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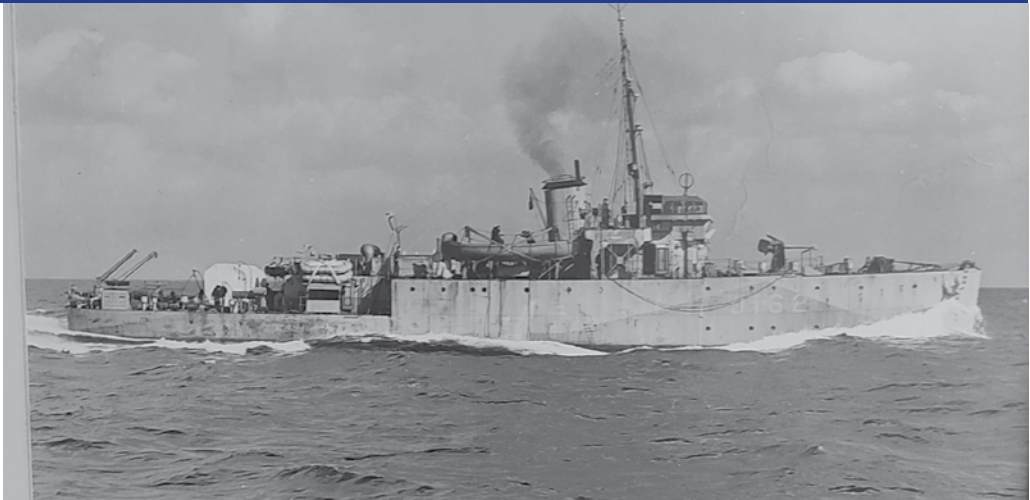


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WASAGA PARTICIPATES ON D-DAY

First Hand Account of Talking About DDay at Remembrance Day Ceremony

By Brian Belcourt, Reporter

I was reminded of how big of a sacrifice fighting in a war really is. If you want to really feel the sacrifice, talk to an historian about the real stories of the war. It is difficult to talk to a vet and get a first hand account of what the world wars were like. We now rely on the stories of those that study the facts and take the time to research.

I was directed to report on the Wasaga Beach Remembrance Day ceremony on November 5, 2023. After the ceremony at the cenotaph, I went to the reception at Wasaga Chamber. I met retired Sergeant Tony Beresford as he entered the building. I recognized Tony, as the



Bugler for the Remembrance Day ceremony. As I enter the Wasaga Chamber, I noticed a photo display donated by Donald Conron. The photo was of

the Wasaga J162 minesweeper and the crew, which Donald was Stoker First class on the ship. There was also a model of the original ship. The ship build in British Columbia was first stationed in Newfoundland but later moved to Nova Scotia during WW2. When the crew received notice that they were being deployed to England, they got so excited that they went in reverse instead of forward, damaging another Minesweeper, the Bayfield.

Tony explained that the Wasaga was one of sixteen Canadian mine sweepers that participated in DDay. Instead

of leading the way for the Canadian forces landing at Juno, they were giving the assignment of leading American force at Omaha. The reason was that if a leading ship became disabled, it was to be blown up by their own convey to make way for the mass of ships coming from behind. Canadian ships lead American ships and vise versa.

The Wasaga was at Omaha beach for three days supporting the troops, landing with her guns, as the tanks that were to be the supporting guns, sank as the tide was too high. The crew witnessed the horrors of war through the three days at Omaha. The physical debris from the landing assault floated pass the ship.

Seeing this picture and having the opportunity to talk to Tony Beresford, who served in Bosnia, reminded me how big a sacrifice that these young men and women made so we would have the great country that we live in today. I hope everyone takes advantage of Remembrance Day on Saturday November 11 to attend a ceremony and thank a Veteran for their service.

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Photo above: Wasaga Mayor Brian Smith honouring Vets at Wasaga Beach Remembrance Day Ceremony

Wasaga Beach Remembrance Day Ceremony

By Brian Belcourt, Reporter
 Nov. 5, 2023 The town of Wasaga Beach held their Remembrance Day ceremony on Saturday November 5, 2023. The town holds their Remembrance Day the week before the traditional Remembrance Day of November 11, 2023, as there is no Legion in Wasaga Beach. The Stayner Legion Branch 457, Town of Wasaga Beach and Wasaga Beach Rotary club work together to host the event.
 The ceremony started at 10:55 with a parade that started at the Huronia West OPP station. The Parade will represent by local organization, Veterans, Members of the armed forces, and local first responders were lead by the Brinn Gorm Highlanders pipe. The band led the parade to the Wasaga Beach cenotaph at 30 Lewis St.
 The ceremony at the Wasaga Beach cenotaph started with the singing of O Canada by Alyssia Peck followed by an opening prayer from Minister Rudy Plug. MP for Simcoe-Grey Terry Dowdall and George Watson on behalf of MPP Simcoe-Grey Brian Saunderson, welcomed the large amount of people at the event and had opening remarks.
 Next Wasaga Beach Mayor Brian Smith introduced 4 new members too the Veterans Banner Recognition, Brad Young, Steve Wallace, Donald Conron, Fredrick Morley Thompson which where displayed next to the cenotaph. The Veterans Banners are attribute to the men and women From Wasaga who have served their country.
 Guest Speaker Ken Voss, spoke that despite all the sacrifice that our Veterans have made, our world is still not at peace and why Canadians make the ultimate sacrifice to their country, it is our values as Canadians of treating all individuals equally.
 After the laying of the wreaths the Aubry Fill Harmonics, sang beautiful renditions of In Flanders Field and God Save The King. Lest We Forget.

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EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

November is a dreary month. It is cold, damp and dark. Daylight savings is here and we are trying to get used to the time change. Our biological clocks are slowly adapting our cycle of circadian rhythms. If you are tired and cranky it is not “all in your head”, it is actual science.
 But don't let this month of season changes get you down. You can take some positive actions to make you feel a little better. There are positive things that we can do in November like support a favorite charity, donate to a good cause, volunteer for an organization that needs your help. Giving Tuesday Canada is a national day of giving that takes place on November 29th this year. It's a day for Canadians to come together and donate to charities and causes that are important to them. Let's all give some time and help this month. It helps the community and helps us to interact with the people around us. You may even make a new friend.
 The Barrie Women's shelter has a way to help. During the month of November, the purchase of every scarf, tie and socks helps to ensure that women and children at the shelter are safe, supported and have the chance to imagine life without violence.
 Our community can send a message of hope and show their commitment to helping end violence against women by wearing their purple scarf, tie and new this year, purple socks.
 Make your November a great month.



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Photo above: First Place Winner Maelle with Mayor Gordon.



Photo above: Second Place Winner Kingsley with Mayor Gordon.



Photo above: Third Place Winner Dannika with Mayor Gordon.

Town of Midland adds a Splash of 'Sweep-sational' Artistry to new Street Sweeper

(October 24, 2023, Midland ON) The Town of Midland's new street sweeper claims artistic bragging rights with two vibrant graphic displays wrapped on either side. Aiming to brighten up this new vehicle, staff encouraged local children to showcase their talent by submitting entries to a colouring contest held this summer.

"It is absolutely thrilling to witness the enthusiastic participation and outstanding artistic talent displayed by local kids," said Mayor Bill Gordon. "We're also

proud of Town Operations staff for bringing this innovative idea to life while engaging the community on this project."

The contest received an overwhelming response from the community with over 30 entries from youth ages 4 - 18. With so many beautiful entries to choose from, contest judges awarded two first place winners, one second place and one third place winner. The two first place winners' art is displayed on either side of the street sweeper.

The Ravo 5 Street Sweeper, built in the Netherlands, boasts the newest in vacuum street cleaning technology. This impressive piece of machinery was added to the Town Operations fleet in 2022.

The Town of Midland looks forward to developing more creative initiatives and opportunities that support our youth and make the Town a little brighter. Keep an eye out for the decorated street sweeper as it roams Midland. This moving work of art is sure to bring smiles to everyone who sees it!

Submitted by Town of Midland



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This year has been a wonderful year for the Springwater Public Library and one of our biggest accomplishments was winning the National TD Summer Reading prize! With winning the grand first prize the library was gifted \$8000 to spend on children’s programming. It was a huge honor to win first place, and to be able to give back to our community.

In order to find the best ways to make use of the money, the library took a well-rounded approach of finding things for children of all ages from birth to teens. With the money we were able to purchase fun additions to storytime including oversized books, puppets and playhouses for the children’s area. We purchased program supplies for our school age group, as well as some large, interactive 3D dinosaur puzzles. For teens, we purchased games as well as Dungeons and Dragons campaigns, and phone charging stations.

We also were able to purchase tech items to enhance our online programming and items to continue our baby welcome packages.

This opportunity has allowed the library to do more things than it would normally be able to do for families in our community, and we are so grateful for this opportunity to shower our patrons with love! Thank you so much to TD for allowing us to have the best year ever!

Pajama Storytime
 Ages 6 and under and their families are invited to join Kaitlyn 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 November 9, 6pm at Minesing Branch. Registration required.

Opening late
 Please note the Elmvale Branch will be opening late Saturday November 11 for the Remembrance Day service. We will reopen as soon as the service is complete.

PA Day Take and Make Craft
 On the PA day stop by Elmvale or Midhurst locations Friday November 17 for your free take and make craft of a floppy eared puppy. These kits will be available as long as supplies last.

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

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 Elmvale Branch.

After School Games
 Come on in after school hours to play some games with friends and family! The library will provide the games, or you can bring your own! All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Drop in Tuesdays 3pm at Minesing Branch.

Babytime
 Fridays come and join us for short stories, songs and rhymes! This is a great place to chat with other parents and make connections in your community. This is for babies who are not yet walking. Fridays, 10:30am, Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Shopper’s Drug Mart Knows Women’s Health a Serious Issue...
 Donation to Springwater Library Helps Women



Springwater, Ontario, October 16, 2023 – A lack of access to period products is one of many serious health inequities facing Canadian women, that has largely gone unnoticed or ignored due to a lack of visibility and awareness. To help address this issue, Springwater Public Library is launching the Period Positivity project, thanks to a \$57,596 Community Grant from the Shoppers Foundation for Women’s Health™ (the charitable arm of Shoppers Drug Mart). The grant will allow the Period Positivity project to provide free access to period products and services for those who menstruate in the community.

The Period Positivity project is a three-part effort. To launch, library branches will install dispensing machines stocked with free pads and tampons, and add to its collection of books focused on menstrual health. In 2024, branches will provide two specialty kits designed to meet specific menstruation-related needs, including the “All Season Kit” featuring a reusable pad that will be available in March. The final stage will be a “Summer Kit” launched in June 2024, which will include a bathing suit that includes a tankini swim top and period friendly swim suit shorts. These period friendly kits will be available free of charge.

To ensure widespread access of the kits, Springwater Public Library is partnering with several local community organizations: The Elmvale Food Bank, Sharewear, Elmvale District High School, the Barrie Native Friendship Centre, and the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre.

“We are happy to work with our community partners in providing period kits as well as making menstrual products available for free in our library branches of Elmvale and Midhurst,” said Jodie Delgado, CEO, Springwater Public Library. “We are grateful to Shoppers Foundation for Women’s Health TM for providing the funding that allows us to assist the residents of Springwater.”

“We’re honoured to support organizations like Springwater Public Library to find new ways to provide better ac-

cess to care and health services for women,” said Paulette Minard, Director, Community Investment, Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health™. “We are on a mission to make women’s health visible, by investing \$50 million by 2026 to address some of the most pressing health inequities women encounter. Our Community Grants Program is one example of how we are helping to bridge the gap to make access to equitable and inclusive care for women in Canada possible.”

For more than a decade, Shoppers Drug Mart has supported women’s health charities across Canada. Shoppers Foundation for Women’s Health™ aims to build on this legacy by reducing health inequities women face. This year, 24 charitable organizations have received grants of up to \$100,000 from the Community Grants Program to ensure women can access the care and support they deserve.

The Springwater Public Library operates three branches (Elmvale, Minesing, and Midhurst) within the Township of Springwater with a growing population of approximately 22,000 residents. We are located just north of Barrie and lean into our rural roots. We are the recipients of the TD Summer Reading Award and welcome more than 40,000 visitors annually for our programs and resources.

STPL encourages curiosity and self-directed adventures by being a pioneer in creating connections through digital pathways, fostering literacy, and building community partnerships for residents of all ages in a safe and welcoming environment.

Springwater Township Public Library acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Ouendat (WEN-dat), the Haudenosaunee (Hodeen-noh-SHAW-nee) and the Anishinaabek (ah-nish-i-NAH-beck) peoples. We recognize the contributions made by Canada’s First Nations and are grateful for the opportunity to meet here and re-affirm our commitment to move forward with peace and respect.

