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### Overwhelmed By Kindness and Generosity

*Submitted by Debbie Craddock*

Dec. 30, 2023 - Did you know that our community has gone above and beyond with generosity this Christmas? We were once again overwhelmed by the kindness and unselfishness of donors and volunteers alike during this Christmas holiday season of giving. Donations were received on a daily basis from thoughtful individuals and families, service clubs and organizations, local businesses, and every school in our area delivered food and much needed items. With much gratitude we thank Baywood Animal Hospital, Elmvale Veterinary Clinic, Wyevalle Central Elementary School, Minesing Central School, Huronia Centennial Elementary School, Our Lady Of Lourdes School, Forest Hill Public School, The Lakeland's Association of Realtors, Simcoe County Roads Supervisors Association, South Springwater Firefighters, North Simcoe Junior Farmers, BMR Pro, Unifor Local 79M, Elmvale Presbyterian Church Sewing Club, Walker Aggregates, Simcoe County Paramedics, Tiny Lions Club, Midland Civitan Club, Elmvale District Lions Club, residents of

Tiny Township and Springwater Township who organized, collected and delivered donations from their parades or their neighborhoods. To the folks who acted as sponsors this year, thank you. Know that your kindness brought smiles and tears. Finally, to all of the volunteers of the food bank, especially Deb McLean who spends countless hours organizing the successful Christmas Hamper program, your time and dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

From the Elmvale & District Food Bank best wishes for a very happy and healthy 2024. Happy New Year!

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Dear Editor;  
 I couldn't help but notice something peculiar in the December 21 edition about a press release from the Ministry of Health announcing a new inpatient unit at Waypoint. As I read through the paper I found that the exact same press release was published on page 4, page 15, AND page 17! I do hope that the Ministry of Health paid triple the price for triple the exposure! This would be right in keeping with their strategy of making sure everyone knows about the tiny contributions they're making to improve healthcare, while ignoring the massive problems with the system that they so far refuse to fix.  
 Emergency Department wait times are at an all-time high. Hospital staff are quitting in droves because they can no longer hold the weight of the healthcare system on their shoulders. Family Medicine, what many call the backbone of our healthcare system, is being drastically underfunded and devalued. Because of this family doctors are retiring early or abandoning their practice, and new Family Medicine graduates are choosing not to go into general practice. Who could blame them when the amount they get paid for their work has barely changed over decades while inflation has ballooned the costs of rent, equipment, and staff wages.  
 Until this government commits to making meaningful system change and reform, our province's healthcare woes are only going to worsen. No amount of over-posted press releases will change that.  
 Sincerely, Dr Sean Robinson, Family Physician, Midland, Ontario  
 Editor's Reply:  
 Dr Robinson;  
 I humbly print this as a official apology to you and my loyal readers. I do make mistakes, and I am truly human but I like to think I am a good one because I admit my errors. I assure you that the subject matter had nothing to do with my over publishing. It was simply an error. You make an excellent point. Thank you for your letter.



EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Happy New Year to All!  
 It has been an interesting year as I get to know the Newspaper business more and more. I have enjoyed meeting the North Simcoe Business people and I thank them for their welcoming spirit. I am so happy with the support I am receiving in the Midland area. I have enjoyed covering the many events in North Simcoe while still covering news in the Springwater and Tiny Townships. I am getting positive feedback daily from readers and advertisers. This does not get old. I will never be used to the positivity this job goes with. I truly expected negative comments when I purchased this paper just because of the publicity it brings. I was warned from other publishers. The complaints are far and few between. This community is tight and I am happy to live and work here.  
 I thank the advertisers for allowing me to grow so much. Looking back this year has been one of many changes. I had some very large challenges with being diagnosed with cancer and going to 75 daily treatments to Sunnybrook. I rose above it all and I have recovered and am cancer free. It was a huge challenge keeping the paper going but I did it. It was the community that kept me going. Thank you for your support during that difficult time. You know who you are. I could not have done it without you. My husband was my rock and my family as there every step of the way. Having a daughter as a doctor and another as a PSW sure has its advantages.  
 Looking forward to 2024, I am planning some growth changes. I am looking to hire a political reporter. I have other reporters, but I need a knowledgeable and non-bias reporter to tell the facts of what goes on in municipal politics. Our democracy relies on it. I am going to increase circulation and I have 19 news stands to place around our community. Please contact me if you want people drawn to your business to pick up a copy of the paper.  
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RVH Welcomes the First Baby of 2024

Submitted by Lisa Cooper, Communications Coordinator, RVH  
 Jan. 1, 2023 - Arriving at 1:58 a.m. on January 1, Barrie residents, Anastasia Danquah and Garvin Grant welcomed their eighth baby to their family, Godson, weighing just over 6 pounds.  
 Each year more than 2,000 babies are born in Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's (RVH) Birthing Unit and while each one is a unique and beautiful miracle; it calls for a special occasion to welcome the first baby born in 2024.  
 In honour of the occasion, Victoria's Gift Shop, owned and operated by the RVH Auxiliary, is proud to sponsor the first baby of the New Year with a keep-sake Born at RVH plush toy.

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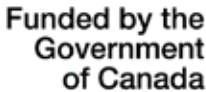


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### Elmvale Ground Water Project Gets Springwater Council Support

Dec. 20, 2023 - In November, Township of Springwater Council agreed to support the Elmvale Ground Water Project grant application to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council.

On Monday December 18, 2023 the signed Letter of Intent (LOI) was presented to project lead, Dr. Mike Powell alongside Mayor Coughlin, Councillor Garwood and Councillor Thompson at the Township

Administration Centre.

This LOI affirms Township support and agreement to partner with the Elmvale Groundwater Project conducted through the University of Alberta and submitted to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

*Submitted by Matt Garwood, Councillor Ward 1*



### The New Year's Day Tradition Continued for the Tiny Township Lions Club.

*By Lion Kelly McNamara*

Jan. 1, 2023 - Balm Beach was the location for the Polar Bear dippers to show their bravery and raise funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. There were 74 dippers that raised just over \$4,000.00, to date.

Lots of brave people including several Lions participated in The Tiny Township Lions Club annual Polar Bear dip for the Lions Foundation of Canada . Way to go!

For around 15 years, the club has hosted their Annual Polar Dip. From the early days of less than 10 dippers, we now see around 75 participants! Each Dipper raises funds, which are all donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides ([www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)). The Foundation breeds, raises, and trains dogs to aide those who are visually impaired, hearing impaired, autistic, diabetic, physically/medically disabled, as well as seizure response dogs, and facility support dogs.

Over the years, the Tiny Township Lions Club have sponsored one Hearing dog, and four Vision dogs.

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Township of Tiny Installs Accessible Water Fill Stations with Ontario Trillium Foundation grant

Submitted by Jacqueline Brown, Communications Officer

Dec. 20, 2023 - The Township of Tiny has installed accessible water fill stations at popular municipal parks and facilities by utilizing a capital grant of \$113,700 from the Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF). This investment allowed the township to install water fill stations at the following locations:

- **Balm Beach** – 18 Tiny Beaches Road North
- **Bernie LeClair Trail Head** – 99 Balm Beach Road East
- **Bluewater Beach** – 70 Nicole Boulevard
- **Jackson Park** – 1 Marina Road
- **Lafontaine Beach** – 775 Rue Lafontaine Road West
- **Lafontaine Park** – 342 Rue Lafontaine Road West
- **Perkinsfield Park** – 43 Country Road 6 South
- **Tiny Township Community Centre** – 91 Concession 8 East
- **Toanche Park** – 771 Champlain Road
- **Woodland Beach** – 2020 Tiny Beaches Road South
- **Wyebridge Park** – 8340 Highway 93
- **Wyevale Park** – 8340 Highway 93

The water fill stations provide access to free, potable water in public spaces and promote health and wellness in our community. Three Ultraviolet (UV) water purification systems were also installed at three of the most popular locations. “We are thrilled to have received this grant that emphasizes the importance of sustainable and healthy lifestyles in our region,” said Mayor David Evans. “On behalf of the Township of Tiny, I want to thank the Ontario Trillium Fund for their commitment to our community, and for making this project a reality”. For more information about the water fill station project, please visit [www.tiny.ca/waterstations](http://www.tiny.ca/waterstations).

Q: It has keys, but no locks. It has space, but no room. You can enter, but can't go inside. What is it?

A: A keyboard



Experience the Magic at Little Lake Park

Town Operations staff have yet again created magic at Little Lake Park - transforming a little piece of the park into an extraordinary holiday scene! For the second year in a row, residents and visitors are invited to bundle up and step outside to experience the magic of the holiday season by visiting the Town's holiday display at Little Lake Park. Complete with a vintage sleigh, a life-size Santa Claus, lights

and greenery, this holiday scene is sure to warm the hearts of the young and the young at heart. The creation of this new Midland tradition was truly a team effort. From last year's efforts in securing the perfect sleigh, to the new addition of the giant snowman this year, the Town is excited for residents to enjoy some holiday spirit in the heart of Midland.

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News Media Most Credible with Canadians:

Report Kaiser & Partners research shows that while established media outlets still have cred with Canadians, the younger demos are using social media to access it.



**By Patti Summerfield November 16, 2023**  
Kaiser & Partners has released its third annual survey on trust and credibility in news sources showing that across all generations, news from established news media (55%), local experts (36%), public health agencies (32%) and from governments (29%) is considered most credible.

On the other hand, some younger Canadians are still turning to social media for news. A quarter (26%) of Gen Z respondents report they are more likely to trust the validity of news if it has been broadly shared across social media channels.

Canada's Online News Act Bill C-18 and the ban of media outlets by Meta is reported to be eroding trust in media by a quarter (26%) of Canadians, mostly millennials (31%) and Gen Z (29%).

Baby boomers were found to be twice as likely (68%) than Gen Z (33%) to find established news sources the most credible. Thirty-two percent of the boomer demo also reported viewing information released by governments as credible compared to 23% of Gen Z and millennials.

When it comes to other credible sources, the generations are divided. Gen Z finds public health agencies (11%) less credible than the national average (32%). Gen Z respondents are more likely to assign credibility to content from social media experts (23%) and general social media content (23%) than baby boomers, 7% and 4%, respectively.

Overall, Canadians are looking to online news from traditional media sources (22%) and watching more broadcast TV news (21%) as well as reading more news on social media (15%) compared to last year. These three platforms have witnessed the largest increase in reported year-over-year consumption over the past three years and across generations.

Of the channels they currently use to seek Canadian news, less than a third (31%) of Gen Z reported seeking news from traditional channels with 85% saying they would use social media channels first, notably YouTube (41%), Instagram (38%) and TikTok (33%). Baby boomers report relying on traditional channels (83%) to get their news.

Televised news was the top choice for 46% of all generations, followed by newspapers (print and online 36%) and radio (27%). Baby boomers (68%) are the most likely to turn to televised news sources.

Younger Canadians are consuming more social media content than last year with nearly a quarter (24%) of Gen Z respondents spending more time reading news and information on social media platforms. This increase has accelerated from 2022, when just 9% of Gen Z respondents reported that their social media usage had increased since the previous year.

The survey was conducted by Maru Public Opinion on behalf of Kaiser & Partners was undertaken with 1,532 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Maru Voice Canada online panelists from October 4, 2023, to October 5, 2023. Kaiser & Partners offer strategic, integrated and bilingual public relations services in the areas of marketing communications, corporate communications, digital communications, financial services, technology, and public affairs through offices in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

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**Submitted by Town of Midland**  
**Notice of Public Meeting - 2024 Budget**

Dec. 21, 2023 - The Town's 2024 Budget Public Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 17th at 6:00 p.m. as required under the Town's Notice By-law and Procedure By-law.

The meeting is being held in person and via Zoom (hybrid). See our Council Meetings page.

This is your opportunity to formally comment about the proposed 2024 budget. If you wish to make comments via Zoom, please pre-register with the Clerk's office. No pre-registration required for in-person attendance. Written comments can be submitted to the Clerk's office by noon Tuesday January 9, 2024.

Council and Staff budget deliberations will take place January 30, 31 and February 1, 2024 at a Special Meeting of Council.

**Mid-Pen Transit Service - Trial Route Change**

What's changing? The Midland North Route bus will continue onto Bayshore Dr and turn onto Manly St, then onto Bay St to continue the normal route. See the detailed map of the trial route change here.

