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North Simcoe Springwater News Found At Elmvale Skating Club Skating Carnival

By Kelly-Walker-Prince, March 24, 2025

This past weekend March 22, 2025 the Elmvale Skating Club hosted its Annual Carnival "Once Upon a Story Book". Many outstanding performances were displayed by the many talents of its skaters. One display were the Guest skaters from the Mariposa School of Skating and the PULSE Synchro team Club joined in the performance.

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EDITOR'S NOTES by Linda Belcourt, Editor/Owner

March 25, 2025 - Happy Spring, Happy Readers I hope you enjoy this edition number 700.

Well, the Federal Election is on and I have never witnessed such passionate Canadians caring about politics. Every social, business and even stranger visits, there is talk of politics. The times are uncertain, for sure. Canadians are strong, for sure. So please

educate yourself on facts and don't listen to attack ads just listen to your inner voice and source out truth by yourself. Research platforms. Don't get brain washed and don't be influenced by "hear say". Decide what sources you trust and educate yourself there. I hope the best for you in making your own mind up. Please vote, your ancestors died for this right!!!!

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International Women's Day is not just a get together

By Linda Belcourt, Editor, March 25, 2025

The 2nd Annual International Women's Day event was held in partnership with North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation! The event was held at NSSRC on March 7th, 2025 from 11:30 am to 2:30pm. Tickets were only \$20 per person. This event is a call to action for gender equity and empowerment.

With over 125 participants, there was so much

Panel of North Simcoe businesswomen discuss their challenges, successes and triumphs:



The 1st Annual Women's International day was the brainchild of Cathy Tait of the SGB Chamber who contacted Lois Irvine of North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation to immobilize the movement for the local community. They wanted a local initiative to recognize the day and realized there was a hole for this kind of event. It was a great success so the planning began for the 2nd Annual event.

International Women's Day has its roots in the early 20th century labor and women's rights movements. The first National Women's Day was observed in the United States in 1909, following a declaration by the Socialist Party of America. In 1910, at the International Socialist Women's Conference

in Copenhagen, German activist Clara Zetkin proposed the idea of an international day to advocate for women's rights, which was embraced by various countries. The first official International Women's Day was celebrated in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland.

Over the years, IWD has gained global recognition, and in 1977, the United Nations officially marked March 8th as a day for women's rights and world peace. Since then, governments, organizations, and individuals worldwide have used this day to highlight gender-based issues, promote women's achievements, and push for systemic change.

While significant progress has been made in the fight for gender equality, challenges remain. Women

continue to face barriers in employment, education, healthcare, and political representation. Issues such as the gender pay gap, gender-based violence, and lack of access to leadership roles persist in many parts of the world.

International Women's Day serves as a reminder that achieving true gender equality requires effort from everyone.

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Hey Dads!

March 24, 2025 - Do you like bacon? It's so good! But have you ever made your own? We are about to. You may recall that our family became the proud owners of a pair of piglets about eight months ago. The kids called them Winifred and Cordelia but I called them Bacon and Porkchop. And last weekend the pigs moved much closer to living up to the names I gave them. My beautiful wife opted to stay in the house for the day's events but most of the kids wanted to get right in on the action.

With our learning brains on, the kids and I gathered down at the barn as our friends educated us in the art of meat management. Day one of pig preparation would mostly be outside where it was cool and day two would be in the shop where it was less cool. The boys wanted to dispatch the two porkers but our friend had brought along the necessary equipment to quickly and efficiently carry out step one. We prayed before it all happened, thanking God for providing this meat for us to eat.

I led one of the pigs out of the barn where we felled it. Some kids watched wide-eyed. Others stayed in the barn out of eyesight. "Do you have any chains

to hang it up?" my friend asked. You'd think a little hobby farm would have chains around. We do not. The boys ran up to the shop, grabbed a couple ratchet straps and before you could say, "Where's the meat?", we had one of the pigs hanging from the tractor forks and ready to go.

Being the rookies that we are we lacked the necessary scale to see just how much Peppa 1 and Peppa 2 actually weighed. Lucky for us our friends had some fancy calculations to determine the pig's approximate weight. Roughly 250 lbs each. The tractor is a bit big to get in the shop. I thought one strong guy (my friend) and one weak guy (myself) would be able to hang the meat inside for processing but I was incorrect. Have you ever tried to lift an unwieldy, slippery mass of meat up a stepladder? We failed. My son brought the tractor and forks in but of course the mast was too tall and would hit the ceiling. He tilted the forks up at a very inconvenient angle so we could get the meat on the forks plus the two of us on the forks twisting and straining to lift. But we accomplished the mission! