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Ahoy!

Tugboats are returning to Midland Harbour

Friday, August 16 – Saturday, August 17, 2024
Midland Harbour, 165 King Street, Midland

The Town of Midland will welcome 20 tugboats into the Harbour as part of the Georgian Bay Tugboat Festival on August 16 and 17. This beloved Town event is one of Midland's summer highlights, and the only one of its kind in Ontario.

Get ready, get set... and go check out all the events happening at Midland Harbour throughout the whole weekend. There is no entry fee into the Tugboat Festival.

What's happening?

- Start off the Tugboat Festival fun on Friday evening with the Parade of Lights beginning around 9 p.m.
- On Saturday starting at 11 a.m., the tugboats will participate in races, a push contest, a rodeo, and live demonstrations to show off their skills. Select tugboats will be open for tours starting around 3 p.m.

- Visit the ticketed midway with rides and carnival games happening Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Rock out to live music, shop around at the vendor and artisan market, get a fun design by professional face painters, and enjoy the busker performances.
- Festival visitors can also enjoy the Northern Heat Rib Series taking place the same weekend at Harbourside Park for a \$2 admission fee.



Submitted by Town of Midland, Aug. 9, 2024



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EDITOR'S NOTES by Linda Belcourt

There are so many events coming this weekend as we are in the heart of summer. Some city folk think small towns are sleepy with nothing to do. Us local residents know that that is not true. If you are bored living in this community then you are not informed.

Enjoy the area that we live, I know I do!!

Errors in last edition of August 1, 2024 Edition 683:

Jo Knows column did not have the sports drink recipe. I have reprinted it on page 15.

Elmvale Expos Minor Baseball U9 editorial had the photos switched for team 1 and team 2. I have reprinted the editorial on page 15.

YOU WANTED TO KNOW

by Linda Belcourt

How can I tell the difference between a star and planet in the night sky, asked Mike?

Observe the color. Each planet has its own color, and this will help you determine which specific planet you're looking at. Although stars also have a tinted appearance, planets' color is more prominent. Venus is white, Jupiter and Saturn are yellow, and Mars is reddish. The color of Mercury is difficult to determine because this planet is dim. The color of Uranus is indeterminable without a telescope. Neptune is not visible at all without optics. <https://starwalk.space/>

\$1-million Gift to RVH Deepens Family's Commitment to Healthcare in this Region

July 31, 2024 - Submitted by RVH

K. Winter Sanitation Inc. has made a \$1-million donation to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's (RVH) Keep Life Wild campaign. This gift, which supports RVH's plans to expand the health centre's physical space and enhance nearly every type of care offered, will make a huge difference in the lives of people throughout the region.

K. Winter Sanitation Inc. recently celebrated 60 years in business, and owners Ken Winter and his son, Roger, chose to mark this milestone by giving back to the community. The Winter family has deep connections to RVH. Ken's wife, Ruthann Winter, was head nurse at RVH's Emergency Department at the hospital's location on Ross Street. RVH is also where Ruthann and Ken met.

"Our family believes in helping people and sharing with others," says Roger Winter. "The best way for our communities to thrive is to make sure that RVH has everything it needs to care for those who call this

place home."

Simcoe Muskoka's population is forecast to double in the next 20 years. By that time, one in three people will be seniors and may need hospital services four times more than others. To meet this demand, end hallway medicine, long wait times, and long drives somewhere else for care, RVH must grow.

"Roger and his family understand that donor support is critical to RVH's success," says Mary-Anne Frith, Cabinet Chair, Keep Life Wild campaign. "Their gift will ensure that advanced, world-class care is available close to home today and for years to come. We are so grateful for their support and generosity."

The Keep Life Wild campaign continues to raise funds for RVH's Expansion Plan which includes redevelopment of the Barrie Campus and building a brand-new Innisfil Campus – the region's largest community without a hospital of its own. To learn more about the Keep Life Wild campaign and how you can help RVH grow, visit KeepLifeWild.ca.



K. Winter Sanitation Inc. has made a \$1-million donation to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's Keep Life Wild campaign. Attending the celebration event are members of the Winter Family, (front/seated) Ruthann and Ken Winter; (standing centre) Hayden, Jill, Roger and Sierra Winter. Also in attendance are (left to right) Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario & MPP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte; Sharon Ramagnano, Operations Director, ICU, Emergency and Trauma, RVH; Gail Hunt, President & CEO, RVH; Jason Teal, Chair, RVH Board of Directors; John Brassard, MP, Barrie- Innisfil; Mayor Lynn Dollin, Town of Innisfil and Estelle King, Chair, RVH Foundation Board of Directors & Keep Life Wild Campaign Cabinet Member.

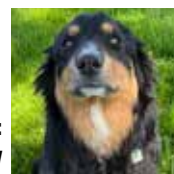
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Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation Receives a \$15,000 DONATION



On July 2nd, 2024, Rotary Club of Midland presented the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation with a \$15,000 donation for their MRI Fund. This donation brings total fundraising for the MRI to more than \$2.6-million, which is 66% of the \$4-million goal.

Since 1999, the Rotary Club of Midland has gifted more than \$400,000 to the Midland hospital, investing to build the trauma room in the Emergency Department, supporting the dialysis program, and funding critical health care equipment.

Township of Tiny raises \$45,000 at Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament for local charitable organizations in North Simcoe

July 31, 2024. Submitted by Township of Tiny

(Tiny, Ontario) On June 14, 2024, the 14th Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament was held at the Midland Golf and County Club to support local not-for-profit and charitable organizations in North Simcoe. Over 110 golfers registered, and 30 attendees joined for dinner.

The event featured an 11:00 a.m. shotgun start, a delicious plated dinner, a silent auction valued at more than \$8,500, a 50/50 jackpot of \$712, in addition to various on-course competitions and prizes.

In the evening, Mayor Evans, Council, and members of the volunteer Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament Working Committee presented monies to 17 recipient charity organizations:

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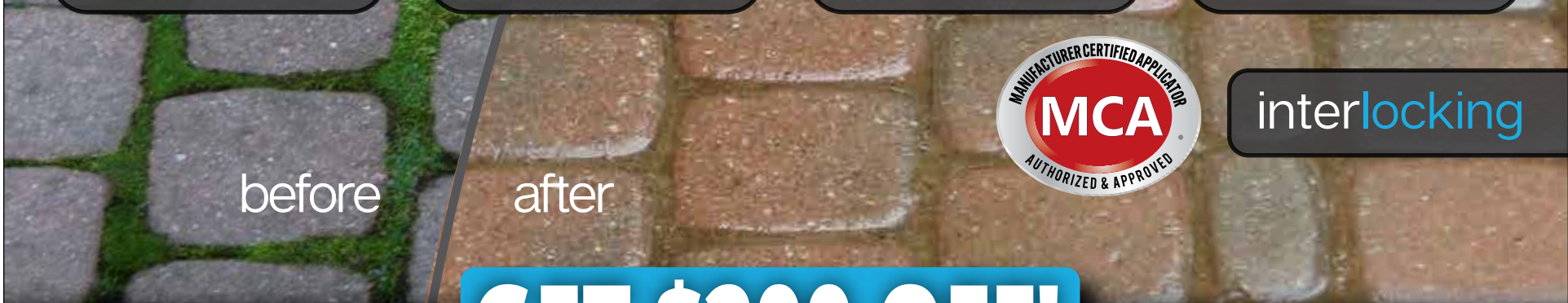
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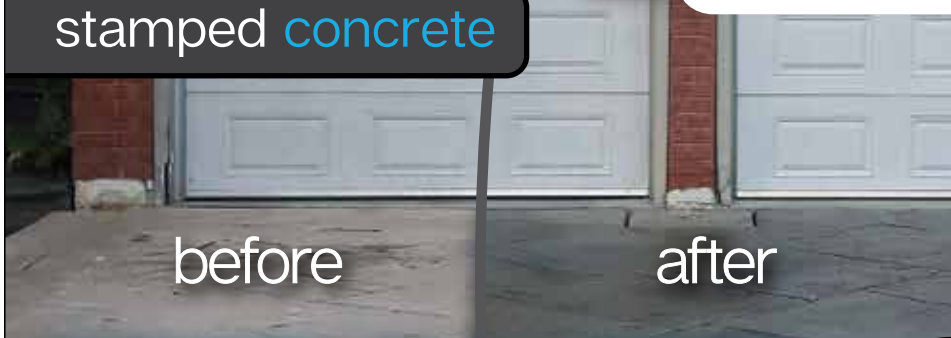
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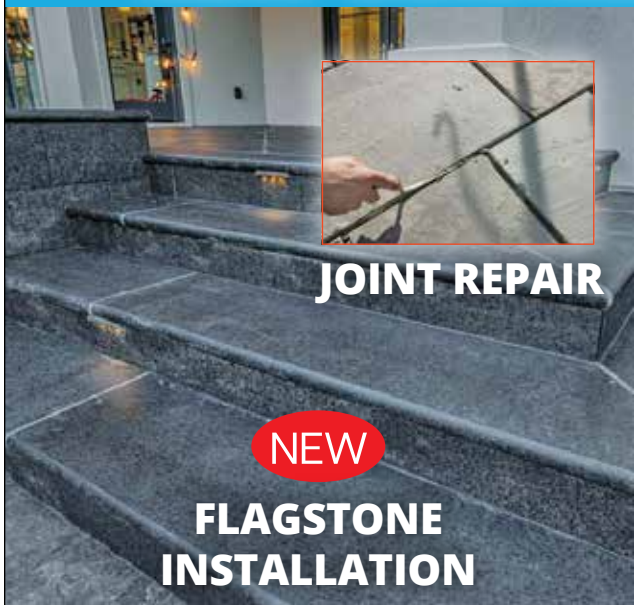
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Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning Proposed Amendments to the Township's Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law 5000, as Amended OP-2024-005 & ZB-2024-016 – Short-Term Rental Accommodations

September 11, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. | Township Administration Centre

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater will hold a hybrid public meeting (in person and/or virtually via Zoom) on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider the proposed applications under Sections 17, 21, and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P 13 as amended.

Subject Lands

Entire geographic area of the Township of Springwater. **No key map** has been included in this notice as the proposed amendment applies to the entire municipality.

Purpose and Effect

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to update the Township of Springwater's Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit and regulate Short-Term Rental Accommodations throughout the municipality. The effect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment will provide a definition of a 'Short-Term Rental Accommodation' and permit such accommodations as a secondary use within all zones that permit a residential dwelling unit, a seasonal dwelling unit or an additional residential unit (ARU). The By-law Amendment will further provide minimum parking requirements and limit Short-Term Rental Accommodations to no more than 28 consecutive calendar days. Further provisions, restrictions and limitations will be established through a Short-Term Rental Accommodation licensing process under the Municipal Act.

Meeting Details

Interested stakeholders/residents can listen to the meeting through Zoom online or by dialing 1-647-558-0588 and inputting the meeting ID: 896 3386 2423 when prompted or attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers at the Township's Administration Centre located at 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON. The Council meeting will also be live streamed on the Township's YouTube channel.

To Participate and/or Make Comment

Interested stakeholders/residents that would like to comment/participate in the hybrid Council meeting in person are asked to please pre-register with the Township prior to Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

Written and oral submissions will form part of the public meeting record, including the name and address of the commenters, as information collected under the Planning Act.

