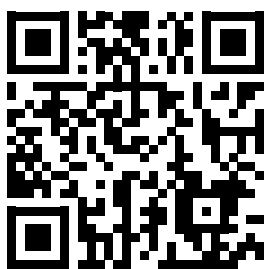
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Nov. 17, 2023 - ELMVALE - Congratulations to the Senior Girls EDHS basketball team (grades 11 and 12) for winning their GB's to move on to OFFSA in Belleville. Senior Girls Basketball Team will be traveling to Belleville Ontario on Wednesday November 22, 2023 to compete in the OFSAA 'A' Championships. This is the first time in 40 years that a girls basketball team from Elmvale has competed at this level, and we are proud to represent our community. The team is comprised of 12 players and 2 coaches. Well done girls, Let's go Elmvale



**Murray Donaldson Memorial Golf Tournament
Raises Fund for GBGH**

Photo above (LtoR): Wendy Lang, Shelley Lytwyn, Kirk Ure, Henry Poulie, Chris Greer, Golf Committee; Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors and Victoria Evans, Community Giving Officer, GBGH Foundation.

Nov. 15, 2023 - MIDLAND - The tournament successfully raised \$1,330.51, which was donated to GBGH Foundation towards the purchase of an MRI machine for GBGH.


The 4th annual Murray Donaldson Memorial Golf Tournament at Brooklea Golf & Country Club. The tournament consisted of a 4-member team scramble, and an 18-hole mini putt challenge held at Balm Beach Mini Putt for those unable to participate in the scramble. A BBQ lunch was served to all participants after the tournament, at The Place. Prizes were awarded and a silent auction was held to raise funds for Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH).

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Holiday Schedule Changes and Closures

- **Municipal Office** will be closed Dec. 25, 2023 to Jan. 1, 2024.
- **North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre** will be closed Dec. 24, 2023 to Dec. 26, 2023. Closing on Dec. 31, 2023 at 8pm, and closed Jan. 1, 2024.
- **Mid-Pen Transit Service** will not be running Dec. 24, 2023 to Dec. 26, 2023, as well as Dec. 31, 2023 and Jan. 1, 2024.

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When: Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Where: Bill Thompson Room, NSSRC
Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm

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Upcoming Council Meeting







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Entrepreneurial Meeting of the Minds



Photos above (LtoR): Paul Marchildon EDCNS committee head Paul Marchildon, and Don Bourne guest speaker at the meeting of the minds.

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Nov. 19, 2023 - So you are an entrepreneur, congratulations! You just can't see yourself working for someone else, but there are many challenges being in business for yourself. It is exciting to open your own business but where is the support? You are on an island of your own. It can be a lonely business. Are sales down? Hard to find staff? Want to have an online presence, but don't know where to start? Do you have a challenge but no solution? Costs are sky rocketing? Soon there will be a way to get better solutions and ideas. The Innovation Hub coming to North Simcoe may just be the solution to all your business challenges.

On Thursday Nov. 7, 2023, business owners from all over North Simcoe were invited to the Boathouse in Midland for a meeting of the minds that started as a mixer. Many were enticed by the thought of some good food and the opportunity to share a drink with other business owners. Curiosity brought 70 people to this meeting to hear firsthand about the concept of the North Simcoe Innovation Hub. The experience was so much more than that. Kelly Letourneau, owner and CEO of Kelly Letourneau Media marketing firm said, "As a digital marketing agency, I envision our growth to be at the heart of such a business hub. It amplifies collaboration, boosts staff skills and engagement, sparking innovation. This initiative with EDCNS propels us as pioneers, associating our brand with regional innovation and prosperity."

What exactly is an innovation hub? It is a place where people collaboratively convene, share knowledge, conduct research, and widen their influence. The Economic Development Corporation North Simcoe (EDCNS) is developing a new Business Innovation Hub. Much like the Sandbox Centre in Barrie (<https://sandboxcentre.com>) it offers:

1. Connection to the resources you need to succeed
2. Many training programs including business law, finance, marketing, accounting, and HR solutions
3. Strategic development and plan for start up, expansion, or eventual sale of your business



Photo above: Paul Marchildon speaking at EDCNS (Economic Development Corporation North Simcoe) open house at La Cle in Penetanguishene on Sept. 28, 2023.

- 4. Information and opportunities to protect your information and intellectual property
- 5. A space to host meetings and collaborative workspace
- 6. Business social events for networking
- 7. A opportunity to simply have a coffee with a peer, or make a new business friend
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The biggest advantage to any business owner is the opportunity to share knowledge and make valuable connections. Mayor Bill Gordon spoke at the meeting and said, "I want to throw my support out there ... I know we have

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Creates Magic with Innovation Hub



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the ability to do amazing things with all the talent in North Simcoe. I work with talented people everyday and from all walks of life and we are blessed in North Simcoe. We are ready for this."

EDCNS, is a non-profit corporation funded by the four North Simcoe municipalities. "They are in full support of the business hub as they see how beneficial it will be to our local business community. It will attract new business to our beautiful area, and help existing businesses grow and that benefits us all" Paul Marchildon explained. "The Innovation Hub will have one staff and otherwise be run by volunteers." Marchildon continues that it will be fully

funded by EDCNS, however eventually it will seek corporate support and some sort of revenue streams.

The guest speaker at the meeting of the minds was Don Bourne. He wears many hats in the entrepreneurship ecosystem of North Simcoe and Southern Georgian Bay. He is both a Business Development Mentor and Client Services Manager at the Henry Bernick Entrepreneurship Centre (HBEC) at Georgian College. He is also a Consultant at the Southern Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre. Don is a fine example of a great resource that would be available to entrepreneurs who have challenges. It is great to be able to learn from experienced people who have been in the trenches for decades.

The main force behind the start-up of a North Simcoe Business Hub is EDCNS committee head Paul Marchildon. He founded Atlantis Creative Group, an award-winning marketing agency in Toronto, and successfully sold it to Bond Brand Loyalty. Since then, he has been a Strategic Growth Advisor to many businesses, helping them to scale. Paul is currently on contract with NetGain SEO. This Barrie-based digital marketing agency is seeking to become a full-service agency and double its revenue over the next few years. Paul knows business and entrepreneurs could benefit greatly just by sharing a moment or two with mentors like himself. He knows what it takes to succeed.

The event on November 7th was a simulation of what a business hub is really like. In attendance were

business partners such as the GB Chamber of Commerce, Penetang Economic Committee, Midland BIA, Town of Midland Mayor Bill Gordon, Township of Tiny Mayor Evans and Town of Penetanguishene Mayor Doug Rawson, Tay Township Councillor Gerard LaChapelle, Georgian College, Sandbox, board members of the EDCNS, and many owners of small, medium and large business. It was a great opportunity to talk to peers and share ideas and challenges. Entrepreneurs were mingling, networking and the room was a buzz of conversation.

A hub can bring Georgian students with new technology ideas together with the aging population that has a lifetime of valuable information to share. It can also give local retirees a sense of purpose by giving back that wealth of knowledge and experience they possess. EDCNS board member Ron Neuman, has been championing a project he calls "Mining Silver", whereby he is building a team of smart business men and women who have made North Simcoe their home. We need a space that will host a meeting of the minds of North Simcoe.

