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Photo above: Elmvale Coyotes with Moose River Attack
Photo below: Bedrock Mortgage Brokers U11B Coyotes



Bedrock Mortgage Corp. U11B Elmvale Coyotes Represent Great In The Elmvale Maple Syrup Tournament

By Theresa Dermott

The Elmvale Coyotes U11B team, sponsored by Don Stoddard at Bedrock Mortgage Corp., hosted 7 other U11 teams at the Elmvale Maple Syrup Tournament Friday March 8th to Sunday March 11th. The team, led by Head Coach Adam Kuypers, Assistant Coaches Paul Craddock and Brandon Godin and Trainer Brett KleinGebbinck, made a strong start in the first game of the tournament with an 11-1 win over the South Gray Spartans.

Friday afternoon the team was represented in the U11 skills competition by 4 of their own. Ryan Dziana took the win in the fastest skater event to start things off. Gibson Godin showed his speed and puck handling skills in the agility event and Kolten KleinGibbink and Eli Daniels went on to win the best shooter and goalie awards, with the most goals and saves.

Friday evening, the team was excited to welcome the Moose River Attack who made their way to the Coyote Den by helicopter, train and plane. With a 9-1 victory, the Coyotes focused on their passing and camaraderie, cheering on the team from Moose Factory.

Saturday afternoon brought on the MidHuron Huskies and also the first loss of the tournament for the Coyotes, 3-0.

In the semi-finals, Elmvale faced the Wasaga Stars and in spite of outshooting their opponents and some great passing and plays, the Coyotes fell 3-2, ending the tournament.

On behalf of the players, staff and families we would like to thank our local vendors, and especially Deb Coughlin and Sarah Daniels for all of their efforts in putting on an amazing tournament.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

March 24, 2024 - I received a call from Bill Scott wanting to put in an ad. He served his country and now needs our help. He was an air frame tech in the Canadian Air Forces and deserves our time and efforts to find his uniform. I did not want his money but I do desperately want to help him. Someone out there knows where this uniform is. He wants his RAF LAC #5 Dress Tunic uniform back. He is dying of Cancer. His daughters are desperate to have it and it is his greatest wish to have his uniform returned. Bill ran out of gas between Wyevale and Elmvale. He left his vehicle at the side of the road and left to get some fuel. The uniform was in the trunk of his car but was gone went he returned.

The jacket has props on it and 2 propellers. It has safety pins in the inside holding the buttons on His name is on the inside right side of the jacket, Bill Scott WC Service # 96087.

Please, whom ever “borrowed” the uniform, it is time to return it. Please return it to the Springwater News office. You can unanimously leave it the breezeway of 1058 Flos Road Ten East, Elmvale ON L0L 1P0. No questions asked. I will also pick it up at any location without having to know who you are. Please have a compassionate heart and return it. If you have any information pertaining to this, please contact editor Linda Belcourt at 705-790-1993. I will be fielding the calls for Bill Scott of London ON, so that he may heal in peace and have time for his family at this precious time of this life. I will pass on any information to him and his family that is given to me. I am hoping to have a photo of this type of uniform for the next edition.

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Springwater Library Board Counters 'Misconceptions' at Council

By Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

March 21, 2024 - With its competency questioned and financial decisions challenged at almost every turn, members of the Springwater Library Board went on the offensive Wednesday night at the township's council meeting.

"Unfortunately, with inaccurate comments made at the council meeting on Feb. 21, 2024, regarding a motion to contract out library services, replacing library management, which is the CEO, and the competence of current library board, we wanted to make a delegation this evening to clear up some misconceptions," said Adrian Graham, chair of the Springwater Library Board.

"The library board feels it's necessary to clarify, on the public record, accurate information about how the Public Library Act works and the role of both the library board and township council," he added. "It should be noted that all of the information we're going to share this evening was provided to council members when they began their current term."

Graham and library board vice-chair Jane Cocking were in council chambers to respond to Coun. Phil Fisher's stated intention to bring forward a motion asking for a report from staff regarding the potential for contracting out library services. Graham explained that, under the Provincial Libraries Act (PLA), township council has no legal authority to contract out library services for an existing library system. He said the PLA grants library boards the status of a completely independent corporation as soon as the library board is established by council bylaws.

"As such, library boards in Ontario are separate legal entities," Graham said.

While library boards try to work in co-operation with municipal councils, he said library boards are tasked with providing independent governance in planning of the library system and are responsible for providing a comprehensive library service that reflects the community's unique needs.

The library board, Graham explained, is responsible for appointing a chief executive officer, who is an employee of the library board and reports to the board. The CEO does not report to the municipality. Fisher floated the idea of contracting out library services at the Nov. 1, 2023 council meeting. With few details and no context for the request, Fisher's comment, at the time, started tongues wagging. Some residents thought Fisher was calling for a closure of the township's library, while others applauded his concern for taxpayers' money.

His motion never materialized, leaving many in the community wondering about the library's fate. Coun. Brad Thompson, who sits on the library board, made an attempt to get Fisher to update the status of his motion at the Jan. 17 council meeting, but was prevented from asking the question when it was challenged on a point of order by Coun. Anita Moore.

At the Feb. 21 council meeting, Mayor Jennifer Coughlin advised council that the point of order that she upheld at that meeting was, in fact, not in contravention and invited Thompson to ask Fisher his question. "Where do you currently stand on your motion to get information on contracting out our library services?" Thompson asked.

"It's not that I have it in for the library," Fisher said at the time. "I just have to say, the board and the fiscal management is well, it just doesn't make any sense to me."

On Wednesday night, Fisher doubled down. "My problem doesn't lie with the library; my problem lies with the fact that we, as a council, are not allowed, seemingly, to question the finances behind the library," he said. "Whether it's \$5,000 or \$50,000, it has to be accounted for. I always feel when myself or another member of council questions the budget or questions things that surround the library, it feels like we're told we're not allowed to ask.

"Yes, you are separate, but you still come to us for the budget," Fisher added.

Cocking said council is encouraged to ask questions — they just have to go through the prescribed process. "Coun. Thompson is the council representative on the library board," she said. "Members of council should direct all questions and comments to Coun. Thompson, who will bring them to the next board meeting for discussion."

Cocking said this process was deliberately developed under the PLA to avoid the "politicization" of library matters and to respect both the library and its board as independent legal entities.

"The system is designed to develop a collegial and respectful relationship between council and the library board," she said.

When it comes to the board's competency, Cocking said the education and experience of board members was "quite significant and extensive" in the areas of strategic planning, finance, governance and policy.

Graham has a bachelor of arts and masters of education and was the superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Peel District School Board, while Cocking has a bachelor of arts and public relations certification and is the manager of corporate communications and community engagement for the Town of Innisfil.

Stephen Ouderkirk, who has a bachelor of arts and bachelor of education, is an elementary school teacher with the Simcoe County District School Board. Jennifer St-Onge, who holds a bachelor of science and bachelor of education, is an elementary school teacher with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

Evan Chan, who has a bachelor of science, a project management professional (PMP) certification and a master of business administration (MBA), is the manager of transit fleet for the City of Barrie.

Gillian Reynolds is the library's Tiny Township representative. She was Tiny's Community Volunteer in 2014, is former president of the Tiny Lions Club and is the bookkeeper for Reynold's Electric.

EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Is our Township of Springwater Council making a big mistake with lack of communication to City of Barrie on border issues? The result may be that the decision will be made for them, and they will no longer have any control of our borders. If they are at the table, then they have a chance to protect our township. Mayor Coughlin, Coun. Garwood and Coun. Thompson want to be at the table but the other four councillors do not want any discussions at all. I urge you to watch the meetings. Your eyes will be opened to some unreal discussion. Search internet for Township of Springwater Council webcast and it will come up.

Maybe they will find out in a Doug Ford press announcement that there is a new annexation.

Doug Ford states, "I'm just asking that the surrounding regions work together. This is what we do here in Ontario, we all work together," Ford answered. "We need more industrial land. That creates more opportunities for the whole region, not just for Barrie but the surrounding areas." Ford continues, "It's all about working together. Forget about this invisible border that happens. They have the capacity, the infrastructure here in Barrie no matter if it's water or wastewater, and the other ones don't. They can benefit. These municipalities can benefit and I do not know why they're not co-operating." Doug Ford warns, "I encourage you to co-operate — it's going to benefit your community, it's going to benefit everyone's community and it's going to drive prosperity."

Four in Five Canadians Read Newspaper Content Each Week

By News Media Canada

March 21, 2024 - Despite the digital shift in media consumption, Canadian adults continue to engage with newspaper content, whether in print or digital format, on a weekly basis.

Research conducted at the end of 2023 finds that 81% of Canadians report reading a newspaper on one of four platforms over the course of a week. Nearly a quarter of the population (22%) use all four print and digital platforms to access news and stay informed, highlighting the integration of traditional and digital news consumption habits.

Newspapers continue to adapt and cater to the

varied reader preferences in today's digital age by providing content on various platforms. Newspaper access on smartphones has become the number one platform at all times of day, appealing to Canadians' desire to stay informed on the go, 24/7. However, readers are choosing any number of platforms to read newspaper content — it is no longer about just a single way to reach readers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I read Matthew Lau’s article "The Disastrous Rollout of the Liberals' \$10-a-Day Childcare" with frustration. This was a rant, not a balanced viewpoint nor an investigation about what is hampering the rollout for parents who so desperately need this assistance. A quick review of Mr. Lau’s online presences reveals his partisan purpose.

Thankfully Linda Belcourt addressed one component of the “disaster” in her March 12 Editorial: political leaders determined that the Elmvale and Wasaga Beach area did not need the funding, hence the cause for higher fees. That is a important story that needs to be told in detail to the community so that citizens can think critically and ask questions of politicians as to why they prevented affordable daycare in Elmvale.

Matthew Lau did not address that Early Childhood Educators' low wages reflects the undervaluing of their work and is a deterrent to becoming an ECE. Some daycare centres simply cannot find adequate staff.

He did not address the fact that the Ontario government is also to blame, In 2022 when Ontario was the last province to sign on, the provincial government agreed to create 86,000 spaces. However, the province has not increased the agreed revenue replacement transfers since 2022 at a time when costs are increasing. In addition, there is a lack of clarity as to how the province is allocating the money as they simultaneously call upon the federal government to give even more money. (CBC Jan. 16/24).

Biased articles such as Mathew Lau’s that only lay the blame at one party’s feet fan the flames of anger and discontent. This scapegoating is another threat to Canadian society.

Simply put, communities are being held back by political partisanship and I call upon all politicians to work across party lines to improve the lives of Ontario families. And I call upon all citizens to ask their leaders tough questions. And don’t believe everything you read.

Sincerely,
Janet Griffiths-Maxymiw, Wasaga Beach

My pet peeve, our water supply! The world is rationing water and eying available supplies, where ever they ca find it Why are we allowing our precious water to be used to wash stones, clog up well systems and when it’s gone it’s gone!! You were right in your editorial, we know who to vote for!



Life Comes Full Circle for Local Cancer Survivor

Submitted by GBGH

March 21, 2024 - One local cancer survivor is close to \$3,000 richer after winning the most recent jackpot of the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre’s (GBCSC) 50/50 Raffle Draw.

For the most recent winner, the cause hit particularly close to home.

“It’s very close to my heart. I could have used this support when I had cancer. It’s so important to have this here,” said Caroline Whiteside, speaking emotionally about her battle with cancer almost a decade ago. “I wanted to do something, and buying a ticket was something small I can do.

Caroline Kachkowski, Tiny

An Open Letter to Council regarding March 20, 2024 Council Meeting:

I attended the Mar. 21/24 Council and was dismayed by the reaction some members of Council had to the presentation by the Library Board Chair and Vice-Chair. This presentation was a direct result of the criticism one member of Council expressed about the management of the Library (Board and CEO). Those comments were made at the Feb. 21/24 Council Meeting.

The fact that these unwarranted comments were made in public session is unconscionable. As a past member of the Library Board, I am appalled at this Council’s refusal to acknowledge provincial legislation, to listen to explanations of the process under which the Library operates, to disregard their own procedures (about holding discussions of personnel matters in closed session) and the utter disdain for volunteers (Councillor Fisher asked how the Library Board could consider themselves volunteers since they receive an honorarium)

All appointees to Springwater Council committees receive an honorarium, as do our local appointees to other service providers (such as the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority), including our ‘volunteer’ firefighters. Library Board members cannot claim mileage to meetings, nor incur any other expenses without the prior approval of the Board – the Library Board’s \$40 per meeting honorarium falls well below minimum wage just for time spent at a monthly meeting, let alone anytime spent on other Board business. The amount of the honorarium has not been changed since 1990, to the best of my knowledge.

The comment Councillor Fisher then made about the CEO’s credit card expenditure at the Royal York Hotel was another cheap shot. When the Library received credit card privileges from the Township, it was so that members were not out-of-pocket for expenses incurred while on Library business.

The bill in question was for accommodations and parking for attending the recent Ontario Library Association annual conference. The bill would have been significantly larger had reservations been made at the hotel attached to the conference venue. I notice in the same cheque and credit card register that there were many similar expenses for Township staff attending other conferences, yet no disparaging comments were made about those costs.

The Board’s agendas and minutes are available on the Library website. The reporting in the minutes echoes Council’s standard. As such, there is no verbatim recording of individual conversation, nor withholding of pertinent information. In the case of requested revisions by the board, there would be a recording of amendments to motions. There are no ‘shadow meetings’ as Councillor Fisher suggested.

The only direct question asked after the presentation was for Township staff to review the Public Libraries Act with regard to contracting out of library services.

My questions for Council are:

Will there be an apology to the Library Board and CEO for the slanderous comments made by Councillor Fisher on Mar. 20/24?

Will there be any discipline for the comments he also made at the Feb. 21/24 meeting?

Will Council review their protocol for moving into Closed Session? It is my understanding that Council meets in Closed Session to review real estate issues, to be updated on contract negotiations, or where comments are made about identifiable personnel. Who at Council – the Mayor, the CAO or the Clerk, has the authority to ‘kill the microphone’ when such comments are made in public session?

Will Council review their protocol for interacting with their Service Agencies? With a new Police Services Board coming into effect, it seems an opportune time to re-examine what authority Council may or may not have with those Service Agencies in budget deliberations and personnel matters.

Donna Kenwell B.A., M.L.S., Elmvale

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Town of Midland Council Weighs Various Options, Costs for New-look Yonge Street



“We need some kind of delineation for the cyclists and we can’t just have paint,” says Midland mayor as council seeks further options on major Yonge Street project

By Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, *MidlandToday.ca*

March 21, 2024 - The west side of Yonge Street is getting prepared for an overhaul as the next major project in Midland, and how its surface gets painted was the topic at the recent committee of the whole meeting.

A public meeting was held in October for residents to learn more and complete a survey for their suggestions regarding travel lanes, turning lanes, cycling lanes, and/or a multi-use trail among other options.

Environment and infrastructure staff brought a report to this week’s council meeting, recommending an option that would incorporate a buffer of flexible bollards from CR-93 to King Street between vehicle lanes and the cyclists and pedestrians, maintaining the single lanes for vehicles with a central turning lane.

Mundy’s Bay Public School is located on Yonge Street between Sixth and Seventh Street. Their response through their Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit-led On the Move committee was for the second option, aligning with the staff recommendation.

Mayor Bill Gordon thanked staff for the report, but said there was a missed option not provided to residents: a return to the way things were.

“The ironic thing is that what most people wanted, of the options presented to them, of course, was status quo,” said Gordon. “As it turns out though, that doesn’t work with the MTO. It kind of did before when we winged it, but we can’t now and we need some kind of delineation for the cyclists and we can’t just have paint.”

His suggested amendment to the report recommendations was to send the report back for staff to explore the cost to have four lanes – two lanes in either direction – and keep children under 12 legally on the sidewalks while adult cyclists use a road lane.

“The rationale here is, we only have two main east-west corridors; there’s Hugel Avenue and there’s Yonge Street,” said Gordon. “Yonge is our truck route, it is our main arterial road... through our town.”

He added that the parallel Hugel Avenue had two lanes of traffic with painted delineation for cyclists, and although steeper, would be accessible for those wanting a cycling challenge.

As Gordon was amending the motion for increased options, Coun. Jamie-Lee Ball also sought a further amendment. Redesign options of the intersection at Fourth Street – a street cited as a hazardous speeding zone by residents – were explored but with proposed multi-use lanes ceasing at that intersection; Ball requested staff to look into extending those lanes from CR-93 to King Street.

Providing a cost-analysis for the project was engineering manager Mitch Sobil, who shared that the estimated base cost for the reconstruction project would be \$8.5 million, covering option one of status quo.

The staff and school recommended second option for flexible bollards would be an additional \$500,000; a third option to create a multi-use trail from CR-93 to Eighth Street would raise the cost another \$500,000 to \$9.5 million; and Ball’s suggested amendment

option for full extension would be around the \$11 million range or more, according to Sobil.

Coun. Catherine MacDonald asked if four lanes were a feasible option, to which Sobil confirmed was possible but due to the narrow width of Yonge Street it would be a challenge due to constraints and existing utilities.

As Gordon asked if staff could bring back a report which would address not only the amended options but also consideration for anticipated population growth along the corridor, Sobil replied that a Yonge Street road diet report from 2017 had made those calculations and that the town was in line with the report through to 2041.

While Gordon expressed assurance that re-examining painted lines wouldn’t be a great impact on the project’s cost or timeline, Sobil responded with caution that reconstruction could potentially be delayed as staff revisit further options.

The motion was split in two parts, with Gordon and Ball’s amendments approved as the first half.

Regarding Fourth Street, residents had previously asked council to consider making it a one-way route to decrease traffic issues. As part of the report, staff had explored options but recommended upgrading to a permanent signal at the intersection of Yonge Street and removing its pedestrian crossing option, but otherwise leave the street as is. Gordon commented that it wasn’t a slight against resident concerns but that the traffic data didn’t align with their claims of speeding.

Information on the Yonge Street project, timelines, scope, and reports are available on the construction page of the town website.

The Yonge St. reconstruction bike lanes report, including options and survey results, is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

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2024 Education Bursary Program

Applications for the Township of Tiny Education Bursary Program close at 4:30 p.m. on April 30, 2024. There are five bursaries available in the amount of \$1,000 each.

For more information: www.tiny.ca/bursary.



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

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

Description of Land:

Roll No. 43 74 020 013 20000 0000; 742 BIRCHWOOD DR., MIDLAND; PIN 58475-0160 (LT); File No. 21-02; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$92,374.83**

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.midland.ca or you may contact Jennifer Gaerttner, Tax and Revenue Clerk, The Corporation of the Town of Midland, 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland, ON L4R 1R2, Telephone 705-526-4275, Ext., 2226, Email: jgaerttner@midland.ca



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By Helmut Paddags
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dancing. Our own chefs served a traditional Irish shepherd's pie accompanied by fresh crisp vegetables and dip followed by a cake for dessert. After dinner the members were entertained by musicians from the Red Hot Stove Pipe Band. At the end of the evening everyone appreciated being Irish for a while. Wherever you go and whatever you do, may the luck of the Irish be there with you.

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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: candles, nail polish, sunglasses, fun socks, candy, magazines, conditioner 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.

Homeschool Science Fair
All ages welcome! No specific criteria for your project. Display your science fair project and present it (optional). Questions and interaction are encouraged. Receive a Science Fair Participation Certificate! Thursday April 4, 1pm at Minesing Branch. Registration required. Please call (705) 322-1482 to register.

Creative Adults: Butterfly Art
Create a beautiful 3D painting. All materials provided. Tuesday April 16 at Elmvale Branch. You can register for either the 2pm program or 6pm program. Cost \$10.

Sublimation Magnet
Using the Canva platform and our sublimation printer, design two magnets to print and take home. Ages 8 and up. Ages 8 to 11 to be accompanied by an adult. Thursday April 25, 6pm-7pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$4 for two magnets. Registration required.



War Amps 2024 Key Tags

March 18, 2024 - War Amps 2024 key tags en route to Springwater – Springwater and North Simcoe residents can expect to receive their 2024 War Amps key tags in the mail starting this week. Each key tag has a confidentially coded number. If you lose your keys, the finder can call the toll-free number on the back of the tag or place them in any mailbox, and The War Amps will return them to you by courier, free of charge. The War Amps receives no government grants. With the public's support of the Key Tag Service, the Association is making a difference in the lives of amputees, including children, by providing financial assistance for the cost of artificial limbs, peer support and information on all aspects of living with amputation. Those who do not receive their key tags in the mail can order them at waramps.ca or call toll-free 1 800 250-3030.

News & Events at the Penetanguishene Public Library

24 Simcoe Street 705-549-7164
www.penetanguishene.library.on.ca

PD Programs are here!

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!

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

Plates and Pockets - Household food insecurity and food affordability in Simcoe Muskoka.
A Public Health Nurse will provide an overview on how and why the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit monitors food affordability in our region and how it relates to the issues of household food insecurity. The goal of the workshop is to create awareness about social issues. This program is for adults and is free. Join us on April 19th at 10:00 a.m. Register with your library card.

Earth Day Craft
Make a hanging Earth craft. This program will be available on Friday, April 26th at 4:00 pm for ages 4-12. Program fee is \$1.00. Must have a valid library card to register.

New @PPL

Solar Eclipse
Did you know there will be a solar eclipse on April 8th? The library has solar eclipse glasses for sale for \$2.00 each. Purchase your glasses while quantities last and protect your eyes during this spectacular event!

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

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.

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9 Tiny piece of matter
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FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF TINY

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 11, 2024, at the Township of Tiny Municipal Office, 130 Balm Beach Rd. W., Tiny Ontario.

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:
www.OntarioTaxSales.ca
or if no internet access available, contact:

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Township of Tiny Community
Garden Plot open for 2024

Submitted by Township of Tiny

March 18, 2024 - (Tiny, Ontario) The Township of Tiny's Community Garden plots, located at Perkinsfield Park, will open for reservations to residents at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, March 25, 2024. Non-resident reservations will open at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, April 8, 2024. Garden plot reservations can be made online at www.tiny.ca/gardens or by contacting the township. Ensure to book your reservation early as space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Township of Tiny opened the community garden in 2019 with the help of volunteers, Depave Paradise, and Green Communities Canada. Together, we have transformed the decommissioned tennis courts into a haven for pollinators. The garden is a green space where the community can plant and care for vegetables, flowers, and herbs. In addition to the plots available to rent, the space also has an eco-lawn, sensory gardens, a communal herb spiral, picnic tables, and a wildflower garden that helps to attract pollinators.

"We're excited to announce that the Community Garden plots will be open for reservations shortly," said Mayor David Evans. "We know how much the community looks forward to these garden spaces, and also how important they are to sustainable agriculture and resilient pollinator environments in Tiny".

How does the Community Garden work?

The Township of Tiny Community Garden is open annually from May to October. Gardeners can register and rent a plot (a raised 4 by 8-foot bed) for \$30 +HST. The rental fee includes the garden bed, access to municipal water, a communal tool shed, a picnic area, and access to the herb spiral.

Want to become more involved?

The township is seeking a volunteer Community Garden Coordinator to oversee the garden. The coordinator will help organize volunteers in addition to providing guidance and insight on garden improvements and areas of growth. The time commitment for this volunteer position is between 5 and 10 hours per week from April to October. Interested volunteers are encouraged to visit www.tiny.ca/volunteer for more information.

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Ontario Connecting More People to Primary Care Teams across Simcoe County.

March 22, 2024 - Barrie- The Ontario government is investing \$2,842,641 to connect more people to primary care teams across Simcoe County. This is part of Ontario's \$110 million investment to connect up to 328,000 people to primary care teams, bringing the province one step closer to connecting everyone in Ontario to primary care.

"This funding continues to ensure that everyone, no matter where they live, will have access to the world class healthcare Ontarians expect," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. "Expanding access to primary care teams helps connect patients and their families with the services they need all at once. These primary care teams will help keep families together, and relieve pressures on both the healthcare system and the stresses of patients accessing care."

Ontario currently leads the country with 90 per cent of people connected to a regular health care provider. As a next step to close the gap for people not connected to primary care in the community, the province is supporting expanded interprofessional primary care teams in Simcoe County.

In Simcoe County, this funding will allow an estimated 3,695 patients to be served through expanded mobile services with Mamaway Wiidokdaadwin and through a new Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic in Innisfil.

"Our government is making record investments to ensure that the residents in Barrie and Innisfil that want to have a primary care provider can connect to one," said Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie-Innisfil. "I am thrilled that Innisfil will be receiving \$1,440,600 for a Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic which will be working with existing community partners including pharmacies, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, radiology centres, CMHA, BANAC, and other community service partners to provide comprehensive primary care services to the unattached, patients with chronic diseases, those with mental health or addiction issues, the elderly, young families, socioeconomically disadvantaged groups, indigenous persons, racialized or francophone communities."

Interprofessional primary care teams connect people to a range of health professionals that work together under one roof, including doctors, nurse practitioners, registered and practical nurses, physiotherapists, social workers and dietitians, among others. Timely access to primary care helps people stay healthier for longer with faster diagnosis and treatment, as well as more consistent support managing their day-to-day health while relieving pressures on emergency departments and walk-in clinics.

"Our government is making record investments to ensure that everyone that wants to have a primary care provider can connect to one," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "While there is more work to do, giving hundreds of thousands of more Ontarians the opportunity to connect to primary care brings us that much closer to this goal."

In addition to other historic investments to expand medical school spots and efforts to break down barriers so highly-skilled internationally-trained doctors can care for people in Ontario, Ministry of Health modelling shows that these initiatives will help connect up to 98 per cent of people in Ontario to primary care in the next several years.

Since the launch of Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care one year ago, the government has been making steady progress to ensure the health care system has become better equipped to respond to the needs of patients and provide them with the right care in the right place, faster access to services and access to an expanded health care workforce.



Awenda, Giants Tomb Set to Expand Over Next Three Years

By Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



March 12, 2024 - Awenda Provincial Park will soon get a little bigger as part of the federal government's \$10 million commitment to support expansion of Ontario's protected areas.

Through the federal Enhanced Nature Legacy program and partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, the investment would see the addition of new or expansion of existing, protected areas including provincial parks and conservation reserves across Ontario.

For Awenda, that would mean a boundary expansion of approximately 265 acres (nearly 110 hectares) to be added to the park, including the mainland portion of Awenda as well as parcels of Giants Tomb Island. Established in 1975, the park currently occupies an area of 7,203 acres (2,915 hectares).

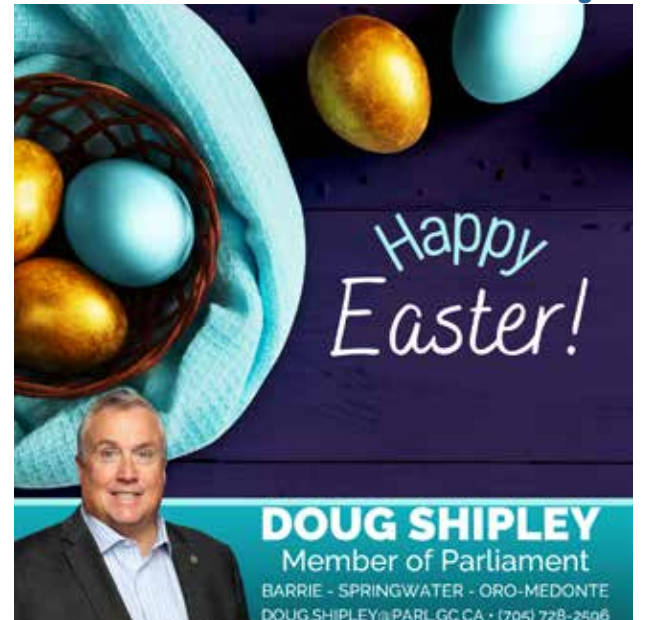
"I'm very excited that the boundaries are going to be expanded at Awenda Provincial Park," Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop told MidlandToday. "It's a great collaboration between the federal and provincial governments coming together to ensure funds for nature and conservation."

