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## '23 - '24 Canadiens of the Boston Pizza Hockey League in Midland Run the Table and go UNDEFEATED!

By Gerret Kavanagh

April 9, 2024 - I can clearly remember when I began playing organized hockey as a 6 year in 1965 in the North Toronto Hockey Association house league and immediately fell in love with the sport, a passion that has continued to this day. The hockey player of the family was certainly my late dad, Paul Kavanagh. A high school hockey star and, (wisely for that era) turning down tryout offers from the New York Rangers and the Boston Bruins in favour of a corporate career, captain of the varsity team at the University of Toronto. Never rising even to the "rep" level, I managed to play on several house league "select" teams as well as being an assistant captain for a couple of seasons. I was fortunate to be on several championship teams in house league, an intermural championship team in my final year of grad school at UBC, and actually quite a number of winning teams in the Chesswood Men's League in Toronto. But I have NEVER been on a team like the '23 -'24 Canadiens of the Boston Pizza Hockey League in Midland!

The 6 team Boston Pizza Hockey League has a draft before each season. To ensure a thorough reshuffling of the players each team is permitted to pick a maximum of just three players from the previous

season. Legend has it that I was selected next to last in the draft which makes sense as who would want to select an unknown 64 year old player who just moved here that August? Humbly I would say that I managed to fit in pretty well with the calibre of this league, except perhaps for the championship game when because of a shortage of players I had to play the unfamiliar forward position. By definition, thanks to the draft, the team that drafted me, the Canadiens, was not a 'stacked' team. But I don't think that I have ever been with a group of players who were harder working, completely unselfish, and absolutely supportive of each other.

The Canadiens proceeded to go 18 - 0 in the regular season and 5 - 0 in the round robin playoffs leading to the championship game on Sunday April 7th!

The Bruins were our very worthy opponents in the final game. (Unfortunately we were missing a number of players - out of town, other commitments, etc). We scored the first goal after about 5 minutes but the Bruins scored on the very next shift. They then took a 2 -1 lead, we tied it, and then they went back ahead 3 -2 near the end of the first period. Despite a lot of back and forth action the Bruins continued to hold that same lead through much of the second (and final) period. When there were just



3 minutes and 45 seconds left in the game their best player (indeed one of the best players in the league) was awarded a penalty shot after being tripped on a breakaway! Pretty much the entire season was on the line here. Our goalie made the save! We managed to tie the game with under two minutes left and then went ahead with less a minute left! With their goalie pulled for an attacker we withstood some furious pressure before scoring into the empty net with 35 seconds left! Final score 5 - 3!

Truly a historic achievement! Hopefully I have a few more years of hockey left but this season was one for the ages. Great bunch of guys and lifelong memories.

I would like to salute Andy Staffen and Boston Pizza on Heritage Drive for organizing and supporting this extraordinarily well-run hockey league for TWENTY YEARS. All the players owe Boston Pizza a tremendous debt of gratitude for providing the opportunity for such safe, friendly, and competitive hockey on Sunday mornings for all these years.



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Dear Editor and Councillors of Springwater Township,

Some thoughts in reference to the discussion and subsequent endorsement of Simcoe County Council Resolution 2022-263 on April 3, 2024 by Springwater Council. The common thread throughout the Council meeting was that Public Libraries are "lacking in accountability" because they are not under the direct control of the Municipal government nor under the jurisdiction of the Integrity Commissioner.

What I find most intriguing is the failure to acknowledge that Police Services are also governed by a separate Act: The Police Services Act. A municipality's policing service is required to have an independent civilian governance board. Just like the Library Board. Neither the Ombudsman nor the Integrity Commissioner has jurisdiction over Police.

According to Springwater Township's 2024/2025 multi-year budget, approved by Council Dec. 6, 2023, the cost of Police Services (page 180) amounts to \$2,208,554. That figure is slightly double that of Library Services (page 174) at \$1,068,377. Yet there was no mention of any "lack of accountability" regarding police services. Why the double standard? After all both Boards are funded by the taxpayers through the municipality but neither are "directly accountable" to Municipal Council.

Police Services Boards and Public Library Boards were purposely set up as legally, independent Boards to protect basic human rights. In its declaration of principles the Police Services Act states the importance of safeguarding fundamental rights guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Human Rights Code.

The Ontario Public Libraries Act asserts that the core responsibility of public libraries and their Boards is to safeguard and facilitate access to constitutionally protected expressions of knowledge, ideas and opinion. That is why no fee can be imposed for admission to the library or use of materials. The access to information must be equal and universal.

Both of these Boards serve an equally essential function in our democracy. Do you councillors who voted to support Simcoe County Resolution 2022-263 doubt that public libraries are of equal value to police services? I can state unequivocally that the public's free access to information is just as important as our policing system. You see, there cannot be justice without free access to information. I know this firsthand; I spent twenty five years assisting my husband as a researcher. He, recently retired, was a senior criminal defence lawyer.

Now, answer me this: does Ontarians right to free access to information and intellectual freedom deserve less protection from political interfere than the police?

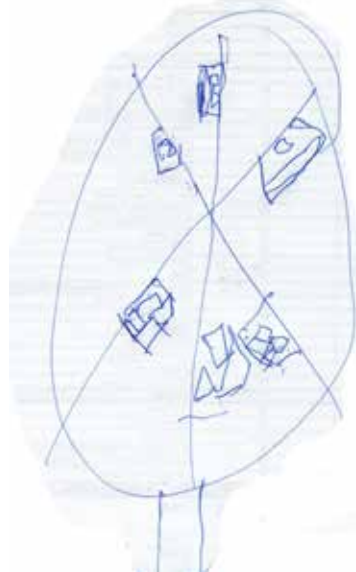
Our past leaders had the wisdom and the foresight to put in place checks and balances to safeguard human rights from political interference. They had learned, through great cost and sacrifice, what can occur when a government threatens the rights of its own citizens and the peoples beyond its border.

Unfortunately, it appears that the lessons of the past are being ignored.

The ill-conceived Simcoe County Resolution 2022-263 is nothing less than an attempt to undermine the fundamental human rights of the citizens that you swore to serve.

Deputy Warden/Mayor Jennifer Coughlin; I would like to say that it took courage and depth of character to take a stand in an open forum on public record and admit that you were wrong to support Simcoe County Resolution 2022-263. To put public interest ahead of your own ego is the sign of a true leader. I salute you.

Sincerely,  
 Susanna Malick



Dear Editor Gramma;  
 I hope we have rides at the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival.  
 Evelyn Age 6, NS Springwater News Assistant

**EDITORIAL** by Linda Belcourt, Editor

In this edition there is an announcement about the Elmvale High School Reunion. If you are around 60 years old and graduated at EDHS then your reunion party is coming up. Check out page 19.

Dennis Gannon has some good information in this edition about new development proposals. Check out page 16.

Elmvale is desperate to get a doctor in town. The article on the next page explains this. A part of the issue with the recent doctor who was going to set up practise is the funding structure of the Ontario Government. There is a shortage of doctors. Many rural areas are experiencing the same frustration. The two main ways for a Family Medicine Doctor to get paid is 1. Fee for Service and 2. Family Health Organization. Note there are other models as listed below.

<https://ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/news/expression-of-interest-for-interprofessional-primary-care-teams/>

<https://www.healthforceontario.ca/UserFiles/file/PracticeOntario/FM%20Compensation%20Practice%20Models%20EN.pdf>

You may need a medical degree to understand that chart and the other methods but I will attempt to simplify the concept. I am not a medical expert but this is my interruption of the information.

Fee for Service is not the best health care as it limits the time a doctor can see a patient and tends to lend to 'one medical issue per appointment'. It is like speed dating but concerns your health care. It does not take total health care to the best level.

Family Health Organization (FHO) does require a whole team of health professionals and that includes three doctors. The big problem is that rural towns do not have the population to support three doctors.

It is my opinion that there is no current solution. We need to make noise and let our elected officials know that this issue matters to us and we will bear a tax increase for our health care. That is what is really comes down to ... money. Health Care is not "Free".

In the article on the next page it is quoted "According to Jensen, the Ontario government received an overwhelming number of applications in its Expression of Interest that closed in 2023." Does that mean there is an overwhelming amount of health professionals that want to setup a practice and can't. There is also an overwhelming number of people without a Doctor. It only makes sence to put our tax dollars in to fixing this unending circle of frustration. Matt Garwood and Mayor Coughlin have both communicated to me that they are working hard to do what they can at municipal level. The responsibility is the Provincial Government.

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## Province Denies Application for New Family Doctor in Elmvale

By Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Barrie Today

Apr 21, 2024 - Working quietly behind the scenes for a couple of months, Springwater Township officials were hoping to announce the arrival of a new doctor in Elmvale at Wednesday's (April 17th) council meeting.

Those plans were scuttled at the last minute when the Ministry of Health denied Dr. Heidi Deboer's application to establish a new family medical practice within the Springwater Health Services Centre at 35 Queen St. West in Elmvale.

"During the notices of motion, the CAO (Jeff Schmidt, chief administrative officer) and I received an email regarding the lease agreement for 35 Queen St. West," said Renee Ainsworth, Springwater Township's clerk, moments before Wednesday's meeting wrapped up. "Unfortunately, the doctor received information from the Ministry of Health where the application has not been approved."

BarrieToday tried multiple times to reach Deboer for comment but was unsuccessful.

Springwater Township Mayor Jennifer Coughlin was not happy with the decision.

"We are disappointed by the Ministry of Health's decision to deny Dr. Deboer's application for a medical office in Elmvale despite the township's efforts to prepare a suitable space," Coughlin said in an email to BarrieToday. "This denial indicates that the ministry is unwilling to be an equal partner in providing the healthcare services our residents require, particularly in underserved areas."

Matt Garwood, Ward 1 councillor for Springwater Township, said the lack of healthcare services close to home is a topic residents in the region hear far too often.

"I echo residents' frustration with the Ministry of

Health's decision not to permit a physician's office opening at the Springwater Health Service Centre in Elmvale," Garwood said. "Springwater has made the commitment to being a partner, I hope the province will work alongside council and staff to resolve this matter and bring additional medical services to Elmvale."

BarrieToday reached out to the Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, to find out why Deboer's application was denied.

"Our government recognizes a key part of our plan to connect Ontarians to the care they need, when they need it is expanding access to primary care," said Hannah Jensen, a spokesperson for Jones, in an email to BarrieToday. "That is why we are investing an initial \$90 million, triple our initial commitment, to launch the largest expansion of interprofessional primary care teams since they were established in Ontario, to bring primary care to communities that need it most."

"This includes investing over \$6 million to teams in Simcoe County to connect over 23,500 people in the region to primary care," Jensen added.

According to Jensen, the Ontario government received an overwhelming number of applications in its Expression of Interest that closed in 2023.

"Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health worked to extensively review applications and determine which proposals were ready to begin connecting more Ontarians to care immediately," she said.

Jensen said the government encourages all unsuccessful applicants to continue to work with their Ontario Health region and the Ministry of Health on innovative action they can take to make it easier to access care in their community.

"We recognize that there is more work to do, and while these teams begin to connect hundreds of

thousands of Ontarians, we remain dedicated to implementing our Your Health plan to further ensure everyone that wants a primary care provider can connect to one," she said.

BarrieToday sent a follow-up request to Jensen asking specifically why Deboer's application was denied?

BarrieToday also asked Jensen to speak directly to the concerns of residents of Elmvale and Springwater Township who were expecting a new family physician to open shop today and won't because Deboer's application was denied?

We received no response to our follow-up questions.

According to a report for council prepared by Ainsworth, the township had been working on drafting a lease agreement for the Queen Street space since January.

Council felt having an agreement ready would expedite potential opportunities.

The draft lease agreement was reviewed by council during closed sessions that took place on Feb. 7 and Feb. 21.

Around the same time, the township was approached by Deboer, who was looking to relocate to the Elmvale area.

Deboer currently has a practice in Barrie.

Deboer's proposal was presented to council in closed session during a Feb. 7 special meeting. Lease negotiations also took place in closed session, during special meetings on Feb. 21 and Mar. 20.

Under the terms of the agreement, the township would have covered the cost of rent, telephone/fax and internet services as well as hydro, heat and water.

According to Ainsworth's report, those provisions are also provided to LifeLabs and South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre, as part of their lease agreements.

## Smile Cookie Campaign For Elmvale Foodbank

By Debbie Craddick

Apr. 1, 2024 - Since 2020 our very generous and supportive local Tim Hortons has donated over \$30,000 to the Elmvale & District Food Bank?

Once again this year we are fortunate to be the recipient of their Smile Cookie Campaign. The campaign runs from April 29th to May 5th. Please support the food bank through Tim Hortons and enjoy one of their yummy treats.

We are grateful to have received many donations over the Easter season. A few to mention were from Andrew, who donated with proceeds from his online game week, Wyevale Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Anten Mills CRA Easter Run who collected cash and food items in support of the food bank, and Wyevale United Church who received monetary donations and presented them to the food bank.

Perhaps when shopping you would consider purchasing an extra item or two to donate. Following is a list of most needed items:

- o Individual applesauce/puddings
- o Drinking boxes
- o Canned beef gravy and canned turkey gravy
- o Pancake syrup and Pancake mix
- o Cream of chicken soup
- o Canned meats (NOT tuna)
- o Men's soap, Any Shampoo

As always we appreciate and value our support.

### Editor's Notes:

Matt Garwood brought forward at the April 17th regular meeting of council related to the Ministry decision to deny an application for a Family Medical Practice within Elmvale.

**Notice of Motion** to request the Province review and reverse its decision to deny an application for a Family Medical Practice within the Elmvale area

**Presented by Councillor Garwood**

### Recommendation

Whereas Springwater residents are concerned with the lack of access to primary care within our community; and,

Whereas on April 3, 2024, Council was advised that the Ministry of Health denied an application

from a local doctor for a family physicians office within the Elmvale area.

Be It Therefore Resolved That Council call on the Ministry of Health and all provincial partners to work collaboratively to review and reverse this decision in order to assist with bringing a family physician to the Elmvale area.

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General/MPP for Barrie – Springwater-Oro-Medonte and the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

**PASSED April 17, 2024**



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#### August

- Georgian Bay Tugboat Festival - August 16 - 17, 2024
- Music in the Park (every Sunday) - final day August 25, 2024

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- Midland Mural Festival - September 28, 2024

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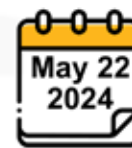
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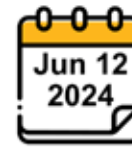
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## Town of Midland Council Meeting Highlights

### Regular Meeting - April 10, 2024

April 16, 2024 - **Request to Waive Fees - Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre**

Council received a letter from the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre requesting to waive fees to rent the Pickleball courts at Tiffin Park for their upcoming Butter Tart Classic Pickleball Tournament June 7, 8 and 9. Council approved waiving the fee of \$648.02.

**Request for Exemption to Alcohol Policy - Midland Lawn Bowling Club**

Council received a letter from the Midland Lawn Bowling Club to obtain a special permit to offer the sale of alcohol at their Annual Sandy Mason & Friends Lawn Bowling Charity Day on July 20. Council approved the request.

**2023 Year-End Tax Arrears and Tax Adjustments**

Council approved the 2023 year-end tax adjustments presented in a financial staff report. This annual staff report provides an overview of outstanding property tax accounts and includes tax adjustments for the previous year. Read the staff report.

**Community Infrastructure & Housing Accelerator (CIHA) Procedure**

Council authorized a new planning procedure that gives the Town the planning tools to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to issue an order to assist with expediting zoning and

development applications. The new provincial tool\* and Town procedure were developed as a result of the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 in response to the housing crisis in Ontario. Read the staff report.

\*On April 10, 2024 (the date of this Council meeting), the Province released Bill 185 to include changes to the Planning Act which could repeal the CIHA tool. If the bill is passed, CIHA orders will not be possible. Bill 185 is currently out for consultation on the Registry of Ontario and has yet to receive Royal Assent. Read the bill.

**Routine Disclosure and Active Dissemination Policy**

Council approved a new Town policy that will help to make access to Town records more available to the public. Depending on the nature of information requested, some requests will still require the public to submit a Freedom of Information request. Read the staff report and policy.

**By-Law Review and Prioritization**

Council directed staff to review and update existing, or develop new municipal by-laws for the Town of Midland. A staff report provided a list of active by-laws and a list of priority by-laws that will be either updated or created prior to the end of the Council term in 2026. Read the staff report.

**Huronia Animal Control Contract Renewal**

Council authorized staff to enter into an agreement for Huronia Animal Control to continue providing animal control services to the Town after the proper

bid process was followed. The contract was awarded to Huronia Animal Control for a total of \$193,915 over three years, ending March 27, 2027. Read the staff report.

**County update on Homelessness Prevention Strategy**

The General Manager of Simcoe County Social and Community Services attended Council to provide an update on the County's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy and introduced new community resources to support housing and homelessness prevention services in the Town of Midland. Read the presentation.

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Council meetings schedule:

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### Midland Meets with Stakeholders to review NSSRC Funding Options

(April 18, 2024, Midland ON) The Town of Midland hosted a workshop with members of local stakeholder groups on April 15th to discuss funding options for the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre. The workshop, led by an unbiased consultant, resulted in an open and en-gaging session for all. Participants collaborated to brainstorm ideas and explored options to re-duce the financial burden on Midland taxpayers to assist with the deficit to operate the NSSRC.

"I'm pleased to say that the Town and our community partners came together for an excellent discussion and I'm confident we'll find a way forward with an affordable outcome for operating the NSSRC

in a sustainable way that benefits our entire North Simcoe community," said Mayor Bill Gordon.

The working group included representatives from various NSSRC user organizations and two neighbouring municipalities, with regrets from Tay and Tiny Townships: Askennonnia Seniors Centre, Boys and Girls Club, Midland and Penetanguishene Ball Hockey Association, Midland Lacrosse, Midland Minor Hockey Association (MMHA), North Simcoe Girls Hockey Association (NSGHA), Penetanguishene and Midland Basketball League (PMBL), Town of Penetanguishene, and Township of Springwater.

The working group discussed potential strategies to

meeting Council's directive to raise \$55,000 in other revenues beyond the general tax levy and the current user fee structure. The group agreed upon several guiding principles for the revenue model including:

- Remaining accessible and affordable to North Simcoe.
  - Keeping kids involved in sport.
  - Enhancing quality of life and community for North Simcoe.
  - Maintaining the importance that the NSSRC is for regional programs.
  - Maintaining sports groups utilizing the NSSRC.
- Staff will return to Council on May 22, 2024, with a report.



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### Council Meeting Schedule

April 29 4:00 PM*	May 15 5:30 PM	June 5 5:30 PM	June 26 5:30 PM
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**\*TAKE NOTICE** that a Special Closed Session Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose as permitted under Section 239 (2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, to receive various legal updates.

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May 5 – 11, 2024

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Registration opens on April 26!



#### Volunteer Opportunities

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### Spring Flushing Has Started!

The Township of Tiny began spring flushing on April 22, 2024. Work will take place Monday to Friday, only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information or to view the flushing schedule, visit: [www.tiny.ca/drinkingwater](http://www.tiny.ca/drinkingwater).



### Citizen of the Year Awards

The Township of Tiny is calling for nominations for the 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards. The nomination period closes at noon on August 30, 2024. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit [www.tiny.ca/volunteer](http://www.tiny.ca/volunteer).

### Notice: Waterfront Structures/Boat Lifts



The Township of Tiny would like to remind the public that waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipally owned properties.

The structures are regulated under the *Public Lands Act* and *O.Reg. 161/17*.

### 2024 Property Taxes



#### Installment Due Dates

- June 28
- September 27



#### Have questions?

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E: [taxdepartment@tiny.ca](mailto:taxdepartment@tiny.ca)

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## Anten Mills Development Proposal Creates 'Safety Concern'



Photo above: Drivers heading east along Horseshoe Valley Road have to go up a long steep hill that crests about 100 metres before the intersection. Photo from Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter.

By Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

While generally in favour of a development proposal for Anten Mills, some members of Springwater Township council had concerns about how safe it would be for future residents to get in and out of the development.

Located at 1084 Coughlin Rd., the proposal includes 41 residential lots, one neighbourhood parkette, a stormwater management block, two environmental protection blocks, and two new internal municipal roads accessed via Coughlin Road.

Future residents would have to access and leave the development via the intersection at Coughlin Road and Horseshoe Valley Road.

According to two members of council, that's not an easy task.

"I am very familiar with the property, as everybody is well aware," said Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, who lives on Coughlin Road, just east of where the development is planned. "As it stands today, turning left off of Coughlin onto Horseshoe

Valley Road is basically grip the steering wheel and give 'er.

"It's a safety concern that I do have," she added. "I'm supportive of this, it's always been a part of the settlement area, but that intersection..."

Coun. Danielle Alexander had the same worries. "I'm not a traffic study expert," she said. "However, living close to that area and often making that turn, from Coughlin Road onto Horseshoe Valley (Road), I would worry with that number of houses going in and making that turn safely."

James Hunter, an associate with Innovative Planning Solutions, acting on behalf of the property owner Joseph Bubel, told council Wednesday night that a traffic impact study done by Tatham Engineering concluded the intersection was safe.

"Tatham reviewed the provincial guidelines for sight lines, turning radiuses and speed limits," Hunter told council. "According to the standards, it's a safe intersection for turning."

The intersection in question sits about 100 metres east of the crest of a hill that rises 36 metres, according to Google's topographic map of the region.

The speed limit on Horseshoe Valley Road travelling east to the intersection is reduced to 60 kilometres per hour about 500 to 600 metres before the crest.

Observing traffic at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, it takes between six and seven seconds for a vehicle to travel from the crest of the hill to the intersection. A vehicle travelling 60 km/h moves at 17 metres per second.

Various technical reports say it takes drivers approximately 1.5 seconds to see a hazard and recognize it, called perception time.

Next, it takes a driver approximately one second to physically react, take their foot off the accelerator and put it on the brakes, called reaction time.

This means the total driver reaction time, on average, is 2.5 seconds.

However, distractions and driver inexperience can greatly increase a driver's reaction time.

A vehicle that crests the hill will travel about 43 metres prior to the brakes being applied.

Once applied, a vehicle travelling 60 km/h requires 43 metres to come to a stop, on drive pavement, under ideal conditions.

Technically, it appears, there are about 14 metres of grace under ideal conditions.

Those 14 metres disappear if a driver is going 10 km/h above the posted limit, as 70 km/h requires about 100 metres to come to a complete stop.

"I don't see an easy solution to an intersection at the top of the hill that will get busier and busier," the mayor said.

The proposed development consists of approximately 142 acres, with approximately 400 metres of frontage on Coughlin Road and 810 metres of frontage on Horseshoe Valley Road West.

Currently, the land is designated as rural, natural heritage, constraint and hazard land. Additionally, the land is zoned agricultural and environmental protection within the township's zoning bylaw.

The Official Plan amendment seeks to redesignate the land from rural and natural heritage to urban residential and open space to permit residential uses and establish the limits of the abutting natural heritage and constraint land.

The zoning bylaw amendment proposes to rezone the land from the agricultural and environmental protection zones to residential one, open space and revise the limits of the environmental protection zone.

The development is proposed to be serviced by extension of the municipal water system and individual private septic systems.

Township staff will now prepare a recommendation report for council's decision.

## Penetanguishene Council Report

By Brian Belcourt, NS Springwater News Reporter

April 20, 2024 - On April 10, 2024, the Penetanguishene Council held a meeting at council chambers located at, 10 Robert Street in Penetanguishene.

