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SPRINGWATER RICH IN SPORT!

By Larry Simpson and Linda Belcourt

Oct. 9, 2024 - The Springwater Sports Heritage Induction Ceremony at Snow Valley Ski Resort on September 27, 2024 was a great success. Chairman Larry Simpson always said, "If you are going to do something then do it right." The induction ceremony was done right. The event was classy and inductees were honoured with pride.

It was a very social night with old friends greeting their teammates, family and friends. The memories were flooding the room. The social hour before the meal was cheerfully loud with chatter and laughter. Families and friends gathered to support and recognise the proud athletes. It is a great honour to receive these prestigious awards. The smiles of the athletes told the story. The speeches all had a common theme. It was the support behind them and the coaches that encouraged them, was the reason for success.

The purpose of the Springwater Sports Heritage is to digitally chronicle, preserve and provide internet access to Springwater's sports heritage and to ceremoniously acknowledge and exhibit the awards of exceptional sporting contributions and achievements of Springwater's Athletes, Builders and Teams.

The number of high caliber athletes in our area is astounding. The achievements of many athletes is something we can all be proud of.

We are rich in sport!

The Glowing Spark

In 2013 Frank Archer created the spark that initiated the genesis of Springwater Sports Heritage. With his many years of volunteering to support local sporting activity Frank believed there had to be a home where the outstanding sporting achievements could be archived and promoted. From this point forward his vision continued to materialize and become an ever-expanding place of recognition and admiration. Now, ten years later it is the home of sixty-seven Inductees. Access to these memories is available 24/7 from anywhere. The recent 2024 Induction was livestreamed allowing many that could not attend in person to share in the formality of those being inducted. The sporting community is now being honoured and preserved to inform and inspire.

Ten Years of Visions

Frank Archer was Springwater Sports Heritage's initiator and served on its Board as a Director and its inaugural Chairperson in 2014. One of Frank's key expectations for the Hall of Fame was to set and maintain a high standard that would be respected and appreciated by all. Over the next ten years that Chairperson position has been held high by Larry Simpson. Under his leadership, the Board has been effectively guided and has seen SSHHoF flourish and its Induction Ceremonies become an event to

behold. The resumes of each of its Inductees be they Builder, Athletes or Teams continue to be chronicled and preserved. We encourage each of you to visit the Springwater Sports Heritage website and explore the documentation of these very special Inductees.
www.springwatersportsheritage.ca



Players of Minesing fastball team for five Provincial Championships in seven years (LtoR) Alan Priest, John Adams and Dale Giffen



Minesing Fastball Dynasty (1974-1980)

A story within a story. Over a seven-year period an outstanding group of athletes came together and achieved an unimaginable winning record. Five Provincial Championships in seven years! Their talent, determination and winning attitude elevated their team and many individuals to achieve what many simply hope for. Equally outstanding was the contribution made by three committed team members. For each of those five Championships three players' unflinching determination allowed them to rise to the unquestionable success of the team. Alan Priest, John Adams and Dale Giffen can now reflect back to those exciting and rewarding moments. Congratulations to the Team and Team Members.



The volunteers at the ceremony are worthy of acknowledgement. (LtoR back row) Dan Clement MC for the Induction, Director Darrin Robertson, Director Carl Luoma, Director Monique Kovacs, Technology Chairperson Larry Simpson, (front row) Induction Chairperson Barb Maw, and Treasurer Executive Committee Faye Stone. Missing from photo is Ex Office Council Representative, Phil Fisher, Ward 5 and Ex Office Inductee Representative, Alanna Kovacs.



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EDITORS NOTES

Happy Thanksgiving one and all!
 This week is National Newspaper week and the first pages here are in recognition of newspapers. I am pleased that I still get daily phone calls with readers loving the North Simcoe Springwater News mainly because they can read something on paper. Many I speak to are tired of being on a computer and enjoy the printed version so much more. It is a unique paper with local content but not unlike the many other newspapers in print across Canada. The smaller newspapers are thriving. Governments are supporting newspapers more now than ever. It is for a good reason, democracy. The people need a forum to believe. My main goal is to research facts before I print anything. I have a team of lawyers available 24/7 to vet any materials, before I go to print. What social media has that resource? None. So trust newspapers, most people do (a well researched fact). There are always folks that want to believe what they want and will spin facts to their liking. Not this paper! Enjoy.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Please submit your letters to the Editor.
 Email: info@springwaternews.ca or drop off at office. Contact information is on the bottom of this page. Phone number and address must be supplied for all letters to the editor. The opinions expressed in articles contributed by interested parties and through the 'Letters to the Editor' do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this newspaper and/or the editor.*

Council has recently introduced cameras to identify those who violate traffic laws; on one level this seems like a good idea in that speeders are caught, perhaps reducing accidents. But on another level the installation of cameras is another example of big government keeping track of its citizens. No one likes to be watched by hidden cameras. If Council is concerned that drivers are speeding then hire a number of 'para policemen' and give them radar guns. At least this way I will be caught by a human being. Yes this suggestion may be slightly more costly than cameras, but the money spent will be circulating in society and individuals will be given a job. Every camera installed is another step towards an Orwellian future.

When a policeman catches me speeding, he writes a ticket and I pay a fine of say \$60, end of story. But when a camera records that I am speeding I receive a notification indicating that I have incurred a fine of \$60 to which a surcharge of \$30 is added, plus a \$7 convenience charge. Really?

Why is a surcharge added? When a police officer writes a ticket, the cost of his time spent monitoring traffic is factored into the \$60 fine I pay - but when a camera notices me speeding, a \$30 surcharge is added to the fine. Why? To pay an outside company for installing and monitoring the camera? Have I got this right? And I have no idea why a \$7 'convenience charge' is added.

Note: I am guilty of no offence beyond speeding and should not have to pay additional fees. Both the surcharge and the convenience charge should be absorbed in the fine as is the time spent by a police officer who operates a radar gun.

This is a terrible, and perhaps illegal, money grab by Council.
 Joffre McCleary, Barrie



Did you read the one about the German court reporter who was convicted of abusing children, conning widowers and escaping from a psychiatric hospital? Likely not, as no human editor would ever confuse the writer of an article with people he was writing about. However, Microsoft's Artificial Intelligence Copilot system did just that. Now, unless you're the poor German reporter, these sorts of "hallucinations" as they're euphemistically called, may seem funny or the natural growing pains of a new technology. However, how would you feel if an AI told lies like that about you all the while touting how reliable its system is? The truth is that, like a politician reading a speech in a language he doesn't speak, AI doesn't understand what it's saying. It's just a program that looks for patterns based on scanning billions of words of text. To it, it's a perfectly reasonable assumption that the reporter committed all those crimes because his name was associated with all those stories. But should we really be trusting an algorithm to tell us what's true and what isn't when it has no way of knowing itself? Misinformation aside, I'd never actually tested any of the generative AI programs to see if they could actually be useful for local news, so I asked three of them something I was asked many times during my reporting days: "What happened at last night's council meeting?"

AI is still no replacement for local reporting

Copilot gave me a rundown on a vote that took place last night in Aurora ... Colorado. After telling me it had no updates, ChatGPT suggested that I add the city I was looking for. I typed in my hometown, and it still returned no answers, but I suggested that I could "find summaries or highlights on the city's official website or local news outlets." Gemini did actually pull up some local news, mostly because I had to login to Google to use it. However, the summary it spit out not only wasn't for the most recent council meeting (which wasn't actually last night), but after a quick search of a year's worth of online minutes, I couldn't find a council meeting that matched the AI's result.

Now, if you asked a local journalist the same question (even a tricky one) they'd give you an answer. Why? Because he or she was likely one of a very few people sitting there in the gallery observing the goings on. Was AI there? No. Did AI ask the difficult question that the mayor was hoping to avoid? Not a chance. Can you rely on what AI tells you about local news? Apparently not.

And you don't need to be a German court reporter to see that.

- Gordon Cameron is the executive director of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association.
 - Sep 25, 2024

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Real People Reporting Real News

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Oct. 7, 2024 - It's no secret that thousands of news stories are published in Canada each day. From local community features to national breaking news stories, the real people reporting real news in your community work tirelessly to ensure readers have access to credible news they can trust.

But who exactly are the real people reporting the news? It could be the person sitting next to you at your favourite coffee shop or the spectator who cheers on your local little league each week; it's someone in the community just like you!

North Simcoe Springwater News has lots of journalists; Dennis Gannan is a journalist from Anten Mills; Leslie Noonan, a local resident and nurse from Midland area, Annie Donnelly, International and Local Correspondent, Brian Belcourt, a Elmvale local journalist specializing in sports, Jamie Robillard, Penetanguishene resident expert on the Kings and the many people that write stories just because they love their communities. LJI Journalists Derek Howard and Wayne Doyle are professionals that write on politics. All are committed to telling the truth! It is not opinion, they are telling the facts!

And just like you, these real journalists care deeply about their community - so much so that they've made it their life's work to keep citizens informed and connected. At the core of every newspaper is a team of real people committed to telling real stories that impact the lives of those in their community.

Champions of the truth come in many forms. It could be journalists and photographers who are on the ground capturing these stories as they happen - using the power of words and imagery to make change. It could be publishers and editors who keep their newsrooms buzzing with opportunities to ensure that community stories make it beyond local borders. Or cartoonists who help readers interpret these same stories visually.

There are a handful of powerhouses behind every story who all have one common goal: keeping our democracy thriving through vibrant, independent and local news media.

Each National Newspaper Week, we celebrate the real people reporting real news for their ongoing commitment to keeping communities connected and our democracy thriving through credible reporting. While they might be people in your community, they are also champions of the truth.

Trusted newspaper content is more important than ever in today's world, where disinformation travels faster than the truth. Journalists, not AI, power Canadian newspapers - the most credible source of information that remains written by humans, for humans.

Learn more about National Newspaper Week at www.nationalnewspaperweek.ca or www.ChampionsoftheTruth.ca.

The Importance of Canadian News Media in the Age of Misinformation

By News Media Canada

Sep. 23, 2024 - The Canadian news media landscape has changed and evolved more over the last decade than ever before. We're living in the age of information overload. Without tools to distinguish fact from fiction or help us find what's relevant to our day-to-day lives, misinformation makes it easy to get lost and confused.

Independent local news media outlets are essential to providing Canadians with the factual and reliable information they need. Canadians need to know where and how to access credible news. Here are four ways to stay connected with your local news:

1) **Go directly to the source** - When in doubt, get it straight from the source! There's no better way to access credible, relevant news than heading straight to your local newspaper's website, reading the e-edition of the paper, or picking up a print copy.

2) **Newsletters** - If you're looking for convenience, get the news straight to your inbox by subscribing to a newspaper newsletter. You'll get local content straight from the source, and you can sign up for multiple newsletters from different newspapers to get a variety of relevant content.

3) **Subscriptions** - Check to see if your local paper has a subscription service, whether print or digital. It's a surefire way to support your newspaper and the industry, all while keeping you informed through credible news.

4) **Podcasts** - Are you often on-the-go, or just not a big reader? Many outlets now offer news podcasts as a great and reliable way for Canadians to access relevant information. It's easy to stay informed with dependable and factual information even if you lead a busy lifestyle.

Ultimately, there are many ways to consume local news media content. Interacting with your local newspaper and supporting its content is an act of civic engagement that helps to uphold our country's democracy.

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Reality?

Reality check

Canadian newspapers are powered by journalists, not AI. They check the facts so you can trust what you're reading. That's why 4 in 5 people in Canada come back each week for more. Thanks for keeping it real with us.

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Lightning McQueen was in Elmvale on Sun. Oct. 6, 2024. Eveyln and Harrison say, "Thanks", to Matt and Danielle Garwood for inviting the community. Happy Birthday Ivy! By Linda Belcourt, Editor (Oct. 8, 2024)

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Local youth participate in the 2024 Ambassador Program

By Rowan King

Oct. 7, 2024 - This past Sunday (Oct 6) we had the privilege of witnessing our local youths creativity, wit, and personal skills as they participated in the 2024 Ambassador Program. Each year we are amazed at how our youth continue to become involved in the fair in new and creative ways. One way we have seen this done in the past few years is the involvement of the jr fair board. They have created events, started their own directorship and really shown how the youth in our community care about the fair and its future. Through the ambassador program we also see how youth involvement in the fair is essential to the fair's future. We are getting the future of the fair involved NOW! These ambassadors get to participate in meetings, and events throughout the year to learn about how the Flos Agricultural Society runs as well as other fairs in our district.

This year we are pleased to announce that Alex Seili will be our Ambassador for the 2024/2025 Fair season, a huge congratulations to Payton Evan 1st Runner Up and Kadence Hergert 2nd Runner Up. Our Jr ambassador is Everson Fay, with 1st Runner Up, Jake Burk, and 2nd Runner Up Lyla Hewitt and Hudson Smith.

We want to take this time to thank Hope and Emma for the wonderful year they had and we look forward to seeing what amazing accomplishments you have in the future.

Please congratulate our winners if you see them around, every year the judges have such a hard decision to make. This year we would like to thank Eileen David of Georgian Bay Painters, Rori Valender a past ambassador and Liz Grummet school board trustee for volunteering their time as judges. We cannot do it without volunteers.

Come out to the Elmvale Fall Fair this weekend and say hi to our Ambassadors while they wander the fair, they will be at the cattle shows handing out ribbons, at the baby show, checking out the truck and tractor pulls, and checking out the entertainment featuring Ty Baynton on Friday night 7:30pm.