Guest speaker Don Bourne summed it up by stating, "The ability for the whole business ecosystem including entrepreneurs, businesses, and mentors to come together under one roof is critical to the success of small, medium, and large business. I call it the Kumbaya effect. It is wonderful when you get like-minded people or diversity in one room. Magic Happens! So Kumbaya."



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Bearbells
 by Leslie Noonan



Nov. 11, 2023 - I really hesitate to write about one of my favorite hiking areas. This area is still little known and retains the quiet and peace of a true backcountry site. While I understand the expansion of ATV trails, I still believe strongly that there needs to be areas that remain free of the snarl of engines and the destruction of pristine wilderness. Areas that are not meant for the motorized groups and allow only foot traffic through areas of wilderness where the footprints of humans are minimal. After all, if you truly love nature and the outdoors, you will want the environment to remain as little impacted as possible. That is my rant, though you will get the full impact if I ever catch you tossing your garbage out your car window or littering the trails with your garbage. Bring on that Karen moment!!!

The Torrence Barrens is one of the most serene and beautiful areas I have ever been to. I stumbled upon this area years ago while on one of my many road



trips exploring areas I did not know, and while taking random side roads that led off into the unknown. I followed a very narrow and incredibly winding road through marsh and Canadian Shield, and then noted a very weathered sign indicating that I was in the Tor-



rence Badlands. Well, of course I needed to check this out. I found a small parking area and pulled in and put on my hiking shoes. The trail at this time was minimal, and I spent many moments looking for the markers through the mounds of rocks and scrub. It was even more interesting when I came to an old and dilapidated bridge needed to cross between two land areas separated by a swamp. In total this trail led me across 12 kms of large rocks and through marsh, across a sketchy boardwalk where you could reach down and pluck a cranberry, next to a still lake. Unfortunately, more people are now aware of this area, and the evidence of ignorant humans are everywhere, from the discarded water bottles on the side of the trail to the Tim Horton's cups hung in the trees.

My most recent trip to this gorgeous area was this weekend. A relatively warm November day had my family and I heading to the now named Torrence Barrens. The small parking lot was full except for one spot, which I was grateful to take as there is no parking on the narrow road. We headed down the trail, with the warm sun shining down and a cool north breeze wrapping its icy fingers around us. Hoar frost covered the scant vegetation and a thin skin of brittle ice lay over the small areas of water. This area is as beautiful as I remembered, with a calm lake surrounded by the hard granite of the Canadian

Shield and strands of oak, juniper, and larch. The silence out here is complete, as there is no noise of radios, cars or other motorized vehicles. This, this is what I crave; that silence of backcountry hiking, where the only noise is the rustle of brown leaves in the cold wind. My teenage son felt the connection to this backcountry, and as we gazed across one calm lake with that silence settling between us, he confided that he could spend hours out here just listening to that silence. My heart.

The Torrence Barrens is the worlds only dark sky preserve. The world's only.... say that again, the world's only... dark sky preserve. This area is unique in that there are few houses or cottages and there are no large urban areas nearby. This area is a haven for night sky watchers of stars and northern lights. Hence why I don't want people out here lighting campfires and tearing around on motorized vehicles, and why I am hesitant to tell the general public about this area. We need to respect the environment, and especially those environmentally sensitive areas that are becoming increasingly rare as subdivisions pop up in previous green areas. Our green areas are becoming smaller, and fractured, and hurt, and as we lose green areas, we lose ourselves and to our connections to our world and our place within it. Respect.



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Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



SMOKED TROUT DIP-A QUICK AND EASY APPE-TIZER THAT WILL WOW!

Are you looking for something different to bring to your next pot-luck or to serve to last-minute guests? Look no further than this elegant smoked trout dip that is super easy to prepare and comes together quickly. Incredibly flavourful, this recipe is a perfect blend of smoky and tangy and the creamy texture is divine. Best paired with crackers, a French baguette, crudité's or apple slices, this fail-proof and delicious dip is sure to be a crowd pleaser at your next gathering.



Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups (375 ml) smoked trout or mackerel, skins removed and coarsely chopped
- ½ cup (125 ml) sour cream, plain Greek yogurt or plant-based yogurt
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) white onion or shallot, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoon (10 ml) prepared horseradish
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- Zest and juice from half a lemon
- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) salt, optional
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste, optional
- A splash or two of hot sauce, optional

Instructions:

1. In a bowl, combine the smoked fish, sour cream, Greek yogurt or plant-based yogurt, onion or shallot, prepared horseradish, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice and zest, salt (optional), black pepper (optional), hot sauce (optional). Refrigerate if not using immediately.

2. Serve with crackers, fresh or toasted crusty bread, cut-up vegetables or apple slices.

3. This dip can be made up to 2 days in advance of serving.

Enjoy!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Smoked trout is an excellent source of lean protein and the heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, but it should only be eaten on occasion as it also contains excess sodium. A word of caution is required before consuming smoked trout as raw or undercooked fish carries an increased risk of developing foodborne illnesses. To protect the public, Health Canada recommends that young children, older adults, pregnant women and those who are immunocompromised should not consume raw, undercooked or refrigerated smoked fish.



ELMVALE DRIVE IN
GOOD MEMORIES ... SAD VIEW

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Nov. 20, 2023 - ELMVALE - High school's first freedom.... Mom, Dad, can I go to the drive-in? What could they say, they went at a young age. During teenage years, the Drive In became a real sense of freedom. You could sit outside in a lawn chair wrapped in a blanket or cosy up in the front sit of the car made for two. Oh, the steamy windows. Don't forget to put on the parking brake before you started the ignition to clear the defrost. If you didn't, then the boos from other cars were deafening. Great memories!

Recently there has been some progress towards cleaning up the old eye sore of a building. It will be nice when the rest is cleaned up. Isn't there a bi-law!!! How long can you keep a hazard and eye sore in obvious public view? I know the township has enforced this law before so where are they on this one?



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Nov. 19, 2023 - There are a few dates that you need to get into your calendar now so that you don't forget and plan on. The first is that if you would like some of well made and top quality Anten Mills clothing before Christmas, you will need to place your order before December 1 for purchase and pickup here in the community. You can order short or long sleeve t-shirts, crew necks or sweatshirts. Now being offered as well are ball caps and toques which are embroidered available and at a very reasonable price. All items come with a variety of colour options and will make a great gift displaying our unique village and support the community as well. To order go to anten-mills.justadd10.com and make your selection.



The next date you need to get in all your family calendars is the weekend of December 9 and 10 as the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association presents Christmas in the Village. The fun will kick off on Saturday, December 9 at 5 PM with an evening full of fun with Santa Claus arriving on a fire truck and fireworks ending the night after the tree and ground displays are lit up for the season. Then on Sunday it's time for the 26th annual Santa Claus parade. Last year's parade was one for the record books with a good number of entries. Early commitments indicate that we will see a great turnout again this year. As always there is that friendly street rivalry and it may heat up even more this year according to the talk around the village. There is one street sharing a bit about their entry as they are looking for a car trailer. If you can help them out check the Facebook

posting. More details will be posted here and on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page. As always more entries are welcome as well as sponsorship and for more details send an email to anten-millschristmas@gmail.com.
The Remembrance Day ceremony at Springwater Park on November 11 was well attended by the local community. A nice mixture of remembrance occurred providing the respect that those who served our country.
South Springwater Firefighters Association thanks everyone who came by and purchased urn greenery at their recent pop up sale at the community centre. Starting this Saturday, November 25, they will be kicking off their annual Christmas Tree Sale. A Christmas Party will be held at The Ice Cream Hut on Bayfield Street with an appearance from Santa Claus topping off the day. Top quality fir trees will be offered for sale with the net proceeds going towards local charities. More details will be posted on Facebook.
In the mail this past week you would have received a new calendar from the County of Simcoe. Our community is located in the waste management Zone 2 area. There have been changes made regarding waste and recycling weeks starting next week. There are no changes to the day. Check the calendar before placing your bins out next week or if you need additional information, check the County of Simcoe Waste Management website for more information.
It appears that the repavement of Wilson Drive north of Hwy 26 has been completed. The dips at the bridges have been smoothed out which makes travelling easier. Remember that the speed limit is 60 km in the area of the homes.
A number of homes in the village have started their outdoor Christmas decorations and hopefully Anten Mills will again this year be the community others come to look at our displays. At the community centre the lights on the tree have been checked and unfortunately some needed replacing. The CRA thanks the volunteers who helped out and to Cooper Rentals for use of the lift. The ground displays will be installed in the next couple of weeks in anticipation

of the Christmas in the Village weekend. Make sure that you will be there.



Photo above: Congratulations to Chloe Hassberger on being chosen as a Legislative Page

If you ever see tv images of our provincial parliament, you may see young people hustling from member to member delivering anything from water to budget documents. These people are known as Pages. The process of being selected comes with stringent guidelines and permits the Page a limited opportunity to serve. It can be as little as one day to one month. One Anten Mills young lady has been selected and started her term last week. Congratulations to Chloe Hassberger on being chosen as a Legislative Page and we hope that her time will be interesting and challenging as well.
That's all for this week, as always, THANKS for READING, BE SAFE and BE WELL.

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Photo above: Presenting the cheque for \$530.25 are (L-R) Dianne Ritchie, Mary Stone, Margaret Ann Jacobs and Sandy Houston.
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By Donna Kenwell

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Humans At War

Sometimes we feel caught in the middle when two people have an issue with each other and come to us for support. When this happens, in essence they may be asking us to take sides. If they were asking for advice on how to make things better, you would not be in the middle, but rather, supporting both. However, if they are upset with the other, and are critical and judgmental, you may find yourself feeling awkward. Sometimes the issue is long standing, and you have heard it dozens of times. They may want you to take their side.

If we refuse to get involved, the individual(s) may feel rejected or let down. An important first step is to be honest with both individuals and express your awkward feelings about getting involved.

Stating your wish to remain in a positive relationship with both individuals makes it clear that you will not take sides. Encouraging them to work it out with each other, and not through you, also keeps clear boundaries.

Awkwardness is not the only problem. If you support one and side against the other, just to make the person feel good, your words may come back to haunt you. One, or both may ultimately feel betrayed by you.

The larger issue is how we function as human beings in relation to others. As I have written before, the rise in hatred in the world is disturbing. It comes down to the good guy/bad guy mentality. Wayne Dyer once said, "In a round world, there are no sides.

It is a puzzle that we have not evolved beyond taking sides. Not enough parents have taught their children the importance of being kind, and not resorting to meanness. What happens at the simplest level in our lives is played out on the world stage.

We can "tsk tsk" at what is going on in the world. We can have ideas about what should be done.

The one thing over which we do have control, and can change the world, is choosing to live in peace in our own lives, and model that for the children. Clearly, it seems too late for the adults running the world to change the way they see things and react to them so destructively.

There is virtue in staying in our lane. We do not have to be vengeful towards those have different views. We can disagree without being vindictive. Perhaps if we saw this vindictiveness as being at war, we might begin to understand why the world is where it is right now.

The macrocosm is but a reflection of the microcosm. Perhaps it is playing out writ large so we might get the message.

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Rosie's Devotions

by Rosemary Hagedorn



Unshakeable Kingdom

They came to follow Him
Drawn by what He promised them

If they would sell all that they had
He said that God would send
A kingdom that would never end
Where all the poor would be so rich
And in their discontent
They heard what they thought He meant
They heard that the weak would be strong
Bread would be multiplied
And hunger be satisfied
And every servant a king
In this kingdom of God
The kingdom that would never end
The living unshakeable kingdom of God

But He went His quiet way
Giving Himself away
Building what eyes could never see
While men looked for crowns and thrones
He walked with crowds, alone
Planting a seed in you and me
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Dying for those who died
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And some of them looked for Him
Sad that it had to end
But some dared to look within and see
The kingdom of God
A kingdom that would never end
The living, unshakeable kingdom of God

Still some of us look for Him
Sad that it has to end
Do we dare to look within and see
The kingdom of God
A kingdom that would never end
The living, unshakeable kingdom of God.

Luke 17:21-nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."(NKJV)
Mother Theresa served the unloved, the untouchable and sick in Calcutta, India because she saw Jesus in every face that she helped.
Matthew 25:40-And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (King James Version Bible)

Prayer: Creator God, let your kingdom come. Where there is a need right now, may we reach out and help right now. Help us to be kind starting today and every day. Help us to be servants to others starting today and every day. Help us to be emphatic caregivers to the unhealthy today and every day. Grant us courage and strength to share our resources with one another today and every day.

Annie's Journal by Annie Warner Donnelly



In a world full of unrest, God is asking us to trust Him; to follow Him; to believe Him; to love Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength; and

to stand in His full armour against the evil that surrounds us. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

Another important reason to wear His full armour is that each piece of it helps us to learn who He is.

The Sword of the Spirit represents the Word of God. The Word showcases God's character of love. It provides evidence of the trustworthiness of His love.

As we begin to understand the Word of God, we grasp hold of God's Belt of Truth. As we follow Him, we embrace the Old and New Testaments as pillars that form the foundation of our lives. This foundation of Truth supports us – and strengthens us - in every situation we face. This helps us get to know God and increases our love for Him.

God's Helmet of Salvation protects the knowledge He shares with us: God so loved the world – and still loves the world – He loves us – you and me – He loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life!

This is more evidence of God's character of love. Today, can we – you and

me – can we say that we believe Him – that we believe Jesus died and rose again and is even now in the heavenly sanctuary interceding for us, watching over us, doing all He can to help us be faithful to God until we take our last breath?

The Word of God says this is the Truth. It's part of the foundation of Truth that we can rely on. When we wear God's Helmet of Salvation, we protect our minds from lies. This is more evidence of His love for us!

When we ask God for more faith, He says 'yes' to our request! As we grow older and life seems to be more difficult, our Shield of Faith can grow big enough to shield us during the new challenges we face. The more faith we have in God's Word - in His promises - the bigger our Shield of Faith grows.

How blessed we are to wear, as our breastplate, Christ's righteousness. He paid a high price for it: thirty-three sinless years on this earth. Death was defeated when He left that tomb. People testified that they saw Him alive. They wrote about it so that we could know the Truth. Jesus is our Saviour.

Here's the final piece of God's armour: our feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of Peace. Right now, the world needs peacemakers. In Matthew 5:9, Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God."