**Why?** This trial route has been created to better serve riders travelling to the Chigamik Waypoint Community Health Hub. **When?** From Tuesday, January 2, 2024 to Friday, May 31, 2024.

**Where can I get picked up by the bus?**

Riders can utilize the flag down service that Mid-Pen Transit offers, read more here. See the detailed map of the trial route change here.

**What happens when the trial is over?**

The trial period is January 2, 2024 until May 31, 2024. More information will be available Spring 2024.



A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

**By Carol-Lynn Lepard, Senior Column Writer**

Dec. 22, 2023 - For many of us, this week is an extension of the holidays. Many families are still spending time together and Boxing Day sales will run through the weekend, so we're still busy. We may also be thinking about how we're going to keep that New Year's resolution to keep fit and healthy. For some, that means starting into the Township of Tiny's winter activity programs – maybe relaxing Yoga, spirited Zumba ® or full-body exercise at Aging Backwards classes. Others will take a little longer to decide on an activity best suited to their needs, and our next column will focus on three programs offered free of charge that you can start at any time.

**An overview of the Township of Tiny's events for 2024 follows:**

One of the most popular local events to dispel February blahs is the **Winter Carnaval d'Hiver**, which will be held Saturday, February 10 from 11 am – 2 pm at Perkinsfield Park (43 County Road 6 South, Tiny). This is a day that offers something for just about everyone. We don't want to spoil the surprise, but some of the activities include family public skating – bring your own skates or borrow some for free – live performances by talented skaters and others, a snow tubing slide, lots of hot chocolate and cider, and a lunch to keep you fueled for fun. For more information, visit the website, [www.tiny.ca](http://www.tiny.ca), or call the Recreation Department at 705-526-4204 ext. 290.

**Earth Week** – April 14-20 Pretty much everyone is familiar with Earth Day, but not all of us know much about Earth Week. The week offers a longer opportunity for people in almost 200 countries to dedicate time and energy to helping solve environmental issues. The township's activities and campaigns to promote positive action, from guided walks to local challenges, will be highlighted closer to the time.

**National Volunteer Week** – April 14-20 What could be more appropriate than turning the spotlight on the more than 150 volunteers who make such a huge impact upon our community and natural environment than celebrating their accomplishments at the same time as Earth Week? The Township will

| COUNCIL MEETINGS  |                |            |                      |
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| <b>Township of Springwater: Jan. 17, 2024 at 6:30pm</b>                         |                |            |                      |
| Hybrid - In person and Virtual  |                |            |                      |
| <b>Jan. 18, 2024 5:30 pm</b>  | <b>Elmvale</b> | <b>BIA</b> | <b>board meeting</b> |
| <b>Township of Tiny: January 10 and Jan 31, 2024 at 5:30 pm</b>                 |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 9, 2024 5 pm Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting               |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 15, 2024 at 5:15 pm Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting                    |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 16, 2024 at 5 pm Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament Working Committee Meeting |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 22, 2024at 5 pm Special Committee of the Whole (2024 Budget) - TENTATIVE   |                |            |                      |
| <b>Town of Midland: Jan 10, 2024 at 6pm</b>                                     |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 10, 2024 at 4 pm Special Meeting of Council                                |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 30, 2024 Meeting of Council Budget   |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 30 & 31, 2024 at 9 am Special Meeting of Council                           |                |            |                      |
| <b>Town of Penetanguishene: Jan. 10, 2024 at 7 pm</b>                           |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 8, 2024 at 9:00 am Economic Advisory Committee                             |                |            |                      |
| Jan.. 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm Committee of Adjustment                               |                |            |                      |
| Jan. 29, 2024 at 8:45 am Penetanguishene Police Services Board                  |                |            |                      |

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## Township of The Archipelago and Town of the Blue Mountains Join Opposition to TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project

Township Calls on all Municipalities in the Georgian Bay Basin to Help Prevent the Project from Proceeding Meaford ON – On November 17th, 2023 the Township of The Archipelago unanimously carried Councillor Cade Fraser’s motion “vehemently” opposing the proposed TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project (“the Project”) on Georgian Bay, primarily as a bad financial deal for Ontario, but also because of the significant risks to the environment.

Forwarding their resolution to all municipalities in the Georgian Bay Basin, the Township of The Archipelago requests their co-operation in protecting Georgian Bay by preventing this project from proceeding. The Town of the Blue Mountains answered the call when, on December 18th 2023, their council passed a resolution to support in principle the Township of the Archipelago's resolution.

Save Georgian Bay applauds the Township of The Archipelago and the Town of the Blue Mountains for prioritizing the protection of the environment and Georgian Bay. “We’ve been getting tremendous feedback from residents to our campaign to stop the destruction of the Niagara Escarpment and Georgian Bay,” said Tom Buck of Save Georgian Bay. “Now that the Township of The Archipelago and the Town of the Blue Mountains, have made their concerns public, we’re asking every community to take a close look at the Project. We expect that other municipalities will prioritize protecting Georgian Bay by making similar resolutions,” he added.

Save Georgian Bay is calling on Meaford’s council to suspend their “willing host” resolution associated with the Project. “It’s time for the Municipality of Meaford to listen to their constituents who are overwhelmingly against the Project.”

"The Resolution should be applauded and raises the critical question of what is a “willing host” community, surely it involves everyone around Georgian Bay”, said David Donnelly, counsel to Save Georgian Bay.

If developed, the open-loop pumped storage facility would be co-located on the existing Canadian Ar-

my’s 4th Canadian Division Training Centre, north of Meaford, Ontario. To function, the facility must pump 23 billion litres of water 150 metres up the Niagara Escarpment, dumping it into a 375 acre reservoir, and releasing it daily back into Georgian Bay. For context, that’s 9,200 Olympic sized swimming pools worth of water in a hole the size of Toronto’s High Park being flushed back down the escarpment every day.

The Township of The Archipelago’s resolution recognizes that the Project risks causing irreparable harm to the environment and irreversibly damaging the unique ecological, cultural, and historical features of the area. In addition to the risks to local animal, plant, fish, and human populations, they highlight the risks to the area’s important tourism industry, as well as to the sport and commercial fishing industries that rely on a clean and healthy Bay.

The resolution draws attention to the fact that the Department of National Defense (“DND”) site is already polluted and that the proposed project could exacerbate the situation, calling on DND to remediate the military base without having to blow such an enormous hole in the ground.

The resolution also urges the Ministry of Energy to cease its support of the Project based on the Independent Electricity System Operator (the “IESO”) recommendation that the Project should not be approved, avoiding the placement of an unnecessary financial burden on Ontario taxpayers. The IESO is tasked with examining the project and protecting taxpayers from bad projects.

Save Georgian Bay is a volunteer group of concerned citizens that oppose the TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project, a massive open-loop energy storage facility in Meaford Ontario, due to the significant and irreversible environmental harm to the escarpment and Georgian Bay it would cause. Save Georgina Bay welcomes inquiries from any Municipalities interested in making similar motions the that made by the Township of The Archipelego.

## Local “Christmas Miracle” Keeps Roof Over Boys’ Heads in Kenya

Midland, ON, December 27, 2023 – Several months ago, Life4Kids Canada was in crisis. The local charity funds a home for abandoned and homeless boys in Nairobi, Kenya.

The very existence of the organization was in jeopardy. The local government in Kenya threatened to demolish the rental house where 26 little boys and their support staff lived.

The organization learned that the house had been built without proper zoning and without a building permit. The house was in a dangerous area. Political demonstrations, rowdy patrons of a local bar, and roaming gangs threatened the safety of the boys and staff. And, to make things worse, Kenyan authorities threatened to withdraw the licence for the operation of the home if Life4Kids did not purchase its own residence.

Life4Kids was forced to move quickly. They found a lovely, adequately-spaced house available at a reasonable price in a suburban area of Nairobi. The challenge at that point was how to raise the funds. Life4Kids in Kenya administers the home. But that organization relies on funds from Life4Kids Canada and Life4Kids Norway. And Life4Kids Norway quickly advised that it would not be able to contribute to the cost of the new home.

How was Life4Kids Canada to raise a sum more than double its annual revenues? And how could it do so while continuing to bear more than 70 per cent of the monthly operating budget?

“Funds are needed on an ongoing basis to support 26 little boys in the home and nine other boys in higher education, says Fred Hacker, Life4Kids Canada President and Board Chair. “Funds compensate staff and pay for education costs, clothing, medicine and other house expenses. These funds come exclusively from generous donors, and a large portion from the Midland area. So the prospect of raising enough money to purchase a home seemed insurmountable. We needed a miracle.”

The miracle materialized just in time for the holidays. Appeals to existing donors, local philanthropists, local churches, local organizations, and even a neighbourhood bake sale resulted in enough funds to purchase the home, cover closing costs and pay for renovations to the home.

The boys moved into their new home on Monday December 18, just in time for Christmas.

Jane Wasike is the CEO of Life4Kids in Nairobi, Kenya. She commented, “These generous contributions from Canada have not only provided a roof over the heads of these young boys but have also sown the seeds for a brighter and more promising future. The donors’ kindness has transformed physical spaces and breathed life into the boys' dreams and aspirations.”

Life4Kids Canada is a charity registered under the Canadian Income Tax Act. It was founded 11 years ago by Amelie Sorensen. Life4Kids Canada provides boys who have been abandoned or orphaned with a loving home. The organization is funded by generous donations including private individuals, churches, corporations and community groups, primarily in the Midland-Penetanguishene area. The Canadian organization has no staff and nominal overhead expenses. Almost all the funds raised go to Kenya. The fundraising and operational work is done voluntarily through a Board of Directors in Canada. All the directors live in and around Midland and Penetanguishene.

Submitted by Nancy Hargrave

## Province Honours 25 New Order of Ontario Appointees

**2023 Order of Ontario recognizes outstanding leaders for their exceptional contributions to building a stronger province**

January 01, 2024

By Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
Jan. 1, 2024 - TORONTO — The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Chancellor of the Order of Ontario, announced 25 new appointments to the Order of Ontario for 2023.

The Order of Ontario - the province's highest honour - recognizes outstanding people who have made exceptional contributions to help build a stronger province, nation and world. Members of the Order come from all walks of life and represent various sectors of society including public service, business, journalism and health care.

“As Chancellor of the Order of Ontario, it is my privilege to congratulate the Order’s appointees for 2023. These Ontarians have demonstrated the highest levels of merit, excellence and dedication in their respective disciplines, and they have made significant impacts here at home and around the world,” said Lieutenant Governor Edith Dumont. “Our province gratefully acknowledges their remarkable contributions, which inspire us all to be leaders and change-makers.”

The 2023 appointees to the Order of Ontario are:

- Jay Aspin
- John M. Beck
- Jo-Anne Clarke
- Hon. David Collette
- Claire Crooks
- Julie Di Lorenzo
- John English

- Lee Errett
- Gervan Fearon
- Patrick Foran
- Blake C. Goldring
- Herbert Ho Ping Kong
- Blake Hutcheson
- Michael Latner
- Bernard Leduc
- Joy MacDermid
- Dwayne Morgan
- Florence Ngenzebuhoro
- Hazelle Palmer
- Fred Possmayer
- Peter Simon
- Gary Slaughter
- George Trusler
- Raquel Urtasun
- Bhavana Varma

“I am proud of the incredible breadth and depth of talent we have here in Ontario. Each one of these exceptional Ontarians are leaders and trailblazers who exemplify the best of our province,” said Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. “Their achievements, dedication and leadership have contributed to building a stronger Ontario and a better world for all. On behalf of a grateful province, congratulations to all the appointees being recognized.”

### Quick Facts

• People from all walks of life across Ontario are welcome to nominate a deserving individual for the 2024 Order of Ontario. The nomination deadline for this year is March 31, 2024. Learn more about how to nominate someone here.

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Q: I'm orange, I wear a green hat and I sound like a parrot. What am I?

A: A carrot



## Premier Ford Shares New Year’s Greetings

*Submitted by Premier's Office*

Jan. 1, 2024 - TORONTO — Today, Premier Doug Ford issued the following statement to mark the start of the New Year:

"Happy New Year, Ontario!

