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### Medal Winner at Special Olympics National Winter Games

*By Kathy McCarroll*

Mar. 11, 2024 - Trevor Knight from Orr Lake returned home from Special Olympics National Winter Games in Calgary Alberta with a silver and a bronze medal in Nordic Skiing. He had personal best times in both the 500m and 1 km events

He was one of 18 skiers representing Team Ontario. Trevor has been training at Horseshoe Valley for 26 years. In 2022, Trevor won the Dr Frank Hayden Lifetime Achievement Award from Special Olympics Ontario. He says the best things about the Special Olympics is having friends, competing and winning a medal.

Trevor would like to send a huge Thank You to all the sponsors who helped him get to Calgary ! The sponsors are:

Doug Kirton, Angela Kirton for coordinating, Brae Con Building Supplies, Whitfield Guardian Pharmacy, Lakelands Irrigation, McLaren Equipment, DLG Services, Royal Canadian Legion, Kathryn Hamelin, Paul Dahmer, Marten Nagel, Denis Robitaille, Lou Belcourt, Norm Crannie, Tim Columbus, Bill Truax, and Deborah Kirton.



### "COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR"

*By Bunny Trace*

March 11, 2024 - WONDERFUL WALK FOR "CNOY"

"COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR" was celebrated on a cold, but beautiful sunlit afternoon at St. Johns United Church in Elmvale on February 24. The more than forty walkers pictured here set off

in high spirits on their 2 or 5 k routes, and gradually divided into smaller groups as pictured below. All congregated for a hot chili feast at the end of the walk. The proceeds of over \$4500. will be presented to The Guest House in Midland, as they have been after the previous two CNOY Walks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

The Elmvale Community Church was host to an important event on March 2, 2024. The speaker was Palestinian Christian Hammam Farah and his talk was headlined: 'Seeing our Palestinian Brothers & Sisters in Christ.'

The church was full, and people listened attentively as Farah recounted the history of Palestine, a land where the indigenous people have lived under occupation for more than 75 years. Unlike most present-day Gazans who are refugees, displaced from elsewhere in Palestine, Farah's family is from Gaza, they trace their ancestry back to the Canaanites.

Farah talked of the daily life experienced by relatives who remain in Palestine, subject to arbitrary acts of dispossession and brutality by the state. One account was of the death of his great aunt Elham Farah, 84, a well-loved music teacher who had taken refuge in Gaza's Holy Family Church last November. She left to check on her apartment and get some clean clothes. A sniper shot her in the leg and she is thought to have bled to death, though an additional detail had one audience member leaving the meeting in tears.

Now, the situation gets more dire by the day as Gazans dodge constant bombardment and search desperately for basic necessities - food, water, fuel.

Farah urged: it's time for the Canadian government to stop sending arms to Israel.

It is indeed time, time for peace to come to the Holy Land.

Sincerely Kate Harries, Elmvale

Brave Public Speakers



Photo above: (LtoR) Lexy Edmonds and Rachel Horgan

March 9, 2024 - Royal Canadian legion districts for public speaking was held in Port McNicoll on Saturday Mar 9. 1st place for Juniors was Lexy Edmonds and 1st place for Intermediate was Rachel Horgan. They will now represent the Elmvale Branch 262 on Mar 23 at the Provincials held in Coldwater.



BIA board meeting:  
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Elmvale Library 5:30pm

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2024 Effective Speaking Speakers



March 11, 2024 - Elmvale - February 29th Elmvale District Lions hosted their annual Effective Speaking Competition. Despite Mother Nature's wintry whiplash, the turnout was incredible. Their thanks go out to the 3 participating schools, as well as the dedicated teachers and educators who wholeheartedly supported their students and this program.

Congratulations to the students who will be advancing to the Region 8 Speak Off on March 23, in Alliston. Your hard work paid off.

Huge shoutout to the judges, Krista Haidner, Chantal Hewitt and Lynn Patkau, thank you for your time and lending us your expertise, your role wasn't made easy, each of the participants spoke with such passion and skill. Your contribution to help ensure this event was an absolute success was very much appreciated

The 2024 Effective Speaking winners were:

- Junior Division:**  
1st Place: Lexxy Edmonds  
2nd Place: Layton Fay  
3rd Place: Audrey Snedden

- Intermediate Division:**  
1st Place: Troy Hales  
2nd Place: Connor Grant  
(All from Wyevalle Public School)
- Every participant deserves a round of applause. Their bravery and eloquence made the judges jobs not easy at all. Each speech was a masterpiece in its own, and they should be very proud of themselves.
- Thank you to Elmvale Lions for organizing another great event.

EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Mar. 12, 2024 - I am creating this edition in beautiful Costa Rica with a view of the rain forest at my side. While working, I have seen a pizotte, many white faced monkeys, spider monkeys, small and large igunnas, mackaws, toucans, and its seems like a million kinds of colourful birds. I have not seen any snakes or had a black widow spider on me like last year, thank goodness. The evolution of technology allows me this freedom. My good friends are hosting us in their home. I owe a debt of gratitude to them. Thank you Jack and Christel.

This march break issue contains an article on page 9 that discusses an issue that has been bothering me for a while now. The article is titled, "The Disastrous Rollout of the Liberals' \$10-a-Day Childcare" by Matthew Lau. It was brought to my attention that the new Elmvale licensed day care, "Addae Cares" was formed in the hopes that parents could take advantage of the \$10-a-Day day care. No, that is not the case because the wisdom off our grand leaders thought it was a great idea to make Elmvale and Wasaga Beach an area that does not need the funding. We are in the 'red zone' and this resulted in the new day care facility in Elmvale to raise their rates to higher than unregulated spaces due to regulation and higher expenses. We have a huge problem and parents simply cannot find places to care for their children while they try to make money to pay for their over priced housing. Regulated day care that are in the governments "green zones" have a two year waiting list. I know of a parent that had her daughter on a wait list for care and did not get a call until her son was born two years later. Wow! Are us proud Canadians too polite to protest? Yes, we are but we have the power of a vote. Politicians beware.





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*By Deb McLean*

Mar. 10, 2024 - On Saturday, March 4, 2024, thirty-two curlers participated in the annual Gilbert Hall Memorial Curling Bonspiel. Each team played 2-six end games and enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided

by the Elmvale Lioness. Although the change in the format was a surprise to some of the curlers, it was well received and allowed all team members to play the different positions.

## Wye Marsh and Sainte-Marie on Tap to Co-host Sweetwater Harvest Festival for a Second Year

*By Mikaela Lefaive*



Mar. 11, 2024 - MIDLAND, ON: The Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre's Sweetwater Harvest Festival – the non-profit's biggest event of the year – will once again include a dynamic collaboration with neighbouring attraction Sainte-Marie among the Hurons.

"Maple syrup tasting is an iconic Ontario activity, and a springtime must," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "I encourage visitors and locals to plan a visit to the Sweetwater Harvest Festival, a family-friendly event that celebrates maple syrup season and offers crafts, good food and outdoor fun at two of Simcoe County's finest attractions."

The annual maple syrup-themed festival will take place March 23 to 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with last admission at 2:30 p.m. Family-friendly activities will be on tap at both sites, including sugar shack demonstrations, maple taffy, an artisan market, and take-home crafts for kids.

“The Sweetwater Harvest Festival offers the opportunity to welcome the return of spring, and celebrate maple syrup - one of the season’s sweetest offerings,” says Kim Hacker, Executive Director, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre. “There is nothing like smelling Bannock cooking over a wood fire, tasting maple taffy rolled on snow, and seeing the generations of families enjoying time together outdoors.”

Sainte-Marie have worked together to co-host the Sweetwater Harvest Festival, but collaboration is nothing new for these two organizations that share an entrance off Highway 12, in Midland. They also work together to offer educational experiences throughout the year.

"We're delighted to partner with the Wye Marsh in celebrating the region's natural and cultural heritage," says Will Baird, General Manager, Huronia Historical Parks. "With an expanded list of activities at both locations, this event will offer opportunities for enjoyment for people of all ages."

Activities at the Wye Marsh will include trekking through the sugar bush, sugar shack demonstrations, maple taffy on ice, roasting bannock on a stick, a new syrup-tasting challenge, a kids zone full of activities, presentations by Indigenous knowledge keepers, a chance to learn about birds of prey and trumpeter swans, and of course, opportunities to purchase locally-made maple syrup.

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons will host more than 20 artisans at the Sweetwater Arts and Crafts Market in addition to offering indoor and outdoor scavenger hunts, cornbread in the cookhouse, opportunities to try on historical clothing, playing

Indigenous games, stories in the longhouse, tasting historic teas, as well as take-home crafts like corn husk dolls and clay pots.

Tickets for the Sweetwater Harvest Festival must be purchased online at [WyeMarsh.com/Sweetwater](http://WyeMarsh.com/Sweetwater) but no advance purchase is necessary. Guests can save \$5 per ticket by purchasing admission before 4 p.m. on March 18.

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EDHS Winter Carnival

By Murray Gangway

EDHS held its much anticipated Winter Carnival hosted by the SAA. The carnival featured bowling, open mic and the much-hyped House Hockey tournament. This year the Rowdies defeated the Trojans in the finals to repeat as House Champions

with Evan H. scoring the game winning goal just like last year. Back in the halls of the school, students are starting to talk about the Rowdies dynasty. A big shoutout to all of the Grade 12s for their energy and enthusiasm that ensured that this great tradition continues.

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2023 Income taxes are due April 30th, 2024. If you are an individual or a family with low to moderate income the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program hosted at the Elmvale Public Library, can help with filing.

- 1) **IN PERSON:** Our volunteers can meet with you to complete your tax return. Call the library to book your appointment, (705) 322-1482.
- 2) **DROP OFF:** We also offer drop off and pick up service through the library. Enclose your documents and contact information in a sealed envelope labelled INCOME TAXES and drop off at the main desk.
- 3) **BY PHONE:** We are able to help those who are unable to access the library. Call the library (705) 322- 1482 and ask for a volunteer to contact you directly.

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is a collaborative partnership between the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), the Elmvale Public Library, and volunteers.

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Township of Tiny Municipal Office, 130 Balm Beach Rd. W., Tiny.

**Description of Lands:**  
1. Roll No. 43 68 000 008 11900 0000; 53 BEAUREMI RD., TINY; PIN 58402-0339 (LT); LT 9 PL 1422 TINY; TINY; File No. 22-08  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$176,000  
**Minimum tender amount: \$12,984.96**

2. Roll No. 43 68 000 009 15701 0000; PENNORTH DR.; PIN 58409-0112 (LT); LT 32 PL 1470 TINY; TINY; File No. 22-09  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$72,000  
**Minimum tender amount: \$8,832.57**

3. Roll No. 43 68 000 011 38184 0000; 32 ALBION LANE, TINY; PIN 58413-0018 (LT); PCL 18-1 SEC 51M330; LT 18 PL 51M330 TINY; TINY; File No. 22-10  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$351,000  
**Minimum tender amount: \$24,598.97**

4. Roll No. 43 68 000 016 15400 0000; 15 NEEDLE RD., TINY; PIN 58429-0179 (LT); PT LT 3 CON 16 TINY AS IN RO1255892; T/W RO1255892 EXCEPT T/W OVER RO338993, EXCEPT T/W OVER RO1063647 & EXCEPT T/W OVER RO1412733; TINY; File No. 22-15  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$138,000  
**Minimum tender amount: \$13,044.65**

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, crown interests or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value according to the last returned assessment roll may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.**

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

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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WYEVALE NEWS

by Karen Moreau

**March 11, 2024 - Bible Study:** Join us Wednesday afternoon 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome. We are studying the Parables of Jesus.