Will we be the peaceful ones in our corner of the world? Let's pray that it will always be so. Amen

Vanishing Barns

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

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



Stories From the Past

"Following the big forest fires of 1881-82, when over forty of the pioneer barns and homes were destroyed by fire in Vespra, Flos and Sunnidale townships, there was no sympathetic government to assist in rebuilding. Such help as was received came from other pioneers, who managed to save their homes and crops. Thousands of acres of fertile lands could now be cleared with one-third of the trouble and labor that was required previous to the burning of the forests. Fresh settlers came in and every farm was a hive of activity. Log shacks were put up. Land cleared. Every fine night during the summer log piles burning lit up the country side for miles around. Everywhere neighbors were exchanging work, assisting each other. As a result hundreds of acres of land were cleared. Within the next two or three years the amount of land under cultivation was such as to demand a barn. During the winter months every good stick of lumber was drawn out or set aside for building timber. Towards spring there would be bees, making timber, when several neighbours would gather and for two or three days axes and broadaxes would ring from morning until night.

At other farms, teams would be busy drawing logs to the local sawmills where they were sawed into lumber or the smaller sized timber. Managers of the lumber mills were most considerate in arranging the cutting of the lumber, so that a man would take his logs to the sawmill and have a return load of lumber. By the first of April, the ladies would be having long talks, men who could work swiftly and yet place every brace in its place and secure same with a pin in the main piece of timber. Possibly the most difficult job was the choosing of sides. Two captains would be selected. Bill Grant, now of Minesing, was usually the first man called; then Jim Graham, George Culham, Alex Gilchrist, Hugh Lavery, the Daley Brothers, Moore Brothers, John Huth, Sam Doner, the Livingston Brothers, Frank Jacobs, Alf Foyston and many others equal or better man than those named. Two men who were always on opposite sides were R. G. Richardson and W. C. Webb. Both these men made a special study of handling the pike pole squads and many races were decided by their skillful work.

I have yet to see better sportsmanship than was displayed in the races at the barn raisings. There were accidents, some of them serious, some fatal and others amusing. The dash and vim with which all went into the race from oldest to youngest was wonderful. From the Irish settlements around Phepston and Vigo came one of the ablest and most dashing bunch of men, where work, a race or excitement came in. I recall a barn raising at the farm of Matthew Malroy. The wildest part of the race was on both sides drawing rafters. One heavy rafter was breaking over the plate, slipped and took the man with it to the ground almost thirty feet below. Someone remarked that there was a man down with a rafter. A well-known Irish Canadian of Flos was drawing a rafter next to myself. He called out 'Never mind the man, send up the rafter, and a moment later we were ahead by half a rafter; then swinging down to the door cap, dropped to the ground calling for everyone off the building and in the same breath asking: who is hurt. Away like a flash he went to the side of the injured man, saying stand back, boys, let him have the fresh air. Later I walked up the road with him to supper and we heard the remark: Loftus is a very fine boy and one of the best men on the building. If he survives he will never go up on a building again. My Irish friend gave me a sly wink, saying they don't know Loftus. They didn't. I saw him several times afterwards in the midst of the excitement at a barn raising and one of the best men present.

Possibly one of the most amusing barn raisings was at David Culham's. (Concession 1, W ½ Lot 23, Flos Township). The very best and ablest men of the surrounding country were there and all were looking forward to a real test and close race. One captain in his choosing called the older, experienced veterans; the other, the younger men (also experienced). There were many amused smiles. The young men considered they could win as they wished. However, the veterans were determined to win if possible. They did. They simply out-generated the younger men and gave us the worst defeat there had been for several years. We sat on the framework and laughed. Someone said: there is a mighty good lesson in this for all of us. And we agreed. Afterwards we enjoyed our supper, the victims of much good natured banter, especially from the ladies, who, I often thought, played the greater part in home building and the training of the character of the young people of our country."

"Them Were the Days by Major" Mark Robinson from Dorothy C. Giffen's scrapbooks.

Why is it that one can look at a lion or a planet or an owl or at someone's finger as long as one pleases, but looking into the eyes of another person is, if prolonged past a second, a perilous affair?

-Walker Percy, author (28 May 1916-1990)

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

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

Elmvale Senior-Drop In
Nov. 13. from 9-11am
Every other Monday at the Elmvale Library
We will play some more Euchre if you are interested, or interested in learning.
If not, come and enjoy a coffee or tea and some sweets, and just socialize. See you then

TUESDAY
Elmvale Legion
Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1
Every Saturday at 5 pm
Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games

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

WEDNESDAY
Learn How To Play Bridge
Bay Shore Seniors Club is offering five (5) bridge lessons, Wednesday’s starting October 18th through to November 15th from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 per session. It doesn’t matter if you are a beginner or want a refresher. If you are interested, please call Bay Shore at 705-361-1331. Located at 2000 Tiny Beaches Road South, Tiny

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.

THURSDAY
Probus Club of Simcoe North
Meetings monthly 2nd Thurs. 10 a.m
For women & men in retirement or semi-retirement. Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St. For more information email klarkins@csolve.net or call Joyce (705)526-3424

SUNDAY
Good Vibes
First Sunday 2-5, 023 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.

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

Coffee Party
Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
All Welcome, Cost: \$3

Wasaga Beach Parkinson’s Support Group
1st Thursday of each month, 12:30-2pm
Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room, 120 Glenwood Dr. All Parkinson’s patients & caregivers welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender 905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com

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

MONDAY to FRIDAY
Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program
VON SMART Program
Adults 55+ FREE
Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena)
Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall
Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall
Also available – pole walking at Heritage Park on Wednesdays 9:15am

Times and locations all subject to change.
Bring good support (running) shoes and water
Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

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

GANARASKA HIKING CLUB.-Wasaga Beach
Weekly, **Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am** at various locations., year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes **Sunday 1:30pm** from a park near Foodland, WB.Weekly, Monday morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal. Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

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

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)

ALL DAYS
Bay Shore Seniors Club
Indoor Pickleball Sun. at 2pm, Wed, at 4:30 pm, and Friday at 4pm. Beginner Line Dancing - Thurs. 11:30-12:30pm

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program - VON
Exercises Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road South, Woodland Beach in Tiny, Ontario 705-361-1331
www.bayshoreseniors.ca

One Time Events
Downtown Midland Tree Lighting
Friday November 24 - 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Neezhoday Park. This festive event will be featuring:
• carolling and sing-a-longs, pipes and drum band
• choir and a drum circle
• parade floats, buskers and our town crier
• photos with Santa
• FREE hot chocolate, candy canes and crafts!

Christmas luncheon and bake sale
Sat. Nov. 25 from 11am-2pm.
St. Margaret’s Church on Hugel in Midland.
Come join us for sandwiches, sweets, tea & coffee.

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

Turkey Bingo, Elmvale Community Hall
Nov. 25 at 7 pm
Donations welcomed, hosted by Elmvale CRA

Drop & Shop
Sat. Nov. 25, 10am - 1pm
Elmvale Library
Bring the kids to the library for games and crafts. Only 30 spots available. Reserve through Google forum.