Not quite amalgamation as Midland, Penetang share building services, fire study

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

Oct 02, 2024 - Shared building services were nearly renewed at the recent meetings of Penetanguishene and Midland, costing roughly \$190,000 for each town over three years, but saving Penetanguishene from needing its own chief building official and/or department.

Passed at Penetanguishene council last month, the agreement could have been ratified at a recent Midland council meeting. However, it was pulled for discussion, delaying the resolution until the October 16 meeting of council. Midland Coun. Catherine MacDonald asked town staff for a clarification of the percentage changes between the previous agreement expiring at the end of September and the new agreement to explore at the end of January in 2027, as well as to the January date change; staff provided responses within the meeting. Mayor Bill Gordon took the opportunity to speak to the efforts of both towns in getting the agreement negotiated. "This has been going on for quite some time, and a lot of back-and-forth negotiations trying to make it so that Penetanguishene gets really good value out of this partnership – the shared relationship – but Midland's not carrying the water," said Gordon, "so the cost recovery is baked into this; an equitable share of the time and effort of the shared staff is in here."

Gordon also praised the staffs for "finding this amazing cost-sharing initiative with our two towns working together; and that sharing is caring, and working collaboratively without fully smashing us together in an amalgamation – which is a whole other conversation. "We're doing these little things and they really matter," he added.

Later in the Midland committee of the whole meeting, a report on a joint feasibility study for the shared fire services of Midland and Penetanguishene was pulled

by Coun. Bill Meridis for further discussion. In the reporting structure section of the terms of reference for an executive steering committee, Meridis pitched that the term 'significant requirement for funding' being brought to Midland council should instead be changed to 'any requirement for funding' being brought to council. The request was defeated as no appetite was had for what staff described 'significant' to be anything over 10 per cent, amounting to roughly \$6,500 on the \$65,000 cost to Midland. With the entire matter approved, ratification is anticipated to occur at the next regular meeting of Midland council.

Following the meetings, Gordon told MidlandToday that the fire services study would provide greater clarity on how the needs of each municipality are addressed. "We don't know whether this is going to work out to be something that is favourable to Penetanguishene in the end, because they operate a fully volunteer department and we're composite," said Gordon. "But we don't know what we don't know. "It's a relatively expensive study, and it can lay the framework for further talks. And as we work towards amalgamating or sharing more services over time, this is a big one. "Because we don't have control over police costs, fire is a big expense to the community and one we don't have a lot of latitude to dial down the spend on," Gordon noted.

The two reports for the joint OBC building services agreement and the feasibility study executive steering committee and terms of reference are available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website. Council meetings are held every third Wednesday, and can be viewed on Rogers TV cable channel 53 when available, or through the livestream on the Rogers TV website. Archives of council meetings are available through Rogers TV and on the Town of Midland's YouTube channel.

Council, OPP tee off on Tiny residents over golf carts on roads

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

Oct 03, 2024 - Golf carts are motorized vehicles subject to the Highway Traffic Act when on public roads; that was the message driven home by Tiny Township council, staff, as well as the OPP.

A stern reminder was delivered during the recent committee of the whole meeting for Tiny following a prior delegation by a community member asking for municipal bylaw to do something about the increase of under-aged golf cart usage in the Tall Pines Drive area. The August request was responded to by Coun. Kelly Helowka, a retired RCMP officer who admitted he had been waiting all night for the agenda item. "Golf carts are motorized vehicles, plain and simple, and they are not allowed on township roads or any highway," Helowka announced in a clear and stern voice. "People who have them are flaunting the law. You must not drive these vehicles on our roadways, period. And if you do, you are in violation of the Highway Traffic Act. "The OPP have sole jurisdiction in this matter, and if you see people driving golf carts on our township roadways and highways, it is incumbent upon you to call the OPP non-emergency line and report this. This is the only way we are going to tackle this issue. "More and more people think they can drive these motorized vehicles on our roads – children think they can drive these motorized vehicles on our roads; they can't. It's not allowed, it's against the law. And only you, our residents, reporting them to the OPP every time it happens is going to be able to give our detachment commander enough information to have this enforced," said Helowka.

Mayor Dave Evans then related a recent observation of seeing three youth in a golf cart in Balm Beach who passed by on the road, only to be turned around and followed home ten minutes later by an OPP cruiser slowly trailing close behind. When asked for a bylaw perspective, chief municipal law enforcement officer Steve Harvey stated that moving violations were under provincial jurisdiction, and bylaw officers held no

authority to pull over speeders, those without seatbelts, or those riding golf carts or all-terrain vehicles. "In areas where there's a homeowners association, that's a great opportunity to share that messaging with them," said Harvey, who agreed with contacting the OPP but also offered another proactive approach.

"If somebody sees this leaving a property and returning to a property, then that's the opportunity to share that message with the police so that they don't necessarily have to catch them," said Harvey. "They can go and knock on the door, and provide a level of education after the fact to avoid a problem down the road." MidlandToday contacted the Southern Georgian Bay OPP detachment for the costs of fines under the Highway Traffic Act.

According to Const. David Hobson, a \$150 fine would be considered the least expensive for a golf cart not having license plates. Not having insurance would incur a \$5,000 fine. For underage driving, the parents would be served under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, said Hobson. Additional fines could occur for operation of a motor vehicle without required equipment, with no vehicle permit, intoxicated driving, and/or dangerous driving.

A 2021 media release from the OPP is available on the Tiny Township website regarding golf carts and off-road vehicles which are not allowed on municipal roads. Southern Georgian Bay OPP detachment commander Inspector Todd Pittman provided an additional statement on golf carts to MidlandToday. "The Southern Georgian Bay OPP detachment is committed to traffic enforcement and highway safety, as a key commitment in our 2023-2025 Detachment Action Plan," wrote Pittman through email. "Our members conduct proactive traffic enforcement and will take the appropriate action in each circumstance. We continue to serve our communities with pride, professionalism, and honour."

The resident deputation on golf carts on roadways and underage drivers 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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Community News for Wyevale

Submitted by Karen Moreau

Oct. 10th 2024

YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group has started for another. Students Grade 2 – 8 are welcome. A donation of a toonie to cover snack would be welcomed. Contact Pat Smith @ 705-534-9043.

BIBLE STUDY: Has begun for another season. Please join us in the basement of the Church on Wednesday afternoons @ 2 p.m. We will be studying the book of Proverbs. All are welcome.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DINNER:
October 12th. Two sittings 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Wyevale Jug City. They are \$25.00.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to carve turkeys, and 4:30 p.m. to help serve the dinner. If you have questions, please call Sandy Rawn at 705-720-0376.

Wow our summer has come and gone and it seems like we just announced the Wyevale Jug City Famous Ice Cream. Well folks this is the last week to get your favorite treat.

Remember if you have any thing to have put in the Wyevale Community News. Please send me an e-mail. moreau1949@rogers.com.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving everyone.

Temporary Lane Closure – County Road 6 – Wye River North Bridge Update

Date: October 4, 2024

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Simcoe has advised the township of an update to ongoing construction on County Road 6. As previously noted, County Road 6 will be limited to a single bi-directional lane on the Wye River North Bridge, located between Concession Road 2 and Concession Road 3 for bridge repairs. The single bi-directional lane will be in effect to the end of November.

Update: There will be a full lane closure for a period of one week beginning on Thursday October 10 with an expected completion date of Friday, October 18, 2024. Following this closure, traffic will revert to bi-directional lane movement.

Access to residences and businesses on County Road 6 will be maintained at all times.



Submitted by GBGH

Oct. 4, 2024 - Regine Kelly of Oro-Medonte was the lucky winner of the GBGH 50/50 Grand Prize Draw on September 26th. Regine received the winning call from Michelle Blake and Alex Rawn of Georgian Bay General Hospital, sharing that Regine had won \$11,645.

Regine, a former longtime Midland resident, shared that the winnings will come in handy to help with current home renovations.

Tickets for the current October draws can be purchased at <https://gbgh5050.ca/>.

Growth means new ward boundary lines being drawn in Springwater

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com

Oct 03, 2024 - Springwater residents who want to have a say on how the township's ward boundaries are determined had that opportunity Oct. 8. The municipality is hosted two public open houses — at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. — next Tuesday at the Springwater Township Administration Centre, located at 2231 Nursery Rd., where members of the public can learn more about the ward boundary review that's underway and provide input.

"The township is completing a ward boundary review to ensure that electoral wards are balanced and provide residents with equitable and responsive representation," says a township news release announcing the open houses. "By occasionally reviewing and, if necessary, adjusting ward boundaries, the municipality aims to achieve a more balanced distribution of population among wards. "This helps to ensure that each councillor represents a similar number of constituents, thus promoting equitable representation and responsiveness to community needs," the release adds.

At a May presentation to council on the ward boundary review process, Jack Ammendolia, managing partner at Watson and Associates Economists and lead on the review, said wards should have relatively equal populations. He said it's generally accepted that variations of up to 25 per cent above or below the average size are considered reasonable and are consistent with legislated federal distribution provisions, precedents

and past decisions and best practices in municipalities.

In Springwater, there are currently 17,506 eligible voters in the township, including: **2,973 in Ward 1, 3,204 in Ward 2, 3,674 in Ward 3, 4,357 in Ward 4, 3,298 in Ward 5.** Those numbers are anticipated to change dramatically over the next 20 years as the township's population is expected to grow to almost 50,000, according to another Watson and Associates report called Long-Term Fiscal Impact Assessment of Growth, 2021-2041.

Springwater's current ward boundaries have been in place since 2014, but with the growth in Ward 4 and the population expected to rise in Ward 5, a boundary review was required prior to the 2026 municipal election. The justification report that accompanied the budget request said the review should take place in 2024, to ensure there's adequate public consultation and ample time to meet legislative requirements. The review should take about a year to complete, which would ensure the project, council's decision and any appeals are dealt with prior to the legislative deadline on Dec. 31, 2025. According to Ammendolia's associate on the ward boundary review, Dr. Robert Williams, a public affairs consultant and municipal electoral systems expert who has conducted or advised on ward boundary and electoral system reviews in 30 Ontario municipalities, municipal councils don't have many legislative requirements to meet.

"The Municipal Act authorizes a lower-tier municipality, like Springwater, to do basically three

things," Williams said at the May session. "It can change the size of its council as long as there are a minimum of five members. One of those members has to be the head of council." He also said that decision cannot be appealed. "Second is how the council is elected, except for the head of council, who must be elected by general vote or an at-large system," Williams added. Other members can be elected by an at-large system or by wards, or by some combination of the two. That decision cannot be appealed, either.

The last thing council can do is divide or redivide the municipality into wards or dissolve the existing wards. "A bylaw under that revision is open to appeal," Williams said. "Any member of the community, or council also, I suppose, could appeal that bylaw and the Ontario Land Tribunal would be required to examine the bylaw to see if it can stand. "Our goal is to make sure no appeal is needed," he added. Any appeals must be fully resolved by the Dec. 31, 2025 deadline in order for the ward boundary changes to take effect for the 2026 municipal election, if that's the direction council wishes to go. At this week's open house, Watson & Associates will have preliminary ward configurations for review and comment. Based on the input received during next week's consultations, the consultants will draft final recommendations for council's consideration in December.

For those unable to attend, materials such as optional ward boundary maps and reports will be made available online by clicking here.



Jack Ammendolia, left, managing partner at Watson & Associates, and Dr. Robert Williams, a municipal electoral systems expert, talk outside of Springwater Township's Administration Centre in this file photo. Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Councillors debate procurement review: Oversight or distrust?

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com

Oct 03, 2024 When no one else would, Springwater Coun. Matt Garwood stepped up and defended the integrity of township staff at Wednesday night's council meeting.

As council debated the pros and cons of a notice of motion requesting an audit/review of any contract awards exceeding \$75,001 over the past 18 months, put forth by Deputy Mayor George Cabral, Garwood addressed the uneasy feeling in the room. "I believe there is a potential undertone of distrust and I don't see it that way," Garwood said of the motion. "I believe our staff are doing their job responsibly. "I believe this council does their job responsibly and I don't see any concern," he added. Cabral said council's role is to provide oversight and to ensure accountability and transparency not only appear to be undertaken but actually are. "This is nothing more than a snapshot of one of our policies, one of our procedures," Cabral said after introducing the motion. "In particular the procurement bylaw, which ultimately we're spending millions of taxpayer dollars every year — to look at it, to make sure we don't have any gaps, we don't have any issues with it. "If we do, then we need to look into it a little bit further and find out why they're happening," he added.

Cabral said a review would ensure "staff are adhering to the rules and the policies" and would afford council the opportunity to make sure there are no irregularities. "Blind faith is not something I have," Cabral said. "Some folks had blind faith in the Titanic — it was unsinkable. We know how that turned out." Garwood countered that it isn't blind faith that directs his actions but rather trust — trust in the people the township has hired to protect its interests. "There's a difference between blind faith and trust," Garwood said. "Trust is a foundation. We have a professional working relationship with municipal staff, our senior staff and vice versa. "This is a four-year commitment that we have to work in collaboration, just as we are responsible to the community, staff are also responsible to the community," he added. "I've never seen or witnessed

anything that wasn't transparent." Cabral's motion was passed by a 4-3 vote, with Cabral and Councillors Phil Fisher, Anita Moore and Danielle Alexander casting votes in favour of the motion.

The township's director of finance will now do an audit/review of contract awards exceeding \$75,001 that occurred during the previous 18 months. The report will identify each contract award by project number and include sufficient detail and timeline on each, as well as the approvals it received as it progressed through staff and council. Additionally, the report will detail the tendering process, bidding process, the bidders, and to whom the contract was ultimately awarded. It will be delivered to council in early December.