As we turn the calendar to 2024, I want to take a moment to pause and reflect upon the progress we've made as a province over the past year.

2023 was a year of growth for Ontario.

In the face of economic and geopolitical uncertainty around the world, Ontario created more than 160,000 jobs, with more new manufacturing jobs in our province than all U.S. states combined.

We attracted billions of dollars in new investments, including Volkswagen's historic \$7 billion investment to build its first overseas electric vehicle battery plant in St. Thomas, which will employ thousands of people. We also saw considerable progress on the construction of the NextStar electric vehicle battery plant in Windsor.

To support this growth, our government continues to deliver on our plan to build.

We're connecting people to more convenient care close to home. We're investing billions over the next ten years in over 50 new hospital projects as we hire thousands of more doctors and nurses. Pharmacists are doing more to treat people in their communities, with nearly 600,000 pharmacist assessments having been done, relieving pressures on family doctors and our entire health-care system. By investing more in hospitals and community surgical and diagnostic centres, we're taking thousands of people off surgical wait lists and now have the lowest wait times in the entire country.

We're building and expanding schools, with over 7,000 new student spaces for the 2023-24 school year and are on track to create 86,000 new child care spaces by the end of 2026. We've secured deals or agreements-in-principle with almost all of Ontario's education unions so that we can keep kids in class learning, exactly where they should be. We saw student test scores stabilize or improve as we got kids back to learning the basics while preparing them for the jobs of the future.

We're expanding GO train service, making significant progress on the new Ontario Line subway and building roads and highways across the province, helping to ensure commuters spend more time at home and less time in bumper-to-bumper traffic. We secured a new deal for Toronto, which invests in improved services for the city and avoids any new taxes. And let me be clear: our government will never toll the Gardiner Expressway or Don Valley Parkway. Drivers coming into the city from Peel, Durham, York and beyond can't afford any new costs.

Now more than ever, we need to keep costs down for people and businesses.

That's why, throughout 2023, we took important steps to put money back into people's pockets, including by increasing the minimum wage, expanding the Guaranteed Annual Income System program to support an additional 100,000 seniors and extending the gas and fuel tax cut, saving families up to \$260. We also continued to cut child care fees, saving families accessing over 300,000 child care spaces an average of between \$6000 and \$10,000 annually.

As we keep costs down, our government is also on a relentless hunt to find new ways to make life more convenient for people. This past year, we announced the largest expansion of choice and convenience in the sale of alcohol in nearly 100 years. By no later than January 2026, people will be able to buy wine, beer, cider, seltzers and coolers at their local convenience, grocery or big-box store. Our government also continued to cut outdated and duplicative red tape, saving people and businesses more than \$900 million and 100,000 hours of time each year.

Looking ahead to the new year, our government will continue to build our economy to create better jobs with bigger paycheques, invest in the roads, highways and infrastructure that our growing Ontario needs, look for ways to put money back into people's pockets and make life easier and more convenient for families. There's so much more work to do to build Ontario.

We need to find ways to get more shovels in the ground sooner to build new roads and highways, including Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, as well as hospitals, long-term care homes and schools.

Working closely with our municipal partners, we'll take more action to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, including by allowing for way more density near public transit.

We need to continue building an energy system that provides the clean, low-cost and stable electricity our growing province and economy needs, now and for generations to come.

We'll continue to train more people for rewarding careers in the skilled trades as we welcome newcomers ready to help build our province.

And we want more people in Ontario to be connected to a family doctor or primary care team, so that they receive quality care when and where they need it.

I'm so proud of what Team Ontario accomplished this past year, and I can't wait to see what's to come in 2024. Because, while the world continues to face economic uncertainty, when the people of Ontario work together, we've shown that we can achieve amazing things.

From myself, my family and the Government of Ontario, I wish everyone across our great province a prosperous, healthy and happy new year!"

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33 Like most sonnets  
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44 Leather-working tool  
46 Still-life subject

## OPP Assist Coroner With Death Investigation in Tiny Township

(TINY TOWNSHIP, ON) - On December 30, 2023, at approximately 1:50 p.m. the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Communication Centre received a 911 call for assistance at a Baseline Road, Tiny Township farm property. Uniform officers along with Simcoe County Paramedic Services and Tiny Township Fire Services were also dispatched.

Attending emergency services located and pronounced deceased at the scene a 37-year-old male of Tiny Township who was the only involved person. The incident which occurred on private property is non suspicious in nature and is being investigated un-

der the direction of the Coroner.

Members of the Crime Unit attached to Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment and the Forensic Identification Services (FIS) from OPP General Headquarters Orillia are assisting the Coroner with this investigation.

A postmortem examination will be scheduled at a future date at the Office of the Chief Coroner and Ontario Forensic Pathology Service (OFPS) in Toronto. Further details will be provided only as the investigation permits.

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**Tiny Township Membership at Springwater Public Library**  
 Springwater Library will be continuing library services for Tiny patrons as of January 2, 2024. The municipality of the Township of Tiny has contracted with area libraries in order to provide library service for its residents and will therefore pay for the membership of all in your household at ONE area library. For a membership at Springwater Public Library, Tiny residents must fill out a form (one per household) which will allow membership for one year from the date of the membership being activated. You can visit any branch of Springwater Library to fill out your form and become a member. Thank you for your continued support of our library and we hope to see you soon!

**Teen Games Night**  
 Bring your friends and try out some of the trending board games the Library has purchased for Teen Games Night. Tuesday January 16, 5:30pm at Elmvale Branch.

**Mindfulness Workshop**  
 This series of workshops led by the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre will be focused on the topics of Peaceful Breathing, Coping Mechanisms for the Body, Self Compassion and awareness of self. These workshops will be held weekly on Tuesdays 1:30pm-3pm at Elmvale Branch January 23, January 30, February 6 and February 13. Register at: [www.southgeorgianbay-chc.ca/programs](http://www.southgeorgianbay-chc.ca/programs) or call (705) 422-1888.

**PA Day Craft**  
 On the day off school, everyone is invited to come to the Elmvale and Midhurst Branches and pick up a take and make kit to make a penguin popper craft. Friday January 26. Available while supplies last.

**Swap and Shop**  
 Ladies ages 13+ are invited to bring five items in excellent condition (in-style clothing, purses, footwear, home décor, re-gifts, candles, sunglasses, jewelry etc) to trade. Tuesday January 30 at Midhurst Branch from 6:30pm-8pm. Cost \$10 a ticket. Hot drinks, dessert plus 10 chances to win a gift basket!

**English Learners Club**  
 All are welcome! Meet new people, increase your fluency and vocabulary. Mondays 1pm at Elmvale Branch. Registration required.

**24/7 Library**  
 During the holiday and winter season don't forget that we have online Storytime programs available (including our latest visit to the Springwater Fire Hall!) on our YouTube channel as well as online e-books and e-audiobooks available everyday all day at cloudLibrary. Happy watching and happy reading!



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Children and Extracurricular Activities

Parents sometimes ask me about the wisdom of having a child continue taking lessons if there is a lot of resistance. This is a hard one to call. Whether it is piano, swimming or hock-ey, there may be a time right at the beginning when the child does not want to go. This may also happen a few years later when things are becoming more challenging.

The way the resistance is handled is crucial to the final outcome. If a child is forced to do something that is extremely uncomfortable for them, they will come to hate the activity. Everything should be negotiable, except, in my opinion, swimming. The ability to swim could be a life or death matter at some point in the child's life. Sports, music or dance will not be.

Still, we like to see our children develop their skills in some extracurricular areas. It is important to recognize that when a child wants to quit an activity, it may not be because of the activity itself. Perhaps there is not a good fit with the teacher, coach or teammates. It may also be because the child feels his or her performance is poor.

The first step should be to find out specifically what the child does not like, and what it would take for the activity to be more pleasant. Sometimes it might mean finding a new teacher or a new team to play on. In swimming, it might mean staying back one level, even though the child has completed it, in order to develop more confidence in the water. Sometimes a few private lessons, one-on-one makes a big difference.

If a child is telling you he or she is not happy, it is important to listen, take the comments seriously, and be sympathetic. See if together you can come up with a solution. Sometimes, just knowing that

you understand makes it easier for them to continue. It is also important for them to know that you will not force them to continue if it is truly upsetting.

My first two children took piano lessons, and once they got a little older, started saying they wanted to quit. It was a struggle to get them to practice. I resisted and continued to urge them to do one more year, and then one more year. Ultimately, they quit, and neither has had the desire to return to it.

My youngest also took piano. When she started talking about quitting, I really listened to her. I told her that I wanted her to finish the year, and if she still felt the same way in June, she could quit then. This happened a couple of years in a row. Knowing, in June, that the choice was completely hers as to whether or not to register for the next year, she made the choice to try one more year. She played for twelve years and picked up two new instruments as well. Extracurricular activities should be a source of enjoyment for the child, and not simply a source of pride for the parents. Remember, childhood should be fun.



Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit [www.gwen.ca](http://www.gwen.ca). Follow Gwen on Facebook for inspiration.



Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

Expropriations Act

**In the matter of** an application by The Corporation of the County of Simcoe for approval to expropriate land being part of Lot 6, Concession 10 (Geographic Township of Flos), designated as Part 1 on Plan 51R-43505, in the Township of Springwater, County of Simcoe, for the purposes of the North Elmvale Trail Gap project and works ancillary thereto.

**Notice is hereby given** that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described as follows:

Part of Lot 6, Concession 10 (Geographic Township of Flos), designated as Part 1 on Plan 51R-43505, Township of Springwater, County of Simcoe.

Any owner of land in respect of which notice is given who desires a hearing into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

- (a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- (b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

**The approving authority is:**

The Council of The Corporation of the County of Simcoe  
 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario, L9X 1N6

**The expropriating authority is:**

The Corporation of the County of Simcoe  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE

Jonathan Magill, County Clerk

This notice first published on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.





Photo above: Danny and Alicja at Stephen Ogden farm to Walk For Water Stop Dump Site 41 Protest

## HEALING FORESTS AND SPECIES

Story by Danny Beaton (Turtle Clan Mohawk)  
In Memory of Alicja Rozanska  
[www.dannybeaton.ca](http://www.dannybeaton.ca)

Every time we escape the big city to be up north in Mother Earth's forest and near the Great Lakes we become once again alone in the natural world. As we look to be alone with the space and beauty of what surrounds us in Mother Earth's forest and life species, we hear intense and beautiful sounds of the voices of the winged ones and little ones who are talking to each other and seems like they are singing to one another in great peace and happiness. It is in this world that humans can sit, hear the wind blowing and if it is raining the power and beauty of gentle water coming down from the sky world above. After a few days alone in the forest our minds start to open up in a way the universe wants us to see what is so important about our journey here on our Sacred Mother Earth. Even the diversity of the plant life and trees can help open our minds if we let them: cedar, maple, pine, spruce, birch, berries everywhere, mushrooms, sage surrounding us once we get into Mother Earth's body. To think or begin to think how we could accomplish so much in seventy years on earth and feel so good about all the gifts that continue to come our way, so many good friends to work together. To think how all these forests got here from the beginning of life; how such forests could evolve over all these years of life when nothing threatened life or forests; to think of life with no cars or roads: these things can come into our minds once we are alone in the natural world, the world of forests and nature.



Photo above: Danny Beaton last Ceremony - Closing Encampment - Oct 24, 2009

When I think of all the stories our elders would tell us, it was like a fountain of healing of spirit. One of my favorite Mohawk Elders was Katsitsiase, or English name Betty Maracle. She said: "If you listen

to our ancestors, Danny, they will guide throughout your life journey and help you find the things you might need to be in harmony and to do what is right for you and others." Betty said: "Our ancestors had the Good Mind in the old days. They knew that the natural world would take care of them if they were Thankful and Respectful to Great Creator's Gifts on Mother Earth. Our ancestors never forgot our way of life: to always have a good mind, to show respect for all life, especially to our relatives four-legged, winged ones, insects creeping and crawling and fish life, because they said all life on Mother Earth deserves to be happy and in harmony just as we human beings like it too!"