Annual Charity Christmas Tree Sale
SS Firefighters, 1027 Bayfield Street North, Midhurst
Starts Nov. 25 with a Christmas Tree Party. All proceeds support local community charities

Midhurst United Church Tea Room
Sat. Nov. 25, 11am to 2:30pm
Sun. Nov. 26, 11am to 2:00pm
Tea Room open during the annual Arts & Crafts Tour. Price \$12, for sandwiches dessert & tea or coffee. Tea/coffee and sweets \$5.

Tiny 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.

The CPKC Holiday Train in Springwater
Wed. Nov. 29 at 12:15pm.
This year’s performers will be the Anyway Gang! This free concert experience raises funds and donations for our local food banks!

Elmvale Tree Lighting
Fri. Dec. 1 at 6:30pm, Yonge & Queen
Hosts: Maple Syrup Festival
Hot beverages, popcorn, Maple Cotton Candy, Music and fun for all ages. Bring food bank item.

Wyevale Santa Claus Parade
Sat. Dec. 2, 2023 at 7pm
Donations for food bank accepted at Wyevale United Church. Contact kandmpeterson@hotmail.com.to enter.

St. Louis Church Bazaar & Bake Sale
Sat. Dec. 2, at 9.30 - 1 pm.
Church Hall, St. Louis Rd. & Line 4 N.

Hear the Christmas Story
Sat. Dec. 2, 2023 , 5pm - 8pm
St. John’s United Church
Walk through the town of Bethlehem and meet costumed characters such as Shepherds, Inn Keepers, Magi, and a choir of Angels. Visit Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus. All are welcome.

Hillsdale Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 2, 2023
Hillsdale Community Centre

Santa Claus Parade, Elmvale Lions
Sun, Dec. 3, 2023 at 1pm
The theme for this year will be “The Night Before Christmas”. If you would like to register a float please fill out the Registration Form at https://www.elmvalelions.ca/santa-claus-parade/

Midhurst Tree Lighting
Dec. 3, 2023 at 7pm , Midhurst Pavillion

Sleigh Ride in the Village, Elmvale Lioness Lions
Fri. Dec. 8, 2023 - 6-9pm
FREE Horse and Wagon Ride, FREE Hot Chocolate, FREE Hot dog, FREE Face Paint. FREE Craft. Adult Farmers Market. Bring cash only. Bring food bank item upon entrance.

Phelpston Christmas Wagon Ride
Dec. 8, 2023

Minesing Tree Lighting & Christmas Tractor Parade
Dec. 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm
tree lighting at the Minesing Community Centre and continue with the annual tractor parade, following it’s typical route. Donations for the Elmvale & District Food Bank will be collected.

Anten Mills Christmas in the Village
Dec. 9, 5pm Tree Lighting
Hot dogs, hot drinks, snowvalley tube, fireworks, Santa, firetrucks. Bring foodbank donation.
Dec. 10 at 1pm Santa Claus Parade
Starts at Laddie Lane and Pinery, through the community, ends at Community Hall for awawrds, refreshments goodies and fun! Hosted by CRA.
AntenMillsChristmas@gmail.com

A Visit with Santa at Midland Cultural Centre
Dec. 9th, 2023 2 shows at 10:30am and 1:30 pm.
Free registration required at midlandculturalcentre.com/events

A Christmas Carol
Dec. 16, 2023 at 1:30pm
Midland Cultural Centre
Here comes another fun family event at the MCC: DuffleBag Theatre

Santa’s Firetruck Run
Dec. 23 & 24
Springwater Provincial Park Firefighters and Santa Claus will drive through the neighbourhoods of Springwater.

Deco Mesh Wreath
Dec. 4, 2023, open 12:30pm, start 1 pm
Simcoe County Museum, make a nature inspired Deco Mesh Wreath with a painted night sky and embellishments. Members \$10. Guests \$15 (Cash only). register to attend Betsy at littlerockimages@simcoe.net or 705-727-7389

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“The Abbey Road Experience,” to the Midland Cultural Centre

Chuck Labelle, a francophone singer-songwriter originally from Mattawa, Ontario, is not your ordinary performer. With over 40 years of musical experience and nine albums to his name, Labelle has made a lasting mark on the Canadian music scene. In 2015, he was honored with the Tribute Prize at the Trille Or Prize Gala, recognizing his remarkable body of work. On November 24th, he's bringing his highly anticipated tribute concert, "The Abbey Road Experience," to the Midland Cultural Centre.

Labelle's passion for music and the Beatles dates back to his school days, when the iconic band made their unforgettable debut on the Ed Sullivan Show. "I remember when we first saw The Beatles, I was in grade 8, and there was a big buzz in the school yard as to what was going to happen on Sunday night on the Ed Sullivan Show. It was a show that we watched religiously as a family every Sunday. When The Beatles came on, I was floored. This was a whole new thing. And right away, I wanted that. I remember telling my mom, 'I want to be a Beatle so bad,'" reminisced Labelle.

Labelle's journey as a musician began in 1978 when he joined his first band and he played with them until he eventually went solo in 1992. He began touring the Paul McCartney show, "The Abbey Road Experience" in 2019. "The Abbey Road Experience" is a musical journey filled with surprises and memorable moments. Chuck Labelle shared, "Most of the night, it's a guessing game, people wondering 'what are they going to play now? What does this lead us to?' And they're all fun intros that we've created to bring us to the song in a new style."

The concert promises to be a great night. Labelle emphasized, "It's a great band. Great musicians. Great singers. And a fun night. There's a lot of humour in the show. Because when people laugh, they have fun."

When asked about his favorite Paul McCartney song to perform, Labelle admitted, "I would have to say the most challenging is Uncle Albert. It's such a weird song, I love it so much. I really like the way we do Eleanor Rigby. Yeah, that rocks. People are going to be singing all night, I know it. That's what makes it fun."

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to experience the magic of Sir Paul McCartney through Chuck Labelle's "The Abbey Road Experience." Join us on November 24th for a night of nostalgia, laughter, and unforgettable music. Tickets are available at midlandculturalcentre.com/events. *By Jess Klug*

Please consider attending our Elmvale BIA Board Meeting...
Thursday, November 16 @5:30pm Elmvale Library

All Aboard: CPKC Holiday Train Bringing Festive Cheer to Springwater

Township of Springwater / November 15, 2023 – The CPKC Holiday Train is returning to the rails to bring holiday cheer to hundreds of communities across Canada. The train will roll into Springwater at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the railway crossing at Anne Street North and Wenden Court.

Formerly known as the CP (Canadian Pacific) Holiday Train, the CPKC Holiday Train features a box car stage and a line-up of great musical talent to raise money, food and awareness for local food banks. The event is free to attend, with CPKC encouraging attendees to open their cupboards and wallets to help combat food insecurity in their communities. The Elmvale & District Food Bank and Barrie Food Bank will be accepting donations in Springwater to ensure those in need locally have enough healthy food this holiday season.

Anne Street North will be closed for the duration of the event to accommodate the expected foot traffic and allow for safe viewing. Parking, with shuttle service, will be available at Tree Nursery Sports Park (2231 Nursery Road). Accessible parking is available

to those with a permit on Anne Street North, however space is limited. A parking map is available on the Township's website at springwater.ca/HolidayTrain.

