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Solar Year is 365.2425 Days Long

Feb. 27, 2024 - February 29, also known as Leap Day, is a date that occurs only during leap years, which happen roughly every four years. This additional day is added to the calendar in order to synchronize it with the solar year, which is approximately 365.2425 days long. Without this adjustment, the calendar would slowly drift out of sync with the seasons over time.

Here are some historical facts and interesting tidbits about February 29:

The concept of leap years and Leap Day dates back to ancient civilizations. The Egyptians, Romans, and Greeks all had methods of adjusting their calendars to account for the discrepancy between the lunar and solar years.

The Roman general Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar in 46 BCE, which included the addition of an extra day to February every four years. This calendar was used for many centuries.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar, which refined the leap year system. It established the rule that a year divisible by 4 is a leap year, except for years that are divisible by

100 but not by 400. This adjustment is to make the calendar more accurate, compensating for the fact that the solar year is slightly less than 365.25 days.

People born on February 29 are often called "leaplings" or "leapers." Since their birthday only occurs every four years, they usually celebrate on February 28 or March 1 during non-leap years.

In some cultures, Leap Day has been associated with various customs and superstitions. For example, in Scotland, it was considered unlucky for someone to be born on Leap Day. In Greece, it's believed to be unlucky to get married during a leap year, particularly on Leap Day itself.

Leap Day has some unique implications in legal systems, particularly regarding contracts, leases, and other time-sensitive agreements. Some jurisdictions have specific provisions to address how leap years are handled in legal contexts.

Overall, February 29 is a fascinating and somewhat enigmatic date, with a rich history and cultural significance tied to the intricacies of timekeeping and the calendar.

By Linda Belcourt, Editor



Winter Snow Arrives in Elmvale
Just in Time

The Elmvale Community Recreation Association run a Family Fun Fest on Feb. 17th, 2024 at Homer Barrett Park in Elmvale. Free events ran from 9 am - 1 pm that included snow soccer, corn hole game, giant connect 4, parachute activity and an outdoor craft. Fun was had during the Snow Sculpture contest and the "Anything but a Toboggan Race". The Elmvale Lions Club organized and purchased hotdogs. Elmvale Lioness Lions purchased the "fixings" and cooked and served both hotdogs and hot chocolate. Thank you CRA volunteers and the others that organized and worked this new event in Elmvale. Maybe next year the ice rink will be open.

Photo below: Elmvale CRA Volunteers



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EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Happy Birthday to Christine, my childhood friend. If I am doing my math right you are one year older than me and you are 16 this year!

I was pleased to receive a second letter to the editor that I would have published that was in response to the article written by Wayne Doyle but I need address and phone number of all submissions. This is a very important requirement of the newspaper association that I belong to and not just policy. I remind all readers to include this in future submissions.

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Re: Article by Wayne Doyle, "Springwater Councillors..."

I am currently president for a "not-for-profit" organization based in Elmvale but with members from several different wards. When discussion arose concerning the councillors that we should invite to bring greetings at a milestone celebration, I was shocked by the reaction from these otherwise supportive, co-operative, willing workers in this community. Strong opposition was registered concerning their willingness to have certain councillors attend. They were upset by the positions these councillors have taken on issues about which they felt strongly.

Maybe councillors need to be in closer touch with their constituents and vote according to "their" wishes. Otherwise, they may not just miss an invitation to attend an event but may not be voted back into power.

Margaret Ann Jacobs



HILLSDALE RESIDENT CELEBRATING \$1 MILLION ENCORE WIN



Feb. 20, 2024 - Saying "yes" to ENCORE paid off for Jerome Best of Hillsdale. He matched all seven ENCORE numbers in exact order in the January 17, 2024 LOTTO 6/49 draw to win \$1 million!

Jerome, who is retired from transportation, says he's been playing the lottery for decades and always plays LOTTO MAX and LOTTO 6/49. "I always say yes to ENCORE," he shared while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up his winnings.

He says he was surprised and caught off guard when he found out about his win. "I went to check my ticket at the ticket checker and my eyes lit up like a Christmas tree when I saw I was a big winner," he said. "I told my family on a group call and everyone was silent. They were surprised and over the moon thrilled for me."

Jerome plans to treat himself to a new vehicle and take his family out to celebrate over fish and chips. "My lifestyle will drastically change as a result of this."

"I always hoped I would win. I feel blessed," he concluded.

ENCORE offers 22 ways to win and can be played in conjunction with most lottery games for an extra \$1. There is an ENCORE draw every day.

The winning ticket was purchased at Neighbours Convenience on Yonge Street in Elmvale.



Royal Canadian Legion Speaking Contest



Photo above: Royal Canadian Legion Speaking Contest winners (left to right) Abby Jardine, Connor G., and Rachel Horgan

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Feb. 26, 2024 - The Elmvale Legion held the public speaking contest on Sunday Feb. 25, 2024. The winner for the intermediate class was Rachel Horgan attending Our Lady Of Lourdes school in Elmvale. She will move on to the regionals held in Port McNicoll on March 9, 2024. Second place goes to Connor G. of Elmvale District High School and coming in at third place is Abby Jardine of Our Lady of Lourdes. Congratulations to all that entered.

The Royal Canadian Legion Speaking Contest is an annual event organized by the Royal Canadian Legion, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving veterans, ex-service members, and their families in Canada. The contest aims to encourage youth to learn about and reflect on Canadian military history, veterans' contributions, and the importance of remembrance.

Participants typically compete at local, regional, and provincial levels. They deliver speeches on topics related to Canadian military history, peacekeeping missions, the significance of Remembrance Day, and the sacrifices made by veterans. The contest gives students an opportunity to develop their public speaking skills, deepen their understanding of Canadian history and veterans' experiences, and engage with their communities in meaningful ways. Winners at the provincial level may advance to national competitions, where they have the chance to represent their province and compete for scholarships and other prizes.

Overall, the Royal Canadian Legion Speaking Contest plays a vital role in fostering appreciation for Canada's military heritage and ensuring that the sacrifices of veterans are remembered and honored by future generations.

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Elmvale's Maple Country Syrup Tournament:

Where Community, Education, and Hockey Unite

By Deborah Coughlin, Tournament Director

Feb. 16, 2024 - Elmvalle, Ontario - The Elmvalle Minor Hockey Association (EMHA) extends a warm invitation to all hockey enthusiasts to join them for the upcoming Maple Syrup Tournament. This event promises not only thrilling hockey action but also a celebration of community spirit and educational opportunities.

Event Overview:

The Maple Syrup Country Tournament embodies the charm and camaraderie of small-town hockey. As part of the festivities, downtown Elmvalle will undergo a magical transformation into a vibrant hockey town. Banners honoring past and present EMHA members will adorn the streets, while local storefronts will eagerly welcome teams with hockey-themed displays, discounts, and the hallmark warmth of small-town hospitality.

Educational Focus at the Arena:

What sets this tournament apart is its unique educational twist. Alongside the competitive Rep B tournament, the arena will host a groundbreaking exploration of skilled trades education. Through Edge Factor's Virtual Reality experience, players and community members alike will have the opportunity to delve into potential future trades, gaining invaluable insights into diverse career pathways. Additionally, an educational consultant will be on hand to assist players in aligning their high school coursework with their career aspirations.

Special Highlights:

With 28 participating teams, including the local Elmvalle Coyotes spanning U11, U13, and U15 divisions, the tournament promises intense competition and thrilling matches. A particularly noteworthy addition to this year's event is the presence of a team from Moose Factory, located at the base of Hudson Bay. Their participation underscores the tournament's commitment of fostering friendly competition, education, and community engagement.

Sponsors:

We extend our gratitude to the generous sponsors who have added to the Maple Syrup Country Tournament. Their unwavering support underscores their commitment to our community and youth sports. A special thank you to Shelby Real Estate for their sponsorship of the Mini Stick Rink, and to The Lions Club for sponsoring the Player Sign-in. Additionally, we would like to recognize Simcoe Fencing for sponsoring the U11 Skills Prizes, Brenda from Heart Of Business for their sponsorship of the U13 Skills Prizes, and Lakelands Irrigation for their sponsorship of the U15 Skills Prizes. Your generosity and commitment to our tournament are truly appreciated, and we are grateful for your continued partnership.

Conclusion:

The Maple Country Syrup Tournament embodies the essence of a vibrant community united by a shared love for hockey, a commitment to education, and a spirit of camaraderie. Whether you're a hockey enthusiast or simply eager to experience the warmth of small-town hospitality, this event offers something for everyone.

Come join us and be a part of our hockey community as we celebrate the joys of sport, education, and togetherness.



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Submitted by Fred Spring

Feb. 15, 2024 - The Town of Wasaga and The Wasaga Beach Skating Club host Elvis Stojko with Elizabeth Manley "Love is in the Air" in the New Wasaga Stars Arena. The Wasaga Beach skaters were amazing as they performed their skating routines and Elvis was electric. Thank to the coaches Corrie Wimmer and Christine Howell for their hard work preparing the skaters for a fabulous night of skating!

Athlete of the Year



Photo above: Ashleigh Cavill with Mayor Brian Smith Town of Wasaga Beach Skate Ontario. Photo credit to Paul Vee.

Feb. 15, 2024 - Ashleigh Cavill received the 2023 Wasaga Beach Female ATHLETE OF THE YEAR award at the Grand Opening Gala of the Wasaga Stars Arena on Feb. 14, 2024!

Your sportsmanship, dedication, hardwork and above all your love for the sport shines bright on and off the ice!

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From facebook, Skate Canada - Wasaga Beach

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A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

By Jennifer Gray, Township of Tiny, Senior Column Writer

Part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle is staying connected. Connected to friends, family and community. The winter months can be particularly challenging for this. Short days, unfavourable weather conditions and weather-related ailments make it easy to find reasons to stay inside and isolate. Other personal factors beyond the weather can also contribute to isolation.

Healthy aging studies prove that older adults who have close connections and relationships not only live longer but cope better with health conditions and experience less depression. Having a satisfactory social network can improve health and increase longevity.

Technology gives us a way to stay connected. During Covid, the online streaming services Zoom and FaceTime experienced unprecedented growth as people jumped on the free software tool to connect with others. Book clubs, card groups, family events and other social groups took advantage to continue their get-togethers in an online format.

Thankfully those days are behind us but the relevance of the technology remains.

That’s why we’re excited that Tiny’s ‘Coffee and Connect’ program for Adults 55+ is returning this Spring. Since its introduction in the Fall of 2021, the program has had many participants attend the six-week, two-hour workshop to learn useful applications

of cellphones and iPads. The classroom-based environment is relaxed, welcoming and inclusive.



A small team of expert and very patient instructors teach participants how to safely and effectively use functions on their devices that can assist and enhance everyday living. The instruction is interactive; while learning technology, the students are encouraged to provide feedback, ask questions and assist each other.

A wide variety of applications are taught throughout the six-week program. Topics range from the basics of turning on the device and using simple functions, to learning about internet browsing, email, e-shopping, anti-fraud tactics, social media, photo management, useful apps and much more. Each week’s class has a basic framework for instruction and students are provided with handout notes. The lessons are very

fluid with instructors responsive to participants’ individual requirements and questions. All levels of experience are welcome – beginners and non-beginners alike. All that’s needed is a good attitude and desire to learn. iPads are available on loan where required.

Participant feedback on the program has been very positive. A woman who attended the program three different times found it extremely useful for her and her husband. She commented that the learning environment was “great...the room is large and bright and the visual aids very helpful...the instructors went at our speed.” She also added that the information they learned “gave them the confidence to use their phones more on their own...I think that everyone should take the program.”