**Play Group:** Thursday morning play group from 9:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m Thursday, March 14th. Drop in Program for parents and little ones. Contact Pat Smith for further details, 705-543-9043.

**Youth Group:** Next meeting Friday, March 15th. Contact Pat Smith for more details, 705-543-9043.

**New Meditation Class:** Beginning Wednesday, March 20th 7:00 pm at Wyevale United Church. The class will consist of learning to breathe, calming mind & body. Different ways of coping with stress. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge. Please bring water. For further information I can be reached at 249 535 1939. Kimberly Fisch

**Potluck:** March 17th after Church "Irish" theme potluck. Everyone should wear green.

**Lenten Services:** March 17th.

**Psalms Sunday Service:** March 24th.

**Maundy Thursday:** March 28th – Seder Supper (Potluck)

**Good Friday Service:** March 29th at 3pm

**Easter Sunday Service:** March 31st and Communion.

During the season of Lent and Easter we need several volunteers to read a short litany during the services. Please contact Rev Bonnie or Carol if you can help out.

We extend our Sympathy to the Pearson family on the passing of Wilma Pearson. Formerly of Wyevale, ON.

Up and coming fund raisers for the Wyevale United Church are on Saturday May 4th for a Spaghetti Supper Saturday and on June 1st for a Spring Market.

Baseball Registration for Wyevale: Contact Denna Woods:

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Creativity is Important for  
Mental Health

by Lisa Harpell

As the feedback comes pouring in over the seniors exhibit "Inspired by a Lifetime" at the Stonebridge Art Gallery in Wasaga Beach the over all theme is excitement, disbelief and overwhelming happiness. The senior artists involved have had the opportunity to play around with mixing colors and learning new techniques while sharing and laughing about all their similar experiences but mostly their stories which have helped them get through. This experience has built friendships and support at a time where they are still dealing with outbreaks and lockdowns which made completing some of the artwork a challenge and although this centered around artists in retirement lodges, the same rule applies, creating is important for your mental health no matter what it looks like or what age you are. It could be singing dancing, creative cuisine gardening or just arranging flowers, creativity comes in so many forms and needs to be celebrated in a way that brings happiness back into our lives.

When asked how it makes them feel , I get answers like, "it make you disappear into another world leaving all your troubles behind ", and who wouldn't want that .It doesn't involve technology or any energy other than your own, it can be creative writing, doodling or just splatting paint around, perhaps making a mud pie, when's the last time you got a chance to do that?? Don't forget the kid that resides inside you because that is a time when things were simple and small things mattered, especially a little creative expression. Remember , it's never too late to express yourself and rediscover the creative energy that you were born with, you just may find that you feel a whole lot better afterwards.



By Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Mar. 7, 2024 - Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall should be expecting a call any day now from Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin.

Springwater Township council decided at Wednesday night's meeting to reverse a Nov. 15, 2023 council decision to "terminate discussions" with Barrie regarding the city's proposal for municipal boundary adjustments and cross-border servicing.

Well, sort of.

Springwater council voted to hold talks with the Barrie officials, but only regarding cross-border servicing.

There will be no talk of boundary adjustments.

Coun. Brad Thompson tabled a reconsideration of the previous resolution from November relating to Barrie's boundary adjustment proposal.

"I am seeking the reconsideration in order to get our mayor, deputy mayor and CAO back to the table," Thompson said. "Since our Nov. 15 resolution terminating talks, there has been a lot of chatter about this from the City of Barrie and media outlets.

"I don't think it's beneficial or productive for our residents and our community to not be in the room when the future of Springwater is being discussed and really feel it prudent we reconsider this," he added.

Coun. Matt Garwood seconded the motion.

Council voted after clarifying the wording and what portions of the original Nov. 15 decision have been carried out. That includes that the mayor, deputy mayor and chief administrative officer have commenced discussions with officials from Simcoe County and Oro-Medonte Township regarding potential cross-border servicing partnerships, a letter be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising it of the township's termination of discussions with the City of Barrie and a delegation request be submitted to the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) conference, but not approved and was not heard.

In a recorded vote, Thompson, Garwood and Coun. Anita Moore, along with Coughlin, voted in favour of the reconsideration. Deputy Mayor George Cabral, Coun. Phil Fisher and Coun. Danielle Alexander voted against.

With the reconsideration carried, the township's clerk recommended the motion, now in its entirety, be divided to handle the items that have been dealt with, remove those, vote on those and then keep the remainder of the motion that council would like to debate.

Coughlin then recommended council separate the two issues: cross-border servicing and Barrie's boundary adjustment request.

"I don't see how you can separate the two as they are one," said Thompson. "My perspective of how this occurred is, in the prepared statements, I think Deputy Mayor Cabral alluded to the fact that we started the discussion with the City of Barrie by going forward and asking them for cross-border servicing.

"The city came back to us and said we'd be willing to do it, but this is how we see it. The two topics are so intertwined I don't see how they can be separated. I would just like you in the room listening and having an ear to the ground," added Thompson, directing his comment toward Coughlin.

Fisher voted against the reconsideration and said he's not interested in shifting the municipality's border and he was under the impression Barrie didn't want to offer Springwater cross-border servicing.

"I think that was made clear, so I'm a little confused that we would want to go back and have a conversation with them when it's been communicated to us that they're not interested," Fisher said.

Alexander was on the same page as Fisher.

"I do not feel Barrie has ever come to the table to negotiate in good faith," she said. "They came with an ask, that's what they wanted. The conversation with Mayor Nuttall about cross-border servicing was that he was not really interested in it. It was a take it or leave it, a little bit of an attitude.

"That's not a partner in my mind, it's not what I am prepared to negotiate with because I don't think he's interested in negotiating with us. I think his proposal benefits Mayor Nuttall and the City of Barrie and not the residents of Springwater," Alexander added.

Moore said she supported Thompson's reconsideration motion, but wanted to see the cross-border servicing issue separated from the boundary expansion issue.

"We have some incredible projects that could be made so much easier for those applicants if discussion for cross-border serving could take place," she said.

Cabral said he talked with Thompson earlier in the day and told him that he would not support reconsideration.

Cabral had submitted a notice of motion on last night's agenda dealing with the same topic. He said his motion would have better prepared council going forward if a reconsideration was to take place.

"You knew full well on looking at the agenda there was something on there that was directly specific to us moving forward with looking at some of those other options," Cabral said to Thompson. "What we just did was premature. I think we could have waited."

Cabral called Thompson's motion for reconsideration "an error in judgment," earning him a point of order and admonishment from the mayor.

"In our code of conduct, we're not permitted to speak to members in that way," Coughlin told Cabral.

Thompson said because Springwater is not at the table, council hasn't been able to share with the public the compensation package the city has put together.

"Mayor Nuttall has been very clear about his plan; he calls it the largest compensation package in the history of the province," Thompson said. "He's promising our taxpayers a 10 per cent revenue share of any new taxes created through this proposal plus \$8 million in new taxes to us — a 30 per cent increase to our revenues and our bottom line.

"I'd like him to be accountable to those numbers and explain to us how he plans to make that happen," the councillor added. "We have a responsibility to our residents and our taxpayers to at least be at the table and listen."

Garwood fully supported Thompson's motion.

"Being at the table does not mean we are agreeing to a boundary adjustment, being at the table does not mean we are agreeing to cross-border servicing," Garwood said. "It's just being at the table."

BarrieToday reached out to Nuttall for his reaction, but he is recovering from surgery and was unable to respond.

Barrie's chief administrative officer, Michael Prowse, responded on the mayor's behalf.

"The city is always open to having discussions on shared interests with our neighbours," Prowse responded via email. "As of now, we have not heard directly from Springwater Township on their desire to resume talks, but we will not be negotiating in the media."

## Tracing the Legacy: Orr Lake Dance Hall and Golf Course

By Brian Belcourt



Photo above: Orr Lake Dance Pavilion (right to left): Tom Crowe, sons Stephen and Terry. Photo facebook 'If you were from Elmvale...')

Mar. 11, 2024 - The Orr Lake community lost



an influential part of their history this week, with the passing of Tom Crowe. Clarence Crowe, Tom's father, opened a dance hall in Orr Lake in 1928. Tom along with his wife Goldie took over the original Orr Lake Dancehall from his parents back in the

1950's. Tom played in the band at the dance hall having fun on the keyboard and quickly changing to the trumpet while Al Beardsall sang and set rhythm on bass guitar. Larry Ruth played guitar and sang harmony. So many fun memories for local folks in Elmvale and North Simcoe were created. They knew where to hide the drinks if the police showed up. Tom made sure of that.

With the aging population, dance participation slowly declined. Tom decided to leave his job at the TD Bank and expanded his business into the golfing industry and had a dream of creating a golf course. He built the first 9 holes at Orr Lake with his family and some local help. He opened on August 1st, 1967. Over the years Tom continued to improve and expand the layout through input from the golfers at Orr Lake. He knew people and had great respect for locals. When he wanted to build a new tee, a new pond or bunker, it would be created with the input from the members. The success of his business was built on great customer service.

Tom's favourite activity and love was always music and he loved playing at the dances. Although he designed and built Orr Lake Golf Club, he never played the game of golf. That being said, he was very passionate about the work on the course and enjoyed spending time with the customers of both the golf course and the dances. After raising 5 kids with his wife Goldie, and later into his life, Tom made the bold decision to build the 2nd 9 holes with his son Greg. Right up until the day he sold, at the age of 72, he continued to work at the golf course with his wife Goldie, son Greg and his daughter Denise.

Lou Belcourt, long time member and friend of Tom said, "I have over the years, been a member of several local golf courses including Horseshoe Valley. As a member, Orr lake was my favorite. This was primarily due to Tom. He always made playing there a pleasurable experience and he developed a friendship with me and my friends that lasted a lifetime. Monday members men's night plus tournaments were memorable events that he personally was involved in and he loved teasing some members as foils in a humorous manner. Whenever I met Tom in our latter years the conversation always reverted to fun days at the Orr Lake Golf Course. These past memories are special to me and eclipse any memories I have of my playing days elsewhere."

Brian Belcourt mentioned, "As a resident for 60 years in the Elmvale area, I cannot count how many times I have heard stories about experience and good times local residents have had at the Orr lake dance hall, and golf course. A big thank you is owed to the Crowe family for supply the facility for these memoirs."

Many golfers and dancers remember the great times that were had due to the bright personality of this great man that will be missed by family and friends.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
ON AN AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE HOUSING  
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Town of Penetanguishene is considering a new Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Affordable and Sustainable Housing under Section 28 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that Council of the Town of Penetanguishene will hold a Public Meeting on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be dealt with in the Council Chambers Townhall, 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**  
The proposed Affordable and Sustainable Housing Community Improvement Plan provides for financial incentives for the creation of affordable housing and sustainable housing in the Town. The proposed Community Improvement would apply to the entire municipality. Here are some details of the proposed incentive programs:

Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) Program  
The purpose of this program is to increase the overall number of purpose-built rental housing units throughout the Town by providing a grant that reduces the property tax increase that typically results from development and/or redevelopment projects.