By Jodie Delgado CEO, Springwater Public Library

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Notice - Winter Parking Restrictions Reminder 2023

By Christopher Smith, Municipal Law Enforcement

Oct. 25, 2023 - The Town of Penetanguishene would like to advise residents and businesses in Penetanguishene are advised that Winter Parking will be in effect from November 1, 2022, until April 1, 2023, between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., as per By-law No. 2022-02.

During this time, residents and businesses are reminded that no vehicles are to be parked on the roads, shoulders and municipal parking lots from 1:00am until 7:00am.

Keeping vehicles off roadways and sidewalks is critical for crews to complete snow-clearing operations. Vehicles obstructing winter operations vehicles or equipment may be subject to the full penalties outlined in the by-law, including towing.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making winter operations as smooth as possible. If you require additional information regarding this notice, please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

Christmas on the Hill in Penetanguishene

November 16th
6:30pm to 9:00pm

Pick up a passport at your first stop and make sure to get it stamped at each business for a chance to win a shopping spree worth \$800!

County of Simcoe Opens Roundabout

Midhurst/October 27, 2023 – The County of Simcoe continues to build up local transportation infrastructure, including several significant roundabout projects. Recently, traffic began circulating the new roundabout on Wilson Drive in Springwater Township. Another roundabout in Essa Township is scheduled to open later this year.

“The County is building up critical infrastructure to support our residents and the needs of our regional economy,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “In 2023, the County invested more than \$45 million into road construction projects. Growth is coming to Simcoe County, and we want to make sure Simcoe County’s infrastructure is ready.”

Roundabouts are commonplace across Europe, and they are becoming more and more common in Ontario, including in areas such as Waterloo, Hamilton, London. Several roundabouts have been constructed in the west part of Simcoe County by the MTO.



Local Lions Spark a Challenge for MRI

Photo above: From left: Dennis Esterbrooks, president, Victoria Harbour Lions Club; Lawrence Campbell and Graham Wenn, Victoria Harbour Lions Club; and Victoria Evans, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation.

Nov. 2, 2023 - On October 13, 2023, members of the Victoria Harbour Lions Club presented the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation with a cheque for \$1,000. This generous gift will help bring a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine to the local hospital, which is a priority that holds special meaning for the club as some members have had to travel for this important test.

The Victoria Harbour Lions Club is challenging other local Lions Clubs to match their gift, for even greater collective impact. The Penetang Lions Club already joined in on the fun with a \$2,000 gift to the Cedar Ridge BBQ fundraiser held in July. By GBGH



County Launches Age-Friendly Community Survey

Survey runs between November 1 and December 31

Midhurst/November 1, 2023 – The County of Simcoe is launching its 2023 Age-Friendly Community Survey to understand the most pressing age-friendly priorities in our communities and measure the Age-Friendly Program awareness. The survey is available on the County’s website and at various locations throughout the region. Surveys must be completed before December 31, and participants can enter a prize draw.

“The County of Simcoe is working hard to build up our age-friendly communities, putting the needs of our older adults at the heart of what we are doing,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “We have made great progress on what we set out to do with our first Age-Friendly Strategy created in 2018. As we plan for the future, we are calling on our residents to let us know what they would like to see, and to help us create another successful Age-Friendly Strategy that is built around them and their needs.”

Between 2018 and 2023, the County was implementing its first Simcoe County Positive Aging Strategy, which contained 141 recommendations. A significant number of these recommendations have now been completed and many have become part of the County’s ongoing processes in age-friendly initiatives that are offered on an annual basis. Some of the important projects completed through Age-Friendly since 2018 include: Public Transit to Key Communities and Hubs, Accessible Door-to-Door Transit Service,

Age-Friendly webpage, Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant, Age-Friendly Toolkit for Business Sector, and an Age-Friendly Individual Recognition Program.

To ensure the success of the 2024-2028 Age-Friendly Strategy, the County is counting on all local voices being heard. If you are an older adult over the age of 65, or you would like to submit feedback on behalf of a senior, please help improve your community by filling out this survey before December 31, 2023. The survey may take about 20 to 25 minutes to complete. All feedback will remain anonymous and will only be used for Age-Friendly Community Planning.

Surveys can be completed online at simcoe.ca/age-friendly. Printed versions will also be available at more than 60 locations, including the County Administration Centre, museum, and long-term care and seniors services facilities. For an extensive list of locations, visit simcoe.ca/age-friendly.

People who submit a completed survey are eligible to win one of these great prizes: Braestone Club Ktchn Restaurant Gift Card (\$500 value); Vetta Spa Gift Card (\$150 value); Georgian Bay Gift Basket (\$100 value); or Tiny Township Gift Basket (\$70 value).

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A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

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

Nov. 6, 2023 - It's the most wonderful time of the year...
"There'll be s'mores for the roasting, hot cider for toasting, and Santa will greet one and all.
There'll be fun things to do for kids – grandparents too – so let's everyone answer this call"

WELCOME TO TINY'S FESTIVE TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Tuesday, November 28, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Tiny's tree lighting celebration, at Perkinsfield Park, 43 County Road 6 South, is an annual event that has become the stuff of legend for local residents – and you're invited.
The actual tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m., but the fun starts an hour earlier so that everyone has the chance to enjoy all of the activities and the sumptuous refreshments. As well as our favorite traditional fare: hot chocolate, cookies and apple cider, participants can roast s'mores, which have become such a seasonal favorite, at the crackling fire. But, other delights may await those who come early. Food trucks will provide special treats from Beaver Tails and Phil's Catering for only \$2 per item... please note that supply will be limited, first come, first served.
To list all of the activities would spoil the surprise, but there'll be lots of games for children, including a giant Connect 4 and a ring toss. As well, there will be a table where you can make a reindeer and snowman craft to take home for a special someone on your gift list. And speaking of lists, there'll be a spot where kids can write their letters to Santa. The jolly old elf and Mrs. Claus will both be on hand for everyone to visit. Be sure to bring your cell phone or camera to have pictures taken with them.
The highlight of the evening is, of course, the light-

ing of the beautiful trees, which shine bright in the hearts of visitors and the community throughout the holiday season.
As we enjoy the live music, games, crafts and activities, we're asked to help others make their holidays bright. Please share in the spirit of giving by taking advantage of this opportunity to donate non-perishable food items and new toys for local families who need our help.

Programs, Activities & Events

"Keeping Active" was the theme of one of Tiny's Senior Speaker Series' sessions earlier this fall. While most of the area's fitness programs will soon be winding down until January – watch this space for more information on the new winter programs – here are a couple of suggestions for those who want to keep moving 'til Santa comes.

Shuffleboard, a volunteer-led program, continues until December 22, Fridays, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Wyebridge Community Centre (8340 Highway 93, Tiny).

SMART, a gentle exercise program is available for 55+ participants to start at any time. Offered by the Victorian Order of Nurses across the area on different days of the week, and also available online, the exercises help improve balance, strength, and mobility. For information call 705-355-2200

Hope for the Holidays Winter Market, Saturday, November 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 45 Edward St., Penetanguishene. The Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre hosts this market, featuring local artisans and crafters with an array of gift items, including everything from custom wood carvings to knitted fashions and one-of-a-kind festive greeting cards.

The Township of Tiny Mourns the Loss of Anthony Lancia, Former Reeve and Mayor

Nov. 2, 2023 Tiny, Ontario - The Township of Tiny is saddened to hear of the recent passing of Anthony Lancia, former Reeve and Mayor for the municipality.
Mr. Lancia's dedication to the community includes his commitment to Council, which began in the late 1980s. He served as Reeve from 1988 to 1991, and as Mayor from 1994 to 2000.
The flags at the Municipal Office have been lowered to half-mast in recognition of this profound loss.
Mayor David Evans expressed his sympathy for the Lancia family, when saying, "On behalf of the Township of Tiny, I want to express our sincere condolences to the Lancia family. It is hard to put into words how deeply saddened we are by the passing of Anthony Lancia. He will be remembered for his passion for Tiny through his extensive time on Council, and as a devoted member of the community. Our thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time".
A media report on MidlandToday.ca indicates that a secular celebration of life will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Brooklea Golf & Country Club in Midland. Members of the community who knew Anthony and Liesje are welcome to attend. Memorials or donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Time To Renew Short-Term Rental Licence

Date: November 2, 2023
(Tiny, Ontario) The Township of Tiny's Municipal Law Enforcement Department is reminding Short-Term Rental property owners to renew their licence.
Short-Term Rental By-law 22-017, as amended, allows up to 300 short-term rental licences to be issued annually. There are currently two types of short-term rental applicants: approved and under review. Only approved licences can move directly to the renewal application process. All licences expire annually on December 31, and need to be renewed and approved to operate the following calendar year.
All applicants that are listed under review will need to complete their 2023 application before the end of 2023 to obtain their licence and move on to the 2024 renewal process. In the event an application that is under review cannot successfully become approved, the applicant will need to apply to be on the program waitlist and complete the application process from the beginning as a new applicant. The township has been working closely with applicants that have under review applications and is hopeful they will be able to check-off any outstanding requirements to obtain an approved licence and apply for their 2024 renewal licence.
At the November 1, 2023 meeting of Council, the Fee By-law Amendment – Short-Term Rental Licence Report #MLE-011-23 was presented to propose a \$250 increase to the renewal fee for short-term rental licences. Council approved the new fee of \$1750 to help with cost recovery of the increased staff time spent on inspections, administration, and enforcement for the licensing program.
"One of the goals of the short-term licensing program is to ensure that general taxpayers are not subsidizing the administration or enforcement of the program" said Mayor, David Evans. "Staff are spending more time on enforcement than projected. It is important that the licence fee reflects this so the program follows a cost recovery model and does not impact taxpayers".
Renewal licence applications will open during the week of November 6, 2023. For more information or to apply online, visit the township's website at www.tiny.ca/STR.

Township of Tiny Volunteer Firefighters are 'Mo'-tivated to Grow Moustaches, Awareness, and Funds for Men's Health



Nov. 1, 2023- Tiny, Ontario - The Township of Tiny's Volunteer Firefighters are partnering with the Midland, Penetanguishene, and Tay Fire Departments again this year for the annual Southern Georgian Bay Firefighters' Movember campaign that takes place during the month of November.
The campaign uses the moustache as a branding symbol and focuses on raising awareness and money for men's health initiatives such as mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.
"Movember provides an opportunity for the community to really come together and support vital, lifesaving research and initiatives through these donations," said Dave Flewelling, Director of Fire and Emergency Services/Fire Chief. "It also allows space for those tough conversations that we need to be having with our friends and loved-ones – that it is important to get screened, that it is okay to reach out, and that we encourage them to do both".

This year, the Team Captain for Tiny's Movember campaign, Samantha Barnett, got started early by planning a charity golf tournament in September, raising approximately \$9000 to kickstart 2023's fundraising efforts. To learn more about the firefighters participating, or to donate to the Southern Georgian Bay Firefighters' campaign goal, visit www.tiny.ca/fire.
Thanks to the community's support, the Southern Georgian Bay Firefighters team has led the fundraising charge for Movember, earning the highest-ranking titles of top Canadian Fire Department and Global Fire Department for two years in a row, as well as the top fundraising spots for Fire Chief, Firefighter, and female in Canada. In 2022, the team of North Simcoe firefighters raised a total of \$68,606.
"Movember funds over 300 projects in Canada, all for prevention, early detection, and awareness. This is a really good time to discuss your health and have conversations about it; remember that it accounts for 365 days a year and not just the month of November," said Samantha Barnett, Tiny Volunteer Firefighter and Team Captain for Tiny. "We have several events planned this year such as boot drives, a trivia night, 'Hot Mo's' (a hot chicken wing eating contest), and physical challenges that some of the firefighters have signed up for to raise funds. We hope the community will come out to support the cause".
For more information on upcoming Movember events, visit www.tiny.ca/events. 705-526-4204 • www.tiny.ca/news
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New Poppy Campaign Modernise Remembrance Day

By Tyler Griffin The Canadian Press Oct 28, 2022
New poppy campaign initiatives seek to modernize the tradition of remembrance

Frosty poppies sit atop a tombstone on Remembrance Day at the National Military Cemetery in Ottawa on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021. The Royal Canadian Legion's national poppy campaign kicks off today and will run through Remembrance Day under less health restrictions than in recent years, and organizers hope a string of new initiatives will re-engage Canadians in the act of remembrance.THE CANADIAN PRESS/Sean Kilpatrick

A shift towards environmentally friendly materials and new digital engagement strategies are among new initiatives the Royal Canadian Legion is hoping will breathe fresh life into the 2022 national poppy campaign.