The first six-week session begins Tuesday April 9 from 9:30-11:30am.

Located at the Wyebridge Community Centre (8340 Highway 93, Tiny). Transportation for those who need a ride is available through Community Reach.

To register online visit www.tiny.ca, the Township Office or call the Recreation Department at 705-526-4204 ext. 290.

Are you good with technology and want to volunteer? The Coffee and Connect program welcomes assistants for the classroom. Android expertise is particularly welcome. For more information contact Grace Beaman at gbeaman@tiny.ca.

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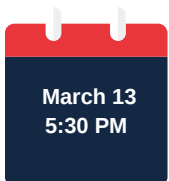
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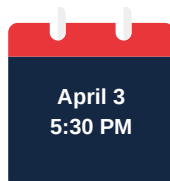
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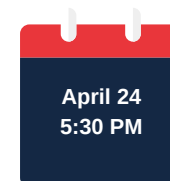
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April 3
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Register online or find more information at www.tiny.ca/recreation/register or call **705-526-4204**.



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Applications for the Township of Tiny Education Bursary Program open on March 1, 2024, and close at 4:30 p.m. on April 30, 2024.

For more information, visit www.tiny.ca/bursary.



Community Garden

Plot reservations for the Community Garden are coming soon!

Resident Registration: March 25, 2024
Non-Resident Registration: April 8, 2024

For more information, visit www.tiny.ca/gardens.



Open Volunteer Opportunity


The Township of Tiny is looking for a Community Garden Coordinator volunteer! Volunteers help oversee the Community Garden (located in Perkinsfield Park) by communicating with gardeners, volunteers, and township staff, organizing community initiatives within the garden (cleanups, foodbank garden, etc.), and providing any horticultural information to the gardeners.

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 4, 2024, at the Town of Midland Municipal Office, 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland Ontario

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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

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The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:

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Warden Statement on the 2026 Provincial Recycling Change

Midhurst/February 27, 2024 - As we've been sharing with our residents over the past year, the Provincial Government has moved to make producers of recyclable products (paper products and plastic packaging) fully responsible for the costs associated with the lifecycle of recyclable products (collection, hauling, processing and marketing).

The County will continue to collect garbage and organics long-term, and run landfill programs, although fees will be required for recycling drop-off at our sites as of 2026.

I speak for County Council and our staff, when we share that this is a great thing. If producers bear the full costs, it will hopefully lead to a reduction in the amount of packaging, plastics, and cardboard that we encounter each day.

For this we commend the Provincial Government for their actions. However, as a County Council, we have seen gaps in the program that will potentially leave many of our small local businesses, non-profit organizations and those that we refer to as the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector, without convenient recycling options as of January 1, 2026.

Currently, and until January 1, 2026, the County collects curbside recycling from these business, non-profit or IC&I locations, such as family-owned businesses in our downtown cores. Through the legislation, we are not regulated nor mandated to collect any form of waste from the business sector, just residential units. However, this is a "value-added" service that Council felt was important for our communities and to support local small businesses and downtown cores.

As of January 1, 2026, the consortium representing recycling producers are not planning to collect recycling from business locations as this is not a requirement stipulated through the Provincial Blue Box Regulation 391/21.

County Council believes this will not only impact businesses but could potentially have a negative impact on diversion and ultimately the environment.

We have evaluated initial costs to continue to provide the service at the County level; however, under the new regulations, the burden of the costs on our local taxpayers would be too significant, among other logistical challenges once the new program takes effect.

While it is important to emphasize that there is no impact until 2026, we continue to work with our partners at the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to ensure they are aware of this potential issue, and we are hopeful they will reconsider this decision and continue to provide our businesses with recycling collection long-term.

We will do what we can to support our businesses and will be connecting with BIAs, Chambers and other business organizations over the coming weeks.

More details are available at www.simcoe.ca/2026recyclingchange.

~ Warden Basil Clarke

HEY DADS! By Jason Weening

Feb. 26, 2024 - How do you celebrate birthdays at your house? Do you do anything different for boys' birthdays or girls' birthdays or dad's birthday or, most importantly, mom's birthday? With 12 people in our family we've got a few stretches of the year when there's pretty consistent birthday celebrations. If our new baby is born in April we'll have birthdays in each month from November to May. I keep telling my wife we just need babies in June, July and October to have a birthday in every month! She isn't as excited about that idea as I am. If we were really strategic we could have twins again - one on June 30 before midnight and have the next one on July 1 a few minutes later! She's usually walked away from the conversation before I get to this strategic planning. So I just imagine my awesome plans in my head.

Our twin daughters, Pearl and Emerald, turned 8 on Saturday. I was speaking to parents at a conference this weekend so we had to bump the birthday celebrations to Sunday. They would have preferred bumping them up to Friday but I was having none of that early birthday talk.

To make the Sunday birthday bump more appealing I asked the twins if they wanted to go out for lunch after church. "Yes! McDonalds! Tim Hortons! Dairy Queen!" I was also having none of that fast food talk. We were going to a real restaurant. Our whole crew doesn't visit restaurants very often. It's hard on my wallet. But this was a special occasion. We invited an aunt, an uncle and a few cousins along for the adventure. When we got to the restaurant the staff scrambled around collecting tables and chairs and cramming them all together in a big row. We barely managed to squeeze into the party room with our two families. The rest of the dining areas looked kind of empty since we commandeered most of the tables for our celebration. Not unlike the NHL trade deadline, negotiations began. Who would sit beside who. This cousin or that cousin or the favourite aunt. There were almost tears but some last-minute finagling closed the deal. We ordered our drinks and it was a record time of about 11 seconds before our 3-year-old, Mabel, dumped a glass of water on her cousin across the table. Chaos ensued and the unfortunate cousin enjoyed the rest of the meal with wet pants. He may reject our next birthday bash invitation. No other drinks were spilled so I chalk that up as a win. My very pregnant wife did spill some of her own drink on herself. Twice actually, if I recall. The invited aunt mocked her but I kept my mouth shut. I've learned that lesson.

After multiple interrogations from the younger children about when the food would arrive it finally did. Some kids' eyes are bigger than their stomachs. The bigger small kids are too cool to order off the kids' menu so they want adult meals. This time we had 15-year-old male cousin to finish off all those unfinished plates of food. Down the hatch! We ate and drank and made merry. These are the good memories of our lives. Time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the expensive ones.

Jason Weening tries to avoid taking his 10 kids and one wife to restaurants but still does once in awhile. Check out his book, podcast and other costly stories at heydads.ca.

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16 Piece of pier gear
17 Henhouse sounds
19 Pack away
21 Raise
24 Shuttle site
27 Frequent patron
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3 Leopard's perch
4 Million year old imprint
5 Exist
6 Mouse catcher
7 Other than mentioned
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9 Long gone
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Please fill out our survey! We are working on our new Strategic Plan and would like to hear from you. What programs and services would you like to see at your library? What would you like to see in the new Midhurst branch in the Community Hub? Let us know today! Our survey can be accessed through the captcha code above or online through our website and social media, you can also pick up a paper form at your local Springwater Library branch. One lucky participant will win a \$50 gift card! <https://forms.gle/7kywuQSxw5Gh27pC6>

March Break Activity Bags for Sale

Available starting Tuesday February 20 come in the library and buy your activity kit perfect for ages 5-12. The bags include five crafts and activities to keep your little ones entertained and creatively busy while school is out. Cost per bag \$10.

Volunteer Income Tax Program

In person, phone appointments and drop off processing of taxes are available for those within the tax brackets of \$35,000 for one person, \$45,000 for two people and up to \$50,000 for a family of four. In person appointments are available in March and April, please contact us to book your appointment at (705) 322-1482. If you are using the drop off method of tax processing, please ensure your documents are in a sealed envelope labelled INCOME TAXES and includes your date of birth, contact information (name, address, phone number and email address). This program operates in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency.

Prediabetes/Diabetes Seminar

In partnership with South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre, this informal workshop is for anyone who has recently been diagnosed with diabetes or prediabetes, who cares for those living with this chronic health condition, or those who would benefit from a review of management strategies. This workshop will cover a wide variety of topics including medication, exercise, nutrition, mental health and preventing complications. Caregivers are also welcome to attend. Tuesday March 5, 6pm at Elmvale Branch. Walk-ins are welcome but registration is required. You can register at www.southgeorgianbaychc.ca/program or call (705) 422-1888 ext 143

March Break Programs!

Registration is required for all March Break Programs

Using our NEW online program registration process is easy! Find the link on our website or feel free to call the library and register for the program of your choice:

Tuesday March 12: Elevate Dance Company, Taylor Swift dance party, Elmvale Branch 11am-12noon ages 5-8, 12:30pm-1:30pm ages 9-11. Cost \$5 per participant. Dino Day Craft, Midhurst Branch 1pm-3pm, Cost \$5.

Wednesday March 13: Take and make handprint cactus craft Elmvale and Midhurst Branches, St Patrick's Day Music Concert by The Young and The Restofus, Midhurst Branch 2pm.

Thursday March 14: Make a Mug, all branch locations, 11am-1pm, \$5 per mug.

Friday March 15: Magic Show, Elmvale Area (upstairs room), Cost \$2 per participant (babies are free), Percy Jackson Trivia (books 1-5), teams of 2 or more, Cost \$5 per participant.

Drop in Craft

Come and make your own free vintage library card catalogue bookmark. Friday March 22, 10am at Elmvale and Midhurst Branches. While supplies last.

Easter Centrepiece

Join Emily from Fleurish to create your own beautiful centrepiece. Tuesday March 26, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost \$45. Registration required.

News & Events at the Penetanguishene Public Library

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PD Programs are here!

Technology Sessions for Seniors

We will be holding technology sessions for Seniors interested in learning how to use Apple Tablets. Must have a valid library card to participate. Apple iPad: Mar.8th and Mar. 22nd from 9:30-10:15
Programming fee is \$2:00. Please register in person during library hours with your library card.

Spanish Lessons

Learn Spanish in 6 weeks! Starting Feb 6th, 3 levels of Spanish will be available. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Register in person with your library card. Cost: \$30.00 per level. Some spaces still available.

International Women's Day

Join us on Friday, March 8th, from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. to celebrate International Women's Day at the library. Stay Strong Together is the theme. Guest speakers include Diane Marion – Courage for Change – GBNWA and Lauren Foot, of Chigamik's Community Health and Wellbeing Coordinator. Sign up with your library card. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

50 Reads Canadian Authors 2024

Would you like to challenge yourself by reading 50 books throughout 2024 written by Canadian Authors only? Sign up for our 50 Reads of selected books for your reading pleasure during the year. Learn about new places, subjects and discover new authors.

15 Reads French – Canadian Authors 2024

Would you like to read French language books only? Join our 15 Reads 2024 and read 15 selected books by Canadian Authors written in French. Sign up with your library card.

Black History Month

Enjoy some books to celebrate Black History Month from our special display celebrating Black History.

March Break 2024 (registration with library card is now open)

Monday, March 11th

Make a Birdhouse: 10:00-11:00 am Pancakes and Koolaid: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, March 12th

Cupcake Decorating: 10:00 – 11:00 am Paint a Squishmallow: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Thursday, March 14th

Play at Candyland: 10:00-11:00 am Movie and popcorn: 1:00-3:00 pm

Friday, March 15th

Easter Bunny visits the library: 10:00-11:30 am Drag Queen Storytime: 12:00-2:00 pm

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2024 Park Passes are available at the library. Check-out with your library card for one week and enjoy winter walks through the park.