The minutes, written submissions and a recording of the meeting will be posted on the Township's website. Any person may make a submission in support of, in opposition to, or ask a question regarding the proposed amendments. Written submissions are recommended and can be made to the Planning Department by email, regular post or the drop box located at the Administration Building. Please ensure all written submissions include your name, address, and the application number.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Springwater to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Springwater before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Springwater before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the Council's decision to approve the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the Zoning By-law, a written request must be submitted to the Planning Department.

Additional information related to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will be available on the Township of Springwater's website as part of the Agenda which is posted five days prior to the public meeting date. Please see link for Agenda: <https://springwater.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/220573/>.

Any questions regarding the application or requests for additional information can be directed to Planning Department, 705-728-4784 ext. 2019 or publicmeetings@springwater.ca.

Dated at the Township of Springwater on August 12, 2024.

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Hey Dads!

August 12, 2024 - By Jason Weening

Does anyone at your house plant a vegetable garden? Nine of our 10 kids are pretty helpful in the garden. We have a 4-month old baby, Juniper, and she hasn't helped in the garden too much, but I'll let it go. The teenagers are really helpful in the garden, the middle class is somewhat helpful in the garden and the younger siblings are...well, they're definitely in the garden too.

Our 3-year-old daughter, Mabel, needs frequent reminders to walk up and down between the rows of plants. She likes to hop through the garden over plants, through plants and on plants, crushing the tender growth beneath her stomping feet. Usually, her bare feet because for some reason Mabel is allergic to shoes. Whenever our family heads out the door someone is calling out, "Does Mabel have shoes on?". No problem in August but slightly inconvenient in February. Sometimes she just wears socks outside without shoes and eventually abandons the socks somewhere around the yard where I can run over them with the mower.

In the last few weeks we've been harvesting beans, peas, and beets. There is typically great enthusiasm when I ask some of the smaller kids to come help pick beans in the garden. The picking begins. Children are excited. Beans are placed in buckets. Many beans are consumed by children. I'm okay with that. After all, isn't that why we grow them?

I have my head down furiously picking away like a madman and after a few minutes I look up...to find myself alone. I hear voices of kids around the yard riding bikes or removing socks or swinging sticks at each other which are all good activities for kids to do. But not the activities we set out to accomplish.

Sometimes I'll try to wrangle them back to the garden and sometimes I'll let them frolic in the yard. The older kids are pretty good at sticking to the picking until we've got a great big bowlful of beans. My teen daughters even broke out the Mason jars last week and canned bunches of beans and beets. Did you ever look at the price of a teeny, tiny bag of fresh beans at No Frills? Where I live it's \$6.00 for a 400gram bag! (That's a small bag, by the way) At that price point I estimate we've picked over \$600 worth of beans from our garden this year. The cheap dutch part of me gets really excited about that number.

So, hopefully our garden is saving us some money even if 10% of the product is getting stomped out by 3-year-old Mabel. The memories we're making in the garden are priceless (as long as I can keep my cool when my precious beans are being destroyed). The kids love eating the fresh vegetables from the garden and I love watching them. If they're working and picking that's a bonus! Time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the bare-footed bean-stomping ones!

Jason Weening picks beans with most of his 10 kids and one patient wife. Check out his dinosaur adventure book for kids, Danger in the Jungle, on Amazon!



Summer Reading Program Party!

We want to celebrate all the amazing reading and fun you've had this summer with a big party! We have games, crafts, face painting AND water play! Wednesday August 21, 1:30pm at Heritage Park (Elmvale) Rain date is Friday August 23. Cost: FREE. Registration required.

Adult Summer Book Bingo

Complete our adult summer reading bingo for a chance to win cool prizes! Forms must be completed by September 1 and participants must be age 18+ to be eligible to win.

Labour Day Closure

All branches of Springwater Libraries will be closed for the Labour Day Holiday on Monday September 2. We will reopen to regular hours on Tuesday September 3. Have a great long weekend!

Intro 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. Friday September 13, 3pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: FREE. Registration required.

Outreach Event

Come visit us at Springwater Township's 30th Anniversary event on Saturday August 14, 4pm-8:30pm at the Township Admin Centre (2231 Nursery Road) with family-friendly activities, a free BBQ hosted by the Lions' Clubs, musical entertainment and fireworks!

Pain Management Seminar

Presented by the South Georgian Bay Health Team, this workshop is for adults of all ages who live with chronic pain. This could include but is not limited to arthritis, migraines, fibromyalgia, strain injuries, pain from an accident, back/neck pain, multiple sclerosis, lupus, Crohn's disease and other pain-related conditions. Tuesday September 17, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Registration required.

Sublimation Printer Bookmark

Ages 8+ can register to come to the library and create a custom, "Let's Go to the Library" bookmark using the Canva program and our Sublimation printer. Tuesday September 17, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$2 per bookmark. Registration required. Registration will open on Saturday August 17.

Fall Programming:

Mondays: English Language Learners Club 1pm at Elmvale Branch. Starts Monday September 9.

Tuesdays: Storytime 10:30am at Elmvale Branch. Starts Tuesday September 10.

Wednesdays: Storytime 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Starts Wednesday September 11.

Wednesdays: EarlyON Stay, Play and Learn for Preschoolers 9am-12noon at Elmvale Branch. Register at earlyonsimcoenorth.ca.

Wednesdays: Seniors One-on-One Tech Help Wednesdays 10:30am, 11:15am at Midhurst Branch.

Wednesdays: Musical drop in group The Young and TheRestofUs 1pm at Midhurst Branch. Starts Wednesday September 11,

Bi-weekly Thursdays: Seniors One-on-One Tech Help 3pm-5pm (40 minute appointment) at Elmvale Branch. Registration required.

Thursdays: Knit2 Together Drop in group 7pm at Elmvale Branch.

Fridays: EarlyON Stay, Play and Learn for Preschoolers 9am-12noon at Elmvale Branch. Register at earlyonsimcoenorth.ca.

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Author Talk with Sylvia Barnard

Date: September 12th 2024, Time: 4:00pm

Local Author Sylvia Barnard is coming to speak about her latest book **'A Hyphenated Life'**

Sylvia's previous book was **'Rhubarb, Strawberries and Willows'**

Must register in person with your library card.

Reading Circle

This program is in conjunction with Georgian Bay Women's Association GBNWA. The reading circle is about storytelling, indigenous traditions, some drumming and a craft, this program is open to people of all ages with or without children and free of cost. Please register in person. Friday August 30th, 10:00am.

Book Club

Our book club meets the first Thursday of every month at 4:00pm to discuss our books selection. Next book club is Thursday Sept, 5th, and the book discussed will be Pineapple Street by Jenny Jackson. Must have a valid library card, and for further information contact Rachel at the library.

Senior Walk & Lunch

September 19th 2024, 10:45 am - 11:45am walk

12:00pm Lunch, Free non-transferable

Seniors walk at the Midland YMCA then eat a healthy lunch at the Penetanguishene Public Library. Must register in person with your valid library card.

Discovery Harbour Family Passes can be purchased for \$20. The passes are valid as admission for a visit for 2 adults and up to 3 children and can be used until Sept 1st, 2024. This pass has a value of \$46.00.

Must have a library card to register.

Book Sales

Right now we have Beach Bundles! That's 4 books for \$1.

We also have 4 DVD's for \$1.

Board Meeting

Monday September 30th at 5:30pm

Open to the public, held at the Penetanguishene Public Library.

Michif Language Information Session

Georgian Bay Métis Council will be hosting an Information session about Michif language classes.

Attend, learn of the program, resources, and registration requirements. No registration is required for this session. **Aug 23rd, at 10:00am.**



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New Town of Midland Council Member takes office

August 7, 2024, Submitted by Town of Midland

At a Special Meeting of Council held August 7, 2024, Council appointed Mr. Eric (Howie) Major as a member of Council. The appointment is effective immediately as Councillor Major took the declaration of office at the meeting. He will act in his official capacity as Councillor for the balance of the current Council term until November 2026.

"I am pleased to welcome Howie Major to the Midland team. Councillor Major has been a long-time champion of Midland and has demonstrated his devotion to the Town through the many Town committees he has served on. Council is confident that he will continue to make excellent contributions to the community over the rest of this term." said Mayor Bill Gordon. "I would also like to thank the other candidates who participated in the process and for their interest and dedication to the Town."

The seat of Councillor was declared vacant on July 10, 2024, after the passing of Councillor Jim Downer in June 2024. Council is required under the Municipal Act to fill the vacant seat within 60 days of the declaration and Council authorized the Clerk to fill the vacancy by direct appointment. Available candidates from the previous Council vacancy were considered for the appointment.

The meeting agenda and video recording of the Special Meeting are available by visiting the Town's Council Meetings webpage at midland.ca/meetings.

Youth Auditions Announced for November Panto

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

The Drayton Entertainment Youth Academy is pleased to announce Children's Chorus auditions for A Christmas Carol: The Panto, which will take place at the King's Wharf Theatre on Sunday, September 8 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Registration begins at 12:30 pm. The show will be on stage this November in Penetanguishene.

Aspiring young performers ages 8 to 15 are encouraged to attend the auditions. Dancing, singing, and acting experience are an asset and preferred. Hopefuls are asked to learn the song indicated on the online audition registration page. The young performers will be taught a dance combination at the audition and then will perform the dance in small groups for members of the creative team. For complete details or to register, please visit www.draytonentertainmentyouthacademy.com/auditions.

"It is our pleasure to showcase the vast young talent in this community," says Alex Mustakas, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. "We look forward to giving many aspiring young performers the chance to be on stage and learn from professional artists."

To provide opportunities for as many youth as possible, the chosen performers will be divided into teams and will perform in the Children's Chorus on a rotating schedule with professional actors in the lead roles.

The Creative Team is led by Director and Choreographer David Connolly, who helmed last year's production of Peter Pan: The Panto.

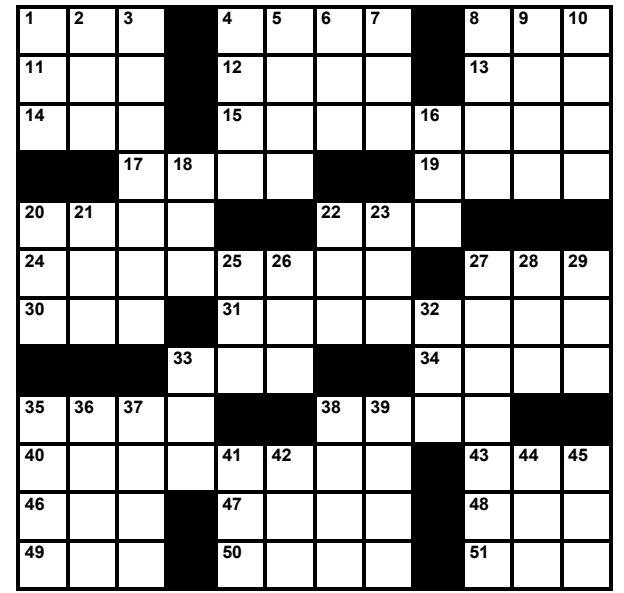
Connolly is joined by Music Director Steve Thomas, Set Designer Brandon Kleiman, Costume Designer Rachel Berchtold, Lighting Designer Jeff Johnston-Collins, Assistant Choreographer Christine Watson, Stage Manager Amber Archbell, Assistant Stage Manager Sadie Wannamaker, and Apprentice Stage Manager Anna Whitehead. A Christmas Carol: The Panto is written by Caroline Smith.

Rehearsals for A Christmas Carol: The Panto will begin late-October at the King's Wharf Theatre. The production will run from November 6 to November 23. Children cast in the production must attend all rehearsals and performances assigned to their team.