Photo above: Alicja and Danny with bean harvest 2013

Being alone in the forest always brought back the memories when my wife was with me always and how much fun we had together and thinking how creative she was to put up our tent in the spring, summer and fall and wanting to camp out until the snow came. This way of life was so healing for us! I remember our tent would collapse once it got full of snow and now thinking what a beautiful life we had in the forest. When you're in the forest you start thinking of all the gifts that came and went, of all the memories of joy and pain and the greatest time of making new friends and adventures, laughter and tears. Endless adventures is one thing that comes to mind once you're alone in the forests. Birds singing, wind is blowing and more memories come back fresh and strong of us travelling across Canada, travelling through the USA visiting my elders with Alicja, stopping to hike the highest mountains, stopping to swim in the cleanest rivers and lakes, but always putting sacred tobacco down and giving Thanksgiving together. Being alone in the forest again brings back memories of family who crossed over to the other side, the Spirit World. It's a wonderful life having time to have ceremonies, knowing it is time to bring



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out the Sacred Pipe because it's a ceremony that can bring everyone back to that great peace, even closer than you ever imagine, because we all need to be with our loved ones in that way of life in the forest until we meet again.

When I called Chief Oren Lyons to see if he wanted to say anything, he replied: "It's our homeland, it's our refuge. Nature is the boss: we have to learn that law. People are too used to living in the house and we came from the woods! We are from the same family as the wolf, the fox and the deer. It's a refuge, it's that simple. How could we destroy our home, Danny? Things are different today. Everything has changed. I'm downtown in Syracuse, but in the forest everything stays the same. We're Indians, we came from the forest and it's really our refuge. There is no mercy with natural law, it's consistent, it does not change". For the first time since I've known Oren in over 30 years, he has never been disappointed, but today he sure seemed sad.

Just think back when the Niña, the Santa Maria and the Pinta arrived here. They were sick and starving; the same with the Mayflower and other ships arriving at Turtle Island. The Indigenous People fed them, healed them, shared our way of life because that is our culture. It was normal for Indians to share and heal others who were sick and disillusioned! Sitting in the forest brings calm into our spirit. How else can you describe the peacefulness coming at you when the air is penetrating your mind and body. The noise and pollution in the city are so unhealthy. They kill our energy and equilibrium. Being in the forest is like a healing therapy no doctor can give you from his medicine bag. Once we are at peace in the forest we can't help but feel thankful and grateful to Mother Earth surrounding us in her realm and body. It's her spirit that comes to us and into us. Our minds are in awe of the beauty around us, so we start by thanking all the plants, the big trees, the small bushes, then all the medicines, next all the berries, Strawberry, Blackberries, Blueberries, Cranberries and all the sacred mushrooms, the vines, the roots, plant life. Being in the forest brings us closely to our Great Creator and to our Ancestors. It was our elders who taught us the Thanksgiving Address and their elders taught them and their elders taught them the ceremonies. It is our ancestors who passed this way of life onto us. In the forest everything comes back to us, the immense beauty before us and all around us. Natural Life has the power to heal. The memories of our sacred gatherings when everyone was alive, when the circle of elders, chiefs and Clan Mothers was full and strong can open us up to The Good Mind, the great respect for Creation. The forest opens our minds to the past, present and future. Anything can come into our minds that reflects the beauty of the sacred forest, so it's important for us to be in the Sacred Forest as much as possible! Funny, the last time my wife and I walked into the forest together, she needed a walker, but she insisted she wanted to walk into the forest and as we rounded the bush road, she said: "Danny, look over there" and there was a Grey Fox staring at us, peaceful almost like a peacekeeper waiting for us to be together one last time. We are so connected to the forests, but we never know our relationship unless we go there.

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Photo above: Pictured here with some of the donated items at the Centre (from left to right) are GBCSC Member Jerry Sheers, Joanne Smith, Tim's franchise owner, Eric Walter, GBCSC Executive Director, Tamara Beelan, and Sid Beelan (outlet Operations Managers).

Submitted by Paul Eichhorn

The Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre (GBCSC) in Penetanguishene was recently the recipient of a much-appreciated donation from Joanne and Brian Smith, who own and operate Tim Horton's outlets in the local area. The donation was something many of the Centre's members enjoy when they come in for programs and services, a hot cup of coffee.

Along with providing the GBCSC with over a year's worth of coffee and filters, the Smith's also donated a Tim's coffee maker along with 64 Tim-branded china mugs.

GBCSC Executive Director Eric Walter points out it can be scary for people when they first receive a cancer diagnosis. It's a big step when they reach out for additional support and making them feel at home when they visit the GBCSC makes a huge difference.

"Being greeted with a smile and a cup of coffee goes a long way in making someone feel at home. That

cup of coffee is a really important first step here for many."

According to Joanne Smith, they are grateful for the opportunity to support the GBCSC and considers it a beacon of hope and healing for those facing the challenges of cancer.

"Walking through the doors for the first time with Eric, we felt that profound strength and support within the four walls of the GBCSC where resilience and compassion redefine the journey through adversity," says Joanne. "We feel everyone has been touched by cancer, whether it be a friend, family member or co-worker. With each cup of coffee from Tim Hortons, we extend a 'hug in your hands' to the Centre's members and appreciate the chance to contribute warmth and comfort to those who need it the most."

The Smiths operate their Tim's outlets as a family affair. Joanne notes the next generation, her daughter Tamara and son-in-law Sid, currently serve as Operations Managers.



Photo above: The Tuesday Night Elmvale Pharmsave Fall Men's Curling League played its final play-off game on Tuesday December 19, 2023. The league champions are Russ Madore, Henry Vander Weilen, John Lyon and Tye McCutcheon.

Submitted by Russ Madore (Dec. 22, 2023)



Photo above: Doug Kirton presents a \$1000.00 cheque to Graham Simmonds, Elmvalle Legion Branch 262 President.

Doug's 80th birthday party on Nov. 18, 2023 raised \$500.00 and Barry Marley donated \$500.00 totalling \$1,000 for a donation to the Elmvalle Legion. There was a saw logging contest during the party that helped raising efforts. The funds were presented to the Elmvalle Legion in honour of WWII vet and former Branch 262 President George Kirton and former Branch 262 President Nancy Kirton Murphy.



Photo above: Jim & Eileen Young, Brody and Sadie Young, Wayne & Catherine Frechette from Tiny Beaches collected donations from friends at Tiny Beach for the food bank.



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Penetang Kings

Provincial Junior Hockey Team

By James Robillard

Photos by Russ Zmijowskyj

Penetang Kings Win 3 of 4 Before Holiday Break

*Submitted by Jamie Robillard, Penetang Kings*  
The Penetang Kings played four games leading up to their holiday break, winning three of the four contests in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League and vaulted into fifth place in the nine-team division.

On Thursday December 14th the Kings travelled to Stayner to face the Siskins and came away with an exciting 5-4 last minute victory over the league’s second place team. Owen Collins scored the game winner with just 39 seconds remaining in regulation time for the Kings. Matthew Campbell set up the tying goal. Also scoring for Penetang were Tanner Thayer, Carter Weissflog, Isaak McGinnis, and Cole Rumbolt. Assists were collected by Lars Derstroff, Carter Wilson, and Carson Thayer, while Wade Monague made 24 saves in the Penetang goal for the win. The Aim Power Performance of the Game went to Lars Derstroff.

On Friday December 15th the Kings hosted the league leading Alliston Hornets and again put on a strong performance and came away with a 4-2 win. The Kings scored three first period goals with two from Rumbolt and one from Patrick Light before Alliston got on the scoresheet. After the Hornets narrowed the margin to 3-2 midway through the second period, McGinnis fired home an empty net marker to seal the victory for the Kings. Collins had three helpers for Penetang with Aiden MacDonald and Light adding one assist each. Sawyer Lammle played a strong game in the Penetang nets stopping 41 of the 43 shots fired his way. Defenseman Kaden Goggins garnered the Aim Power Performance of the Game for the Kings.

Sunday December 17th the Kings were in Innisfil to face the Spartans and came up short by a 5-3 score as Innisfil scored three power play goals in the win. Collins again paced the Kings attack with two goals and one assist while Rumbolt potted a single tally and added two helpers in the loss. Light had two assists and Nolin Derstroff one for the Kings. Wade Monague took the loss in the Penetang goal. Rumbolt collected the Aim Power Performance of the Game for Penetang.

Finally on Friday December 22nd the Kings hosted the Schomberg Cougars and came out on top with a 5-1 win over the fourth place Cougars taking a measure of revenge after an embarrassing 9-1 loss to Schomberg back on December 7th. Owen VanDusen and Lars Derstroff both powered the Kings offence with a goal and two assists each while McGinnis chipped in with one marker and a helper. MacDonald, and Wilson added single tallies for the Kings. Assists were collected by Collins with two and singles by Wilson, Campbell, and Rumbolt. Lammle stood tall in the Penetang net turning away all but one of the Cougars 31 shots. VanDusen was named the Aim Power Performance player of the game for his efforts on the night.

The Kings now have 26 points on the season and hold down 5th place in the division. Alliston leads the division with 44 points followed by Stayner at 42, Orillia at 38, Schomberg 35, Penetang 26, Huntsville 25, Caledon 21, Innisfil 14 and Midland 6 as of Saturday December 23rd.

The Kings return to action after the holiday break with three road games on January 5 in Alliston, January 6th in Orillia, and January 11th in Stayner before returning home on Friday January 12 when they tangle with the Alliston Hornets.

The Kings hope our fans enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season and all the best in 2024.



Photo above: Power Performer - Lars Derstroff on Dec. 14, 2023 in Stayner game



Photo above: Power Performer Cole Rumbolt-for Dec. 17th game vs Innisfil Spartans



Photo above: Dec. 14, 2023 game against Stayner showing Carson Thayer & Wade Monague



Photo above: Dec. 17th game hosted by Innisfil Spartans showing Carter Wilson



Photo above: Power Performer - Kaden Goggins on Dec. 15, 2023 game against Alliston Hornets at home.



Photo above: Power Performer Owen VanDusen on Dec. 22, 2023 game against Schomberg Cougars



Photo above: Dec. 15, 2023 game hosting Alliston Hornets showing Lars Derstroff, Matthew Campbell, Sawyer Lammle, Owen VanDusen



Photo above: Dec. 22, 2023 game hosting Schomberg Cougars showing Sawyer Lammle and Nolin Derstroff

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Photo above: The Feasters, Photo in centre: Packing Shut in Boxes and photo on right: Friends come to Christmas Pot Luck.



Craighurst Women’s Institute Feast Returns After Two Years

By Sheila Craig  
 Dec. 20, 2023 - The Craighurst Women’s Institute met on Dec. 19, 2023 for a feast that has been absent for the last three years, the Annual Christmas Pot Luck. Spouses and friends were invited to come as well and join in the fun. We brought our favorite dishes and also packed boxes for shut ins, so we were busy. We began with Grace and then everyone tucked in. Talked ranged far and wide...why doctors

are paid to give Covid shots and nurses are asked to volunteer. Why chickens who haven’t been laying suddenly start producing eggs again (one opinion is that the hen in question overheard talk about sending chickens to the knackers and came to her senses) (Dear reader I hope you don’t have to look up “knacker”, but if you do notice it’s not far from knocked - or gnawed - or knuckled under or —I’ll stop.) Like when the hunting season begins and the

deer all disappear into the Copeland Forest. Did they overhear something? Our business meeting was short, only voting to once again sell lunch at the World Fiddlers’ Day Event on May 18,2024 at Eady Hall. “Oh”, cried the members,” it was such fun last year, the square dancing, the fiddling, the round dancing, and yes the lunch selling”. Then we played a game, visited all around, and bid each other and you, Gentle Readers, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



\$25,000 Gift to Help Bring MRI to GBGH

Photo above: To honour the memory of his beloved wife, Arlene, Bill Schumacher has made a \$25,000 gift to help bring an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machine to Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH). Bill continues to celebrate Arlene through generous contributions to the hospital, helping to equip the GBGH Team with the tools and technology needed to provide excellent care.

Bringing an MRI to GBGH will help to reduce wait times for patients across our region, and will ensure access to this important diagnostic service for those in our community who are unable to travel.

For more information, please visit: <https://gbghf.ca/current-needs/mri/>

Submitted by Jen Russell (she/her) Sr. Marketing & Community Engagement Office GHGB Foundation

Q: I make a loud sound when I’m changing. When I do change, I get bigger but weigh less. What am I?  
  