Library Board Meeting

The next Library Board Meeting will be on February 26th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Art is Love: A New Artist-in-Residence Program at Quest

By Alanna Brousseau



Feb. 23, 2024 - Quest Art School & Gallery, a beacon of creativity in Midland, is proud to announce the launch of its ground-breaking artist-in-residence initiative, "Art is Love." This exciting program aims to foster artistic expression and community engagement while celebrating the profound connection between art and love.

With "Art is Love," Quest seeks to create a nurturing environment where artists can explore their craft freely, supported by a community that values and celebrates their work.

The artist-in-residence program will provide selected artists with dedicated studio and/or gallery space on the main floor of the Midland Cultural Centre. Artists will have the chance to engage with the local community through workshops, exhibitions, and interactive events.

"We are thrilled to introduce 'Art is Love' as our latest endeavor to champion creativity and connection within our community," says Lawrence Sagar, Director of Quest. "By embracing love as the guiding principle of this residency, we hope to inspire artists to explore the boundless possibilities of their craft while fostering meaningful connections with one another and with our patrons."

The "Art is Love" residency will welcome artists from myriad backgrounds and disciplines to encourage diverse voices and perspectives. These artists will embark on a journey of exploration, collaboration, and self-expression, guided by the ethos that art has the power to unite, heal, and uplift. Applications are open to emerging and established artists alike. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit www.questart.ca for more information and to submit their applications.

Join Quest as it embarks on this exciting new chapter in its mission to inspire, explore, create, and innovate through the transformative power of visual art.

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Ontario Building New School in Oro-Medonte

Submitted by the Office of MPP Doug Downey
Province's investment in innovative and modern learning spaces will ensure students have high quality education in a safe and healthy environment

Feb. 23, 22024 - As part of the province's ongoing efforts to build and improve local schools, the Ontario government has provided the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) with approval to award the tender for the new Oro-Medonte Elementary School and Community Centre. This is supported by an investment of nearly \$30 million, which includes \$8.5 million from the Township of Oro-Medonte for the community centre.

“For years, the people of Oro-Medonte have highlighted the need for a new school to serve the growing population of families moving to the area,” said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte. “This new school guarantees that children will receive high quality education right in their own community.”

When the Oro-Medonte Elementary School and Community Centre was first announced in 2018, the school was originally approved for 357 students, with a Capital Priorities funding of \$8.5 million. Once completed, this project will deliver 570 spaces for elementary students, with up to \$23.8 million in Capital funding. This is an increase of 213 pupil spaces, and up to \$15.3 million in funding from the Ministry of Education. The Township of Oro-Medonte also increased their funding contribution from \$6.8 million to \$8.5 million.

Once completed, the Oro-Medonte Elementary School and Community Centre will include: a full-size gymnasium with auditorium (shared space with SCDSB); a multi-purpose space (for the Township); and multi-purpose trails around the property.

Additionally, Ontario is taking action to ensure that school board capital assets are used effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of growing communities, support student learning and ensure value for taxpayer dollars. The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023 empowers decision-makers to build modern schools faster by better utilizing school capacity, reducing barriers for school boards to facilitate agreements for schools in multi-use buildings such as condo towers, and shortening planning time through design standardization when constructing, renovating, or making additions to schools.

“We are determined to build schools and expansions faster, part of our commitment to modernize schools in fast growing communities,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “We are proud to deliver a new, state-of-the-art Oro-Medonte Elementary School and Community Centre for local families, along with increasing funding, staffing and a back-to-basics focus on reading, writing and math skills to help ensure students graduate with confidence that they can succeed in good-paying careers.”

Highlights of the project include:

- 570 new elementary student spaces
- Community Centre

“Under Premier Ford’s leadership, we’re building more state-of-the-art schools to support the needs of Ontario’s students, families and growing

communities. By investing in innovative and modern learning spaces, we’re ensuring students have access to the quality education that will provide them with lifelong skills and education in a safe and healthy environment,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “These investments are one of the ways we’re delivering on our promise to build Ontario, with an infrastructure budget of more than \$148 billion over the next decade.”

The Simcoe County District School Board is grateful for the investments from the Ontario government and Township of Oro-Medonte,” said John Dance, Director of Education. “We are pleased to partner with the Township of Oro-Medonte on this new and innovative joint-use facility that will serve the learning needs of students and provide opportunity for community use in an area of Simcoe County that continues to experience significant growth.”

“On behalf of Oro-Medonte Council and staff, we are excited to welcome a new Elementary School and Community Centre to our community. The new school will ensure quality education for area students responsive to growth of the Horseshoe Valley area while optimizing tax dollars through public partnership. Thank you to the Province of Ontario for recognizing and supporting the need for a new Elementary School in Oro-Medonte, and to the Simcoe County District School Board for your willingness to partner with the Township,” said Randy Greenlaw, Mayor of Oro-Medonte. “Your continued hard work and dedication toward this important initiative is very much appreciated. The Community Centre will provide a Township wide facility located within the geographic centre of Oro-Medonte, for all residents to enjoy. We look forward to the doors of this new community facility opening.”

The Oro-Medonte Elementary School and Community Centre will be located at 739 Horseshoe Valley Road.

Quick Facts:

- Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested over \$2.2 billion in capital projects in education, including 100 new schools, 88 additions and renovations to existing facilities and nearly 6,500 new licensed child care spaces.
- For the 2023-24 school year, the province is providing school boards with approximately \$1.4 billion in funding to revitalize and renew aged building systems and components.
- In June, Ontario passed the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023 that will ensure the public education system focuses on what matters most: teaching important life-long skills such as reading, writing and math; improving accountability and transparency for parents and families; maximizing capital assets of boards to support building modern schools faster and better utilizing current school capacity.
- In March 2022, Ontario secured a six-year, \$13.2 billion agreement with the federal government that will lower child care fees for families to an average of \$10 a day for children under the age of six. Ontario aims to reach that target by September 2025.

Brand-new, State-of-the-art Tanker Truck, Tanker1.



Feb. 13, 2024 - The Town of Penetanguishene Fire Department is excited to announce the arrival of its newest replacement - a brand-new, state-of-the-art tanker truck, Tanker1. This replacement is set to significantly enhance the department's capabilities in responding to emergencies, safeguarding the community, and ensuring public safety.

With an increased need to reinforce fire protection services in a growing town, the latest truck upgrade marks a substantial milestone for the Town of Penetanguishene Fire Department. The vehicle has been meticulously designed to meet the highest fire service standards to effectively combat a wide range of emergency situations.

Routinely recognized for its commitment to ensuring public safety, the Town of Penetanguishene Fire Department continues to invest in the latest technologies and equipment to serve its residents efficiently and effectively.

Fire Chief, Richard Renaud expressed his enthusiasm for the new Tanker, stating, "The arrival of this tanker truck has significantly amplified our ability to protect our community and its residents from the perils of fire emergencies. We are grateful for the town's continued support, enabling us to provide the highest level of service and public safety."



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Elmvale Lions Donate \$30,000 for MRI at GBGH



Submitted by Elmvale Lions

The Elmvale Lions Club has committed \$30,000 toward an MRI at the Georgian Bay General Hospital. We raise this money primarily through our Truck Draw Ticket Sales and our Annual Golf Tournament (July 6th this year).

Other projects we have supported and taken on recently include:

- Supporting Elmvale Minor Hockey Tournament
- Supporting Elmvale District High School Cultural Exchange Program
- Supporting Elmvale High School Girls Basketball Team heading to OSFFA
- Organizing our local Effective Speaking Competition for our local schools
- Supporting Family Fun Fest at Homer Barrett Park in Elmvale on Family Weekend
- Donation to help local community member with wheel chair expenses

Elmvale Lions Club is celebrating their 75th Anniversary.

The Annual Truck Draw is their biggest fundraiser to help support all of these and future projects in the community. They only sell 7000 tickets which is now selling out every year. This year the draw is for a 2024 Ford 2024 Ford Maverick XLT AWD Supercrew. For tickets please call

Elmvale Seniors Drop In



Photo above: Elmvale Seniors Drop In group are shown playing cards, Scrabble, or other board games. This social event happens every other Monday, from 10 am to 12 pm at the Springwater library.

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EDHS Alpine Team Competes at OFSAA



By Blair Lesage

Feb. 15, 2024 - On February 14 the EDHS Alpine team travelled to Osler Bluff Ski Club just outside of Collingwood to compete in the GBSSAs. The weather was hot, just like our team.

In the Alpine format of GBs all schools, regardless of size, compete against each other in 4 divisions. (1F - High School Trained Female, 2F. - Club Trained Female, 1M - High School Trained Male, 2M - Club Trained Male)

So we had a tough task ahead, but our athletes were focused, determined, and confident.

Sisters Hope and Eliza represented the Eagles in the extremely skilled and competitive 2F Division. Both girls finished in the top 20 with Eliza just narrowly edging out Hope in Hope's last race as a Senior. Our 1F team had a day. Kai, who also competed in her last race as a senior, Lila, and Sophia had shown great improvements over the season and it all came together when it counted. As a 1F team you combine the top 3 times of your fastest skiers' individual runs. EDHS girls took Bronze. They won't go on to OFSAA but missed out by 1 place. Our top skier, who is in Grade 9, Lila turned in one of the quickest runs and will soar for the Elmvale Eagles at OFSSA. In the 1M division Nathan, running in his last race as a senior, and Hudson were determined to ski their best and they did not disappoint. Nathan finished 12th while Hudson was quick enough to capture a trip to OFSSA.

Congratulations and thank you to all of the parental support, some shown; some not, for without them our season wouldn't exist.

So ring a cowbell for Lila (Pirates) and Hudson (Rowdies) as they are the first student athletes ever to represent EDHS at OFSSA in Alpine Racing (Please call the school if I'm wrong.) on February 26-27 at Osler Bluff.

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Fair Delegates Attend Provincial Conference:

Photo above: Left to right: poster winner Callie James, and Jr Division chairperson Linda Murray

Elmvale Fall Fair Ambassador, Hope Graham and 5 Fair delegates attended the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention Feb 22 - 24. Over 100 delegates from over 200 Fairs, including 70 Ambassadors networked and had the opportunity to attend 36 different educational seminars. Congratulations to Callie James, whose Elmvale Fair poster entry, which qualified to compete at the Provincial level won 1st prize in the intermediate age category! What an accomplishment from one of our very own exhibitors!

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February 2024, Monthly Issue



Upcoming Meetings



Regular Council and Committee of the Whole
Date: March 13, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Council Chambers

Cloud Permit: Building Permit Software Survey

The Building Department of Penetanguishene introduced Cloud Permit in 2021. This brief survey aims to collect feedback from Cloud Permit users to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of transitioning to digital processes within the department. The QR code survey is anonymous, we appreciate any feedback received.



Recreation Programs

Spring recreation programs are open for registration beginning **March 12 at 8:30 am**. Online registration is completed using top.recdesk.com.

Did you know that many adult programs are appropriate for seniors? Refer to the program description or feel free to contact staff to discuss if a program will be right for you.

76th Annual Winterama - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 76th annual Winterama! We had a fantastic time celebrating our community and all things winter. A big shoutout to our wonderful vendors for providing amazing goods and services. And of course, we couldn't have done it without our dedicated volunteers - you all are the heart and soul of Winterama. Here's to many more years of coming together to embrace the winter season!



Town of Penetanguishene is Looking for
Nominations for the 2024 Senior of the Year Award

The Town of Penetanguishene is pleased to celebrate the ongoing contributions of seniors by recognizing one outstanding senior in the community annually. Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to many different aspects of community life such as the Arts, Literature, Community Service, Education, Environment, Fitness and Humanitarian activities.

Eligibility Criteria

- A current resident of the Town of Penetanguishene.
- Has contributed to the enrichment of the social, cultural or civic life of the community after the age of 65 and made their community a better place to live.
- Is not a previous recipient of the award.