Across the province, up to 170,000 hectares (or more than 420,000 acres) has been protected by the Enhanced Nature Legacy program with the goal to protect 30 per cent of land and water in Canada by 2030, as noted by Minister Andrea Khanjin of Environment, Conservation and Parks. "The County of Simcoe already has a lot of great nature trails," said Khanjin, adding that Ontario was blessed with a large number of provincial parks. "What's better than expanding more recreational opportunities for people who love to live here and to come visit?"

Adam van Koeverden, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault, added: "It's a team sport, we can't do it alone. We certainly do need provincial and territorial partners in order to achieve these goals. "For people locally," said van Koeverden, "it will mean people will have larger parks in the future, and more protected areas, which is great for flood mitigation, recreation, and it's also important for species-at-risk."

Shortly after the presentation, the politicians, scientists, dignitaries and their families took a short hike through Awenda Park led by natural heritage education coordinator Tim Tully, who explained the geographic and historic context of the lands to the visiting entourage.

Information on the Canada Nature Fund and its services can be found on the Canadian environment climate change website.



It's officially spring. With the first day of spring behind us and the Easter long weekend here earlier than usual, the summer months are not too far off. We're all thinking about getting outdoors to enjoy the milder weather and the promise of summer. This time of year also signals busy days ahead. Before long we'll be making time to get out to baseball practices, track and field competitions, and soccer games. Then we can start thinking about fun summertime activities, like backyard barbecues, hiking the trails, days at the beach, and movies under the stars.

While we're waiting for spring to usher in warmer days and milder evenings, we can all enjoy maple syrup season. If you're looking to experience the process or to pick-up some locally produced maple syrup, you don't have to travel far as there are many producers to choose from within a short distance. You can always opt to try local syrups through one of several pancake breakfasts planned this spring throughout the Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte riding. I was lucky enough to attend a few already, and even manned the grill.

I always enjoy attending local events, visiting businesses in the riding, and meeting with people in the community. One of the things I like best about my job is having the time to connect with residents and having the opportunity to learn more about what matters most to them. I'm looking forward to participating in the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival happening on April 27, and getting the chance to meet you. Please, come and say hello.

If there's an event you'd like me to attend, like a pancake breakfast, or a business opening, maybe an anniversary celebration, please reach out to my office. Feel free to contact me by email at Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca, if you'd like to share your thoughts and concerns, or if you need assistance with any federal matters. I want to hear from you.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy spring season and a very Happy Easter.

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





A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

By Jennifer Gray, Township of Tiny, Senior Column Writer

Spring is officially here and it's a time for renewal and making plans. After the short days of winter, we're ready to get outside.

It's also a great time to think about getting physically active. Our New Year's resolution to exercise usually falls by the wayside by mid-February. However, this Spring there's no excuse for more excuses. We all know the health benefits of physical activity are endless. For that reason, we're excited to announce the Township of Tiny's Spring and Summer Recreation Guide is finalized and offering a wide range of fun activities that older adults will find interesting, physically beneficial and fun.

Activities are being offered for all interests and abilities. There's a range of popular group exercise classes. For those looking for gentler exercise routines, classes are offered in the 'ging Backwards' program as well as in VON's Smart Program. Both programs are specifically designed for older adults wanting to improve their muscle strength, flexibility and balance. For those interested in moving at a higher energy level, dance-centric Zumba is available with the opportunity to improve cardiovascular fitness through fun Latin and international dance moves.

Lessons in racquet sports are also available. Beginner and intermediate tennis classes are being offered

throughout the season. Oust off your old racquet or borrow one of the loaners available. Experienced coaches will be on hand to teach you the basics or improve your game.

If tennis isn't your game, think about becoming part of the Pickleball craze. There are lots of programs available for all levels of pickleball players. Whether you've barely heard about the sport or want to develop your strokes and court movement, there is a broad range of workshops and lessons designed to help you embrace this very popular sport.

The game of golf is also a wonderful outdoor sport to enjoy in the warm months. Beginner and intermediate 3-hour clinics will be offered at Brooklea Golf and Country club. Fundamentals of the game will be taught according to level. Equipment will be available upon request.

Shuffleboard lessons and games are also being offered. This free, drop-in program offers instruction for new players and is an excellent way to meet new people, exercise indoors and have fun.

Want to play a sport but don't want to take a lesson? Tiny's recreation department offers Sport Loaner Kits to provide you with the equipment needed to try out a sport. The kit contains all the equipment needed to play in your backyard or favorite township park. Each kit includes an instructional booklet with game play rules and examples of skill drills. Kits are

available for the following sports: Soccer, Tennis, Frisbee, Sit 'n cycle, Pickleball, Bocce ball, and Horeshoes.

An official on line copy of the program guide will be available April 4 at www.tiny.ca/recreation. Physical copies of the guide will also be available at Township of Tiny's municipal office, community centres and other community-based locations.

For program registration on line, apply at www.townshipoftiny.perfectmind.com. For those registering in person, call 705-526-4202 to speak to the Recreation Administrative Coordinator. Paper registration forms are also available at Township of Tiny's Municipal office, 130 Balm Beach Rd.

Upcoming Events

- Tiny Lions Easter Egg Hunt-March 29
- National Volunteer Week-Apr 14-20
- Earth Week - Apr 14-20
- Parks, Recreation and Seniors month-month of June
- Senior Symposium -June 4
- Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament-June 14
- Pollinator Week-June 17-23
- La St. Jean Baptiste-June 22
- Busk 'til Dusk-Thursdays nights, starting June 27th Community BBQ-July 13

Askennonia Senior Centre Highlights the Impact of a \$25,800 Grant



By Judy Contin, Executive Director

Midland, ON – On Friday, the team at Askennonia Senior Centre spoke to the impact of the \$25,800 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The year-long grant, awarded last spring, has helped the group continue delivering a wide range of activities for local seniors for the community at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre.

"This grant from our government through OTF, totalling \$25,800, has significantly strengthened the Askennonia Senior Centre's capacity to support our elderly community," said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe

North. "With new appliances, essential kitchenware, and assistance with transportation costs, we are fortifying connections, combating isolation, and ensuring the well-being of our cherished seniors."

Funds from the grant were used to purchase and install a new, lockable refrigerator and stand-up freezer to prevent the loss of food. The grant has also enabled the Askennonia Senior Centre to buy catering carts, new soup and salad bowls, coffee urns, make needed repairs to damaged cupboards, and to help with some administrative costs as well as helping lower income seniors with transportation costs so that they can remain connected with activities and friends, combatting loneliness and isolation.

"These items allowed us to return to our fundraising events in the post-COVID landscape, confident that the equipment and utensils we use and the food we served was safe," said Judy Contin, Executive Director of Askennonia. "Access to programing and events gives local seniors an opportunity to socialize, to learn and to be engaged members of their communities. The Resilient Communities Fund grant was important to our financial recovery after

the pandemic, as we returned to our fundraising goal of over \$100,000/year."

Askennonia Senior Centre has been supporting local seniors since 1987 and in 2023 saw its largest membership ever, registering 1,435 individuals. They offer over 60 weekly programs and many seasonal parties and events throughout the year, including a St Patrick's Day Party and Spring Fashion Show.

"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."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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By Roma Czech RDH BSc
Springwater News was in Ek Porvenir, Honduras accompanying a dental team on a mission for Health Outreach. Holding the newspaper is Wyevale Independent Dental Hygienist, Roma Czech, in front of one of the schools visited. Over 450 children were checked and had fluoride varnish treatments performed by 3 hygienists.



Photo above: NS Springwater News found with DLG Services Mechanic, Dino has a special message from Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.



Township of Springwater – Minister’s Zoning Order Application
3169, 3193, 3207 Barrie Hill Road, Springwater
Public Information Centre
File No. MZO 2024-001

A Public Information Centre (PIC) for a Minister’s Zoning Order application will be held virtually on **Tuesday April 30, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams (link included below).

The purpose of the MZO request is to zone the lands to permit the development of a proposed plan of subdivision consisting of 406 lots for single detached dwellings.

A total of 356 lots are proposed to have a frontage of 11.6m and 50 lots are proposed to have a frontage of 13.4m. The proposed development also contains a 4.6 acre (1.86 hectare) dual use public park and underground stormwater management facility. The Township’s MZO protocol sets out a process to request the lands to be zoned and included in the settlement area boundary in order to proceed with development.

The subject lands are located at 3169, 3193, 3207 Barrie Hill Road. They are legally described as Part of Lot 18, Concession 8. The key map below illustrates the location of the subject lands, which are approximately 65 acres (26 hectares) in area.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Giuseppe Russo, Project Manager, at 647-564-3581 or via email at BarrieHill@Geranium.com.