In the grand British tradition where audiences cheer the hero and boo the villain, A Christmas Carol: The Panto boasts a winning combination of incredible musical numbers, slapstick comedy, outrageous costumes, audience participation, and, of course, a dash of theatrical magic. So bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, as the beloved tale about redemption unfolds. Follow Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey to rediscover the joy of Christmas and the spirit of goodwill. Prepare to be captivated by this enchanting adventure into the heartwarming essence of Christmas!

A Christmas Carol: The Panto is proudly sponsored by Brooklea Golf & Country Club. The Design Sponsor is The Peak 95.1 FM. Media Sponsors are Simcoe.com, Pure Country 106, and Life 100.3. The 2024 Season Media Sponsor is CTV.

For performance schedule and ticket prices, visit draytonentertainment.com/christmascarol



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Springwater Sports Heritage Hall of Fame is pleased to announce its synopsis of the 2024 Inductees.

On September 27, 2024 these new members will be formally inducted into the Hall. It's truly an honour to have these outstanding Athletes. Builders and Teams join the current Honorable Members. Springwater Sports Heritage Hall of Fame is proud of their outstanding achievements including their contributions to our community.

PAT CROWE dedicated his life to the sport of standardbred harness racing. It was not only his occupation; it was his profound and beloved passion. In 1949, at the age of twelve, from humble beginnings on his fathers newly constructed Orr Lake racetrack, Pat went on to distinguish himself over the next 63 years as an outstanding and admired professional trainer/driver. During his triumphant career the demanding dual responsibility of a trainer/driver, requiring exceptional physical, rational and analytical qualities, were respectively performed to the admiration of his countless fans, colleagues and competitors. Pat is a celebrated North American champion in the sport of harness racing.

GLENN DOWNEY will always be known as a fierce competitor with an encouraging spirit. Diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes at age five, Glenn still was a shining star at every sport he played. From a young age he always loved sports; he followed in his father's footsteps and became a very well-respected pitcher with many accolades. Glenn was also an award-winning goaltender, wrestler, bowler, and pool player. Unfortunately, Glenn was taken from this world much too soon at the age of 50. He will always be remembered as an exceptional athlete, as well as a generous and kind-hearted man.

TREVOR KNIGHT is often described as being exceptionally respectful, compassionate, and helpful. As a Special Olympics athlete, his list of medals in various sports is nothing short of astonishing. Trevor is known for overcoming obstacles that would make most people throw in the towel. Not Down syndrome, nor visual and hearing impairment could stop Trevor from mastering the sports he loves. What makes Trevor truly special, however, is how he treats his teammates: with true kindness. He always makes everyone feel like a winner. Trevor is one of a kind, both as an athlete and as a man.

ROBERT (BOB) STOREY has been so much more to the sport of curling than an athlete; he has been instrumental in helping others appreciate and enjoy the sport as well. From achieving success as a skip, to coaching, to preparing and maintaining world class curling ice, Bob has demonstrated his commitment to curling and his community. In 1971 he commenced his 40-year diverse, wide-ranging and successful curling pursuits. Bob's extensive list of competitive successes locally, provincially, nationally and internationally are testaments to his talent, competitiveness and commitment to the sport of curling. Bob's memorable curling legacy will endure to guide and inspire others.

LOU TURNER'S list of accomplishments is quite lengthy and clearly shows what a dedicated and talented athlete he was, but he was more than that. Lou loved hockey, and fastball, and he devoted his life to curling. Lou helped to build and then maintain the Elmvale Curling Club; he served as manager there for 23 years. Even when Lou became legally blind due to macular degeneration, he curled. Lou loved curling so much; he spoke about the upcoming

season even as his health deteriorated and he passed on. Few people have lived a life as committed to sports as Lou Turner.

The 1974/75 ELMVALE JUVENILE HOCKEY TEAM were some of the strongest hearted young men that have played the game. They endured a series of traumatic incidents including the sudden loss of a teammate and the news that their Elmvale Arena had burned down while they were playing the final championship game. With their hockey ingenuity, deep rooted determination and proven ability to overcome adversity the team met the challenges and realized their Provincial Championship.

L/R-back: Dan Richie, Jim Grigg, Paul Craddock, Julian Melnyk, Steve Loftus, Rick Dunford, John Melnyk, Ross Downey, John Trace, Mark Archer, middle: Brian Handy (Trainer), Peter Beardsall, Jeff Columbus, Dave Morrow, Dan Breedon, Greg Giffen, George Conn (Coach), front: Frank Archer (EMHA) Bill Trace (Manager), Ross McConnell (OMHA), Absent: Guy Reeve, Ross Walton, Ron DeKlyn.

MINESING FASTBALL DYNASTY FIVE TIME ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS (1974/75/78/79/80). Over a seven-year period this team of outstanding and dedicated players, from the rural centre of Minesing, won five OASA Ontario Championships. They commenced their successful journey as young and eager Peewees and with their exceptional talent, perseverance, leadership and community support evolve into an accomplished and triumphant Juvenile team. A success story difficult to repeat, if ever.

1978/79/80 Team Members, Brad Adams, John Adams, Ray Baldwick, Peter Cole, Steve Faragher, Dale Giffen, Kevin Giffen, Doug Gillespie, Don Gratto, John Gratto, Geoff Kenny, Bill Luck, Dan Luck, Alan Maw, Brent McLean, Jamie McLean, Rob McLean, Rob McNabb, Paul Morgan, Bob Murphy, Doug Murphy, Paul Partridge, Dennis Poole, Alan Priest, Paul Priest, Bill Snider, Ken Thompson, Bob Weatherill, Rick Borneman, Don Eagles, Doug Jones, Ken Maw, Ross McLean, John McNabb, Allan McNabb.

VERNON BEACOCK realized that his community was missing something, and created the Elmvale Bears Sledge Hockey Team. His efforts allowed physically disabled children and adults in the area the opportunity to join the sport, an opportunity they wouldn't have otherwise had. What started out small, would eventually attract players from other more distant towns. Soon, the Elmvale Bears would be more than anyone imagined, anyone but Vernon. Under Vernon's intensely dedicated leadership, several of his players would go on to become world class athletes. Some of his players would even compete for Team Canada in the Paralympics.

BARBARA BRINKMANN is a well-known name in Elmvale and the surrounding area. Having taught Physical Education and coached at Elmvale District High School for 32 years, many people in

the community have either been taught or coached by her. She is known for her generosity and instilling the value of sportsmanship above winning in her students. Barbara has created many champions, and spent countless hours and plenty of her own money doing so. She has never let young people down in the community she has adopted. She has always given them a chance to be in love with a sport.

GEORGE CONN, as a successful player and outstanding coach, is well-known for his commitment to both sport and community. George has thoughtfully and consistently proven himself to be dedicated to the development of young people. He has always believed that being a better citizen is as important as becoming a better player. George's steadfast approach has been to encourage our youth to become leaders in the community, and to be involved with building a brighter future for themselves and others. His purposeful style has generated many individual champions and championships. George's foresight and determination has inspired and enriched our sporting community.

Many people in the Elmvale area have **SHIRLEY FURLONG** to thank for their skating skills. With the help of the Elmvale and District Lions Club, Shirley Furlong created the Elmvale Figure Skating Club. This allowed local skaters a place to learn the sport at a very low cost and with far less travel. Shirley's organizational skills led to the creation of the Elmvale Figure Skating Carnival, an annual event that showcased the teachings of the club and the talent of the skaters. Shirley's hard work and determination has forever changed a community; many skaters can attest to that.

PAUL MARLEY is truly a sports Mr. Everything. From his first love as a multi-sport player Paul began and continues to share his sports passions as a Coach, Committee Member, Administrator and Sponsor. Hockey and baseball were his main sports of interest as an athlete. As an outstanding team player, he was inducted into the Springwater Sports Heritage Hall of Fame as an Elmvale Merchant Championship Baseball Team player (1977). Paul's achievements as a sports Builder are numerous and without question highlighted by his leadership and extended dedication to the development and success of the Barrie Baycats.

Dan McGinnis has continually given back to his community through his bowling centre "Springwater Lanes". He has devoted so much of his time towards helping people learn the sport and hone their skills. The development of the Youth Bowling Council changed the lives of many young people in and around Elmvale, giving them an opportunity to play the sport at an elite level. With his entrepreneurship and big ideas, Dan brought this Bowling sporting scene to the area for more than twenty years. Though he had little experience, his hard work paid off. Dan showed himself to be a strong leader, a creative Builder as well as a respected Sport role model.

August 11, 2024 - Submitted by Larry Simpson

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Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly



August 12, 2024 - Hello everyone. Max Lucado, the youngest of four children, was born to Jack and Thelma Lucado on January 11, 1955, in San Angelo, Texas. (maxlucado.com) Today, he is a pastor (Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas), a speaker and best-selling author.

Focussing on God's love for us, his books have sold more than 145 million copies in over 50 languages. His 46th book, *What Happens Next, A Traveler's Guide Through the End of this Age*, was released on August 13.

I recently discovered his 2007 devotional called *Grace for the Moment*. In his introduction, he expresses how each morning he makes a series of choices.

Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so, I choose.

I choose love. No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy. I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical - the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace. I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience. I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I will invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose kindness. I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone; kind to the rich for they are afraid; and kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness. I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I accuse. I choose goodness.

I choose faithfulness. Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I choose gentleness. Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control ... I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ ... Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - to these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

Amen.

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\$200,000 OTF Grant Builds Program Resiliency for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

August 12, 2024 - Submitted by Office of Doug Downey, MPP Barrie, ON - On Friday August 9, local MPP Doug Downey met with the team at Camphill Communities Ontario to hear more about the \$200,000 Resiliency Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) that was used to adapt, rebuild and expand Camphill's day services, including robust pottery, cafe, community and volunteer programs. Through this project, Camphill has been able to build capacity, resilience and sustainability for their in-demand day services, giving more adults with developmental disabilities improved access to recreational, community, vocational, and skill-building programs for years to come.

"Organizations like Camphill Communities Ontario offer adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities the support to live their lives with dignity and freedom," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte. "I am grateful that this funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation has helped Camphill to increase their services in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will help to address critical gaps and eliminate future uncertainty so Camphill can continue to serve its clients with the high quality care they have come to expect."

Following the rolling lockdowns due to COVID, several organizations that used to offer day programs for adults with disabilities never reopened, leading to increased demand and a shortage of services over the past several years. Thanks to the \$200,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Camphill has been able to scale up access to their programs, providing services to more people, and filling the gap in support for this vulnerable population. Additionally, Camphill is training and developing more staff who deliver day service programming, mitigating future disruptions that staff turnover could cause.

"The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be overstated," said Larry Palmer, Executive Director of Camphill Communities Ontario. "Camphill has a long history of partnership and leadership, guided by the values of Creativity, Community and Opportunity. This grant allowed us to grow our day services, creating more opportunities for the individuals we support to engage meaningfully with the community, learn new skills, and contribute in ways that will enrich their lives and the lives of others."

Camphill Communities Ontario is an accredited not-for-profit organization that supports adults with developmental disabilities in Simcoe County. Camphill's mission is to enrich society by creating meaningful opportunities to live, learn, and work together, building a community where people of diverse abilities enjoy quality of life and personal growth in a rich social and cultural environment. Visit www.camphill.on.ca/ to learn more.

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A NOTE FROM DOUG

August 6, 2024 - Recently, we've seen an unprecedented rise in violent crime across Canada. New Statistics Canada data shows that since the Liberal government came into power nine years ago, violent crime has increased by 50%.