The annual push to honour fallen soldiers officially launched on Friday and is set to run until Remembrance Day, and organizers say they're hopeful the features introduced this year will help re-engage Canadians in the act of paying tribute to veterans both past and present.

The Legion has scaled back the number of traditional poppy boxes at locations across the country where people can donate cash and receive a poppy pin, rolling out just over 27,000 compared to around 34,000 in 2021. But the new campaign will feature the introduction of biodegradable poppies and wreaths made of natural materials such as paper, moss and bamboo.

It will also include "Poppy Stories," an initiative allowing people to scan a lapel poppy with their smartphone and be presented with information about real Canadian veterans, including anecdotes about their lives, their roles within the military, where they served and what their passions were.

"The various initiatives are a way to engage more Canadians from across generations, to engage younger people in the act of remembrance," said Nujma Bond, communications manager for the legion's national headquarters.

"We hope that when we modernize how we remember, and the materials we use to remember, it will also carry on the tradition of remembrance in Canada."

For the third year in a row, the organization will also have boxes that can accept payments from tap-enabled devices or cards. The legion said 1,000 such boxes will be in place this year, the same number as in 2021 when large swaths of the country were still operating under public health restrictions intended to curb the COVID-19 pandemic.

Canadians can also make a donation towards the campaign at mypoppy.ca, where they can create a digital poppy, add a customized commemoration to a veteran and share it on social media.

While there are still regional restrictions in place that will need to be heeded, fewer public health mea-

sures means more volunteers will be physically present at poppy boxes to engage with those passing by and encourage donations.

"It is a chance to share more stories, for people to meet veterans, to have positive conversations, to learn a little bit more about those who have served us," said Bond.

This year's supply of poppies will consist of both the traditional and environmentally friendly versions, the Legion said, noting it hopes to deplete old stock before switching exclusively to sustainable materials for future campaigns.

The organization doesn't have final figures for the amount raised from last year's campaign, but Bond said the legion typically raises close to \$20 million from its poppy campaign on any given year to support veterans, their families and communities.

Brent Craig, veterans' service officer for the Legion's Westboro branch in west Ottawa, said those funds go directly into a range of programs that help veterans with a host of needs, including assisting with paperwork when applying for benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada or peer support programs.

"I've had the privilege of working with a number of veterans who help out with the poppy campaign and also come up to the box, and they've all been very appreciative of the fact that the poppy campaign exists," said Craig, whose father served in the Air Force and grandfather served in Europe during the Second World War.

Ronn Anderson, 78, served for more than 38 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, with stints in Europe as an artilleryman and as part of the Air Force. This is his 22nd year running the poppy campaign for the legion's St. James branch in Winnipeg, and he said he hopes to see spikes in volunteer numbers, public engagement and donation totals by the end of the campaign compared to the last two years.

He said the return of traditional poppy boxes is particularly welcome among veterans, adding he and his fellow former soldiers have more meaningful interactions with the public and receive more thanks for their service when they don their uniforms and volunteer for the campaign.

"That means a lot to me to be able to support these veterans that need our help," said Anderson. "Nobody likes to be in need, but through necessity, through circumstances, people do become in need and we're happy to help out our veterans with our poppy monies that we've earned."

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Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly



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This week, with all that's going on around us, let's just pray. Perhaps you'll recognize words taken from A General Intercession found in The Common Book of

Prayer.

We call upon You, Father, because You know us best and love us just the same. Your comfort, mercy and grace remain steadfast and sufficient in everything we face. Sometimes Your answers come slower than we like, but we believe that as we're waiting, You're working things together for our good. Sometimes, maybe even often, You have to change things in us so that we're prepared for what is to come. In the end, every answer improves our character and our life.

This is why, dearest Father, we put the events and struggles that are happening around us, and to us, into Your loving care.

Father, thank You for inclining Your ear to Your people bowed before You around the world, and for the love and compassion You have for those who are unable, or become unable, to pray to You because of age, sickness, or infirmity.

Thank you for caring for the infants; guiding the young; supporting the aged; and encouraging the faint-hearted, the scattered, the spiritually wounded and wandering to come safely into Your care.

Thank You for being willing to deliver those held captive mentally or emotionally; those living in any combination of mental, emotional, spiritual, or physical abuse; and those struggling in the midst of war. Please travel with the travellers, defend the widows, and shield the orphans.

Father, please free those who are being held hostage for whatever reason, and those being tortured or martyred because of their race or their faith.

Please help and comfort prisoners and all who are in tribulation, great need, or distress. Please comfort those whose hearts overflow with grief. Help us look to You to overcome our fears. Please heal those who are sick in heart, mind, soul, and strength, and comfort us in our times of need.

Father, we put our hope in Your words and receive them into our hearts. Help us to bring them into the events of daily living, to appreciate their value, beauty, comfort, strength, wisdom, and discernment.

Father, thank You for forgiving us when we ask. Help us to offer forgiveness to others, and to receive it when others offer it to us. Help us to forgive ourselves. Please help us to love others as You love us.

Please, help us in all events and situations to exhibit love expressed in joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Please help us to encourage and edify others; to be united with all who love You, regardless of how we may differ in looks or culture. As we pray for our family and friends by name, may we be a comfort and help to them in their times of need.

Dearest Father, You know each person's need. You hear every prayer. Thank You for answering according to Your merciful loving-kindness, and Your sacrificial love.

We ask these things in the everlasting name of Jesus. Amen.

Modeling Respect

All parents want to be respected by their children. If children are disrespectful, parents sometimes try to teach them respect by punishing, or yelling and screaming. This may change their behavior and may elicit compliance, but it will not win respect.

This is not to say that disrespect should be ignored. If we allow others to treat us disrespectfully, then we are not respecting ourselves. Respect is generated, essentially, by treating others the way we would like to be treated.

From very early on, children need to be made aware of how their behavior affects others. Rather than simply saying that hitting is bad, which leaves the inference that the child is bad for hitting, we must go further. It is important to explain that when you hit your brother, it makes him very sad. It might even make him afraid. 'Hitting is not something we do in our family. If you are very upset, I will help you with your feelings, and help you to solve the problem you are having. You are important to me, and your feelings are important. We will find a way to sort things out without hitting, and in a way that lets everyone feel okay.'

This kind of communication is highly effective because there is congruency between the message and the way in which it is given. In other words, we are teaching the child about respect in a way that also respects that child.

Spanking a child while telling him that hitting is wrong makes no sense at all. Nor does speaking rudely to a child about showing more respect. It is when we fail to practice what we preach that the seeds of disrespect are born. Consider the politician who advocates fiscal restraint while giving himself a pay raise. Even a young child can spot discrepancies between our words and our actions. If they are later punished for behavior that they have modeled from us, then there will be not only disrespect, but also resentment.

If children are little, you can implement strategies which foster mutual respect. What if your children are older, and the negative patterns are well established? There is still hope. Sit down with your children and tell them that you are aware that you have all been treating each other with disrespect. Indicate that you are no longer comfortable with this and will henceforth be endeavoring to say what you have to say to them in a more respectful manner.

Change must begin somewhere, so you will be the first volunteer. You may certainly request that they do the same. There may still be consequences for inappropriate behavior because you are the parent and must set boundaries. You may even ask them to gently remind you if you drop back to the old ways. If you show them that you are sincere and committed to raising the level of integrity in your communication with them, they will respect you for that.

If you blow it, and can apologize for being disrespectful, they will respect you even more. You will also be demonstrating for them the way in which they can begin the process of positive change within themselves. It takes patience, persistence, and time to change old patterns. And it's totally worth it.

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Minesing Moments

By Lorrie Norwood

Nov. 6, 2023 - The leaves have fallen, we've had some snow, Halloween came and went and here we are in the second week of November already! I would first like to mention that the children that came to the houses of those I have spoken to in Minesing, were all very polite and remembered their manners, saying trick or treat, wished us a Happy Halloween and were on their way. Well done kids! It's so nice to hear the manners of the children when they receive their treats. Does anyone do the trick part of "Trick or Treat" anymore? I recall a few houses when I was young would ask us for some tricks or jokes so we could get our treats. Wouldn't that be fun to bring back? That way the kids who may "forget" their manners will have to earn their treat. I know it was a cold night for the ghosts and goblins but they all had a smile on their face and seemed to fit their costumes over their warmer clothes just like we used to do.

Minesing Central Public School – Autumn Market – The school is hosting a market on Thursday November 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come on out and support the school as well as some incredible local vendors. It is free entry with donations to the Food Bank appreciated.

Minesing Union Cemetery – As the winter approaches, the Minesing Union Cemetery Board would like to remind people of the following:

- Upkeep for potted plants/urns, etc. is the responsibility of the person who placed them.
- They should be removed from the cemetery by November 15th.
- Artificial wreaths may only be placed on a plot/grave between November 15th and April 15th.
- They may not be encased in either glass or plastic.
- Artificial wreaths not conforming to these guidelines will be removed from the plot/grave and placed at the back of the cemetery (south-west corner) for a reasonable period of time for retrieval.
- Artificial wreaths must be securely fastened to the monument or mounted on a stand at least 24 inches in height, in which is securely anchored to the ground.

The By-Laws of the Minesing Union Cemetery are available at minesingunioncem@gmail.com.

Minesing Christmas Tractor Parade – Friday December 9th at 7:00 p.m. – Join the farmers of Minesing and area in their 4th Annual Tractor Parade. Make sure to check the event for updates on Facebook as they are posted.

Food, money, and hygiene products will be collected that night for our friends at the Elmvale & District Food Bank. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Until next time, please remember to wear your flare orange if you are out walking, it's Hunting Season!



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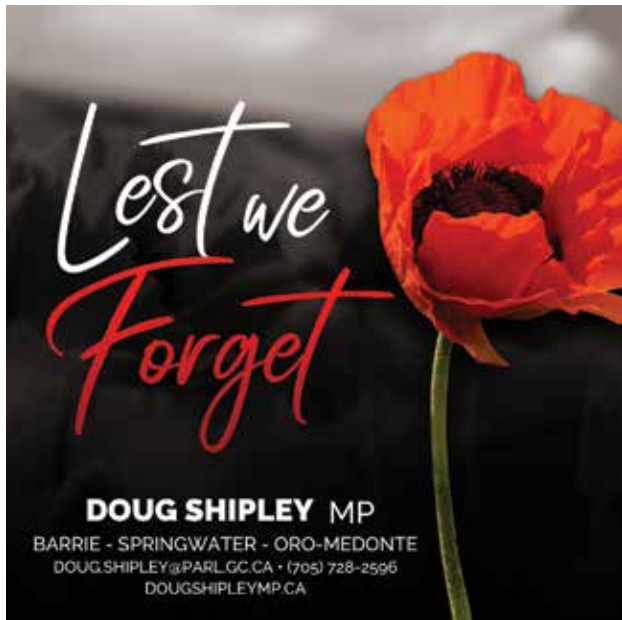
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Every year, on November 11, we take the time to pause and honour the brave men and women who have fought to protect and uphold the freedoms we enjoy today. To show support for our veterans, I encourage you to wear a poppy, attend a Remembrance Day ceremony, or simply thank a veteran. It is our responsibility to make sure that their memory, service, and sacrifice are never forgotten.

If you wish to attend a service, the following ceremonies are among those taking place in the region:

- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 262 (Elmvale)— Ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the Elmvale Cenotaph.
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147 (Barrie) and the City of Barrie— Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. from Dunlop St. and Mulcaster St. to Five Points & Ceremony at Memorial Square.
- Springwater Park-Assembly will begin at 10:00am at the Springwater Provincial Park Cenotaph

If you are unable to attend a ceremony on Remembrance Day, please pause at 11am to observe two minutes of silence. Take the opportunity to reflect and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

This year, on Veterans' Week we also acknowledge the 75th Anniversary of United Nations Peacekeeping. Canada's Peacekeepers are a great source of pride to all Canadians. Since the late 40s more than 125,000 members of the Canadian Armed Forces and over 4,000 officers from RCMP and other police services have acted as peacekeepers and in peace support missions around the world. With compassion and courage they have played a vital role in fostering peace and security at home and abroad.

We will never be able to truly repay our veterans, but we will continue to remember, respect and honour them for their dedication to our country, their service, and the sacrifices they have made.

Lest we forget.

As always, my constituency office is available to assist you with any matters related to the federal government. Please contact my office at Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca or 705-728-2596 for assistance.

Sincerely,
Doug Shipley
Member of Parliament,
Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte

Ontario Celebrating Excellence in the Agriculture and Food Industry

Through the Excellence in Agriculture program, the Ontario government is celebrating 25 exceptional farmers, food processors, organizations, businesses and Indigenous communities who are driving Ontario's agriculture and food industry forward.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson, was present at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair to announce the winners of this year's Excellence in Agriculture Awards. The 2023 program accepted applications from August 25, 2023 until September 14, 2023. The Excellence in Agriculture program was first launched in 2018. Details for the 2024 program will be made available online in the new year.