Surplus Land Program  
This program is to identify and prioritize the utilization of surplus municipal lands for developments that include the provision of affordable housing, and for lands where residential development is unfeasible, to prioritize the sale of the land to fund the reserve fund used to fund the Town's CIP Programs.

Planning and Building Permit Fee Program  
The purpose of this program is to promote the development of purpose-built rental housing and sustainable housing by offsetting the costs associated with fees for planning and building applications.

Renovations for Rental Housing Program  
The grant may cover eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$15,000 in funding for the repair or renovation of existing rental housing.

Affordable and Sustainable Housing Feasibility Study Program  
The purpose of this grant is to support housing providers to evaluate the feasibility of developing affordable and/or sustainable housing units and/or projects. In both cases, a grant equal to 50% of the cost of studies or plans up to a maximum of \$20,000 in funding will be available.

Additional Dwelling Unit Program  
The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to offset the construction costs associated with renovating an existing dwelling or accessory building to include a new Additional Dwelling Unit within the principal dwelling or an existing accessory building. The grant may cover eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 per unit or \$20,000 per property for the construction.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
Further details and eligibility requirements of the proposed new Community Improvement Plan can be found at the Town of Penetanguishene's public engagement website [www.connectpenetanguishene.ca](http://www.connectpenetanguishene.ca).

Dated at the Town of Penetanguishene this 14th day of March, 2024

Stacey Cooper  
Clerk

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**Last Chance! We Need your Feedback**

Please fill out our survey that will end on Saturday March 16! 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/7kywuQSw5Gh27pC6>

**Library Program Assistant Student Position**

Reporting to the CEO the Program Assistant will be responsible for assisting with the planning and implementation of programs, including our summer reading program. Due to the funding requirements of this position, all applicants must be between the ages of 15-30. Application deadline is Friday March 15, 2024. For more details and to apply to this position visit our website or the Springwater Township Careers page.

**Smile Campaign**

If you enjoy giving back, we need YOU! For the month of March we are compiling gift bags for the Elmvale Foodbank for Mother's Day! Items needed: mugs, candles, nail polish, sunglasses, fun socks, candy and hand lotion. Thank you!

**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.

**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.

**Holiday Hours**

Please note that all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Good Friday March 29, we will be open at Elmvale and Midhurst Branch locations on Saturday March 30 and all branch locations closed Easter Monday April 1. Happy Easter everyone!

**News & Events at the Penetanguishene Public Library**

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**PD Programs are here!**

**Easter Craft Bags**

Try our Easter craft bag for children. Purchase with your library card for \$2.00. This craft is for ages 0-6.

**Storytime**

Children from 0-6 years of age can participate in our Storytime on Tuesday, March 26th and Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 am. There will be a story, song and craft. Sign up with your library card!

**Reading Circle for Children - Agindaasonwin Waawiyebii'gan**

On Thursday, April 4th at 10:00 am the Georgian Bay Native Women's Association invites you to the library for a Reading Circle. Enjoy storytelling, drumming and a snack. This is free and open all families however, registration is required.

**Author Talk**

Cheryl Moore will be at the library on Thursday, April 4th at 4:00 pm to present her book: Africa Brought me Home: One Women's Journey to Reclaim Her Soul. The book explores concepts of personal growth, spirituality and self-help. Sign up with your library card!

**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. 22nd from 9:30-10:15  
Programming fee is \$2:00. Please register in person during library hours with your library card.

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**Light Therapy Lamp**

Come to the library and enjoy our Light Therapy Lamp while reading a book! Brighten your winter days. Take a visit and see how beautiful the library looks with our Easter Decorations done by the Friends of the Library.

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

**Library Board Meeting**

The next Library Board Meeting will be on March 25th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

**Easter Closures**

The library will be closed for the Easter Holidays on Friday, March 29th and Monday April 1st, 2024. The library re-opens for regular hours on Tuesday, April 2nd from 9:00am – 6:00pm.



**Friends of Springwater Public Library**

*By Donna Kenwell*

Mar. 11, 2024 - The Friends of Springwater Public Library held their first meeting of 2024 on March 4. It was our largest meeting to date, with 3 new members joining the group.

We are waiting for the Canada Revenue Agency to grant us our charitable status. In the meantime, the Executive will inform the CRA whether we are going to incorporate, or be a trust.

The Friends had a busy first autumn, participating in Anten Mills' Doors Open, Midhurst Autumnfest, and Elmvale Santa Claus parade. We have also attended Springwater Council budget deliberations, presentations about the Community Hub, and the Open House for the Recreation Master Plan.

We are now planning for our Book Sale at the Elmvale branch during the Maple Syrup Festival (April 27). We welcome your donation of books, movies and jigsaw puzzles. (Please, no textbooks or encyclopedias!) Friends will also staff a table at the Springwater-Elmvale Farmers' Market. We will have books for sale, as well as publicity about Library programs. The Market happens Thursdays from 4 – 8 pm in the Elmvale Community Hall parking lot, from mid-June until Labour Day weekend.

A Silent Auction is being planned for this fall.

Interested in finding out more about our outreach, advocacy and fundraising activities? Check out our website at: [www.friendsofpringwaterpubliclibrary.ca](http://www.friendsofpringwaterpubliclibrary.ca) or visit us on Facebook or Instagram. Updates are also available on the Springwater Public Library website. Membership forms and our newsletter can be found at each branch.

**Applications Open for the 2024 Township of Tiny Bursary Program**

*By Township of Tiny*

Mar. 1, 2024 - Tiny, Ontario - Each year, the Township of Tiny Bursary Program assists students who are entering their post-secondary education, including courses and training programs of a technical and vocational nature.

There are five bursaries available in the amount of \$1,000 each. Children of permanent and seasonal taxpayers in the Township of Tiny are eligible to apply. Approved applicants are not based upon scholastic standing, but rather on the successful admission status to a post-secondary institution leading to a recognized degree, diploma, or certificate.

Applications must be submitted online no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 30, 2024 at [www.tiny.ca/bursary/](http://www.tiny.ca/bursary/) apply. Applications received after the due date will not be eligible.

Bursary applications are anonymously vetted by a selection committee and scored based on set criteria, consisting of the following four categories: volunteer experience, essay response, post-secondary education length, and completeness/comprehension.

"We are excited to open applications for the 2024 education bursary program," said Mayor David Evans. "The township believes that by investing in our students' education, we are also investing in our community. I encourage all of our eligible students entering post-secondary to apply for this bursary".

The Township of Tiny wishes to make this process easy for applicants. For additional clarification or assistance with an application, please contact the township or visit [www.tiny.ca/bursary](http://www.tiny.ca/bursary).



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Elmvale Celebrates SwoopFiber’s Spectacular Launch Party



Photo above: Thank you to Steelers Restaurant and Pub, for hosting the launch of “Swoop Fibre”. The evening was a wonderful way for the community to learn more about the new fibre optics in town. Alexis Agouridis (Centre in photo), the marketing and business developer for Swoop Fibre joined the celebration. A 50/50 draw was held and the proceeds were \$540.00, and Swoop Fiber matched it for a total donation to our food bank of \$1,080.00. Deb McLean (on left in photo) and Dave Don (on right in photo) were on hand to accept the wonderful donation from Swoop Fibre .

Feb. 27, 2024 — Following the much anticipated launch of SwoopFiber, the only 100% fiber internet service in Elmvale, the community came together for an unforgettable evening at Steelers Restaurant & Pub to commemorate this occasion. The event not only celebrated the cutting-edge technology SwoopFiber brings to Elmvale but also the vibrant spirit and support of the community.

The SwoopFiber team extends a heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined them in the celebratory evening. The crowd’s enthusiasm and support turned the evening into a remarkable celebration, solidifying the arrival of a new era in internet connectivity in Elmvale.

The atmosphere was electric, thanks in part to the exceptional hosting by Steelers Restaurant and Pub, whose hospitality made the evening truly special.

A highlight of the evening was the live on-site broadcast by Rock 95, which added a vibrant and energetic touch to the festivities. Further enhancing the party atmosphere, North Simcoe Photo Booth Co., provided a photobooth where guests captured fun and memorable moments. Something Sweet For You contributed to the evening’s delights with their exquisite custom cupcakes, while photographer Dennis Colley skillfully captured the event’s significant moments.

The launch party also featured a 50/50 cash raffle to support the Elmvale & District Food Bank. We are thrilled to announce that the grand prize was \$540, and in the spirit of community, SwoopFiber doubled the winning amount, donating a total of \$1,080 to the food bank, underscoring their commitment to

the Elmvale community.

Congratulations are also in order to the winners of the raffle prize. In addition to the raffle, guests enjoyed the excitement of winning various prizes from games present at the launch.

These included SwoopFiber merchandise, Amazon TV Firesticks, service discounts, and gift cards, adding to the celebratory atmosphere of the evening.

SwoopFiber used the occasion to encourage Elmvale residents to be among the first to experience their fast internet service. They reminded guests to visit their website [www.swoopfiber.com](http://www.swoopfiber.com) to check service availability in their area, or take advantage of the last remaining early-bird promos, emphasizing that the future of high-speed internet has arrived in Elmvale. It’s an exciting time to be part of the internet switchover, as SwoopFiber is now booking and completing all in-home installations, and is in the final stages of construction/restoration work.

As a final note, SwoopFiber invites attendees and those unable to attend to visit their social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @swoopfiber. There, they can find links to the photobooth photos and other highlights from the launch event, allowing the entire community to share in the excitement of the evening.

The SwoopFiber launch party was not just a celebration of new technology; it symbolized a strong bond between the company and the Elmvale community. As Elmvale embarks on a new digital era, SwoopFiber stands at the forefront, ready to provide fast and reliable internet to the town’s residents and businesses.

Wendat Community Programs Has a New Dishwasher From Grant



Photo above: Ribbon cutting in front of the new commercial dishwasher purchased with a Capital grant of \$13,100 awarded by the provincial government’s Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

Back Row L to R: Bill Gordon, Mayor Town of Midland, Adam Chambers MP Simcoe North, Michael Webb, President Wendat Community Programs, Jill Dunlop MPP Simcoe North, Richard Farmer, Volunteer OTF.

Front Row L to R: Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director Wendat Community Programs and Zina Thomson, Director Seniors Services Wendat Community Programs.

*By Andrea Abbott-Kokosin*

Mar. 11, 2024 - Penetanguishene, ON – On Friday, MPP Jill Dunlop met with the team at Wendat Community Programs to hear more about the impact that a \$13,100 Capital grant awarded by the provincial government’s Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) has had since receiving it in 2023. The funds were used to purchase and install a new commercial dishwasher for the facility’s Penetanguishene location.

“Congratulations to Wendat Community Programs on the Capital grant investment from our government,” said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. “We are so happy to see the OTF grant being used to bolster care and support for adults experiencing mental illness or age-related challenges. As a community, we are profoundly grateful to Wendat for their steadfast commitment to empowering individuals to achieve their optimal health and well-being through their transformative programs.”

Wendat made the request for the funds to replace the seven-year-old dishwasher in its commercial kitchen. The addition of the new dishwasher will also help the organization to save on costly repairs. Wendat Community Programs has been in operation since 1987, providing high quality care and support services to adults experiencing mental illness or age-related challenges in the Simcoe-Muskoka area. Wendat’s Community Support Programs for Seniors have a positive impact on the wellness, independence and quality of life for at risk older adults so they are able to live longer, in better health and in their chosen environment in the communities of Penetanguishene, Midland, Tiny Township and Tay Township.

“The impact of this Ontario government grant can not be overstated,” said Michael Webb, President of the Board, Wendat Community Programs. “Keeping our commercial kitchen and all the equipment in working order is vital to ensuring we are able to provide meals to frail older adults living in our community.”

“Non-profit organizations across Ontario deliver programming that makes a difference,” said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. “That’s why funding that my ministry is providing through the OTF is so important. Our government wants to ensure that these programs and spaces remain the heart of communities across our province.”



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Local Women Bring Accessible Event to Inspire, Empower and Educate Women



Photo Caption: The SheLeads Georgian Bay team (from left) Laurene Hilderley, Julie Lynas, Alison Durnall, Jill St. Amant, Carol Lambie, Kim Brinovec, Danielle Northcott and Deanna Palazzo invites you to this all-day women’s event on Saturday May 25, 2024. Register today through Eventbrite to reserve your spot and sign up from a selection of 18 workshops by local women.

**By Laurene Hilderley**  
Mar. 6, 2024 - Midland, Ontario — In celebration of International Women’s Day March 8, 2024, SheLeads Georgian Bay organizers are thrilled to announce this inspiring and empowering event coming to Midland on Saturday May 25, 2024. SheLeads brings together women of all ages and walks of life to celebrate, uplift and support one another while learning and growing through guest speakers, workshops and having fun.  
“After attending SheLeads Chatham-Kent with my daughter last year I was so inspired that I wanted to bring this incredible event to my community,” says Danielle Northcott, co-lead for the Georgian Bay event. “It is unique because everyone involved is volunteering and no one is selling products or services. The day is focused on women-identifying people joining together to share stories, learn from

each other and feel cared for by their community.”  
Thanks to the amazing support of the women lawyers at Ferguson Deacon Taws LLP and HGR Graham Partners LLP as joint venue sponsor, lunch sponsor Team Jordan – Lorraine Jordan and Northcott Professional Law along with other businesses and individuals, this all-day event is “pay what you can” with suggested registration of \$20. No one will be turned away with a free registration option available. All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Huronia Community Foundation Scholarship Fund to support women in our communities further their education. SheLeads Georgian Bay takes place at Georgian Bay District Secondary School, Hugel Avenue, Midland on May 25th from 9 am to 4:30 pm with registration at 8:30 am.  
Northcott, and co-lead Laurene Hilderley are overwhelmed by the support for planning the event

and how the SheLeads organizing team came together so quickly. The eight-member team further engaged another 30 women as guest speakers and leaders of 18 workshops geared to the theme of Inspire, Empower and Educate. Workshops topics include 1st, 2nd, 3rd Careers: how do you decide?, Balance: is it possible?, Journalling, Mindfulness, Tips to manage anxiety, Improv, Yoga for Wellness, Money Management 101, Pelvic Health, Indigenous women and their roles, Interior Design, Volunteering and more.  
“A huge thank you and shout out to Dr. Erin TeWinkel ND and Randi Bokor Caron, the visionary founders and organizers of SheLeads Chatham-Kent, for providing the model and graciously extending their support to help bring SheLeads Georgian Bay to life,” says Hilderley. “Our goal is to provide a similar inspiring, inclusive, and accessible event in our community and we so appreciate all of the women who are helping make this happen.”  
The event includes women from our community telling their inspiring stories, networking, lunch and refreshments and a fashion show by SHEPS celebrating women at the end of the day. Attendees can expect to engage in meaningful conversations, gain valuable insights, and connect with old and new friends in a safe and welcoming environment.  
SheLeads Georgian Bay welcomes women of all ages, stages and backgrounds to participate in this transformative experience, offering something for everyone. Space is limited so please register early and pick your three workshops through Eventbrite.  
**About SheLeads:** SheLeads is a movement dedicated to empowering women through education, inspiration, and community building. SheLeads aims to create inclusive and accessible spaces where women-identifying people can come together to celebrate their achievements, share their stories, and support one another in their personal and professional growth.  
For media inquiries, please contact Laurene Hilderley, 705 427 2325 or ljhilderley@gmail.com.





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By Donna Kenwell



Mar. 11, 2024 - Centre Flos Women's Institute answered this question as their role call for the March meeting. Seventeen members and guests were entertained and educated by a presentation from Crystal Graveson. She is the Chair of the Elmvale BIA. We are pleased that the BIA has taken over management of the Springwater-Elmvale Farmers' Market. Although the Market will not open until mid-June, the move to Thursday afternoon/evening seems to be popular – applications have been received from new vendors, while previous vendors have also renewed. If you "Make it, Bake it, or Grow it" in Springwater, you are eligible to become a vendor, either on a weekly or seasonal basis. The Market will run until Labour Day weekend.

WI members praised the BIA for promoting Elmvale, but lamented that there is no accommodation for visitors that are attracted to the village. Local businesses have also suffered from the lack of skiers and sledders visiting this winter. We were dismayed to learn that the BIA has no authority in 'policing' its members either to maintain their storefronts or to make them more accessible. There seems to be a growing number of residents using walkers, wheelchairs and baby strollers / carriages, yet only a handful of Queen St businesses have sidewalk-level access.

Crystal reminded us she is one of over 70 members of the Elmvale BIA, and that citizens are welcome to attend their monthly meetings.

So, how did Centre Flos WI members respond to our role call? We would like to see: more trees (particularly in new subdivisions); a dollar store; more accommodations for seniors (Construction of the Elms and an expansion to Sara Vista); a bank, or at least greater access to the ATM; a general merchandise store (where does one buy underwear in Elmvale?); a general hardware store; a shelter/pavilion at the splash pad; maintenance of the parking lots (cracked/uneven access off Queen St to the Community Hall lot, and pot holes north off Stone St.); and a Council that supports Elmvale.

What is your vision for Elmvale?



By Sheila Shoty

Mar. 11, 2024 - Craighurst W I met in the shape of a potluck dinner with fellow W I's from Guthrie,, Crownhill and Clowes, at the Edgar village Community Hall. The evening started as per usual, with the Mary Stewart Collect. Then the food - don't you just love a pot luck, gentle readers? Where else would you get devilled eggs and jellied salad??? Not at the "all you can eat buffet" I'm sure. Much friendly chat and catching up followed. Then the programme. Each branch was to tell a joke. Craighurst pulled out that golden oldie "What did the plow say to the tractor?" "Pull me a little closer John Deere!" As well one CWI member told a story about the Edgar Hall. The Hall in that good village, where the pot luck was happening, was the school for many years, and the famous W R Best taught there. Mr Best took over in mid September, after the yahoos in the senior grade had put the run to the last teacher. Back in the good old days the yahoos were 16 and still in grade 8. Anyway, Gordon Bidwell, a little guy watching, told the story. Mr Best began



his lesson. The antics started, and Mr. Best walked down the aisle, grabbed the chief troublemaker, and threw him out the window! "Does anyone else want the same treatment?" he asked. That settled things down nicely, and Mr Best had a long and storied career teaching in Edgar. And so ended the potluck.

Then later in February Craighurst Women's Institute visited the local ambulance station and presented them with 26 "Bears, Books and Blankets" kits, to give to children that are in distress at an emergency call. The paramedics assure us they always keep a couple of kits with them, as they are a valuable resource. Once we had delivered our gifts we went off to Loobies for coffee. A great way to spend a winter morning.



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Cougars Oust Kings In 4 Game Sweep

Submitted by Jamie Robillard



Mar. 9, 2024 - The Penetang Kings season came to a crushing end at the hands of the Schomberg Cougars after the Cougars swept the Kings in four games to advance to the North Carruthers Division Play-off Semi-Finals of the Provincial Junior Hockey League. The games that took place between February 27 and March 4 marked the only time this season that the Kings have lost four straight games.

In game one in Schomberg on February 27 the Kings dropped a narrow 4-3 loss to the Cougars with Schomberg scoring the go-a-head winning goal with 14 minutes remaining in the contest. Lars Derstroff, Kaleb Seaman, and Owen Collins scored the three Penetang goals with assists from Isaak McGinnis (2), Harrison Holroyd, Cole Rumbolt, Lars Derstroff and Collins. Matt Watson was named the Kings Aim Power Performer of the game stopping 15 of 16 shots fired his way. Watson relieved Sawyer Lammle in the Kings net. Lammle made 17 saves on 21 shots.

Game two on Friday March 1 saw the Kings lose another close battle by a 5-4 score. Penetang trailed 3-2 after the first period and 5-4 at the end of the second stanza with neither team scoring in the third period. Collins with two goals and Carter Weissflog and Tanner Thayer with one goal each scored for Penetang. Assists were earned by McGinnis, Ethan McCallum, Kaden Goggins and Lars Derstroff. Penetang netminder Lammle stopped 34 of 39 shots. The Aim Power Performance of the game went to Kings defenseman Nolin Derstroff. Game three on Saturday March 2 resulted in a 5-0 win for the Cougars as Penetang could not penetrate the Schomberg defence and goaltender Nicolas Morvan. The Kings managed 32 shots on Morvan who turned aside every Penetang attempt. Watson, who started in goal for Penetang made 22 saves and allowed 4 goals, while Lammle stopped 11 of 12 shots his way. The King's Tristan Sanders was named the Aim Power Performer of the game.

Game four at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre on Monday Saturday March 4 had Schomberg charge out of the gate strong, and they never looked back in routing Penetang by a 10-0 score. The Cougars led 4-0 at the end of the first period and 8-0 after the second. Morvan again recorded the shut-out in the Cougars goal making 19 saves. For the Kings Lammle made 26 saves allowing six goals and Kevin Pearson stopped 7 of 11 shots. With the win the Cougars swept the Kings in four games.

In the Kings final regular season game on February 23, they got past the Midland Flyers 5-2 to capture the Challenge Cup. Collins was again the scoring leader for the Kings netting two goals with single markers off the sticks of Aiden MacDonald, Carson Thayer and Rumbolt. Assists were dished out by McGinnis with three, Carter Wilson with two and one each from Carson Thayer, Ashton Kirwin, Weissflog, Tanner Thayer and Lars Derstroff. Penetang outshot Midland 40-35 in the contest with Kings netminder Lammle making 33 saves. Graduating Kings players Matthew Campbell and Isaak McGinnis were named co-Aim Power Performers of the game.

The Kings are proud to announce that the coaching staff led by head coach Scott Simon and assistant Kyle Burns were named the Coach of the Year winners for the Carruthers Division. Their efforts in guiding the Kings to fifth place in the regular season standings after finishing with 40 points, an improvement of 18 points in the standing from the 2022-23 season. The Kings would like to thank all their followers for their support throughout the season and look forward to another step up the standings in 2024-25.

The other three quarter-final series in the Carruthers Division were sweeps with Alliston getting past Innisfil in four games, Stayner topping Caledon four straight and Orillia in four close games stopping Huntsville.