Special Council meeting was held first with council receiving memo from the Director of Human Resources regarding the Penetanguishene volunteer firefighters' association negotiation update, Council also received a memo from Director of Public Works regarding the Fuller Avenue pole anchor easement expropriation update.

Regular Council meeting followed at 7pm, were in the open forum 1 resident participated, bring up concerns regarding traffic calming proposals on 3 local streets. Some of the concerns were that the owner of a vehicle not the drive would receive a fine, the privacy of individuals as their photo and information could be compromised by government overreach. Also, this was not what was promised, more police presence in the community.

Council held a public meeting regarding the draft affordable and sustainable community improvement plan. One individual, provide a concern that the CIP did not include people with disabilities and behavior issues, this concern was noted by council.

Council approved that staff report back with recommendations on the results of the public meeting on the draft affordable and sustainable community improvement plan.

Council approved the following recommended appointment to the Southern Georgian Bay OPP detachment board:

- Doug Taylor- Community Representative
- Mayor Doug Rawson- Council Representative

Council requested support regarding the North Correctional Centre policing cost from the association of Municipalities of Ontario, the County of Simcoe, neighbouring municipalities, and other municipalities who are host to Provincial facilities.

Mayor Doug Rawson explained that in 2001 when the Central North correction facility opened the province committed to recover all cost with policing associated with the facility to the town of Penetanguishene. In 2020 the ministry of the Solicitor General canceled agreements to recover policing cost associated for all correction institutions. This cost is now covered by an increase to taxi levy on local residences and Business of Penetanguishene.

Council approved the committee of whole report from March 13, 2024.

Committee of the Whole meeting followed the Council meeting.



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#### Notice of Passing of By-law Extending Interim Control By-law 23-044

Date: April 25, 2024

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Tiny passed By-law 24-027 on the 8th day of April, 2024 pursuant to Section 38(2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 as amended.

This By-law applies to all properties within the Limited Service Residential (LSR), Shoreline Residential (SR), Greenlands (GL) and Open Space One (OS1) Zones in the Township of Tiny and within 30 metres of the Georgian Bay 178-metre contour.

#### PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

**THE PURPOSE** of the By-law is to amend Interim Control By-law 23-044, as amended, to extend the period of time during which it will be in effect. Section 5 of By-law 23-044, as amended, is further amended to specify that By-law 23-044 shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years from the date of its enactment. By-law 23-044 was passed May 29, 2023 to provide the Township with the opportunity to undertake a study to review its land use planning policies pertaining to retaining walls, fences, landscaping and structures in proximity to the 178 metre contour elevation of the Georgian Bay Shoreline; and to ensure that any retaining walls, fences, landscaping and structures are appropriately sited and regulated once the study has been completed.

**THE EFFECT** of By-law 24-027 is that By-law 23-044, as amended, is in effect until May 29, 2025 in order to allow for the completion of the associated study.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal the extension of an interim control by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

A notice of appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal, accompanied by payment by certified cheque or money order, made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance, must be filed with the Clerk of the Township of Tiny by **no later than May 28, 2024**.

If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunals website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/> or by calling toll free 1-866-448-2248.

For more information about this matter contact Maryann Hunt, MCIP RPP, Director of Planning and Development by email at [mhunt@tiny.ca](mailto:mhunt@tiny.ca) or by telephone at 705-526-4204.

## Wyevale Community News

By Karen Moreau

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

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

**Youth Group:** Will meet on May 10th. Contact Pat Smith for more details, 705-543-9043.

**Vision Boards:** Wednesday May 1 at 7:00pm at Wyevale United Church. Please bring scissors, glue & old magazines. And your imagination!! Poster boards are being supplied. (Thanks Pat). All are welcome. Please bring water. For further information, contact Kimberly at 249 535 1939.

**Spaghetti Supper:** May 4th 2024: Continues Sittings no assigned sets. Tickets are \$20.00 and available at the Wyevale Jug City for \$20.00

Please if you have any news you would like to share just e-mail me at moreau1949@rogers.com.

As soon as I am able to get this years Ball Schedules I will report what I can. If anyone can help with this, it would be appreciated.

Next Submission will be May 5th Thank you

## Hey Dads!

Do you remember when your tenth baby was born? I'm gonna go out on a limb here and guess that for most of you that's a solid, "Nope." Maybe your great-grandparents remember their tenth. I remember ours. It was last week. After all, spring is in the air! Birds are laying eggs, baby bunnies are hopping around and my patient wife is delivering babies. At least one baby, anyways. She got in on the spring action by transitioning our seventh daughter, Juniper, from breathing water to breathing air.

Two of my teen daughters are reading a book with me, "Meet Me In The Middle: 10 Critical Conversations You Need To Have With Your Daughter". I think the author was joking when he wrote this line: "Unless you are daughter #7 in a family of 12, your dad doesn't have much experience parenting teenage girls." I told him in an email, "We just had daughter #7 in our family of 12 last week!" By the time baby Juniper is a teenager I will have experienced parenting 6 teenage girls. What could possibly go wrong?

I've had a silent chuckle at the hospital with our last few babies. The nurses always come in babbling after baby's born about bathing babies, breast-feeding babies, and bilirubin. (For a long time I wondered who Billy Ruben was and why we had to check if babies had him. Ask a new mom if you don't know what I'm talking about.) My patient wife has bathed and breast-fed more babies than most women in Canada but she listens quietly with a smile as the well-meaning nurses explain all the do's and don't's of a new baby. Stats say the average Canadian family has 1.5 children. Don't ask me how that's possible. Haven't seen many half-children walking around town lately.

There's always interesting and creative comments from people when we tell them this is baby number 10: "Don't you have a TV?" (Ironically, we don't.) "Are they all yours?" (No. We found some wandering in the woods and started collecting them.) "Have you figured out what's causing it?" (Very clever.) And one of my favourites: "Are you done yet?"

One of the most difficult things about having almost a dozen kids is finding names. There may be other difficult things but this is still a thing. By the time we add a middle name or two, we've had to come up with over twenty baby names. Our oldest daughter's middle name is Rose and my patient wife wanted to use it again for Juniper! I could not let such a thing happen. Somehow I convinced her to use the name, Jacinth, which may or not be an actual name but it's a precious stone and a slight nod to Juniper's dad, yours truly.

So baby Juniper is almost two weeks old now. Everyone is happy and healthy. There's roughly 19 hands reaching for her every time she cries so she's well taken care of. Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the many-daughtered ones.

*Jason Weening is a proud dad of 10 kids and husband of 1 wife. Please like and subscribe to his YouTube channel at heydads.ca.*

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- 16 Diminutive suffix
- 17 Told all
- 19 Dromedary
- 21 Unlock
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- 29 7:4, for example
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- 49 Shoved off
- 50 Lawn condensation

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- 2 Specialty
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- 33 Chaff
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- 37 Common contraction
- 38 Freedom from stress
- 39 Sketched
- 40 Put out, maybe, in baseball
- 41 Slice of history
- 43 Peck at



Submitted by Jennifer Paquette MPL

### Thursday Murder Club

Thursdays, May 16-May 30

Inspired by the beloved cozy mystery series by Richard Osman, join MPL and special guests for an afternoon series of critical thinking and cold cases\* as we attempt to determine who murdered Harmony Ashcroft?

Beverages & snacks provided.

\*Not actual cold cases - puzzles are from the Unsolved Case Files: Cold Case Murder Mystery Game.

Visit us online or call (705) 526-4216 to register.

### Break the Fake Workshop for Older Adults

Tuesday, June 11, 2-3pm

Learn quick & easy steps to spot misinformation and find out if something online is true or not. Visit us online or call (705) 526-4216 to register.

### Teen Movie Night in 'The Vault'

Ages 13-18

Join us for a special film screening in 'The Vault'! Free snacks provided.

- Wed., May 22, 5-7pm - Five Nights at Freddy's (PG 13)
- Wed., June 19, 5-7pm - Madame Web (PG 13)

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 With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Loughheed and Carolyn Glover  
 The start of allergy season is upon us (also known as hay fever or allergic rhinitis). One plant can release a billion grains of pollen into the air. Allergies are caused when the body overreacts to certain substances like pollen (allergens) which signal the immune system to release histamine and other chemicals.  
 Symptoms of allergies can include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, nasal & palate itching, coughing and red, itchy, watery eyes. The best way to prevent allergies is to avoid the allergen. If this is not possible, starting therapies as soon as symptoms present and continuing until the allergen is gone are best. To reduce and manage allergy symptoms there are a number of oral medications (such as antihistamines), nasal sprays and eye drops available over-the-counter and on prescription. Allergic Rhinitis is a condition that pharmacists can assess and prescribe for. Same day appointments are available.  
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### PD Programs are here!

#### Visit to Awenda Park

Join Tim Tully, Chief Park Naturalist for a guided tour of the park on Friday, May 24th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Register in person at the library with your library card. The programming fee is \$5.00. Remember to bring your own lunch! Registration begins April 12-April 19th for residents of Penetanguishene and valid Tiny residents. For members holding a reciprocal borrowing agreement membership, registration will begin after April 22. Penetanguishene and valid Tiny card holders may continue to register during this time.

#### Storytime

Join us for children's Storytime for ages 0-6 years on Tuesday, April 30th from 10:00-10:30. Enjoy a story, song and a craft. Registration begins: April 11-18 for residents of Penetanguishene and Tiny. After April 18th reciprocal members can register.

#### Barbie Child and Parent Tea Party!

Enjoy a Barbie, Child and Parent Tea Party. Play games and win prizes. Optionally, you can enter the Best Dressed or Wierdest Doll contest. Menu includes iced tea, apple juice, tea, sandwiches, fancy cookies and fruit kebobs. This program will be held on Friday, May 10th, 2024 from 4:00-5:00pm.

This program is for children ages 5-10 as well as accompanying parents/guardians. Programming fee is \$5.00 per child. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Cash only.

Registration: April 22- April 26 for resident members of Penetanguishene and valid Tiny members. Thereafter, registration for all other members begins April 29th.

#### Games and Za

This program is intended for teens and tweens! Come to library and play and game and enjoy pizza and pop!

Join us on Tuesday, May 28th from 4:00-5:00 pm if you are between the ages of 12-18. This program is free.

Register in person with your library card. Registration begins from May 6 - May 13 for residents of Penetanguishene and valid Tiny members. Thereafter, all remaining members can register after May 14th.

#### Do it like Da Vinci!

Join a Scientists in School instructor and follow in Da Vinci's steps on June 7th, 2024, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Paint to explore solubility, absorption and surface tension. Become an inventor by building a catapult. Discover the joy of combining science and art!

This program is open to ages 5-12. Register with your library card. Programming fee is \$2.00.

#### New @PPL

#### Mother's Day Vintage Tea Cups and Saucers for sale!

Purchase your Mother's Day Tea Cup with chocolate teacakes and Tetley Tea inside. The Friends of the Library have prepared a beautiful assortment of gift tea cups and saucers which are displayed at the library. Purchase your Mother's Day Gift and enjoy a cup of tea with your mom on Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day!

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

#### Library Board Meeting

The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for April 29th, 2024. This meeting is open to the public.



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Midhurst Branch: 705 737-5650  
Minesing Branch: 705 722-6440  
www.springwaterlibrary.on.ca

#### 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.

#### Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival Book Sale

The Friends of Springwater Library will be hosting the library's annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival Book Sale on Saturday April 27, 10am-3:30pm at Elmvale branch. We've received some amazing donations of books and DVDs you won't want to miss! Get your summer beach reads now and support the library.

#### Introduction to Genealogy

This program will provide you with a basic understanding of how to begin your genealogy journey both online and in the library. It will highlight some local history materials, genealogy books, and Ancestry Library Edition. This program is geared to those just starting out on their genealogy journey. Thursday May 2, 1pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

#### Master Gardeners: Shade Gardening

Best practices and best plants for shade gardening, including some attractive seasonal and perennial combinations. Tuesday May 14, 6pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: FREE. Registration required.