The Conestoga Food Research and Innovation Lab (CFRIL) at Conestoga College in Waterloo Region is the recipient of the Minister's Award. CFRIL is an applied research centre that partners with start-up, small, and medium-sized food businesses to solve technical challenges, de-risk equipment, and provide lab testing opportunities, technical skills, and production support from their 8,000- square-foot facility.

This year, the province recognized 14 winners and 11 honourable mentions in agricultural excellence across 11 categories:

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Conestoga Food Research and Innovation Lab (CFRIL) – Waterloo Region

Women's Excellence

Loft 32 – Crystal Mackay, Mary Thornley, Brenda Trask – Guelph

Youth Excellence

Arthur Lin, Lavender Polo Farm – East Gwillimbury

Excellence in Agri-Food Education

Dr. Rose Buitenhuys, Vineland Research and Innovation Centre – Niagara Region
Progressive Dairy – Guelph

Northern Business Excellence

AgriTech North – Dryden

Indigenous-Owned Business

or Community Excellence

Moose Cree First Nation – James Bay

Family Farm Excellence

Snyder's Family Farm Ltd. – Oxford County
Everlily Maples Farm – Bancroft

Agri-Food Promotional Excellence

Rural Agri-Innovation Network (RAIN) – Sault Ste. Marie

Eat Local Huron – Huron County

Supply Chain Excellence

Chicken Farmers of Ontario – Burlington

Excellence in Agri-Food Talent Recruitment

Jennefer Griffith, Food Processing Skills Canada – Ottawa

The Excellence in Agriculture program celebrates the outstanding work of individuals, businesses, and organizations across the province and shines a light on all the amazing things happening in the agriculture and food industry. This initiative supports a number of goals within the Grow Ontario Strategy, including strengthening Ontario's agri-food supply chain, attracting and growing Ontario's agri-food workforce, and increasing access to high-quality, local food.



Ontario Welcomes \$40 Million Manufacturing Investment

TNR Industrial Doors' expansion will create 30 new good-paying jobs in Oro-Medonte

Oct. 27, 2023, ORO-MEDONTE — The Ontario government is welcoming a \$40 million investment by TNR Industrial Doors Inc., a leading manufacturer of high-performance rubber, freezer and cooler doors. The investment will be used to build a new advanced manufacturing facility that will create 30 new, good-paying jobs in Oro-Medonte.

This funding was announced today (Oct. 27, 2023) by Doug Downey, Member of Provincial Parliament for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte

"This investment will help bring high-quality manufacturing jobs to our region. This means more people can live and work in their chosen community," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. "I am thrilled that the Hörmann Group has chosen Oro-Medonte to build their new facility. This economic growth will help ensure the community continues to thrive for years to come."

With their \$40 million investment, TNR Industrial Doors Inc. — a subsidiary of German-owned Hörmann Group — will build a new 120,000 square-foot facility with advanced automation technology to increase production and reduce costs. To support this investment, Ontario will provide TNR Industrial Doors Inc. with \$5 million through the Regional Development Program's Southwestern Ontario Development Fund.

"This new facility of the family-run Hörmann Group signifies more than just bricks and mortar," said Marcus von Reden, President of TNR Industrial Doors. "It symbolizes the spirit of progress, the promise of employment, and the hope of a brighter future for this community. The manufacturing facility we are breaking ground on today will create jobs, drive economic growth, and put Oro-Medonte on the map as a hub for cutting-edge technological advancements in the world of door manufacturing."

Ontario is investing \$140 million through its Regional Development Program to help manufacturers across the province grow and create new, good-paying jobs. To date, Ontario has provided over \$110 million to support 100 projects through the program, leveraging over \$1.1 billion in new investments and helping to create more than 2,300 jobs.

"Ontario's robust manufacturing sector continues to grow thanks to companies like TNR Industrial Doors," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Through our Regional Development Program, our government is creating the right conditions for manufacturers to expand and create new jobs for workers in communities across the province. Thank you, TNR Industrial Doors, for strengthening your presence in Ontario."

QUICK FACTS

- The Regional Development Program for Eastern and Southwestern Ontario was launched in November 2019. Through the program, businesses and municipalities can get financial support and guided access to a range of services and supports.
- As part of the 2023 Ontario Budget, the government introduced the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit.

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**Bedrock Mortgage Corp - Elmvale Coyotes U11B Have a Strong Showing
at Their First Tournament of the Season**



The Elmvale Coyotes U11 B Rep team sponsored by Don Stoddard at Bedrock Mortgage Corp., travelled to Prince Edward County for the Milk Tournament on Friday October 27th-29th. The team led by Head Coach Adam Kuypers, Assis-

tant Coaches Paul Craddock and Brandon Godin and Trainer Brett KleinGebbinck, made a strong debut against the Frontenac Flyers. Although the Coyotes outshot their opponents and dominated the play, they were down 2-0 going into the 3rd. Defenseman Ryan

Dziamia would score the first goal of the tournament for Elmvale from the point. Shots were also fired by right wing Logan Phillips. A goal by center Kolton KleinGebbinck from defenseman Kohen Archer brought the final score to L 3-2.

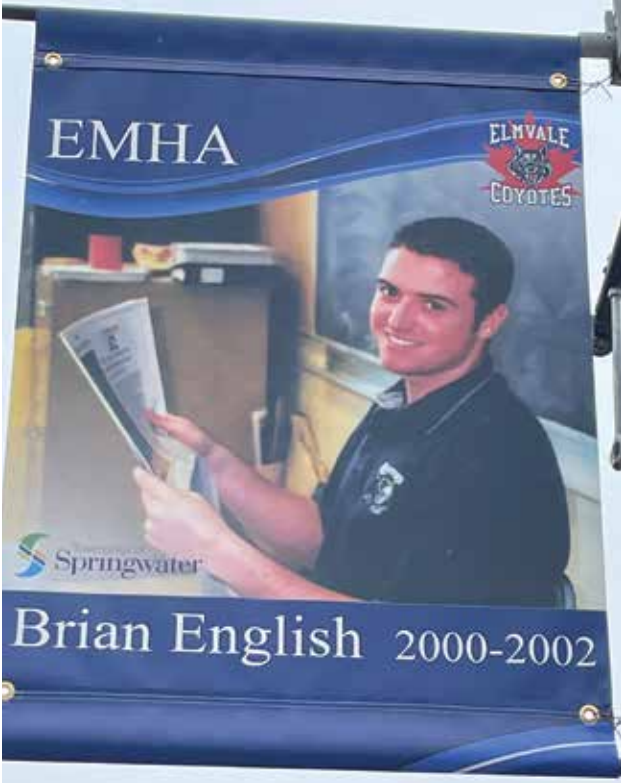
The next match against the Stirling Blues gave the U11 Coyotes their only win of the tournament W 5-1. Wingers Kohen Weiss and Cole Foster scored with shots by Ben Kuypers and big saves by the goalie Eli Daniels. Fans saw excellent defensive play by Charlie Coughlin and L.J Noble and centers Max Champion and Gibson Godin won battles and faceoffs for the team.

Elmvale faced the Midland Centennials in the 3rd game in another close match up where the Coyotes seemed to have the advantage. Nash Rockey had a great breakaway shot. In the end, Midland scored the winning goal from a bad bounce with a final L 3-2.

The fans were howling for the quarter final match up that saw the Coyotes face the Paris Wolves. The Wolves proved to be the toughest opponents for the Coyotes, though the coyotes held their ground. Reed Dermott would score just minutes into the game giving Elmvale an early advantage. Up 4-2 in the second period after two impressive goals by Ryan Dziamia, the Coyotes held their lead going into the 3rd. After some tough calls and a power play goal, Paris tied the game with minutes to go. A disappointing end to the tournament with a loss of 6-4. The U11 Rep B team played some great hockey, showed some Coyote and Halloween spirit and had a lot of fun. Thank you to the team manager Sherry Lee Champion for all of her efforts behind the scenes and artistic ability.

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Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer on the teams in the finals. What a great weekend of hockey. Congratulations to Mount Brydges Cougars for the win in the Local League division who battled it out with New Hamburg Huskies. In our Rep division our home team Elmvale Coyotes battled hard but came up short against the Ennismore Eagles. Congratulations Ennismore on a great final game! Thank you to all the teams near and far for joining us in our Brian English Memorial Tournament. Looking forward to seeing you again next year.
By Deborah Coughlin

Brian English Memorial Tournament



Photo above: Mount Brydges Cougars came in first in the Local League Division. Photo below: Elmvale Coyotes rep team came in second "Rep division". Next tournament is November 24th-26th for the U11/U13/ U15 Local leagues.



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Remembrance Day Nov. 11th
at Springwater Park

By Nadia Deamicis
In honour of our fallen and especially this cenotaph
For the 22 Vespra boys that gave their ultimate gift
to us. The park is open lots of parking and no fees for
entry. Please come by 10:30 am.

Ontario Honouring Veterans
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Nov. 06, 2023, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks
The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin, issued the following statement in recognition of Remembrance Week:
“As we approach Remembrance Day, we remember the courage and dedication of the Canadian men and women who fought valiantly over the years and continue to defend our freedom, rights and democracy. In recognition of their service, Ontario is proud to offer all veterans and active members of the Canadian Armed Forces free weekday day-use access to provincial parks throughout the entire year. It is a small way to show our gratitude to those who fought to defend our country.
Veterans and active service members can present their valid Canadian Armed Forces identification card and proof of Ontario residency at the entrance of any provincial park. Our dedicated park staff are ready to welcome you to an incredible array of natural spaces to explore and enjoy, with many still open to the public throughout the fall and winter months.
I extend my deepest appreciation to our veterans and the Canadian Armed Forces for their dedication and service to our country. May this Remembrance Week be a time of reflection, appreciation, and unity of how fortunate we are to live in a province like Ontario and a country like Canada.”

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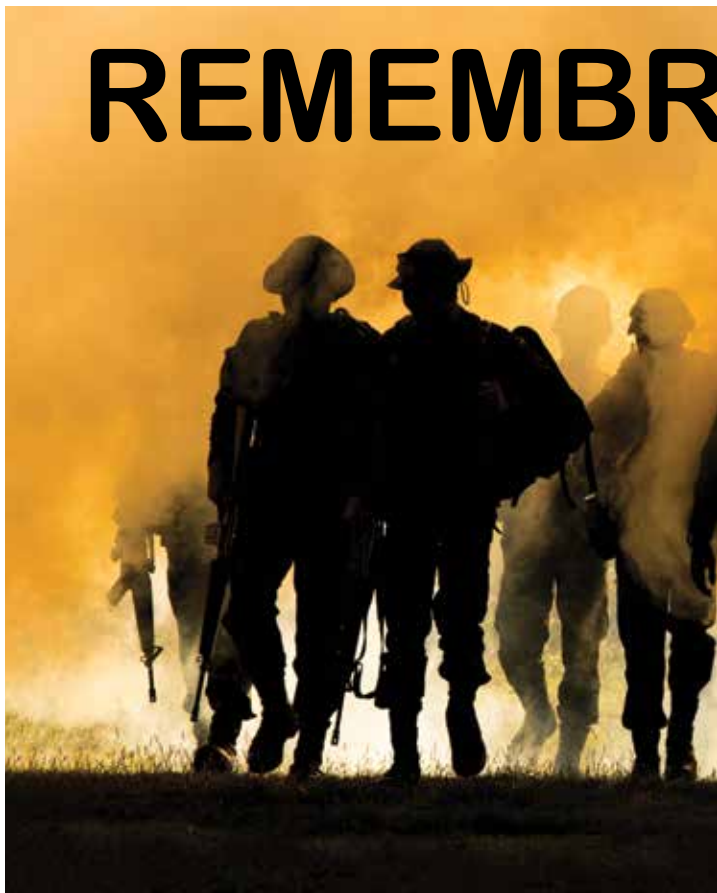
Every year, the Township of Springwater joins communities across Canada in commemorating Remembrance Day.
The following Remembrance Day ceremonies will take place locally on November 11 this year:
• **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 262 (Elmvale)** Remembrance Day Service — Ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the Elmvale Cenotaph.
• **Springwater Provincial Park (Midhurst)** Remembrance Day Service — Ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Centograph. No parking admission required.
• **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147 (Barrie)** Remembrance Day Service — Ceremony will begin at Memorial Square at 10:30 a.m.
Here are a few other ways that you can safely reflect, honour, and remember on November 11th:
• Tune into the National Remembrance Day Ceremony.
• Observe two minutes of silence at 11:00 a.m. from wherever you are.
• Wear a poppy and support the Poppy Campaign.
• View the commemorative banners honouring local veterans in downtown Elmvale.
• Learn about Remembrance Day and the stories of those we honour.
• Submit a photo to the Royal Canadian Legion's Virtual Wall of Honour and Remembrance.