This sets up the league semi-finals with the Alliston Hornets facing off against the Schomberg Cougars and the Stayner Siskins tangling with the Orillia Terriers



Challenge Cup Midland Game: Feb. 23 (Final Regular Season Game)



Game 2 vs Schomberg - March 1 - Carter Wilson



Game 3 vs Schomberg - March 2 - Carter Wilson



Game 4 vs Schomberg - March 4 - Coaches winning coaching staff of the year





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BMR Pro Brae-Con Building Supplies Elmvale Coyotes Dominate

*By Kim Sokach*  
Mar. 11, 2024 - The team led by Head Coach John Seney, Assistant Coach Cullen Fay and Trainers Kris Golka and Gord Kiernan have had an amazing start to the 2024 Playoff Season. This team has shown great growth throughout the season and have proved that with hard work and perseverance anything is possible.  
The BMR Pro U18D (YOTES) team started the playoffs February 10th at home against the Huntsville Otters U18D in Elmvale. This season these two teams have had a few dust ups, but the YOTES (U18) fought hard with Josh Pickering and Jack Clemens each scoring in the first period. Both teams fought hard for goals in the 2nd period with no luck but in the 3rd period Huntsville tied up the game. The BMR Pro Coyotes played their game of passing and playing as a strong team and Jack Clemens scored the winning goal with 11 second left on the clock. Game 1 in the bag!  
On February 17th the YOTES traveled to Owen Sound to challenge the Jr. Attack U18C team. The Coyotes started the game with Keagan Hummelink scoring 1:25 minutes into the game. This was followed by a goal from Josh Pickering and a second goal from Hummelink all in the first period. The Jr. Attack held off the YOTES during the second and third periods scoring in the 3rd to make the final score 3-1 for the YOTES.  
The YOTES made the trip to Shelburn to play the Wolves U18D team on February 23rd. Showing off their defense skills the YOTES held off the attacking

wolves with their amazing goalie showing off his skills. One and half minutes into the second period Willem Kiernan scored the first goal of the game. With 2.5 minutes left on the clock Josh Pickering scored in the 3rd period and the game ended with goalie William Veenstra's first shutout of the playoffs.  
February 25th saw the YOTES and their fans on the road to play against the Parry Sound Shamrocks U18D team. The fans were cheering for their boys and keeping it positive in the stands and the YOTES showed all how they work together as a team and stand up for each other when needed. The YOTES came off the bench with determination and energy with Willem Kiernan scoring the first goal after 1 minute 11 seconds of play. The Shamrocks scored a goal but that did not stop the YOTES with Josh Pickering scoring 2 goals before the end of the period. Josh scored a Hat Trick 15 seconds into the 2nd period, with Evan Buchanan and Carter Aubrey changing the score to 6-1 at the end of the 2nd. The 3rd period saw both teams determined to defend their nets and it got heated on the ice, but the YOTES came out on top with a final score of 6-1.  
The first 4 games of our playoffs season have been exciting and we are looking forward to the rest of playoffs and the YOTES have shown that working as a team with a strong coaching team, offense and defense they can achieve great things! Go YOTES!  
The BMR Pro U18D YOTES won 2 more games and tied their final game. They will be playing in the semi finals the week of March 4th.



JMC Stoneworks U11 D End of Season Update

Mar. 11, 2024 - JMC Stoneworks U 11D team have had a busy month of round robin play-off hockey. The team has come up against tough opponents from Oro, South Grey, South Muskoka, Muskoka, Huntsville and Midland. There have been lots of hard fought games and suspenseful action. With only a few playoff games left, the team are vying for a spot to compete in the semi- final showdown.  
During our regular season, players have worked hard at 6am practice to hone their skills. They represented EMHA well when the team traveled to Paris and Oshawa for tournaments. Tons of amazing memories were made and many mini stick battles were waged.  
Team members include Emmet Coughlin, Sawyer Trace, Lincoln Loughheed, Addilyn Kitchen, Noah Shanahan, Madden Sjerps, Jaiden Burke, Tyler Nauffts, Ray Duckett, Ivan Willet, Oliver Hofman, Lincoln Thompson, Easton Culbert and Owen Durnford.  
A big thank you to JMC Stoneworks for sponsoring the team and making this season possible.



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## Chocolate Espresso Cake – A Coffee and Chocolate Lovers Delight!



Mar. 11, 2024 - This flourless chocolate espresso cake is a dream for chocolate and coffee lovers alike. Using only a few high-quality ingredients, this recipe is easy to follow and comes together quickly. Ideally, make this cake a day ahead and refrigerate until serving with a garnish of fresh berries. Dense, decadent and delish. A perfect dessert for special occasions with friends or family.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup (250 ml) dark or semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) unsalted butter, chopped
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) instant-espresso powder or instant-coffee granules
- ¼ cup (63 ml) granulated sugar
- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) salt

## Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract
  - 6 large eggs, beaten
  - Cocoa powder for dusting, optional
  - Fresh berries for garnish, optional
- ### INSTRUCTIONS
1. Preheat the oven to 350 F (177 C).
  2. Line the bottom of an 8-inch (20 cm) springform cake pan with parchment paper. Then, spray the entire pan with non-stick cooking spray.
  3. In a saucepan on high heat, melt the butter, espresso or coffee, salt and sugar. Whisk frequently until all of the ingredients have dissolved.
  4. Turn the heat down to low, add the chocolate and vanilla extract and whisk until smooth.
  5. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs with a mixer on medium-high speed for 4-5 minutes. The eggs should almost triple in volume.
  6. Turn off the heat and gently add the beaten eggs to the chocolate mixture. Stir carefully until thoroughly combined.
  7. Transfer the batter into your prepared springform pan.
  8. Bake in the oven for 40-45 minutes until set. Be careful not to overcook. The centre of the cake may still look slightly wet.
  9. Cool the cake completely and refrigerate for

at least 6 hours before transferring to a serving plate. Dust the cake with cocoa powder and garnish with fresh berries.

Enjoy!

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Mar. 7, 2024 - According to my calendar, this is still winter. According to the warm sunshine and the green spears of early tulips, spring is here. I rarely take the Mr. B with me when I hike and I envy those people who can take their dog for a hike through the forest,

and the dog stays with the owner. Instead, I have a large beagle mix who can't be let off leash or the last I would see of him is him white tipped tail and square butt disappearing down the trail. Today the weather is so perfect that I decided to risk the tangles and stumbles from the long leash and take him with me. We climbed into the car, windows down and music pumping. The Mr. sits like a human in the front seat, and even occasionally wears a seatbelt to keep him safe, with his long ears blowing in the wind and his nose twitching at the scents from the farms we pass. Good boy.

I decided to explore the Simcoe County Forest just south of Vasey. I had driven by this area several times but had never stopped in to see what this forest



had to offer. The trail is an easy track, following a gentle uphill climb. There is still snow in the hollows, though it is shallow and brittle and easy enough to traverse. The forest is a mix of beech and maple, then strands of straight and tall pines. Mr. B was happy

to do his thing, running to a piece of grass and lifting his leg, before running full tilt to the next tuft of grass. While I smiled at the Mr.'s antics, thinking how happy he seemed, I remembered the words of a teacher assistant I had in university. I had several heated discussions with this man regarding my need to anthropomorphize animals in our world.

A big word. Try saying it with your mouth full of crackers! Anthropomorphism is when we ascribe human attributes to animals, such as fear, love, hate. According to this teacher assistant, animals are unable to feel any emotions, and their behaviors are only chemical reactions with no emotional component. PTHHT.... that is me with my tongue out. Bah. This teacher assistant was obviously not

a pet owner, as anyone who had even a guinea pig would know that our fur babies love us, feel pain, sadness, excitement and anxiety, and we love them right back.

So I will anthropomorphize this hike with the Mr. because I know he loved this time with me and loved this time exploring the forest. The Mr. was happy, curious and excited, while I was just filled with love for my fur baby. I also know how unhappy with me he was when I made him turn back after coming across fresh coyote tracks. The Mr. was ready for a head long run down the next hill to find his newest friend. However, the Mr. reluctantly turned around and gave me a big-eyed look of disappointment before we headed back the way we had come. This is a small forest, and the main trail eventually peters out and leads to private land, as do the several side trails. In total, it was maybe a 3-4 km trail and a perfect length to hike along with your furry friend leading the way. Oh, and anthropomorphize your fur babies often, it just shows how much we know and love them.



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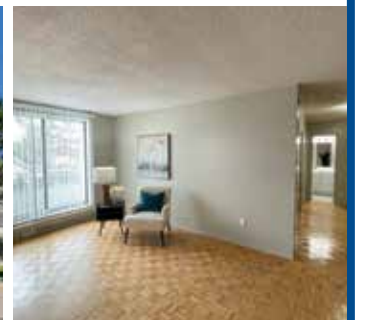
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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon



Mar. 10, 2024 - How long will he last? Of course we are referring to the huge snowman that adorns the front lawn of the Laycock family on Horseshoe Valley Road. “Frosty”, has been subjected to a wide range of weather conditions this year as well as being featured by CTV Barrie News. The question is whether he will last out the month or become another winter memory. The photo was taken late last week and he definitely is showing signs of losing some of his stature. The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association is happy to announce that a great group of volunteers have stepped forward and on Saturday,

March 30, the annual Easter Eggstravaganza will take place at the Community Centre. The morning will start at 9:45 AM with the Rabbit Run. There are 3 different circuits to run ranging from a .5k run for the little ones and then 1.5 and 3.0k for everyone else. The run will officially start at 10AM at the intersection of Lawrence and Pineview and work its way through the community. There will be volunteers bicycling through the neighborhood as well as at intersections and residents are requested to be mindful that morning if they are going out by car and to inform your expected guests and family. Everyone is welcome, young and old and all runners will receive a token acknowledging their participation. There is a small joining fee and pre registration is required. Check out the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page and scan the QR code to get your name in.Meeting place is on the ball diamond. After the race there will be lots more fun at the park. There is the ever popular Easter Egg hunt, games, scavenger hunt, colouring contest, bunny hop, photo with the Easter Bunny to name just a few of the fun activities. In order to ensure there are sufficient supplies, pre registration is also required so check the QR code on the community Facebook page. In Keeping with the Anten Mills community tradition of assisting those less fortunate, all participants in the Easter Eggstravaganza are requested to bring a donation to support the Elmvale and District Foodbank. This free community event has been made possible by the CRA and the only ask is for those attending to help out the foodbank so please be generous. The official season of Spring arrives next week. But it isn't on March 21. This year Spring arrives on Tuesday, March 19 at 11:06 PM. What is also of interest is that this is the earliest date and time in 128 years! Have you seen a Robin yet? The weather is certainly

tricking the animals as well as the plants. While Yogi, Cyndy or BoBo bears haven't been seen yet in the area, there is no doubt that they will soon be breaking hibernation and crawling out from their sleep. A few reminders about keeping them out of your property include putting away your bird feeders for now, keep your pet food indoors, clean your bbq of grease and keep your dog on a leash particularly if you are walking on the trails or in the forest. Should you have a bear problem, feel free to contact Bear Wise for non emergencies at 1 866 514 2327. The service is available 24 hours a day from March 1 to November 30. If there is an immediate threat, call 911 and provide as much detail as you can to the emergency communicator but don't engage with the bear. A reminder that the Springwater Library is looking for your input to programs and what you would like to see in the future. They have an ongoing survey and now is the time to check out their website and provide your support. Earlier this year, the township held an Open House in regards to the Trails Master Plan. Council directed that another session be held due to a lack of attendance. The next open house at the township office is next Thursday, March 21 at 6PM. This is your opportunity to see what is being suggested for the future. As we have both the North Simcoe Rail Trail and the County of Simcoe tracts in our community, it is important that you attend and have your voice be heard on how the future is determined. On Sunday, the world celebrates St. Patrick's Day. It's a day of fun with green almost everything. Locally we have two St. Patrick's. Both are located in Phelpston, one being the Roman Catholic Church that is over 100 years old and the other a street nearby. Hopefully you can enjoy the day. That's all for this week, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.