In Ontario alone, violent crime is up 51.54%. Homicides are up 50.57%, while violent firearms offences are up 97.07%, Extortion is up 383.80%, and Auto thefts are up 167.07%.

Things have gotten so bad that last month, every single Canadian premier wrote a letter pleading with the Liberal government to scrap their catch-and-release bail policies before more lives are lost. In their letter, they state that "police services should not have to chase the same criminal three or four times because of an inadequate bail system. This not only represents a drain on policing resources but is a hindrance to public safety."

It's clear what is causing this surge in crime. Trudeau's Bill C-75 has all but guaranteed that even the worst violent offenders will be released on bail shortly after they're arrested while Bill C-5 has taken away mandatory jail time for even the most serious offences. As a direct result of this dangerous catch-and-release agenda, data directly from the Liberal government shows that 256 homicides were committed by an offender who was out on release in 2022 alone.

The perpetrators committing these crimes make up a small portion of the population, but, because of the Liberal government's catch-and-release bail policies, these repeat offenders have been continually released back onto the street with no accountability.

Conservatives are the only party committed to fixing Canada's broken bail system, and putting an end to the wave of violent crime that is plaguing our country. Conservatives will continue to advocate for strict bail rules that will ensure violent offenders remain behind bars as they await trial, and if convicted are incarcerated for many years.

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

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Photo above: Cathy Boles (standing on left) and Marianne Jamieson (standing on right) with the winning team, Friends of SV, sitting at their reserved table.



By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Aug. 12, 2024 - Cathy Boles had an idea to help the Elmvale Legion in the form of a trivia night. The main organizers Jane Banyan, and sister Virginia, Cathy Boles, Tina Ditullio and Marianne Jamieson had no idea the night would result in a packed legion. The Trivia night, Thursday August 8, 2024, was a great success for the legion and 36 players had a lot of fun. They all learned something new and had a lot of laughs. There was a tie between the Tico Team and the Friends of SV. The two teams selected the best player to test their knowledge and each questions resulted in a tie. A correct guess of a number between 1 and ten was the only way to select a winner. Congratulations to Friends of SV for the lucky win.

The next one is September 4, 2024 from 7-9 pm. Call the legion 705.322.1042 to reserve a table for your team of six. You can also just show up and a team will be formed for you.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for prizes. Prizes are a \$10 gift certificate from local business', to each player on the winning team.

Celebrate with SwoopFiber's Summer Bash: A Day of Community and Connectivity

Elmvale, Aug. 17, 2024. Submitted by Swoop Fibre
SwoopFiber is excited to announce the upcoming **Swoop Summer Bash: Celebrating Community and Connectivity**, a vibrant event dedicated to showing appreciation to the Elmvale community for their unwavering support during the recent fiber internet rollout. The celebration is scheduled for August 17th from 11 AM to 4 PM at the SwoopFiber storefront located at 18 William St, Elmvale.

SwoopFiber would like to thank the residents of Elmvale, who have shown incredible patience and support throughout the fiber internet installation process. With construction now complete and services fully operational, the company looks forward to bringing everyone together for a day filled with fun, learning, and celebration.

The Swoop Summer Bash is set to offer a lively atmosphere with a wide array of activities catering to all ages. Families can enjoy a dedicated Kids' Zone packed with fun games and activities, while all attendees can participate in various engaging games with fantastic prizes up for grabs. For those interested in learning how to transition from traditional cable to streaming, a special workshop titled "Cutting the Cord" will be held, guiding attendees through the process.

In addition to the activities, the event will offer a variety of complimentary food and beverages. Guests can enjoy a delicious BBQ, along with desserts, a wide variety of snacks, and refreshing beverages.

A photo booth will also be available, providing attendees with the perfect opportunity to capture memorable moments from the day.

The excitement doesn't stop there—every attendee will have a chance to participate in exclusive event giveaways. Prizes include a 65" Sony TV, an iPad, a PlayStation 5, a Fitbit Inspire 3 and a Samsung Soundbar with Dolby Audio. These giveaways are SwoopFiber's way of giving back to the Elmvale community, and residents are encouraged to bring friends and family along for a memorable day.

As SwoopFiber celebrates the successful completion of the fiber internet construction, the company looks forward to marking this milestone with the Elmvale community, recognizing the neighbors who made it all possible. SwoopFiber is not just a service provider; it is an integral part of the community, committed to delivering the best possible experience to its customers.

Residents are invited to join the Swoop Summer Bash and take part in this special celebration.

For more information and to RSVP, visit the SwoopFiber website at www.swoopfiber.com/summer-bash and follow SwoopFiber on social media @swoopfiber for the latest updates and event highlights. Don't miss out on this great event in the community!

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Ontario Helping Newcomers Get Training and Land Jobs in Simcoe County. Government investing \$147,000 to help 40 people gain the skills needed to work in highly skilled industries.

August 6, 2024 - BARRIE — The Ontario government is investing \$147,000 through the Skills Development Training Stream to train 40 workers in Simcoe County for in-demand careers in highly skilled sectors. This brings Ontario’s total investment in skills development training through SDF to nearly \$1.1 billion.

“Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is proud to invest in programs that support training and upskilling,” said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “This project will give people the necessary skills needed to land in-demand and well-paying jobs in their communities and contribute to our province.”

In partnership with the YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka, this funding will support the ESL for Employment program and address the skilled labor shortage by offering advanced ESL classes to highly skilled newcomers who face language barriers hindering their career opportunities in high-demand sectors.

Combining ESL instruction with settlement and employment services, the program aims to integrate newcomers successfully into the community.

“This funding will help to fill critical gaps in the job market by helping to bridge the language gap for highly skilled newcomers,” said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte.

“Addressing these labor shortages will help Ontario to continue to grow its economic sector with world-class employees.”

The Skills Development Fund Training Stream is open to a wide range of applicants, including employers, industry associations, labour unions, municipalities, hospitals and many more. The funding announced today builds on the government’s mission to make Ontario the best place in the world to work, live and raise a family.

“Through our government’s unwavering support for the Skills Development Fund Training Stream, we are empowering individuals to acquire the essential skills needed for today’s job market,” said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. “The funding received by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka will have a significant impact, enabling them to expand their training programs and support more community members in achieving their career goals.”

“The ESL for Employment program will benefit many individuals and families who are new to our region and struggling to secure a career in high-demand sectors due to language barriers” said Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie Innisfil. “This investment of \$147,000 will not only address the ongoing labour shortage and help to create a sustainable and resilient workforce in Barrie

and Innisfil, but it will provide hard working families an opportunity for a better life.”

Since its launch in 2021, Ontario’s Skills Development Fund has helped connect more than half a million jobseekers with the skills and training they need to find well-paying and fulfilling careers close to home.

Quick Facts

- So far, the Skills Development Fund Training Stream has supported over 700 training projects across the province.
- More than 420,000 of these participants are expected to be from an underrepresented group such as women, youth, persons with disabilities, racialized groups and Indigenous peoples.
- Nearly 219,000 jobs are going unfilled across the province.
- People interested in participating in the programs announced today are encouraged to contact the lead organizations of the projects directly.
- The Skills Development Fund Training Stream is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.
- As announced in the 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario, the Ontario government is investing an additional \$100 million through SDF to grow w the trades workforce and build Ontario, bringing Ontario’s total SDF to over \$1 billion. *Submitted by office of Doug Downey, MPP*

Projecting Assumptions

There is a practice that has the power to sabotage communication and relationships. We all do it or have done it. It is so prevalent in the way we think about others that we are scarcely aware we are violating others when we do it. It is like a computer virus that has the potential to disable all of our programs.

What could it be? It is when we make assumptions about what others are thinking. How often sentences begin with, “you think”, “she thinks”, “they think”, or even, “everyone thinks”. It is not an assumption when you report directly and accurately what another has said. Telling someone your preschooler thinks there are monsters under the bed may be a statement of fact, if that is what she told you. However, to say that your teenager thinks everyone should pick up after him, because he never puts anything away, is an assumption, unless he actually made that statement.

Statements such as, “You think you can just walk all over me”, “You think the world revolves around you”, or “You just don’t care”, are actually very invasive, hostile and judgmental. It is hard for the recipient of such messages to respond in any reasonable way. Denial of the allegation generally invites further judgments, as the speaker tries to prove his or her assumption is accurate. Saying, for example, that he does care, may cause the speaker to cite a litany of examples “proving” that he does not. Unable to respond reasonably, the one attacked may resort to tossing out a few assumptions of his own, reacting angrily, or simply walking away. Of course, this “proves” to the initiator that she was right all along. Right? Wrong!

This is what we call crazy-making. It distorts the communication process and takes on a life of its own. We must let others speak for themselves. We honor them when we take the time to ask what their thoughts and feelings are. We must accept what they say as their truth. There is simply no point in arguing with someone about what they think, because we cannot get into their heads.

If there is any doubt in your mind about how this affects others, just try to remember a time when someone either told you what you thought, or otherwise insisted he knew more about what is in your head than you did. It is to communication what a red flag is to a bull.

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Message from MPP Jill Dunlop/Simcoe North

Submitted by office of Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North

Aug. 7, 2024 - As we move into August, I’m excited to share some important updates and initiatives from our province that will significantly impact our communities.

First, I am thrilled to announce that the Skills Development Fund (SDF) Training Stream opened on July 29th. The Ontario government has committed an additional \$260 million to this fund to address Ontario’s labour shortage. This initiative aims to connect job seekers with high-paying jobs in their local communities. Organizations with innovative ideas for upskilling workers are encouraged to submit their proposals by October 4th. This is a fantastic opportunity for businesses and training providers to help bridge the skills gap and support our workforce.

In another important development, our government is committed to breaking down barriers and expanding supports for young women and girls. We are ensuring that schools across Ontario can offer free menstrual products to students. This initiative is vital in promoting health and dignity, ensuring that all students have the necessary support to thrive in their educational environments without the worry of basic health needs.

Additionally, we are exploring new ways to make pharmacies more versatile and accessible for healthcare services. Our government is expanding the role of pharmacists, allowing them to treat more common ailments, administer additional vaccines, and perform more point-of-care testing. Pharmacist prescribing has already proven to be a success in Ontario, and we are eager to work with our partners to explore further opportunities. By making pharmacies a one-stop-shop for healthcare, we aim to provide convenient and accessible care to all Ontarians, regardless of where they live.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to improving the lives of Ontarians through innovative and supportive measures. As MPP for Simcoe North, I am dedicated to ensuring that our communities continue to thrive and that our community members have the opportunity to succeed. I look forward to the positive impact these programs will have and am excited about the future of our province.

I wish everyone a wonderful and productive August!

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Community Raises Over \$1800 at New Path's Second Annual Pride Event

August 1, 2024 - Submitted by Dominika Zapolnik, New Path

Barrie, ON – Sunnidale Park in Barrie was filled with a large number of community residents and representatives from 11 community agencies who participated in the second annual New Path Youth and Family Services (New Path) Pride Event. This year's event raised over \$1,800 for the Gilbert Centre, directly supporting their 2S-LGBTQ+ programs in Simcoe Muskoka.

“New Path and the Gilbert Centre have shown the power of community partnership in creating a space where 2S-LGBTQ+ youth and their families can celebrate and find support,” says Dale Boyle, Executive Director of the Gilbert Centre. “Our agencies have worked closely together for a number of years, and we look forward to continuing to support our community through collaboration such as this Pride event.”