Cabral had originally asked for the report to be presented to council at the Nov. 6 meeting, but agreed to delay its delivery so the township's finance and accounting team could remain focused on preparing the 2025 budget documents. Coun. Brad Thompson didn't support the motion because he said the township already has a procurement policy in place that he said directly deals with the concerns Cabral noted. "For the last 18 months, every one of these bids or (request for quotes/request for proposals) you're referring to have been embedded in our council meetings," Thompson said. "We approved one tonight without any discussion," added Thompson, referring to a 'request for quote' to replace the Elmvale Community Arena door, worth more than \$100,000, that council passed moments earlier.

The township's procurement policy directs that if the contract value is below \$5,000, department heads may delegate authority to department employees to purchase the goods and services.. Only one quote is required. If the contract value is between \$5,001 and \$15,000, department heads are required to obtain a minimum of three informal quotes. If the value of the goods and services is between \$15,001 and \$75,000, an invitational competition will be used.

A public competition will be used when the value of the goods and services is \$75,001 or above.

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Tiny **A TINY SENIOR MOMENT**

By Jennifer Gray, Township of Tiny, Volunteer Writer
Oct. 4, 2024

Coffee and Connect

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

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

Thankfully those days are behind us but the relevance of the technology remains. That's why we're excited that Tiny's 'Coffee and Connect' program for Adults 55+ is returning this Fall. Since its introduction in the Fall of 2021, the program has had many participants attend the six-week, two-hour workshop to learn useful applications of phones, tablets and computers. The classroom-based environment is relaxed, welcoming and inclusive. A small team of expert and very patient instructors teach participants how to safely and effectively use functions on their devices that can assist and enhance everyday living. The instruction is interactive; while learning technology, the students are encouraged to provide feedback, ask questions and assist each other.

A wide variety of applications are taught throughout the six-week program. Topics range from the basics of turning on the device and using simple functions, to texting, creating a contact list, video calling, app management, voice to text, password protection, multifactor authentication, photo management and much more. Each week's class has a basic framework for instruction and students are provided with handout notes. The lessons are very fluid with instructors responsive to participants' individual requirements and questions. All levels of experience are welcome – beginners and non-beginners alike. All that's needed is a good attitude and desire to learn. Tablets are available on loan where required.

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

The first six-week session begins Tuesday, October 29 from 9:30-11:30am. It runs through to December 3rd.

Located at the Wyebridge Community Centre (8340 Highway 93, Tiny). To register online visit www.tiny.ca/playportal or show up in person and fill out a registration form.

For further information call 705-526-4204.

Increase to \$17.20 an hour brings Ontario's minimum wage to among the highest in Canada

Oct. 1, 2024 - TORONTO — David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, issued the follow-ng statement on increasing the province's minimum wage:

"Today, the general minimum wage in Ontario in-creases from \$16.55 per hour to \$17.20, helping nearly one million workers earn more money for themselves and their families.

Ontario's minimum wage is one of the highest in the country. This 3.9 per cent in-crease is tied to the Consumer Price Index, meaning that a worker making the general minimum wage over a 40-hour work week will have up to \$1,355 more in their pockets every year. Our fair and balanced approach makes things predictable for both workers and businesses.

Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is committed to working for workers and supporting them as we continue to build a strong Ontario with a resilient economy. *Submitted by Gov. of Ontario*

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- 50 Smith or Doubtfire?

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KINGS SPLIT FOUR GAMES

Submitted by Jamie Robillard

The Penetang Kings split their most recent four games winning by identical 3-0 scores in both Huntsville and Innisfil and dropping two games to Stayner.

Playing at home before a large crowd on Friday September 20th the Stayner Siskins showed why they are one of the top clubs in the Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League getting past the Kings by a 5-1 count while outshooting Penetang 38 to 18. Ty Hutton scored the lone Penetang goal early in the second period to narrow the score to 2-1 for the Siskins before Stayner scored three more goals to ice the contest. Kevin Pearson once again played a strong game in the Kings net turning aside 33 shots including making several difficult saves. For his efforts Pearson was named the Kings player of the game.

On Friday September 27th the Kings travelled to Huntsville to face the Otters and came away with a 3-0 win behind the shut-out goaltending of Landon Simec who made 37 saves. The Kings offence was led by two goals from Camron Hutchinson and Tanner Thayer with one marker. Max Geere had two assists for Penetang. Simec's strong netminding earned him the Kings player of the game.

Penetang followed up the win in Huntsville with a similar 3-0 result in Innisfil on Sunday September 29th as Pearson recorded the shut out turning aside

28 Spartans shots. Aidan Gravel, Hutchinson and Kamden Elson scored one goal each for the Kings in the win. Player of the Game for the Kings was Pearson.

On Thursday October 3rd the Kings were in Stayner to face the Siskins for the second time this season and dropped a 6-3 decision to Stayner. The Kings trailed 2-0 after the first period but scored two goals to tie the game before giving up to late goals to Stayner and trailed 4-2 at the end of the second period. Geere and Wyndam Brownlee netted the Kings second period markers and Tanner Thayer scored in the third period to round out the scoring. Simec was again named player of the game for Penetang making 26 saves against the high-powered Siskins attack.

Penetang now stands tied for fourth place after six games in the eight-team division. Penetang will play their next three games on the road starting October 11th in Midland against the Flyers followed by a game on October 12th against the Orillia Terriers and finally they will face the Hornets in Allison on October 18th.

The Kings next home game is scheduled for Friday October 25th at 8:00 pm at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre when they face-off against the Innisfil Spartans followed by a game on Saturday October 26th at home against Alliston.

Pictures taken by Russell Zmijowskyj of the Penetang Kings.



September 29 @ Innisfil
• Player of the game - Kevin Pearson



• Player of the game - Landon Simec



September 27 @ Huntsville
• Wyndam Brownlee one-on-one
• Player of the game - Landon Simec



October 3 @ Stayner
• Carter Wilson and Max Geere protecting goaltender Landon Simec



September 20 vs. Stayner
• Cole Rumbolt with a blast
• Player of the game - Kevin Pearson

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE for approval to expropriate land which is described as Part of Lot 116, Concession 2, geographic Township of Tay, now in the Town of Penetanguishene being part of PIN 58446-0017(LT) for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of public utilities and related appurtenances thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described as follows:

Part of Lot 116, Concession 2, geographic Township of Tay, now in the Town of Penetanguishene being part of PIN 58446-0017(LT) which is more particularly identified as Parts 1, 2, and 3, Plan 51R-Draft Part 2 on the Draft Expropriations Act Expropriation Plan of Part of Lot 116, Concession 2, prepared by Dearden and Stanton Ltd., attached here to as Schedule "A".

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail, within 30 days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within 30 days after the first publication of the notice;

b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within 30 days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

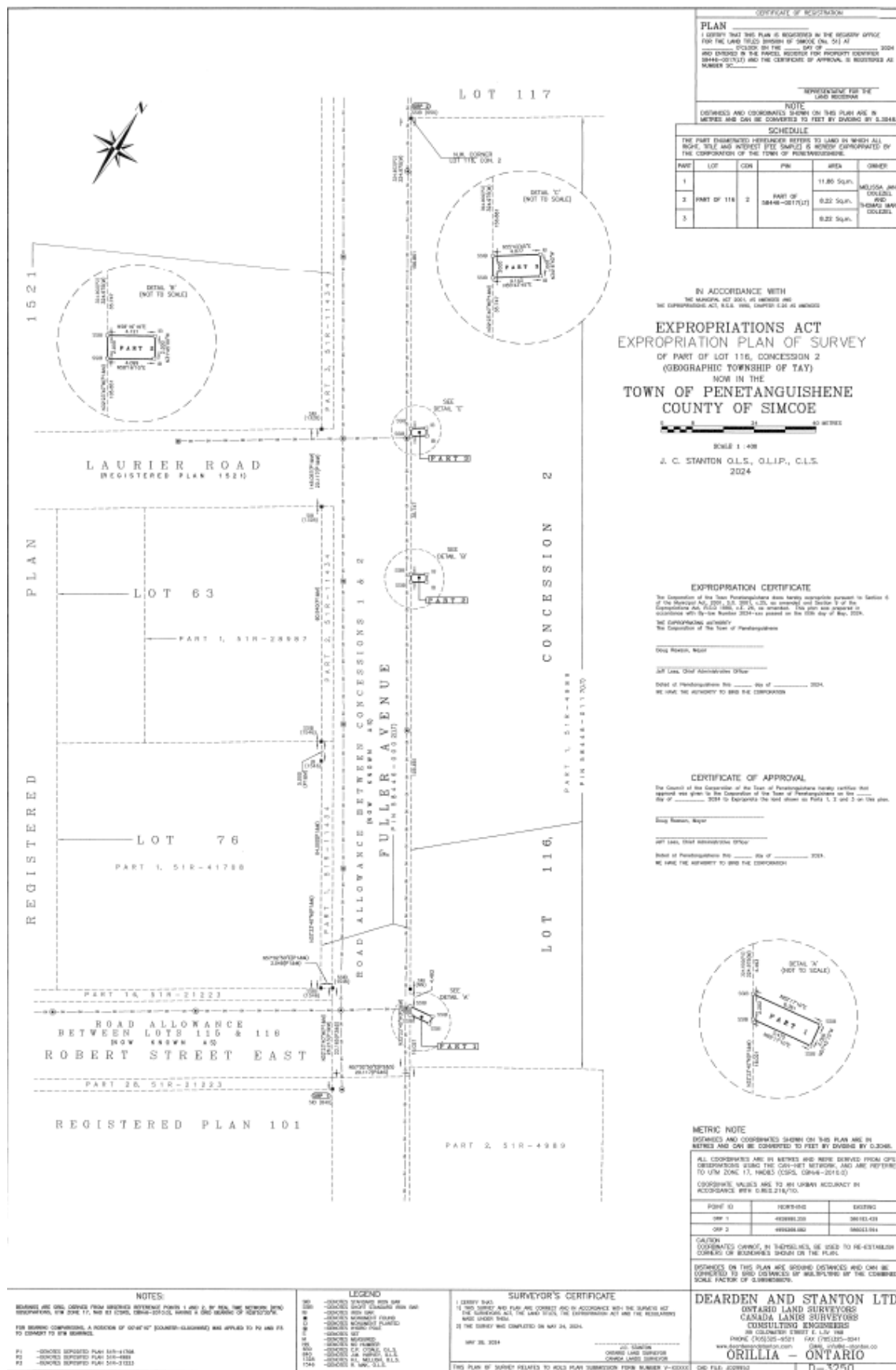
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

MAYOR Doug Rawson

DEPUTY CLERK Kelly Cole

SCHEDULE "A" TO THE NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO EXPROPRIATE LAND
Part of Lot 116, Concession 2, geographic Township of Tay, now in the Town of Penetanguishene being part of PIN 58446-0017(LT)





Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Proposed Development Charges

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

On **Wednesday, November 6, 2024** the Council of the Township of Springwater will hold a public meeting, pursuant to section 12 of the *Development Charges Act*, 1997, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the Township's proposed development charges (D.C.) by-law and underlying background study.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed D.C. by-law and background study.

In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study is available on the Township's website: www.springwater.ca.

Interested persons may express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, prior to November 5, 2024.

Dated at the Township of Springwater on October 3, 2024. Jennifer Marshall, Deputy Clerk
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Empowering Accessibility: County Secures Funding for New Wheelchair Tandem Bicycles

Submitted by County of Simcoe
Midhurst/September 27, 2024 – The County's Simcoe Cycling Without Age program has received a significant boost from the Government of Canada's New Horizon for Seniors Program.

The County is pleased to share that it has been awarded \$25,000 through this program, which will be used towards the purchase of four wheelchair tandem bicycles. These bicycles combine the latest in cycling technology with the safe standards of advance wheelchair design, making the program accessible to even more residents. Features include pneumatic assistance steering braking systems for easy control, and a low centre of gravity for stability and weight distribution, making the bikes more agile and easier for volunteers to maneuver.

"Thank you to the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program for their continued commitment to improving the lives and experiences of our older adults," said Warden Basil Clarke. "We're grateful to be able to provide this important program to our residents and offer them the ability to get outdoors and enjoy their community."

This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program.



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Thanksgiving Closure

All branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Monday October 14 for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. We will reopen to regular branch hours on Tuesday October 15.

Creative Adults: Alcohol Ink Art

Create a beautiful, vibrant piece of art using alcohol ink. Tuesday October 15, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: \$10. Registration required.

80s Murder Mystery Night

Ages 18+ dress in your 80's best and join us for a night of fun at our totally tubular 1980s themed murder mystery night. Rich businessman Whit Wiley is found washed up and lifeless in the fountain of his newly opened mall! Find out who did it through thrilling and hilarious murder mystery madness in this immersive crime solving game night! The killer could be YOU! Friday October 18, 6pm-8pm, at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$5. Registration required.

ADHD Seminars

For parents of children ages 5-12 with ADHD, and for teens and adults with ADHD, registered social service worker and a part-time educational assistant, Catherine, will present two seminars. Seminar 1 will focus on navigating life and parenting children with ADHD. Seminar 2 will focus on teens age 13+ and adults living with ADHD. A question and answer period to follow after each seminar. Seminar 1: Parents of children with ADHD - Tuesday October 22, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Seminar 2: Teens and Adults with ADHD - Tuesday October 29, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required at each seminar.