 A: Popcorn.



City accepting proposals for Seeds to Sow Public Art Exhibition

Dec. 21, 2023 - Barrie, ON— The City of Barrie is accepting proposals from professional artists or artist teams based in Barrie or the County of Simcoe to design and create a temporary public art installation for the Seeds to Sow exhibition taking place from September 27 to November 8, 2024.

The temporary exhibition will feature six installations of site-specific artwork that will complement the public art scene developing throughout Barrie’s downtown core and within other neighbourhoods. Two of the installations will feature work from regional artists. The remaining four installations will feature work from nationally recognized artists to draw new audiences to Barrie and increase exposure for the exhibition. The selected artistic projects will complement one another to create an engaging and diverse presentation of public art.

Artwork proposed must be suitable for public display over six weeks and engage both locals and

visitors to Barrie. Suggested sites for artwork proposals include the courtyard at City Hall, Meridian Place, and Sam Cancilla Park, however applicants may choose to indicate an alternative site in Barrie’s downtown or along the waterfront.

Artists will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit, including quality of work, originality, and artistic excellence in the field of contemporary art.
- Artist’s demonstrated ability to meet the artwork goals and technical requirements within the timeline and budget, along with the feasibility of the work itself.
- Appropriateness of proposed concept to the aims of the exhibition.

Artistic proposals will be accepted until Wednesday, January 31, 2024. View details at [barrie.ca/PublicArt](http://barrie.ca/PublicArt).

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Photo above: Georgian Bay General Hospital team members gathered to celebrate the completion of the x-ray room renovations in one of the hospital’s two rooms. From left: Linda Gravel, vice president, Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Executive; Allison Cramp, team lead, Diagnostic Imaging; Victoria Ansell, medical radiation technologist; Dr. Nick Loughheed, chief of Diagnostic Imaging; Erin Kominek, manager of Diagnostic Imaging; Karen Redpath, director of Clinical Services; Matthew Lawson, president and CEO; and Aly Wang, project manager.

### GBGH X-Ray Rooms Undergo Major Renovation

Dec. 19, 2023 – Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) has just completed a major renovation project within its Diagnostic Imaging department to update two x-ray rooms and install the latest technology. The renovation, which began in late September, was necessary to replace previous x-ray equipment which was near end-of-life and could not keep up with the current workload done by the GBGH’s imaging team. Last year, GBGH completed over 37,000 X-rays.

This renovation and the new equipment were possible due to funds provided to the hospital by the GBGH Foundation and the Simcoe County Hospital, which supports area hospitals and the care they provide close to home for the communities they serve.

“The complete replacement of both x-ray rooms at GBGH means we are able to better meet the increasing demand for x-rays based on population growth and a large proportion of seniors in our area,” says Erin Kominek, manager, Diagnostic Imaging, Cardiorespiratory and Laboratory, GBGH. “The new x-ray machines provide clearer images, and are more

reliable to keep up with the high volume of x-rays we perform every day at GBGH on a walk-in basis, as well as in emergency scenarios.”

The renovations to the two x-ray rooms were completed one at a time over the fall, with one room always in operation to continue meeting patient needs.

“Investing in new technology to improve patient experiences and outcomes is a strategic priority for our hospital,” says Matthew Lawson, president and CEO, GBGH. “The new x-ray rooms are an essential part of providing the latest technology to support team members in performing their work and improving our services in alignment with current and anticipated needs of our community.”

Over the next several years, GBGH is further enhancing the Diagnostic Imaging program by adding Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services. The hospital anticipates launching this service in early 2025, pending final approvals and construction of a 2,500 square foot addition to the existing Diagnostic Imaging department.

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Wishing you and your family a safe and happy New Year!



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### Happy New Year!

January brings with it a new start and a sense of optimism for what the new year will bring. It also makes us think that we can do all the stuff we did not get to last year, makes us debate whether we should set multiple resolutions. I will think about cleaning out the garage, and I always go with the tried-and-true belief that I will eat healthier and exercise more. And, since January usually swiftly reminds us that winter has well and truly arrived, I will make sure my shovel is easy to reach.

I am excited for new opportunities within our region, and I look forward to seeing how our communities will grow. As I look back on 2023, I can say that I am grateful to be your Member of Parliament, and grateful to have been involved in local activities and gatherings. I attended many events throughout Springwater and area and was able to meet constituents in the riding at events such as grand openings, milestone celebrations, fall fairs, and Santa Claus parades. This year, I plan on attending many more events in the community and meeting more constituents in person and hearing their stories.

I will continue to bring concerns that matter to our constituents to Ottawa and work diligently for the residents of Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte. I encourage you to follow me on social media, where you can find me on Facebook and Instagram as @DougShipleyBSOM. On these platforms, you can keep up to date on what I’m working on in Ottawa and in the riding. I also invite you to subscribe to my monthly newsletter, which you can easily do by visiting my website at [www.DougShipleyMP.ca](http://www.DougShipleyMP.ca).

From my family to yours, I wish you a happy and healthy new year. As always, if you or your family have concerns with any federal matters, please contact me at 705-728- 2596 or [Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca)

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

### ORILLIA OPP INVESTIGATING SINGLE MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION IN ORO-MEDONTE - ROAD CLOSED

(Orillia, ON) - Members of the Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a single motor vehicle collision in the area of Diamond Valley Drive and Line 7 North in Oro-Medonte Township.

On December 31, 2023, about 3:00 p.m., Orillia OPP, along with Oro-Medonte Fire, and County of Simcoe Paramedics, responded to a single-vehicle collision where a motor vehicle was reported to have left the roadway striking a hydro pole and rolling onto its side. Emergency personnel arrived on scene shortly after and worked to bring the driver and passenger out of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was transported to a Barrie Hospital with minor in-

juries. The passenger of the vehicle was also transported to a Barrie Hospital with serious injuries.

Line 7 North between Diamond Valley Drive and Bass Lake Sideroad will remain closed as the collision continues to be investigated by the OPP's Technical Collision Investigators (TCI). Please follow OPP Central Region X (formally known as Twitter) for road closure updates.

The investigation is ongoing. No further details to be released at this time.

The Orillia OPP request that any witnesses who have not already spoken to police or have dash cam footage of the collision, please call the Orillia OPP at 705-326-3536 or at 1-888-310-1122.

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

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Photo above: Three Georgian College representatives receive a cheque that will go toward the creation of new student awards. From left: Rob Davidson, Professor and Program Coordinator; Carl McBride, Managing Director, Performance Boat Events Club Inc.; David Bell, Associate Vice President, Advancement and Alumni Relations; and Philip Adams, Principal of the Robbert Hartog Midland Campus.

### Performance Boat Rallies Behind Midland Campus Marine Mechanic Students

A new \$20,000 donation from Performance Boat Club Events, Inc. is throwing a life raft to Georgian College marine mechanic students through the creation of new entrance and in-course awards.

The Performance Boat Club student success awards will be presented to seven students enrolled in the Mechanical Techniques – Marine Engine Mechanic program, which is based at Georgian’s Robbert Hartog Midland Campus.

The in-course awards will be available starting in winter 2024 and the entrance awards will be available starting fall 2024.

“This financial support from the Performance Boat Club is essential for our students who may be facing financial need to excel in the program because they can focus on what matters most,” said Rob Davidson, Professor and Program Coordinator for the mechanical techniques program. “It’s also important for the growth of our program and sustainability of the marine industry.”

Students in Georgian’s mechanical techniques program are trained for a variety of careers, such as marine engine mechanic, marine engine apprentice,

marina employee, or working on recreational boats in the marine industry. As part of the curriculum, students develop a concentrated understanding of marine and watercraft systems.

“Performance Boat wants to support both the boating industry and the community. Our donation to Georgian helps us reach both goals by helping students achieve success in their academic program so that they can, in turn, graduate and contribute to our boating industry,” said Carl McBride, Managing Director, Performance Boat Club Events, Inc.

Performance Boat Club Events, Inc. is a charitable organization dedicated to promoting safe and responsible performance boating through education, awareness and organized boating events.

McBride said he hopes this gift will inspire other industry leaders to increase their support to the next generation of marine mechanics at Georgian’s Midland Campus and to help attract more people to careers in the marine industry.

Learn more about how to support student success and innovation at Georgian.

### Giving Back

With winter here and the weather getting cold some days I decided to do two different fundraisers for the GTHS. First was getting a haircut but we didn’t hit the mark set that would have meant I had to keep the haircut three boys in the JGP PROWL gave me. The guys at hockey Monday were shocked at just the fresh haircut, imagine if either the fundraising mark or the subscribers on YouTube mark had been reached or even surpassed. It would have meant I had to keep the haircut for days. The shock on just the parent's faces after the cut, I can’t imagine others but the kids had some laughs and we raised a bit of money. I also did holiday pictures with Pet Valu in Wasaga Beach and raised more money to help the animals at GTHS.

So, thank you to those who donated to these fun events. Also, a big thank you again to everyone who came out to my paint night fundraiser to help me get to India, it helped put a dent in that first installment. I’m excited for this adventure to India as this 25-day adventure to find lions, leopards, tigers, and the elusive snow leopard is coming up soon. We finish with sunset and sunrise at the Taj Mahal. The truly special part is I’m supposed to do a few presentations to the locals about the wildlife of the world and some of my experiences with them, so thank you again to everyone who has helped me. This India trip, if I return, will hopefully help me complete a couple of books in the Going Deeper with Jason George series that I’m currently working on. Each book focuses on a specific animal – Red Fox, Moose, Cheetah, and Owls are out. I’m currently working on a Penguins book and then I’ll be working on a leopard, lion, loon, beaver, and deer books.



I’m dyslexic and didn’t say my first word till I was four but I’ve been working on a side project with my friend Kandise to try and help others that learn differently. We currently have some books out, and a website, and Dec 12, 2023, released an app for Google and Apple called Learning This Ability with 3 games. In one game you take pictures and spell the animals and in another one, you do math questions. Find more information at [www.jayandkay.ca](http://www.jayandkay.ca)

My Natural History Museum just added two new rare taxidermy animals to bring the collection to 5 making it an interesting space to visit. Plus, with the rocks, antlers, and dinosaur footprint and it being FREE, donations are welcome to visit, why not stop by?

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Still, time to sign up for the JGP PROWL adventures in 2024, check the website [www.jasongeorge-photography.com](http://www.jasongeorge-photography.com) or contact Jason for more information.

Until next time,  
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Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland, Fourth Move

Nov. 9, 2023 - Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland, is moving locations for the fourth time. The Presbyterian congregation, which dates back to 1874 has sold their current location at 539 Hugel Ave., where they have worshipped since 1903. In February 2024 the Presbyterian congregation is planning to lease a building on Midland Ave. that is more suitable to their needs. Their current building, which seats over three hundred people in the sanctuary alone, has grown too large and costly to repair and maintain in a post-covid era of shrinking Church attendance and rising costs of living. We have recently sold our historic church building at the corner of Hugel and First Street in Midland. The purchaser is Peter Triantos

an internationally accredited artist. As the church has been a pillar in this community for over a century we feel an interview and article in your newspaper would be of value to many people. The church historically has provided care and support to those most marginalized in our community. Knox was the first site of the Out of the Cold program as well as offering the Gift of Grace Soup Kitchen for 35+ years. Nevertheless, the congregation remains optimistic about the future and is eager to begin a fresh ministry in their new downtown location. The congregation remains committed to vibrant worship and passionate community involvement motivated by the love of Jesus Christ. The Gift of Grace Soup Kitchen, run

by the congregation and community volunteers, will be relocated to a new space as well and will continue to serve meals every Tuesday to the hungry in our community. Their minister, Rev. Alton Ruff, invites you to join the Knox congregation for worship over the next three months for what may be final worship services held in this beautiful downtown Midland building. Special Advent services begin December 3rd and their ever popular Christmas Eve candlelight service will take place at 7 pm on December 24th. Their final celebration service will be Sunday January 21st, 2024. Sunday services take place at 10:30 am. All are welcome! *Blessings, Rev. Alton J. Ruff*

Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



Dec. 29, 2023 - Happy Holidays everyone, I hope it has been wonderful! If only we had some of that white stuff to really make it feel festive, instead of the grey skies and sodden lawn decorations. However, life is what you make of it, so instead of heading out for a long anticipated snow shoe through deep snow, I am marching through wet leaves and mud.