Public Information Centre

Date: Tuesday April 30, 2024
Time: 6:30p.m.

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Fitz's graduation as a St John Ambulance Visiting Therapy Dog!

By Gerret Kavanagh
Having completed his ten probationary weekly visits at Chartwell Tiffen retirement residence in Midland, a wonderful graduation ceremony was held there yesterday for Fitz (a 7 year old Alaskan malamute) officially becoming a SJA Visiting Therapy Dog! Shannon Fountain, the residence's Lifestyle & Program Manager, co-ordinated this truly memorable event, attended by dozens of residents with special guest Lynn Kitchen, the SJA Simcoe-Muskoka Branch program co-ordinator, who presented Fitz with his uniform. Fitz is just a remarkably friendly and affectionate fellow who brings so much joy to everyone he meets.





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Elmvale Skating Club Hosted “A Black Tie Affair”

March 2, 2024, over six hundred people attended The Elmvale Skating Club performance entitled “A Black Tie Affair”. These outstanding performances displayed the many talents of its skaters. The Elmvale Skating Club currently has over 300 members the highest recorded in the Clubs history. The Elmvale Skating Club recently was awarded the highest possible recognition from Skate Canada the Can Skate Excellence Award. This year guest skaters from the Mariposa School of Skating and the Pulse Synchro team from Wasaga Beach joined in the performed. Siyul Bella Back and Gavin Mahoney, the 2024 Canadian Novice Pairs Champions amazed the crowd with two flawless performances.

Wasaga Beach Synchro Team performed in the first of two performances held that day. Elmvale Skating President Jenn Allen is quoted “To the Skaters, Board Members, Volunteers, Coaches, Sponsors Parents and Loved Ones. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your incredible talent, dedication, and hard work that contributions to the tremendous success of our skating carnival” A Black Tie Affair”. All funds raised are reinvested into the Elmvale Skating Club and provide meaningful financial support to the skaters for years to come.” Visit ElmvaleSkatingClub.com for the more information on Fall 2024 skating registration.



Photo above: Team McGinnis (winners)
Photo below: Team Spence



By Adrianna McGinnis
March 17, 2024 - On Saturday March 16 the North Simcoe Junior Farmers attended the annual Grey County Hockey Tournament in Rocklyn. The Junior Farmers entered two teams in the tournament (Team Spence and Team McGinnis). Both teams battled hard throughout the tournament and met each other in the A Side final. Team McGinnis came out on top with a 6-2 final to win the tournament. The prize money was happily donated back to Grey County Junior Farmers.



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by Annie Warner Donnelly, International Correspondent

March 26, 2024 - The last time I wrote I was about to begin my final week at TaSUBa College in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. The windows of the college buildings, nestled under a canopy of tall, green, broad-leafed trees, are open to the sound of the waves that hug the coastline of the town. The Indian Ocean tides go in and out as students come from inside and outside of Tanzania to develop the artistic gifts that God has given them. My last week was filled with important assignments and late nights to complete them. March 16 arrived and with it, Graduation Day. I couldn't resist sending a picture of me receiving my Year Two Certificate.



Technically, it was my first year, but when they



included: Vocal Training, Keyboard Technique, Sound Recording, Sound Reinforcement, Conducting, and Music Software. It was a full four weeks!

Living off campus, I walked to and from school each day giving and receiving smiles to people along the way. Tanzania is a different culture to be sure, but the meaning of smiles is universal. Smiles break down barriers and open the way to build relationships. God gave us a special gift when He created us with the ability to smile!



On Sunday, March 17, we started the long journey, by car, back to Mugeta. It took us two days, but we arrived safely Monday evening. I have included the sunflower picture for two reasons. One: sunflower

oil is produced here in Tanzania, and we passed fields and fields of these sun seeking flowers on our way home. Two: I'm fond of sunflowers, especially because they conveniently feed the birds. We've grown sunflowers in my yard in Canada many times, but the tree in this picture will always remind me of this place that I have come to love.

This afternoon, I looked out my window to find five donkeys in the yard. I could only capture three of them in this picture, but I assure you, there were five!



What could this possibly be? I wondered. These donkeys were not very old and not that big, but the bags of maize they delivered needed two men to carry each bag into the storage building. I was told the donkeys were laying down so that the two women who came with them could remove their loads. I'm not so sure; those looked like tired donkeys to me! Such a contrast, isn't it? When was the last time a donkey made a delivery to our homes in Canada? I can't begin to express how grateful I am to God for making it possible for me to live in Tanzania. I encourage you to fulfill the dreams you have for your lives. God will help you. I know He will. Amen.

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By Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

March 21, 2024 - The City of Barrie has sent Springwater Township packing.

As Springwater has "nothing to offer" Barrie in exchange for access to its water and wastewater services, the city has told the township it's not interested in talking.

At Wednesday night's township council meeting, Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin told council members that township officials had a meeting with Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall to discuss the possibility of a partnership and were rebuffed.

"It was made very clear that we have nothing to offer if not land," Coughlin said. "They are not looking for a fee-for-service or 'a la carte' service to their pipes, their treatment facility and their water.

"If we're not talking about boundary adjustment, the conversation with Barrie no longer exists," she added. "That was made very clear to us in an email and that was the intention of the email, so that it wasn't my interpretation or our interpretation of the meeting. That was provided to us directly from the City of Barrie."

Nuttall provided BarrieToday with a copy of the email that was sent to Springwater Township councillors Wednesday, just before noon.

"The City of Barrie continues to be open to a cross-border agreement that delivers more industrial supply to Barrie and empowers Springwater to raise \$8 million annually in new taxation. This has been the case since we sat down to discuss with mayor and deputy mayor and continues to be the case," the email reads.

"I would encourage you to make a serious effort of engagement with Barrie, rather than one that merely takes the billions of dollars of Barrie infrastructure, paid for by hard-working Barrie residents and planned out by top-tier Barrie staff, and gives it to

neighbouring municipalities," the email continues. "Therefore, we will not be providing any services across the boundary to Springwater without the conveyance of industrial supply to Barrie.

"Additionally, if the City of Barrie is going to take the approach of Springwater council to industrial supply seriously, we would need to understand what lands Springwater is designating for industrial purposes that are in close proximity to the municipal boundaries," the message states.

Nuttall closed his message on an optimistic note.

"I prefer to find a local solution that benefits both municipalities as was proposed and was being negotiated prior to the ending of talks between Barrie and Springwater," the email says. "This approach will without a doubt, deliver jobs and prosperity in a more meaningful way for residents of our area."

Two weeks ago, Springwater council opted to reverse a Nov. 15, 2023 decision to "terminate discussions" with Barrie regarding the city's proposal for municipal boundary adjustments and cross-border servicing.

Springwater council voted to hold talks with the Barrie officials, but only regarding cross-border servicing. Council demanded there be no discussion with Barrie about boundary expansion.

The decision divided Springwater council.

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"I am seeking the reconsideration in order to get our mayor, deputy mayor and CAO back to the table," Thompson said.

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Moore said she supported Thompson's reconsideration motion, but wanted to see the cross-bordering 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 servicing could take place," she said.

"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," Thompson added.

It appears they can't.



Photo above: Kairy's achievements in Masters Track and Field Competitions. She holds the Ontario Masters record for triple jump and long jump (Masters are over 50). Kairy is competing in Chicago this weekend, at an indoor track meet.

Craighurst W I March Meeting

By Sheila Craig

March 21, 2024 - Craighurst Women's Institute met Tuesday March 19. We began with a cuppa tea and a piece of almond cake. Then the usual Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call asked us for our best pastime or hobby. Answers went from gardening to playing June's Journey on an iPad. Minutes, Treasurer, District doings, all were listened to carefully. We decided to not let up on the Craighurst Parkette, and its upkeep. We will contact the Township of Oro Medonte with our reading of the weed meter. For Springwater residents that means the gizmo that has an arrow and an indication of how many weeds there are in any Oro-Medonte park. It looks kinda like Springwater's fire danger rating thingie at Horseshoe Valley road and 27.

Our program began. We were led through "restorative stretching" by our own member Kairy Loucks. Everyone reached and bent and twisted and turned. Various joints creaked and cracked and protested, but we got through. The rotator cuff pose brought the most groans. As we relaxed after, we marvelled at our presenter Kairy's achievements in Masters Track and Field Competitions. She holds the Ontario Masters record for triple jump and long jump (Masters are over 50). Kairy is competing in Chicago this weekend, at an indoor track meet. She is a real star. Maybe Craighurst will go into the W I Games wherever they are. Or not!

Meeting adjourned with essential oils and good intentions.