#### Bee Watering Station

Join us at the library and make a creative craft that helps support garden pollinators. Thursday, May 16th, 4pm at Midhurst Branch or Friday, May 17th, 3:30 pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost \$3. Registration required.

#### Victoria Day Holiday

Please note, all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed on Monday May 20 for the Victoria Day holiday and will reopen to regular hours on Tuesday May 21.

#### DIY Gift Tags

Adults are invited to come to the library and create 3D gift tags for all occasions. Tuesday May 21, 6pm, Midhurst Branch. Cost \$2. Registration required.

#### DIY Fishing Game Craft

Starting Friday May 31 drop-in to either the Midhurst or Elmvale branches to make a fun DIY felt magnetic fishing craft. No registration required. While supplies last.

## Brian Millett's Legacy Lives On in Cancer Patients Across the Region During Cancer Awareness Month



Submitted by Paul Eichhorn, GBCSC

Soon after Brian Millett was diagnosed with cancer he realized how fortunate he was. Not because of the diagnosis of course, though his cancer would go on to be treated successfully. But because he could afford to travel from his home in rural Port Severn to Sunnybrook Hospital where his treatment would take place.

Brian's story is not unique. He made the roughly 300-kilometre return trip to Toronto five days a week for over a month. It was long days of travel at a time when he felt at his worst. It was the only option. It's a similar trip to the one that thousands of others have made since. Sadly, it's one that not everyone can afford.

In 2019, Brian and his wife, Anita decided to do something significant to make sure that distance didn't get in the way of others accessing cancer treatment. On their 60th wedding anniversary, they took the money they had set aside for a trip, and created the GAP (Gas, Accommodations, and Parking) Fund with the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre, and it has helped countless people since.

The fund is available to support individuals who are fighting cancer with the cost of transportation to out of town appointments, hospital parking, and, in many cases, even overnight accommodations near the hospital.

"We know what it's like facing those costs to get treatments," noted Brian. "We set up this fund to help other people."

These costs, which Brian understood all too well, can add up to thousands of dollars. For most people living in North Simcoe and South Georgian Bay, a cancer diagnosis means regular treatment in either Barrie or Toronto. It may be a visit to RVH every few months, followed by regular follow-up or, like in Brian's case, it may be daily radiation for weeks at a time, along with a range of other treatments over months or even years. All this while likely not receiving regular income outside of a pension or employment insurance, if anything at all.

Sadly, on June 26 of last year, and unrelated to his previous fight with cancer, Brian passed away. Now, almost a year after his passing, his legacy grows. The Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre's Board of Directors recently passed a motion to officially dedicate the fund as The Brian and Anita Millett GAP Fund. Thanks to the generosity of Brian and Anita's daughter, Donna, her husband Conrad, and Anita herself, all donations made toward the fund beginning in April will be matched, up to \$21,000.

With roughly 2.4 in 5 Canadians expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, it is no exaggeration to say that cancer affects all of us. Thanks to Brian, Anita, Donna, and Conrad, those of us who are one day diagnosed can worry about getting better, not about affording to do so.

For anyone who wants to donate to the Brian and Anita Millett GAP Fund, or to learn about how to access this support, visit [gbcancersupportcentre.ca/gap](http://gbcancersupportcentre.ca/gap). In addition, donations will be matched. If you choose to schedule a monthly gift, your gifts for the entire year will be doubled.

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### Sara Vista Flower Donation

By Susanne Flury



April 17, 2024 - On Wednesday April 17th, Bunches of Blooms made a Flower donation to Sara Vista Long-term Care Home in Elmvale.

I, Susanne Flury, owner and grower at Bunches of Blooms have donated flowers to Sara Vista in the past, especially during Covid.

It brings me great joy and I feel grateful that I am able share my locally seasonal grown flowers with the residents at the home.

Colorful flowers lift your spirits, they put a smile on your face and brighten up any space with their beauty.

15 Mason jars were filled with double and peony tulips for each dining room table at Sara Vista Long Term Care Home.

Looking forward to be sharing more seasonal flowers with the residents for the upcoming flower season and spread some joy.

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### Funds Deadline for Local Charities

By Scott Warnock

Midland ON, April 15, 2024 -- An Important date is fast approaching.

If you know of a deserving local charity, give them a nudge to apply by Friday, May 17th for funds available from Huronia Community Foundation (HCF) and its Smart and Caring Community Funds program.

Who can apply? You may be eligible if you are a registered charitable organization serving the communities surrounded by Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny Township, Beausoleil First Nation, Tay Township & Georgian Bay Township.

Last year HCF granted over \$600,000. This is an opportunity not to be missed!

HCF's Smart and Caring Community Grants were established by HCF's Board of Directors and community-minded donors so that HCF could provide funding to our local charities and nonprofits. Funds are given to programs and organizations that are registered charities, or other qualified donees (as defined by CRA).

The application to HCF's Smart and Caring Community Grants can be accessed at: <https://forms.gle/ZMu22eWbFUkFzKhr9>

For more information: [info@huroniacf.com](mailto:info@huroniacf.com)  
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 Huronia Community Foundation



### Our North Simcoe Junior Farmers annual road cleanup was a success!

By Adrianna McGinnis

April 21, 2024 - On Saturday, April 20th our club gathered on Flos Road 10 to collect waste and clean up the area. We were quite successful as we finished the job with about 15 bags full!

Thank you to all members and non-members who showed up to participate in road cleanup, it was a great day of hard work giving back to our community and bettering the earth!

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Dear Neighbour,

On March 16th, 2024, the Liberal government tabled their Federal Budget in the House of Commons.

Ahead of the 2024 Budget, my Conservative colleagues and I proposed three simple directives to fix the budget:

1. **Axe the Tax on Farmers and Food:** Immediately pass Bill C-234 in its original form to alleviate financial strain on farmers and the food industry.
2. **Build Homes, Not Bureaucracy:** Ensure that cities permit 15% more home building each year as a condition for receiving federal infrastructure funding.
3. **Cap Spending:** Introduce a dollar-for-dollar rule, requiring the government to find a dollar in savings for every new dollar of spending.

Unfortunately, the Liberal government ignored Conservative calls to cap spending and this year's budget will include nearly \$40 billion in new inflationary spending. To make matters worse, this year, Canada will pay \$54.1 billion in interest on the Liberal government's debt. This is more money than the government is sending the provinces for health care.

Every day, I hear from residents in our community who are struggling to make ends meet throughout this affordability crisis. Much of this is made worse by the Liberal government's punitive carbon tax, which further drives up the cost of gas, home heating, and groceries.

Conservatives were clear – we would not support the Liberal government's budget if it did not axe the tax, build the homes, and fix the budget. That is why my Conservative colleagues and I will be voting against this inflationary budget, which does nothing to bring down costs for Canadians who are struggling.

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

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Photo above: Mary Desrochers of Tiny Township was the lucky winner of the March GBGH 50/50 grand prize draw on March 28th. She was all smiles when she picked up her cheque for \$8,768, sharing that she and her husband plan to use their winnings to upgrade his vehicle.



Photo above: Elmvalde Chargers Hockey Team 2023-2024 Elmvalde Recreation Champs. This team was once known as the Thursday night bush league. The Chargers defeated the Wings in a championship game. Springwater News Sports Reporter, Tim Tom asked some of the players when the last year that the Chargers were champs? They answered, "A lot of us were not born yet. We know it was before 1967 (Maple Leafs)".



Photo above: Elmvalde Pharmasave Tuesday Night Curling League Champions. Congratulation to Murray MacDonald, John Stevenson, Tye McCutcheon and Alec Stubbs.

### First Time in Twenty Four Year OMHA Champions



Photo above: Tier 1 U18 OMHA Champions, Elmvalde's own Coyotes sponsored by Whitfield Guardian Pharmacy. LtoR: Jake Dutton, Jake Murphy, Jenifer Coughlin, Mayor Township of Springwater, Matt Garwood, Township of Springwater Councillor Ward 1, Beckam Westcott and Garrette Faye.



Photo above: OMHA Championship Trophy will be presented at the Elmvalde Malple syrup Festival at the main stage. Come and celebrate.



Photo above: Elmvalde continues to celebrate the Coyotes OMHA Championship with a parade in Elmvalde on Friday April 12, 2024.



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Photo above left to right: Dave Lewis (Lead), John Stevenson (Second), Mike Jacobs (Vice) and Mike Townes (Skip)



Photo above: The "A" Event Winners in the photo are Scott Wagner, John VanCasteren, Nina Eldred (Waterside Rep), Skip Russ Madore and Don McRae.



Photo above: The "B" Side Winners photo are Rick Turner, Wayne Young, Nina Eldred (Waterside Rep), Skip Ron Belcourt and Dean Bissonette.



Photo above: Kent Grunland (Lead), Larry McMann (Second), Reg Cowan (Vice) and Larry Huth (Skip)



Photo above: In the "A" Event Runner-up photo are Neil Maurice, Skip Mike Townes, Nina Eldred (Waterside Rep), John Stevenson and Brent Ziliotto.



Photo above: The "B" Side Runner-up photo are Larry McMann, Reg Cowan, Nina Eldred (Waterside Rep), Skip Michael Jacobs and Bill Claasse.

### Friday Senior Waterside Retirement Lodge Curling League

*Submitted by Mike Townes*  
 April 17, 2024 - On April 5th, the Friday Senior Waterside Retirement Lodge Curling League finished the 2023-24 season with two exciting playoff

games and luncheon supervised by Dave Don. The league would like to thank the Waterside Retirement Lodge for their on going support to our league over the years.

### Harold Townes Memorial Trophy Champions

*By Dave Don*

The team of Mike Townes, Mike Jacobs, John Stevenson, and Dave Lewis won the Harold Townes Memorial Trophy as the champions of the Monday Men's Masters Curling League's spring schedule. The win was especially significant for Mike Townes as the Trophy was donated by the Townes family in memory of his father, Harold. On hand to watch the game was Mike's son and grandson. The winners of the consolation side of the draw were Larry Huth, Reg Cowan, Larry McMann, and Kent Grunland.

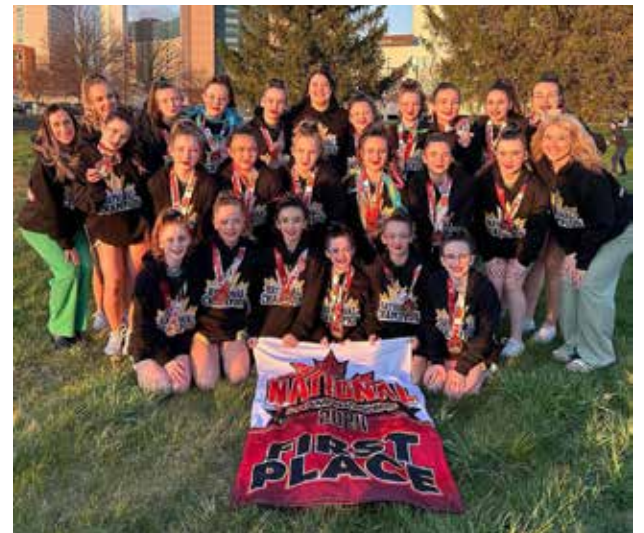
The Monday Men's Master League is focused on men who have "mastered" the age of 60 plus. Nine teams and over 40 curlers took part in the Schedule. The group is non-competitive and dedicated to having fun with friends.



### 2024 NATIONAL CHEER CHAMPIONS - JADE, Wasaga Beach

*By Wanda Spring*  
 We are incredibly proud of Riley Rimmer (photo above on left) and her teammates (photo above on right) for all their accomplishments this weekend at the Canadian Cheer National Championships in

Niagara Falls, ON! It definitely was a full pull kinda weekend with huge successes for Riley as she competed 5 times U16 Level 3 Champ First ever Canadian Finals and a Hit Zero, Double 00 hit for Moonstone .