New Street Banners
Added to Series
Honouring Local Veterans in Elmvale

Township of Springwater / Nov. 6, 2023 – For the fourth consecutive year, Queen Street in downtown Elmvale is proudly displaying commemorative banners paying tribute to local veterans. This ongoing project is a collaborative effort between the Township of Springwater, the Royal Canadian Legion - Elmvale Branch and the Elmvale Business Improvement Area. With the addition of sixteen new banners this year, featuring thirty-two individuals, the initiative remains dedicated to honoring the bravery and selflessness of our nation’s veterans.
The project was launched in 2020 and now features 128 local veterans. The partnership hopes to keep expanding on the number of veterans recognized in years to come.
Those highlighted this year include: Adam Grier, Alex Cameron, Bill O'Neill, Bob Gossling, Bruce Gray, Don Currie, Douglas Naismith, Earl Mac.Neill, Edward Crowe, Edward O'Neill, Elgin Ritchie, Emmett Coughlin, Hamley Hoskin, Hilliard C. Webb, Jack Moran, Jack O'Halloran, James Bell, James Cummin, Joe O'Neill, John O'Neill, Lorne Lawson, Morley Thompson, Norman Brock, Norman Grier, Norman White, Owen Smith, Richard Peters, Richard Tubman, Roy Arnold, Russ Whitton, Stanley Keith and WM. Bell.
“The Elmvale Business Improvement Area is proud to partner with the Township of Springwater and the Elmvale Legion on this important initiative,” says Crystal Graveson, President, Elmvale BIA. “We invite you to visit downtown Elmvale this November to view the banners and show your respect for those who dedicated themselves to defending our nation.”
“The Elmvale Legion is pleased with the expansion of the banner program once again this year,” says Graham Simmonds, President, Legion Branch 262. “It is our firm belief that every one of our community’s local heroes deserves to be acknowledged and we look forward to these banners showcasing the enduring legacy of our veterans.”
“On Remembrance Day we honour the unwavering courage and selflessness of our veterans,” says Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, Township of Springwater. “We hope that this initiative inspires our community to pause and contemplate the profound sacrifices made by these remarkable individuals to secure our freedoms.”

The banners will remain up throughout the month of November.
For information on Remembrance Day ceremonies happening locally, visit www.springwater.ca/RemembranceDay2023

Midland Legion Remembrance
This Saturday
There will be a service at the cenotaph starting at 10:50am. the Midland Legion.



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Remembrance Day Parade November 11th

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lest We Forget

Simcoe County Museum Commemorates Remembrance Month with Virtual Lecture Series

Midhurst/October 30, 2023 – In recognition of Remembrance Month, throughout November the Simcoe County Museum is hosting a virtual lecture series.

Weekly sessions will be delivered by historical experts as they cover the following topics. The virtual lecture series is open to individuals and groups with free virtual admission by visiting museum.simcoe.ca to register.

The Langman Brothers

~ November 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Braeden Powers, accountant, historical enthusiast and Oro-Medonte resident, will be speaking about his Great-Grandfather Harry Langman and his brother Arthur Langman's experiences towards the end of the First World War, and how their story is different from most Canadian Soldiers.

In Their Own Voices

~ November 14 at 12 p.m.

Presenting the collective and individual stories of veterans and their families, Michael Petrou, Author and Historian of the Veterans' Experience at the Canadian War Museum, presents In Their Own Voices, which focuses primarily on those who served in Canada's military from the Second World War to the present day. It seeks to explore the enduring impact of military service, as well as how armed conflict and war have shaped the lives of veterans, their loved ones, and Canada itself.

First World War Letters

as Published in Local Papers

~ November 22 at 11 a.m.

World War I generated two billion pieces of mail as Canadians were prolific letter-writers. While many of these letters were published in local newspapers, to date, there has been no in-depth study of these letters on a community-wide basis. Barrie's two newspapers alone published more than 2,600 war letters during the war with these letters acting as an invaluable understanding to the wider impact of the war as they are an ideal vehicle for the "braiding of family history and world history." This lecture by Dr. Brad Rudachyk, Ph.D. Canadian History, will highlight a very few of these letters and their writers, as well as provide a contextual overview.

A Soldier's Camera:

Candid Glimpses of Simcoe County's First World War

~ November 29 at 7 p.m.

The First World War was the first war in which amateur photographers could keep their own record of events. This presentation by Jonathan F. Vance, PhD, FRSC, author, Distinguished University Professor and J.B. Smallman Chair in the Department of History at Western University, will look at some of Simcoe County's soldiers and the images that were generated both in Canada and at the front as souvenirs of their experience at war.

Take the Infinite Journey with the Simcoe County Museum, a cultural exploration of our historical past and exciting future. The Simcoe County Museum is owned and operated by the County of Simcoe and offers year round exhibits, events and educational programs for visitors of every age. Visit our website at museum.simcoe.ca for further details.

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social.

The Courage of Young Women and Men

On Remembrance Day, look at the old veterans gathered at your local cenotaph, standing proudly, or seated with a warm blanket on their lap. Try to imagine what they experienced many decades ago when they were young, and the world was at war.

The great invasion to kick the Nazis out of France took place on June 6, 1944. The largest allied armada of war ships readied for the battle of Normandy. Those onboard would face an array of deadly obstacles; barbed wire, mines, and heavy concrete fortifications containing cannons and machine guns.

This was the beginning of the end of Nazi Germany's grip on Western Europe. Many years of preparation had taken place to get the allies ready for this day. Canada was already fighting in Italy, slowly pushing their way up the Italian boot. What had been called the soft underbelly of Europe was instead a meat grinder where battles like Ortona were hard won by the men of Vancouver's famed Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Alberta's Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and Quebec's Three Rivers Regiment.

The D-day landings on the French coast and subsequent liberation campaign, saw Canada fighting against an experienced and ruthless enemy. With every footstep taken, soldiers died and many more suffered injuries, and for some, their injuries would remain with them for their entire lives. The D-day landings itself cost our nation 359 war dead.

Nearly 80 years have past, and these brave men and women who were once young have grown old and sadly, very few remain. It is their eleventh hour, probably the last opportunity to properly thank them. The government of France would like to pay tribute to all living Canadian veterans who participated in the D-day landings, Dieppe raid or campaign to liberate France in 1944. If you were in the Canadian army, navy, air force or merchant navy, you may be eligible to receive France's highest award, the National Order of the Legion of Honour.

Thank you, Guy Black

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Midland’s Own Guys Who Care and Gals that Give Raises More that \$90,000 Total

The Gals That Give Raised \$22,800 for Midland Salvation Army and \$22,525 for the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre. The Guys Who Care raised \$46,000 for the Georgian Bay General Hospital. Thank you to those that care and give!

GBay Gals Give Fall event was held on October 23rd at the Boathouse in Midland. The night of the event, the Midland Salvation Army received \$22,800 and the Georgian Bay cancer support centre received \$22,525.

The Boathouse was more than generous with donating the venue as well as some amazing food for our members.

It was such a great evening. The members are what makes these Giving Events happen along with our generous community for donating the venues for us to host our events at and we are forever grateful.

The Gals each gives a little so that together they can give alot.

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Oct. 25, 2023 Midland, ON – There was a lot to be celebrated at the Guys who Care Fall event on Monday, October 23, 2023. In addition to the usual business of gathering together to support one lucky North Simcoe charity, the group also presented the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation with a cheque for \$46,000. This special donation is designated to the MRI Fund at GBGH, to help bring this vital technology to the Midland Hospital.

In September, Guys Who Care organizers recognized that the MRI campaign was likely going to be a popular nomination at the October meeting, and chose to add in a special fundraiser outside of the regular bi-annual get-togethers.

“We wanted to do something special for GBGH to give the MRI campaign a boost, and still be able to support another deserving charity in October,” shared Mike Thor, member of Guys Who Care.

“James Layter and I decided to challenge the Guys by offering a joint match gift [\$10,000 each, up to a total of \$20,000] for all donations before our meeting on the 23rd.”

With more than ten days before the fall event, 43 members of Guys Who Care had donated \$26,000 in response to the match gift, with many gifts exceeding the usual membership donation of \$200.

“Given the importance of bringing an MRI to GBGH, we are thrilled to receive this gift from the Guys Who Care in North Simcoe,” said Matthew Lawson, president and CEO, GBGH, who was in attendance. “We have been overwhelmed with support from this community. The fundraising has been going faster than anticipated, which has allowed us to continue to move at a rapid pace in getting the expansion built so we can get MRI up and running as soon as possible.”

My Love for the “TFSA” Tax Free Savings Account

The Tax Free Savings Account is my hands down favourite account registration. I do find that it is often misunderstood, so let’s add some clarity.

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I get goosebumps when I think of how powerful this one little account is. I hope that you are using yours to its true potential. If not, let’s talk.

By Taivi Tayler

Farmer Wellness Initiative – Let’s Break the Silence Together

The Flos Agricultural Society is pleased to be offering a mental health literacy workshop right here in Springwater, specifically designed for our agricultural community and farmers.

Farming demands bravery and resiliency, but unfortunately it is often difficult admitting our challenges and reaching out for help. The Flos Agricultural Society is proud to support the Agricultural Wellness Initiative and will be hosting a local ‘In the Know’ event for our rural community on Saturday, November 18th from 10 am – 3 pm at the Lion’s Club. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

“*In the Know*” is a mental health literacy program designed specifically for farmers, their families and those who are involved and/or support the agriculture sector. Through this free, four-hour workshop (facilitated by CMHA professionals), participants will cover the topics of stress, depression, anxiety, substance use and how to start a conversation around mental well-being.

Please pre-register directly by visiting elmvalefallfair.com and using the link provided or email secretary@elmvalefallfair.com or call and leave your name with Pat at 705-527-1899.

We look forward to spending this time together!

By Flos Agricultural Society, Brenda Munshaw

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Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



Healthy Mushroom Soup with Coconut Milk

Nov. 5, 2023 - Looking for a fast and simple mushroom soup that is elegant enough to serve to company? Look no further than this healthy version of a traditional cream soup made instead with coconut milk. Not only is this recipe easy on the wallet, it packs a nutritional punch and tastes so much better than store-bought canned soup.



- INSTRUCTIONS**
1. In a large pot, heat the olive oil and then add the onion and garlic and fry until softened.
 2. Add the mushrooms, salt, thyme, rosemary and sauté for about 8-10 minutes on low heat.
 3. Add the flour and combine with the other ingredients for 3 minutes.
 4. To the pot, add the broth, soy sauce, red wine vinegar or lemon juice and coconut milk. Cook for 15-20 minutes until the mushrooms have softened.
 5. To serve, garnish with sliced green onions, chives or chopped parsley.
- ENJOY!**



- INGREDIENTS**
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) olive oil
 - 1 onion diced
 - 4 cloves crushed
 - 5 cups (1250 ml) sliced mushrooms
 - 2 tablespoons (30 ml) soy sauce, optional
 - 1 tablespoon (15 ml) red wine vinegar or lemon juice
 - 1/4 teaspoon (1.25 ml) salt
 - 1 teaspoon (5 ml) thyme
 - 1/4 teaspoon (1.25 ml) rosemary
 - 1/4 cup (63 ml) flour, regular or gluten-free
 - 3 1/2 cups (900 ml) vegetable, mushroom or beef broth
 - One 13 ounce (400 ml) unsweetened coconut milk, regular or lite
 - Sliced green onions, chives or chopped parsley for garnish

Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers nutrition talks and cooking demos/classes in-person and online via Zoom. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com www.joknowsnutrition.com Instagram: jo_knows_nutrition

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Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



Nov. 5, 2023 - Not every hike needs to be out in the backcountry, although that is where I prefer to be. However sometimes I just don't have time to get out during the week like I would like to. This is when I take whatever opportunity I can, and sometimes that means a spur of the moment stop on my way to do other things. Near the end of September I was driving along

hwy 26 near Minesing, on my way to a doctors' appointment in Creemore. I was craving a hike, but just could not carve out time to strap on my pack. I happened to note a trail crossing sign ahead, with a small parking lot next to a rail trail. Thank goodness there was no one behind me, as I attempted my best Dukes of Hazard move, slamming on my breaks and making a quick turnaround. Although the rubber remained on my tires and not on the road, my maneuvers were enough to make my seatbelt snug up and lock. Once safely parked, I donned my hiking shoes and grabbed my gear that I always keep in my car, just for emergencies like this; and yes, the need to get out in nature is an emergency!! This trail turns out to be a part of the Simcoe County Loop Trail, which is popular with bikepackers and walkers. It encompasses 160 km of mostly rail trails from Barrie, to Orillia, Midland, Penetang, Elmvale and back to Barrie. I happened to be stopped at the Minesing station, just east of Minesing. There is some interesting information provided about the history of the area, as well as about the drumlin that Minesing sits on. From here, I could head south to the Minesing swamp or north towards Elmvale. North it is! The trail is well maintained, and is an easy hike, walk or bike. I really liked the section that travelled straight through a farmer's field, with drainage ditches and brown fields on either side. From here you enter more wooded areas, with some marshy spots. It was a grey day, and though I didn't see any animals, or even hear a bird, I was content to be outside and