Originally envisioned by a group of youth from the New Path Live-In Treatment Services (LITS) program, the event aims to provide a safe, welcoming environment for families to celebrate Pride in a family-friendly manner, ensuring that the 2S-LGBTQ+ community feels supported and informed about the various resources and supports available to them.

“With guidance and support from New Path staff, the youth have been able to create something really special that highlights our agency values of inclusivity and collaboration. Throughout the day, we had a continuous flow of people enjoying the food, activities, and community booths,” says Daneen Ens, Care and Treatment Worker at New Path and event organizer. “This event has grown and blossomed, and we heard so many positive things from the community about how great it was to come and celebrate Pride month with their children and youth in such an open, friendly, and engaging way.”

The event featured booths hosted by various community agencies, who shared information about their services, including Seasons Centre for Grieving Children, Youth Haven, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions, Trans Q/ Fierste Simcoe Pride, Pflag, Uplift Black, Shak's World Community Centre, Gilbert Centre, Barrie Fire, Barrie Police Services,



Photo: Bottom left to right are: Dale Boyle, Executive Director of the Gilbert Centre; Jim Harris, CEO of New Path. Middle left to right are: Jenny Johnston, Youth Committee Member; Daneen Ens, Care and Treatment Worker at New Path and event organizer; Cemya Nugent, Youth Committee Member; Jaclyn Ng Man Chuen, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Implementation Lead at New Path; Conner Klages, Youth Committee Member; Mellissa Bennett, Placement Student at the Gilbert Centre. Top left to right are: Ellis Greenberg, Queer & Trans Program Manager at the Gilbert Centre; Champagne Thomson, Community Outreach and Fundraising Senior Manager at the Gilbert Centre; Kat Bransfield, Community Worker at the Gilbert Centre; Dani Chase, Care Coordinator at the Gilbert Centre.

and Kool FM. Activities included a BBQ, raffle, face painting, henna, and a tie-dyeing station. Financial support to assist with renting the Dorian Parker Centre was also provided by City of Barrie, Ward 4 Councillor, Amy Courser.

About New Path Youth and Family Services of Simcoe County

New Path Youth and Family Services of Simcoe County (New Path) is an accredited children's mental health agency providing a range of compassionate, innovative and accessible services for children, youth and their families throughout Simcoe County. We are a registered not-for-profit charitable organization with office locations across Simcoe County, including Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Cookstown, Collingwood, and Orillia. New Path is also the Lead Agency for children's mental health in Simcoe County, with the goal of enhancing the experience and outcomes of children, youth and their families seeking assistance with mental health and wellness.

New Path offers free and accredited mental health services for children, youth and their families in-

person, by-phone, or online. Families and youth can book an appointment by visiting the New Path website: www.newpath.ca or by calling or emailing New Path at 705-725-7656 / info@newpath.ca.

To learn more about New Path, to donate, or get involved, please visit www.newpath.ca, follow us on social media Facebook: New Path Youth & Family Services X: @NewPathYFS Instagram: @NewPathYFS or sign up for the quarterly TrailSigns Newsletter

About the Gilbert Centre

The Gilbert Centre is a community-based, not-for-profit AIDS Services Organization (ASO) dedicated to supporting individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS, HCV, people who use drugs (PWUD) and those within the 2S-LGBTQ+ communities. Our mission is to provide inclusive and affirming services that foster health, well-being, and social justice. We provide low-barrier access to systemically marginalized intersections promoting inclusivity for all.

May Court Club of Barrie Gives \$20,000 in Scholarships

Aug. 7, 2024 - By Marianne Schall

The May Court Club of Barrie presented 10 Student Awards valued at \$2000.00 each to students attending University, College and Trade School. Successful applicants came to pick up their cheques at the May Court Shop - Ladies Consignment at 54B Maple Ave. Congratulations from all of us who fundraised, volunteered and were part of the committee to make this happen.



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By Brian Belcourt, reporter

August 7, 2024 - The Midland Golf & CC hosted their annual Club Championship over the Civic Long-weekend. There was some great play by a number of members. But one performance stands out as amazing.

Lucas Ross set a 105 year old scoring record (MG&CC was est. 1919) with rounds of 67, 66 & 70. Ended the tournament at -10. This is the best total score in the 105 year history of the golf course. This is an accomplishment that needs to be celebrated.

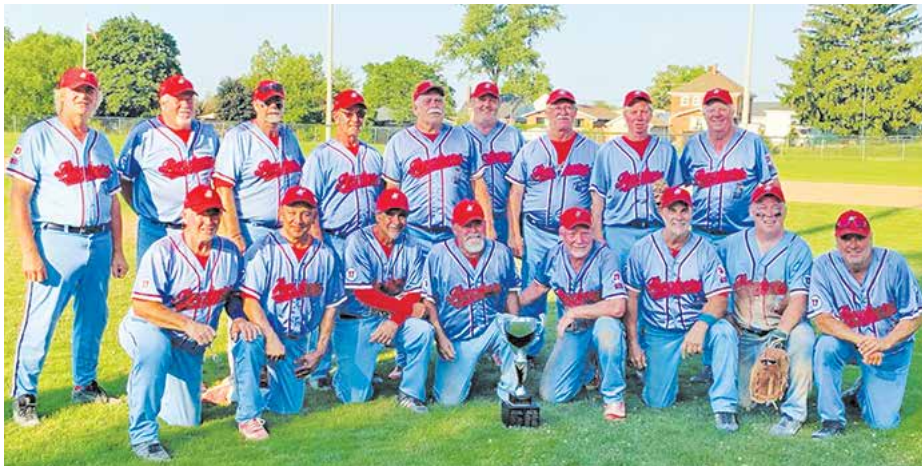


Photo above: Our local team in age 60+ is the Dufferin Simcoe Rockers that came in third place. First place was awarded to the Hamilton Steelers with second going to the Great West Legends.

By Brian Belcourt, reporter

Aug. 13, 2024 - The Canadian National Oldtimers Baseball Federation (CNOBF) National Championship tournament is an annual event which is played every August long weekend. It is a pay to play event. There are no regional qualifying tournaments. The tournament has a 3-year cycle. Ontario, East Coast, West Coast. The 2025 tournament will be played in Charlottetown, PEI, with the 2026 tournament expected to be played in Red Deer, AB.

The tournament was in Thorold his year and is for the following age divisions: 33+, 43+, 50+, 57+ & 60+. All age divisions play the same weekend. We try to keep the entire group in the same municipality, but lack of diamonds sometimes forces us to split up the age groups to different venues.



Submitted by Leslie Gordon

July 31, 2024 - The 2024 Canadian Tire league champions: Serge Diamanti (left) Sue Stemp and Andy Brayson, shown above. The triples team came out on top after seven weeks of spirited competition at the Midland Lawn Bowling Club. Congratulations to the winners and all 16 teams competing for the cup. Thanks also to Ron O'Sullivan for organizing the league. A very big shout out to the Midland Canadian Tire store for sponsoring this popular league. This kind of community support reinforces why we all should be sure to shop local.



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Sat., November 2 - St. Jacobs Day Tour on the 39th Anniversary of our Company

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Thurs., November 14 - Famous People Players present a Christmas musical, "Deck the Halls"

Includes: a noon 3 course dinner and the afternoon show, followed by a visit to the Cheese Boutique. **Cost:** \$153.00

Wed., December 11 - Holiday Pops with the TSO at Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto

Includes: table service lunch followed by orchestra level seating for the 2:00p.m. performance. **Cost:** \$197.00

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August 9, 2024

by Leslie Noonan

I have made it abundantly clear that I detest heights. Not the “oh dear, that looks a little high and I will stand back a few feet from the edge” type of fear, but the full on “I am going to die and topple headfirst over the abyss” type of fear. And yet, here I am, teetering on the edge of another precipice with a view way, way down to the land far, far below.

I love the Niagara Escarpment, with its rock formations, unique biospheres and yes, even its spectacular views. The Bruce Trail runs along this rugged landscape and offers an abundance of trails for both novice and experienced hikers. I was childishly amused by the description of a trail called “Old Baldy”. Now, I struggle mightily to hold my tongue, but really, all of you ladies are already turning to your man and making a spot on comment about the how those flowing locks of his youth seemed to have migrated down the chest and back to make an absolutely lovely man vest, topped by a glistening dome. Enough said. This Old Baldy is a bare area of grey limestone that drops an impressive 152 meters or just under 500 feet to the beautiful Beaver Valley. It is not uncommon to find the more adventurous scaling the cliff face in climbing gear.

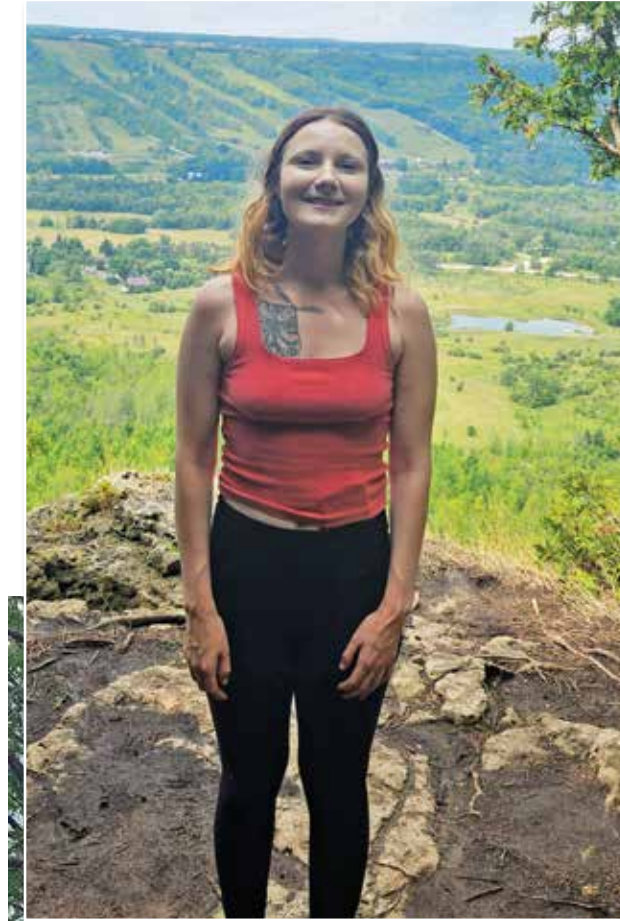
From Midland it took my daughter and I about an hour and a half to get to the Grey Highlands area near Kimberly. Our GPS was set to the shortest route, which I don’t recommend, as we left the paved road, then the dirt road, past a sign indicating no winter maintenance, and then a sign saying we were on an OFSC snowmobile trail that was barely wide enough for our car, that thread through a deep and dark swamp. All part of the adventure! We did manage to make it to the car parking area without issue though we did take a less scenic road back out.

The trail is well maintained and heads out from the parking area through cedar forests with boardwalks to cross the wettest areas, and through small glades of purple milkweed. I suspect that there was a farmstead here long ago, as there are several apple trees still producing small tart fruit. The gradual uphill climb is easy for any hiking ability, until the trees thin and you are walking next to that spectacularly scary drop.

There are several areas where the trail has eroded away, and the earth slides away off and down to the ground far below. This is where I skirt off into the bush to avoid being any where near that drop and hope that I don’t drop down into an unseen cavern eroded by water through the limestone. I am so thankful that my daughter understands my fears and is agreeable to remain well back from the edge, even when she would happily

hang over and dangle her legs from its edges. I did have a panic attack and needed to sit while I hyperventilated and experienced severe vertigo, envisioning that edge creeping closer and closer. Strange, as I used to rock climb, but I find that the older I get the more my fears increase. Perhaps as we age, we both value life more and understand the dangers that are inherent in so much of what we do. I did manage to take a selfie, though it is obvious that I am uncomfortable, and have a death grip on a tree that I am convinced will be uprooted by my pressure on it and send us both hurtling over that edge. Gah.