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**Revolution Repair and Performance U13 LL2  
Finish Their Season Off Strong**



*By Jennifer Price*

April 19, 2024 - The U13 just finished their incredible hockey season finishing 2nd place in the Georgian Bay Championship series, and just days earlier, finishing 2nd place at the Bob Beaumont Tournament in Parry Sound. Two silver medals in as many days isn't too shabby. Their season started back in September, where they met their coaching crew

for the year. Dave, Daryll, John and Chris took on the task of teaching, and inspiring this motley crew. They did an incredible job. Most of the kids knew each other from years past, but there were some new faces that didn't have that instant connection. With just a few practices under their belts, they all started to come together as a team.

Games started in October, playing in the Eastern

Division of the Georgian Bay loop, facing off against some extremely talented and big teams. Teams like Oro, who I heard one player say, "that kid had a moustache", and who can forget the battles we had against our arch rivals Elmvale #1. Listening to the kids give credit to the other players and teams, shows the amazing sportsmanship that was being taught.

Our team were late bloomers during the regular season, but things came together at the right time: end of the season and the playoffs. The kids finished the season in the middle of the pack, and certainly weren't seen as a threat in the playoffs, but as mentioned, they put all the skills that were taught during the season into play and went on what could only be called an epic roll! Everything clicked when it was needed the most; from our offensive crew putting many pucks by the goalies, to our defense, working together and snuffing out most opportunities that the challenging teams had, to our goalie, becoming a wall and doing what he had to do to keep the puck out of the net. What clicked the most was the confidence in each other's ability to get the job done as a team. This is what propelled them to their victories. During the round robin portion of the playoffs, they went 8-0. A long break slowed our roll, and we just couldn't get it back. We travelled to Parry Sound a few weeks ago and found our mojo again, going 5-1 in the tournament. It was an incredible and exciting year to watch and everyone is looking forward to next season already.

Bobby Orr once said, "The biggest thing we get out of it is seeing the kids smile. And hopefully we will also see that the lessons we're teaching - not only the fundamentals of hockey but also the life values are sinking in." This year was a huge success for the team. They learned so many new skills, played some great hockey, shared a lot of laughs, and made some great memories. Memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to our sponsors, Revolution Repair and Performance, our coaching staff, our parents, and grandparents, that week after week were able to get the kids to their practices and games, and most importantly thank you to Elmvale Minor Hockey, for dedicating your free time to ensure that there continues to be hockey for our small town to enjoy.

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Photo above: Anne Arksey found the Springwater News at the Stellenbosch Golf and Country Club, near Cape Town, South Africa.



### Craighurst WI April Meeting

By Sheila Craig

April 18, 2024 - Craighurst Women's Institute met Tuesday April 16. We opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart collect. No, dear readers, the collect was not writ by Mary Queen of Scots, as she collected her wits before her unhappy demise. I quote from British Columbia Women's Institute :

"The Mary Stewart Collect , pronounced "CALL' ect" , and defined as " a short prayer" was written by Mary Stewart in 1904 and is recited at branch, district, provincial, national and world meetings. It is a mantra members endeavour to live up to in daily life."

Mary herself was born in 1875 in Ohio, and was principal of Longmont High, Colorado.

Back to Craighurst WI. Our treasurer is in Barbados, so only the secretary and her minutes were available. Business was reporting on District meetings, discussing the Oro-Medonte Township's response to our Parkette concerns (at best tepid, at worst lukewarm). Then we closed that part and held the election of new officers, and collected membership dues. Our executive was installed, congratulated, and then the fun began. One member said her family wants to turn her into a diamond after she joins Mary Q of S so to speak. "Oh" we cried, "how does that work?" She explained. You can look that up I'm sure. All the while we were holding a silent auction, so bidders were up and down during the meeting. We discussed our catering job at World Fiddler's Day in the Eady Hall May 18, 1 - 5 don't miss it. There will be egg salad sandwiches! The auction closed, the members paid up, and so starts the new year for The Craighurst Women's Institute.



Photo above: Members of Georgian Shores Swing Seniors attended a Sunday concert by Adrien Robitaille at The Place in Balm Beach. The Social Committee is looking forward to presenting more such concerts over the summer.



### North Simcoe Area is Rich with Great Artistry

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Apr. 12, 2024 - Tom Dorman has written to the North Simcoe Springwater News with hopes in finding out about the family and it's history that owned this farm in the above painting. There is a plaque attached to the picture that states the farm was or is on Concession Rd. 13 Tiny Township. Please email tom.dorman2@gmail.com if you have information.

Eva Horthy is a Canadian artist, well-known to many art enthusiasts who have viewed, studied and enjoyed her colorful and perceptive works in showings, galleries and private collections across Canada.

Born and educated in Budapest, Hungary, Eva worked as a fashion designer before taking up painting in water colors. Showings of these early works in Austria, Italy and France were well received and Eva's reputation as a fine water colorist was firmly established.

In the past decade Eva has worked exclusively with oils, developing her own distinctive and rich palette knife technique.

Her talented eye and brush work have captured on canvas the life and color of her prime subject -- the Canadian outdoors. She admits to harbouring a special passion for the richness and variety of Ontario's northland.

Based in Toronto, Eva travels from coast to coasts in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico painting and presenting her works to the public.



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**Foodbank Festival Fundraiser**  
By Peter Whitfield

April 25, 2024 - As many of us are aware the Foodbank is not only in need of food but they also require money so that they can purchase other goods that are often overlooked when we stare into our pantries for the purposes of donation.

Some of you may possibly recognize this familiar face in the photograph. If not, let me reintroduce myself.

You might recall seeing me in Whitfield's Guardian Pharmacy as owner for 31 years .....and then I seemed to have disappeared!

Well not entirely, but to say I've been less than visible would be an understatement. Amazingly it will be 10 years as of April 28th since I sold the pharmacy!

Wearing my other hat, as photographer, I've had an idea about fundraising for worthy local causes ever since I retired, but have failed to implement it. The idea is simply "Photolanthropy"...a word that I have entirely made up, but which hopefully needs no explanation.

I am donating this 16"x 24" canvas mounted Maple Syrup Festival themed photograph, that I have entitled "Sap's Running", to enable the Foodbank to raise funds to benefit those, in the area, who are less fortunate.

The photo will be on display at Whitfield's Guardian Pharmacy, leading up to the Maple Syrup Festival and you can purchase tickets there (\$5 each or 3 for \$10).....or why don't you peak your head in the doors at the main entrance to the arena on festival day, from 10 am-4 pm, and you will likely be able to catch up with this retired pharmacist/photographer....or at the very least you will have an opportunity to sling insults at me....and hopefully buy a ticket (or 6).

*Hope to see you there!*  
*Pharmaceutically yours, Peter Whitfield*



**Elmvale Cat Rescue and Feline Fix Need Your Empties**

By Mel Hinch, Communication Officer Feline Fix Barrie

Apr. 19, 2024 - The Communication Officer for the non-profit cat rescue called Feline Fix Barrie. Their mandate is to reduce the community cat population through spaying and neutering feral cats.

The Elmvale Cat Rescue was struggling to get their colony fixed to prevent more kittens from being born. Feline Fix offered help and, since Sept. 20, 2023, they have trapped 30 adults and 17 kittens. There are still two adults left to get, and they are very smart. Two cats have already found their forever homes, and there are 13 cats in foster care being socialized so that they, too, can find their forever homes.

The expense of the above work is huge. It was necessary, though, or that colony would have exploded because the Elmvale Cat Rescue couldn't afford to fix any of the cats. Feline Fix Barrie does a lot of fundraising, but we still have a very large bill for this colony left to pay.

They hope to hold an "empties" drive in Elmvale town to raise some money, plus we will be a vendor at the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival later this month. They sell vegan leather wallets/purses, as well as funky socks and some items made by volunteers. All monies raised will go toward paying down the bill

for the Elmvale spays/neuters and other surgeries. A number of the cats have required dental surgeries.

When the community learns about the number of cats that have been taken out of the colony and the number that remain but that have been fixed, perhaps they will consider dropping off empties, visiting us at the Maple Syrup Festival, and/or making a donation to Feline Fix Barrie to help them with the bill.

The colony is located behind the Corner Cut Salon owned by Janice Minnings.

Local residents Dar McLean (main colony feeder) and Linda Wasitis (wanted to help the colony and joined our rescue) have been helping us:

- Dar made a quilt, a Christmas wall hanging and a door welcome snowman that we raffled off to raise funds. Finally, Dar offered to foster the last cat that was trapped, a huge help because it is hard to find someone willing to foster a scared cat.

- Dar and Linda helped trap the cats and transport them to Barrie for vetting.

Our main trapper from our rescue is Kelly Collard. We have tried trapping the final two grey cats with two types of traps - neither worked. We have set up a 4 x 8 ft. trap that Feline Fix made years ago to get a sick feral. We are hoping this will work to get the last, very smart kitties.

**In Lieu of Spring--A Luau !**

By Bunny Trace

April 23, 2024 - On April 14 a special Welcome Spring Luau was held at St. Johns United Church, Elmvale. Pictured are some of the attendees dressed in bright Hawaiian colors and enjoying Luau style food, games and music. What Fun!



The Goodwill offering collected has been contributed to the GoFundMe account for Emma. She is the little daughter of Ryan & Amanda who own Elmvale Foodland, and is in Sick Kids battling leukemia.

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#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) garlic powder
- 1 ½ tablespoons (23 ml) olive oil
- 6 medium sized beets, peeled and grated
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and grated
- 1 ½ cups (375 ml) shredded cabbage
- 4 cups (1000ml) vegetable broth
- 3 cups (750 ml) water
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) tomato paste
- 2 ½ tablespoons (38 ml) apple cider or rice vinegar



- 2 bay leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional toppings: Sour Cream, Greek yogurt, fresh dill, sliced green onions

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic or garlic powder and sauté for 5 minutes until the onions are translucent.
2. Add the beets, carrots and cabbage to the pot and cook on medium heat, stirring occasionally for 10 to 15 minutes until softened.
3. Stir in the vegetable broth, water, tomato paste, vinegar, bay leaves and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 40-45 minutes or until the

vegetables are tender.

4. Once cooked, remove the bay leaves and puree the soup, if a smooth soup is preferred.

5. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

6. Serve hot or cold, garnished with a dollop of sour cream or Greek yogurt, and fresh dill or sliced green onions.

Enjoy!

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

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## Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



April 21, 2024 - While I love remote hiking areas, I also love finding urban areas that offer nature trails. The Ardagh bluffs trails in Barrie is just that, a large 518 acre tract of land smack dab in the middle of suburbia. My good friend has a home backing onto this forest tract and has

been enticing me out for a hike for several years. Deer, coyotes, porcupines and all the regular forest critters and roughly 17 km of trails. Ok, I'm sold, let's go see what this trail has to offer.

The Ardagh Bluffs protected area is found between Ardagh Road and Mapleview Drive. Parking is located at the Peggy Hill Community Centre, or if you are lucky enough to have a friend who lives nearby, there are several access points located at the end of the cul-de-sacs. The seven main trails are well marked and easy to follow and maintained by the city, with several side trails as well. I had no idea of our route, as I was following and not leading, a rarity to me. A nice change, as usually I am on my own in new areas and need to stay alert for trail changes and directions.



Instead, I had time to enjoy the scenery and relax. There are several large hills, as this is a bluff, which is created by erosion of hills by oceans, seas and large lakes. Overall, the trails include many elevation changes, and are rated by AllTrails as moderate

difficulty.

While I didn't see any wildlife, the flora is making itself known. Tiny green spears of spring plants are bursting through the matted brown leaves of beech, maple and oak. Clumps of trilliums are waiting to explode into color, and the green and brown leaves of

the dog tooth lily, aka trout lily, are evident all along the forest floor. The buds on the trees are small, but I imagine with the recent rain it will only take a few warm days for them to unfold into emerald gems. A small stream, maybe more of a rill, runs from the top of the bluff and cuts through the forest. It is only inches deep and can be stepped across in most places. My friend tells me that this tiny and seemingly insignificant trickle of water is what provides the forest with its environmentally protected status, and thus prevents the destruction of this beautiful forest. Another small but mighty impact.