Baha'i Community of Tiny Food Drive



Photo to far left: - The Leadership Team, Principal Sean Ealey, Wyevale Cenral Public School  
  
Photo to left: - Darlene Paterson, Tiny Baha'i Community Representative, Kathy F, Chair of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Allan Patreson, Tiny Baha'i Community Representative Garnet Smith, Member St. Vincent de Paul

By Darlene Paterson, Secretary  
Mar. 11, 2024 - On February 26, the St. Paul de Vincent Food Pantry was the recipient of approximately 40 boxes of food collected during the second annual food drive organized by the Bahá’i Community of Tiny during the two week period from February 11 through February 25. The Bahá’i community of Tiny took on this initiative to invite organizations within the Township to join in a collaborative effort with the goal in mind to create an outreach project to work toward building a more unified and vibrant community within the Township. A special thank you goes to the Student Leadership Team of Wyevale Central P.S. This group of young students under the supervision of Principal Sean Ealey work toward various positive initiatives in the school including the “Tiny Month of Giving” food drive. Also appreciation goes out to the Township of Tiny, Ecole Sainte-Croix, Wyevale United Church, Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors, Le Club de l’ge d’Or, and the North Baha'i Community, but most of all, ALL THE TINY RESIDENTS WHO SUPPORTED THESE ORGANIZATIONS WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Rosie's Devotions  
by Rosemary Hagedorn

A New Chapter Yet Begins Again

Mar. 9, 2024 - It has now been over five years since my husband and I moved into a two bedroom and a den apartment building after we sold our house. A new chapter in both my husband's and my life had begun. My husband, who had been suffering with vascular dementia for a few years, is now living in a Long Term Care Home, I am on my own and another new chapter in my life begins again.

My cat, Ginger and I still live in the four story apartment building beside the marina. The view I have is even better than the one I left behind when both my husband and I lived in a house that overlooked a bay. I am greeted with the most amazing sunrises and I watch the sailboats sailing away to wherever. A walking trail is located just outside the building, and I have already walked more than I ever did when I lived at the old house.

Not having to look after a house and all that it entails including being a caretaker for my husband, had been a great stress relief, and I noticed a change in my demeanour. I am more relaxed these days, knowing that my husband is being taken care of and it seems that things are a lot better. There are still things that I have to take care of but they are not a struggle anymore.

I realize that my old way of life will never be the same, but knowing that God is with me, and has been, makes each day bearable, and rewarding at the same time.

Jeremiah 29:11-For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (NIV)

Prayer: Thank you God, that you are with us, even though we may not realize it at the time. God knows all about our anxieties and heartbreaks and he does have a plan to give us hope and a future. Amen.



Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly, International Correspondent

Mar. 10, 2024 - Many sources agree that Bagamoyo is the oldest town in Tanzania, however not all sources agree how the town got its name. Some say that, in Kiswahili, Bagamoyo (Bwaga-Moyo) means to lay down your heart. Some say that sailors called it Bagamoyo because, when they arrived on dry land, they were grateful to lay down and rest after the perils of being at sea.

Some say that, in Kiswahili, Bagamoyo means take a load off your heart, in other words feel at ease by removing your burden. In the 19th century, porters carried heavy bundles for explorers and others as they travelled into the interior and back to the busy Bagamoyo port. At the end of their journey, they were glad to remove their heavy burdens thus taking a load off their hearts.

Here at Bagamoyo's TaSUBa College, I pass by the statue, depicted in the picture that accompanies this article, at least twice a day. This statue provides a clue to another interpretation of the name Bagamoyo.

In the 19th century, slave traders forcibly gathered people who lived in the interior of the country and loaded them onto ships anchored in the harbour. They would be sold as slaves in far off lands. Some say that Bagamoyo came to mean laying down your heart as you gave up all hope. I can't pass this statue without thinking about how cruel we can be to each other.

One day, as I was walking home in Mugeta, I was confronted by some students from a nearby high

school. One young man was particularly challenging. Why does Canada support racism? was one of his questions.

We know there are many events in our country's history that we aren't proud of, but in 2007 Thomas Allen Publishers, Toronto, published Karolyn Smardz Frost's book which tells a true story we can be proud of. The Globe and Mail wrote: Smardz Frost has combined solid academic research with a compelling story ... her portrait in words will forever hang with pride on the wall of history that documents the transition from slavery to emancipation, and the process by which African Americans became African Canadians.

**From the Introduction:** In 1985, archaeologists in downtown Toronto made a remarkable find. Beneath the old Sackville Street School playground were traces of a house, a shed, and a mysterious cellar. Municipal records revealed the original landowner had been "Thornton Blackburn, cabman, coloured". He and his wife were fugitive slaves from Kentucky who had settled in Toronto in 1834 and had gone on to become wealthy and successful businesspeople. The Thornton and Lucie Blackburn site became the first archaeological dig on an Underground Railroad site in Canada.

The title of the book? I've Got a Home in Glory Land - A Lost Tale of the Underground Railroad. It won the Governor General's Literary Award in 2007.

May there never be another high school student in rural Tanzania, or anywhere else in the world, who feels compelled to ask the question, Why does Canada support racism? Amen



Hey Dads!

Mar. 11, 2024 - When was the last time you went furniture shopping with your wife and kids? Or maybe you've found a way to skip the whole process and just buy your furniture online? We moved a few months ago and downsized our furniture inventory in the process. On the opposite side of the ledger, in another month our inventory of children is going to be upsized. So we needed a few things.

Right after we moved to our new place my lovey wife and I went to visit one of the local furniture stores. She looked at furniture and I looked at price tags. On our second visit a few months later we shared a similar experience. Lots of looking but no purchasing. I did look closely at the bunk beds and decided I could probably build bunk beds myself. A few of the kids and I visited the local building supply store and were able to buy the wood and some (much-needed) tools for way less than the price of the store's beds. I invested some quality time together in the shop with the tools...and the kids. A few days or

weeks or months later we had ourselves a tall set of triple bunks and a not-so-tall set of queen bunks. There's some serious bunking going on around here.

Our third visit to the furniture store this weekend was much different than the first two visits. We took our 8-year-old twin girls, Pearl and Emerald, with us this time. I don't think they've ever been to a furniture store. They would have been less excited to be at Canada's Wonderland. "Wow! This place is great! I love furniture stores! Look at all the furniture to sit on!" I failed to share their sentiments. "Can we go sit on couches?" Who would have thought sitting on couches would be so exhilarating? The nice furniture store lady said if they took off their boots they could go sit on the giant, soft, fluffy chair if they could find it. Boots were off and twins were gone.

I figured if I was going to try be a responsible father I better keep an eye on them so I was off to find the fluffy chair and my daughters. It's more difficult to

find a couple 8-year-olds in a furniture store than you think. I did find the twins (and the fluffy chair) and they suggested some playing of hide and seek. I must say, if you're looking for a place, a furniture store is a fantastic location for some hiding and seeking. Just watch out for the lamps.

It came to the end of our visit and my patient, pregnant wife had picked out a few items she really liked. I also thought they were rather comfortable. I find most couches are. So we bought some. In a few weeks we'll have a few new deliveries around here including a couch, a chair and a baby. Time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the expensive ones.

*Jason Weening tries to avoid buying expensive furniture for his 10 kids and one patient wife. To hear other ways he spends his money check out his podcast at [heydads.ca](http://heydads.ca)*



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**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

**Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors Hustle and Muscle**, 11:30 – 12:30 pm  
**Bid Euchre**, 1 – 3:30 pm  
 The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
 Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

TUESDAY

**Elmvale Legion**  
**Tuesdays at 1 pm**  
 Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

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

**Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors**  
**Line Dancing, Progressive Beginners**  
 9:30 – 11:00 am  
**Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate**, 11:30 – 1:00 pm  
**Seniors in Motion Fitness**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm  
 The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
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WEDNESDAY

**E.D.G.E. Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts**  
 Meetings held **4th Wed. of each month from March to Nov. at 7:00 pm**  
 Elmvale Legion, 7 John Street Elmvale  
 Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.

**Bay Shore Seniors Club**  
**Bridge** – 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Indoor Pickleball** 4:30 – 6:30 p.m  
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

**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

**Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors**  
**Chair/Floor Yoga**, 9:30 – 10:30 am  
**Zumba Gold**, 11:30 – 12:30 pm  
**Games Afternoon**, 12:30 - 3:30 pm  
**2nd Camera Club**, 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
 The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
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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**  
 Darts – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

**Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors**  
**1st Movie and Lunch**, 12 noon - 3:30 pm  
**2nd & 4th Tiny Stitchers**, 9:00 - 3:00 pm  
**3rd Book Club**, 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
 The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
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FRIDAY

**Bay Shore Senors Club**  
**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.  
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach  
**Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors**

**1st Bingo & Lunch**, 12 noon - 3:30 pm  
**TGIF social**, 4:00 – 6:00 pm  
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SATURDAY

**Elmvale Legion**  
**Saturday at 5 pm**  
 Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games  
 3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00 a ticket (\$25.00 value)

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**  
**Indoor Pickleball** – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

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-Kempenfelt PROBUS Club**  
**Meets at 10:00 am, third Thursday of month**  
 Canadian Legion, 410 St. Vincent Street in Barrie  
 Main Contact: Chief Information Officer, Robert Newby, barriekempenfelt72@gmail.com (705) 220-3501

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

FRIDAY

**Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors**  
**Bingo & Lunch**  
**1st to 3rd Friday, , 12 noon - 3:30 pm**  
**TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm**  
 The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
 Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

MONDAY to FRIDAY

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

**Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors**  
**Billiards/Pool**, 9:00 – 11 am  
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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

One Time Events

**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.

**Shamrock’n Roll Dance - wear your green**  
**Live music: Smokey & The Bones**  
**Sat. March 16, 2024 8 pm - 1 am**  
 Elmvale Community Hall, 33 Queen St, W  
 Tickets: \$25, Age of majority

**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

**Women in a Leadership Role Luncheon**  
**April 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM**  
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**Mother’s Day**  
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## Elmvale Coyotes U8 Selects Hit Steel Town With Their Own Big Hammer



**Photo above: Back Row: Scott Haines, Noah Antiquera, Reef Tschop McLaren, Scott Popple, Chase Culbert; Middle Row: Austin Perreault, Landon Phillips, Wyatt Coughlin, Draper Temolder; Front Row: Blake McNaughton; Coaches: Jon Popple (Head Coach), Kristi Haines (Assistant Coach), Nathan Tschop McLaren (Trainer), Marcel Perreault (Trainer), Tarra Popple (Manager)**

*Submitted By Jon Popple, Head Coach*

Mar. 4, 2024 - On the weekend of Feb 18th and 19th, 2024, the Elmvalle Coyotes U8 Select Team travelled to Hamilton to take part in the Hamilton Steel U8 MD Future Stars Tournament. The U8 Select team was formed late in the season and its roster made up of 11 players selected from Elmvalle's two U8 LL Teams. The select team was able to have a couple practices and host one game against the Oro Thunder U8 Tier 1 team prior to the weekend away in Hamilton.