The trail continues along the ridgeline until it veers off to the left on the blue blazed Mac Kirk side trail, or you could continue down the white blazed Bruce Trail. The blue loop trail is a short 4.5 km trail that will return you to the parking area. I was much more relaxed on this portion of trail that navigates through old forest filled with ferns and mushrooms. Altogether this is an easy hike suitable for any ability, though children and pets should always be in your control. A perfect way to tell your spouse that you climbed old baldy!!!





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Strong Finish for Elmvale Expos Minor Baseball U9

Reprint from Aug. 1, 2024 edition showing correct picture to team names. Submitted by Corey Coram

July 30, 2024 - Sponsored by Strong Construction, U9 Team 1 had a fantastic year finishing with an overall record of 10-2-1. Finishing 1st in pool B for the Georgian Bay Minor Softball League (GBMSL) playoffs and landing them in the Ross & Mary Ann Leonard Championship Finals versus top competitor Elmvale 1.

Sponsored by Hardship Acres, U9 Team 2 had a great season playing in the GBMSL. Finishing the regular season in 1st place with an impressive 9 – 1 record, losing only one game to their cross town rival Elmvale 1. Claiming the U9 division “A” Playoff Champions in Victoria Harbour on Saturday July 27, 2024, with strong wins against Vasey Giants #2 and Victoria Harbour. As a result, Team 2 would also advance to the Ross & Mary Ann Leonard Championship Finals on Monday July 29th, 2024, where they would face their cross town rivals Elmvale

In a back and forth championship game the lead changed hands four times before the U9 Expos Team 2 batted their way to a 16-15 win in their final at bat to claim the Finals Championship.

Members of Ross & Mary Ann’s family were in attendance to present the trophy. It was a fantastic way to wrap up the 2024 season for both Elmvale Expos U9 teams. Congratulations to both teams and a big thanks to the coaches and team managers for their commitment.



2024 U9 Elmvale Expos Team 1

Front row (L-R) Brier Toner, Grace Imhoff, Emmett Lees, Brant McKeown, Brayden Faria, Cole VanderEyken

Middle row (L-R) Sam Rossel, Bodie Rubinski, Nash Rockey, Callum Ellis, Wesley Cantelon, Blake McNaughton

Back Row (L-R) Coaches Dave Rockey, Matt McKeown, and Jeff Lees
(Absent Leah Loughran)



2024 U9 Elmvale Expos Team 2

Front Row (L-R) Cheylee Ritchie, William Draper, Reed Tucker, Audrey Trace, Maverick Crump

Middle Row (L-R) Dallas Martin, Gunner Ververs, Scott Popple, Cole St Germain, Ronan Waldron, Brooklyn Popple (Bench Manager)

Back Row (L-R) Jon Popple (Head Coach), Wes Tucker (Asst. Coach), Mark St Germain (Asst. Coach), Absent – Tarra Popple (Statistician/Score Keeper), Tanner McMann, Cameron Temolder.



Jo Knows Nutrition

by Joanne Nijhuis



HOMEMADE SPORTS DRINK

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July 29, 2024 - Check out this recipe for a homemade sports drink that rival the ones you buy at the corner store on your way to the gym, park or the beach. Made with natural ingredients and easy on the wallet, this recipe is not only good for the body, it is also good for the environment with less plastic bottles ending up in our landfill. The basic recipe for a commercial sports drink is very simple with a focus on water, carbohydrates, sodium and potassium, but unfortunately it also includes the addition of chemicals and dyes. To get the right amount of potassium in your homemade sports drink, use a Half Salt Blend that can be found in many grocery stores. This commercial full salt alternative is a salt and potassium chloride blend that contains 50 percent less sodium than regular salt, but can be used just like regular salt at the table and also in cooking and baking. FYI - This product is also a great choice for those trying to reduce their salt intake for health reasons without sacrificing taste.

DID YOU KNOW?

During extreme heat, staying hydrated is especially important because roughly 50%-70% of our body is made up of water. Your organs, cells, muscles and brain all rely on water to

work properly. Did you know that you can stay hydrated from not only the fluids you drink, but also from many of the foods you eat? Yogurt contains almost 90 percent water as well as many fruits and vegetables, so load up on watermelon, peaches and other in-season produce. Your fluid requirements vary depending on whether you are an infant, child or adult, male or female, pregnant or lactating, exercising or spending a lot of time outdoors sweating in the summer heat. Drink plenty of water and keep track of the colour of your urine. If you are drinking enough fluids, your urine will be a pale yellow colour. If it is a dark yellow or amber colour, be on the alert as you may need to increase the amount of fluids your are consuming.

INGREDIENTS

- 5 1/2 cups (1375 ml) water
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- ½ cup (125 ml) lemon or lime juice
- 3 Tablespoons (45 ml) Honey or Maple Syrup
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine all of the ingredients in a large bowl or container. Mix well.
2. Store in the fridge for up to 5 days.
3. One serving: 2 cups (500 ml).

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 cooking demos/classes and individual counselling – in person and online via Zoom Health. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com

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Simcoe County Genealogical Society

Beginner Course - Tuesday, October 15th, 2pm - 4pm

Intermediate Course - Tuesday, October 29th, 2pm - 4pm

Advanced Course - Tuesday, November 12th, 2pm - 4pm

Sign up for one or multiple courses, register online or contact the museum. These workshops are available through the Government of Ontario’s Seniors Community Grant program and are recommended for older adults.

For more information, please visit www.pencenmuseum.com.



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ANTEN MILLS

by Dennis Gannon

August 11, 2024 - Were you able to see any shooting stars this past week? Shooting stars are actually meteorites and from mid July to mid August, the Perseid meteor showers can light up the night sky with about 60 visible per hour. This past week was the peak and this year the lack of moon light along with limited clouds in the sky made for perfect viewing especially in the predawn hours. If you missed it this year, it is an annual event so look for them next year.

It is not hard to notice that our daylight hours are starting to get shorter. From the Summer Solstice on June 20 which had 15 hours and 32 minutes of daylight to today, August 15, we have lost 1 hour and 32 minutes for a total of 14 hours of light. The Fall Equinox arrives on September 22 when we have just over 12 hours of daylight. The time is now to enjoy the sun while we can.

With Summer winding down, the Anten Mills Community Recreation Committee with the assistance of the members of the Springwater Fire and Emergency Services is pleased to present a Hot Summer Night movie evening on August 28 at the community centre. Starting at 7 PM, you and your family are invited to get wet, learn some fire safety tips and enjoy a family movie under the pavilion. It will be a fun night and for more details and updates, check the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page.

Autumn is always a great time in our community with fun events in September and October. On

September 28 there is the Anten Mills Autumn Craft Fair and on the weekend of October 25 the Witches Walk with dance as well as the Kids Halloween Party on Sunday. Discussions are already underway for the October events and Roslyn has outstanding plans for the craft fair. The pavilion space has been booked but there is plenty of outdoor space for those willing to put up their own tent. Returning again will be the pancake breakfast in support of the Elmvale and District Food Bank which is always great and quickly sells out. As the fair goes on into the early afternoon, Roslyn is going to add a new piece this year with a chili cook off. Donations of chili are going to be accepted and a winner crowned. As the final details are being worked out be sure to watch this column and our Facebook page for more details. If you are interested in participating in either the fair or chili cookoff, contact Roslyn by email at farmview@on.aibn.com

The high heat and humidity of late has curtailed many outdoor sport activities. It is encouraging to hear that despite the challenges, the pickleball court has been getting used by the community. Comments have been very positive and it's certainly a great benefit for those looking to get some exercise and fun.

Springwater is 30 years old this year and they are having a celebration on Saturday, September 14 at the Tree Nursery Park. Watch for details as it will be an entertaining event for the entire family and it's going to conclude with fireworks.

King Charles III coronation was held on May 6, 2023. To recognize his coronation, the Government of Canada struck the King Charles III medal. As an official medal of Canada, it is administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall. This medal is being presented to deserving Canadians on a limited basis. MP Doug Shipley has been authorized to present medals and it is done by a nomination process. To receive this medal is an honour and to find out more details on how to submit a nomination contact his office by email Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca or by telephone at 705 728 2596. Nominations must be received by 2PM on August 30.

One of our community groups that will be starting back in September is the Knotty Knitters. They meet on Tuesday afternoons at the community centre. They complete a number of projects for the benefit of a number of organizations and are in search of donations of wool. The wool can be of any colour, weight or length as it can be used for the variety of items they make. For details on how to donate contact Joan by email at sweetgannon@gmail.com.

The South Springwater Fire Fighters Association is having a car wash this Saturday, August 17 at the radio station on Bayfield St. from 9 to 1. This is an excellent opportunity to get your vehicle cleaned and support the charity work of the firefighters.

That's it for this week, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.



Hot Summer Movie Night



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Penetanguishene couple experience 'weird' double-billing

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca

Aug 12, 2024 - As the cost of living continues to rise, one retired Penetanguishene couple have found themselves in the unfortunate circumstance of a \$640 property tax increase in the past three years without a definitive reason.

Wanda Jessome and her husband Don are seniors living on Bellisle Road near Poyntz Street, having moved to the property in 2021. She is on disability and he is on a retirement pension.

Final tax bills are mailed to Penetanguishene residents in the first week of July, and the Jessomes were surprised to see that their 2023 property tax had increased a second time since moving in, jumping from nearly \$3,400 to just over \$4,000.

Wanda contacted MidlandToday to explore what could be the reasoning for the 18.9 per cent tax increase and the two MPAC assessments of 2021 and 2023.

After speaking to some neighbours who said they hadn't received the same increase, the Jessomes requested help from the town who they said advised them to contact MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation), the organization responsible for assessing all properties in Ontario.

In response, the Jessomes say MPAC advised them to contact the town.

"It's one of those tangles where you're just kind of being led from here to there and going back in a circle again, and not getting your answers," said Jessome. "And it's a little frustrating."

The town website hosts a page dedicated to property tax information, ranging from property assessment and tax sales, tax payments with explanations, and utility bills and payment information.

Penetanguishene director of finance/treasurer Carrie Robillard explained that the council-approved blended tax rate from 2023 to 2024 was an increase of 3.5 per cent – those blended taxes included the town, Simcoe County, and education for the province.

"Anything above and beyond that per cent would be related to an assessment increase," said Robillard, "and why the assessment increased is not known by town staff."

"Town hall always provides as much information that is known to us and explains how the property tax bill is calculated and why there would be a year-over-year increase," Robillard added. "Tax rate increases we can clearly explain – however, we don't know why in particular a property assessment increases; only MPAC can answer that for the resident."

MPAC mails property assessment notices annually in November as a way to support municipal and provincial calculations for property and education taxes, and Penetanguishene states they will provide contact information for MPAC and help submit requests for reconsideration to MPAC on behalf of residents.

However, the Jessomes admitted they didn't pay attention to the dispute deadline in the November notification, and as a result had missed this year's file date listed between January to March to report discrepancies.

"We kind of just looked at it and put it in our file thinking, 'this is the second one we received since we've moved here... weird,'" Jessome said. "The only thing MPAC will tell us is, if they come out and do another assessment it may not even be in our favour; it could be worse. I'm like: what? I told my husband, he said, 'Are you guys threatening us?' And they said they're not, and I believe they're not."