Vespra Lions Pumpkinpalooza

The Vespra Lions Club held their annual Pumpkinpalooza on Sunday November 5, 2023, on a beautiful sunning day. The event was held on Poole's Road, Springwater township. Residents bring their Pumpkins from Halloween activities and they are catapulted across the field. There were two catapults used at the event. The Vespra Lions Club hold the event as a community service event, there is entrance cost. Residents have fun watching their pumpkins fly across the field. Young people get the opportunity to pull the rope to start the catapult resulting in lots of laughing. There was a food booth with hamburgers, hotdogs and treats for sale. Funds raised by the sale of food and donation jar go to Youth Haven shelter's reconstruction.



on the move, and I was really on the move, as I only could squeeze out a very fast thirty minute hike. In all, I maybe only managed 3-4 kms on this easy trail before returning to my car. As it was, even driving a wee bit fast, I just managed to get to my appointment with literally a minute to spare. That short time outside really made a difference. While it may not have been as long, or as remote as I would have liked, I immediately noticed the effect it did have. My mood was greatly improved, and I felt happy and relaxed. So get out when you can, even if it just around the block. Fresh air and being near trees and grass are known to improve mood. Leave the headphones at home and put your cellphone on silent and join the "new" movement of "silent walking". Yep, this is a thing. Being outside without distractions is meditative and encourages mindfulness, as anyone who loves nature hikes can tell you. And best of all, this mood booster is totally free!

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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon



The weather certainly provided some challenges last week. The early season snow made it a bit difficult for the children to get out trick or treating and the temperature has definitely been colder than we have been accustomed to. The great news is that the weather was quite comfortable for the first of hopefully many, Anten Mills Witches and Warlocks walk on October 27. The night was warm, the moon rose and the Witches in full costume paraded throughout the village on their way to the community centre. There they danced to the tunes of Bombshell, checked out the bbq and friends and neighbours caught up on the latest news. Everyone present had a great time along with many comments about how great it was to have an adult event.



Then on Sunday, it was the kids' turn. The Anten Mills witches came together and provided various activities for the children to participate in and enjoy. They were able to bowl, go on a scavenger hunt, carve a pumpkin and get their picture taken at the photo booth. It was a fun couple of hours and it would not have been possible if not for the efforts of the 20+ volunteers and the generosity of local families and businesses who came together to make this happen. The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association thanks you all on behalf of our community.

With Halloween behind us it is time to turn our at-

tention to our Christmas activities. The Anten Mills CRA met and went over the schedule for the evening of Saturday, December 9 and Sunday December 10. It is important to mark these dates in your calendar now as it will be a fun couple of days of family time. An Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook post is coming with more details so keep an eye out for it. The parade on Sunday already has a few confirmed entries and more are always welcome. To find out more details on how to participate or support the events, contact antenmillschristmas@gmail.com and the organizers will be in touch with you.

The meeting of the CRA was well attended and there was plenty of discussion on future activities including those that were geared towards our older generation. The focus of the CRA has been to support resident sponsored activities. The ideas were great and don't be surprised if you see a survey on the Community Bulletin Facebook page seeking your input. One activity that is likely to go forward in January is the addition of Cribbage on Thursday evening along with the euchre already being hosted. Both card games would be held at the same time with an early emphasis on learning cribbage for those who are interested. Stay tuned for more details.

The community signboard along Wilson Drive is available for posting of family events and occasions. If you would like to post an announcement all you need to do is send an email to antenmillssign@gmail.com and Roslyn will get back to you. Roslyn and family have been looking after the sign for several years now and we thank them for doing this.

The South Springwater Firefighters Association does a lot for our community. Not only do they respond to emergencies, they raise funds for local charities. They will be starting off their seasonal fundraising activities this Sunday morning at the Anten Mills Community Centre with their seasonal urn greenery insert sale. This is a great way to decorate your homes with some fresh greenery. The sale begins at 10 AM and ends at 2 PM so get there early.

The first shipment of the Anten Mills clothing line was distributed this past weekend. You are reminded that if you would like to order some great clothing that it needs to be ordered before December 1 for Christmas delivery. Check it out at antenmills.justadd10.com and place your order for pickup in the community.

Saturday is Remembrance Day. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month we take time to remember the sacrifices made for our freedom and the life we live. There are many ceremonies around the area and you are encouraged to attend one. One that is perhaps important to our area is held at Springwater Provincial Park. Located within the park is a ceno-

Hey Dads!

Hey Dads! Are you a farmer? Do you wish you were a farmer? I do. But, alas, I am not. I used to work in the agriculture industry manufacturing equipment for potato, carrot and onion farmers so I saw how farmers really live the good life. Right, farmers? So I decided to give it my best shot with my almost-one-whole-beautiful Springwater acre.

My beautiful wife didn't think one acre warranted an actual tractor but I convinced her it did need a riding mower. Did you know you can buy teeny, tiny implements to pull behind your riding mower? Oh, yes. At Home Depot. But since I'm too cheap to buy brand new expensive things like that I scoured Kijiji and Marketplace for some rusty old discs and cultivators. I'm so much not a farmer that I'm not really sure what the difference between a tiller and a cultivator is. (Quick google search. Now I know. It confirmed my suspicions.)

Being the bargain hunter that I am, I picked up three beautiful, tiny, old, rusty implements that had been lying in a rust pile in the back corner of an actual real farmer's property. But they were going to work for

me. The kids weren't as excited about these beauties as I was but soon they would stand in amazement as we tore through the earth in pursuit of fruitful "farming". The implements weren't pretty but as my dad always says, "Who cares? They just dig in the dirt!" I was now the proud owner of a trifecta of "farming" implements - a tiny plow, a tiny disc and a tiny cultivator. These I would pull behind my very powerful Craftsman riding mower...almost.

If you know anything about tires you know that there are turf tires (smooth, don't wreck your grass, on most riding mowers) and farm tires (more aggressive tread, wreck your grass, not on any riding mowers that I've ever seen except maybe some souped-up ones at a fair or something). My powerful lawn "tractor" had nice slick smooth turf tires. How well do those tires grip when pulling a plow? Well let's say "pulling" isn't exactly what was happening. "Spinning" would be more appropriate as my tires did exactly that. My kids just watched and shook their heads. And asked over and over if they could have a ride. My farming lessons continued. What do you do if your mower's wheels are spinning? Smart people would probably say that you don't use your mower to plow. I said, "Let's find some snow chains for these tires to give them some grip!" A quick Amazon purchase later and I was plowing up my yard...almost.

Another thing that real tractors have is a 3-point hitch. I was smart enough to know this. What Canadian Tire lawn tractors have instead of a 3-point hitch is a small hole punched in a piece of flimsy sheet metal. A real tractor's 3-point hitch would keep a plow oriented properly to plow the dirt. A small hole punched in a piece of flimsy sheet metal would not. My plow flopped over to the side. A smart person

taph dedicated to the Vespra Boys. These men from our local area gave their lives for our benefit. While the ceremony is smaller than some, it is still very moving. Take the time this Saturday with your family and come to the park and remember those that have fallen. The ceremony begins at 10:30 and you can drive into the park.

My first column about our Anten Mills community was submitted 5 years ago this weekend. I was asked if I would consider keeping the news about our community going while the then writer, Kim Tyler, took some time off to look after some personal matters. Time went on and here I am 5 years later writing what I consider a history of our community. To put this in a bit of perspective there are 26 editions a year. Times 5 years and I don't believe I've missed any, so this will be my 130th column. Our community has grown since Joan and I with two of our children relocated here from Cambridge over 40 years ago. But one thing that has remained the same is that we are a community and you get from your community what you give. Keeping the news about our community is important to many people. Over the years we've been reacquainted with long lost friends, have had memories shared and have heard from others how they find our stories of interest and look forward to reading about them every other week. This wouldn't be possible without the support of the current and previous owners of Springwater News, Linda, Deanna and Mike. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to let others know something about what makes Anten Mills and our collective Springwater area so special. The written news is as important as the photos we take as they put them in context. Someday I hope I will be able to go back into the archives and gather all the stories about Anten Mills from those who wrote previous to me and put them in one place. In the meantime as long as I am able and permitted I will bring you the Anten Mills News every other week and as I conclude, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE!



would say, "Maybe I shouldn't be plowing with my lawn tractor." I said, "Hey kids, can one of you walk behind me with this steel pipe to hold the plow up straight?"

We were finally plowing! Plowing very poorly but plowing nonetheless. Discing and cultivating would come next and my expectations were high. Find out how that experiment went next time. Dads, take some time to try something new with your kids and be really bad at it! You've first got to be bad before you can be good. Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the failing ones.

Jason Weening is learning how to dig dirt with nine kids and one wife rolling her eyes. For more painful lessons and a podcast check out heydads.ca.

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WYEVALE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Karen Moreau

Nov. 5, 2023 - 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.

The office of the Wyevale Church Office is open on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Rev. Bonnie is in the office usually on Wed. afternoons. Please call ahead to make sure she is there. 705-332-1451.

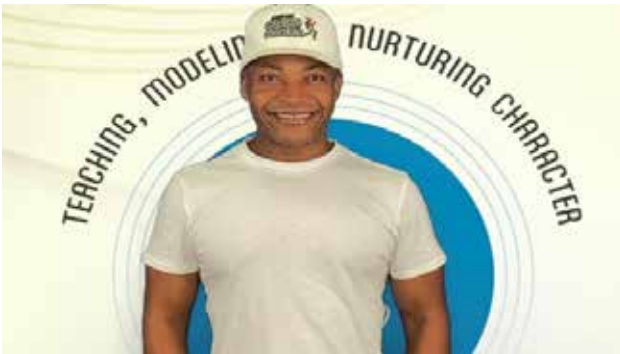
The phone is answered on a regular basses.

BOOK CLUB: All are welcome. Watch for next date or call the Wyevale Church for more information. 705-322-1451.

YOUTH GROUP: Next Meeting is on Friday November 10th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For further info call Pat Smith @ 705-543-9043.

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

Next submission date is November 20th, 2023.



Preacher Weaves Singing and Dancing



Come and be Inspired and Encouraged on Sunday 19th November at Elmvale Presbyterian Church at 11am.

Errol Lee will be the guest preacher at Elmvale Presbyterian Church Sunday 19th November at 11am.

Errol Lee is a singer, songwriter, children’s author, and motivational speaker.

He is the recipient of the Barrie Arts Contribution to the Community Award, York Region Character through the Arts Award, BBPA (Black Business Professional Association) Harry Jerome Excellence in the Art Award, YMCA Peace Medallion, MACA (Markham African Caribbean Association) for Outstanding Contribution and Service to the Community in Honor of Black History Month Community Service Award and the OPP special recognition for his work with at-risk youth.

Errol Lees Unique preaching and worship style seamlessly weaves singing and dancing into a comprehensive educational experience specifically designed to present a meaningful message that will uplift you.

Errol Lees Caring Concerts are multi-sensory presentations that use music, movement, media, and visual communication strategies to provide audiences with an opportunity to sing along to the songs, dance to the music and be inspired to care about others and the environment.

Errol's ability to captivate and motivate audiences of all ages transcends barriers.

Come and join with us and be uplifted.



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

Cathy Johnston Walton

Available from Cathy Walton at 705 728-1388 or snow-flake53@mail.com Ritchie's Feed or Simcoe County Museum.

Vanishing Barns - Cathy Walton has been researching barns in Flos and Vespra Townships (now Springwater) for the last six years and has published the results in the book “Vanishing Barns”.
If you are interested in a copy, please contact Cathy at 705 728-1388 or snow-flake53@mail.com.

Concession 10, Lot 3, Vespra Township
1365 Fralick Road, Springwater Township

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Owners		
2004-present	Ron and Joanie (Coulson) Pearson	Built: 1900s
~1960-2004	George and June (Corbett) Pearson	Dimensions: 40 x 80'
	J. Rowell	Feature: charred beams
~1920	Jas. Cole	Water Source: artesian well, capped
~1910 ⁺	J.D. Roe	
1866	James Kirk	

George Pearson and Norm Wood bought 50 acres from Rowells and each took 25 acres. The barn might have been moved from somewhere else because there are mortise holes in the beams that are not used. The barn was raised at some point in time with a newer cement foundation underneath.