I had left the Mr. at home, sleeping peacefully on his double decker dog bed. He would have loved these trails. However, I enjoyed the company of my friend's chocolate lab. A different experience from walking a beagle, as Brody would sit and stay on command. Mr. B sits for nothing but treats, and stay is a meaningless term for him unless he chooses to roll around on the ground in something especially smelly. This is really a nice forest for an urban hike, providing a good workout and some much needed nature therapy.



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## ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

**JOIN YOUR CRA**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **THURSDAY**  
25 APRIL 2024 @ 7:30PM  
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- ✓ Fall Artisan Fair
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some flowers? The weather forecasters are all over the map when it comes to what temperatures we will see for May but here's hoping the rain will be the average and the temperature be above.

Tonight, Thursday, April 25 is an important time for the community. At 7:30 in the community centre, the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association will be holding the required General Annual Meeting. This is the opportunity for our community to come and discuss the recreation and social activities that happen in the village. Did you enjoy the Easter Eggstravaganza? How about the Christmas in the Village weekend? Knotty Knitters or Thursday night euchre? Want to play pickleball or corn hole? Do you remember the Family Fun Day or the summer movie nights? These are all events that the Anten Mills CRA runs through the volunteers like you who step forward. At the meeting volunteers will also step up to conduct the duties required by the municipality and the more who participate the easier it is. Be part of the future activities of the community and attend the meeting and learn more about the successes and what has been planned for the upcoming year. 7:30 PM at the community centre, no one is too young or too old to be part so see you there.

April 21, 2024 - There is an old saying or proverb that goes "April Showers bring May Flowers". Apparently the verbiage actually was "March winds and April showers bring forth May Flowers" was first recorded around 1886 and it comes from a poem written in 1610. Now that is history but what about our April showers and May flowers? To the date of writing this column, there has been 5 inches or 127 mm or 12.7 cm of rain recorded in Anten Mills this April. The month is not over and more rain is forecasted. Weather data indicates that in our area in April, approximately 1.51 inches or 38.48 mm of rain usually fall. Obviously we are way over the average. There has been more than enough rain but will May bring some warmth so that we can see

Back to May flowers for a moment. The anniversary garden planted in 2021 has bloomed and grown greatly since being planted. The gardens were purposely left with the stalks and stems and leaves over the fall to permit the insects that hibernate in them the opportunity to overwinter. The garden is a community project and is not looked after by the township. The gardens need to be cleaned up now and your participation is appreciated. If you are not sure and would like some direction, feel free to reach out to the CRA members or myself and let's get the garden looking great for the coming year.

May is also No Mow month. The purpose is to again allow the insects who are hibernating the opportunity

to get some nourishment as they wake up from the winter. There are some mixed reviews as to whether it is actually worthwhile but the anniversary garden certainly is helpful due to the native plants that are planted.

There are a couple of developments that the community might take an interest in. First, if you have traveled down Wilson you may have noticed poles installed in the new subdivision where work on houses has not begun. The poles are apparently for temporary hydro service so when construction begins, there is hydro. Next on the list is along Nursery Road. At the Council meeting last week there was a request from the developer for an extension to the draft plan approval. This is an addition to the industrial subdivision that is accessible from County Road 27 and is known as the Bertram Industrial Parkway area. The plan was approved in 2019 and calls for 8 more industrial lots as well as the interior road coming out onto Nursery Road. The third and last development was the public meeting for a new residential subdivision along Coughlin Road and Horseshoe Valley Road. The proposal is for 42 new residential lots of varying sizes along with a parkett and stormwater management pond. There are two internal roads both existing onto Coughlin Road and the area will be serviced by the municipal water system. Media reports indicate that there are concerns about the intersection of Coughlin and Horseshoe due to sightlines and the number of vehicles that would be turning onto Horseshoe. Traffic engineering information apparently has been applied indicating that the intersection would be safe as is. As circulation of the public meeting is determined by distance, most in the community would not be aware of this proposal. A report from the planning department will be forthcoming. For details on the industrial subdivision or the Coughlin Road development, they can be seen on the Township of Springwater website under agendas for April 17.

A reminder that the Hospice Simcoe, Hike and Bike for Hospice is next Sunday, May 5. There is still time to support two of our local fundraisers, Marjan DeJong Deller and Joan Gannon. Just go to the Hospice Simcoe website and search for their names and pledge your donation.

That's all for this week. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting tonight. THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.



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**SPIRITUAL**

**Annie's Journal**

by Annie Warner Donnelly, International Correspondent



April 22, 2024 - Living in Tanzania is different from living in Canada, and yet, it is the same. When we look at the details of the creation of the earth, we find a symmetry, a sense of order that comes from the Divine vision that was implemented by the time God rested on the seventh day.

Nothing was left to chance. The intricacies of all that has been created was methodically put in place cell by cell: human, plant, animal, bird, fish - each designed to make a unique contribution to the world being created.

From my limited experience with world travel, it's clear that God created with love and loves variety in shape and colour and function; the earth is a beautiful place, indeed! This helps us and our children understand that:

- God is love.
- God loves us and we have the capacity to love Him.
- The qualities of His character are imbedded in the Fruit of the Spirit. This enables us, in every situation, to exhibit any or all of the following: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- God's grace and mercy enable us to forgive others and to receive their forgiveness; to be forgiven by

God and to receive His forgiveness.

- Love for God helps us care for those who are precious and irreplaceable to us.
- Love can turn the commandments into actions of beauty and grace, mercy and forgiveness, simplicity, honour, and kindness.

Love turns the words written on tablets of stone into the Spirit of the Living God; into a way of living that puts others before ourselves; that fill our hearts with the joy of being a friend to the Saviour; that calls us apart from the world to exist in relationship with the our Creator, our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who guides us into all truth.

Anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. Jesus said that. We live in a time of scholarly interpretation. Jesus is calling us to live with child-like faith.

Everything that Jesus said and did, demonstrated the character of our Heavenly Father. We do as Jesus taught us because His commandments for caring for all He has created are perfect and following them enable us to be ready to meet Him at His second coming.

Canada or Tanzania? We can trust God's love wherever we are in the world and in every situation! I know this is true because every day, this is what I do. Every day, I see people here doing the same thing. We trust God for all the things we pray for.

Sometimes, life mingles the difficult with the joyous. No matter what, life is precious and worth living.

God's love never fails us.

May your home be a safe place to live and grow because God is in it. May God comfort and encourage you as He helps you be who you were created to be, wherever you are in the world. Amen



Photo above: The Gambarage Family Cemetery. Mr Gambarage and his parents are buried here.

**EDHS Class of 1982 Reunion**

Submitted by Darrin Robertson

The EDHS Grade 12 Class of 1982 is holding a Reunion to mark the 40+ years since their graduation.

If you were an EDHS "Minor Niner" in 1978, we are hoping you will join us.

We are gathering all classmates from this memorable EDHS era who attended from Grade 9 (September 1978) to Grade 12 (June 1982)

If you were a student with this group or a teacher to this group during this time, we look forward to you attending. It will be a time to reunite and share some high school memories.

**The date is Friday June 14, 2024.**

**We will meet at Elmvalle District High School** to have a tour of the upgraded facilities **at 4pm.**

At 5pm, we will catch up with classmates at the Elmvalle Legion, followed by food and social in downtown Elmvalle. More details to come.

Saturday at 9am, join us for a Best Ball Golf Tournament with lunch following.

Please indicate interest on RSVP.

Please RSVP to

**Gerri Priest (Stone) - gerripriest@gmail.com**

**Kari Simpson Adams - k.simpson.adams@gmail.com**

If you know of anyone from this group, we hope you reach out to them to let them know about this reunion.

**Blue Ridge Club Makes Major Donation for Tiny Marsh Phrag Control**



By Kate Harris

TINY MARSH - April 18 2024 - A major contribution has been made to the ongoing battle to control invasive Phragmites at Tiny Marsh, with the Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club donating \$10,000 to help fund the fourth year of phragmites control.

Blue Ridge president Bev Fisher and treasurer Gabriella Arseanault attended a recent meeting of the MTM Conservation Association board of directors and received a warm welcome from the group of volunteers who manage the wetland for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

"Blue Ridge is honored to participate in assisting the MTM with their fight at the Tiny Marsh against the invasive phragmites," said the club's president Bev Fisher. "We are positive their efforts will fortify the Marsh for future generations to experience.

Blue Ridge treasurer Gabriella Arsenault added that since the club's inception, conservation has been an integral part of its mission. "We are very grateful for organizations such as yourselves that volunteer their time and commit to the preservation of wetlands,"

she told the MTM directors. "We are very excited to be able to donate to such a great conservation initiative."

"This is an exceptionally generous donation," said MTM vice-president Derek Witlib. "It's the kind of support we need to achieve our goal of finally getting the phragmites under control."

Phrag Free Tiny Marsh project manager Kate Harries noted that a three-year phragmites control project funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada has just concluded - but another year's work is still required to tackle some remaining large stands of the invasive reed.

Then it is hoped it can be kept in check with ongoing monitoring.

The ECCC funding program does not provide for extensions which is why MTM has turned to other sources to raise the \$30,400 needed for the 2024 control project.

Donors are the Township of Tiny, Ducks Unlimited and the Tiny Lions Club, bringing the total raised so far to \$26,000.

**Barrie Area MP Hosts Reception to Recognize Contributors to Annual Calendar**

Submitted by Doug Shipley, MP Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte

April 19th, 2024 Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte Member of Parliament, Doug Shipley, is pleased to host a reception to acknowledge residents who contributed to his 2024 annual calendar. In 2023, for the second year, residents of Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte were encouraged to share their original artwork including paintings, sketches, and photographs, that captured the mood and beauty of our region, for consideration in the 2024 annual calendar. Successful submissions were showcased, month by month, in the calendar which is delivered to thousands of residents in Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte. "Collecting submissions from local artists is a great opportunity to bring the unique views that can be found in all corners of our region into every home, and remind us all how truly fortunate we are to be surrounded by such raw and natural beauty every day," said MP Doug Shipley. Contributors will be honoured at an intimate reception, hosted at the MacLaren Art Centre, Monday April 22nd from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Presentations will be made at 5:50pm. Members of the media are invited to attend this event.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the office of MP Doug Shipley:

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**Classic Car Totaled During Impaired Driving Incident**

Apr. 23, 2024 - (TINY TOWNSHIP, ON) A driver is facing impaired charges after the classic car they were operating left the roadway and struck a group of trees in Tiny Township last evening.

At around 7:45 p.m. on April 22, 2024, members of the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police(OPP) arrived on the scene of a single motor vehicle collision on Rue Lafontaine East in the Township of Tiny. Police located the vehicle, a 70's era Chevrolet Corvette with extensive damage (see photo), lodged in a forest approximately 25 metres off the roadway.

The driver was spoken to and received care from Simcoe County Paramedics. While investigating, officers gathered grounds to believe that the driver had been consuming alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to detachment to provide breath samples.

As a result of this investigation, Stephanie SMITH, 50 years Penetanguishene, Ontario was charged with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code:

- Operation while Impaired
- Operation over 80 Milligrams

The accused was released to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Midland at a later date. When charged with impaired driving, the driver's license of the accused is suspended for 90 days and the vehicle they were operating is impounded for 7 days.

**FEDERAL OFFENDER WANTED- Troy FOLTZ**

23-Apr-2024 -(BARRIE, ON) - The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (R.O.P.E.) Squad is requesting the public's assistance in locating a federal offender wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant as a result of a breach of their Statutory Release.