PA Day Stop Motion Workshop

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming stop motion animation workshop, where you

will dive deep into the fascinating world of animation and in groups create your own stop motion short. This workshop is for ages 6 and up. Friday October 25, 1pm-3pm at Elmvale Branch and Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$2 per participant. Registration required.

Seed Library: It's Harvest Time!

If you used the free Seed Library to plant your garden this year, consider harvesting and donating some of the seeds back for our supply next spring for everyone to use. Looking for harvesting tips? Visit our website and drop off your seeds at any branch of Springwater Public Library.

Make a Magnet

Create two magnets using Canva and our new sublimation printer. This program is open to all ages. Thursday October 24, 6pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: \$4 for two magnets. Registration required.

After School Games

Come on in after school hours to play some games with friends and family! The library will provide games (and some snacks) or you can bring your own! All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Thursdays 3pm at Minesing Branch.

Fundraiser Silent Auction

The Friends of Springwater Public Library are having an online silent auction the first two weeks of November. To help with their fundraising efforts, drop off your donations of any new, slightly used items, gift cards or cash at any branch of Springwater Public Library and watch for details to bid for some great items online! Some of our auction items include hand made quilts, a three day/two night stay at a cottage on Georgian Bay and more! Thanks very much for your support.

Springwater captures bit of history in almost every street name

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com

Sep. 23, 2024 - While many folks don't give it much thought, the name of the street they live on could be a nod of respect to a fallen warrior, an important municipal leader, an athlete or a local titan of industry.

In Springwater Township, there's a policy for naming roads in the municipality and it exists to ensure history isn't entirely relegated to the back pages.

In Midhurst, for example, Finlay Mill Road was named in honour of Alex Finlay, who once owned a tree nursery and saw mill on Willow Creek in the village. According to Doug Herron, the township's director of planning and development, the municipality's street-naming policy celebrates history, with an emphasis on local. In the township's road-naming policy, there are five existing criteria that are designed to help developers pick appropriate street names:

- The surnames of local pioneer families in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development or existing road
- The names of prominent former residents who contributed through community involvement/athletic/business acumen
- The names of local servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice
- Any prominent geographic or other natural feature which makes a site unique or identifiable
- A historic name which once identified the location.

"The vast majority of new street names are related to new plans for subdivisions," said Herron. "For a new subdivision, a condition of draft plan approval is that road names are assigned. The road names need to be requested by the developer and meet the criteria of the township's road-naming policy. "This condition needs to be met before registration of the development," he added. On occasion, Herron said, the township will initiate a street-name change to reflect historical significance, such as S. E. Campbell Lane in Elmvale, the result of a council notice of motion.

"The rear laneway north of Queen Street West was renamed to honour S.E. Campbell," Herron said. "Campbell has been a prominent, long-standing name in the Elmvale and Springwater community. Most recognizably, the Campbell family owned a hardware business on Queen Street West, which was established in the early 1900s and operated for over 75 years."

According to Herron, when road names are submitted for approval, the names are circulated to internal departments, neighbouring municipalities, and county emergency medical services (EMS) and geographic information system (GIS) for review. The proposed road names are assessed for 911 criteria to ensure that names are not duplicated within the same municipality or close to the borders of neighbouring municipalities. "The 911 assessment will also vet against similar phonetically sounding street names," Herron said. "The goal is to ensure emergency responses are directed to the correct address." The road names are then presented to council for final approval. Herron said that while developers will typically submit street names that are culled from the local pioneer, prominent personality or local servicemen who died in battle categories, they will, on occasion, suggest names which reflect an historic, or commonly known feature or characteristic of the area where they are developing.

When the street names were submitted for the D. Hickling and Thompson Lands subdivisions, located northwest of the corner of Anne Street and Carson Road West, the suggested street names referenced wild flowers that are found across the province, including Bearberry Road, Daisy Street, Lupine Lane, Elderberry Road and Periwinkle Road.

Township council approved 23 road names based on Ontario wild flowers as they conform to the township's road naming policy — a "prominent geographic or other natural features."

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Tech Talks

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Creepy Carnival: A Children's Halloween Event

For children 6 and up accompanied by a parent or guardian of at least 18 years of age. Preregistration

is required and the cost is \$5.00 for members of the library and \$8.00 for non-members.

Author Talk - Lynn Holden

Local author Lynn Holden will be discussing her latest novel, Voyage of the Vikings on Oct 21st at 4:00pm. Must have a valid library card and registration is in person. Space is limited.

Book Club

Meets on the first Thursday at 4:00pm every Month excluding January, July and August. For the month of November 'Truth Telling : Seven Conversations about Indigenous Life in Canada' by Michelle Good is the book discussed. Must have a card with Penetanguishene Public Library to participate in this program

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Ontario Building Critical Infrastructure in Oro-Medonte, Springwater and Simcoe County
Funding will help create jobs and support economic growth

Submitted by Office of Doug Downey MPP
October 2, 2024 - BARRIE — The Ontario government is investing \$5,310,128 to help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure in Oro-Medonte, Springwater and Simcoe County. The funding will be delivered in 2025 through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and is part of the government's \$190 billion capital plan to build and expand more homes, highways, hospitals, transit and high-speed internet across the province.

The funding includes - \$533,147 for the Township of Oro-Medonte - \$1,003,086 for the Township of Springwater and, - \$3,773,895 for the County of Simcoe


"This funding is vital to ensuring our small and rural communities are able to invest in infrastructure to address the growing population needs of our region," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie - Springwater -

Oro-Medonte. "Partnering with local municipalities on infrastructure projects ensures that funding goes towards address the unique needs of each community in a way that makes sense."


In 2025, Ontario will allocate \$400 million in OCIF funding to help 423 small, rural and northern communities build roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure. Communities may accumulate funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.

"Small, rural and northern communities are essential to the growth and prosperity of Ontario," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "By providing direct and stable funding to these communities, our government is helping create local jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger, more resilient communities for generations to come."

The OCIF provides funding for local infrastructure projects in municipalities with populations under 100,000, rural and northern municipalities, as well as for Local Services Boards that own water or wastewater systems. Funding allocations are based on.



HAPPY Thanksgiving
from my family to yours.



Doug Shipley
Member of Parliament

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Submitted by Office of Doug Shipley

Oct. 4, 2024 - Thanksgiving is traditionally an autumn celebration to show appreciation for the season's harvest. These days, it's a time to gather with friends and family, a time to be grateful for the people in our lives, our loved ones, and to count our blessings. It also usually means that fall has well and truly arrived and that I should be raking leaves. Let's welcome the fall season by enjoying the changing colour of the trees, cozy sweaters, and local produce. I encourage you to stop at a local roadside stand to pick out a few pumpkins, some fresh apples, and seasonal veggies to support our local farms. We are surrounded by farmland and there are many producers to choose from within a short distance.

This time of year also sees many fall fairs. I was happy to meet and have conversations with constituents at the Oro World's Fair, Midhurst Autumnfest, and the Anten Mills Artisan Crafts and Food Fair in September. My family and I had a great time checking out all the handmade

products created by talented local vendors. Coming this weekend is the Elmvalle Fall Fair. I'm looking forward to the excitement and the energy of the school parade, meeting constituents, and enjoying a butter tart.

I hope you make the most of this fall season by getting outdoors and enjoying all that Springwater and the surrounding areas have to offer - hiking trails, waterfronts, and parks. I hope you enjoy the season, and I hope your Thanksgiving weekend is filled with the comfort and warmth of good friends, close family, and great food.

As always, my staff and I are available to discuss any federal matters that may be of concern to you and your family. Please do not hesitate to get in touch by phone at 705-728-2596 or email at Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca.

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

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Submitted by Office of Swoop Fibre

Oct. 7, 2024 - In the spirit of Thanksgiving, SwoopFiber is giving back to the community by donating a large variety of essential food items to the Elmvale & District Food Bank. This donation aims to ensure that every family in Elmvale has access to the ingredients they need to prepare a wonderful holiday meal with their loved ones.

The donated items include pantry staples such as canned goods, breakfast cereals, snacks, juices, and more. The team at SwoopFiber is committed to making sure that our neighbors have the opportunity to enjoy

the holiday season without worrying about putting food on the table.

"We believe in the power of community and the importance of giving back," said Alexia, CMO of SwoopFiber. "With Thanksgiving around the corner, we wanted to ensure that everyone in Elmvale has the essentials for a festive meal and a warm holiday with family and friends."

Residents in need are encouraged to visit the Elmvale & District Food Bank and collect the necessary items.


The food bank, which is dedicated to supporting the local community, is open to assist those who require additional support during the holiday season.

The SwoopFiber team hopes this donation will bring a sense of togetherness and celebration to every family in Elmvale. For more information on the Elmvale & District Food Bank, or if you'd like to contribute to their efforts, please visit their website or contact them directly.

Let's come together as a community to ensure everyone enjoys a hearty Thanksgiving this year!

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The development of Camp Tewateno

Submitted by Sylvia Dufresne Oct. 2, 2024 Submitted by Sylvia Dufresne Oct. 2, 2024

Before 1986, many Brownie and Girl Guide Units undertook small fundraising initiatives to raise money to own a camp for Champlain Division. The difficulty in booking time in one of the camps close by was a huge problem, because the owners (Toronto area) had first booking privileges. Approximately \$10,000 was raised and held in a special savings account.

1986 - Champlain Division Council passed a motion appointing a Search Committee to seek out property to purchase a camp, and the Division undertook a series of fundraising endeavors to increase the camp funds available. Sylvia Dufresne was appointed chair of this Committee. Permission to seek a camp property was approved by Silver Birch Area and by Provincial Council based on our prospectus which was to purchase property, prepare it for camping, and then build a lodge for all-season use. In 1991, Dan White and Ron Simpson of the NVCA approached the Joint Camp Committee with an opportunity to have a campsite built on the property of Tiffin Conservation Area for a donation of \$10,000 to the Education Centre being constructed there. The donation was made, and the Camp Committee was able to choose the location, and would have lifetime rights to camp. A shed and washroom were also included in the site. This agreement was made that there would at least be one site available for girls and leaders while the search for a larger site continued.

In 1994, - The Joint Committee was considering a farm property at Wasaga Beach when we received a call from Michael Wynia. His firm had knowledge of property for sale under 'power of sale' from the bank, and it was property his firm had done all the engineering for. Michael thought we should take a look at the property, within 10 km of Barrie and in the middle of Champlain Division. The Joint Committee was thrilled with the property, but short \$30,000 at that point. Permission to purchase was received by Silver Birch Area and Ontario Council, and fundraising quotas were given to raise the necessary funds by closing date (4 months hence). The offer to purchase was conditional on the zoning being received. Springwater Township, and Mayor Helen Coutts, warmly welcomed the Girl Guides as residents and the property was zoned. By closing date, December 18, 1994, we had raised \$110,000 cash to pay for the property. Our lawyer, Michael Reed of Barrie, questioned the deed being put into the name of Girl Guides of Canada, Land Corp. This was the instruction from Province, and was meant as insurance that the property was held in trust for the girls and guiders of Champlain and Maple Leaf in the future and unscrupulous guiders could not manipulate the sale of the property for their own gain.

2011 Camp Committee memberships in GGC suspended, 18 members sued, suspension bridge destroyed by Provincial Office. Despite camp committee offering to pay for all required building permit infractions and repairs, all offers refused by Provincial GG.

2016 Lawsuit finally settled. GGC ordered to send letters to donors offering them choices of where they choose their contribution to go. And for the remaining funds that were raised by GGC units/Divisions/members, the funds were ordered by the court to be separated into a Campership account for use by girl members from within the former Champlain/Maple Leaf Division boundaries.

2017 Provincial Girl Guides announces that 100% of all Girl Guide camps will be sold.

2018 Small group of women organize into Committee of Girl Guides to 'oversee' maintenance. Find little help, and their age makes it impossible for them to keep the Camp in its' former pristine condition. They join the umbrella of Optimist Club to try to get more help and funds

In 2019, the last of the 50 or so properties Girl Guide Land Corp once held are now being sold off. Camp Tewateno's 100 acres is among them with a pending Offer to Purchase from the Camp Tewateno Optimist Club (CTOC) given a one year deadline.

In 2020, the CTOC is given a further year extension, to Oct. 29, 2021 to complete the offer to purchase.

In 2021, the CTOC reached out several times to Communities Connecting for Children, (CCC), the Charity formed in 2009 to save the camp. They asked CCC for money to fund the purchase, but the ownership and control would stay with CTOC. The Charity Board turned this down with no concessions. With 11 days left before the final deadline of the Offer to Purchase from CTOC, the Charity was emailed a notice that they could purchase the camp on their terms from CTOC,



paying CTOC's accumulated legal fees of \$25,000 on top of the purchase price. The Charity and its' Board had 11 days to acquire funding, lawyers, and insurance, at the end of a month in a local hot real estate market. It was difficult, but not impossible. There were many rejections, many visits to banks, mortgage brokers, calls to many lawyers before the multiple transactions began to fall into place. The closing date was extended three times. During the final days, two of the original Board members, Sylvia and Kim Dufresne were required to resign, and new Board members came forward to fill their roles. The resignation was due to Charity by-laws re: funding to Charities (Sylvia Dufresne mortgaged her home and became mortgagor). The biggest obstacle was the tight time line. On Friday, November 5th at 4:59 pm word came that the deal had successfully closed after numerous extensions due to bank closings, registration office closings, etc. This was miraculous to those who had invested their hearts and sweat equity into the property from the beginning, and those who worked so hard for those final 17 difficult days.

Saturday, November 6th, the Board of Directors and close associates met at the property for the first time to see our camp again. The members from 2009 who were all fired, many who had been sued, all came back into the membership of CCC with joy.. Many had not set foot on this land for over ten years, as Girl Guides had forbidden it. The following day, over 70 people came to share in the joy of a new beginning. Soon, a new name, a Camp Blessing Ceremony and a Grand Opening will dedicate this camp to the Community and its' families for far into the future.



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Hey Dads!

If you ever had a puppy you've probably experienced something like this. You've got some important item, some valuable thing and your puppy gets a hold of it. In its mouth. And destroys it. It happened to me the other day. Last week I told you that we just got a puppy. I briefly mentioned a list of things he found to chew on. One of those things was our Starlink internet cable. Not really a dog chew toy.

I was working in my home office creating some presentation slides in Google slides. This requires internet access to save the updates to the slides. All of a sudden a notification pops up and tells me, "You are no longer connected to the internet. Changes will not be saved." That's odd. I think. My next thought is that the kids are playing around somewhere by the internet router and it got unplugged. I quickly go check to plug it back in. It's plugged in. That's odd. I think. Maybe something else is unplugged.



I follow the cords out of the wall, into the router, out of the router, out of the house, out in the yard, into the satellite dish. Everything is plugged in. But I discover the outside cable is a bit wonky. A bit mangled. A bit...chewed. I immediately discover one reason why cables are buried in the ground or suspended high in the air. To prevent dogs from eating them.

The internet is a necessity for my work so it would be a good idea to keep a spare cable around in case a puppy chews through the main one. I immediately go online (on my phone) and order a spare cable. It will arrive in 3 days. Not helpful for my Google slide scenario. I call the internet repair crew, "Boys, go get the wire strippers!" Justice, my 10-year-old son runs over to the shop to get pliers of all shapes and sizes. Maybe we can fix it ourselves. I'm going out on a limb here but I suspect most of you haven't cut open a Starlink satellite cord and tried to repair it. Allow me to enlighten you. There's 8 teeny, tiny wires all wrapped up together inside that small cable. I ask the support crew, "Think we can fix it, boys?". Thankfully, the boys like taking things apart. Shockingly, in the past I've repaired electrical things the dumb way so this time I make sure everything is unplugged. A few minutes later, Sterling, my 12-year-old son has two sets of 8 wires stripped back and starts reconnecting them very professionally with electrical tape. Justice (10) recently got a soldering-iron and asks if we should solder the wires together. "Let's make sure it works before we get too carried away," I tell him.

We plug all the plugs back in, wait a few minutes for all the satellites in space to align and...presto! Internet online! Have I buried the cable now? Um, no. Have we soldered the wires all together professionally? Um, no. Has my spare cable arrived and is waiting to be deployed on its next mission? YES! Google slides updated and saved. Lessons learned. Memories made. Time flies! Make every moment count! Especially the moments without the internet. (Oct. 8, 2024)

Jason Weening and his patient wife really need the internet for tips on how to raise their 10 kids. Buy his adventure book for kids online at HEYDADS.CA.

ANTEN MILLS

Oct. 6, 2024 - By Dennis Gannan

The 4th Anten Mills Autumn Craft and Food Fair held on September 28 was a tremendous success. The morning started off with the 2 Tonnie Pancake Breakfast in support of the Elmvale and District Food Bank and thanks to the community support, \$565 was raised. This surpassed last year's donation and was a welcome addition for the food bank. Stephanie and her helpers did a wonderful job and it is much appreciated.

With close to 40 vendors, the craft show offered a unique variety of crafts and food items that shoppers were willing to purchase and many did. Local artists included Lady Jane who had specialty products, artist Brian Kearsley who displayed his fabulous paintings, Jan Cox with her storybooks and art and Briana Starr with her handmade cards and jewelry. Not to be missed was the event coordinator, Roslyn who had her tasty jams and jellies. Roslyn's dedication to the event is something that we all say thank you for and appreciate all she did.

New this year was a chili cookoff. Five local cooks vied for the bragging rights to say that they had the best chili in the community. Over 30 residents judged the entries and 3rd place went to Dorothy Smith, 2nd to Alden Fotherby and the grand prize winner of the golden garlic press went to Ash Goolab. Congratulations to all who entered and this will no doubt become an annual part of the event.

An enthusiastic group of people met at the community centre on September 10 to brainstorm how we as a community could celebrate our 150 history next year. Discussions included updating the history of the village with those families that have been here for many years, looking to showcase certain areas with QR codes, holding a reunion and family events along with including a logo in all upcoming events in 2025. As this was a brainstorming session, all ideas were discussed and in the end one was decided on. That was holding a 150 logo contest. Creating a visual image that can be seen throughout the year and beyond is an important way to recognize this significant event. Details were posted on the Anten Mills Community Facebook page on what the design should include with a closing date for submission of October 23. It is hoped that the designs can be displayed during the Halloween events and the winning design be announced on November 15. This is open to all residents of all ages and hopefully a great design will come forward. For more information you can email antenmills150@gmail.com.

Halloween is just a few weeks away and there is a terrific crew of community members preparing for two events. The first is the Witches Walk on Friday, October 25. Starting at the community centre, the Witches will walk about the village and return to the pavilion where they will be entertained by Bombshell, a local band that provided superb music last year. This is an adults only event and admission is by your generous donation. Then on Sunday, October 27 it's the kids' time. Starting at 11 and running until 1 there will be games, activities, a photo booth and of course pumpkin carving. Kids should be in costume and will receive a bag of treats. In order to arrange enough treats, pre registration is required. Details are on the community Facebook page so don't delay.

Following Halloween a more somber occasion is Remembrance Day on November 11. We take the

time to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice as well as those who serve and protect our rights and freedom. For many years a small but dignified service has been held at Springwater Provincial Park. Located within the park is a cenotaph, the only one in a provincial park, dedicated to those who served and did not come home. During WW1 more than 25 men who resided in Anten Mills, Midhurst, Minesing, Grenfel and vicinity died. Many were very young. Last November 11 a good contingent of residents came to the service at the park. A new group of volunteers have stepped forward this year to continue the tradition and to ensure that those who served are remembered in a dignified manner. In an important move forward, wreaths are going to be placed this year by our communities. There may be families of those who served or gave their life who have thought of honouring them with a wreath. It would be a privilege to have this take place and to find out more information you may contact Joan by email at sweetgannon@gmail.com to get more details. The service will occur on Monday, November 11 starting at 10:45 at Springwater Park and entrance to the park will be waived that day.

Have you heard about Matheson Creek Camp? The most likely answer is no and where is it and what is it about. Matheson Creek Camp is owned and operated by Communities Connecting for Children, a registered nonprofit charity. For those who have lived in the area for a number of years they may recall that on Gill Road just outside Midhurst a Girl Guide camp was built about 30 years ago. The Girl Guides organization, through a long process which involved lawsuits, closed the camp. Some of the original founders of the camp managed to purchase the property and started the new charity. There are six individual camping areas within the property all with a heritage significance. The camp was renamed Matheson Creek Camp and on Saturday, October 26 they invite you and your youngsters to participate in a Halloween Open House from noon to 3PM. For more

details about the charity and the camp check them out on Facebook or their website, Mathesoncreekcamp.com.

We are well into short daylight and long nights. As a quick fact, we won't see the sunset after 7PM until the return of daylight saving time on March 9. The good part is the days will start getting longer after the Winter's Solstice which is December 21

Many homes in the village decorate for fall and Halloween. In order that the displays can be seen by many, you are invited to submit photos and along with photos taken, they will be posted on our Facebook page at the end of October.

This weekend is Thanksgiving and we have much to be thankful for. This was a great growing season, our weather was enjoyable and we enjoy many freedoms. From my family to yours, may you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with those that are close to you.

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



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Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre's 2024 Paint the Town Pink Campaign Gets Bigger and Better

Submitted by GBCCC

Sep 30, 2024 - The Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre (GBCSC) famous pink and lavender bedazzled pumpkins are returning this October. The painted pumpkins are focal point of the annual Paint the Town Pink campaign during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All funds raised over the month go back to programs and services for those impacted by cancer in North Simcoe and the surrounding area.

This year campaign is getting bigger and better than ever, according to Paul Eichhorn, Manager, Fundraising & Stewardship. GBCSC.

“Not only did we increase the number of pumpkins for sale but we’ve also added other ways people can support one of our major campaigns,” says Eichhorn. “Paint the Town Pink has for over the decade become one of the key ways people learn about the Centre. Thanks to the incredible volunteers on our campaign committee, we were able to add to the ‘Pink’ fun in October.”

This year 300 pumpkins (supplied by R & P Desroches Farm) are available for sale at \$20 each while supplies last (typically, pumpkins sell-out by mid-October). Pumpkins can be purchased at the GBCSC (45 Edward

Street, Penetanguishene) or online and picked up at the GBCSC beginning after October 1. Pumpkins can also be purchased at Farm2Door (159 Balm Beach Rd East, Midland) and at For Sale on Georgian Bay (255 King St., Midland). For Sale on Georgian Bay is also Lead Community Partner for the month-long campaign.

Beyond the pumpkins, several Community Partners are stepping up to support the campaign. Some are donating sales proceeds (or a portion) of specific products or funds raised from a special event for the GBCSC. This year’s contributing local businesses include DeFerrari Home, Test Batches Brewery, Barber & Haskill, The Mouse Trap, Boulangers Midland City Bakers, Fresh by Leanne, Royal Tea on King, History Barbershop, Café Kittyhawk, and The Pulse Nutrition. The items available range from cupcakes and pink prosecco cheese to pillows and a pink pomade hair product. A full list of Community Partners can be found the Paint the Town Pink website, gbcancersupportcentre.ca/paint-the-town-pink-2.

Each week there will also be an auction to bid for and win one of several speciality pumpkins created by local artists. Highest bidder wins the pumpkin. Details

can be found on GBCSC social media as well as on the Paint the Town Pink website. Plus, a month-long Paint the Town Pink Online Silent Auction will offer two artworks by local artists, handmade quilt, and an aerial tour. Details about both auctions can be found on GBCSC social media as well as on the Paint the Town Pink website, www.gbcancersupportcentre.ca/paint-the-town-pink.

Finally, the GBCSC is teaming up with Fresh Baked Consulting to offer a sweet treat in October. A dollar from every Pink Pumpkin Cookie sold supports GBCSC programs and services. To order cookies go to www.gbcancersupportcentre.ca/paint-the-town-pink-cookies.

Eichhorn notes that the GBCSC can only make this campaign happen thanks to dozens of amazing volunteers. Several volunteers during the last week of September helped to wash, paint, and decorate pumpkins. For Sale on Georgian Bay also got a team together to paint and decorate 100 pumpkins.

To find out more about Paint the Town Pink, how to buy a pumpkin, and details on everything else happening, go to gbcancersupportcentre.ca/paint-the-town-pink.



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by Leslie Noonan

September 28/24

For years I have been promising my son a backcountry trip, except that I have knee injuries and a back that hurts unless sleeping on a soft and thick mattress like the princess I have become. However the beautiful fall weather had me ordering a new tent for two, a new sleeping bag for my son, and a memory foam mattress for me. It was only a few days for our gear to arrive, and then a day packing and we were off. I am not going to say where we went, in order to keep out the hordes of people, just that we went north.

The backcountry sites here are first come basis, and even though it was late September, I was worried that the site I wanted would be taken. I gave my son my old Osprey 65 liter pack, filled to the brim, while I used a smaller pack. Only 15 minutes in my son turns to me and asked if this was the pack I used on my multiday hikes? Yes, yes it is. And was it as full then as it was with him carrying it now? Yes. And I would strap this on for 12 hours at a time? Yes and yes. My son stopped, looked at me, and said “so much respect mom, I am already tired of carrying this thing”. Well that must be the best compliment any parent can get, getting respect from your teen. Already this is a great trip!

We continued on toward the site I wanted, through typical Canadian Shield. The trees were a mixture of oak, pines and maples, with scrub and exposed granite rocks. The trail was not always well marked, and we did veer off course a few times, but only briefly as I had been out here many times before. As we got closer to the site we could hear voices, and the disappointment hit hard when the site we wanted was taken by a group of people. There was another site nearby, that was lovely but lacked the open view of the night sky that we wanted. However, we could



just take our camp chairs a short distance to an area of exposed rock. My son and I got down to the business of setting up camp, and just as we put our gear in the tent, the group of people traipsed past, heading out and leaving the primo camp site free. I yelled at my son to grab one side of the tent, and I grabbed the other, as we ran/hobbled our way through the scrub to the other campsite, only getting caught in the branches a few times. We could hear another group of people heading our way, and wanted to make sure we got there first. Success! We now had the perfect backcountry site, with soft pine needles under our tent and a long spit of rock protruding into the lake, perfect to watch the sun set and the stars appear.

We watched the sun set behind the trees, leaving a colorful reflection in the still waters. To our left a trio of beavers swam near the shore, and one would head out to do some fishing for his family. A perfect experience for my son’s first backcountry trip, until I heard him yelling when I was back by the tent and he was still by the lake. Turns out the as the last of the daylight disappeared, the one beaver took umbrage

to our proximity, swimming at my son while loudly chittering. This happened several times, so we left the rock and sat at our campsite by the fire, giving our large rodent friend some space. Apparently the beaver did not think this was far enough, and through the orange flames of our fire, a large wet head poked out of the rushes and unleashed more verbal abuse at us. This led to another series of questions from my son, such as is this normal beaver behavior? Does the beaver hate us? Do beaver’s bite? Yes and no and yes. It has never happened to me before but they do chatter if they think someone is taking their food. My son’s last question, will it attack us in our sleep? Hmmm, killer beavers. That would make some interesting headlines, but I was relatively sure that this beaver would not be slicing open our tent with his yellow incisors and committing some heinous deed on our sleeping bodies. We slept well and woke to a glorious fall day, and not a beaver in sight, at least, not one we could see, though the beaver might be sharpening those incisors somewhere nearby.