Performing on the train this year is Anyway Gang; a Canadian musical group made up of four friends from some of Canada's most notable bands – Sam Roberts, Chris Murphy (Sloan), Menno Versteeg (Hollerado), and Dave Monks (Tokyo Police Club). The group formed in the summer of 2018 and released their debut single 'Big Night' in 2019. Their debut album, Anyway Gang, followed in November 2019.

The live performances will run from 12:30 to 12:55 p.m. Audience members can also enjoy hot chocolate and candy canes, which will be given out for free beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Since 1999, the CPKC Holiday Train has helped raise over \$22.5 million and helped to collect over 5 million pounds of food for those in need across North America.

For more information, please visit the CPKC Holiday Train website at www.cpkcr.com/en/community/HolidayTrain

OPP REPORT

OPP Investigators Seeking Assistance In Solving Commercial Break and Enter in Midland



(Nov. 20, 2023 - MIDLAND,ON)- Investigators from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment are seeking assistance from the public after staff of the Event Horizon Hobbies on King Street, Midland contacted the OPP Communication Centre on November 18, 2023 to report an overnight break and enter to the retail store.

The culprits gained entrance to the store at approximately 2:27 am after smashing the front glass door and once inside unlawfully removed a number of "Magic Cards" that are part of the Magic Of The Gathering Game valued in excess of \$20,000.

Please see the attached photographs of the suspect and vehicle used in this theft.



Fender Bender Results in Impaired Driving Charges in Midland

(Nov. 19, 2023 - MIDLAND, ON) Officers investigating a minor collision which occurred in Midland yesterday have charged one of the involved drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol.

On November 18, 2023 at around 3:00 p.m., members of the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to the scene of a minor collision which occurred on Simcoe Road 93 in the Town of Midland. The two involved vehicles pulled off of the roadway and into the parking lot of a nearby shopping centre. While speaking with one of the drivers, officers noted the signs of alcohol consumption and entered into a drinking and driving investigation. The driver was placed under arrest and was transported to detachment to provide breath samples.

As a result of this investigation, William PEEL, 59 years of London, Ontario, faces the following charges contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and the Highway Traffic Act:

- Operation while Impaired
- Operation Over 80 Milligrams
- Careless Driving

The accused was released from custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Midland on November 30, 2023. When charged with impaired driving, the driver's license of the accused is suspended for 90 days and the vehicle they were operating is impounded for 7 days.

Midland Retail Store Trespass Complaint Leads To Arrest For Area Resident

(MIDLAND, ON)- A trespass complaint by Walmart Store security in Midland on November 15, 2023 led responding officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment to make an arrest of a male on store property.

Tyler COPECOG 21 years of no fixed address , Midland was arrested and charged criminally with Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court and further with Failure to comply with undertaking in relation to attending to the retail store.

The accused remains in custody awaiting a bail hearing and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

OPP Seeking Public Assistance with Poppy Donation Box Theft in Midland

Suspect Identified and Charged

(Nov. 17, 2023 - MIDLAND,ON)- Through com-

munity support and investigation, the suspect was identified as Ashley MCLEOD 34 years of Yonge Street, Midland. The accused was arrested on November 16, 2023 and charged criminally with Theft Under \$5000 and was released from custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on December 21, 2023.

Investigators from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment wish to thank those community members who assisted in this investigation.

Crashes and Calls From The Community Remove Suspected Impaired Drivers From Area Roadways

(Nov. 15, 2023 - MIDLAND, ON)- A report of a vehicle crash and a call from the community helped officers of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment remove three suspected impaired drivers from roadways here in North Simcoe.

Officers responded at approximately 2:12 am November 12, 2023 to a report of a pick up truck that had driven off of Rue Lafontaine East, Tiny Township into a roadside bush. The lone male driver was located and spoken to by officers who then entered into an impaired driving investigation. Officers at the scene also spoke to the driver of a second vehicle (car) that was present at the scene. This driver also became the subject of an impaired driving investigation as well. Both drivers were transported to Detachment for further investigation resulting in the following persons being charged criminally with driving related offences.

The operator of the pick up truck, Sylvain Michel PAYMENT 31 years of Tiny Township has been charged with

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The operator of the car, Brittnay EDWARDS 30 years of Tiny Township has been charged with

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

and further with

- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

Both accused persons were released from custody and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on November 30, 2023. They also faces a 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and both vehicles were towed and impounded for 7 days.

A community member contacted the OPP Communication Centre after noticing a suspicious vehicle and persons in the Sacred Heart Catholic School parking lot on Elizabeth Street, Midland at approximately 11:35 pm November 14, 2023. Attending officers located the suspect vehicle at which time a number of occupants fled from the vehicle but the driver was identified and located. Officers spoke with the driver and entered an impaired by drug investigation resulting in the investigation being continued at Detachment by an OPP Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officer.

As a result of this investigation, Tanner MCCUE 26 years of Penetanguishene has been charged criminally with the following offences.

- Operation while impaired - drugs
- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammunition

The accused was released from custody and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on November 30, 2023. The accused also faces a 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and both vehicles were towed and impounded for 45 days.

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Elmvale is Featured in the New Season of a "TVO Original" series.

The Water Brothers offers six episodes that reveal the current state of Ontario's peatlands, wetlands, waterways and soil.

The series airs Thursdays on TVO and streams across Canada on TVO.org, YouTube and TVO Today apps.

The first episode about Ontario's peatlands, The Breathing Lands, premiered last week, and The World's Oldest Water will be released as the season finale on Thursday, December 7th at 9pm and repeat on Sunday, December 10th at 7pm.

But if you don't want to wait for the TV broadcast you can already watch (and share!) the episode and entire season right here through the TVO youtube channel

https://youtu.be/kXzY3Gm_JOA?si=pY8Yw8t8WxAM-Ifw

Below is the full broadcast release schedule

- 9 pm Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 – Ep. 501 - The Breathing Lands
- 7 pm Sunday, November 5th, 2023 – Ep. 501 - The Breathing Lands
- 9 pm Thursday, November 9th, 2023 – Ep. 502 - The Forever Chemicals
- 7 pm Sunday, November 12th, 2023 - Ep. 502 - The Forever Chemicals
- 9 pm Thursday, November 16th, 2023 – Ep. 503 – Paving Over Paradise
- 7pm Sunday, November 19th, 2023 – Ep. 503 – Paving Over Paradise
- 9 pm Thursday, November 23rd, 2023 – Ep. 504 – The Great Plastic Lakes
- 7 pm Sunday, November 26th, 2023 – Ep. 504 – The Great Plastic Lakes
- 9 pm Thursday, November 30th, 2023 – Ep. 505 – Save Our Soils
- 7 pm Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 – Ep. 505 – Save Our Soils
- 9pm Thursday, December 7th, 2023 – Ep. 506 – The World's Oldest Water
- 7pm Sunday, December 10th, 2023 – Ep. 506 – The World's Oldest Water

Updates, trailers and extra content are available on social media and through the TVO website.

More info:

<https://tvo.me/new-season-of-tvo-original-series-the-water-brothers-explores-ontarios-ecosystems-in-peril/>

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County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Food and Toy Drive Returns for 21st year

Midhurst/Nov. 16, 2023 – The County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Food and Toy Drive in support of individuals and families in need across Simcoe County returns for its 21st year.