Exclusions

- Self-nominations and individuals who have passed away.
- Those currently holding political office or achievements related to a political appointment.

Residents are asked to submit the **nomination form, found on penetanguishene.ca** to Angele Proulx, Administrative Assistant to the Recreation and Community Services Department through email at aproulx@penetanguishene.ca

The submission deadline is March 29, 2024.

Notice of 2023 Drinking Water Systems Summary Report
and Annual Reports

This notice is to inform you that the Town of Penetanguishene 2023 Drinking Water Systems Summary Report and Annual Reports required by Ontario Regulation 170/03 have been completed.

Copies of the Payette Well System and the Lepage Well System Annual Drinking Water Reports can be obtained free of charge at either the Town of Penetanguishene Municipal Office at 10 Robert Street West or the Town of Penetanguishene Public Works Department Office at 22 Centennial Drive between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Any inquiries regarding the Summary Report and Annual Reports can be submitted to Moe Lefave, Chief Water Operator/ORO.

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Applications opened on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Interested individuals can attend the customer service counter at the Town of Midland municipal office at 575 Dominion Avenue to request a nomination package. Completed nominations must be filed in person at the municipal office by appointment only with the Town Clerk or a designated staff member.

Nominations close on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. The municipal office is open to the public during regular business hours Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

Following the nomination period Council will vote to appoint one qualified candidate at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

To learn more about more about the process visit the Council Vacancy page on the Town's website.

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Life Insurance
Estate Planning

Feb. 26, 2024 - Life insurance can be useful in planning your estate. There are no inheritance taxes in Canada, but when you die your estate executor must file a final tax return. Normally at this time, all accrued gains on assets like stocks and real estate, and the proceeds of all registered plans (RSPs, RRIFs, LIFs, and certain pensions) become taxable all at once. On large estates the result could be a tax bill close to half the total value of the estate.

Various strategies can be used to reduce the impact of this inevitable tax bill, including life insurance. For example, say you own a cottage and want to leave it to your children. Accrued gains on the property may give rise to such a large tax bill that they are forced to sell it. Tax-free life insurance proceeds could be used to cover the taxes instead, so your children can keep the cottage.

If you want to divide your estate equally between three children, but it consists of a \$200,000 house and a \$200,000 RRSP. Rather than selling the house to accommodate a three-way split, life insurance can be used to pay all taxes and provide another \$200,000 bequest. Business assets can also be preserved using life insurance

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Elmvale Coyotes A Force To Be Reckoned With

By Kelsey Drillen



Elmvale, Ontario - The Elmvale Coyotes U15D Hockey Team has proven themselves to be a force to be reckoned with, placing second in the Regional Silverstick hockey tournament and showcasing their skills at the International Silverstick tournament. With their thrilling games and incredible teamwork, the Coyotes have left a lasting impression at both tournaments.

In the Regional Silverstick hockey tournament that took place in Ayr, Ontario on November 30th, 2023, the Coyotes faced tough competition from teams across the region. Their first game against the East Lambton Eagles ended in a thrilling 0-0 tie, with both goalies showcasing their exceptional skills. The intensity only grew in their second game against the Huntsville Otters, where the Coyotes emerged victorious with a 4-2 win. However, it was their third game against the fiery Ennismore Eagles that truly tested their grit. In a nail-biting match, the Coyotes emerged triumphant with a 1-0 victory, leaving both parents and players alike on the edge of their seats.

Advancing to the finals, the Coyotes faced the East Lambton Eagles once again. Both teams displayed exceptional skill and determination, but it was the Eagles who claimed victory with a final score of 2-1. Despite this loss, the Coyotes had much to be proud of, securing an impressive second place finish in the Regional Silverstick tournament.

But the journey for the Coyotes did not end there. Their exceptional performance caught the

attention of organizers, leading to an invitation to the prestigious International Silverstick tournament in Pelham, Ontario on January 11, 2024. Excitement filled the air as the Coyotes prepared to compete on an international stage.


Their first game in the International Silverstick tournament brought them face-to-face with their arch rivals, the East Lambton Eagles. The Coyotes started strong, taking a commanding 3-1 lead in the third period. However, a short-handed goal off a faceoff by the Eagles quickly turned the tide, and another quick goal tied the game. In a heartbreaking turn of events, the Eagles managed to secure another goal late in the third period, sealing a devastating loss for the Coyotes.

Determined to bounce back, the Coyotes faced off against the Youth Flyers in their second game. With their spirits high, the team delivered a dominant performance, securing a resounding 4-1 victory. Unfortunately, their third game against the South Huron Sabres did not go as planned, resulting in a disappointing 6-1 loss. However, the Coyotes did not let this setback deter them, regaining their momentum in their fourth game against Arvada Hockey with an impressive 5-1 win, securing a spot in the semifinals.

The semifinals proved to be a challenging matchup against the formidable South Huron Sabres. Despite their best efforts, the Coyotes came up short, losing 3-1. However, it was not the final score that defined their experience at the International Silverstick tournament. The team bonded over the course of the weekend, enjoying the camaraderie of the rink, the comfort of their hotel, and the excitement of the nearby arcade and bowling alley.

The Elmvale Coyotes U15D Hockey Team has truly made their mark. Their exceptional performance in both the Regional and International Silverstick tournaments showcased their talent, dedication, and unwavering team spirit. The Coyotes can hold their heads high, knowing that they have represented Elmvale with pride and passion.

The players and parents would like to say a special thank you to our team sponsor, Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd (DHL) for their generosity covering the teams entry fee into the Silver Stick Finals.



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Penetang Kings Clinch 5th Place in the Carruthers Division

Submitted by Russ Zmijowskyj - Penetang Kings



Feb. 22, 2024 - The Kings played a stretch of four games in eleven days, with the division's 5th place seed on the line. Out of the four games, the club came away with one win, two losses, and one tie.

On home ice, during our February 9th game against the Schomberg Cougars, the boys stormed out to a 2-0 lead - only to see the Cougars even things up by the period's end. With a change in momentum for the Cougars, the Kings came out flat in the 2nd and 3rd periods, and eventually fell 6-3 to the cats. The Kings had three different goal scorers on the night: with Ethan McCallum, Kaleb Seaman, and Aiden MacDonald all picking up singles. The goals were set up by McCallum, MacDonald, Ashton Kirwin, Cole Rumbolt, Matthew Campbell, and Carter Weissflog. Sawyer Lammle took the loss for the Kings, after surrendering 6 goals on 46 shots. The AIM Power Performer of the night was Ethan McCallum, who factored in on two of the Kings' three goals. Even though the Kings could not pull out the win, the game was still a special one, as the team hosted an Autism Awareness night with guest anthem singer Matt Saddler.

The Kings would then host the Caledon Golden



Photo above: The King's game on February 16 vs. Caledon Golden Hawks

Hawks on Friday, February 16th. Once again, the boys stormed out of the gates to stake themselves a commanding 3-0 lead. This first period lead, however, would slowly dissipate over the next two periods, until the Hawks had earned themselves a tie. Overtime could have ended in the birds' favour, had it not been for some spectacular stops by netminder Matt Watson. This Kings goal scorers on this night were Harrison Holroyd, Carter Wilson, and Lars Derstroff. Picking up assists on the Kings goals were Isaak McGinnis and Tanner Thayer - with two

apiece - and Owen VanDusen and Owen Collins with singles. The night's AIM Power Performer would be Matt Watson, who made 33 stops in the tie.

On Sunday, February 18th, the team traversed snow-covered highways - making their way north - to take on the Huntsville Otters. For the third contest of this stretch, the Kings would score the game's first goal. This lead would be short lived, as the team would come up short against Huntsville by a score of 5-2. Fatigue may have been a factor in the loss, as the team had participated in Penetanguishene Winterama activities the day before. The Penetang point getters on the afternoon were Harrison Holroyd with two goals, Owen Collins with two assists, and Carson Thayer with an assist. Sawyer Lammle saw 40 shots in the loss. The AIM Power Performer would be Holroyd - who led the Kings attack.

The final game - in this stretch of games - came on



Photo above: The King's game on February 19 at Midland Flyers

Family Day Monday February 19th and was played against our archrivals in Midland. For the fourth straight game the Kings would start strong, but this time with much different results. After scoring the game's first goal, the team never really looked back, taking the game by a score of 6-2. Tanner Thayer had a dominant game, which saw him score twice, and earn the game's AIM Power Performer. The other Kings scorers were Carter Wilson, Kaleb Seaman, Elliot DeMunnik, and Harrison Holroyd. Players adding the helpers were Nolin Derstroff, Lars Derstroff with two, Carson Thayer, Kaden Goggins, Carter Weissflog, and Aiden MacDonald.

With their most recent win, the Kings locked up 5th place in the division, and will take on the Schomberg Cougars in the first round of the PJHL playoffs. Before the playoffs commence, however, the Kings will finish off the regular season on February 23rd, when they host the Midland Flyers for the Challenge Cup.

AIM Power Performers



Ethan McCallum game on February 9



Harrison Holroyd Game on February 18



Matt Watson game on February 16



Tanner Thayer game on February 19



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Photo above: Left to Right: Martin Buote as Sidney; Rob Walker as Clifford; and Natalie Brunelle as Myra raising a toast, kicking off a roller-coaster ride of events. Photo courtesy of Jacquie Black



Photo above: The well-crafted set adorned with some real, but mostly fabricated weapons by the Killings'(Steve & Maggie: set) (Jonathan: weapons)

Death Trap Review by Paul Haskill, Theatre Critic

Feb. 27, 2024 - Huronia Players (HP) brings Deathtrap to its stage; a play that twists and turns and refers to itself in an unusual way. On opening night, the audience was both on the edge of their seats and blown back in their chairs with a couple surprises and an unpredictable ending.

Written and taking place in 1978. The play made it to the big screen in 1982 with such big names as Michael Cane, Christopher Reeves, and Dyan Cannon. Do yourself a favour and wait to watch the movie until after you've seen it live!

A murder/suspense playwright gets hold of the first draft of a younger, new writer's script and wants it for himself, and his wife is worried he'll do anything to get it.

The characters in the Huronia Players' take on the Ira Levin hit are Sidney Bruhl, a nearly washed up playwright looking for his next big hit after an 18-year lull, played by Martin Buote who made his way to the Midland area from the GTA and its theatres. He had once, thirty years prior, played the secondary lead character Clifford Anderson, Sidney's apparent victim of envy, played by Rob Walker in his 8th role with "the Players".

Filling out the 5-person cast are Natalie Brunelle as Myra Bruhl, a devoted wife of 11 years and supporter of her husband but who's in somewhat poor health. Natalie has been involved with HP since 2018, and the theatre in general for much of her life; Kristine Mannion as Helga ten Dorp, a Dutch psychic who



Photo above: Left to right: Christine Mannion and Christoph Lorenz as psychic and accountant, respectively, fill out the five-person cast for more comedic relief. Photo by Jacquie Black



Photo above: The cast and crew take a bow with much deserved praise from a full house. Photo courtesy of Paul Breslin.

not only nearly foils the plot but adds a few good laughs along the way.

Kristine made her directorial debut in HP's last season with Stag and Doe, a Canadian playwright's take on the Rom-Com format; And, last, but not least, Christoph Lorenz as Porter Milgrim, Sidney's accountant and friend who unwittingly sets the lead character on a downward spiral. Christoph has "tread the boards" of HP's theatre for the fifth time now.

The set was designed and built by husband and wife team Steven and Maggie Killing, who recently were honoured with Huronia Players' Lifetime award (20 consecutive years of service), along with several other committed volunteers. It was adorned by their son Jonathan Killing with several hand-made weapons that would fool even the most knowledgeable connoisseur.