I enjoy exploring the seventeen kms of trails that thread through Awenda Park, which are rated moderate, though the Bluff trail can be more strenuous. Today I headed out from the parking area to Ket-

tle Lake, a relatively easy seven km trail travelling through hardwood forests thick with the autumn's fallen leaf litter. The bright waxy green leaves of wintergreen peek out from the decomposing leaves, providing a refreshing taste of mint during my walk. Wintergreen is native to North America and used in traditional medicine, however I just enjoy the taste.



A light rain was falling at a balmy +2 Celsius, more than unusual for a late December hike. The trail continues through this quiet forest, where no creature was stirring, not even a mouse. More importantly, no scary deer were jumping out in front of me. In fact, I neither saw nor heard a bird, squirrel or any other animal most of my hike. Also unusual for this forest, and perhaps the wildlife was as perturbed by the strange weather as I was. Eventually the trail

heads down to Kettle Lake, and crossed by a boardwalk between the small lake and a swamp filled with grey and dead trees. The water was black and still except for the tiny ripples caused by the falling rain. From here you enter a deep cedar forest, where the mud is a wee bit thicker and deeper. A gradual uphill climb brings you above Kettle Lake with great spots to sit and enjoy the view, though not today, as I might melt. Instead I returned to my car using another trail that in spring is thick with trilliums, wild leeks and tasty little morels. It was in this portion of the trail that I finally heard the sounds of wildlife. It was the "tock, tock" of a raven calling from the top of the trees, and an answering call from another black-winged corvid. Ravens have a large vocal repertoire consisting of shrieks, grunts, rattles and croaks. Though I often see crows, it is much less frequently that I see ravens. Ravens are very large, and very intelligent birds, known to unzip bags and open coolers to get at food. Ravens also have a unique ability to remember human faces and whether that human is friend or foe, and to even tell other ravens if that human has harmed them. Yikes! Better be nice to those birds, and if you kill one, ravens hold what looks like a funeral for their deceased friend and will remember that you are the one responsible. Luckily I made it back to my car without a Hitchcock moment and without any ruffled feathers. Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

Happy New Year! 2024 is here and we have a lot to look forward to. Looking back at what occurred here in our community this past year certainly shows that we are a community that gets involved. But before we take a walk down memory lane two important announcements. First, euchre will return on Thursday nights. This is a great evening of fun and you don't need to be a great card player to participate. The evening begins at 7 PM so make it your New Year's resolution to go and check it out.

The second announcement is that we have a new program that will begin next Tuesday, January 9. The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association once again working with a sponsor, is pleased to announce that a group of residents would like to get together as a knitting and crochet group. Initially for the months of January and February they will be meeting at the community centre from 1:30 until 3:30 on Tuesday afternoons. Some of the finer details will be established as the group meets. This is open to everyone regardless of your skill level so if you're interested, come out and see what it's about and join in.



2023 was an active time in our community and it is due to the residents that step forward to lead an activity. In January we saw the resurrection of Anten Mills Sunday morning playgroup. This was a fun couple of hours where parents with younger children got together and let the kids play with others from the community. Back many years ago this was a regular occurrence in the community. Unfortunately, the individual who led the group last year is unable to do so now. There are a great number of resources being stored in the hall so if a group would like to get it going again this year just reach out to the CRA through me and we can see what can be worked out.

In February, through the efforts of Chad and his group of volunteers the ice rink was up and running. Weather conditions were not ideal, so the season was short. With fingers crossed, Chad may be able to squeak out a longer time this year if it gets and stays cold.

Following the annual general meeting of the CRA Rope Flow started at the community centre in March.



Sheila Nollert, a local fitness enthusiast, led a group weekly on this new fitness activity. You can find and follow Sheila on Instagram at grandma moves as she continues her quest. As well in March we watched the giant snowman created by the Laycock family on Horseshoe Valley Rd start to melt and it was suggested that maybe this year we come up with a plan to support the food bank through a "guesstimate" contest on when the hat will hit the ground. Dennis had already started the construction in December but it's not growing with the warm weather. Watch here for more details.

April saw the return of the annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Bunny Run. Again, thanks to the volunteers who stepped forward it was a great Easter Saturday event with over 125 runners making their way through the village and then searching for Easter eggs. We will be looking forward to the return of this event again. The community also benefited from High-Speed Broadband Access availability as Bell finally completed the construction. Many got onboard and after a few hiccups, most are now having a better experience.

May saw many sightings of Yogi and Cyndy bear as they made their presence known in the area. Their presence was noted for several months along with BoBo who joined them. Spring also meant cleanup of the winter debris and several families were acknowledged for their help in making Anten Mills clean and pristine.

Many in the community took advantage of the village wide garage sale at the start of June. Led again by one of our great volunteer sponsors, numerous families were able to do some housekeeping and others found some excellent bargains. This is another event that many look forward to and the CRA is happy to assist with. As well in the later part of June a new JK SK night was held at the community centre. This was a time to meet other youngsters who would be starting school in the fall and meet some new friends beforehand.

July experienced the return of Sunday morning pickup softball for the younger members of the community. The Watkins have led this for several years and it's a great opportunity to experience ball for those who weren't familiar with it and for those who

play on a regular basis to help out others. The first outdoor movie night of the year was also held with a great turnout. We can look forward to seeing more again this summer.

It was August and that meant a Hot Summer Night as the volunteer firefighters and the CRA teamed up for a water filled night of fun and a movie. Many got soaked and this is another event that we can hopefully see return. Our community centre was featured in the Springwater Township Open Doors event. As a heritage site in the municipality, it holds many memories for those who attended school there and numerous physical attributes are still present.

September saw the first of many Coffee Breaks. On a Saturday morning, members of the CRA along with Ward 3 Councilor Brad Thompson met with members of the village under the pavilion and had great discussions about the community and how to get involved. At the end of the month the successful Anten Mills Autumn Artisan and Crafters Fair was held. Many took advantage of this event as local crafters and producers were featured. This was also the introduction of the Anten Mills clothing line. Featuring an outline of our village, many have taken advantage of showcasing where they live or grew up on sweatshirts, T-shirts and toques. You can still get yours by going to antenmills.justadd10.com. and placing an order.

The Witches and Warlocks invaded one night as they marched their way throughout to the community centre in late October. They danced the night away to a live band and then on the Sunday, the kids had their own Halloween party. The Witches and Warlocks was a first and hopefully those who helped organize and run it will step up again this year.

November marked Remembrance Day which was well attended at Springwater Provincial Park. Our Springwater volunteer firefighters were busy with their greenery urn sale at the community centre in support of their charities. November also marked the 5th anniversary of my biweekly contributions to Springwater News.

And what would December be without our Christmas in the Village weekend. Again, a huge success with the tree lighting, Santa Claus and fireworks on Saturday night followed up by a tremendous Santa Claus parade on Sunday. This is a weekend everyone looks forward to and is our longest tradition. Next December will be our 10th Tree Lighting and 27th annual parade.

Anten Mills is fortunate to have such great events and it is only possible through the volunteers that support them. Not one person takes on an event by themselves and they are always fortunate to have others assist them.

The Elmvale and District Foodbank has expressed their thanks as many of our events support their needs. We are a very special community and do look after the needs of those less fortunate.

2024 should be a great year for our community and if you can help in any way, please let the CRA know. Also, watch the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page for updates.

For now, THANKS for READING, STAY SAFE and BE WELL.

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# HEY DADS!



Jan. 1, 2024 - Happy New Year! Did you get all sorts of great stuff from your kids for Christmas? Did you give all sorts of great stuff to your kids? Did you spend Christmas Day assembling toys, games, play kitchens, play work benches or...a TRAMPOLINE? Guess which one I got to assemble this Christmas...

A week before Christmas I was shopping at my favourite store: Facebook Marketplace. Kijiji used to be my favourite but not anymore. Do you remember the Simcoe Shopper, which became the Super Shopper? Is that thing even around still? Never mind, that was good for deals in the 90's.

So anyways I had been looking at trampolines on Marketplace for a few weeks but hadn't found a good enough deal yet. When I was a kid only the rich kids had trampolines. Things are different now. Like, everyone has a trampoline. My kids informed me they were the last ones of all their cousins to get this giant jumping assistant. Yes, they suffer through a sad and difficult life...but not anymore because now they have a trampoline! They were a bit puzzled when they each unwrapped a beautiful steel spring from under the tree. But it didn't take long for one of the more clever kids to exclaim... "It's a trampoline!"

Another thing about Christmas is that it often happens in the winter. Not exactly prime trampoline time. Lucky for the kids we have a mostly-empty barn on the property now. The perfect place to plop a pile of pipes and pouncing parts! Indoor trampoline assembly attempt one began! Since this used trampoline didn't come with assembly instructions it was up to us to figure out how the mangled pile of steel and springs would go together. The steel frame was easy enough and took about five minutes. Then we had to decide which side was the top and which side was the bottom of the trampoline mat. Turns out we guessed correctly. Then things took a turn for the worse.

The first time we started assembling the springs we got about a bazillion on before we realized the last ones were going to be near impossible to attach without bringing in heavy equipment. We disconnected about a million and tried again but struck out. I told the kids I was going in the house to ask the Internet how to assemble a trampoline. Other, smarter dads had assembled these things before and I would rely on their wisdom. Ten minutes later I was back in the barn and we were in business. The kids were happy for me to announce, "All we need to do is take off most of these springs we put on and start over!" Unfortunately, most of the kids had lost interest in this project when I went back in the house so I was given the opportunity to take the springs off by myself. One by one, they eventually returned and helped reconnect the springs the way Internet dads taught us. They began to jump with glee and serious trampolining occurred. I don't always do all the safe stuff but I also don't like taking kids to the hospital who fall off trampolines. So our last step was to connect the safety net. That's when we realized all we had to do to connect the safety net was take off EVERY SINGLE spring we had just connected!

Let's just say it was a memory made and we're really good at connecting, dis-connecting and re-connecting trampoline springs. Follow me for more tips. Time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the ones you need to do over and over and over again.

*Jason Weening watches his nine kids jump on a trampoline with his one wife. She hasn't jumped on the trampoline yet. Read about more of his mis-takes at heydads.ca.*

## Rosie's Devotions

by Rosemary Hagedorn



### New Year Resolutions

A new year is about to begin, and it seems that each new year, we make resolutions to be a better person. Some of us declare that we would be healthier by joining our local YMCA or other organization in order to keep fit. Some of us state that we are going to lose a few pounds by going on a diet and watching our intake of sweets. Still others vow that they will be more positive and less negative. In other words, we try to be much better than last year.

Matthew 25:31-40 – When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (NIV 2011)

Mother Teresa is quoted as saying: "God is in every human being. When I wash the leper's wounds, I feel I am nursing the Lord himself. Is it not a beautiful experience?"

As we begin 2024, let us consider how we can serve Jesus best by seeing Christ in one another. Let us be kind to one another. Let us treat the stranger in the car behind us by paying for his coffee or tea. Let's tip that person who puts gas in the car. We can bring a treat to our regular professional people: the nurses in the hospital, the PSWs who work in our local Long Term and Retirement homes, the mail person, the garbage and recycling men or women, the receptionist at the doctor's office or dentist's office. Let us share our time and resources with one another. May we remember that we can't take it with us!

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.' Hungry not only for bread — but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing — but naked of human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a home of bricks — but homeless because of rejection." (Mother Teresa)

Prayer: God, help us to see those who need our help and support. Help us to share our food with those who are hungry. Help us to share our precious fresh water with those who are thirsty. Help us to be Your hands and feet in this world and see the face of Christ in everyone we meet. Amen.

## SPIRITUAL

### Annie's Journal



by Annie Warner Donnelly  
International Correspondent for  
the North Simcoe Springwater

I'd been warned that flying December 24 from Toronto Pearson and then December 25 from Amsterdam to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, would subject me to busy airports and crowds of people. In fact, Toronto Pearson staff gave me special care as did the staff at Amsterdam, and I heartily recommend flying KLM's 787 for the comfort of the plane, the efficiency, expertise, and courtesy of the crew, and the delicious food they serve!

Around me as I travelled, I heard languages of the world. I saw faces different from mine, but I felt our hearts beating together as we flew over Eastern Canada; the Atlantic; parts of Europe; the Mediterranean Sea; Northern Africa, East Africa and then into Tanzania. I was grateful to interact with people from all over the world!

Life in Dar es Salaam is a robust life; I cannot be a bystander. Life here calls me to actively listen, to carefully observe, and to intentionally participate.

My mind automatically compares life here to my life in Canada. Soon after my arrival, the almost dry, hand-washed clothes of three people were suddenly subjected to a strong wind that propelled raindrops into the weave of the various types of fabric on the blue rope clothesline. As the sun rose that morning, the sky had been blue too, but as the hours came and went, the gray clouds filled with wind and rain floated into view. Suddenly, so it seemed, the clouds dropped their rain, and the wind scattered the clothing without clothespins. As quickly as it all started, it stopped leaving some hand washing to be done again.

The greetings that I learned in my Kiswahili language class come alive in the voices and smiles of the people; the warmth of their welcome is unmistakable. The colours of their clothing mix with the vibrancy of their personalities.

Dar es Salaam, including its surrounding districts, has a night population of 5,383,728 in a land mass of 1,393 square kilometres (Dar es Salaam City Council website). Its census data is based on who sleeps in each house. This distinguishes between those who live in the city and those who return to their homes in the Pwani (Coastal) Region after working in the city. (Administrative Units Population Distribution Reports, Volume 1A, The Sixth Census Result 2022.

As a comparison, the Toronto Region has a population of 6,471,850 within 5,903 square kilometres (toronto.ca website)

Traffic here is like a symphony with an unseen conductor, yet it's unlikely it could be choreographed by the most excellent composer. Two lanes in the same direction become three as motorcycles, tri-cycle rickshaws, cars, busses, people, and the occasional bicycle or animal weave a tapestry of movement, often with inches to spare, accompanied by the sudden sharp insistence of horns. The message of the horns is, "I am coming through."

I continue to be grateful for your prayers and good wishes. During this new year, may God grant you the desires of your hearts, whether they be dreams that take you far or into your own backyard. Amen.





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**  
**10am-noon**  
Basement of the Elmvale Library. NEW hours are from 10am to noon.

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

**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.

**Bridge - 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.**  
Bayshore Srs Club, 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S, Woodland Beach

THURSDAY

**Beginner Line Dancing**  
**Every Thursday, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.**  
Bayshore Srs Club, 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S, Woodland Beach

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

FRIDAY

**VON Smart Exercise - 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**  
Bayshore Srs Club, 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S, Woodland Beach

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

**Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others**  
**Thursdays 2-3:30 pm call 705-526-6077**  
St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St Midland

MONDAY to FRIDAY

**Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program**  
VON SMART Program

**Adults 55+ FREE**  
**Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena)**  
**Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall**  
**Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall**  
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Bring good support (running) shoes and water  
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**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

**Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach**  
**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

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ALL DAYS

**Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program**  
**- VON Exercises Friday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**  
2000 Tiny Beaches Road South, Woodland Beach in Tiny, Ontario 705-361-1331  
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**Indoor Pickleball**  
**Sun 2:00 p.m.; Wed 4:30 p.m. and Fri 4:00 p.m.**  
Bayshore Srs Club, 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S, Woodland Beach

One Time Events

**Celebration Service**  
**Jan. 21, 10:30 m**  
Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland  
Please RSVP to 705-526-7421 or email to knoxmidlandpx@gmail.com

**Winter Carnivel D’Hiver**  
**Feb. 10, 2023, 11am - 2 pm**  
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Township of Tiny Perkinsfield Park (43 County Road 6 South, Tiny).

**Mid- Winter Social**  
**Family Day Weekend from 11am to 4pm**  
Discovery Harbour

**Lula and Blue Hawaii Concert**  
**Sat. Jan. 13, 2024 at 1 pm**  
Wasaga Beach United Church  
Call Jayne for tickets 705-352-0302

**Learning Together**  
**Thurs. Jan 18 2-4pm call 705-526-6077**  
Speaker: Ted Williams, Chief of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation.  
St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St Midland

**Mid-Winter Social at Discovery Harbour**  
**Sat. Feb. 17 to Mon., Feb. 19, 2024 at 11am – 4pm**  
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**Email: [humanresources@tiny.ca](mailto:humanresources@tiny.ca)**

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**Board Meeting...**  
**Thursday, Jan. 18 @ 5:30pm**  
**Elmvale Library**

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OPP REPORT

ORILLIA OPP ARREST TWO MORE IMPAIRED DRIVERS AS 2023 COMES TO A CLOSE.

(Orillia, ON) - The Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged two individuals with impaired operation related charges in unrelated incidents.

On December 30th, 2023, at about 5:15 p.m., officers from Orillia OPP and Simcoe County Paramedics responded to reports of unconscious person in the driver seat of a motor vehicle parked in the area of Monarch Drive in the City of Orillia. Upon arrival investigating officer found the person occupying the driver seat of the motor vehicle to be impaired by drugs. They were subsequently arrested by the officer and attended to by paramedics.

As a result, Adam Norwood, 36-years-old, from Oro-Medonte has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs contrary to section 320.14(1)(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada

On December 30th, 2023, at about 11:05 p.m., officers from Orillia OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Highway 12 in Ramara Township. Information was that a vehicle was observed swerving and travelling at a high rate of speed. Responding officers were able to locate the involved vehicle and conduct a traffic stop. Upon speaking with the driver of the vehicle officers suspected they had consumed alcohol. The investigation resulted in the driver being arrested for impaired operation.

As a result, Keith Mingo, 27-years-old, from Severn has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) contrary to section 320.14(1)(b) of the Criminal Code of Canada

Both accused persons in these unrelated investigations are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orillia, to answer to the charges at a later date in January 2024. As a result of these charges each of their driver's licences has been suspended for 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for a period of 7 days.

OPP Assist Coroner With Death Investigation in Tiny Township

(TINY TOWNSHIP, ON) - On December 30, 2023, at approximately 1:50 p.m. the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Communication Centre received a 911 call for assistance at a Baseline Road, Tiny Township farm property. Uniform officers along with Simcoe County Paramedic Services and Tiny Township Fire Services were also dispatched.

Attending emergency services located and pronounced deceased at the scene a 37-year-old male of Tiny Township who was the only involved person. The incident which occurred on private property is non suspicious in nature and is being investigated under the direction of the Coroner.

Members of the Crime Unit attached to Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment and the Forensic Identification Services (FIS) from OPP General Headquarters Orillia are assisting the Coroner with this investigation.

A postmortem examination will be scheduled at a future date at the Office of the Chief Coroner and Ontario Forensic Pathology Service (OFPS) in Toronto. Further details will be provided only as the investigation permits.

Two Area Drivers Investigated for Impaired Driving Related Incidents Despite Annual Festive R.I.D.E. Programs

(MIDLAND, ON)- Despite the numerous Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) programs conducted of late by officers of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment, two area drivers were recently investigated for impaired driving related incidents.

Greg ADLAM 51 years of Penetanguishene was investigated for impaired driving after officers were dispatched to a single vehicle crash. Attending offi-

cers and emergency services responded to a scene on Concession 11 East,Tiny Township near Simcoe County Road 6 North at 9:47 pm December 23, 2023 resulting in the lone driver being charged criminally after investigation with Operation while impaired - alcohol and further with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus). https://www.facebook.com/OPPCentralRegion/posts/pfbid0bMGhbqA7GYCgvDBdwNsi1CnFxeWnyvJEn-evjQUsCa9y5zgA6MyystAaBSiEBtM3rl

A second incident on December 22, 2023 at approximately 7:02 pm found Jasen CRONIN 53 years of Penetanguishene being investigated for an impaired driving offence. OPP officers conducting a R.I.D.E. program on Champlain Road at Robbs Road, Penetanguishene observed a vehicle take action to avoid the R.I.D.E. program and stopped the vehicle. Officers entered into an investigation resulting in the lone driver being charged criminally with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) and further with Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor. https://twitter.com/OPP\_CR/status/1738609886957576454

Both accused persons were released from custody and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on January 4, 2024. They also face a 90 day driver's licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and both vehicles were towed and impounded for 7 days.



TWO WANTED FOLLOWING FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE FRAUD INVESTIGATION

(ORILLIA, ON) - The Orillia Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are looking to arrest two suspects in relation to a province wide fraud investigation.

In October 2023, the Orillia OPP Detachment received a report from a victim having been defrauded when purchasing an item on Facebook Marketplace. The victim sent a deposit for an item, and never heard from the seller again.

Since October 2023, the Orillia OPP with the assistance of the Orillia OPP Major Crime Unit, more victims have been identified.

Through investigation, investigators were able to identify two suspects whose whereabouts are currently unknown. There are grounds to arrest:

Crystal DAVIES, 28-year-old female from the City of Barrie for the offences of:

- Fraud Under \$5000 contrary to section 380(1)(b) of the Criminal Code of Canada x8

Justin HAWKINS, 30-year-old male from the City of Barrie for the offence of:

- Fraud Under \$5000 contrary to section 380(1)(b) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

HURONIA WEST CRIME UNIT HAVE ARRESTED AND CHARGED FOUR SUSPECTS FOLLOWING A HOME INVASION

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Crime Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged four suspects in relation to a home invasion in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

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On Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at approximately 3:21a.m., the Huronia West Crime Unit commenced an investigation into a reported home invasion. At approximately 3:00am., the victim was woken up by the four suspects outside the victim's residence before the break and enter. The suspects proceeded to break the victim's belonging and used weapons to utter dangerous threats. The four suspects fled before police arrived, and paramedics attended to treat the victim at the scene for minor injuries.

Several surveillance videos obtained by investigators identified a suspect and suspect address resulting in physical surveillance. There was no concern for public safety since there were relations between the victim and the suspects.

On December 20, 2023, with the assistance of the OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU), Emergency Response Team (ERT), and Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) from the Huronia West, Southern Georgian Bay, and Collingwood Detachments, the Huronia West Crime Unit executed two search warrants at two locations in Wasaga Beach and Phelpston. All four suspects were located during the execution of the warrants and taken into custody without incident or injury.

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

- Silver replica handgun (revolver)
- Black replica handgun (revolver)
- Metal bat

Investigators identified the four suspects as: Dustin WILLIAMSON, 29-year-old from Wasaga Beach

Zack WARD, 28-year-old from Phelpston  
 Dustin WARD, 30-year-old from Phelpston  
 Justin MARTIN, 27-year-old from Wasaga Beach

All four suspects have been charged will the following:

- Forcible confinement
- Assault
- Assault with a weapon x2
- Utter Threats to Cause Death or Bodily Harm
- Break, enter dwelling house - commit indictable offence
- Mischief Under \$5,000
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose x2
- Firearm - use while committing offence
- Pointing a Firearm
- Disguise with intent

The four suspects remain in custody and are being held pending a show cause hearing.

OPP officers urge home and business owners to make themselves aware of the property security tips found in the following link: OPP Safeguard Ontario Property Security Program.

The Huronia West OPP is committed to serving our province, including the Town of Wasaga Beach and the Townships of Springwater and Clearview. If you have any information about crime in our community, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.



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#### Hair Mask for Dry or Frizzy Hair

##### INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup (63 ml) olive oil
- 1 ½ tablespoons (23 ml) coconut oil

##### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine and heat the olive and coconut oil on the stove top in a small pot or frying pan until the coconut oil has melted. Alternatively, in a microwave proof container heat the olive and coconut oil for a

few seconds until the coconut oil has melted. Stir well.

2. Apply the warm mixture to dry hair, avoiding the roots. Cover your hair with a shower cap or plastic bag and leave the treatment on your hair for at least 15 minutes or overnight.

3. Rinse hair with warm water and then, shampoo and condition hair as per usual.

#### Hair Mask for Oily Hair

##### INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cup (188 ml) apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) honey

##### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine and heat the apple cider vinegar and honey on the stove top in a small pot or frying pan until the honey has melted. Alternatively, in a microwave proof container heat the vinegar and honey for a few seconds until the honey has melted. Stir well.

2. Let cool and then, put the mixture in a spray bottle.

3. Mist hair with the mixture until thoroughly wet from roots to tips.

4. Leave on the hair for 15 minutes and then, rinse

with warm water.