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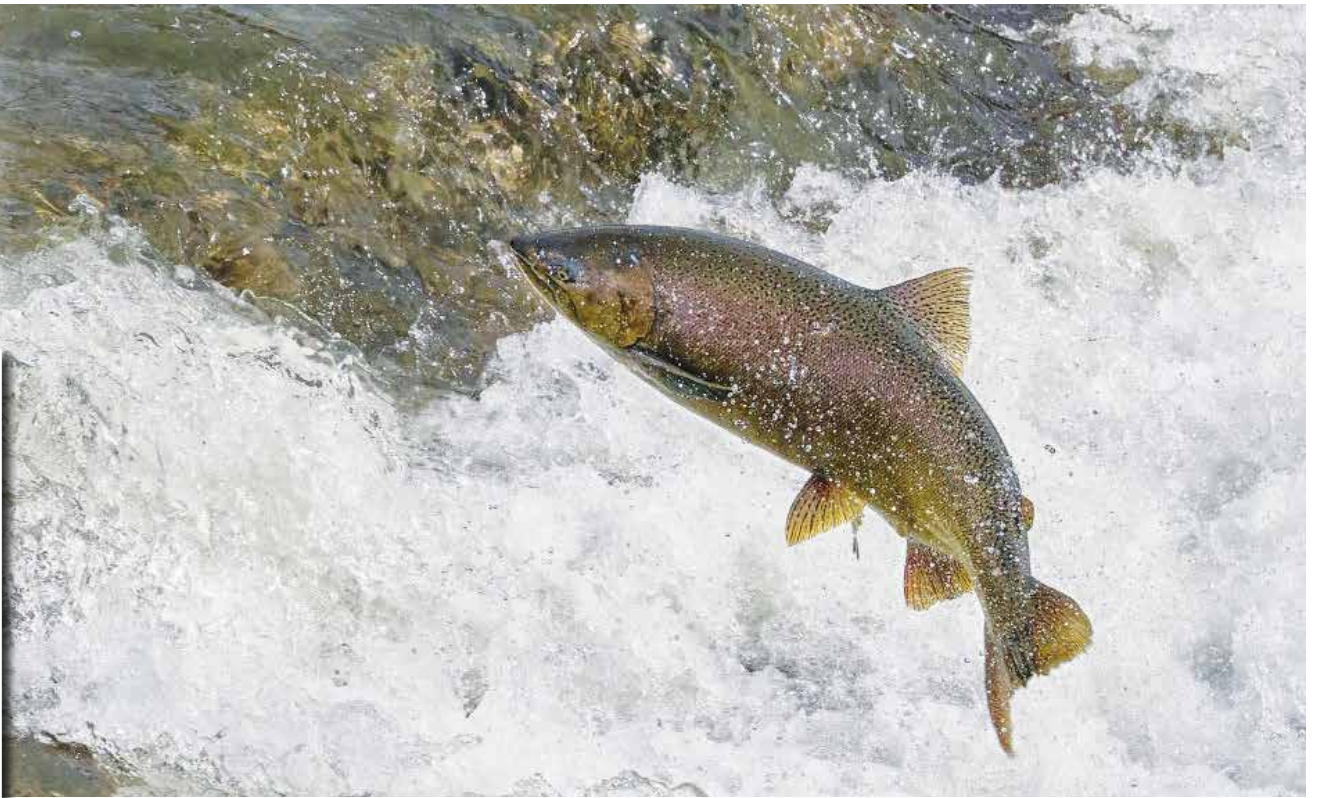
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HOMEMADE GRAVLAX

A DELICIOUS ALTERNATIVE TO SMOKED FISH



Oct. 6, 2024 - Originating in the Nordic countries of Scandinavia, gravlax is an easy to prepare delicacy similar in style to smoked salmon. The tradition of curing fish with salt, sugar and herbs creates tender, melt-in-your-mouth slices of delicious fish best served with a mustard or horseradish sauce, fresh dill, slivers of onions, chives, lemon wedges, rye bread or boiled baby potatoes. An iconic appetizer, gravlax is also a welcome addition to a charcuterie board for your next gourmet occasion.

Did You Know?

Health Canada states that there are health risks associated with eating smoked, raw or undercooked fish. Pregnant women, young children and those with weakened immune systems should avoid consuming raw fish such as sushi, gravlax or ceviche. To reduce the risk of foodborne illness, freeze fish for at least 7 days at -20 Celsius (-4 Fahrenheit) before eating raw and when cooking fish, ensure that the internal temperature reaches at least 70 Celsius (158 Fahrenheit).

INGREDIENTS

Gravlax

- 2 lb (1 kg) salmon or trout fillet, very fresh
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) crushed white or black peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) lemon zest
- ½ cup (125 ml) fresh dill, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) coarse salt
- 1 cup (250 ml) granulated sugar

Horseradish Sauce

- ¼ cup (63 ml) mayonnaise, regular or vegan
- ¼ cup (63 ml) sour cream, plain Greek yogurt or plain vegan yogurt
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) prepared horseradish
- 2 teaspoons (10 ml) apples cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) mustard powder
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) coarse salt
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rinse the fish fillets in cold water and pat dry with paper towels.
2. In a medium bowl, combine the crushed peppercorns, lemon zest, fresh dill, salt and sugar.
3. Sprinkle half of the salt mixture in the shape of the fish fillet on a sheet pan covered with plastic wrap.
4. Place the fillet, skin side down onto the sheet pan and then, top with the remaining salt mixture.
5. Wrap the fillet with the plastic wrap and place a cutting board or another sheet pan on top of the fillet to create a flat surface.

6. Place something heavy on top to press moisture out of the fillet such as pots or pans filled with water or several canned goods.
7. Let the fillet chill in the refrigerator for 24 hours.
8. While the fish is in refrigerator, make the horseradish sauce by thoroughly combining the mayonnaise, sour cream or yogurt, horseradish, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper. Chill in the refrigerator until ready for use.
9. To finish the gravlax, unwrap the fish and turn over. Discard the excess liquid and re-wrap the fillet in the plastic and weigh it down again with the pots, pans or cans.
10. Chill in the refrigerator for another 24 hours and drain the excess liquid. The fish is now cured and ready to eat.
11. Thinly slice the fish and serve with rye bread, boiled potatoes, the horseradish sauce, sliced onions, chives, fresh dill or lemon slices, if desired.

ENJOY!

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Dealing with a Mid-Life Crisis

Is there such a thing as a mid-life crisis? Probably. It's just hard to pin down, because we cannot precisely define 'mid-life', or 'crisis'. It is more likely that we go through stages of awareness, which may create a series of mini crises. Like earthquakes, a series of small jolts are probably better than one big one. It can happen both ways.

Consider the fact that for most, the years of our twenties and thirties are taken up with becoming established in the world. Hopes and dreams often revolve around intimate relationships, getting a home, starting a family, and becoming successful in a career. Everything seems to be building towards a future. Working and raising a family makes for a demanding schedule, and it is easy to get so caught up in it all, that we scarcely notice the passing of the years.

Suddenly, although you still picture yourself as twenty-six or thirty-two, you look into the mirror and there is a forty-five-year-old staring back at you. The children are no longer 'children' and will soon be off living their own lives. You realize the 'future' you were building for is here and now. However, it refuses to stand still. You look around at graying seniors, and realize, perhaps with horror, that one

day that will be you.

This is when the potential for a mid-life crisis is at its highest. You cannot help but begin to evaluate the life you have lived thus far. You may see victories and successes, but also have losses and regrets. You may realize that in keeping your nose to the grindstone, you have sacrificed some joy and some fun. Often there is a strong to desperate need to recapture or recreate some vitality and excitement. This is a good thing, especially if it means getting in shape, caring for your health, developing new interests, and savoring good times with friends and family.

The impractical sports car or steamy affair is only a temporary fix, although the latter 'breaks' more than it fixes. The mature, healthy response to life 'crises' is to sit down with loved ones, talk about how you are feeling, and work together to set new goals. Only this time, the goals need not focus on the future, so much as they need to address how you want to live each day, right here, right now. This is it. Make the most of it.

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Brunelle says Tiny council shouldn't be 'human billboard for social justice'

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

Sep 25, 2024 - A returning request for National Breastfeeding Week to be recognized across North Simcoe turned into a statement from Tiny Township Coun. Dave Brunelle on why flag-raising and t-shirts should be disallowed in municipal capacity, including for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The letter from the North Simcoe Breastfeeding Coalition reached out to Tiny council as well as Penetanguishene during recent council meetings, asking that the week of October 1 through 7 be recognized as National Breastfeeding Week. It was a request which had been granted in 2018 and 2019 throughout local municipalities, as provided by photos of various councils holding the flag in front of municipal offices of Tay Township, Tiny Township, Midland, and Penetanguishene.

In Penetanguishene, the request was approved and a 2024 proclamation was made. However, the recent Tiny council meeting was a different affair. Council and attending staff wore orange for National Truth and Reconciliation Day and Orange Shirt Day on September 30, to recognize and commemorate those affected by the residential school system across Canada, established in 2021. All, except for Coun. Dave Brunelle who wore a white jacket over a dark shirt. "Obviously, I'm not wearing a t-shirt tonight that was asked for myself to wear and the rest of the people in the council chambers here," said Brunelle as he retrieved a prepared statement on flag raising and t-shirts.

"I would be in favour of a proclamation (for National Breastfeeding Week), but I'll read the statement; it'll be pretty obvious where I stand on it." Brunelle's statement noted the township's flag-raising request policy initiated in 2019 for events, organizations or community groups of significance, but "cautioned the slippery slope of endorsing one movement or promoting one set of beliefs and ideologies over another." The request policy requires successful flag raising and proclamation requests within five previous years to be forwarded to the Mayor or clerk for approval, while others be placed on the agenda for consideration.

Brunelle continued to read that neutrality "must be adhered to and upheld by elected officials," with attention to any one group being "divisive and unlawful"; flags and t-shirts in council meetings created confusion, counter-productivity, conflict and controversy. The statement

added that the federal, provincial, and municipal flags represented inclusivity, but a mandate of council was not to be "a human billboard for social justice".

Following the statement, Brunelle stated his opposition to the request for National Breastfeeding Week. "We can do a proclamation, we can say it in our announcements at the beginning of the meeting, but I'm not in favour of raising the flag," said Brunelle. As chair of the committee of the whole meeting, Brunelle asked other council members for their vote for or against the request; the vote was split and the request defeated (as Coun. Steffen Walma was absent during the discussion).

Mayor Dave Evans expressed he would be in favour of the request and considered it "a worthy cause", but raised a previous discussion from May 2023 when he and Brunelle opposed a flag raising request for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, with similar reasons from then. "I was speaking with some peers in Simcoe County," said Evans, "and some of them have said 'we won't do any flag raising, we'll just have the regular three flags that are the requirement and that's it'. Innisfil is one that got out of that process."

The National Breastfeeding Week flag raising and proclamation request letter, including photos of North Simcoe municipalities from 2018 and 2019, 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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Midland 'not untouched' in Truth and Reconciliation impact

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

Sep 26, 2024 - Various Truth and Reconciliation Day events happening around Midland over the next few days prompted Mayor Bill Gordon to speak during the announcements section of last night's council meeting. "I am wearing my Every Child Matters shirt tonight," said Gordon. "Every year on September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and honours the children that never returned home and survivors of these schools as well as their families and their communities. "Midland is not untouched. Our very own past Deputy Mayor (Jack Contin) was a Sixties Scoop survivor, and was still authoring his book at the time of his passing."

To mark the event, all town facilities including municipal offices at 575 Dominion Avenue will be lowering flags to half-mast. "There are many community events around: at Chigamik, Waypoint Health Hub, the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre, Métis office at the Georgian Bay Métis Council," Gordon added. "I encourage you, if you have the time during that day to attend and participate, and learn. Those are the most achievable Truth and Reconciliation (goals) that anybody can make, and that's just to be part, to listen and learn."

Gordon and other members of council wore shirts signifying Orange Shirt Day, noting that he "proudly put the Bill in billboard" as a response to a previous MidlandToday article involving Tiny Township councillor Dave Brunelle stating opposition to wearing shirts as a "human billboard for social justice". Speaking with MidlandToday after the

meeting, Gordon addressed the statement made by Brunelle as well as his own opinion on wearing t-shirts, proclamations, and flag raising in Midland. "It really is a personal choice," said Gordon. "There's only a couple that I know of that we wear shirts for: That's usually Terry Fox Day and Orange Shirt Day."

Gordon said that typically other organizations such as the National Breastfeeding Week (October 1 through 7) did not give out t-shirts to wear for their awareness efforts. He added that Brunelle's statement had "sparked his interest" because "a stance was taken that politicians should stay completely agnostic to showing support for anything. I take exception to that because this is a national day. "This isn't just 'support your local carrot farmer' or something; this is a big deal and it has national impact. And I think showing solidarity and inclusion with marginalized communities, especially when it's the Indigenous community, it's a duty," Gordon said. For those interested in flag raising or proclamations, Gordon pointed to the town's policy on those requests. "Whether you choose to wear a shirt or whether you choose to simply go into these events on your own - they're mutually exclusive - but it's a simple, passive way of showing that you stand with a cause and therefore showing that, I think, is completely appropriate."