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Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



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INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup (83 ml) olive, canola or vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup (83 ml) orange juice
- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) soy sauce
- 1/3 cup (83 ml) maple syrup
- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) sesame oil
- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) rice, white wine or white vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) fresh or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml)



- dried ginger
- 2 cloves crushed garlic or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) hot sauce or ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) red pepper flakes, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Whisk in a medium bowl, the oil, orange juice, soy sauce, maple syrup, sesame oil, vinegar, ginger, garlic and hot sauce or red pepper flakes, if using.
2. Brush the marinade onto chicken, fish, pork, beef, vegetables, portobello mushrooms or tofu.
3. Marinate for 20 to 30 minutes before cooking in

Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



March 18, 2024 - I am a woman of conflicting views and feelings. For instance, I love waterfalls and the sound of the thundering water, the beauty of the rocky cliff face and the view out over a valley or gorge. However, I also hate heights, with swooning vertigo and an intense panic that leave me nauseous. When I was younger, I was determined to overcome this fear, and spent several years rock climbing with friends at the Kingston Locks. Now these cliffs are not very tall, maybe fifty feet or so, but tall enough to cause that sick feeling in my stomach. My friends would set up the lines for top rope climbing and all I needed to do was attach to the line and climb. Remarkably I could do this, as you only look up to the next handhold and not down at the ground, and once you smack the carabiner at the top, your friend on belay would control your descent. I convinced myself that I had conquered my fear of heights, but I was just gaslighting myself as you will soon see.

I grew up in Creemore and spent much of my



youth exploring the Niagara escarpment and Grey Highlands, yet I had never made it to the 30 metre Eugenia Falls near Flesherton. Once deciding on this spot for my next hike, I was relentlessly hounded by nightmares of gorges, swinging bridges and falling. Ugh. I had not even made it to the falls, and I was already terrified. I cajoled my teen son to skip school and take a ride with me to Eugenia. Well, it didn't really take much cajoling, as he didn't mind missing a day of math class. I was hoping that having someone with me would lessen my fear, as I would at least have someone to alert the authorities if I fell off the edge. There're those conflicting emotions again, as I laugh at that last comment then want to cry.

We arrived in Eugenia after a one-and-a-half-hour drive from Port McNicoll. The parking area is closed off as the park is officially closed in the winter. I parked off the entrance and my son and I headed out

the oven, on the cooktop or the grill.

4. Use any leftover marinade as a dipping sauce by boiling it and stirring vigorously for at least 5 minutes to kill the bacteria from the meat. This step is not required if using tofu or portobello mushrooms.

Enjoy!

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to the trail. Almost immediately you can hear the water, not loud like Niagara, but the sound of falling water. Only a short distance from the entrance you come out to a waist high concrete wall, and there it is, Eugenia Falls. The water flow is surprisingly low, with only a trickle of water going over the cliff face. I imagine that after rain fall that the falls would be spectacular. The view out and over the gorge was beautiful, though I stayed well back from that rock wall. From here, the trail out to Hoggs Falls is a rugged 6.6 km. Alas, my son and I did not make it that far. That stone wall gives way to a rickety chain link fence, that then also disappears. The trail continues along the edge of the gorge with nothing to stop a tumble but some small cedars. My son went ahead to prove how safe it was, until he slipped on a root and almost took a tumble. My stomach plummeted and I broke out in a sweat and dragged my son back to the safety of higher ground. Nope, I can not do this. Instead, we headed back and took a short section of the Bruce trail before heading back to the car and gave my poor racing heart a chance to settle. A beautiful area for hiking for those with a head for heights.



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On Saturday morning the day begins with the fun Rabbit Run. This event is for the whole family and offers 3 different courses. There is a .5 kilometre run around the park for the little ones and two other courses of 1.5 and 3.0 kilometres for everyone else. Runners will travel along Pineview, Ghibb, Luella, Pinery, Peacher, Laddies Lane and Lawrence. There will be riders along the course as well as volunteers at the intersections ensuring the safety of the runners. The first 150 participants who complete the run will receive a finishers medal as a token for their efforts. Springwater firefighters will also be joining in the fun helping with the start of the run and providing first aid if necessary. A minimum \$2 per runner fee is requested and pre registration is required and can be done by going on to the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page and scanning the QR code. Runners are asked to meet at the ball diamond when they get to the community centre. On site registration begins at 9:30 AM and the run starts off at 10. New this year is a warm up prior to the run with experienced leaders helping out. It is necessary for those running to be there on time.

Immediately following the run it will be the Easter Eggstravaganza. Of course the first order of the event will be the fabulous Easter Egg Hunt where

the different age groups search in their assigned area for eggs. Some are marked, some require skills and for the toddlers and little ones, filling their basket. There will be crafts, colouring, guess the number, scavenger hunt and egg relay to name just a few of the other activities happening that morning. The hunt begins when the runners get back approximately at 10:30. There is no charge for this event but again pre registration is required which can be done on the Facebook page and all participants are requested to bring a generous donation for the Elmvale and District Food Bank as the Anten Mills community supports the needs of those less fortunate. In addition, this year there will be a hot beverage station. Hot chocolate and coffee will be available for a donation which will support the CRA and this and other events.

The CRA thanks Lindsey and Becca for taking the lead for our great Easter tradition and to all who have volunteered and donated, it is greatly appreciated.

Recently the Springwater Library undertook a survey on the needs and wants of the community. They report that this was the best survey undertaken by them with a tremendous response and great ideas. The library is appreciative of the support received and thank everyone who participated. If you haven't been to the library in some time you may be surprised to learn that they just don't have books, they have many other resources and programs for everyone from infants to seniors. Go check their website or stop in to the branches in Midhurst, Minesing or Elmvale and see for yourself. The library is also helping to support the food bank with the Springwater Smile

Campaign. This program is providing gift bags for Moms and donations will be accepted until April 10. More information is available from the library.

While it may be early in the season and we haven't seen any yet, the monarch butterfly is one of the most interesting butterflies that we have. Every year they make a migration from here to the mountain forests of central Mexico flying between 1200 to 2800 miles in their journey. They leave in the fall and start the return in mid March. On December 8, 2023, the Canadian government put the Monarch on the endangered species list. There has been a great decline in the population due to many factors. One thing that we all can do is work to provide them with a safe and healthy sanctuary. The Mission Monarch website provides a number of options that we can all do to provide an oasis for the butterfly. Now is a great time to start thinking about what you can do and more information is available on the Mission Monarch website.

On April 8 Ontario will be in the area where the total solar eclipse is visible. The eclipse is apparently going to be best seen in Niagara Falls and approximately 97% here. The eclipse will happen around 3:18 PM and will last about 1 minute and 50 seconds. This is a total solar eclipse as the moon aligns perfectly between the sun and the earth. The last total solar eclipse seen locally was February 26, 1979. This is obviously a unique event and while next year there is another on March 13, it will occur overnight making it not visible for us. A partial eclipse will occur March 25, 2025 and will be visible throughout Canada. School boards have made April 8 a PD day which means the children will be home from school. Weather will be a factor and looking directly at the sun without proper protection can damage the eyes. Learn more about the eclipse and participate in this unique opportunity.

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Tim Hortons U7 LL4 Have Great 2023-2024 Season

by: Peter Gibson

We started the season with massive improvements by all players. The skill development throughout the season was amazing to watch and allowed the team to be competitive in our many games and two tournaments in Grand River and Coldwater. In our most recent tournament, our team kept up with a top team from Oro and played their best game of the season, culminating all they had learned throughout the year.

The best aspect of the season was the comradery of the players and parents. Everyone was there to have fun and enjoy each other's company! Overall, it was a great season and I'm looking forward to seeing these players grow further in the Elmvale Coyotes Minor Hockey Program!

This was all made possible due to the generous sponsorship of Tim Hortons! Thank you for your continued support of Elmvale Minor Hockey!



March 26, 2024 - Hey Dads! Have you ever been grocery shopping? You probably have. Me too. But I didn't like it. The other day I did the grocery shopping with my two teen daughters. I'm glad I had them there for support. I needed it.

The layout of the grocery stores probably makes sense to some people. Just not me. I get why they do it. They put the milk and eggs all in the back corner so you need to walk through all their propaganda to get to it. They hope you'll toss a few bags of chips or cookies or Coke in your cart on the way by. I really try to resist. But if I don't need milk I just don't know where all the other stuff is! Especially the



Tim Hortons Elmvale Coyotes U7 LL3 Have A Great Season

By Matt Wicksted

The Tim Hortons U7 LL3 hockey season was filled with excitement and growth as these young players took to the ice to hone their skills and learn the fundamentals of the game. Each player showed tremendous enthusiasm and dedication throughout the season.

One of the highlights of the season was participating in the Hanover Jamboree tournament. The friendships formed, lessons learned, and memories, created the foundation for a lifelong love of hockey.

The teamwork displayed by the Coaches and parents alike cheered on the players as they worked together



to score goals and defend their net. It was inspiring to see their progress from the first practice to the final game, as they gained speed and agility with each session. Whether it was learning to handle the puck, improve their shooting accuracy, or understand the rules of the game, each obstacle was an opportunity for growth and learning.

As the season came to a close, it was evident that each player had grown not only as athletes but also as individuals.

Thank you to all the support and a big shoutout to our sponsors Tim Hortons.

See you next year!



E.D.H.S. Boys Hockey Receive Generous Jersey Donation

By Kory Rowell

March 25, 2024 - The Elmvale District High School boys hockey team received a generous jersey donation from the local Jeff Colyn Memorial Ball Hockey Tournament back in December. The Eagles have been bringing back their classic orange and green school colours in the last few years. Past grads mentioned how good the jerseys looked, reminding them of the ones they wore 40 years ago. We won a bunch of games in our flashy orange jerseys but we fell short qualifying for OFSAA. The first goal

scored in the new jerseys was netted by Will "Big Country" Veenstra with assists by Josh Haines and Garrett Oakes. Gavin Sanderson played goalie for the Eagles for the majority of the season and his phenomenal play kept us in a lot of games. Congrats to all the boys on a great season! The boys and coaches would like to thank everyone who made the donation possible. If you want to support the local Jeff Colyn Memorial Ball Hockey Tournament, come on out to the Elmvale Arena May 10th and 11th. Go Eagles!