"The two times we've had this MPAC notice of assessment done... I don't know how. They've never come on the property, they've never notified us, we haven't seen anybody. We have a dog; trust me, we'd know if somebody was on the property."

MPAC communications specialist Natasha Hinds

Fitzsimmins told MidlandToday that properties were reviewed regularly for current state and condition to ensure accurate assessments, with property inspections as just one tool. However, before visiting a property, owners may receive either a two-month advance letter that MPAC would be in the area to inspect properties, or a letter requesting owners to call so property information could be updated or verified by phone.

"MPAC property inspectors are not permitted to enter a residential property unless invited to do so by the property owner," Hinds Fitzsimmins affirmed.

The Jessomes stated they had not made any renovations to their property since moving in, and that the street they live on is in somewhat of a state of disrepair.

"When I go on to the MPAC website and I look at the reasoning for raising taxes," said Jessome, "we don't meet any of those reasons. Our road is falling apart where we sit; it gets flooded whenever it rains, like we get a huge puddle. The asphalt is constantly falling apart. We don't have a sidewalk on our side at all."

"When I look out my living room window, I'm looking at an electricity fenced-in grid. That's my view. I have a school just beside that, so traffic is bizarre twice a day."

Their suspicions skewed toward new properties being built further down along Bellisle Road toward the subdivisions of Thompsons Road West, as some MPAC neighbourhood inspection conditions listed included high sales in the area, or a high number of requests for reconsideration or appeals to their assessment review board.

One suggestion made by town staff, according to the Jessomes, was possible short-staffing at MPAC and the impact which COVID-19 had on

postponing 2020 assessments at 2016 market values. Hinds Fitzsimmins noted that a provincial review of property assessment and taxation was announced last August, deferring reassessments through 2024 and possibly beyond until that review is completed.

Regarding the suggestion that MPAC was short-staffed, Hinds Fitzsimmins responded: "The ongoing postponement of a reassessment does not change the work we do every day to maintain our extensive property database and deliver annual assessment rolls to municipalities."

She added that an inventory of all provincial properties and accounts for those changes continued to be maintained. "We continue to conduct market analysis through sales investigations, capture new assessment – new construction, additions and/or renovations to existing property that MPAC has not assessed – complete tax applications, and manage requests for reconsideration and appeals."

Hinds Fitzsimmins wished to remind property owners who spot a discrepancy to call MPAC's Customer Contact Centre at 1-866-296-6722 from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, a new Property Pulse Dashboard was launched recently on the AboutMyProperty online tool, aiming to help homeowners "make informed decisions about their residential properties".

As for why the Jessomes contacted the media regarding their circumstances, Wanda replied: "I just thought, has this happened to anybody else? Maybe it's happening to other people and we just don't know it; but it's not happening fairly."



Photo: The property at the top of Bellisle Road, subject to nearby flooding and poor road conditions, received two MPAC assessments in 2021 and 2023 resulting in high property taxes; to the south are homes in a new subdivision.

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100 Tiny Residents showed up to "Stop the Build"

Tiny deflates referendum calls alongside Ombudsman commendation

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Source: MidlandToday.ca

Aug 08, 2024 - Attempts by the 'Stop the Build' group to find any foothold against the upcoming Tiny Township administration centre (TTAC) project continue to slip out of grasp, including contacting the provincial Ombudsman and denied calls for a referendum.

At the recent meetings of council, opposition supporters attended in low spirits following a three-page correspondence to the municipality from the Ontario Ombudsman which not only addressed complaints regarding meeting practices of the TTAC committee, but then commended "the Township for taking these steps to increase the transparency of the TTAC Committee's activities" without requiring a need to do so.

During the open depositions portion of the meeting, opposition and protest organizer Karen Zulynik took a proactive stance of defence ahead of its place in the agenda much later in the evening.

"You guys might think it's a (cause for) champion, but I want to say my two cents because it's a report in the agenda," said Zulynik, who disagreed with the Ombudsman's findings. "There's absolutely zero mention in the TTAC's minutes about any opposition to the construction. Zero. And I've read every single minutes."

Zulynik added that the response was in "total disrespect" to herself and the group, who sent "an actual box of documents to them," adding that instead of being contacted by the Ombudsman, "I only learned of it in the minutes of your agenda today."

Before council would address the Ombudsman portion, the rest of the meeting needed to proceed.

Further open depositions included a grandparent who brought along her grandchild "to see the democratic process in action," and to display to council who would be inheriting the costs of the TTAC down the road.

During the matters for consideration portion of the committee of the whole where council would typically 'receive as information' or direct staff further into a course of action, the attendees increased in their excitement as previous deputant Borys Kowalsky's referendum request was addressed; Zulynik announced "this is it" from her seat in the back of the chambers.

Coun. Dave Brunelle, who often reads from prepared statements, shared such a piece filled

with talking points against the project for nearly five minutes resulting in resounding applause at its conclusion.

It was interrupted midway through, however, as Brunelle spoke regarding the ecological ambition of a net-zero energy and net-zero design for the facility. "Are we truly pursuing an environmentally responsible path, or is there another agenda cloaked in green rhetoric?"

Coun. Steffen Walma interjected with a point of privilege. "I'm going to ask the councillor to clarify what he means by 'cloaked', suggesting that there's an undertone of - what, sir?"

Prompted by Mayor Dave Evans, Brunelle replied: "Can I respond after I finish my thing?"

Once finished, Brunelle mused aloud. "Cloaked", how can I define cloak? I think Dr. Kowalsky would be doing a much better job than myself, who has a Ph.D. On this definition of cloak, the way I see it, a cloak will darken or cover up - that's to me what cloak means... there seems to be something hidden about a green agenda."

Walma retorted: "The way that I interpret that, is that there's alleging that there's something dirty happening; there's a fix in of some kind."

"Council has never said that we are building a building to be more green; we are building a building to be more efficient, and we are going to be green." Walma cited the township's official plans and strategic plans to reiterate, noting that not incorporating green initiatives into the TTAC would be irresponsible planning.

"I take offence to the opinion that you just offered, in public, that there is some secret agenda," Walma stated.

Brunelle replied that "the values and philosophies of people are going to be on different pages, and another reason why we should have a referendum."

He then sprung an impromptu 200-word motion asking council to approve a pause on the build for those reasons and requested a referendum, which caused attendees to applaud loudly.

After council approved receiving Kowalsky's deputation for information, Brunelle's motion was introduced and required a seconder for further discussion or approval. However, none of the four other council members chose to second the motion, and it lay dead.

Loud disapproval filled the chambers as council addressed the next agenda item on paid parking, and while Kowalsky attempted to be the voice of civility by gently asking the opposition to quiet down, nearly all left immediately following council's inaction on the referendum item.

Zulynik remained as did Kowalsky, and the issue of the Ombudsman report returned where Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins read aloud the full letter

for the benefit of those with troubles accessing the electronic agenda items.

Coun. Kelly Helowka further asked staff if the municipal costs to involve the Ombudsman's Office could be provided for the public benefit, but was informed that those numbers weren't available.

Following the meeting, Evans spoke to MidlandToday regarding the referendum portion of the meeting, which had been discussed during a protest the week prior held outside the municipal office.

"I think there was a little bit of miscommunication or misunderstanding, unfortunately," said Evans. "As part of a deputation made by Boris Kowalsky, he did ask for a referendum. And I think there were some people in the crowd that assumed that when we discuss a deputation in the following meeting, that that was actually going to take place."

"I interpreted from my position that people were a little shocked that there was no referendum, and I honestly don't know how they came up with that impression that there was a referendum because there was nothing on the agenda; it was being received as information."

Regarding Brunelle's motion, Evans acknowledged that the four-against-one position was contrary to Brunelle but that council respected his position.

"In this case, I believe the subject for the last six or seven months now has been debated quite a bit," said Evans. "I can't speak for the other three members, but personally (my view was) I don't think we need to rehash this anymore."

The referendum deputation as well as Ombudsman report can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

Archives of council meetings are available to view on the township's YouTube channel.

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3rd Friday, Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm
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August 18 The Brudders
August 25 Karla Crawford

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IOANDIS, Susan Ann

Susan passed away peacefully with her loved ones by her side on Thursday, August 1, 2024, at Georgian Bay General Hospital

Susan's life was a testament to love, dedication, resilience and strength. She loved being involved with the CNIB and the Canadian Council for the Blind. She was a strong willed spitfire of an English Lady who had an infectious laugh and loved to gather with family and friends and enjoy Life. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life at her home at 42 William St., Elmvale Ontario on August 24, 2024 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.



JOHNSTON, Alan Graham

Alan Graham Johnston passed away at RVH August 10, 2024 at the age of 99. Alan is survived by his wife Donna (nee Priest). They were married almost 72 years. Alan was the loving father of Cathy Walton (Terry), Gary Johnston (Rita), Colleen Johnston, the late George Johnston (Blanche), and Hugh Johnston (Christy). Alan was grandpa to Lee, Anne, Melissa, Scott, Stephen, Jennifer (deceased), Julie, Collin, Graham, Mitchell, Cameron, Owen, and Cole, and great grandpa to 11 great grandchildren.

Alan was born June 29, 1925 at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, ON. He enlisted with the Canadian Army in the Infantry in January 1945 where Alan won the Cross Rifles and Crown. Alan and his father George G. Johnston ran the Minesing Basket Factory. When it closed down Alan went farming at the age of 30, a decision he was always glad of.

Alan served in Vespra Council for 12 years; 4 of which were as Reeve. Alan had an amazing knowledge of history.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to friends for all their support and to the Integrated Stroke Unit at RVH for their care.

Visitation will take place at Adams Funeral Home in Barrie Friday August 23 from 1-3, followed by a private graveside service at Minesing Union Cemetery.

Memorial Donations in lieu of flowers would be appreciated by the family to the Elmvale Food Bank, Hospice Simcoe or a charity of your choice.



HENWOOD, Frederick Murray

The family is heartbroken to announce the passing of Frederick Murray Henwood on August 8, 2024, in his 78th year. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Darle, of fifty-eight years. Predeceased by his

eldest son, Michael, he is lovingly remembered by his son, Tony and Wife Sharmen, and daughter-in-law, Shelley. Cherished Poppa of his three grandchildren, Morgan Henwood, Kirie Poirier (Braden) and Braeden Henwood (Trynity) and his five great-grandchildren, Makayla, Maverick, and Miller Saunders, Charlotte "Charlie" Poirier, and Brantley Henwood. Freddy will be greatly missed by his fur pals, Sadie and Natasha Romanov.

Fred was predeceased by his parents, Joe and Lillian Henwood, his siblings Joyce LeGrand, Floyd (Anne), his twin brother Rod (Sharon), and Mary (Joe). He is survived by his sister, Brenda (Roger).

He will be missed by his brothers-and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, and friends.

Fred was born in Sackville, NB on October 18, 1946 and grew up in Amherst, NS before bringing his young wife, Darle and son, Michael to Huntsville, ON during the summer of 1967 where he lived until 2022. He was a longtime employee of Kimberly-Clark, active in the Huntsville Legion, and spent many hours at Huntsville Downs Golf Course playing and cutting grass. In 2022, he moved to Penetanguishene ON to live with Tony and Sharmen so he could be closer to Darle who is living at Georgian Manor. He spent the last two years, visiting Darle daily, spending time at both the Penetanguishene and Midland Legions. He was on the go with his activities golfing, curling, playing cards, and pool.