Troy Foltz is described as an Indigenous male, 30-years-old, 5'8" (180cm), 180lbs (82kg) with brown hair and brown eyes. He also has numerous tattoos:

- Left forearm - Cross with the words "RIP MOM"
- Left upper arm - Religious Icon

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- Left side of the neck - Five-point crown with "Foltz"
- Right forearm - Skull
- Right wrist - Grandma
- Left hand - "MM LIFE, CARD SUITS, INFINITY SYMBOL"
- Left forearm - "HOOD" with a cross
- Left hand - DIAMOND with the numbers "705, 604 and words Wild Boy"

Foltz is serving 2 years, 9 months and twenty-eight day sentence for:

- Dangerous operation of a conveyance
- Accident resulting in bodily harm
- Possession of a schedule 1/2 substance
- Obstruct Public / Peace officer

The offender is known to frequent Barrie, Midland and Thunder Bay.

Anyone having contact with this offender or information in regards to their whereabouts is asked to contact the Provincial R.O.P.E. Squad at 416-808-5900 or toll free at 1-866-870-7673 (ROPE) or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or call 9-1-1.



**Vehicle Stop By OPP Leads to Weapons Charges Nets Prohibited Edged Weapons**

Apr. 22, 2024 - (MIDLAND, ON) - A vehicle stop on Simcoe County Road 93, Midland has resulted in the seizure of prohibited edged weapons. Officers of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment on general patrol stopped a vehicle with two occupants in the area of Lanigan Drive, Midland to investigate a possible Highway Traffic Act violation at approximately 2:32 am. April 21, 2024.

During the course of the investigation a number of edged weapons were seized, some being classified as prohibited weapons.

As a result of this investigation the driver of the vehicle Taras POPOVITCH 44-years of Penetanguishene has been charged criminally with the following offences.

- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Possession of a Prohibited or Restricted Weapon at Unauthorized Place

- And Further
- Driving while under suspension
- Drive no licence
- failed to surrender insurance slip
- obstruct plate

Contrary to the Highway Traffic Act The accused was released to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on June 6, 2024.

The second occupant of the vehicle, Patricia Jadwiga DAWID 38-years also of Penetanguishene was charged criminally with the offence of Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose.

The accused was released to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on June 6, 2024.

**Fail to Remain Crash Leads to Driving Charges**  
Apr. 22, 2024 - (MIDLAND, ON)- A 34-year old Christian Island male and his employer were cited

with numerous driving offences after officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment were dispatched at approximately 5:44 pm April 18, 2024 to a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Simcoe County Road 93 and Hugel Avenue, Midland.

One of the involved vehicles fled the scene of the property damage only crash prior to the arrival of police which left the other involved vehicle with significant damage.

Through investigation, officers learned of the identity of the driver of the fleeing commercial truck which was pulling a work related trailer and have charged the driver with the following offences contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

- Fail to remain
- Fail to carry CVOR certificate or lease
- Drive motor vehicle - no licence
- Obstruct officer
- Drive commercial motor vehicle - no licence
- Operate commercial motor vehicle - no valid CVOR certificate

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The accused and employer have been summoned to appear before the Provincial Offences Court on June 6, 2024.

**E Bike Crash Leads to Impaired Driving Charges**

April 19, 2024 - (MIDLAND, ON)- A Midland resident learned as a result of a single vehicle E-Bike crash that drinking and driving laws do apply to E-Bike operators as well. Griffin Wright-Gravel 19 years was charged with Operation while impaired - alcohol and further with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) after officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment were dispatched at approximately 9:07 pm April 18, 2024 to an incident in a parking lot off Len Self Boulevard, Midland.

Neither the operator or the female passenger required hospital treatment as a result of the crash and the accused was released from custody at the completion of the police investigation to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on May 2, 2024. The accused was also was subjected to a tow and impound invoice for seven days for the involved E-Bike and a 90 day drivers licence suspension as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines.

Recently, patrol officers were able to set up six Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) programs at various roadway locations resulting in over 60 drivers being checked for signs of impairment.

Educating the public about safe driving, boating and ORV practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired operator on our roadways, waterways or trails please "Make the Call" and dial 911 as impaired driving never ends well, please make a plan to get home safely.

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#### Bay Shore Seniors Club

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

#### Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

**Line Dancing, Progressive Beginners**  
9:30 - 11:00 am  
**Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate**, 11:30 - 1:00 pm  
**Seniors in Motion Fitness**, 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

### 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.  
Everyone Welcome! For more info, email president@1brass.com

#### Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

**Chair/Floor Yoga**, 9:30 - 10:30 am  
**Zumba Gold**, 11:30 - 12:30 pm  
**Games Afternoon**, 12:30 - 3:30 pm  
**2nd Camera Club**, 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

### THURSDAY

#### Probus Club of Simcoe North

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

#### Bay Shore Seniors Club

**Darts** - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

#### Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors

**1st Movie and Lunch**, 12 noon - 3:30 pm  
**2nd & 4th Tiny Stitchers**, 9:00 - 3:00 pm  
**3rd Book Club**, 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

#### Let's Do Lunch \$5:

**Elmvale Presbyterian Church**  
**2nd Thursday of the month.** Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5  
For take-out & town delivery \$6 call 322-1411 between 9 & noon on the Monday previous.  
Pick-up Thursday 11:15 - 11:45 at East side of the church.

#### Coffee Party

**Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.**  
Elmvale Presbyterian Church  
All Welcome, Cost: \$3

#### Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group

**1st Thursday of each month, 12:30-2pm**  
Wasaga Beach new Public Library 544 River Rd., Wasaga Beach. All Parkinson's patients & caregivers welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender 905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com

#### Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others

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

### FRIDAY

#### Bay Shore Seniors Club

**Gentle Fitness Program - Free 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  
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

### 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 Seniors 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

VON SMART Program  
**Adults 55+ FREE**  
**Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena)**  
**Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall**  
**Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall**  
**Also available - pole walking at Heritage Park on Wednesdays 9:15am**  
**Times and locations all subject to change.**  
Bring good support (running) shoes and water  
Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

#### Midland Bridge Club

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

#### Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach

**Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am** at various locations, year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes **Sunday 1:30pm** from a park near Foodland, WB. Weekly, Monday morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal. Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

#### Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

**3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach  
**1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm**  
(North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial Arena, Brian Orser Lounge, 2nd floor. 61 Maria St. For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

#### Open Gym Drop-In

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

#### 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 Maple Syrup Festival

**April 27, 2024 from 8 am - 5 pm**  
Arena Grounds, Elmvale  
Pancake House, Live Entertainment, Arts & Crafts Shows, Over 250 street vendors

#### Chili Luncheon

**Sat. April 27, 11am-2pm**  
**Elmvale Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St. E**  
Lunch of chili, roll, sweet treat and a drink. Adults \$10, Children 4-12 \$5, children under 3 free. Proceeds to support Church Youth Ministry.

#### 2024 Springwater Farmers' Market- Elmvale

**Application now available!**  
33 Queen Street West, in Elmvale  
Presented by the Elmvale BIA Vendor Package and Application now available! The market will operate every Thursday evening, rain or shine, June 13 through August 29, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Visit www.elmvalebia.ca or email info@elmvalibia.ca for additional information.

#### Gardeners' Gathering

**Sunday May 5, 2024, 10:30am to 1:30pm**  
North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre  
527 Len Self Blvd, Midland  
Brunch, Silent Auction, Raffle prizes, Guest Speakers on Indigenous, Native & Pollinator Gardening. All event proceeds support animals in need in our community. Tickets: \$20, available at the OSPCA Animal Centre, 15979 Hwy 12, Port McNicoll, 705 534-4459

#### Thread Art Card Workshop

**May 6, 2024 Meeting 1pm. Doors open 12:30**  
Simcoe County Museum  
Also included is a special make and take project. Members \$10. Guests \$15 (Cash only please)  
Register with Betsy to attend: littlerockimages@simcoe.net or 705-727-7389

#### Elmvale Lions 75th Anniversary

**June 8, 2024 Family Fun Day. Save the Date!**  
Lions Hall - Events to be announced at a later date

#### All Thunder Bird Show

**July 20, 2024 from 10am - 4 pm Free**  
Coldwater Mill, Coldwater  
Southern Ontario Thunder Bird Club  
www.sothunderbird.org

#### Summer Fun for Kids

**Aug. 12-16th, 2024**  
Vacation Bible School for children includes Bible teachings, fun activities, games and crafts and also lunch and snacks. Theme "Scuba". All welcome.  
Contact Elizabeth at Hillhillea@rogers.com

### Old is Gold For Novelist

*Submitted by Kim Maticiw*  
Midland ON, April 16, 2024 --- There are some novels you just can't write until you're old. So says Pat Michener, who spent a lifetime writing but only recently launched her first book, "Emma Madison, Master Meddler".

Pat, who coyly admits to being on the sunny side of eighty, says now she has decades of experience to draw on. And that explains how Emma Madison, the elderly heroine of Pat's book, is so well acquainted with fate and its doings that she can nudge it to go in the directions she likes. As an accomplished "meddler", Emma's challenging new project is her niece, Jasmine Holmes. At the request of her dying sister, Emma is bringing Jasmine -- sick, broke and divorced -- back to the town she fled nine years ago in a towering cloud of scandal. Jasmine returns with a suitcase full of dark secrets that, if they tumble out, will cause havoc among the citizens of her little lakeside community.

Emma Madison Master Meddler is currently available through Amazon, your local bookstore ordered through Ingram Spark, or at emmamadison.ca where visitors can win a \$100 prize in a draw.



**More Golf for More Kids at Orr Lake Golf Club**

Orr Lake Golf Club is SUPER excited to announce that it has been designated as an official First Tee - Ontario location by Golf Canada. First Tee is Golf Canada's youth development program that provides children with life-enhancing experiences through golf. First Tee - Ontario offers accessible and inclusive programming at golf courses, schools, and community centres, striving to ensure that the sport of golf reflects the diversity of Canadians.

Orr Lake Golf Club is well aligned with First Tee's mission of breaking down affordability and accessibility barriers to introduce more children to golf. Aside from offering First Tee - Ontario, Orr Lake Golf Club has made significant efforts in the junior golf space:

- Sponsoring 5 local schools (Hillsdale, Our Lady of Lourdes, Huronia Centennial, Wyevale and St Antoine) to participate in school day programs followed by at the course days, where students are bussed out to the course at no cost to the school or kids.
- The offering of a 3 hole Par 3 course which kids and adults can play for \$5
- A "Kids Play Free" program with a paying adult on our main course, offered 7 days a week between 1-3 p.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Talented Golf Professional Sue Westwood's success in building a pathway for beginner golfers through to the competitive stream by offering a Pepsi Titleist Junior Team and hosting top-tier Golf Canada Junior Skills competitions.

**So what does this mean for our community?**

Well, with the financial, equipment, administrative and training support from First Tee - Ontario, it allows Orr Lake Golf Club to expand its network to reach more children and make a bigger impact. With the addition of First Tee - Ontario programming, Orr Lake Golf Club will connect with more schools and community groups, introducing more children to golf, especially those who would not have otherwise had the opportunity.

Stay tuned for more information coming very soon through Orr Lake Golf Club's Facebook Page, website (<http://orrlakegolfclub.com>) and email distribution. To learn more about First Tee - Ontario, visit [firstteeontario.ca](http://firstteeontario.ca).

**ENTERTAINMENT**



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**OBITUARIES**



**McKEEVER, Shirley August 30th, 1943 - April 13th, 2024**

The family of Shirley Gertrude McKeever (née Cole) of Utopia is heartbroken to announce her unexpected passing on Saturday, April 13 at the age of 80 years. She was adored by her five children: Jim (Patti), Glenn (Alison), Steve (Denise), Jeff (Christina), and Sherry-Lynn (Regan); and by her 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her loving husband of 44 years, Wayne; her sister, Ruth; her mother and father, James and Elsie.