George and Ronnie Pearson stored square bales. Corn, wheat and soy beans are now grown.

Ron Pearson. A History of Vespra Township p. 645.



Community Events

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.

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

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

Monday to Friday
Nov 3rd to 17th 9am to 4pm
With the cold season approaching, join the mission to ensure that everyone in our community stays warm and cozy. Please drop off coats at Royal LePage In Touch Realty located at 9293 Highway 93

Midland Jam
November 6 2023, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Midland Jam Plugged in Open Mic for bands
Free Event for Participants and Audience
Sign in 6:30pm; Show at 7:00 pm

Cost of Healthy Eating
Tues., Nov. 9, 2023, from 9:30am to 12pm
Location: Township of Tiny Council Chambers (130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny)
Explore the link between food costs, insecurity, and nutrition. Gain insights on budgeting for healthy meals and overcoming challenges.

Luncheon & Bake Sale
Sat. Nov. 11 from 12-2pm.
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall
Join us for sandwiches, sweets, tea & coffee following the Remembrance Day Celebration at the Cenotaph. And... take home some wonderful baked goods!

Dream a Dream, A Cantata for the Christmas Season
Sun., Nov. 19th at 7pm. St. John’s United Church
No tickets, but attendees will be asked to donate to

the Canadian Foodgrains Bank that is a partnership of 15 churches and church agencies.

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
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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

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.

Anten Mills Christmas in the Village
Dec. 9 Tree Lighting
Dec. 10 Santa Claus Parade
by CRA

Santa Claus Parade, Elmvale Lions
Sun, Dec. 3, 2023

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NOTICE

Your local Legion Branch 262 Elmvale suc-
cessfully applied for and was given another
grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation
(OTF) which is sponsored by the Government
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This grant will allow us to replace our old HVAC
system, 2 new commercial dishwashers, re- pave
our 2 driveways and part of the parking lot. Also
included are the banquet hall serving counters
that will be replaced, plus other minor fixes to our
building.

We learned during the first grant that there can be
many unforeseen expenses, as our building is very
old. So we are asking once again for our members
of our Branch and friends to help with cash do-
nations and the continuing donations of beer cans
and liquor bottles etc, which can be left outside of
the shed in the Legion parking lot.

Thank you for helping make your local Legion
more welcoming for all of us.

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*Graham Simmonds President and the Executive
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Springwater Fire & Emergency Services Welcomes First Aerial Fire Truck

Township of Springwater / October 30, 2023 – Springwater Fire & Emergency Services is proud to announce the arrival of its inaugural aerial fire truck.

The "Pierce Ascendent Aerial Platform," boasts an impressive height of 110 feet and marks a significant enhancement to the firefighting fleet. It was procured through Commercial Emergency Equipment, headquartered in Woodstock, Ontario, and manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing, located in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Key features of the new aerial platform fire truck include:

- Seating for six firefighters;
- A 2,000 gallon per minute fire pump capacity;
- A 500-gallon onboard water tank;
- A 20-gallon foam tank;
- Cutting edge 3-way aerial hands-free communication system for enhanced coordination; and,
- A remote-control master stream nozzle for effective fire management.

Additionally, the single-axle configuration allows for a tighter turning radius and shorter chassis while providing all the benefits of a tandem-axle truck.

Aerial platform fire trucks serve a critical role in enabling firefighters to reach heights exceeding two stories. Furthermore, they allow for a more effective knockdown of fully-involved fires through the deployment of elevated masters streams aimed at the fire. Equally important, they serve as a secure work platform for firefighters involved in ventilation techniques, without the use of ground ladders.

"The acquisition of our first aerial fire truck signifies our unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community," says Jeff Kirk, Fire Chief. "This state-of-the-art aerial truck will undoubtedly strengthen our firefighting capabilities, reinforcing our ability to respond to a wide range of emergency situations effectively."

The Aerial Platform was identified through the 10-year Capital Plan and was 100% funded through Development Charges.

Springwater Firefighters have completed their training on the new aerial truck, and it will officially be put into service on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

By Nicole Audette, Communications Officer, Township of Springwater

Penetanguishene Celebrates Reopening of Main Street After Building Collapse

Nov. 3, 2023 - The Town of Penetanguishene is pleased to announce the reopening of the portion of Main Street that was closed following the 78 Main Street building collapse in early September. The section of Main Street between Robert Street West and Water Street is expected to be open to traffic and pedestrians, at 12:00 PM, Saturday November 4, 2023.

"The reopening marks a new beginning for our community, a testament to our resilience and determination to overcome adversity. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the first responders who responded to the emergency and ensured the safety of our residents, and to all the contractors, crews, and workers who worked tirelessly for weeks to clean up the site and structurally repair the building block, said Mayor Doug Rawson. We also want to thank our local businesses and residents for their patience and cooperation during this difficult time."

As part of the effort to support local businesses affected by the closure, the Town of Penetanguishene is encouraging residents to enjoy in the upcoming "Christmas on the Hill" event organized by our incredible downtown businesses taking place on the evening of November 16 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The event will include specials, discounts, treats and/or gifts from the participating businesses. You can pick up a "passport" at any participating business. Visit each one and get their logo stamped on your card. Once all stamps are all filled, drop off at any participating business. All completed passports will be collected and one lucky winner will be drawn to receive a shopping spree of \$800+ of gift certificates donated by the businesses.

"This event is a fantastic opportunity to support our local businesses, many of which have faced challenges in recent months due to the closure of Main Street," said Mayor Doug Rawson. "We encourage everyone to come out on November 16 to experience the best that Penetanguishene has to offer."

For more information about the "Christmas on the Hill" event, please visit the Town of Penetanguishene's website.

The safety of our residents and visitors remains the top priority. As a reminder, please pay attention to any signage, barriers and fencing that has been put in place.

By Stacey Cooper, CLERK, DEPUTY CAO

Township of Springwater Council Meeting Highlights

November 1, 2023

Next Council Meeting: November 15, 2023

HydroMega Services Presentation

Council received a presentation from HydroMega, an independent power producer that specializes in hydroelectric, solar, and cogenerative power projects. They are presently engaged in the development of multiple Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in Ontario and are exploring the Township of Springwater as a potential site for a future BESS facility.

Sunday Gun Hunting

Following a public consultation which saw 537 survey responses, Council has approved Sunday gun hunting on private property and crown land in the Township of Springwater. All applicable rules and regulations that gun hunters are required to follow Monday to Saturday will apply to gun hunting on Sunday.

Staff will contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and request that the Ministry amend Ontario Regulation 663/98 to permit Sunday gun hunting in Springwater, this is typically done twice annually, on April 1 and September 1. Sunday gun hunting will remain off-limits in Springwater until the Ministry has made the amendment.

2024/25 Budget Tabled

Township staff tabled the Proposed 2024/25 Draft Budget for Council's consideration. The proposed budget outlines a 1.43% property tax reduction over 2023 rates for the Township portion, excluding program changes. There are eleven program changes being proposed, which would have an additional net tax levy impact of \$612,836 or 3.26%. The budget will be deliberated at Special Budget Meetings on November 13, 15, 20 & 22. Final approval is anticipated to take place on December 6, 2023. The meetings will be live streamed online at www.springwater.ca/live. For additional information on the 2024/25 budget, visit www.springwater.ca/budget

Fireworks By-law

In lieu of a new Fireworks By-law, Council has voted in favour of amending the existing Noise By-law to restrict fireworks from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm throughout the year, with the exception of 6:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. on New Years Eve/New Years Day. The amended Noise By-law will be brought forward at a subsequent meeting for adoption.

MZO – 742 Bayfield St. N

Council received information regarding an application under the Municipality's Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) Policy for 742 Bayfield St. N. The application proposes a total of 2,000 residential units across multiple housing forms, central recreational areas and an internal trail network, mixed-use medical, commercial and retail space opportunities as well as affordable and attainable living units. In accordance with the Township's MZO Protocol, a Public Information Meeting has been scheduled for the proposal and will be held virtually via Webex on Monday, November 13 at 6:30 pm. Interested members of the public may register via Microsoft Teams. Interested parties who would like to attend or make verbal or written comments during the meeting can do so at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3ZMrNHM>.

Award of RFP for Grenfel Community Centre Repairs

ProModel Construction Inc. has been selected as the recipient of the RFP for the renovation of the Grenfel Community Centre. The contract was awarded at a total cost of \$122,062.01, inclusive of HST. While the 2023 Capital Budget originally allocated \$75,000 for this project, the actual project expenses have exceeded this budget. To cover the additional costs required to complete the project successfully, an extra \$49,500 will be drawn from the Recreation Facility Reserve.

Submitted by Nicole Audette, Communications Officer, Township of Springwater

OPP REPORT

Traffic Stop in Midland Leads to Drug Trafficking Charges

(MIDLAND, ON) - A traffic stop last evening on Midland Avenue has resulted in an individual facing drug trafficking charges.

On November 6, 2023, at about 9:30 p.m., officers of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted a vehicle stop on Midland Avenue in the Town of Midland after receiving an alert from the on-board Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system. Officers discovered that the driver had a warrant with a separate police service. The driver was arrested and during a search of the vehicle, a quantity Cocaine was seized.

As a result of this investigation Rose COPEGOG, 44 years of Christian Island has been charged with the following offence;

- Possession of a Schedule II substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

Custody of the accused was transferred to a separate police service which possessed the warrant. The accused is to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Midland on December 21, 2023.

OPP Seeking Public Assistance with Midland Mischief Investigation

(MIDLAND, On)- Members of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment are seeking the assistance of the public in their investigation into a mischief that occurred in the Gord Dymont baseball diamond area of Tiffin Park, Midland.

Officers responded to reports at 2:19 pm November 4, 2023 from a community member reporting images being spray painted in a dugout which appears to have been committed overnight.

Investigators are asking area residents near to Tiffin Park to check their video surveillance systems for any suspicious activity during these dates and times.

OPP Seeking Public Assistance with Midland Parking Meter Mischief Investigations

(MIDLAND, On)- Members of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment are seeking the assistance of the public in their investigation into a series of mischiefs between the dates of November 1-6, 2023 to three electronic parking meters in the downtown area of Midland.

The damaged parking meters had their bottom metal service doors forcibly opened exposing the interior of the machine.

Investigators are asking area residents and businesses to check their video surveillance systems for any suspicious activity during these dates and times.

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munity. May the Centre Flos Women's Institute continue to shine for decades to come. *By Matt Garwood* In this day & age of organizations struggling to remain relevant - it is quite an accomplishment to celebrate 70 years of Community service. Doug Shipley & Matt Garwood presented individual congratulatory certificates, and after partaking in a potluck luncheon, our members and guests enjoyed a time of fellowship. *By Pat Leonard*



Planters Donated To Wyevale United Church

Oct. 16, 2023 - Two decorative planters have been donated to the Wyevale United Church by the family of Victor and Mary Campbell. They are dedicated in memory of Mrs. Lorna Webb for her life time service to the church and her many years as a volunteer member of the Elmvale Horticulture Association (now EDGE). The planters were designed and constructed by Wyevale Concrete Products and highlight Lorna's love of gardening. *By Carol Withall*

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The service will be lead by Rev. Tom Mason of the Elmvale Presbyterian Church and will take place at:

Elmvale Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm
Sunday, December 3, 2023

Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special evening.

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Obituaries



HOFMANN, Brigitte
(Former owner of the 5 to \$1 store in Elmvale)
Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on November 5, 2023. Brigitte Hofmann of Barrie formerly of Elmvale. Beloved wife of the late George Hofmann. Dear mother of the late David (Jane) Hofmann. Proud and loving grandmother of Michelle and Julie. Pre-deceased by her brother Wolfgang (survived by Cindy) Mayer.
A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 6 pm - 8 pm on Thursday, November 9. A funeral service will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale on Friday, November 10 at 11 am.
Cremation with interment in the Elmvale Cemetery.
Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com



FLOOD, Fred Gerald
Fred Gerard Flood passed away on October 26 in the care and comfort of Georgian Bay General Hospital in his 77th year. Born in the Netherlands, Fred moved to Ontario as a child, and eventually raised his family in Penetanguishene. He is survived by his partner Lana, sons Tom (Harmony) and Peter (Holly), friend and former spouse Sue, siblings Vicki, Gerry, Karen, Cindy and Stephanie, and grandchildren Lottie and Tommy.
Fred served his community for many years as Clerk and later Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Midland. He had a passion for sports and recreation, and considered one of his greatest professional accomplishments to be helping in the creation of the North Simcoe Sport and Recreation Centre, where he was inducted into the Midland Sports Hall of Fame. Fred was declared “Captain for Life” of the Midland Saints hockey team (a title he now concedes, reluctantly). He was also a pillar of the Midland baseball community, as a coach, manager, and fan throughout the decades. He will be greatly missed by the Midland Mariners at the ball diamond in the summer months.
Fred found joy in life no matter the circumstances. In spite of years of chronic illness, he would tell any stranger who would listen that he was “the luckiest man on earth.” In the hospital bed, he’d unfailingly respond “never better” if asked how he was feeling. In his final few days, he spent nearly every waking moment holding the hand of a friend or family member. He was surrounded by the voices of people who loved him, and there was a good vibe in the room when he left.
A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, November 30 from 5:00-7:00 at the North Simcoe Sport and Recreation Centre.



HERBST, Ilse
Passed away peacefully in her 95th year on Friday, November 3, 2023 at the Georgian Bay General Hospital. Beloved wife of the late Dietrich Herbst. Loving mother of Robert Herbst. She will be missed by her extended family and many friends. Following Ilse’s wishes, cremation has taken place and no service will be held. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.
Memorial condolences may be made at www.nichollsfuneral.ca



WAPLES, Beatrice Blanche
1946-2023
Predeceased by her husband Herman Desroches. She will be lovingly remembered by daughter Sherri Kurik, grandson Zack Kurik (Kim), and great granddaughters Sophie and Emma. Predeceased by her mother Ella May (Margarite) MacLeod and by her brother Wayne MacLeod. She will be fondly remembered by her sister Jessie Thompson and by many nieces, nephews, and friends.
Condolences can be left at www.arbormemorial.ca/en/leclair/obituaries

*If roses grow in heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my mother’s arms
And tell her they’re from me.*

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Obituaries



KEE, Theodorus Johannes Josephus, “Theo”
January 15 1949 – October 28 2023
Our father and brother Theo “Pa”, our calm and steadfast rock, has left us for his next adventure. An avid cyclist, sailor, canoeist, walker, camper, boat builder, photographer and poet, Theo has been an inspiration and best friend to his daughter Julie, his siblings including his first birthday present Albert (MaryLou), Frank (Peggy), John (Susan), MaryEllen (John), and Monica. He is predeceased by his wife Victoria, sister Martina (Doug), his brother-in-law Greg, sister-in-law Sandra, brother-in-law Bob, great nephew Sterling, and his parents Jan and Brigitta. He will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews, inlaws and outlaws, friends and cousins, and well-wishers around town that he met on his daily walks and bike rides. A special thanks to his friends at the Ship’s Company of Penetanguishene with whom he enjoyed twice weekly sailing trips and camaraderie.
He is now free to sail wherever and whenever he wants, though he will be deeply missed by all of us whom he’s left behind.
Donations to either the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre would be appreciated in his memory.
A Celebration of Life will be held at a future time.
Memorial condolences may be made at www.nichollsfuneral.ca
Sail on, dad.



BROWN, Clarence Elmer
Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Elmer Brown of Springwater in his 87th year. Beloved husband of the late Janice Brown. Dear father of Steven and Jeffrey Brown. Brother of the late Garnet Brown (survived by Ruth) and Larry Brown (late Joanne). Brother-in-law of Margaret Atkinson (late Peter), Sharon Schoneveld (Bill), Blake Edwards (Barb) and the late Beulah Hawke (Leonard).
Cremation with a graveside service at the Vasey United Cemetery on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 2 pm.
If desired memorial donations may be made to the Federation of Hunters and Anglers, Hospice Simcoe, Vasey Unity United Church, or the RVH respiratory unit.
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Obituaries



LANCIA, Anthony Patrick
Anthony Patrick Lancia, 79, of Perkinsfield, died peacefully at Georgian Bay General Hospital on Tuesday, October 17 after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on February 29, 1944 to Pasquale and Mary Lancia (nee Ciccone) in Toronto. He married Elizabeth (Liesje) Kilian on December 31, 1975, and they had two children, Patricia and Emily. Anthony also became the adoptive father of Ruby, Tina, and Richard. In 1968, Anthony purchased property on the shoreline outside Lafontaine, built a house, and moved to the area full time in 1979. He was best known in the community as the former Reeve and Mayor of the Township of Tiny. In 1987 he was the first person of Italian descent to be elected to the Township Council and he served two more terms from 1994 to 2000. While in office, his accomplishments included: improving water systems, upgrading the Fire Department, fighting Site 41, ending aerial spraying of pesticides, opposing Simcoe County restructuring, navigating legal challenges to shoreline access, commissioning a published township history, and making Council meetings more accessible to the public. In 1986, Anthony and Liesje, along with the Tiny Township Ratepayers' Association, created the free newspaper The Quill, which was the first newspaper to cover township issues. Anthony served as publisher, editor, reporter, photographer, and delivery driver even while he was an elected official. The newspaper transitioned to a private business as The Observer Community Newspaper in 1992 with the final issue published in 2001. Going straight into employment after high school, Anthony worked for himself and for others as a roofing estimator and contractor on industrial, institutional, and residential buildings. Over the years he was a member of several local organizations, including the Rotary Club and the Midland, Penetanguishene & District Builders' Association. He was also an avid gardener, crossword puzzler, and fan of science fiction and Western movies. Anthony is survived by his five children, by his brother George and sister Helen, and by several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife Liesje, his parents Pasquale and Mary, his brother Renaldo and his sister Phyllis. A secular Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the Brooklea Golf & Country Club in Midland. Members of the community who knew Anthony and Liesje are welcome to attend.
Memorials or donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.



LAVIGNE, Ross Joseph Norman
July 5, 1940 – October 30, 2023
Passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, October 30, 2023 at GBGH in Midland at the age of 83. Beloved son of the late Evelyn (nee Cadieux) and Henry Lavigne. Loving husband of 62 years to the late Elaine (nee Beauchamp) Lavigne. Dear father to Paul, the late Kerry, and Ken. Cherished grandpa to Mandie. Brother to the late John (Loreen), the late Yvonne (George), and the late Wayne (survived by Elsie). Ross will be missed by his many brother and sisters-in-law. Ross was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Margaret's Church. A service will be held at St. Margaret's Cemetery in the late spring. Donations to St. Margaret's Parish and the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.



SPEARIN, Wayne Richard Edward
In Loving Memory of Wayne Richard Edward Spearin
Born: September 18 1947 – Passed Away: October 21 2023
It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a beloved brother, uncle, great uncle, and great-great uncle, who passed away at the age of 76 at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. He leaves behind a legacy of memories during his years of teaching with the Simcoe County District School Board as a teacher, teacher-librarian, gifted teacher, and gifted resource teacher over his 30+ years with the board. He was a long-standing member and Past President of the Barrie-Kempfenfelt Probus Club. After retirement he enjoyed his winters in Florida and summers at the cottage. Wayne is the loving son of the late George and Nellie Spearin (Langman). Predeceased by his loving brother Larry Brock. Wayne was the cherished brother of Brian. Beloved brother-in-law to Marilyn Brock. He was a wonderful Uncle to Debbie Foll (Lorne Finnerty) and Doug Brock (Shelley). An adored great uncle to Jeff Foll, Erin Finnerty, Amy (Scott Johnston) and Amber Brock. So proud to be a great-great uncle of Dallas, Declan and Luca. He will be missed by the Huby family, extended family, friends, home and cottage neighbours, fellow teachers and Hugo the boxer. The family would like to thank the first responders – Simcoe County Paramedics, Springwater Fire and OPP. A special thank you to the doctors and nurses at RVH. A Celebration of Life will be held at Lions Gate Hall, 386 Blake Street, Barrie on Thursday November 9th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. In keeping with Wayne's wishes, cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the RVH Foundation and are greatly appreciated by the family.
Online condolences and memories may be left at www.marshalldrivercremation.ca



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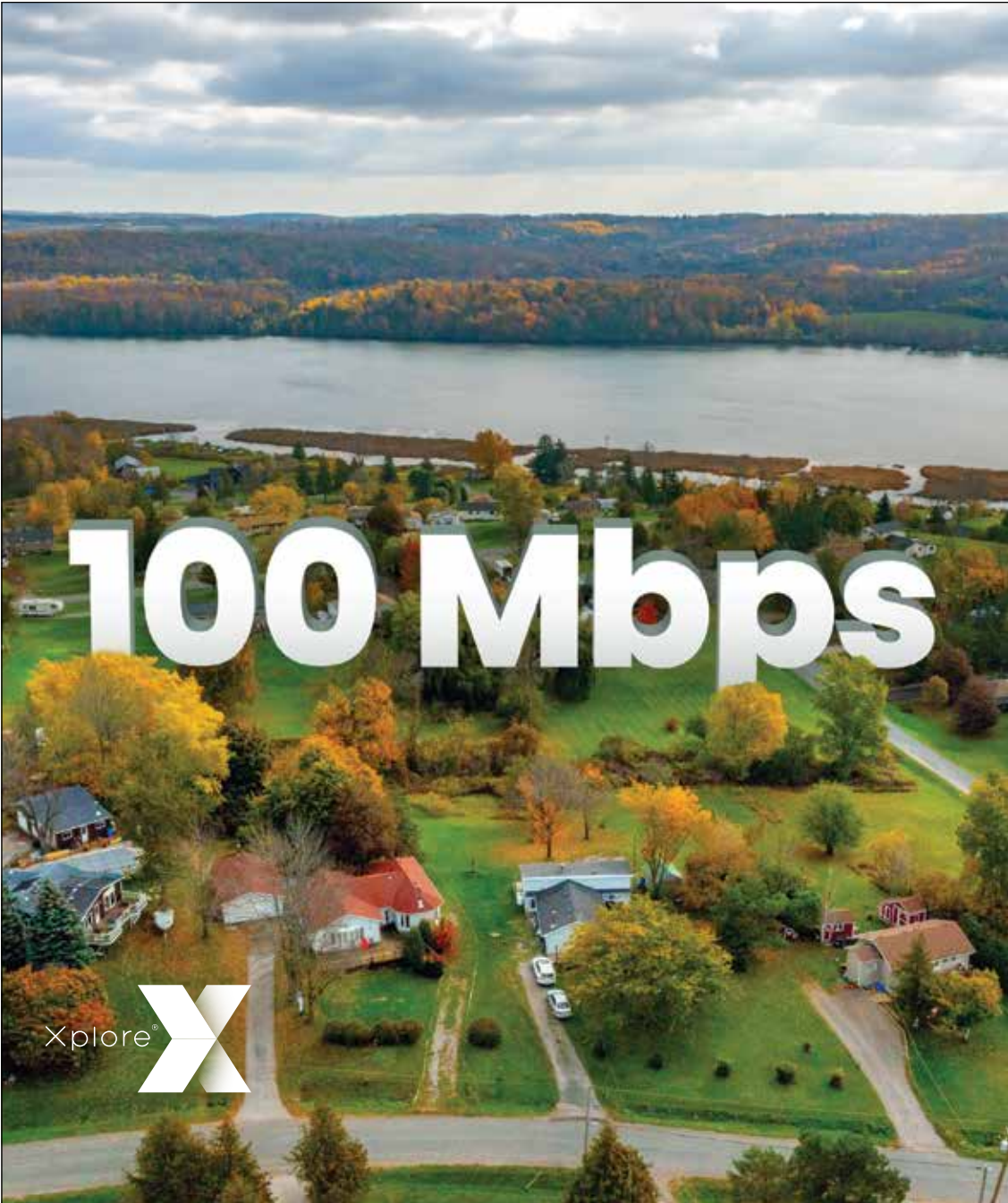


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DID YOU KNOW....according to Food Banks Canada, 1 person in 6 who accesses a food bank is employed?

Nov. 6, 2023 - A reminder that Christmas hamper applications are being accepted until November 30th, at the food bank - 62 Yonge St. N.- during regular hours, Wednesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 10 am-12 pm.

Mark your calendar for November 29th. The CP Holiday Train will visit Midhurst on that day and it's a perfect opportunity to donate to your local food bank. Watch this paper for more details. We are happy to report that the motorcycle enthusiasts who visit Elmvalle for "Bike Nights" have donated a generous amount of money to the food bank. Bruce & Louise Robertson



and Jeff Tress stopped by with their offerings. Once again, the Witches of Notty have contributed food and cash to the food bank following their final paddle on the Nottawasaga, in late October. That's dedication to a cause! We are endlessly grateful to these organizations for their generosity.

Below: Witches of Notty brave the cold Nottawasaga River



North Simcoe Springwater News found in Dominican!
Photo above: Sue from Steeler's Restaurant at her best friend's place in Sousa, Dominican



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

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

By Debbie Craddock

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