The team entered the tournament not knowing what competition they would face, but the young upstart team was ready for the challenge. The team would play six (6), twenty-two (22) minute games during the tournament. In game 1 they faced the U8 MD Hamilton Huskies #1, a AA centre from the host city. The boys showed some nerves to start the game, but the first ten minutes of the game was a back and forth battle between both teams with Elmvalle's goalie Blake McNaughton making some huge saves to keep the score blanked at 0-0. The game would remain scoreless until less than 3 minutes remained in the game when off a fast break down the ice Wyatt Coughlin broke the stalemate and got Elmvalle on the board with its first goal of the tournament. After facing more hot shots off the Huskies sticks, McNaughton turned away everything thrown at him. With 2:00 remaining in the game and Elmvalle's four skaters out for their last shift of the game they headed down the ice with Scott Popple leading the charge with the puck on his stick. With 1:22 left in the game Popple fired the puck over the goalies glove to register the team's second goal of the game. The teams battled during the last minute and McNaughton was solid in maintaining his first career shutout. The Coyotes went on to face Hamilton Huskies #2 in the second game of the tournament, with the nerves shaken out and their legs ready to skate it was a high scoring affair with Elmvalle outscoring their big city opponent 9-5 in the second game. McNaughton made more big saves in the second game with Elmvalle's goals being scored by Draper Temolder (2), Noah Antiquera, Reef Tschop McLaren (2), Landon Phillips and rounding out the scoring with a hat trick was Wyatt Coughlin (3). The coaches were impressed with the teams play and going 2-0 to open the tournament.

In game 3 and 4 the Coyotes would face their toughest challenge of the weekend from the Haldimand River Kings U8 MD teams. These two teams from an "A" centre were comprised of the 20 best players selected from Caladonia, Cayuga, Dunnville & Hagersville's four Minor Hockey Associations. In game 1 Elmvalle was able to open the scoring of the game at 16:57, with some strong passing that resulted

in a goal off the stick of Wyatt Coughling for his 5th of the tournament. Elmvalle battled hard over the remainder of the game with Blake McNaughton making eleven (11) great saves, but the River Kings were able to sneak 3 pucks past the Coyotes goalie to take the game 3-1. In the second game Elmvalle faced an even faster River Kings squad who got out to an early lead and didn't look back. The River Kings played hard and took the game 6-0, but the spotlight was once again on the Coyotes goalie who faced 22 shots and made 16 big saves in the tough loss.

In the final 2 games of the day the U8 Selects faced teams from another AA Centre the Richmond Hill Jaguars. The team was ready for two hard fought games to end the day in Hamilton. They hit the ice in the 5th game against the Jaguars and the play went up and down the ice, with both goalies making some big saves, but at the 20:11 mark Wyatt Coughlin opened the scoring for Elmvalle with his 6th goal of the Tournament. Richmond Hill would answer back with 3 quick goals making the score 3-1 after 10 minutes. Strong Play continued from both teams and with 8 minutes remaining Austin Perreault responded for Elmvalle with his first goal of the weekend to make the score 3-2 Richmond Hill. Richmond Hill went on to score another 2 goals to win the game 5-2. The game did feature some strong defensive play from Chase Culbert, Scott Haines, Noah Antiquera and Scott Popple, not mention another 12 saves by McNaughton in net.

The final match versus Richmond Hill it was a tight checking affair with both teams giving up no ground to the other. But finally at the 17:00 min mark Wyatt Coughlin opened the scoring for Elmvalle with a breakaway goal getting past the Jaguars net minder for his 7th of the tournament. Not long after Noah Antiquera followed up with his own breakaway goal to make the score 2-0 for Elmvalle on Antiquera's 2nd goal of the tournament. The game was fast paced with lots of shots being fired at both goalies. After a quick flurry of shots and strong play Richmond Hill took the lead with a 3-2 score. With 5:00 minutes remaining in the game Popple moved the puck up the boards and found Antiquera alone in front of the Jaguar net where he lifted the puck over the goalies left pad to tie the game at 3's. Elmvalle skated hard in the last 5 minutes but couldn't get one past the Jaguar's backstop and the game ended in a 3-3 tie.

The Elmvalle U8 Selects finished the tournament with a 2-3-1 record and faced some tough big city competition, the players all played strong offensive and defensive games, while showing that small town hockey is still alive and well. The coaching staff was very proud of the teams play and looks forward to our next tournament back in Hamilton on April 1st, for the Glancaster Bombers Year End Tournament.

## Minesing Moments

*By Lorrie Haywood*

Mar. 11, 2024 - It appears that Mother Nature has not been having a very good winter this year. She comes and goes with sunshine sporadically, has hot flashes and cold spells out of the ordinary...some will say perhaps she has hit menopause. Sadly, her strange weather really had a negative impact on so many winter activities that we as a Central Ontario residents tend to enjoy. The ski resorts did have a chance to make snow earlier on to lengthen their ski season but they are still stretching out for the March Break. The snowmobilers who purchased new machines and trail passes have had to eat an expense that brought them no joy. I do feel bad for everyone who has not been able to get out to participate in winter activities, fingers crossed you can all get an opportunity next year! I always think that it's still pretty early to take off the winter tires and pack away the cozy clothes, who knows...we may end up with snow squalls in June!

Several weeks have passed since my last article and though I wasn't able to attend this year's 52nd Minesing Mini-fest I heard it was another great year of festivities. Congratulations to Youth of the Year Morgan Tanner and to Citizen of the Year, Danielle Naccarato, both awards were well deserved. Congratulations to all of the winners and participants of the colouring contest and bookmark contest. There were some great entries. The pancake breakfast had a great turn out with approximately 125 people enjoying their delicious breakfast. The parade theme this year was Last Vegas and the parade was not a disappointment according to the photographs posted in the Minesing Facebook page. Congratulations goes to "Evil Knievel" who had the winning float! Well done participants. The euchre tournament and bowling tournaments were also well attended and organized. Liz Grummett was the winner of the euchre tournament for overall high score. The winners of the bowling tournament were Katie Vander Wielan and team! This year was a change from chili pots to a soup contest and it proved to have some delicious creations. There were 11 selections of soups entered and the winner was Julie Harris who entered a Tortellini with Sausage soup! Sounds pretty yummy. As a community we thank all those who took the time to organize the weekend, your time and efforts do not go unnoticed. There are so many details to make the weekend a success and it is greatly appreciated. We can't wait for next year.

As the snow melts and the items are showing through in the ball fields and ditches, this is a reminder that the ball diamond and school yard are not areas to just let your pets do their business. Please be sure to bring your clean up bags along with you when you take your dogs out for walks. Spring is dirty enough and those without dogs shouldn't have to clean up the mess left behind by those who think the ditches and ball field is a free-range toilet for their pets. Be respectful and clean up after your pets please.

Easter is approaching in a few weeks, Anten Mills CRA has advertised their 2024 Rabbit Run for those who like to run. It is being held on Saturday March 30th at the Ball Diamond. There are 1.5km and 3km options and for all ages. There is also a .5 km option for ages 4 and under. Pre-registration is required with a \$2 fee. Please see the Anten Mills Community Facebook page. You will also see that Anten Mills CRA is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on the same day, March 30th at 10:30 a.m. (Approximately). There is an egg hunt and scavenger hunt. Entry fee is a donation to the Elmvalle Food Bank. Please also see the Anten Mills Facebook page for more details.

To anyone travelling for Easter, we wish you safe travels. As we know weather can be anything from shorts and t-shirts or boots and snow gear. Pack appropriately for travel and emergency situations.

Until next time, enjoy the warmer days before the mosquitoes and black flies come along to ruin everything!



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

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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 (No Meals)

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Café Roxy to Reopen Under New Management  
in Partnership with Midland



Mar. 9, 2024 - Cultural Centre Café Roxy is set to reopen its doors under new management in partnership with the Midland Cultural Centre. This re-opening aims to re-energize the café as a vibrant hub for locals and visitors alike, combining culinary excellence with a commitment to arts and culture.

The grand reopening weekend takes place **Saturday, March 16th** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, marking a new chapter in the café's storied history. Visitors can expect a warm welcome from friendly faces, Joe Marino and Frank Vatalaro – new owners of Café Roxy.

"We're thrilled to announce the reopening of Café Roxy and to embark on this exciting journey alongside the Midland Cultural Centre," said Frank, new co-owner of Café Roxy. "Our vision is to create more than just a place to grab a coffee or a bite to eat - we want Café Roxy to be a focal point for the community, where people can come together to enjoy great food, engage in stimulating conversations, and experience the variety of arts and culture that can be found in Midland."

Through collaborative programming and events, Café Roxy aims to serve as an extension of the Cultural Centre, offering patrons a unique blend of culinary delights and cultural experiences. Café Roxy will be food produced by Vealataros and will feature an Italian hot plate experience with mouthwatering lasagna, savory veal sandwiches, classic sausage on a bun, as well as house-made pastas, sandwiches, salads, and an exciting assortment of baked goods and treats.

"We are delighted to welcome Café Roxy into the fold of the Midland Cultural Centre family," said Dan Broome, Executive Director for the Midland Cultural Centre. "Together, we have an opportunity to create something truly special - a destination that celebrates the intersection of food, art, and community. We look forward to collaborating with the Café Roxy team to enrich the experience for everyone visiting the MCC."

In addition to the reopening of Café Roxy, Quest Art School + Gallery is set to unveil their new artist-in-residence space – the "Art is Love" storefront, further enhancing the artistic vibrancy of the Midland community.

The reopening celebration on March 16th promises to be a day filled with excitement and festivity. Following the Café Roxy daytime re-opening, guests can look forward to live music and a full Irish-inspired dinner during the Celtic Kitchen Party between 5:00pm-7:00pm. Whether you're a longtime resident or a first-time visitor, Café Roxy invites you to join in the celebration and be a part of this momentous occasion.

For more information about Café Roxy and all upcoming MCC events, please visit [www.midlandculturalcentre.com](http://www.midlandculturalcentre.com).





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### MAYER, Nelson

Passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday February 26, 2024 at the age of 90. Dear companion of Donna Lesperance. Loving father of Barb (Doug) Kent, Brenda (Randy) Pitts, Duke (Brenda) Mayer, Crystal Mayer, Angie (Kirk) Binns, and Ryan Buttineau. Cherished Grandpa of 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Survived by his sister Patsy (late Maurice) Marchildon. Nelson is predeceased by his daughter Barb (Doug) Kent, his brothers Lionel (Anita), Marshall (Jackie), Ray (Doris) and by his sisters Clorraine Grozelle, and Marie Yates.

Family would like to send a thank you to Penny Frandsen and to all the staff at King Place Retirement Living in Midland, for all the love and care they showed Nelson and our family.


Funeral arrangement entrusted to Penetanguishene Funeral Home, 155 Main Street, Penetanguishene, Ontario (705) 549-3155. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held in the summer.

Memorial donations to Hospice Huronia or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family if desired.