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By Debbie Craddock

Oct. 4, 2024 - Thanksgiving is upon us and though stock is unfortunately low at the food bank, appreciation is extended to those who endeavour to support it. Thanks is given to firefighters from Springwater Fire Associations who held their annual "Stuff the Truck" event in all communities of Springwater Township in September. We are grateful to all residents for helping to stuff the trucks. Many thanks are extended to Louise & Chris Birch of Birch Farms who donated fresh produce to the food bank. And to the firefighters who delivered the produce to the food bank, we thank you. At their year end awards banquet Elmvale Minor Ball collected non perishable food and donated to our food bank. Thank you to all the ball players and their families for helping us to help others.

If you wish to donate, the food bank is open each Wednesday 4-6 pm and Thursday 10am-noon. Monetary donations can be made during open hours or online through the website, elmvaledistrictfoodbank.net Donations may also be made by etransfer to elmvalefoodbankinfo@gmail.co

Drop bins are located at Springwater Library branches, Elmvale Guardian and Elmvale Foodland.

Please consider the following items when donating:

- Cereal
- Apple juice (one litre containers)
- Tomato juice (one litre containers)
- Pasta sauce (very low supply)
- Canned potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Side Kicks
- Cookies
- Canned pasta
- Cream of chicken soup
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Jello pudding mix
- Kidney beans
- Canned meat
- Turkey gravy (Thanksgiving is coming)
- Canned cranberries
- Rice
- Canned tomatoes

For regular updates on what's happening at the food bank you can follow along on Facebook. Christmas is just around the corner!



Photo: Many thanks to Paul and Kim (shown in photo) at The Backyard BBQ in Orr Lake for hosting a wonderful "Rock Out For The Food Bank" event. The guests were treated to a barbecue tray and an evening of live music. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped Paul and Kim make a difference.

Community Events - Ongoing

MONDAY

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Every Monday.
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Indoor Pickleball 1:00 - 2:30 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
Seniors in Motion Fitness, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 - 12:30 pm
Bid Euchre, 1 - 3:30 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

TUESDAY

Elmvale Legion

Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO

Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Gentle Chair Yoga 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Indoor Pickleball 1:00 - 2:30 pm/ 2:30 - 4:00 pm
Bid-Euchre - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
Shuffleboard 9:30 am
Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 - 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 - 1:00 pm
Seniors in Motion Fitness, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

Springwater Senior's Golf League 2024

May 7- Sept. 24 - Tues. 8:00 a.m. tee off
Springwater Golf Course
1481 Golf Course Road, Minesing,
Mixed seniors' league - scramble format
Contact intalatour@hotmail.com to join

WEDNESDAY

E.D.G.E. Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club

LifeStyles - 9:00 - 10:30 am
Bridge - 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Indoor Pickleball - 4:30 - 6:00 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

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

THURSDAY

Probus Club of Simcoe North

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

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Indoor Pickleball 12 - 1:30 pm
Book Club (4th Thurs) 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Darts 2:00 - 4:00 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
1st Movie and Lunch, 12 noon - 3:30 pm
2nd & 4th Tiny Stitchers, 9:00 - 3:00 pm
Book Club, 1:30-3:30 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny

Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

Let's Do Lunch \$5:

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

Coffee Party

Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
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Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others

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

FRIDAY

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

VON Smart Exercise (FREE) 9:30 - 10:30 am
Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm
Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball 10:30 - 12:00 pm/ 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Shuffleboard 1:00 - 3:00 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am
1st Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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SATURDAY

Elmvale Legion

Saturday at 5 pm
Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games
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SUNDAY

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Indoor Pickleball 2:00 - 3:30 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
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3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach
1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
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Sun. Oct. 20, 2024 2 pm - 4 pm
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13th Gals That Give

Monday, October 21st 5:30-7 pm.
Midland Legion
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www.gbaygalsgive.com

Elmvale Seniors Drop In

Monday Oct. 21, 2024
10 am - 12 noon
Elmvale Library

Creative Visions Art Show and Sale

Saturday, October 26 from 10 -4
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Sat. Oct. 26, 2024 12 - 3 pm (Rain date Oct 27)
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Sat. Oct. 26, 2024 (pre-order), 4:00-6:00 PM
Midhurst United Church 91 Doran Road,
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Sun. Oct. 27, 12 to 2 pm
St. John's Church , Elmvale

Silent Auction for Springwater Library

Nov. 1 to 14, 2024
friendsofpringwaterlibrary@gmail.com

Christmas Bazaar and Tea Room

Sat. Nov. 23, 2024, 10:30 - 3 pm
Crafts, jewelry, baked goods.
Elmvale Legion, 7 John St

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Mon 9:30-10:30am
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Wed & Fri: 1:00 - 2:00 pm 44 River Road West
Re/Max Room (Stars Arena)

"Million Dollar Dinner" brings in \$3.35 Million for GBGH

September 26, 2024 - Submitted by GBGH

On September 14, the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation hosted an intimate fundraising gathering, which raised \$3.35-million in gifts and pledges. A total of 23 donors made commitments through this event, to support upcoming projects and priorities for GBGH and the Foundation.

In June, the Foundation announced that they would not be hosting a large, in person gala or event in 2024. Instead, a total of three smaller events were held, including the 'Million Dollar Dinner'. The events were hosted by individual donors, and allowed for more intimate conversations to bring guests closer to the cause that is close to their hearts.

"We have the privilege of working with some incredible philanthropists in this community, and they continue to amaze us with their generosity," shares Jesse Dees, chief development

officer, GBGH Foundation. "As we embark on a \$20-million capital campaign for mental health, mammography and capital equipment, we are grateful to have them working alongside us to ensure its success."

The Foundation is in the beginning stages of planning for this major capital campaign, and the focus on strengthening relationships and building partnerships is vital to success. The team will be continuing this focus throughout the coming year, and officially launching the campaign in 2025.

For more information about the current fundraising priorities, you can visit: <https://gbghf.ca/current-needs>

Cutline 1: On September 14, the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation hosted a "Million Dollar Dinner", which raised \$3.35-million in gifts and pledges to support upcoming projects and priorities for GBGH and the Foundation.



Annie's Journal

Written by Annie Warner Donnelly

Oct. 9, 2024 - Hello Everyone. During these months of rest and recovery, I've had time to think about many things. Watching my husband lose his battle against the ravages of cancer in 2022 and then spending five months in Tanzania earlier this year, has filled me with images and events worthy of consideration in a thoughtful way.

I've always known that everything we experience changes us in some way. It's vital to our mental and emotional well-being that we understand the facts of each event before we allow the changes and consequences that our emotional responses bring to take root in our lives.

An illustration of this can be seen in how two people, experiencing the same event, can have different responses. One's way of processing the event leads to a positive mental and emotional outcome; the other's way leads to an outcome that negatively impacts other areas of his or her life.

Every image we see, every event we experience is worthy of consideration in a thoughtful way. We can call this self-reflection to achieve self-awareness: choosing to thoughtfully look for answers inside of ourselves rather than quickly blaming others or circumstances for how we feel.

In 2014, John C. Maxwell wrote a book called, "How Successful People Grow". The book's back cover says, "Here you will learn what it takes to strengthen your self-awareness, broaden your prospects, and motivate others with your positive influence. Combined with discipline and determination, the instruction in this book will help you become a lifelong learner whose potential keeps increasing and never gets used up."

Good questions are the framework of self-reflection. In Chapter 4, Maxwell writes about "Setting Aside Time to Reflect". Here are some questions he shares to help us improve our relationships.

"Do I value people? Do people know that I value them? How do I show it? Am I a 'plus' or a 'minus' in my most important relationships? What evidence do I have to confirm my opinion?"

Valuing one another is just one of life's events worthy of consideration in a thoughtful way. Together, let's start with the events of Thanksgiving. Amen.



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Province investing over \$189,000 to help boost local economy

Submitted by Office of MPP Jill Dunlop

Sep 26, 2024 - Today, Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North, announced that three municipalities will be receiving a combined total of up to \$189,880.00 in funding through the latest intake of the Rural Economic Development (RED) program. The RED program supports projects that diversify and grow local economies, build community capacity and address barriers to economic development and labour force challenges.

In Simcoe North, the funding will help the Town of Midland, and Townships of Ramara and Severn through individual projects. For Midland this means creating and restoring murals in the downtown, for Ramara, funding will help revitalize two cultural buildings, and for Severn, funding will go to its Wayfinding Signage Project.

Through the most recent intake of the RED

program, the Ontario government is investing more than \$5.7 million in 85 projects throughout the province. These projects are helping create jobs and boost economic development in rural communities in Ontario. The intake for these approved projects closed on February 21, 2024.

"I am thrilled to see Rural Economic Development Funding empowering our municipalities to revitalize their communities. These investments not only enhance the experiences of residents but also attract visitors, driving economic growth and strengthening our local identity. Together, we are building a future where our rural areas thrive, fostering vibrant welcoming spaces for everyone" said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North

"Our government recognizes the importance of rural economic development, and this program provides municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profits with the

funding they need for projects that contribute to local economic vitality," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. "The Rural Economic Development program is another example of how our government is ensuring small towns and rural communities across Ontario continue to share in the province's growth and economic prosperity."

The RED program provides cost-share funding support towards activities that create strong rural communities. This includes funding assistance to build local capacity and improve job prospects. The Rural Economic Advisory Panel provides recommendations to the minister on applications for funding. The RED program aligns with the government's priorities of removing barriers to investment, opening doors to rural economic development, and creating good jobs across the province.

Festival at Fort Willow showcases life in the region two centuries ago

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com

Oct 04, 2024 - Declan Claffey's fate as a war re-enactor was sealed long before he was born. His father, Oliver, was, and still is, an active re-enactment participant, a love of history fuelling his passion. After his son was born, Oliver never missed a beat. He took the wee lad with him to events here, there and everywhere. Like a duck to water, Declan embraced the lifestyle and offered his services from a tender age, first as a drummer boy, then a flag-bearer and, finally, after reaching the age of 16, a musket-firing soldier. "I've been doing this for 25 years," said Declan, who hails from Newmarket, said during an interview with BarrieToday at the Festival at Fort Willow at the Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area, located west of Barrie, where he was among the men representing the 22nd U.S. Infantry Regiment. "I'm second generation and got involved because of my dad," he added. "It's always been a part of my life."

The Claffeys' experience is not unusual in the world of war re-enactors — many of the folks who donned the fashions from 200 years ago to

take part in the Festival at Fort Willow have been doing it regularly for many years. According to many of the "actors," they attend anywhere from six to 12 reenactment festivals every year, both in Canada and the United States.

Phil Conklin is a retired elementary school teacher from Grimsby. He's a member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, his regimental colours on full display. Speaking with Conklin is like talking to a method actor in mid-role. He talks about "his" experiences with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and what "he and his mates" have been through. He describes with great passion how the Royal Newfoundlanders, while stationed at Fort Willow, built 29 batteaux, a type of flat-bottomed cargo boat used to carry supplies down the Nottawasaga River and across Georgian Bay to British posts in the northwest. It's thoroughly convincing. "Five-year-olds have no trouble imagining me as a 200-year-old veteran," Conklin said, his round glasses and white hair and sideburns adding to the illusion.

Over the course of the two-day festival — which continues Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — organizers are hoping 1,000 to 1,200 people

to pass through the gates. All of the money raised — admission is \$10 a person or \$35 for a family of four — will go to support the activities at Fort Willow.

"Today (Friday October 4, 2024) is education day and we'll have about 400 students plus some home-schooled groups and seniors' groups," said Elise Barr-Klouman, community engagement facilitator with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), the event's host. "Tomorrow, if the weather is nice, we could get another 600 or so."

An annual event that takes about six months to organize, Barr-Klouman said one of the primary attractions of the festival is the opportunity folks have to go back 200 years in time and experience a slice of what life then may have been like.

"Two hundred years ago, the landscape would have looked pretty much the same, maybe more trees," Barr-Klouman said. "You get a real sense of the isolation these people would have experienced at the time — out here in what would have been the middle of nowhere. "I think they may have been a lot tougher than we are today."



Photo: Adrian Moriarty, from left, of Wasaga Beach, Declan Claffey, his father Oliver Claffey, from Newmarket, Bryan Cox, from East Gwillimbury and Steve Mayes, from Brampton formed the 22 U.S. Infantry brigade. Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

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OPP REPORT Submitted by OPP**OPP NEED YOUR HELP****OPP INVESTIGATE SHOOTING IN TAY TOWNSHIP****Investigators Continue to Seek Public Information**

(TAY TOWNSHIP, ON) - The Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is renewing its appeal to the public for information related to a homicide investigation in the Township of Tay.

On August 17, 2023, just after 2:00 p.m., members of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP responded to reports of gunshots outside a residence on Maple Street. Upon arrival, officers located one individual with apparent gunshot wounds. The individual was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre and succumbed to their injuries on August 22, 2023.

The deceased has been identified as 41-year-old Jamie MILLER of Victoria Harbour.

Investigators believe this was an isolated incident and there is no threat to public safety.

The Southern Georgian Bay OPP Major Crime Unit is continuing the investigation under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), with assistance from the OPP Forensic Identification Services, and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Anyone who may have any information in relation to this investigation is asked to contact the Southern Georgian Bay OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp.ca. Videos that can assist this investigation, including but not limited to dash cam and surveillance footage, can be submitted online at bit.ly/3QOb98i. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or crimestoppersdm.com.