#### Hair Mask for Damaged Hair

##### INGREDIENTS

- 1 avocado, mashed
- 1 ½ tablespoons (23 ml) olive oil
- 1 ½ tablespoons (23 ml) honey

##### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine the avocado, olive oil and honey in a bowl.

2. Apply the mixture to your hair from roots to tips and cover your hair with a shower cap.

3. Leave on the hair for 30 minutes and then rinse. Shampoo and condition as per usual.

Enjoy!

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## Group of Seven Artworks to Be Unveiled

By Nahanni Born

Dec. 21, 2024 - Huronia Museum to Unbox new Franz Johnston, Group of Seven, Painting and share never-before-seen pieces from the museum's Group of Seven Collection on February 17, 2024, at 1 pm.

Huronian Museum recently received a new Franz Johnston painting to add to its ever-growing collection of Group of Seven works. The museum is inviting the community to join them in unboxing this new addition together on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 1 pm.

Along with the unboxing of the new Franz Johnston painting recently acquired by the Huronia Museum, Michael Janzen, guest speaker, will be presenting familiar and unseen Group of Seven and related artists' artworks from the storage of the Huronia Museum Collection. Janzen will share his new insights into the Group of Seven Georgian Bay artworks, including Midland's associate artist W.J. Wood, whom A.Y. Jackson referred to as "a genius". A wonderful portrait of Wood by Arthur Lismer, which has also been recently donated to the museum, will be unveiled at this event. Over the years artists have significantly contributed to our historical knowledge, impressions, and present-day vision of the distinctive Georgian Bay.

The Georgian Bay region that was shaped by the last ice age attracted and sustained Indigenous people, along with those who later arrived and settled. The Bay offered extensive waterway travel, rich natural resources, and variable settlement possibilities. In addition, since the late 1800's the Bay has attract-

ed cottagers by way of its' beauty and various land and water activities that renew our spirits. The Anishnaabe people called the Bay "Spirit Lake". That same spirit drew the Group of Seven. Doctor James MacCallum welcomed members of the Group to his cottage on Go Home Bay. This became a Group of Seven meeting place. Many other local and visiting artists left us a variety of visual records of Georgian Bay and continue to do so to the present day.

Join us for this special afternoon to discover hidden Georgian Bay art treasures from the ever-growing Huronia Museum art collection and celebrate the love for it that we share.

Special guest speaker, Michael Janzen, is an international visual fine artist, born in Toronto, who constantly explores and is inspired by Georgian Bay since he was a child. Janzen was mentored by A.J. Casson, the last living member of the Group of Seven, and artist Warren Luckcock, a Georgian Bay cottage resident who worked with several of the Group of Seven members. Janzen for the past 10 years has exhibited, organized, and represented Canadian art at the Grand Palais and the Carrousel de Louvre in Paris, France as well as museums throughout China. He is also Chairman of the International Federation of Art and Artists ( I.F.F.A.).

For further information on this event please contact the museum at 705-526-2844 or huroniamuseum@gmail.com

Huronian Museum is a not-for-profit charity, which collects, preserves, exhibits, and educates on the history of Huronia.

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**JORGENSEN, Cheryl Ann**  
Passed away peacefully at home on December 24, 2023. Cheryl Jorgensen of Wasaga Beach in her 75th year. Beloved wife of the late Basil MacDonald. Dear mother of Paul (Irena) Jorgensen, and the late Lisa Fisher (survived by Russell). Loving grandmother of Brandon (Sarah), Alecia (David), Kasandra, great grandmother to Noah, Shawn, Dalton, and Lillian. Sister of Melanie, John, Judy, and the late Barry. Cheryl will be missed by her extended family and friends.  
A visitation was held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Friday, December 29, 2023. Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church in Phelpston on Saturday, December 30 at 11 am.  
Spring interment St. Patrick's Cemetery Phelpston.  
If desired, memorial donations may be made in Cheryl's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Society.  
*Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com)*



**KING, Jeanne Rose**  
Passed away suddenly on December 25, 2023, Jeanne King (nee Murphy) of Elmvale in her 75th year. Beloved mother of John King (Marcia Rowat), Lisa (Richard) Peaker, Paul (Denise) King, Jason, and Michelle King (Chris Primerano). Grandmother of Justin (Jessica), Alex (Erin), Kahlan (Joe), Abigail (Cheddie), Noah, Jacob, Jayden, Brycen, Aarren, Kieran, Samantha, Colton and the late Alysha and Zoe. Great-grandmother of Aleczander, Linken, Mykenna, Nora, Izobella, and Nikolas. Sister of Lynne Bailey-Elson (Bruce Lynch) and the late Bill Murphy.  
A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 6 pm – 8 pm on Friday, January 5 and from 11 am – 1 pm on Saturday, January 6, 2024. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 1 pm on Saturday, January 6.  
Interment Elmvale Cemetery.  
Memorial donations in Jeanne's memory may be made to the Cancer Society or the Lung Association.  
*Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com)*



**PATTERSON, Rita**  
It is with heavy hearts that the family of Reta Patterson announce her passing on Monday, December 25th 2023 in Kincardine at the age of 92 years. Reunited with her beloved husband Ted. Loving mother of Wayne (Donelda), David (Cathy), Glenn (Judy) and Diane (Wayne). Cherished grandmother of Shawn (Tarra), Matt (Shelley), Melissa (Jeff), Sarah, Brooke (Steven), Andrew (Cayla), Aurora (Broderick), Adam (Julie), Kyle (Meredith), Gregory (Sara), Brett (Melanie), Denzel and Joseph (Katie). Proud great grandmother and great great grandmother. Dear sister of Edith (late Tom). Reta is predeceased by her son in law Perry Archer, and great granddaughter Zarina Archer, her brother John and his wife Lois and her sister Margaret and John. She will be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A visitation and service has taken place at the Adams Funeral Home, Barrie ON. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Grenfel United Church or the charity of your choice.



**MAURICE, André Xavier**  
It is with deep sadness, we mourn the peaceful passing of André, who was surrounded by his family at Hillcrest Village on December 21, 2023 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of the late Fleurette Maurice (nee Robillard). Loving father of Roméo (Joanne) Maurice, Madeline (Ken) Marion, Viviane (Roger) Nolet and Priscilla (Dan) Kosabek. Cherished grandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 14. Son of the late Arsene and Zelia Maurice. Brother of Arsenia Marchildon, Marie-Rose Charron, late Rita Lahaie and late Juliet Sequin. He will be deeply missed by his nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Visitation was held at the Penetanguishene Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 27 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral Mass was held at Ste. Croix Church on Thursday, December 28 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will take place at Ste. Croix Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in André's name to a charity of your choice.  
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Obituaries



THOMPSON, Ronald

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Ronald James Thompson on Dec 10, 2023 in his 85th year.

Born in Toronto, Ron’s birth Mother at an early age fell victim to Tuberculosis. As a result, he was welcomed into a foster home in the Alderwood area. He was raised on a farm on Browns line in Etobicoke by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sanford along with many foster brothers and his foster sister Zita. Many hours were spent before and after school on the farm doing chores and working the fields. Early life was not easy for Ron and this experience provided Ron with his strong work ethic.

Ron was an exceptional young athlete and fell in love with sports such as baseball, hockey and lacrosse. Ron played sports for his entire life at competitive levels. Ron was an altar boy and part of the Catholic Youth Organization. He enjoyed spending Friday nights at Christ the King church, perfecting his dancing skills. He loved to dance, and boy was he good at it.

Ron settled down in a house with his first wife Lorraine on Summerfield Crescent in Etobicoke with his two young sons, Lyle and Brad. He lived there for decades. Ron met Donna and she moved into the Summerfield home with her two children, Jill and Noel. Ron and Donna were eventually married and were together for over forty years. Ron worked hard to support his family of four and spent many nights and weekends taking kids to lacrosse, football fields, arenas, and pools. All the time Ron honored his own passion for sports by golfing and playing hockey. He played with both Lakeshore and Etobicoke Oldtimers, often lacing up the skates five times a week. How he loved those teams. He played hockey well into his 70’s!

Ron wore several professional hats over the years from bank manager to insurance advisor. He worked well past retirement.

Ron volunteered and gave back to his community in many ways. He supported the Etobicoke Santa Claus parade, Etobicoke Oldtimers, various political campaigns and coached sports.

He spent most summers in cottage country. From Sault Ste Marie to Penetanguishene, he loved lake life. He was an avid water skier and boater. He spent a lot of time around Georgian Bay. He could be found golfing, dancing on the cottage deck, sitting by the campfire, playing horseshoes with Uncle B or throwing the baseball at the beach.

Whether it was building the cottage deck or the “Five Minute Job” bunkie, Ron had a natural talent to fix things and tackle construction projects. He was always there to help others and lend a hand when needed.

Most of all, Ron enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Ron loved to laugh and lit up when the grandchildren came for a visit. He was witty and was quick to make a joke. Ron enjoyed watching sports with Donna and watched golf, curling, hockey, Raptors and the Bluejays. However, his favorite sport to watch was the one his children or Grandchildren were playing, and he was always their biggest cheerleader.

Ron leaves behind his loving wife Donna, his children Brad Thompson (Linda), Noel Johnston, Lyle Thompson (deceased) and Jill Barnes. His Grandchildren Samantha, Tiffany, Kristine, Allison, Jack, Luke, Chloe, Olivia, Nathan, Grace, Leah, Nicole, and Joshua. He also leaves his sister Zita Morrison (Deceased), Brother Dave Sanford (Carletta), His Brother in-law Brian Amos (Karen), His Sister in-law Linda Chernecki (Rudy) and many loved nieces and nephews. Ron also kept in touch with his first wife Lorraine and thought of the world of Jill’s ex-husband, Rob Fournier.

We would like to thank the Nurses (Angels on Earth) at the Georgian Bay General Hospital for all their caring, help and support during Ron’s final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Scleroderma Canada would be appreciated by the family.

A celebration of life will be held on January 28th, 2024 from 2 pm to 5 pm at St. Georges Golf and Country Club 1668 Islington Avenue, Etobicoke. There will be eulogies starting at 3 pm.

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Obituaries



MORASSE, Robert “Bob” Joseph

Passed away on Friday December 15, 2023 at Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House Penetanguishene, at the age of 73. Loving husband of the late Marilyn (nee Quesnelle). Beloved father of Rob (Danielle) Morasse. Cherished Pepere of Ryer and Alivia. Dear brother of Paul (Lorraine), Jackie (Mike), and Suzanne (Richard). Bob is predeceased by his parents Irene and Joseph, and by his siblings Viviane, Claudette, Marcel and Richard.

Family did receive friends at Nicholls Funeral Home 330 Midland Ave, Midland, Ontario on Saturday December 30, 2023 from 1pm till time of Memorial service in the chapel at 4pm. Following the service a reception was held at the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre at 4:30pm.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations to Hospice Huronia-Tomkins House would be appreciated by the family if desired.



JAMIESON, Amber-Lee

Passed away suddenly with her family by her side at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on December 21, 2023. Amber-Lee of Barrie formerly of Elmvale in her 44th year. Beloved daughter of Cathy (late Allan) Jamieson. Mother of Jordan and Hunter.

Sister of Natalie (Josh) and Stephanie (Jay). Amber will be missed by her extended family and friends.

Cremation has taken place and there will not be a service at this time.

Memorial donations in Amber’s memory may be made to the Elmvale Legion.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com)

DICKSON, Heather MacDonald (Nee Lindsay)

Peacefully, at home, on December 31, 2023, in her 90th year. Beloved wife to the late Ronald Dickson. Loving mother to Ian Dickson and Linda (Gerald Pilkington) Riddle. Adored grandmother to Kirk (Elizabeth) Riddle and Jennifer (Eirk) Davison. Cherished great grandmother to Sofia, Colin and Enzo. Caring sister to Don (Joan) Lindsay. Heather will be missed by many friends, nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend a thank you to all of the caregivers who helped Heather in the past few years.

Friends will be received on Thursday, January 11th, 2024 from 12pm to 1pm at the Adams Funeral Home, 445 St. Vincent St. Barrie, ON. A Memorial Service will commence at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Heather’s name to the Alzheimer’s Society would be appreciated by the family.

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