Financial donations can be made virtually by visiting <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/simcoe-county-paramedic-association/>, and new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items and gift cards (with the gift card value denoted) can be dropped off at one of the locations listed below.

Over the previous 20 years, the Food and Toy Drive has collected 104,215 toys, 50,394 lbs of food and more than \$240,389 in monetary and gift card donations for families across Simcoe County.

“Every day, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services see the challenges that the rising cost of living in Canada is having on our community, which is why they have continued to take action and donate their time to help those in need each holiday season,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “We hope our residents continue to embrace the spirit of giving this holiday season, as now more than ever giving a little can truly help a lot.”

- DONATION LOCATIONS:**
- County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26 in Midhurst between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and at the following County of Simcoe Paramedic Stations, where outdoor drop boxes are available:
- Alliston - 6933 Industrial Parkway, Alliston
 - Angus - 1 Tree Top Street, Angus
 - Barrie Simcoe Emergency Services Campus - 110 Fairview Drive, Barrie
 - Barrie North - 667 Bayfield Street, Barrie
 - Barrie Tiffin - 113 Tiffin Street, Barrie
 - Beeton - 51 Main Street East, Beeton
 - Bradford - 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway, Units 6 & 7, Bradford
 - Coldwater - 1 Firehall Lane, Coldwater
 - Collingwood - 169 St. Paul Street, Collingwood
 - Craighurst - 2298 Horseshoe Valley Road,

- Oro-Medonte
- Elmvale - 17 Allenwood Road, Elmvale
 - Midland - 395 Cranston Crescent, Midland
 - Orillia - 68 West Street, Orillia
 - Penetanguishene - 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene
 - Stayner - 6993 Highway 26, Stayner
 - Stroud - 2394 Victoria Street West, Stroud
 - Wasaga Beach - 23 Oxbow Park Road, Wasaga Beach
 - Washago - 401 Anchor Drive, Severn

In addition to the above, many locations across the county will also be accepting donations and pop-up collection points may be in a community near you, including the following:

- Friday, November 17, 2023**
- Collingwood Walmart ~ 5 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, November 18, 2023**
- Collingwood Walmart ~ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Collingwood Santa Claus Parade ~ 5 p.m.
 - Bradford West Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade ~ 6:30 to 8 p.m.
 - Barrie Santa Claus Parade ~ 4 to 8 p.m.
 - Orillia Santa Claus Parade ~ 5 to 7 p.m.
- For an up-to-date list, visit simcoe.ca/toydrive.
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Photo above: Jean Whitton, in middle, donates to Legion in memory of Jack & Russell Whitton. with Graham Simmonds, on left and Carolyn Heads, on right, on Remembrance Day. Submitted By Mike Wiwczaruk



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Dance Portion Only: \$15.00
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Obituaries



MARION, Raymond “Ray” Patrick
 March 5th 1950 - November 15th 2023

I t is with great sadness we announce the passing of Raymond Marion. He passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 at the age of 73. He passed away at Georgian Bay General Hospital with his wife, daughter and granddaughter by his side.

Son of Cleophas “Clifford” and Alpha Marion, Husband to Dorothy Jennings, Father to Tammy (Kevin), Tim (Amber), Cherie, and Colleen. Pepere to Randalyn, Brianna (Matthew), Mikaylah (Corey), Makenzie, Isabella, Sadie, Patrick, Josalyn, Jasmyne, Jacob, Mitchell, Kimberly. Great Pepere to Paris, Minisha, Kaia, Carlina, Annabella, Paxton, Isabella, Donte, Maizie, Octavia, Thorin, Winter, Bentley-ray, and Harley

Great Great Pepere to Madison. Brother to Rita, Helen (Leonard), Germaine (Pat), Richard (Charlene), sister in law Karen. Predeceased by his parents Cleophas and Alpha and brother Patrick. He will be deeply missed by all his family, many nieces and nephews, friends and most of all by his best friend Jimmy York.

Thank you to Dr. J. Golisky and the staff of Georgian Bay General Hospital for giving him the best care provided.

Cremation has taken place as per his wishes.

A celebration of life will be held on January 20th, 2024 from 1pm-4pm at the Penetanguishene Legion

Donations in his memory can be made in his honour to Georgian Bay General Hospital and Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Arrangements entrusted to the LeClair Cremation Centre



CONTIN, Jack
 Jack, born on March 2, 1952, left this world on November 9, 2023. He was a devoted husband to his soulmate, Judy, a loving father to Caitlyn, a caring father-in-law to Geoff, and a cherished Poppa to Jack and Elle. Jack was also a brother to Marie and

foster-brother to Tammy, Danny and Muriel. Jack was a man deeply connected to his roots, a proud Ojibway who navigated the challenges of the Sixties Scoop with resilience and strength. Despite the hardships, he dedicated his life to building a loving and supportive family.

A true steward of the environment, Jack passionately advocated for the well-being of the Earth. His commitment to sustainability and community involvement was evident in his active role as Deputy Mayor. Jack believed in the power of collective action and worked tirelessly to make a positive impact on the world around him.

In addition to his advocacy, Jack was a hardworking provider for his family. He believed in the importance of cherishing life's moments and ensuring his family had opportunities to create lasting memories. His dedication was reflected in the choice to prioritize family vacations, the installation of a pool for joyous gatherings, and the purchase of a boat that symbolized the shared adventures they embraced together.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated individuals who provided care for Jack in his final moments. Special thanks to the Midland fire department and Chief Renaud, Simcoe County paramedics, and the compassionate care from Dr. Beeston and the nurses at Georgian Bay General Hospital. Your skill, professionalism, and kindness during a difficult time were deeply appreciated. Extra special thanks to Mayor Bill Gordon and Donna for their tremendous support, as well as Blair Randolph from Askennonia.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, November 17th at the Quality Inn ballroom in Midland from 6-9pm. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to Askennonia Senior Centre or The Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark. Arrangements entrusted to LeClair Cremation Centre

May Jack rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the love and warmth he shared so generously during his time with us.



MOREAU, Betty
 With heavy hearts we announce the passing of our dear mother Betty Viola Moreau (nee Reid) in her 92nd year.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter Janet (Moe), son Brent (Sylvia), her five grand children John (Belinda), Ryan (Gabby), Melissa (Steve), Mike, Kristin (Matt), six great grand children Taylor, Kyla, Daeden, Liam, Zoe, Max and one great, great grand child Cara. Betty will also be missed by her numerous other relatives and friends.

She became sick recently and did not want extraordinary measures to be used to prolong her life. She felt that she had had a good life and was anxious to join her late husband Douglas David (DD).

Cremation is to take place immediately but a graveside service will have to wait until the spring of 2024.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses of the Georgian Bay General Hospital for the excellent care that she received up to and including the time of her passing.

THANK YOU

CORBETT – On October 21st, 2023, our family tree changed forever with the loss of James Russell “Ted” Corbett. The Corbett family would like to acknowledge and extend their appreciation and thank-you to the Thornton Emergency First Responders and OPP for their quick response to the 911 call. A special thank-you to Legacy Funeral Home for their professionalism, care and working with us to make the funeral just as we wanted. A thank-you to Butter and Basil for providing the delicious food for the reception and to the Ivy Orange Men’s Association for use of the Ivy Community Hall.