The light and sound effects easily met the level of quality acting, design and directing; the latter of which was by relatively newcomer Stephen Bainborough. Stephen studied theatre in college the same year Deathtrap was written, and went on to teach drama at Bradford and District Secondary School – all the while honing his craft both on stage and in the director's chair. Most recently starring in The Old Man and The Old Moon, a mixed-media musical, Mr. Bainborough made his HP-directorial debut with Deathtrap. You can see him in Huronia Player's final play of the season, Baskerville – a fast-paced comedic take on Sherlock Holmes, in which he plays 14 different characters; more on that to come.

Buy your tickets now at <https://huroniaplayers.thundertix.com/>

In Cash? Time to Make a Move!

By Taivi Tayler, RRC®, CLU®, Certified Financial Planner

When it comes to investing, the professionals in the investment industry read a lot of economic updates. They have a good sense of major shifts coming. I'm here to tell you that one is on its way.

In 2022 and 2023, the Bank of Canada was doing its best to fight inflation. The only option they have is to raise interest rates to bring inflation down. Inflation is expressed as a year-over-year increase in the total Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI is made up of the most relevant items that a Canadian will typically buy such as food, furniture, clothing, transportation, etc. It may not feel like it, but it worked. Peaking on June 1, 2022 at Total CPI of 8.1% it dropped to 3.4% on November 1, 2023.

Interest rates are likely to drop in Canada in 2024. When that happens, certain types of investments will experience capital appreciation. If you parked your money in a High-Interest Savings Account in 2022 or 2023, or if your GIC is about to mature, you may want to consider transferring the asset to a fixed income investment. In a falling-rate environment, fixed income outperforms interest-bearing products. Fixed income is considered low-risk and works well for conservative investors.

If you're going to make an RRSP contribution, consider investing in a fixed-income product with this year's contribution. If you have already converted to a RRIF, you can make a change as well. Fixed-income investments can be used in TFSA, RESP, LIRA, LIF, RRSP, RRIF, and non-registered personal or corporate investments.



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Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



Tuna Noodle Casserole Done Healthy

Tuna noodle casserole is a classic dish from the 1950s that is still kicking around today. Like chilli and meatloaf, there are so many different versions to be enjoyed and everyone has their favourite. Traditionally made with canned cream of mushroom soup, this take on the retro dish is healthier, but equally satisfying. Copy the recipe to a T or play around with the ingredients and create your own family favourite. Enjoy!

INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces (336 grams) dried pasta or 6 cups (1500 ml) cooked pasta of choice
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 large white onion, diced
- 1 ½ -2 cups (375-500 ml) sliced mushrooms of choice
- 1 ½ teaspoon (7.5 ml) dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) garlic powder
- ¼ cup (63 ml) white or whole wheat flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 cups (500 ml) milk (dairy, almond, soy or oat)
- 2 cups (500 ml) frozen peas
- 3 or 4 cans (170 grams) tuna, drained
- 1 cup (250 ml) grated parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 cup (250 ml) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 ½ cups (250 ml) panko or regular breadcrumbs
- ¾ cup (188 ml) sliced green olives, optional
- Salt and pepper to taste



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C). Spray a large casserole dish with non-stick cooking spray or grease with olive oil.
2. Cook the pasta, drain and set aside.
3. In a large frying pan, heat the oil on medium heat. Add the mushrooms, onions, thyme, and garlic powder. Sauté for 4-6 minutes until the mushrooms are tender and the onions are translucent.
4. Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables and continue to cook for 2-3 minutes.
5. Whisk in the broth and milk for 2-3 minutes until smooth and thickened.
6. Reduce the heat to low and add the peas, tuna, pasta, olives, cheddar cheese and half of the parmesan cheese. Stir gently, until combined and heated through.
7. Add salt and pepper to taste.
8. Pour the mixture into the prepared casserole dish.

9. In a small bowl, combine the remaining parmesan cheese with the breadcrumbs.
 10. Sprinkle the breadcrumb mixture on top of the casserole.
 11. Bake for 30-40 minutes until the topping is golden brown and the casserole is bubbling.
- Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers nutrition talks and cooking demos/classes in-person and online via Zoom. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com www.joknowsnutrition.com Instagram: [jo_knows_nutrition](https://www.instagram.com/jo_knows_nutrition)

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Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



Feb. 22, 2024 - I needed to enjoy the sun's warmth today, as the forecast calls for some seriously cold weather this weekend. I headed out to a large network of trails, which covers multiple concessions near Orillia. The Stachen Forest tract off Bass Lake Road and

line seven boast a fantastic number of trails. I have been coming out here for over a decade and I have only trekked a small portion. The main parking area is a great starting point, as you can head into the main trail or cross the road and head into another concession.

The main route is packed down by hikers, snowshoers and fat bike riders. At this time of year there is one main trail to follow, an easy three km hike through mixed forest. The only sounds were the whisper of brown oak leaves tenaciously clinging to the bare limbs above my head. Underfoot, the soft white snow was only marred by the occasional pinecone, or dog poop. Sigh. This loop trail heads up and down many easy hills until it comes out onto the cleared area for the hydro lines. My lord, the bright sun makes me regret the hat and coat, as I am sweating and worrying about getting a sunburn. Once past this open area I am thrown back into the much cooler area of bare trees, and happy to have my coat, though I did ditch my hat and mitts into my pockets. Luckily today I avoided any wardrobe mishaps and neither exposed myself or risk exposure!

The trail continues through the silent forest, and although I expected to meet people out on this beautiful day, I happily had the trail to myself. If you are feeling adventurous you can strike out on your own on through the soft snow that remains deep in the forest. There are several trails that head out deeper in the forest, which are marked by different



colors and can be quite lengthy depending on the route you take. There are also the tracks of at least one skier schussing off the beaten path. The path I am on takes a neat little route through the remains of an old abandoned building. All that remains is the cold concrete walls that rise to just above your head and cast deep shadows on the ground. The trail continues through gentle hills of beech and oak and bring you back to the parking area.



Once the snow melts there are significantly more options to explore, with numerous parking areas along the concessions. Although the area is popular with the outdoor crowd, the trails are never crowded and I often never see anyone out on the back trails. A terrific area to hike or bike any time of the year.

“Rain Makes Grain So Don’t Complain”

Submitted by Luke Langman

Feb. 17, 2024 - This year the farmer's old adage “rain makes grain” was our only consolation and we added the rhyming tag “so don't complain” after receiving a lot of the wet stuff this summer. The soybeans in particular benefited from the rain and as it turns out that was the main crop the North Simcoe GRAIN Project grew this year. After a drier planting season, the rain came in buckets but the sun came out again by harvest allowing all the grain to be combined and trucked and stored directly.

This group of farmers grows crops and donates the money to the Canadian Food Grains Bank of Canada which helps to alleviate poverty around the world. The group this year included David Spring who planted the beans, Roger Spence who secured the seed from Pioneer, Dekalb and Syngenta and acquired and applied the crop protection from Bayer and Monsanto, fertilizer from Holmes Agro Langcrest farms who harvested and helped truck the beans to Addis Grain who trucked the beans as well as stored them for the group. A special thanks to the Kaptyen family for contributing crops to this project.

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As a child do you remember that usually in the Spring or around Easter time you would see or get one of the toys associated with the season. It could be a hula hoop, bicycle, skipping rope or one of those small cylindrical toys that had a string attached to it. You remember, it went up and down and if you were really good, you could do tricks with it. That toy was a yo-yo. They are still around but you don't really see them that much. Now if you think about the weather that we have had recently, a yo-yo definitely comes to mind. The dumping of snow with whiteout type conditions, sunshine and blue skies, deep freeze temperatures and then unseasonably warm weather are certainly similar to the yo-yo. Hopefully our weather will settle down soon and we can have a great Spring which comes in 19 days on March 19 at 11:06 PM.

On Sunday, March 10, we spring our clocks ahead an hour as Daylight Saving Time returns. We are almost seeing 3 more minutes of daylight each day now so it will be nice to have more evening light. It's also a great time to check and replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. Do that for the safety of your family.

The Knotty Knitters group that meet at the Anten Mills Community Centre on Tuesday afternoons have knitted together and are doing some fantastic things for many. Sponsored by the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association, this group has made several valuable donations including one of women's products to the Elmvale and District Food Bank and others to the Furry Friends cat rescue, the Victoria Village Resident Council and just this past week, through Samaritan's Purse, infants in Ukraine. Linda Van Rassel, a longtime resident of the community has knitted a large number of infant beanie caps that will benefit infants born in the war torn nation. The group has another project in mind and welcomes all interested to join them Tuesday



afternoons from 1PM until 4 and enjoy some fellowship and fun.

Easter is only 4 weeks away and the Anten Mills CRA will again be hosting its Easter Eggstravaganza. Currently planned for Saturday, March 30, the fun will begin with the successful Bunny Run. More details will be forthcoming here and on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page so start making your plans now to attend.

As reported earlier, the Township of Springwater Trails Master Plan meeting was unfortunately not well attended. Council directed staff to hold and session which will be on Thursday, March 21 starting at 6PM at the municipal office. It is important that the consultants get input from Anten Mills residents as we have the county forest and the North Simcoe Rail Trail in our community.

While it is several weeks away, Springwater Council is holding a Town Hall meeting on March 27 again at the municipal office beginning at 7PM. They will be taking questions directly from the floor so if you have a municipal concern or questions, this is the opportunity for you to get an answer directly.

Council was elected to represent you and all residents of the township so this is an important chance to voice your questions and concerns.

Have you used our Springwater Library? Do you know that they offer numerous resources other than books? The library is looking for your input on how they move forward in the future and have a survey which they want you to participate in. Check it out on the Springwater Library website and get your thoughts known.

Those who live along Horseshoe Valley Road may have noticed that the gravel hauler trucks have reduced their numbers greatly. They at the present time don't seem to be travelling from the Edenvale airport to the other side of Orillia to pick up a load to go back to Toronto. It is interesting to see that in a one day blitz, Huronia West OPP laid over 100 charges against the drivers of these vehicles. According to the report, 93 commercial vehicle charges were laid along with 14 other traffic related violations. The report says "twelve drivers of truck tractors with semi-trailers hauling aggregate to the Edenvale airport faced charges for being overweight on tires, having defective tires, overweight axles, and expired plates." For several years residents along not only Horseshoe Valley Road but also George Johnston Road have endured the wrath of these vehicles as they disregarded speed limits through Anten Mills and Minesing. Unfortunately the company has a reported bad reputation and hopefully the OPP will continue their crackdown on these operators and traffic will be calmer along our roads.

On a final note, there was a report last week that this week we might get to see some Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights as there were some significant solar flares on the sun. This column is prepared several days in advance of the publication and nothing has occurred yet. If you have a chance to get out at night and it's clear, maybe you can get to see some exciting skies.

THANKS for READING, STAY SAFE and BE WELL.

Submitted by County of Simcoe

Midhurst/February 13, 2024 – The County of Simcoe has once again expanded its open data portal, easily accessed at open.simcoe.ca, allowing users to better understand the effectiveness of services and supports that are provided to newcomers in our region.

"We are incredibly thankful to the newcomers who have chosen to call Simcoe County 'home' over the years and this tool allows us to better support them when we make investments across the region," said Warden Basil Clarke. "The information gathered on this site enables us to make data-driven decisions and track the outcomes of the programs that we are building up in our communities. It allows us to ensure that the choices we make in Council not only benefit newcomers but help them thrive in Simcoe County."