"We believe someone knows something that can help hold the person or persons responsible for Jamie's death accountable. Jamie's family and friends deserve answers, and we are committed to utilizing any resource to bring resolution in this case. The OPP will never close an unsolved homicide and will follow up on all tips. Anyone who has any information is urged to come forward. It's not too late to do the right thing." - Acting Detective Inspector Melanie Mezzatesta, OPP CIB Major Case Manager.

AERIAL ENFORCEMENT: OPP WILL BE WATCHING FROM ABOVE

(ORILLIA, ON) - Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers in Central Region will be on the roads and highways, and in the air, leading up to the long weekend.

A plane from the OPP Aviation Services will be working with officers on the ground, to weed-out dangerous drivers who are putting their own lives, and the lives of everyone else on the roads, in jeopardy.

Officers will focus on the "Big Four" factors in serious and fatal collisions. Those are aggressive driving, inattentive driving, impaired driving and lack of occupant restraints. Aggressive driving includes, among other things, speeding, unsafe lane changes and following too close.

We will not be providing specific locations for aerial enforcement. It could be the highways, or it could be secondary roads.

Please keep your eyes on the road ahead at all times, not on your phone and not on the sky.

IMPAIRED DRIVER LEADS TO WEAPON SEIZED BY HURONIA WEST OPP

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, ON) - The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has seized a weapon after responding to a report of an impaired driver in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

On October 3, 2024, at approximately 8:35 p.m., the Huronia West OPP received a report of an individual, who appeared to be intoxicated, leave a local store and drive along 45th Street South and Knox Road.

Police patrolled the area and located the vehicle matching the complainant's description. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver was arrested. During the investigation, officers discovered four open beer cans in the vehicle, along with a baton, which was seized.

As a result, Nicholas CARRABS, a 36-year-old from Stayner, was charged with:

- Operation While Prohibited
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammunition
- Windshield obstructed
- Fail to produce permit
- Novice driver - B.A.C above zero
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with open container of liquor

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood on November 11, 2024. Their driver's licence was suspended for three days, and their vehicle has been impounded for 45 days.

OPP Make Arrest in Downtown Midland Robbery Investigation

(MIDLAND, ON) - Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded at approximately 3:03 p.m. October 3, 2024 after the OPP Communications Centre received a 911 call from a community member was being confronted by an individual with an edged weapon who is also in possession of the callers wallet on Borsa Lane, Midland.

The attending officer promptly located the suspect over on Bourgeois Lane and attempted to arrest the individual, who while being arrested, bit the officer and was subdued by assisting officers who removed an edged weapon from the arrested person. A quantity of property was located nearby belonging to the victim which had also been removed from the victims parked vehicle.

Charged in connection to this investigation is Robyn Patricia COPEGOG 33 years of age of Midland with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

- Robbery with Weapon
- Assault with A Weapon
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada
- Resist Peace Officer
- Possession of an identity document
- Possession of a credit card

The accused was released from custody and will be appearing before the Ontario Court of Justice on November 14, 2024.

OPP Make Arrest in Midland Restaurant Break/Enter & Theft Investigation**Second Suspect Arrested and Charged**

On October 2, 2024 at approximately 7:06 a.m. Southern Georgian Bay Detachment officers responded to a report of a possible impaired driver behind the steering wheel of a white and black Mini Cooper in the Huronia Mall, Midland parking lot. The vehicle was stopped by dispatched officer at 7:07 a.m. and located the driver slumped over the steering wheel. The officer was able to awaken the driver who was known to officer and attempted to flee the scene once out of the car. An impaired driving investigation was commenced at the scene resulting in the seizure of an edged weapon and a quantity of drugs believed to be fentanyl and drug paraphernalia.

The investigating officer was assisted by an OPP Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officer with the Impaired Operation investigation. The Mini Cooper vehicle used in the incident had been reported stolen at 12:41 p.m. October 2, 2024 from a Hugel Avenue, Midland residence and as a result of this investigation the following charges have been issued to Tyler SYLVESTER 31 years of Penetanguishene.

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order
- Operation while impaired - blood drug concentration
- Theft of Motor Vehicle
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada
- Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada
- And Further
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance- Other Drugs
- Contrary to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act

The accused was also identified as the outstanding second person in the ongoing break/enter & theft investigation at a Midland restaurant that occurred on September 29, 2024 and has been further charged with the following offences in relation to that investigation..

- Break, Enter a place - commit indictable offence
- Theft Under \$5000

- Mischief - destroys or damages property
 - Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada
- The accused was held for a bail hearing and will be appearing before the Ontario Court of Justice on October 2, 2024.

OPP Make Arrest in Stolen Property Investigation in Georgian Bay Township

(GEORGIAN BAY TOWNSHIP, ON) - An observation of suspicious persons and vehicles in Georgian Bay Township by community members has resulted after investigation has resulted in the recovery of stolen property and charges for three involved individuals.

A call reporting suspicious persons within the grounds of Six Mile Provincial Park to the OPP Communications Centre at approximately 8:04 p.m. September 29, 2024 resulted in officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment

being dispatched. the officers located within the park, three persons along with a white Ford van with an attached U-Haul trailer of interest and entered into an investigation as to their business in the park after it had been cleared of campers.

This investigation lead to the recovery of a stolen van, trailer, numerous Ontario vehicle licence plates along with break and enter tools.

Charged in relation to this investigation are the following persons.

Michael MCCORMICK 42 years of Burlington

- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada (six counts)
- Failure to comply with undertaking
- Possession Break In Instruments

Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada Jessica RESENDES MILLER 30 years of Oakville

- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada (six counts)
- Failure to comply with undertaking
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Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada Larry Allen PAYNE 33 years of Ancaster

- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada (six counts)
- Possession Break In Instruments
- Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

The accused persons were released from custody and will be appearing before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

HURONIA WEST OPP THWARTS THEFT IN PROGRESS

(Wasaga Beach, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) caught a crook red-handed this morning when they responded to a possible theft in progress.

At approximately 9:35 a.m. on the 29th of September 2024, officers responded to a call for service about a suspicious male who appeared to be taking property from a neighbours home while they were away. Once on scene, officers located a male exiting a shed at the back of a private residence on Baker Street in the Town of Wasaga Beach. The contents of the shed had been emptied and thrown over an adjacent fence. Other stolen goods that had been stashed on a nearby street were also located.

As a result of the investigation, Michael CARNOVALE, a 43-year-old male from Wasaga Beach, has been arrested and charged with the following offences:

- Obstructing a peace officer
- Theft under \$5000
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000

The accused was released on an undertaking to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood at a future date.

**OPP Assisting Midland Fire Service in Overnight Residential Fire Investigation**

OPP officers and fire attended one of the six plex residences located at 778 William Street after fire services were notified of a fully engulfed fire at 4:33 am September 28, 2024. One male was triaged at the scene and transported to an area hospital

The Midland Civitan Club Donates \$1K



Oct. 7, 2024 - The Midland Civitan Club has made a donation to Warm & Cozy Children's Charity. The civitan club donated \$1000.00 to help cloth local children, teens and young adults up to age 21. *By Carol Wilson*



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WILSON, Margaret Mae

Passed away peacefully at Hospice Georgian Triangle in Collingwood on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Margaret Wilson of Wasaga Beach, formerly of Elmvale in her 92nd year. Pre-deceased by her husbands Gordon Gibb and

Lorne Wilson.

Beloved mother of Rob (Karen) Gibb and Jeannie McKeown. Proud grandma of Dan (Megan), Jamie (Brett), Matt (Stephanie), Scott (Kristen), and Katelyn (Jeff). Cherished great grandmother of Cody, Hunter, Remi, Brant, Emmett, Emerson, and Henry. Pre-deceased by her sisters, Dorothy Schwartz and Shirley Martin. Margaret will be fondly remembered by the Wilson family.

Margaret, an active golfer in her earlier years, found immense joy in spending time with family and friends, sharing her love and humour.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the future, where we can gather to honour Margaret and share cherished memories and stories. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to the Canadian Diabetes Association, Hospice Georgian Triangle - Campbell House, or the Canadian Cancer Society.

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



MACKEY, Christine Ann (née Kelly)

Passed away peacefully with family by her side at Hospice Simcoe on Friday, September 20, 2024. Christine Mackey (née Kelly) of Elmvale, Ontario in her 71st year. Cherished mother of Kelly (Kevin) Hicks and Paul

Mackey. Devoted Nanny to Emily Elizabeth. Dear sister of Michael (Brenda) Kelly, Patricia (Tony) Furlong and Paul (Flo) Kelly.

Christine is predeceased by her parents Sylvia and Paul Kelly, brother Brian Kelly and partner John Szczypciak.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Elmvale Legion from 1-4 pm on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

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OBITUARIES

EDWARDS, Shirley "Ann"
November 4, 1937

It is with great sadness that we announce Ann Edwards daughter of the late Cliff and Florence Crowe passed away peacefully on September 20, 2024. She was surrounded by her family. Survived by her loving husband Ralph of nearly 70 years. They resided in Vasey for the last 67 years. Dear mother of Daniel (Maryann), Cathy Fraser (Ken, predeceased), Victor and Keith (Debbie). Devoted grandmother of Wendy (John Mino), Adam (Andrea) St Denis, Timothy, Michael, Emily, Sarah, Liam, Nicholas (Leanne) and Andie Edwards. Beloved great grandmother of Reece, Cadence, Bentley St Denis and Anthony Mino. Ann is survived by two brothers Ken Crowe (MaryLynn) and Mike Crowe (Brenda). Ann was loved by many family, friends and neighbours, she will be missed. Ann was an avid reader. She loved to sew, quilt and knit and shared her many talents with her family and friends. Cremation has taken place. At Ann's request no service will be held. Memorial condolences may be made at www.leclaircremationcentre.ca



DAMBERGS, Biruta "Ruth" Laimdota
December 27, 1929 – August 6, 2024

Biruta "Ruth" Laimdota Damberg went to be with her heavenly father on August 6, 2024, in Midland, Ontario. She was born Biruta Laimdota Priedītis in Rīga, Latvia on December 27, 1929, to parents Martinš and Matilda Priedītis along with her younger brother Raymonds Priedītis.

Biruta was a loving Daughter, Sister, Mother, Aunt, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. She was displaced from Rīga, Latvia during WWII at the age of 14. Enduring the hardships of labour camps, losing her home and part of her family during her teenage years was a defining time in her life that would go on to influence the entirety of it. By the end of the war, Biruta found herself in Darwen, Lancashire, England where she worked in a weaving mill. It was there where she would meet her husband Sigurds Damberg.

Biruta married Sigurds on September 17, 1950, at the age of 20. Soon after she would give birth to her two twin daughters, Ināra and Anita Damberg on April 17, 1951. In 1958, Biruta moved to Canada with what remained of her family, settling in the neighborhood of Willowdale, in the district of North York.

During her time in Canada, she worked as a cashier at GEM for over 10 years before retiring. After retiring she moved to Elmvalle, Ontario with her husband, Sigurds, where they lived out the remainder of their lives until he would eventually pass in March 2014, and she eventually followed over a decade later on August 6, 2024.

Biruta is survived by her two daughters Anita Woods, and Ināra Elksnitis. Her Grandchildren Erik Woods, Jennifer Woods, Brent Woods, and Aleksandrs Elksnitis. As well as her Great Grandchildren, Liam Woods, Charlotte Woods, and Quinn Woods.

Biruta was an active and faithful Lutheran. She was a tenacious woman; born into a farming family, she would never shy away from a hard day's work. Biruta was a passionate gardener, cook, angler, and seamstress – as well as a prolific reader who enjoyed puzzles.

A viewing was held on August 9, 2024 prior to the cremation at Peaceful Transition in Barrie, Ontario. A private service will be held at York Cemetery in Toronto, Ontario at a later date.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.peacefultransition.ca



PILON, Jeanette Theresa (née Lacroix)

Passed away peacefully with family by her side on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at the Hospice Huronia Tomkins House, Penetanguishene in her 93rd year. Jeanette of Penetanguishene, beloved wife

of the late Leon Pilon (1998) for 44 years. Loving mother of Darlene Pilon (Blair Stotesbury), Glenn (late Lorinda) Pilon, Brian (Nancy) Pilon and Terry (Stephanie) Pilon. Cherished grandmother of Adrien Stotesbury (Erica Therens), Rebecca Stotesbury (Eric Labrie), Sarah Pilon (Jeff Warnock), Anna Pilon (Duncan Woods), Christopher Pilon and great grandmother of Eli, Henry and Nora Warnock, William Woods and Gracie Pilon. Caring sister of Stella (Arthur) Pike. Jeanette will also be missed by her many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. She is predeceased by her parents Robert (Bob) Lacroix and Alma (née Robillard) and Alcime Legault, and her siblings Diane (late Andre) Dubeau and Leonard (late Margaret) Lacroix. Friends are invited to Penetanguishene Funeral Home, 155 Main Street on Friday, September 6, 2024 for the visitations from 2pm – 4pm and again from 6pm – 8pm. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 starting at 10am at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 28 Robert Street, Penetanguishene. A burial will take place following the Mass at St. Ann's Cemetery. The family invites everyone to the reception held in the Church Hall at St. Ann's following the burial. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House Foundation, the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County or the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of Jeanette. The family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Greg Gaffney, Home and Community Care Support Services North Simcoe Muskoka and Hospice Huronia Tomkins House for their exceptional care and support.

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