Hey Dads!

rare, specialty stuff...like oatmeal. They put all the food out in the places where I'm not looking for it! I aimlessly wander down the same aisles over and over. It's not efficient! There's never staff around when I need to ask a question so I search the aisles like a modern-day Indiana Jones on a never-ending quest. Or something like that.

So the girls and I were looking for oatmeal. I hoped they would come up clutch and bring me right to the spot. Nope. They were just as clueless as dear 'ol dad. We were wandering around searching by the frozen food when I spotted another dad. He also looked lost but I thought I'd ask for help anyways. I don't know about yours but my teenagers always really like it when I start talking to strangers in public. "Hello sir, do you per chance know where the oatmeal is?" He stared at me with a dazed and confused look in his eyes. Do you think he knew where it was? Of course not! He was just as lost as I was! Just a couple lost and confused dads wandering aimlessly down the frozen food aisle at Wal-mart not finding the oatmeal. He made an educated guess that it was perhaps in the baking aisle...where we had already looked. Our happy little trio skipped over to the baking aisle using the handy signs hanging from the ceiling. Our eyes were peeled and we were on the hunt for baking aisle oatmeal. Do you think it was there? Of course not!

Lucky for us there was a wise-looking employee

stocking shelves in the baking aisle. Surely she knew where the object of our quest was hidden! "Excuse me, do you know where the oatmeal is?" She looked up and smiled. She pointed to the shelf right beside me. We were standing right in front of the oatmeal. Imagine that! I'm only in my early 40's but perhaps my eyesight is going downhill in my old age. We tossed some bags of oatmeal in our cart and our journey came to an end. I'd still be wandering around Wal-mart today if she hadn't shown us where it was. Time flies, dad. Make every moment count! Even the lost and confusing ones.

Jason Weening wanders aimlessly around stores buying things for his ten hungry kids and one wife. Read, listen or watch more DAD-ventures at beydads.ca.

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Negativity in Our Nation

By George Allen

March 23, 2024 - We live in a nation that seems to be energized by negativity, an attitude fuelled by social media and soaked up by groups and individuals. Perhaps this is one of the reasons that we have slipped down a few places on the “World’s Happiness Scale”. I regularly hear such accusations as, “Trudeau is a liar; Ford is a liar; all politicians are liars.”

Upon hearing such accusations I am always waiting to hear what issue has brought about this declaration. Does that speaker know some ‘truth’ that is not obvious to others? Is there such a thing as uncontested ‘truth’? Are these statements just a show of frustration; are they an attempt to shape opinions? Truth is not an absolute; it is more of an agreement.

What we often take for truth might be more accurately referred to as opinion. However if truth is based on a collection of verifiable facts, there is still a problem. Will the verifiable facts be agreed upon by all? Is this not the reason we use 12 people on a jury and ask for consensus?

A lie, on the other hand, may more accurately be the defined as the use of selective facts with the intention to deceive. So wouldn’t you have to know the intention of the person being accused before calling them a liar?

All of the above leads me to the conclusion that speaking of our leaders as liars sheds more light on the state of mind of the speaker than those of whom they speak. If our elected leaders are all seen as liars, what would be the incentive to speak the truth as they see it?

I would submit that: a) that negativity is an enemy of finding solutions and b) if you agree with those expressing negative thoughts it may bring you down to their level and c) those who are positive and search for truth will not be interested in taking office.

Those who are steeped in negativity should get the same attention as we would give the sound of one hand clapping.

Scholarship is Open to Residents of North Simcoe

By Myrna Jones

March 12, 2024 - The Stewart L. Page Scholarships in Agriculture and Home Economics , as contributed primary by people and organizations of North Simcoe. are offered annually in recognition of the guidance given in the development of agriculture and rural life by Stewart L. Page, Agriculture Representative for North Simcoe during the years 1925 to 1967.

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Recreation Services Coordinator
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The Township of Tiny is currently seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Recreation Services Coordinator.

Reporting to the Director of Recreation, the Recreation Services Coordinator is responsible for the management of recreational sports activities for all age groups, in addition to youth and senior services, driving the development of opportunities, recreational programs, and community services. This position involves program planning, budgeting, and collaboration with local organizations to create engaging and inclusive initiatives that service the diverse needs and enhance the life, health, and well-being of the community.

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Township of Tiny
130 Balm Beach Road West
Tiny, Ontario L0L 2J0
Fax: (705) 526-2372
Email: humanresources@tiny.ca

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Fleet/Operations Supervisor
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The Township of Tiny is currently seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Fleet/Operations Supervisor.

Reporting to the Public Works Superintendent, the Fleet/Operations Supervisor is responsible for the daily management and long-range operational / capital planning of the Township's fleet and equipment. This position leads the development, implementation and management of the Township's fleet and fuel management infrastructure. This position is also responsible for ensuring that the Township remains in compliance with all legislative requirements, including driver and operator training, vehicle and equipment inspections and Commercial Vehicle Operator Registration (CVOR).

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Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Supervisor
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The Township of Tiny is currently seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Supervisor.

Reporting to the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Supervisor (MLEO) supervises and coordinates the day-to-day activities of the By-law Department. The MLEO is responsible for providing municipal law enforcement services to the community in an effective and timely manner in accordance with the Township's policies and attends Committee of the Whole meetings in the absence of the Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

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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

Duplicate Bridge
Bay Shore Seniors Club 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
 705-361-1331

TUESDAY

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

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
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 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.
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Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
Line Dancing, Progressive Beginners
 9:30 – 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 – 1:00 pm
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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 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 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.
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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
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Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

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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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Coffee Party
Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.
 Elmvale Presbyterian Church
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Wasaga Beach Parkinson’s Support Group
1st Thursday of each month, 12:30-2pm
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Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others
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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 – 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 p.m
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
Bingo & Lunch
3rd Friday, , 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
 The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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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 – 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 p.m
 2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

MONDAY to FRIDAY

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program
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Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena)
Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall
Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall
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Midland Bridge Club
427 William St, Midland
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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
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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.
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Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
 The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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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 April 8, 2024
 Basement of the Elmvale Library. A social gathering to playing cards, Scrabble, or other board games. Hours are from 10am to noon. For more info call Lynn Patkau at 705-322-3309.

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

Women in a Leadership Role Luncheon
April 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM
 With Guest Speaker Olympic Silver Medalist Elizabeth Manley
 Cost: \$50 at Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Road, Midhurst, ON
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SPECIAL NOTICE

Some people were missed in the last edition. The following people also sponsored **Trevor at the Special Olympics in Calgary**, March 2024...

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Glen Rebekah Lodge invests in Neonatal Resuscitation Monitor

Photo to left: On March 12, 2024, Glen Rebekah Lodge in Elmvale made a \$500 donation to the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation to help purchase a neonatal resuscitation monitor for the hospital's birthing unit. From left: Melissa Robinson; Sabrina Desjardins, Glen Rebekah Lodge; Bonnie Desjardins, vice president, Rebekah Assembly of Ontario; Victoria Evans, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation.

Midland, ON – On March 12, 2024, Glen Rebekah Lodge in Elmvale made a \$500 donation to the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation to help purchase a neonatal resuscitation monitor for the hospital's birthing unit. Sabrina Desjardins, a newly appointed 4th generation member of the Lodge

was inspired to help fund this piece of equipment by Melissa Robinson's annual fundraising campaign to honour her daughter Celia's memory. "Celia's story has inspired so many people, and we are so grateful to Glen Rebekah Lodge for making a donation in her memory," says Victoria Evans, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation. "Every investment in equipment for GBGH is helping to ensure that the teams can continue to provide excellent care close to home."

Each year, Melissa hosts a bake sale in memory of Celia, with proceeds donated to the hospital that worked so hard to care for her. You can watch the Robinson family's amazing story here: <https://youtu.be/vtOJvr699TY>

Town of Penetanguishene Council Highlights

Submitted by Town of Penetanguishene

March 14, 2024 - Council Highlights provide a brief overview of noteworthy decisions and presentations made at Town of Penetanguishene Council meetings.

Special Council

Council convened in Closed Session in accordance with the Town of Penetanguishene Procedural By-law 2023-50, the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene move into an in-camera session to discuss:

- Verbal update from the Director of Human Resources regarding Union Negotiations
- Verbal update from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Main Street Building Collapse
- Personnel Matters

Council

- Council had 4 residents participate in the Open Forum, where they were provided 2 minutes to speak about any municipal item.
- Mayor Rawson proclaimed the month of March as #ITSTARTS Month, in support of the County of Simcoe campaign.
- Council read a resolution from the Penetanguishene Police Services Board regarding Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-based Violence.
- Council read a resolution from Prince Edward County regarding expanding the life span of fire apparatus' and directed staff to share a copy of this resolution with various Members of Parliament.
- Council read a resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding a Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters and directed staff to share a copy of this resolution with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Simcoe North MP.
- Council received a delegation from Claude Moreau regarding 17 Poyntz Street.
- Council received a delegation from Connie Stewart regarding 17 Poyntz Street.
- Council received a delegation from Micheal Desroches regarding 17 Poyntz Street.
- Council received a Year in Review presentation from the Chief Administrative Officer.
- Council approved the minutes from the Special Council - February 13, 2024, Council - February 14, 2024 and Special Council - February 14, 2024 meetings.
- Council received a memo from the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer regarding the By-law authorizing an agreement with Waypoint Centre for Mental Health.
- Council approved the site plan exemption for 45

Robillard Drive.