This new tool builds up the social service offerings available on this site, which already includes homelessness and shelter data, a census tool,

County of Simcoe Expands Open Data Portal

expanding data available to residents, researchers, and decision-makers across the region.

This data helps to support evidence-based policy making at a county and local level and showcases our immigrant population and pathways, as well as local demographics, including education, training, and skills. It allows users to see how immigrants are helping our local labour market thrive and expand across the region. The tool also highlights long-term trends in the local labour market, immigrant incomes, immigrant mobility and migration trends.

Longitudinal immigration data provides insights into the performance and local impacts of immigration programs and supports actions in the 2023 Community Settlement Strategy.

County staff developed this tool, which emulates a dashboard created by the Community Data Program. The County's dashboard publishes Simcoe County specific data in a free, user-friendly format, enhancing the availability of this key information. The tool combines local information from the federal

Longitudinal Immigration Database, immigration information from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, taxation data from the Canada Revenue Agency, and the date of death from the Canadian Mortality Database.

This information will allow for data-driven solutions aimed at supporting community programs and strengthening the local economy by attracting and retaining talent within our region.

About open.simcoe.ca

In October 2023, the County introduced open.simcoe.ca, a new online data portal to support the County's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy and further assist people in need in our communities and later expanded it to include data from the 2021 federal census. The online portal helps the County of Simcoe and its partners in building up our communities and informing strategies that support homelessness prevention and shelter efforts by tracking real-time data of shelter usage and other trends across the region.

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SPIRITUAL

Rosie's Devotions
by Rosemary Hagedorn



In the Eyes of the Beholder
Ecclesiastes 11:5 – Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things. (NASB)
Jeremiah 1:5 – Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. (NASB)
Isaiah 44:24 – Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the Lord, am the maker of all things." (NASB)
Do you know that God knew you even before you were born? He formed each one as He wanted. He is the Potter and we are the clay. Each one of us is a precious child of God, a masterpiece, created and designed by our heavenly Father.
"But," you may ask, "what about a child who is born with a handicap?" If God knew us before we were born, then He also knew that one of His precious children would be born blind, or be hearing-impaired, or have some other disability.
God does not make a mistake. There is a reason why in His almighty plan. We need only to trust.
We see what we are conditioned to see. Television, magazines and society, sell us the "perfect" body, the "perfect" hairstyle and the "perfect" diet to make us look "perfect". Models with "perfect" bodies sell us the clothing that they are wearing. This is the mind-set of today's society.
There were voices crying out for acceptance long ago in stories such as "The Hunchback of Notre Dame", "The Ugly Duckling", "The Elephant Man" and many others. There are voices still crying out today, each wanting to be accepted, to be recognized as a fellow human being and to be loved.
In Jesus, you and I are perfect, and loved.
Prayer: Lord, help us to look beyond the imperfections and disabilities that confront us every day and to accept Your creation just because You willed it so. Lord, forgive us for having our minds set on what we think is "perfection". Amen.

Hospice Huronia Celebrates
Their Team!



By Debbie Kesheshian, CFRE,
Executive Director
Feb. 13, 2024 - We are thrilled to announce that our Interim Director of Care Cathy Robitaille has achieved the highest level of Hospice Palliative Care Certification, the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Nursing, CHPCN Certification.

"One of Cathy's favourite quotes is from author Mollie Marti. Helping others in need is not only a responsibility of life; it is what gives meaning to life. Cathy's unwavering commitment to continuing education has impacted our work at Tomkins House significantly." Says Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director Hospice Huronia. "This certification is one of the most challenging that any professional can undertake. Cathy has spent months preparing for the final examination along with years of nursing experience which were key to achieving this qualification. She is generous in sharing her knowledge with our team as we care for families in North Simcoe. On behalf of our Board of Directors and Team Tomkins, we congratulate Cathy on this great achievement."
The team at Hospice Huronia has also jumped at other educational opportunities as our culture for learning is strong. Thanks to the Ontario Health Central region, who is sponsoring fully funded palliative care education to Physicians and healthcare providers, several of our team will be taking LEAP (Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care) and the Canadian Serious Illness Conversations Course. This is part of Ontario Health's strategy to increase the capacity for palliative care across the province and is in alignment with the Model of Care for Adults receiving Palliative Care in the Community and the Ontario Palliative Care Network's (OPCN's) Competency framework. Hospice Huronia shares this vision for exceptional and accessible care for those experiencing life-limiting illness and we are proud of our team for leading the way in our community.

Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly, International Correspondent



Feb. 25, 2024 - Recently, I travelled over 1,200 km to Bagamoyo, Tanzania. Why? Because of the opportunity to attend a month-long Christian Music Worship Programme at the highly acclaimed TaSUBa College of Arts.
We, (Pastor Emmanuel Kisagoro who volunteered to drive my fellow student, Rashid Rubango, and myself) left Mugeta at 4:30 a.m. one morning expecting to arrive in Bagamoyo late that same evening. Travelling on the 401, it would have been a long day; in Tanzania it was definitely a two day drive!
The speed limit as we passed through villages was 30 km an hour; there were many, many villages! Police officers, who are stationed all along the major routes every day, seriously watch for speeders even using hidden cameras to determine if drivers have slowed to 30 km before they cross the line painted on the road or pass by the sign at the side of the road that marks the start of the slower speed. Offenders have photos of their vehicles, with a note of how many km they were over the speed limit, forwarded electronically to officers who are just up the road. When, up ahead, you see an officer step into your lane, you know you need to pull over.
There is a good reason for doing this. People of all ages, including children on their way to and from school, are walking on the side of the road, even in the high-speed areas. Once you've driven through the 30 km area, you can go at your own speed, yes, your own speed.
We drove on two lane, paved highways beside and through towering mountains; I never tire of looking at mountains! We saw monkeys at the side of the road as we drove through a conservation area. We passed by lush vegetation in areas that receive sufficient rainfall and vegetation in areas not so blessed. From place to place we saw maize in various stages of growth. And we talked! And talked! And talked! It was a wonderful trip!
TaSUBa College is everything it claims to be! I still find it hard to believe that here I am, a rural Canadian girl for most of my life, sitting in a classroom that is about twenty feet from the beach that hugs the Indian Ocean!
I'm studying music with professional musicians who spend time with their students and create study plans to match each student's ability. The landscape where I'm staying is filled with big, beautiful pink and white flowers, and tall, large leafed green trees. I walk to school and home. School begins at 6:30 am and finishes sometimes as late as 8:30 pm. And then there's homework!
TaSUBa (Taasisi ya Sanaa na Utamaduni Bagamoyo), established on November 2, 2007, is an East African Community (EAC) Centre of Excellence for visual and performing arts training. Its main functions and objectives are to develop, promote and impart knowledge of Tanzanian arts and culture to existing and future generations.
I'm grateful for the difference it is making in my life. Amen.



Photo above: (left to right), Pastor Emmanuel Kisagoro, Annie Warner Donnelly, and Rashid Rubango



Photo above: Annie searching for shells beside the Indian Ocean



Photo above: Annie Warner Donnelly, on the TaSUBa Campus



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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

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
 Billiards/Pool 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.
 Crafts – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m
 Bid-Euchre – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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 Bridge – 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.
 Indoor Pickleball 4:30 – 6:30 p.m

Barrie Region Aquarium Society
 meets on the 2nd Wed each month from Sept-June at East Bayfield Community Centre, Barrie 80 Livingstone Rd E.
 Everyone Welcome! For more info, email president@1brass.com

THURSDAY

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach
 Darts – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Bay Shore Senors Club
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach
 Gentle Fitness Program - VON Exercise 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
 Shuffleboard 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 Indoor Pickleball – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Good Vibes
First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.
 An open-mic music event. For winter months, relocated to Hackney Horse Bed & Breakfast, 3276 Penetanguishene Rd. near Craighurst. \$5 donation, tea, coffee & baking at a small extra cost.

Bay Shore Senors Club
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach
 Indoor Pickleball – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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 new Public Library 544 River Rd., Wasaga Beach. All Parkinson's patients & caregivers welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender 905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com

Barrie-Kempfenfelt 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, barriekempfenfelt72@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
Also available – pole walking at Heritage Park on Wednesdays 9:15am
Times and locations all subject to change.
 Bring good support (running) shoes and water
 Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

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

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

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

Bingo & Lunch
3rd Friday, , 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
 Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

ALL DAYS

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

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
 Bayshore Srs Club, 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S, Woodland Beach

One Time Events

World Day of Prayer
Friday March 1, 2024
 2:00 pm at St. Margaret's Church
 589 Hugel Avenue, Midland

Flag Raising: Simcoe County #ITSTARTS
March 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 Town of Midland Office, on the front steps on Dominion Ave.
 Join staff and members of Council to raise the flag for #ITSTARTS that is a public awareness campaign designed to take a proactive step towards addressing racism and discrimination in Simcoe County.

Midland Cultural Centre
Its Too Late to Stop Now; Van Morrison Tribute
March 1, 2024 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Brookside Music Association: Voices of the Harp
March 2, 2024 7:00 pm
Lennon Live: Love is Real
March 9, 2024 7:30 pm
 333 King Street, Midland
 Tickets: Floor \$49.72; Bal. \$55.37 tax inc.

Elmvale Senior-Drop In
10am-noon
Every other March 4, 2024
 Basement of the Elmvale Library. A social gathering to playing cards, Scrabble, or other board games. Hours are from 10am to noon. For more info call Lynn Patkau at 705-322-3309.

Pasta Dinner Grandmothers of Grandmothers
April 5, 2024 at 5:30pm
 St. Paul's United Church, 308 King St., Midland
 Call Cathy to reserve at 705-527-1324

Shamrock'n Roll Dance - wear your green
Live music: Smokey & The Bones
Sat. March 16, 2024 8 pm - 1 am
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WYEVALE NEWS

by Karen Moreau

Bible Study: Join us for Bible Study on Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. till 3:30 p.m. all are welcome.

Play Group: Thursday morning play group from 9:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. Drop in Program for parents and little ones. Contact Pat Smith for further details, 705-543-9043.

Youth Group: Next meetings are scheduled March 8th and March 22nd. Contact Pat Smith for more details, 705-543-9043.

Lenten Services:

March 3rd: (Communion) Rev. Bonnie Kelly

March 10th: Rev. Bonnie Kelly

March 17th: Rev. Bonnie Kelly

Psalm Sunday Service:

March 24th: Rev, Kathleen Greidanus

March 28th: Maundy Thursday, Seder Supper (Pot Luck @ 6:00 p.m.)

Good Friday Service:

March 29th:

3 pm Rev. Bonnie Kelly

March 31st: Easter Sunday Service: (Communion) Rev. Bonnie Kelly

Fund raisers for the Wyevale United Church

May 4th: Spaghetti Supper

June 1st: Spring Market

We extended our deepest sympathy to Marc & Debra Denomme on the passing of their beloved & cherished daughter Megan Ann, adored sister of Ryan and faithful fiancée, Dylan Mann.

Baseball Registration for Wyevale:

Contact Denna Woods:

wyevalebaseball@rogers.com or

wyevaleminorsoftball.com

Registration is March 10th 2024. Tribe Gear will be available for purchase for players and fans.

Township of Tiny Reminds Drivers of Reduced Load Restrictions

Feb. 26, 2024 - The Township of Tiny reminds drivers that the half load restrictions will commence on March 1, 2024 and will be in effect until April 30, 2024.

While the reduced load restrictions are in effect, no commercial vehicle or trailer may be operated or drawn upon any road within the Township of Tiny where the weight per axle exceeds 5 tonnes.

In accordance with Township of Tiny By-law 07-031 as amended by By-Law 10-006 and Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act:

Reduced load restrictions will be in effect from March 1 to April 30 inclusive, and may be extended into May at the township's discretion.

Reason for weight requirements

In the spring, as frost comes out of the ground and moisture comes out of the road bed:

- Roads become softer and weaker;
- Heavy loads on roads can cause it to sink and break apart, which can lead to permanent damage;
- Half-load restrictions are put in place to protect our roads and road beds from being damaged;
- Reduces the need of having to re-build a road after every spring thaw.

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E.D.G.E. March Meeting
Tree Pruning and Care

Speaker: **Victor Zeibenhause**, Ontario Hydro

Wednesday March 27, 7:00 p.m.
Elmvale Legion, upstairs
Please bring your own mug



Most of us have trees in our gardens. They give the garden structure, shade in the summer, places for tire swings and homes for birds. Have you ever thought; how do I prune, should I prune or when do I prune? E.D.G.E.'s March meeting will answer those questions for you. Our speaker will be Victor Zeibenhause from Ontario Hydro. Wednesday March 27 at 7:00 p.m at the Elmvale Legion.

Your trees can benefit from pruning. It will keep them stronger, less risk of diseases and pests. Pruning also helps with the 4-D's, come to the meeting to find out what they are.

You know that spring's around the corner when seed packets start showing up in stores. Promises of lots of vegetables and flowers. It is cost effective to start your own seeds. I tried this once. Didn't go well. Give the kids a little section of the garden. They will have fun watching what they planted grow and turn into tomatoes or marigolds. And what they grow can be entered into the Junior Fair at the Elmvale Fair

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OPP REPORT

OPP Arrest Three Persons in Stolen Vehicle Investigation

(MIDLAND, ON) - A report near 9:30 p.m. February 23, 2024, of a stolen commercial use pick up truck from the parking lot of a King Street Midland recreational sport location lead officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment to commence an investigation and keep observation for the vehicle.

While on another call for service in the Church Street area of Penetanguishene, officers noticed the stolen vehicle drive into a Church Street address. Three persons exited the vehicle, one person was instantly arrested at the scene and two persons fled the scene with one fleeing into a nearby residence. Further patrol of the area lead to the arrest of the third occupant on Fox Street, Penetanguishene.

Charged in connection to this investigation are the following and their charges.

Alan MONAGUE 48 years of Christian Island with Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada and further with Obstruct Peace Officer was held for a bail hearing on outstanding warrants and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

Christopher Robin MACLEOD 49 years of Midland with Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 and released from custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on April 4, 2024.

Candace BRUSH 28 years of Mississauga with Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 and further with Possession of an identity document and Possession of a credit card released from custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on April 4, 2024.

Recently, officers have responded to several calls

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As investigations continue, officers stress that you need to remove valuables such as wallets, purses and other valuable items and lock your vehicle to help prevent these crimes of opportunity from occurring in our community.

It is seems be a regular occurrence for officers to receive a report of a vehicle entry or a series of entries only to learn the vehicles were left unlocked or locked with valuables left out in plan sight causing an forced entry and theft. These types of thefts can lead to the loss of credit cards and other pieces of personal identification which can be used in fraud related occurrences.



Public Notice - Council Vacancy

TAKE NOTICE that a vacancy exists on the Town of Midland Council for one (1) Councillor. Council has determined to fill this vacancy by appointment through a Call for Nominees in accordance with the Town of Midland's Council Vacancy Policy.

The Term of this position is from the date of Council appointment for the balance of the Council term until November 14, 2026.

A candidate for Municipal office must be a qualified municipal elector as set out in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and fulfill all of the following requirements:

- ☐ Resides in or be the owner or tenant of land in Town of Midland, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- ☐ Is a Canadian citizen;
- ☐ Is at least 18 years old; and,
- ☐ Is not prohibited from voting under Section 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or otherwise by law.

Any qualified individual may submit with identification, **in person only** to the Clerk or designate, the following forms: Council Vacancy Application, Declaration of Qualification, Candidate Information Release, Declaration of Confidentiality and the Endorsement of Nomination – Form 2. Nominations will be accepted by the Clerk's Office, 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland during regular business hours until **2:00 PM on Friday, March 8, 2024.**

An appointment must be scheduled with the Clerk or designate for this purpose.

Candidates may also submit to the Clerk, a personal statement of qualification for consideration of Council. Personal statements must be typewritten in a 12-point font on letter size (8 1/2 x 11") paper, shall not exceed two (2) pages in length and shall include the Candidate's name and address. Statements that do not meet these requirements shall not be included in any Council meeting agenda or provided to Council by the Clerk.

Certified registered Candidates will be afforded the opportunity to address Council for a period of not less than five (5) minutes and not more than ten (10) minutes and will be asked questions by Council at an open Special Meeting of Council to be held during business hours on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024** at a time to be determined by the Clerk upon the close of nominations. The new Councillor will be appointed by By-law and sworn in upon conclusion of the voting at that Special Meeting of Council.

The newly appointed Councillor will assume their seat at the Council Dais at the April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

The Information for Candidates booklet along with the required Council Vacancy Application, Declaration of Qualification, Candidate Information Release, Declaration of Confidentiality and the Endorsement of Nomination - Form 2 are available from the Clerk's Office at 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland, Ontario, L4R 1R2 or online at the Town's website midland.ca/councilvacancy.

Prior to submitting an application, interested individuals should refer to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* for further details relating to the required qualifications.

Inquiries regarding the Council Vacancy process may be directed to:

Sherri Edgar, Town Clerk
705-526-4275, Ext 2210 or sedgar@midland.ca

Sarah Cathcart, Deputy Clerk
705-526-4275, Ext 2208 or scathcart@midland.ca

Catherine LeMesurier, Coordinator, Clerk's Department
705-526-4275, Ext 2212 or clemesurier@midland.ca

Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers Quilt in Honour of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's 20th Anniversary



Feb. 22, 2024 - The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign is proud to present a commemorative quilt in honour of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's 20th anniversary.

The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign is a community of like-minded grandmothers and grandmothers in Canada, the U.K., and Australia. We raise funds for Stephen Lewis Foundation partners who support grandmothers and children in communities affected by the HIV epidemic.

The quilt is a symbol of solidarity, stitched together with contributions from grandmothers across Canada and six countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Our local group from the Midland/Penetanguishene area, In Grandmothers' Hands Huronia, is proud to be a contributor to the quilt.

This remarkable work of textile art holds the story of what becomes possible when women gather, connect, and share their resources, creativity, and compassion.

The 20th Anniversary Commemorative Solidarity Quilt will visit at least 35 communities across Canada, and Midland is one of them! From April 2 to April 5, the quilt will be displayed at the Midland Public Library. It will then be displayed at our Annual Pasta Dinner held at St Paul's Church. Please see the attached poster for details.

Cathy Pelletier, of In Grandmothers' Hands Huronia, says "We are so pleased to be able to showcase this wonderful work of art. It is a vibrant symbol of what can be accomplished by grandmothers working together across Canada and Africa. If we can accomplish this beautiful Solidarity Quilt, what else are we capable of? What else can we do to empower our fellow grandmothers (and grandmothers) in Africa?"

For more information, please call Cathy Pelletier at (705) 527-1324 and visit the website 20th Anniversary Solidarity Quilt – Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.



Swinging Seniors Gather at the Water Hole for Dancing

Members of Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors gathered around the watering hole at The Place in Balm Beach. The organizing committee chose familiar western tunes that were augmented by requests. Later in the evening the members were treated to charcuterie boards consisting of varieties of cold cuts, cheeses and fruit accompanied by crudites and crackers. Prizes were awarded for best western costumes. For more information about the club, please call Vickie at 705 526 5074. There is no place like this place.



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Sat., May 4 - Stars on Ice 2024 at the Meridian Centre, St. Catharines

Includes: evening dinner at the "Mandarin Restaurant" followed by 7:30p.m. performance in section 112 rows K to P. **Cost:** \$184.00

Wed., May 15 - Les Misérables at the Princess of Wales Theatre

Includes: 1:30p.m. performance, orchestra level seating, followed by an evening dinner at the "Ice Cream Patio". **Cost:** \$269.00

Thurs., May 23 - St. Jacobs Day Tour

Includes: a visit to the Market & Outlet Mall, lunch on your own at the Market, time in the Village with stops at The Poultry Place, Picard Peanuts, dinner at "Bonnie Lou's Restaurant". **Cost:** \$100.00



Tues., June 18 - Blue Jays vs Boston Red Sox - 7:07p.m. game time

Includes: tickets in section 134 rows 31, 32 & 33 & motor coach transportation to the game at the Rogers Centre. (No Meals) **Cost:** \$168.00

Wed., July 24 - TINA - The Tina Turner Musical at the CAA Ed Mirvish Theatre, Toronto

Includes: lunch the "HotHouse Restaurant followed by the 1:30p.m. performance, orchestra level seating in rows M, N & P. **Cost:** \$263.00

Overnight Tours

Contact the office for complete itineraries

April 9 to 20 - Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Oceanfront Holiday
Join us as we return to a favourite destination and escape Winter

May 6 to 10 - "I Love Quilting & Spring Flowers" Tour featuring the Holland, Michigan Tulip Festival

May 13 to 15 - Ottawa Tulip Festival

May 28 to June 5 - Enjoy Branson, Missouri in the Spring. If you enjoy Country music and a wide range of entertainment this tour might be just what you are looking for.



June 4 to 21 - Discover the Great Yukon & Alaska on a road less travelled plus Southbound Alaskan Cruise - A once in a lifetime tour! (Fly/drive program)
****PLEASE NOTE:** This will be our 6th and final time offering this program**



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MacDONALD, Janet Clare (Née Gemmill)

January 10, 1939 – February 17, 2024

Janet Clare MacDonald (née Gemmill) passed away peacefully at Woods Park in Barrie on February 17th at the age of 85 surrounded by family.

Born in South Porcupine, Ontario, Janet grew up on Duff Road outside Cloudslee, Algoma District. She had a long career as a nurse and worked at the Barrie Jail for over 24 years, retiring as Head Nurse. In retirement she had a full social calendar travelling with friends, attending her grandchildren's activities, curling, golfing, knitting, and was a member of Burton Avenue United Church for 50 years. Often seen sitting with a cat on her lap and eating sweets, we will remember Janet for her sense of humour and infectious hearty chuckle.

Janet is remembered by her cherished big family. Predeceased by her parents Annie Duff (née Pace) and Roy Gemmill, as well as her beloved big brother Royden (Joan). Janet was the loving mother of six sons: Brad (Heather), Brian (Charmaine), Brent, Keith (Sue), Kent (Mary Ann), Kevin (Leigh), and daughter-in-law Maureen. Treasured Nana to her sixteen grandchildren: Brittany (Dave), Brandon (Meagan), Brady, Allison, Rachel (Mike), Shannon (Dean), Ryan, Clarissa (Gill), Courtney, Nathan, Evan (Khloe), Emma (Gavin), Riley (Matt), Jordan, Sarah, and Graydon. Also Nana to her four great-grandchildren: Evelyn, Kain, Huxley, and Saylor. Sister-in-law of the late Clayton (Betty), the late Ellis (Marjorie), Jim (late Pat), and the late Jeanette Halcrow (late Bill).


Janet's family thanks the entire staff at Woods Park for their excellent care these past few years.

A visitation will be held at Burton Avenue United Church on Friday, April 19th, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Funeral Service at Burton Avenue United Church on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., reception to follow downstairs. The service will be livestreamed; for the link to watch, please visit the obituary posted on Peaceful Transition's website.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Burton Avenue United Church (burtonavenueunited.com/donate) or to a charity of your choice. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Cloudslee Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be forwarded via <https://www.peacefultransition.ca/>

OBITUARIES



LADOUCEUR, Martin David


Martin David Ladouceur, a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend to many, passed away on February 16th, 2024 at Georgian Bay Memorial Hospital. He was born in Toronto ON on July 12th, 1952.

Martin will be deeply missed by his loving wife Patti Ladouceur (McNamara), his cherished daughter Chantelle Ladouceur and his devoted son-in-law Yomi Otukogbe and his two beloved granddaughters Alliyah and Ayla. He is also survived by his adored daughter Kayllie and his caring son-in-law Taidgh Marshall. Martin leaves behind two sisters Lyn Sayyeau and Christy Kelly and brother-in-law Mike Kelly as well as a brother Guy Ladouceur (pre-deceased). Martin's passing has left an irreplaceable void in the lives of those who knew him best. Alongside his commitment to family, Martin was an impassioned martial artist, generously imparting his wisdom to individuals of every age through his teachings.

A visitation will be held at Lynn-Stone Funeral Home located at 15 Yonge St in Elmvale from 11 am -1 pm on Thursday, February 22nd followed by a service in the chapel at 1 pm where friends and loved ones can come together to honor Martin's memory.

Please consider making memorial donations to the Cancer Society in honor of Martin's memory.

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



AGAR, Helen Bernice

Passed away at the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland on February 23, 2024. Bernice Agar of Elmvale in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Dale Agar. Dear mother of Kathleen (David), Clayton (Theresa), Robert, Larry (Beverly), Bruce (Nancy), and Ian. Grandmother of Colin, Christopher, Rosa, Andrew, Matthew, Judi, Maggie, George, Fraser, Dustin, Nathan, Tristan, and Trevan. Great grandmother of 11.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 12 – 1 pm on Friday, March 1, 2024. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 1 pm.

Interment Elmvale Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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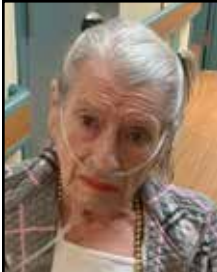


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OBITUARIES



HOUSTON, Joan Ann (Gosse)

Passed away peacefully at Hillcrest Village on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 in her 81st year. Beloved wife of the late Alexander Houston, mother of Charlie of Fort McMurray, Bonnie of Ayton and Ronnie of Barrie. Grandmother of Melissa, Bryan Jr. and Finley. Sister of Phyllis and Raymond, deceased.

Joan was born in Bell Island, Newfoundland September 8, 1943. At the age of 18 she moved to Toronto. In 1990, Joan married Alex and they developed a love of coming to the cottage in Tiny Township. In 1996, they moved into their home on Stone St. and quickly developed friendships with many people in the community. Joan loved spending her days caring for a number of cats (any stray was welcome), gardening, sitting on the front porch reading or chatting with those who stopped to visit and in later years spending time with her loved dog, Millie, in her lap.

Joan was a very special neighbour to Tom, Colleen, Adrianna, Landon and Isaak, stepping in to care for the kids whenever Tom needed to answer a fire call, which led to a lifelong friendship.

Joan will be missed by family and friends but memories of time with her will live on.

In keeping with Joan’s wishes, there will not be a funeral service.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the Elmvale Library.

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



Lisa Marie Parent (nee Moore)

Feb. 4, 1969-Feb 4, 2024.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lisa Marie Parent. Lisa passed away surrounded by her family at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Sunday, February 4, 2024, on her 55th birthday.

Lisa was a loving wife, partner and best friend to her husband of 25 years, Steven Parent. The most devoted mother to her two daughters, Marissa and Kaylan (and fur baby Miley). Precious daughter to her parents Donna & Scott Moore, and parents-in-law, Janice & Jerry Parent. Treasured granddaughter of the late Doris & Robert Moore and Ruth & Cecil Filman. The best big sister to Kim (Geoff) and Christina. Loyal and loving sister-in-law to Nicole (Matt). Cherished aunt to Rileigh (Jason), Darcy, Amy, Kate, Ava, Madison and Ayden. Beloved niece and cousin to all of her aunts, uncles and cousins near and far. Dearest friend to so many. Lisa had a heart of gold and her kindness was felt by everyone who knew her.

Lisa grew up in Newmarket, Ontario and moved to the Midland area after meeting her soulmate, Steve. She was a loyal and dedicated employee at TD Canada Trust for 35 years and will be dearly missed by her loving work family and valued clients.

Lisa loved traveling to sunny destinations with her family, spending time at the beach in her own backyard of Tiny Township, cottaging, quality time with her whole family and watching her beautiful daughters grow into the amazing young women they are today - their close and special bond will live on in all of the happy memories they shared together.

Lisa’s positive outlook and bravery never wavered during her 16 month battle with cancer. In lieu of flowers, donations to <https://www.colorectalcancercanada.com> or <https://secure.ontariospca.ca> can be made in her memory.

A celebration of Lisa’s life will be held on June 22, 2024, 2:00 pm at the family home;

Spread your wings, our beautiful butterfly.



In Loving Memory of Orest Mark Czujko
June 19, 1957 – February 11, 2024

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Orest Czujko on Sunday, February 11th, 2024 surrounded by his loving family

after his brief battle with cancer at the age of 66. Beloved husband of 36 years to Tracy Campbell. Loving father to Nicolas Czujko (Brianna Buziak) and Tatiana Czujko. Cherished son to Orest Czujko Sr. and dear brother to Tamara Kellett. Orest is predeceased by his mother Iris Czujko.

Orest was retired after 28 years working with the Toronto Police Service after a previous career in forestry. He and his family had moved to Penetanguishene to fulfill Orest’s lifelong dream of spending retirement on beautiful Georgian Bay. He will be very missed by extended family and friends.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date. If desired, donations in memory of Orest may be made to the Georgian Bay General Hospital.



KIND, Robin Lee
1962-2024

Passed away on February 14, 2024 after a year long battle with cancer. Robin was born in San Fransisco, CA on August 14, 1962 to Betty Jo and Leon Kind and spent her formative years growing up in Bedford,

Nova Scotia. After graduating from Dalhousie University and subsequently, from Law at the University of Toronto (distinction), Robin joined Stikeman Elliot practicing Corporate law before focusing on Environmental law. She joined the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) in 1994. Robin progressed from Senior Environmental Lawyer to General Council and to Executive Vice President/General Council of the 1000 person Provincial Agency. Robin lived Diversity and Inclusion leading OCWA’s D&I program. She had a humbleness and understanding of First Nations implementing a traditional knowledge circle at OCWA and promoting partnering with more than 50 Ontario First Nations. A natural leader, she mentored the senior professionals and Management at the agency with empathy and compassion. Robin was the “heart and soul” of OCWA.

Her interests were many and varied from art, jazz, classical music, poetry & literature to sports. Her knowledge of the history and strategies of NFL football impressed even die hard NFL fans; her mastery and understanding of wines impressed the most experienced sommeliers. She loved playing golf, tennis, skiing and walking the shores of Georgian Bay. Her laughter, sense of humour and true joie de vivre touched all who met her. Robin’s straight forward approach and enthusiasm was infectious. A complex and compassionate woman of wide-ranging interests, Robin had a deep passion for the environment, a love for travel, wine and fine dining and an incredible sense of design. Robin was open-minded, progressive, generous and above all else, loving.

Beyond all of these things was her love for her family. To her husband and family she will always be remembered as a dedicated, loving and attentive sister, godmother, grandmother and wife who supported them in everything, whether it was supporting their careers or pouring them a glass of great wine, she was always there.

Robin and her husband , Rob Andrews moved full time to Balm Beach (Tiny ON) fulfilling Robin’s life long love of being on a beach. Robin is survived by her mother Betty Jo, her two brothers Brooks and Peter (Vanessa), her niece and nephew, Natasha and Joshua, Mike & Kendra and Matt, Falon and Elle. She was dearly loved and will be very much missed by all of them.

A celebration of her life will take place at the Lynn Stone Funeral Home in Springwater (Elmvale) on Friday, February 23rd from 2:00-4:00 pm with the eulogy at 3:00 pm.

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Hospice Huronia Looks to the Future



By Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director

Feb. 26, 2024 - It's been an interesting journey for Hospice Huronia as they enter 30 years of caring for our community. The highlight of course was the opening of Tomkins House, a 5-bed Hospice Home where care of 350 patients and their families has taken place. It is the visiting volunteer program and grief & bereavement support that was the beginning of Hospice Huronia in 1994 and it's significant that this is the major growth area for the organization moving into the future.

"We learned many things during COVID including the fact that our community is hurting," said Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director. "Feelings of isolation, loss of rituals such as celebrations of life, funerals and face-to-face good-byes has taken its toll. The need for our community programs including grief & bereavement support has skyrocketed and we are ready to care."

Kesheshian was made aware of an opportunity recently that caused the Board of Directors to make a very important decision for the future of the organization.

Donna Macfarlane, Chair of the Board explains, "Debbie had a strong relationship with our neighbours who own the beautiful, forested area surrounding Tomkins House. When she heard that they were selling the property, the Board sprung into action. Our greatest concern was losing the natural beauty surrounding our site and fear that it could be clear cut and paved over." Months of careful discussions and meetings took place with Hospice Huronia ultimately purchasing the property.

"This is an investment far greater than the opportunities of nature. This will lay the foundation of a future Community Hospice Centre where grief & bereavement groups can gather. Day Programs and Respite can be offered and where our community will know that loving arms will wrap around them during life's most challenging times," said Macfarlane.

If you would like more information, simply call Debbie at 705-549-1034 or email debbie.k@hospicehuronia.ca.

Township of Tiny Welcomes over 400 Guests to Winter Carnaval d'Hiver



Photo above: Two young boys roasting marshmallows in the fire pits

Submitted by Township of Tiny

Feb. 15, 2024 - On Saturday February 10, the Township of Tiny hosted the annual Winter Carnaval d'Hiver at Perkinsfield Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Over 400 guests enjoyed the day filled with fun winter activities.

The Winter Carnaval d'Hiver had something for everyone in the community to enjoy. Attendees were treated to a variety of activities including the mobile snow tubing hill provided by Snow Valley, the Tiny Township Lions Club mini stick arena, carnival games, and a fire performance by Bex in Motion.

A free pancake lunch was generously donated by Phil's Catering and Event Rentals topped with Maple Syrup from Windlee Farms. Guests could also warm up with hot chocolate, apple cider, or with s'mores and Bannock roasted on the fire.

Family and youth activities were provided by



Photo above: young child coming down the Snow Valley tubing hill in a large and colourful tube

the Midland Public Library, Springwater Public Library, Wye Marsh, Severn Sound Environmental Association, Awenda Provincial Park, and Friends of Awenda.

"One of the best parts of winter here in Tiny has to be the Winter Carnaval d'Hiver," said Mayor Evans. "This event is packed with activities for the whole family that embrace the winter season and includes a free pancake lunch with local maple syrup. I'd like to extend a special thank you to all of our sponsors, partners, volunteers, and staff for putting on such a memorable event".

To view moments from the 2024 Winter Carnaval d'Hiver, please visit our Facebook page or website using the links below:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownshipofTiny
Website: www.tiny.ca/photos



The Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) Auxiliary celebrates its biggest win to date with a Community 50/50 Draw jackpot of over \$694,000. Lea Engles of Orillia was thrilled to receive her cheque on January 26, presented by the RVH Auxiliary.

"Staying positive and putting your energy out there can bring good things," says Engles, who found out about her incredible win just one week after being laid off from her job.

Springwater News in St. Kitts

Photo below: Ward 3 Councillor Brad Thompson reads the North Simcoe Springwater News in St. Kitts.





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