In his words, "I have lived a good life."

According to Fred's wishes, there will be no service or celebration of life.

If desired, donations in Fred's memory can be made to the Huntsville or Penetanguishene Legion.

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



BROWN, John Elmer

Passed away suddenly and peacefully at the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland on Saturday, August 10, 2024. John Brown of Elmvale in his 77th year. Loved father of Rob Brown and Rebecca Brown (Ryan Sauve). Pre-deceased by his parents, John and Ruth Brown.

John was well known for teaching music to many students for over 50 years. He taught in London out of his parents house, later after marriage at the YMCA in Midland, and then out of the Elmvale family home.

He was also a member of the Elmvale Lions Club, and the Elmvale Legion.

In keeping with John's wishes, there will not be a funeral service. There will be a private family interment, and a celebration of life at a later date.

In John's memory, donations can be made to the Elmvale Lions Club, the Elmvale Legion or the Elmvale Presbyterian Church.



TEMPLETON, Bob

It is with a heavy heart and extreme sadness that on the morning of Sunday August 4th my father, Bob Templeton, passed away peacefully at his home in Penetanguishene, Ontario. Dad died exactly (I mean exactly) how he predicted

he wanted to pass. Like Babe Ruth pointing to the left field bleachers he called his end and passed away peacefully and pain free in the town he always dreamed he would retire in. With a Judy Wiseman kiss on the forehead, his final words were "I love everybody" followed by the perfectly scripted end of a movie scene where he looked at the garden and said, "look at the beautiful flowers" before he left his home for the final time. As a young man, dad was an accomplished Jr B hockey goaltender, pole vaulter and golfer. If you could somehow twist his arm for a 'final final' drink on a Saturday night wing ding he would say in all three sports he was a breath away from the pro's! "You know son, for a few weeks I was a 6 handicap", followed by "I know dad..... I know". Lol. Professionally he began his career in a town called Brockville, Ontario where he met his first love Valerie Thompson (mom). From there he became a radio D.J. in the mountains of Revelstoke, British Columbia where they had three small children (Yvonne, Billy and Bobby Jr.) with very limited money. Over the next 20 years, our family resided in Revelstoke, Orillia, Midland, Aurora, Woodstock, Sudbury and eventually landing in Halifax, Nova Scotia where this once D.J. in a little mountain town was now the President of NewCap Broadcasting with over 50 radio stations and 500 employees under his leadership. My father was a larger than life character that touched so many lives. His charisma, sense of humour and his thirst for adventure was infectious. Everybody that had the privilege to enter in his atmosphere for even a night, week, years or a lifetime would agree. He drove Harley Davidsons, Sea-Doo's, Boats, Corvettes, and was even a pilot of his very own float plane. As I type this today, I reminisce as a child coming home from school to my dad saying, "Hey, lets go for a flight" just seemed normal. This of course was followed by an hour in the air of dad doing 'roller coasters' just to get my stomach in knots and eventually him (not me) him saying, "hey, take off your seatbelt, lets see if we can get you floating in the air ". Over the past few days, I've been inundated with family and loved ones sharing and reminiscing us in tales of how much dad meant to them and how he was this larger than life figure if only for a brief moment in their lives. To us he was just dad!. We loved him dearly and he will be forever missed. He loved his three children more than life itself and adored his grandchildren Bradon, Coralee and Micaela. We want to thank everyone who has reached out and shared their stories and condolences over these past few days. My father truly was a force of nature, a tornado in the eye of a hurricane, who's impact on our lives will be forever missed.

As Frank would say:

And now, the end is near, And so I face the final curtain. My friend, I'll say it clear, I'll state my case, of which I'm certain. I've lived a life that's full, I traveled each and every highway, And more, much more than this..... I did it my way.

Rest in peace dad.

Special thanks to Jennifer his PSW and to Dr. Gaffney and the great staff at GBGH.

Arrangements entrusted to The Carson Funeral Home J.H. Lynn Chapel, 290 First St., Midland (705) 526-6551.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to GBGH Foundation or the animal care program of your choice.

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REYNOLDS, Joseph Francis
(Midland Police Constable for over 28 years)

Passed away peacefully at the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Joseph Reynolds of Midland in his 82nd year.

Beloved husband of the late Patricia Reynolds. Dear father of Joseph (Theresa) Reynolds, Mary Reynolds (Will Parliament), Carole Reynolds (Marc Deschamps), and William Reynolds (late Kim Stamp). Loving grandfather of Marky (Alex), Matthew (Paige), Martina, Joey (Jennifer), Noah, Eric, Owen, Bailey and Lola. Great-grandfather of Maxim, Mackenzie, Drake, and Vivien. Brother of Alice (Carl), Tom (Ina), and Mary (late John). Joe will be dearly missed by his nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvalle from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Thursday, August 8, 2024. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel on Friday, August 9 at 1 pm.

Interment Waverly United Cemetery.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Penetanguishene Library in Joe's memory.

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PENNA, Sonia Vivian

It's with great sadness the family announces the passing of Sonia Vivian Penna who died peacefully at the Georgian Bay General Hospital at the age of 84 after a long ordeal with dementia.

Sonia is survived by her son David Penna (Brenda), and predeceased by her husband Ron Desroches and daughter Kim. Sonia will be sadly missed by her five sisters Karen (Thyret), Judy (Alford), Sue (Veh), Barbara (Kidd), and Greta (Garriock) as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Sonia was the eldest daughter of Fred and Lissen Bodtker (deceased).

A longtime resident of Penetang, Sonia worked at the Toronto Dominion bank for twenty five years until her retirement. In retirement she pursued her hobbies which included bridge (a proud grandmaster), voracious reading, poker, snow birding in Florida, swimming, and visiting family.

The family expresses their sincerest gratitude to all who were part of Sonia's life over the years and especially the staff of the Villa Care Centre and palliative care unit at the hospital.

A Celebration of her life will be held next summer (2025) at which time her ashes will be interred in the family plot at St. Ann's Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Salon Funéraire Penetanguishene Funeral Home, 155 Main Street. To leave a condolence on Sonia's memorial page please visit our website.



Sanchez, Katherine (née Boykach)
1951 - 2024

We are saddened to announce the passing of Katherine Sanchez, age 73, on July 26, 2024, with loving husband Pedro by her side at their home in Tiny Ontario.

Predeceased by her sister Dianne Durkin and parents Anne and Stanley Boykach. Katherine will be dearly missed by her extended family and many friends.

Cremation has already taken place. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation.

A funeral mass and burial will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 11:00am at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, located at 10 County Rd 6 S, Tiny, ON. A Celebration of Life to follow at "The Place" Senior's Centre located at 88 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny ON.

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ARNOLD, Jacob Carl

It is with profound sadness that we have lost an amazing husband, father, uncle and friend. Jake unexpectedly passed away at the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland on Monday, July 29, 2024. Jake Arnold of Tiny in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Beth Arnold (nee Sinden). Dear father of Lucas (Maria) and Ryan (Peggy). Loved Oompa of Emily, Abigail, Hannah, Isaac, and Samuel. Brother of Peggy (late Patrick) Wallace, and Mary Jane Prendergast (late Paul). Brother-in-law of Nancy Sinden, Mark (Bridget) Sinden (deceased), MaryJane (Joe) McCarthy, and Scott (Rhonda) Sinden. Jake will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. We can't forget his beloved dog Sadie, who will miss him so much.

Jake began his HR career at NCR in 1972, where he excelled in his managerial skills for 15 years. He then moved on to other opportunities which led him to his time at Nabisco as Senior VP of HR. He then created a successful consulting business, until his retirement in 2018.

He enjoyed many activities throughout his life. Golfing, fishing, boating, camping, and managed to become an accomplished curler. He made many wonderful friends throughout his life. He will be fondly remembered and missed by all of us.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Tuesday, August 6. A funeral mass will be held at the St. Patrick's Church in Perkinsfield on Wednesday, August 7 at 2 pm.

Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Association or the Darling Home for Kids.



RANCE, Harry Raymond "Ray"

Passed away peacefully at Roberta Place in Barrie on July 31, 2024. Ray Rance of Barrie formerly of Elmvale in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of Betty Rance (nee Cole). Dear father of Brenda (Walter) Doret, Cindy (Mike) Taylor, and Scott (Lisa) Rance. Grandfather of Steven, Kristin, Tara, Michael, Laura and Nicole. Great-grandfather of Ryker, Brooklyn, Nathan, Hudson, Mila, Norah, and Logan. Pre-deceased by siblings, Maxine (Frank), Lorne (Violet) and Thelma (Jim). Ray will be fondly remembered by his brothers-in-law, Barry (Wilma) and John (Donna). He will be dearly missed by his nieces and nephews.

Ray was a 33rd degree Mason, member of the Masonic Lodge, Kerr Lodge 230, Barrie, Ontario. Member of the Valley of Barrie Scottish Rite. Member of Sheba Shrine Club of Barrie and Remeses Temple Toronto.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

If desired memorial donations in Ray's memory may be made to The Learning Centre at the Masonic Lodge.

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SAGE, Glen Elwood

Died suddenly yet peacefully on Wednesday July 31, 2024 at his home at the age of 71. Glen of Stayner, beloved husband of Vivian (nee Stacey) for over 51 years. Loving father of Craig, Brad and Colleen (Steve Lange). Cherished grandfather of Shelby, Tristian, the late Jady, Jack and Kayla. Dear brother of Howard (Brenda) and Nelson (Judy), and brother-in-law of Russ (Irene) Stacey and Beverley Patchell (Peter Beacock). Glen is predeceased by his parents Russell and Marie Sage, Vivian's parents Ernest Stacey, Isabel Stacey-Morrison and her stepfather John Morrison.

He will be fondly remembered by his numerous nieces and nephews, his many friends and neighbours. Glen was a good natured, larger than life man who Marched to his own tune. He enjoyed socializing and sharing the news of the day. He had a wicked sense of humour and always had a quick one liner or a very long story to share, always leaving the room roaring with laughter.

Private arrangements at this time. A celebration of life event will be held on Sunday September 22, 2024 at the Stayner Community Centre from 2 to 5 p.m..

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LINTNER, Joyce Marlene (nee Hurd)

April 17, 1942 – August 5, 2024

Joyce died peacefully at the age of 82 years at the RVRHC with most of her family by her side.

Joyce is predeceased by her husband Elwood "Al" Lintner of 60 years. She leaves behind her two children Steve (Alison), Pam (Mike); and 4 grandchildren, Mikayla (Evan), Cameron (Sam), Sheridan (Brock), and Logan (Alyssa). Joyce was the youngest of 6 siblings, and she leaves behind her brother Bob (Joan), and is predeceased by her twin sister June, sister Lorraine, and brothers Bill (Rita), and Doug. She will also be dearly missed by Wanda Lintner, many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Joyce was born in Toronto and grew up in the Scarborough/Leaside area, then spent more than 50 years in Midhurst where she raised her family. She enjoyed softball growing up, and right up to her passing she enjoyed watching her Toronto Maple Leafs and Blue Jays. She was a loyal and dedicated employee at Radio Shack "The Source" in Barrie for 41 years. Joyce was once active in golf, loved family dinners, playing cards, sporting events, baking, and heading North to our camp.

At Joyce's request, cremation has taken place. She will be reunited with Al at her final resting place at the Midhurst Union Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Army Navy Club, 52 Morrow Rd, Barrie on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 1-4 p.m.

Donations in memory of Joyce can be made to the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre. Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.peacefultransition.ca



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