Our deepest appreciation and thank-you to all those who provided their support, prayers, flowers, donations, hugs, comforting and kind words in honour of “Ted”. He would have truly been touched by all the kindness of all the friends he came upon during his 80 years of life. Forever in our hearts and memories.

The Corbett Family

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In loving memory of **Ken Sheremeto** who passed away on November 30, 2019.

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AGNEW, James “Jim”

Passed away peacefully on Thursday November 9, 2023 at Hospice Huronia-Tomkins House at the age of 91. Loving husband of Anne Agnew. Cherished father of Judi (Brad Jones) and Stephen (Iliana). Jim will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Perianne (Joel), Kieran (Anna), Joel (Morgan), Liam (Jessica) and by his great-grandchildren Vivia, Eliza, Rylee, Rory, Austin, Lakely and Brady. Jim is predeceased by his parents and his sister.

Jim loved physical activity and sports, particularly in the outdoors. As a high school student at Barrie Collegiate Institute, he took pride in playing French Horn in the band, and was an exceptional track athlete along with playing hockey, football and basketball. As a teacher at Midland Secondary School, where he taught for many years, he was instrumental in developing an extracurricular outdoor activity program. In addition, he spent countless hours participating with and supporting his children and grandchildren in their athletic endeavours, including hockey, track and field, basketball, volleyball alpine and cross country skiing. This inspired his children, grandchildren and many students at Midland Secondary School to get engaged in the outdoors and sport in a variety of ways.

Arrangements entrusted to Nicholls Funeral Home, 330 Midland Ave, Midland, Ontario 705-526-5449. If desired, memorial donations to Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House would be appreciated.



HOWELL, John



Passed away peacefully at Hillcrest Village on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in his 89th year. Beloved husband of the late Diana Howell. Loving father of Garry, Kimberly (Norm) and Darlene (Richard). Cherished grandfather of Jeremy, Scott, Lorne, Sheena, Ryan, Cassandra, Danielle, Melissa and Grant and great-grandfather of Hayden, Caleb, Logan, Myles and Cooper. Will be missed by his sisters Janette (Chuck) Goodley, Betty (late Jack) Burton and sister-in-law Wanda Howell. Predeceased by his brothers Harry, Dave, Andy and Bill. He will be lovingly remembered by his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Celebration of Life was held at the Nicholls Funeral Home, Midland, on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 1:00-1:30 with time of remembrance at 1:30, followed by a reception from 2:00-4:00. Interment will be held in the spring. In memory of John, please wear your Maple Leaf's or Blue Jays jersey or shirt. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society of Canada or Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Online condolences may be forwarded through www.nichollsfuneral.ca

TEMPLETON (nee Perry), Joyce Margaret



Passed away peacefully on November 11, 2023, in her 101st year, in Midland, Ontario. Joyce was predeceased by her loving husband of 68 years, Robert Brian Templeton (d. 2012), her parents Harold and Louise Perry, sister Norma, brothers Peter and Charles, and daughter Nancy (d. 1984). Survived by her dear children; Koteah, David, John, and Robert, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Joyce had a fulfilling life of family, home and travel. She especially loved their waterfront home in Midland, sailing and boating on Georgian Bay. Her working life began at a lumber yard during the 40's and after taking about 20 years off to have a family, she became a social worker at Warrandale Homes in Etobicoke, Thistletown Regional Centre, and finally retired from her position of Volunteer Coordinator at Oak Ridges in Penetanguishene. Heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Villa Care Centre and King Place Retirement in Midland for such exceptional care over the last 10 years. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

DUBEAU, Terry



Terry Dubeau, affectionately known as the "Hip", passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 9th, 2023 at the age of 72, surrounded by his loving family at Mount Sinai Hospital. He was a proud family man and a great friend to all who knew him. Terry is survived by his wife of 22 years, Jane Dubeau, his children Melissa Barker (Sean) and Matthew Dubeau (Erin), step-children Sean Boudreault and Benjamin Boudreault (Diana), and cherished grandchildren Zachary and Jacob Barker and Benny Boudreault. He is also survived by his brothers John, Brian and James Dubeau. Predeceased by his parents Laval and Marie Dubeau, and his siblings Michael and Judy Dubeau. Terry was a very well-known member of the community, from buses to boats, and his commitments with serving the Knights of Columbus and his time as a volunteer fireman serving Penetanguishene Fire Department for over 30 years. Terry had an infectious laugh, a great sense of humor and he always had a smile on his face. He was always good for a great one-liner. Terry will be greatly missed and will be fondly remembered by his friends and family. Family and friends were received at the Penetanguishene Funeral Home on Thursday November for visitation. A funeral service took place on Friday November 17th at St. Anns Church. If desired, donations in memory of Terry may be made to the Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame.

QUINN, Claudette

Peacefully passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Friday, November 10th, 2023 at the age of 76. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Stephen. Cherished grandmother of Kieffer. She will be lovingly remembered by her extended family and friends. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Penetanguishene Funeral Home.

MacDONALD, Brenda Ruth



Passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at the Villa Care Centre in Midland. Brenda MacDonald of Elmvale in her 72nd year. Beloved wife of the late Chris MacDonald. Dear mother of Miles and pre-deceased by her daughter Amanda. Brenda will be missed by her sister Mary Lou MacDonald and her many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Phelpston. Memorial donations in Brenda's memory may be made to the Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood.

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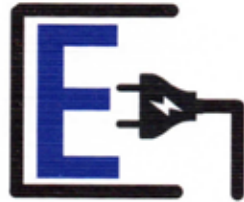
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Grand-versary a Double Celebration

Nov. 18, 2023 - WASAGA BEACH - It was a big day for Kat Gregory and Sarah Light, owners of Portside Salon and Barbershop in Wasaga Beach on Saturday November 18th. They were finally able to find time to organize their grand opening, after one year of being open. Running the new business had them run off there feet most of the past year. A quorum of Wasaga Beach council were on hand to assist in the ribbon cutting. In the above picture, in the back row on the steps are Cousellor Richard White, Deputy Mayor Tanya Snell and Councillor Faye Ego. In front with the ribbon are Councillor Ellen Timms, Mayor Brian Smith, Sarah, Kat and Ashley Light. Local eateries supplied a variety of treats. Portside is located at 998 Mosely Street.

Submitted by Don Beaulieu

Springwater’s Mayor Statement
on Proposed Boundary Adjustment

We, the Council of the Township of Springwater, understand that there are reports circulating regarding the City of Barrie annexing lands from the Township of Springwater. We stand aligned and committed to making decisions that protect the interests of Springwater residents.

The Township of Springwater has been approached by the City of Barrie regarding their desire for a boundary adjustment in various locations along the Barrie / Springwater border, as well as shared servicing. As of now, no commitments have been made, and no agreements have been established.

Although disappointed with the recent approach taken by Mayor Nuttall and the City of Barrie, Township of Springwater staff and Council will continue to perform a rigorous evaluation on the proposal to ensure that the interests of Springwater residents are considered and remain the highest priority.

To ensure transparency regarding this matter, Springwater Council has deliberated this matter further during the November 15, 2023 regular meeting of Council in open session.

Sincerely,
Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, (on behalf of Springwater Council)



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