- Council approved the Elmvale Groundwater Study Project – letter of intent.
- Council approved the Committee of the Whole report from February 14, 2024.
- Council passed 4 By-law:
 - 2024-08- Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with the Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care herein after "Waypoint"
 - 2024-09- A By-Law to Appoint Staff at Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care Penetanguishene as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers
 - 2024-10- Being a By-law to establish an Agreement with the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre (45 Edward Street) for the provision of a Drainage Easement
 - 2024-11- Being a By-law to Amend By-law 2022-02, A By-law Regulating the Traffic/Parking and Use of Highways for the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene

Committee of the Whole

Committee of the Whole (Committee) facilitates the decision-making process of Council. The Committee is comprised of all members of Council who fully participate in debate and forward recommendations to Council for final decision. Items that are discussed in Committee of the Whole are to be ratified at Council's next meeting.

- Committee received a presentation from Tim Garratt, Penetanguishene Midland Minor Ball Hockey regarding the Non-resident User Fee Review.
 - Committee received a presentation from Jonathan Main, Severn Sound Environmental Association regarding Climate Change Action Plan.
 - Committee received a presentation from Cate Root, Huronia Community Foundation regarding Housing Proposal.
- ### TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
- Committee received the Drinking Water Quality Management System Meeting minutes for information.
 - Committee received the Drinking Water Quality Management System 2023 Audit Report for information.
 - Committee approved the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund as presented.
 - Committee approved the Traffic Control Trial & Traffic Control and Calming Policy as outlined and directed staff to bring forward an amendment to the

Traffic/Parking By-law for Council approval.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Committee received the Museum and Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2023 for information.
- Committee received the Penetanguishene Public Library Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2024 for information.
- Committee received a memo om the Director of Recreation and Community Services regarding Recreation Master Plan Funding.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- Committee received the Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2023 for information.
- Committee received a Memo from the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer regarding the February 2024 Monthly Report.
- Committee approved the Alternative Planning Notice Policy as presented.
- Committee approved that the Proposed Pilot and Draft By-law for All Terrain Vehicles on Municipal Roads be released for public comment as presented.
- Committee approved the amendment to By-law #2023-36 (Open-Air Burning) as presented.
- Committee approved the amendment to Environmentally Inspired Mowing Policy for "No Mow May" By-law Enforcement as presented.
- Committee approved that Council receive a presentation from the Canadian Radiocommunications Information and Notice Service (CRINS) regarding information on their service for consultation on proposed telecommunication facilities.

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

- Committee received the Police Services Board Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2023, and January 29, 2024, for information.
- Committee received the 2023 Annual Remuneration Report for Council, Boards and Committees for information.
- Committee approved the Respect in the Workplace Policy amendments as outlined.
- Committee approved the recommendations made by staff for the Non-Resident User Fee Review with amendments.

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OBITUARIES

KITSEMETRY, Robert
“Bob” Ernest
June 17, 1941 – March 8, 2024



Unexpectedly at his home in Barrie on Friday, March 8th, 2024 at the age of 82 years. Beloved husband of Sharon for 59 years. Loving father of Kevin (Bianca), Shawn (Celeste) and Owen. Proud grandfather of Grayden, Larkin, Jase and Lauren. Dear brother of Donna, Brian (Addie) and the late Ron. Brother-in-law of Linda. Will be sadly missed by many extended family members and dear friends.

Bob craved social interaction and could always be counted on for a joke or two. With the use of his iPad, Bob loved to spend many hours keeping in touch with family and friends on Facetime.

Bob started his career as a welder but later found his passion in sales at Barrie Honda where he excelled and won many awards.

He was a multi-championship winner of men's horseshoes in Ontario for both singles and partners. He would entice his family and friends to play him by offering to throw with his left hand.

Bob was a gifted musician and learned to play many different instruments, despite never taking lessons or reading a single note of music. He thoroughly enjoyed playing for others and facilitating sing-songs.

Family was paramount for Bob; he never missed a birthday or anniversary and could often be found flipping burgers for a gathering of family or friends at the cottage. He spent many hours over the years improving the family cottage at Six Mile Lake. He was a good friend to many, and very genuine – you always knew where you stood with Bob.

Visitation was held at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley St., Barrie on Wednesday, March 27th, 2024 from 10 am with the service that was held inside the Chapel at 11 am. Following the service, guests were invited to remain for a reception gathering inside the lower lounge. A private interment will take place at a later date at the Allenwood cemetery near Elmvale. If desired, donations in Bob's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Canada or to a charity of choice and are greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared via www.steckleygooderham.com



SPIRITUAL

Rosie's Devotions
by Rosemary Hagedorn



Why Me Lord?

Have you ever felt sorry for yourself and asked that age-old question "Why me, Lord?" I hope that some of my readers have been there, so that I don't feel all alone. As some of you are probably aware, my life was turned upside down a few years ago when my husband contracted vascular dementia. Sometimes, things were pretty good, but once in a while, I went into that mode of feeling sorry for myself. I was entertaining a pity party.

I looked up the definition of a pity party in Google, and this is what it said:

A Pity Party – A way of experiencing grief, in which you spend your time feeling sorry for yourself and whining endlessly about how crappy your life is. Pity parties can be just for one or for many people, such as your close friends who will try to comfort you or just be there for you while you keep asking yourself what you did in order to deserve whatever it is that made you so sad in the first place.

While my husband was still at home, I wore many hats. I looked after our financial affairs and arranged for appointments for my husband as well as myself. I made out the shopping list. I paid all the bills. I cooked, cleaned, and did the laundry. I ran errands for my mother, who was still alive at that time, and I took my aunt shopping every week. I was constantly closing doors and drawers and turning off lights that my husband had left open or on. Some days, I felt totally overwhelmed, and I started to feel sorry for myself and asked "God, why me?"

It was during this time of helplessness that God spoke through the silence and told me that He allows certain sufferings in our lives in order that we learn and grow from them and that there is hope. I knew that I needed to learn patience, and lots of it!

Psalm 23:4 – Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (NIV 2011)

Although sometimes in our hurting and pain, it may feel like we are all alone in our trials, but God's rod and staff will comfort and lead us. To date, my husband has been residing in a Long Term Care facility for the past two years and is being well taken care of. I have taken up acrylic painting, and enjoy being able to visit, go on short vacations and finally have some time for me.

Where might God desire to comfort and lead you today?

Prayer: Lord God, be with us in our trials. Help us to look beyond our immediate circumstances, and remind us that You are always with us and that this present situation will look differently tomorrow. Amen.

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OBITUARIES



FRANSSEN, Martin Bernard
Passed away suddenly at home on Monday, March 18, 2024. Martin Franssen of Phelpston in his 70th year. Dear father of Corey (Natalie) Franssen. Loving grandpa of Benjamin and Annabelle. Brother of Gerda Franssen, Bill (Maryanne) Franssen, Paul Franssen, and the late Jeanie (survived by Denis) and Mary Ann Wanless (survived by Peter). Martin will be missed by his many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 7-9 pm on Thursday, March 21, 2024. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:30 am.

Cremation with interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery Phelpston.

Memorial donations in Martin's memory may be made to St. Patrick's Church Phelpston or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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

"I CLOSED THE GAP" HIKE IN THE GANARASKA HIKING TRAIL

Submitted by Jacqui Woods

March 24, 2024 - Lace up those hiking boots and join the Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association (GHTA) for the historic "I closed the Gap" hike on a scenic trail linking Tiny and Tay townships through Midland and Penetanguishene. This trail has been over 10 years in the making, and the hike organizers are excited to finally connect local municipalities with this through-hike trail.

On Saturday April 13, 2024, hikers will arrive at Sainte Marie Among the Hurons on Hwy 12, where they'll be able to leave their cars, sign in, and participate in the official launch ceremony before being bussed to the starting point of the hike on Tiny Conc. 12. From there they'll hike the 18 kms back to the starting point at the Wye River.

We are also pleased to announce the official trail launch will welcome the mayors of Tiny, Tay, Midland and Penetanguishene and their individual messages of support," says Frieda Baldwin, President of the GHTA. They'll be joined by Father O'Brien of Martyrs' Shrine church who will also provide a blessing for the community, the trail, and all hikers who use it

Anyone who would like to join the hike can do so – it's a free event and everyone is welcome. Hikers who complete the entire 18 km hike on April 13, will be presented with a free commemorative "I hiked the Gap" badge.

If you're interested, sign up via Eventbrite by the end of the day on Thursday 11 April.

On Saturday 13 April, hikers should arrive at the Sainte Marie Among the Hurons car park between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. to check-in. The official opening ceremony starts at 9:00 a.m. with the national anthem, and the first of two buses leaves to take hikers to the start of the trail at 9:45 a.m.

More information can be found at www.ganarask-hiking-trail.org



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