Her welcoming smile and generosity of spirit will be dearly missed by her many extended family members, and all of her wonderful friends. Shirley lived a long and full life. She filled her world with farming, a big family, joy in the simple things, and gratitude for what she had. Fiercely independent to the end, Shirley could do anything. Over the years she pitched baseball for Grenfel, was a member of the SnowVoyagers Snowmobile Club, owned and operated a successful family business with Wayne, sang in a church choir with her mother and sister for the Utopia United Church, toured fairs and festivals as a member of the Simcoe County Cloggers, worked hard to keep her home beautifully landscaped, and could sew or mend anything anyone asked her to. Throughout her life she had the great fortune to travel much of North America with Wayne, from Mexico to Alaska and Newfoundland. In recent years she stayed closer to home and very much enjoyed dancing on Friday nights at the Barrie Legion with her partner Greg Milne. There is never enough time when you have a mother and grandmother as wonderful as Shirley McKeever, but we are all so proud of the life she lived and the example she set for us.

Visitations was held from 3-5 pm and 7-9 pm on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at Adams Funeral Home in Barrie. The Funeral Service had taken place at 1pm on Friday, April 19th, 2024, at Adams, followed by interment at the Grenfel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made in Shirley's name to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or MS Canada. Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family through [adamsfuneralhome.ca](http://adamsfuneralhome.ca).

**Township of Tiny Issues Reminder About Waterfront Structures/Boat Lifts**

*Submitted by Township of Tiny* April 15, 2024 - The Township of Tiny would like to remind the public that waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipally owned properties.

The placement of waterfront structures on the lakebed is regulated by the Public Lands Act (PLA) and by Ontario Regulation 161/17 (O.Reg. 161/17) of the PLA. O. Reg 161/17 of the PLA speaks to persons who are permitted to occupy Crown land without having occupational authority. In general, boat lifts and other waterfront structures can be placed in the water provided they meet certain requirements; one of which is the person must own or occupy the waterfront property or have permission from the waterfront property owner.

The Township of Tiny will not permit or authorize any boat lifts or other in water structures installed in front of any municipally owned properties which includes but is not limited to properties, beaches, road allowances or access paths.

If the boat lifts are fronting municipal owned beaches and the municipally has not given permission for these structures, then these may be considered unauthorized occupations under O. Reg. 161/17 and will be removed at the owner's expense.

For more information regarding the regulations, please visit the Ontario website: O. Reg. 161/17: OCCUPATION OF PUBLIC LANDS UNDER SECTION 21.1 OF THE ACT ([ontario.ca](http://ontario.ca)).



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**McCUTCHEON, Stephen Jaymes**  
September 13, 1963 - April 9, 2024

Stephen (Steve) Jaymes McCutcheon passed quietly away in his 61st year, in his home in Brentwood, Ontario, surrounded by the love and support of his brother Gerald Elgin McCutcheon (Ottawa), and his sister Rhonda Lee Harriet (McCutcheon) Flanagan (John Flanagan), with the sons of his heart, David North and Justin North and his loving "Lady Friend" (his words) Pamela Noble, who cared for Stephen with love the past 3 months. He was affectionately known as Papa Steve to Emily, Jessica, Cheylyn, Colton, Grace, Abby and Kate.

Stephen is mourned with love by his son Tye McCutcheon and his parents Claude Ronald McCutcheon (Melancthon, Ontario) and Louisa Jayne (Dent) McCutcheon (Grey Gables, Markdale, Ontario). Stephen's niece, Krista Lynn Eckhardt (Jeremy Rancourt) Owen Sound, Ontario, nephew Matthew Patrick Eckhardt (Hayley Haupstein) St Catharines, Ontario, Aunt Gail (McCutcheon) Hayes and Uncle Paul Hayes, Uncle James McCutcheon (Jean Coward) Aunt Jackie Parkin and Aunt Rosemary (Stapleton) Davison. Stephen will always be remembered with love by the Miskie and Legge families.

Steve was born in Markdale, Ontario, and grew up in Wareham, Ontario. He was a student at Osprey Central Elementary School, Maxwell, and Grey Highlands Secondary in Flesherton

He spent his early years working with the family dairy and beef co-operative farm (McCutcheon Meadow) side by side with his father Claude McCutcheon his grandfather Wm. Elgin McCutcheon and great uncle Bruce McCutcheon. Through the years he drove taxi in Wasaga Beach and worked in road construction. He moved to Barrie after the 1985 tornado to work repairing and rebuilding the damaged homes and businesses. He continued working as a general contractor throughout his life. He was also part of the installation team of the "Spirit Catcher" in Barrie in 1987.

But work was work, friends and family were his center. Stephen had so many other lifelong friends who became part of his family and he, theirs.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Osprey Recreation Centre, 494196 County Road 2, Feversham on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 1 – 4 p.m. with a sharing of memories at 2:00 p.m. If desired, donations to the Alliston and District Humane Society would be appreciated. A private family interment will take place at Dundalk Maple Grove Cemetery. Online condolences may be placed at [www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com)



**HALL, Walter**  
Walter of Barrie, Ontario, died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 27th, 2024. He was 91 years old, and passed after a tumultuous illness that began with pneumonia on December 25th, 2023.

Walter was born at home on Flos Road 4 West, New Flos, in 1932. Walter farmed until the age of 36. Walter robbed the cradle when he married his wife of over 65 years, Ruth Anne, in 1958. They had 3 daughters on the farm, and after the move to Barrie in 1968, they had a son.

Walter worked in Barrie for Mansfield Denman General, later to become General Tire, until it closed and he enjoyed an early "retirement".

Walter worked every day in his "all-season" garage. He loved to work on fixing things. He maintained our cars, and would fix anything a friend or family member would bring his way. He became known as "MacIver". If he needed a part and couldn't source one, he made it. Walter loved people, plain and simple. He was the neighbour you went to when you needed a drill bit, help with the pool, let out your dogs, or fix your snowblower. He was a wonderful man, with a great sense of humour. Even in his final days, the staff at IOOF in Barrie said he was the sweetest, funniest man. Thanks to all of the staff. We are touched by your outpouring of sympathy.

Walter and Ruth Anne, still farmers at heart, grew a garden every year.

Walter liked feeding the chipmunks peanuts (by hand), and he hated the rabbits that ate his beans, tomatoes and cucumbers! He went to great lengths each season to put up fencing to keep the buggers out. They shared their bounty with neighbours and family.


Above all, Walter loved his family. He is survived by his wife Ruth Anne (nee Reynolds), his daughters Linda (Dennis Hallam), Judy Peacock (Shayne), Diane Hiltz (Mike), and his son Brian (Lorraine), 8 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren, his sister Marion Rigg (Harold), and his brother Murray (Betty), and nieces along with their families.

In lieu of flowers ... No muss, No fuss, just be sure to visit Ruth Anne as often as you can at IOOF.

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**OBITUARIES**



**SALISBURY, Edward (Ted) Charles**  
**March 13, 1958 – April 10, 2024**

After a courageous and unwavering battle with pancreatic cancer, Ted Salisbury passed away peacefully on April 10, 2024 at Hospice Huronia Tomkins House, Penetanguishene, Ontario with his loving wife of 35 ½ years, Victoria (Tory) by his side. Ted will be deeply missed by his immediate and extended family members. He was compassionate, gentle, loving and always an optimist.

Ted was born in Midland, Ontario. He pursued his education at Ryerson University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning. He had a keen interest for municipal governance and was the Director of Planning, Orangeville; Director of Planning Services, Oakville; Senior Advisor, Municipal Consulting at TKMC/Blackstone; Commissioner of Community Development and then Chief Administrative Officer, Brantford, Ontario. He retired in 2015.

Ted started sailing at a young age and his passion for boating spanned his entire life. He had a fondness for YMCA Camp Kitchikewana where he spent many summers in his youth. His first sailboat was a 23' Grampian, the same boat he would ultimately take Tory on her first sail. Ted had so much joy in selecting and outfitting the multiple sailboats and power boats that were such a large part of their lives. Together, they spent their boating years on the waters of Georgian Bay, Lake Ontario, Sarasota Bay (Florida) and multiple cruising adventures in the Caribbean, the BVI's and beyond. They travelled extensively and Ted was a master at planning out each exciting destination. The final boat for Ted in 2023 was a tri-toon, called "Toon Therapy" that enabled him to safely navigate the waters of Georgian Bay to relax and fish. His love of boating and extensive knowledge of the industry gave him the best years after retirement for that "fun" job – working at Bay Port Marina, Midland and becoming a Yacht Broker for Bayshore Yachts. He was in his realm. Ted and Tory bought their "happy place" in Longboat Key, Florida to escape winter. By retiring early, Ted was able to get several years down south to enjoy the warmth, boating, fishing, cycling, afternoons on the beach, good friends, good food and amazing sunsets.

As per Ted's wishes, he was cremated. There will be a service and celebration of his life on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at St. Paul's United Church, Midland, Ontario. This provides an opportunity for memories to be shared and hearts to find solace together in remembrance. Donations may be made to Hospice Huronia Agency at the Huronia Community Foundation or Cat Depot, Sarasota Florida, in memory of his love for Daisy, beloved cat of 19 years. Arrangements entrusted to Carson Funeral Homes – JH Lynn Chapel 290 First St. Midland, Ontario (705)526-6551.

*Online messages of condolences may be made at [carsonfuneralhomes.com](http://carsonfuneralhomes.com)*



**TROTTER, Brian Roy**  
 Third son to Joseph Harry and Dorene Trotter of Willowdale.

Passed away peacefully at Hospice Huronia in Penetanguishene, Ontario on April 8, 2024.

Brian grew up in Willowdale, earned a degree in Environmental Studies attending Waterloo University and found a career in the advertising industry. There he met his wife of 34 years, Moira (Fox). Brian was thrilled to welcome home his loving children, Godsends Joseph (Marilyn), and Leighanne, and was over the moon to have become grandfather to Joseph Jr., whom he loved enormously. In addition to immediate family, Brian leaves behind siblings Paul (Kath), Bruce (Susan), Marylynn (Sean) and numerous relatives from both sides of his family. He loved them all. Wherever Brian found himself in life, the Globe and Mail, MacLean Hunter, Waterloo U, and as far back as grade school, he met and kept the most wonderful friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

The family would like to thank Brian's 'A Team' from the GI unit of PMH, the best GP on the planet in Penetanguishene, Hospice Huronia in Penetanguishene, Georgian Bay Hospital Midland and his amazing group of friends, all of whom supported him immensely throughout his long illness.

At Brian's request there will be no funeral. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

Donations can be made to: Princess Margaret Hospital and/or Hospice Huronia

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



**PHILLIPS, Kenneth Wayne**

Passed away suddenly at home on April 10, 2024. Ken Phillips of Tiny in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Nancy Phillips (nee Hogg). Dear father Ken Jr and Trish (Dale) and step father of Laurie (Sean) and Michael. Grandfather of Scotty, Jessica, Christopher, Ashley, Joseph, Kyli, Harmony, Riley and Nevaeh. Great grandfather of Ben, Noah, Rita, Logan and Katana. Brother of Douglas (Janet) Phillips. Ken will be missed by his nieces and nephews.

In keeping with Ken's wishes, there will not be a funeral service.

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**The Midland Y's Men's Music Festival begins Monday, April 22.**

*Submitted by Victoria Warwick, Director, Midland Y's Men's Music Festival*

We are happy the festival is back showcasing our local students in disciplines of recorder, strings, instrumental, bands/small ensembles, vocals, piano and guitar! The final concert, "Festival of the Stars", will be held Wednesday, May 29 at St Theresa's High School, Midland, and will be an event you won't want to miss!

**Schedule of sessions:**

French Vocals April 22, 23, 24 at Elementary School Catholic Sainte-Croix  
 Instrumental May 1, 2, 3 at Georgian Bay District Secondary School (GBDSS)  
 Piano May 6, 7, 8 at St Paul's United Church

English Vocals May 8, 9, 10 at St Paul's United Church  
 Guitar May 17 at Midland Alliance Church

**Our adjudicators are:**

**French Vocals:** Kelly Lefaive and Jason Nedecky  
**Instrumental:** Mary Ann Fratia and Mark Caswell  
**Piano and English Vocals:** Natalie Pratt  
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