### JOHNS, Gesina Rachel

(nee Kenwell) passed away at her home at Raglan Village in Collingwood on Saturday March 2, 2024, with her niece Deanna Kenwell of Collingwood, by her side. Gesina (Genie) (Jean) was in her 102nd year. She was predeceased by her husband Gordon Johns of Barrie on March 22, 2008. Gesina bought and sold antiques, many properties and real estate throughout her life. She owned and operated an antique store in Cookstown for many years and worked at Wright Cleaners in Barrie. Starting from a young age she was always busy working alongside her father at home or on the farm; she kept her hands working, right to the end. Her parents John and Gesina Kenwell were married in Collingwood in 1919, later moving to Edenvale area to raise their family of 9 children. Gesina was the 3rd eldest; she was predeceased by all 8 siblings, 5 brothers and 3 sisters. At her request there will be no formal services. She will be laid to rest with her husband Gordon at Barrie Union Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy donations may be made to a charity of choice in her memory. Friends may visit Gesina's online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com)



### PEARSON, Wilma Eileen

(nee BURNS)

Passed away peacefully at the Villa Care Centre in Midland on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Wilma Pearson (nee Burns) of Midland, formerly of Wyevale in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence Pearson. Loved mother of Lane Pearson, Shirley Brooks (late Gordon), and Heather McFadyen. Grandmother of Martain Pearson, Laura (Jason) Green, Leslie (Jamie) Robinson, Jeffrey (Kandi-Lee) Brooks, Kyle (Meghan) McFadyen, and Taylor McFadyen. Great grandmother of Emma Green, James Green, Kinley Robinson, and Wyatt Robinson. Wilma will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews.


The family would like to thank their family and friends, especially Colleen and Joyce and the Villa Care Centre for their wonderful care of mom.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 3-4 pm on Saturday, March 2, 2024. A funeral service will be held at 4 pm in the funeral home chapel.

Spring interment Wyevale Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Reach, Villa Care Centre Robin Floor Activity Centre, or Askennonnia Seniors Centre.

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### WHITESIDE, John Edward Graham

Passed away peacefully at Hospice Huronia on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Graham Whiteside of Midland in his 90th year. Pre-deceased by wife Eileen Whiteside (nee MacNeall). Dear father of Sue of Elmvale, Jim (Suzanne) of Kawartha Lakes, Pat (Judy) of Orr Lake, Graham Jr of Hillsdale, Mark of Hillsdale, and the late Maria (survived by Walter). Graham will be missed by his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 11 – 1 pm on Saturday, March 2, 2024. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 1 pm.

If desired memorial donations in Graham's memory may be made to Hospice Huronia.

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OBITUARIES



**CROWE, Thomas Dalton**  
(Original owner of the Orr Lake Golf Course and also ran the Orr Lake Dance Hall for many years)  
Passed away suddenly at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Tom Crowe of Barrie in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Goldie Crowe (nee Jordan). Dear father of Stephen (Elizabeth) Crowe, Denise (Rick) Verhaegen, Terry (Sally) Crowe, Carolyn (Jack) Daubney, and Greg (Carol) Crowe. Grandfather of 13 and Great-grandfather of 13.  
In keeping with Tom's wishes, there will not be a funeral service.  
Cremation with interment Mount St. Louis Cemetery.  
If desired, memorial donations may be made to the RVH Cardiac Unit.  
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**PEARSON, Wilma Eileen (nee BURNS)**  
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Spring interment Wyevalle Cemetery.  
Memorial donations may be made to Community Reach, Villa Care Centre Robin Floor Activity Centre, or Askennonia Seniors Centre.  
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**PEPIN, Jeanne Marie (née Belanger)**  
It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Jeanne Marie Pepin (née Belanger) of Hamilton, on Feb 22, 2024 at the age of 77 years.  
Jeanne will be lovingly remembered by her husband and best friend, Michel Pepin, with whom she shared a profound and enduring love, often epitomized by their favorite song, "Under the Boardwalk." Together, they navigated life's joys and challenges, raising a family of four remarkable children: Dan Pepin (Lorrie), Nancy Pepin, Michelle Pepin, and Andre Pepin (Kimberly).  
Born in Hamilton, Jeanne was a beacon of humour and care, touching the lives of all who knew her with her warmth and generosity. She was a devoted mother, not only to her own children but to all who were welcomed into her home and heart.  
Jeanne's legacy is carried on by her cherished family, including her beloved grandchildren (David and Eileen, Nicholas and Nathan, Dominic and Maxime) and great-grandchildren whose lives she enriched with love and laughter. She was predeceased by her mother, Eva Brown, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.  
A celebration of Jeanne's life will be held at the Midland Curling Club on May 21, 2024, starting at 1pm where friends and family will gather to honour her memory and the joy she brought into their lives.  
In remembrance of Jeanne's spirit and in lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to Campfire Circle, an organization close to her heart. Her memory will forever be a guiding light to her loved ones.  
Jeanne's life was a testament to the power of love, the strength of family, and the joy of laughter. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.  
Arrangements entrusted to LeClair Cremation Centre



**THOMAS, Kathleen**  
Passed away peacefully at home looking at the cows. Kathleen Thomas of Tiny in her 89th year. Beloved wife of that late Bill Thomas. Loving mother of Stuart, Paul, and Gary Thomas. Kathleen will be dearly missed by her grandchildren.  
Cremation with interment in England.  
If desired memorial donations to the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland would be appreciated.  
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Local Conservation Club Supports Midland Area Charities & Community



*By Robert Capling*  
Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Inc., a local Conservation club, supported charities in the Midland area by making Christmas donations that totaled \$5000. Donations to Salvation Army, Hospice Huronia, St. Vincent De Paul and Big Brothers Big Sisters to assist these well deserving Organizations to provide their services at this most critical time of year.  
As well as support for Youth Groups and Charities in the Midland area, GBHA Inc.'s focus is funding Four Post Secondary Bursaries at \$2500. per year, guaranteed for four years at any College or University in Ontario.  
Qualifying students must be a resident of North Simcoe, attend high school at either Elmvalle, Midland, Penetanguishene or ESC Nouvelle-Alliance in Barrie. Final qualifications are financial needs based and applications are open to all students and all post-secondary courses.  
GBHA Inc. seeks new applications each year. Application forms are available at all North Simcoe High Schools and ESC Nouvelle-Alliance school.  
GBHA earns its funding for these Bursaries by GBHA members who volunteer at Delta Bingo and Gaming in Penetanguishene. One hundred percent of the funds provided by Delta Bingo and Gaming are used for Bursaries and for Not for Profit organizations in the North Simcoe area.

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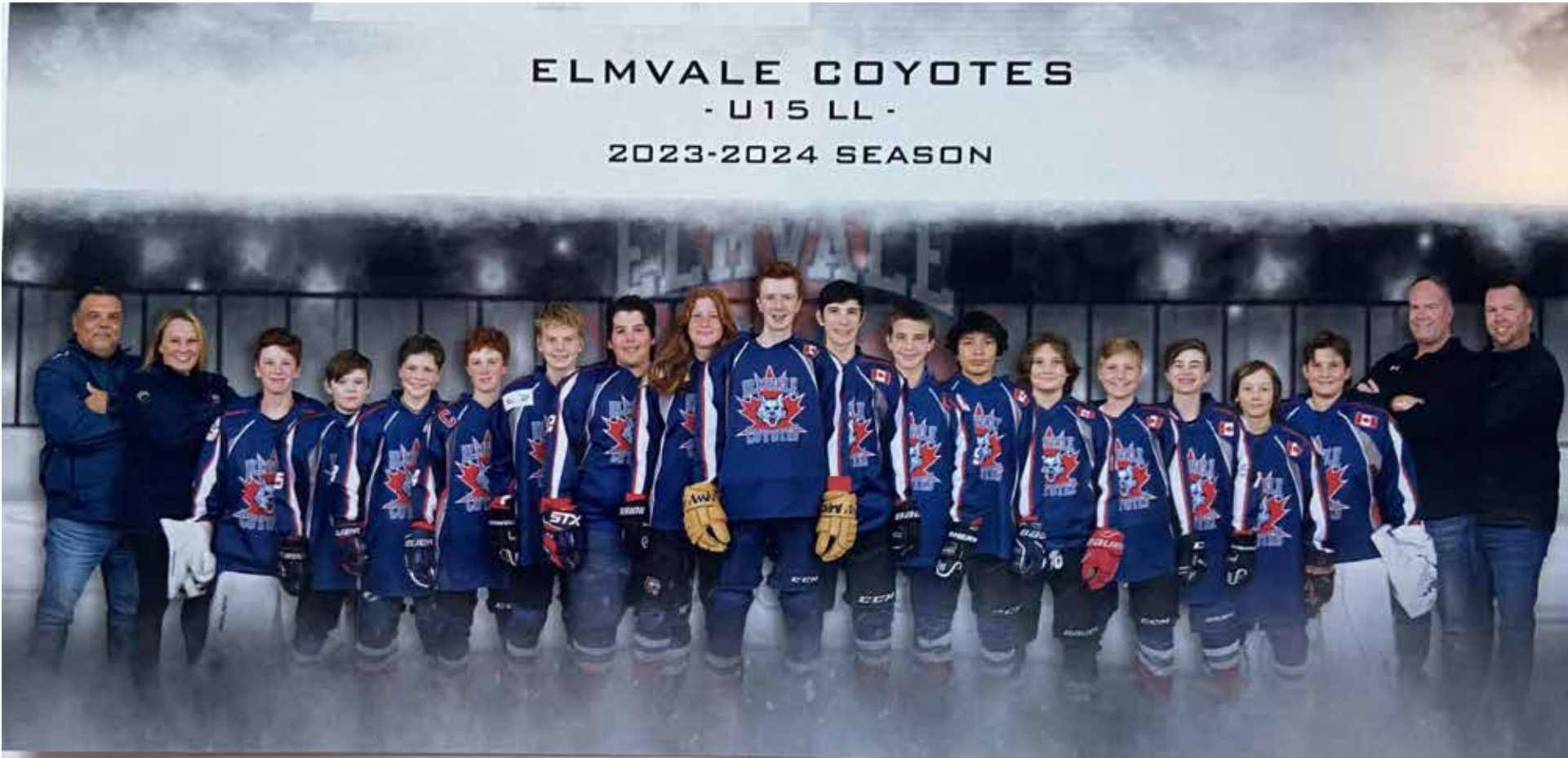
North Simcoe Springwater News is in Jaco, Costa Rica in March with (LtoR) Editor Linda Belcourt, reporter Brian Belcourt, Laura, Jason and Matthew Fitzgerald, up front. They are not camping with Bernie but having a fun and relaxing time.



We had an amazing time-2nd trip a month apart and got to catch up on home! Shot on Enchenachos Beach in Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba. Photo: Mark Sternberg and Stephanie Herchak



North Simcoe Springwater News is read in Las Vegas, Nevada with Sue, Mike, Sharon & Dodie of Elmvale.



Beacock's Auto Service Elmvale Coyotes U15LL Gaining Speed

By Kim McNabb

The Elmvale Coyotes U15 Local League team would like to thank Beacock’s Auto Service for sponsoring our team. While the team may have been slow off the starting line, they have really picked up the pace with some fine tuned tweaking. The competition that they’ve been up against has been tough but it’s been a fun-filled and exciting season so far. The pit crew is comprised of a deep bench staff including two U18 players who help out with coaching and support at

practices. The team spirit has really come alive with the entire team cheering on each others’ successes, both big and small. Each goal, each save, each defensive interception, each pass and each well executed play is celebrated by the fans, kids, and coaches alike. The team’s combined efforts have been a true example of what teamwork is meant to be and the rewards all the more satisfying. The Beacock’s Auto Service Team has had the fans on the edges of their seats and on their feet! Each team member is committed to putting in the time and

effort at practice ingraining their skilled maneuvers and applying them to the game plan with precision. With a passion to play their best game, the team is rounding the last bend into the final stretch of the season, gaining speed with every lap (and every practice). The plays are coming together and they are ending the season strong with no inclination of tapping the brakes. It’s full out to the finish line!



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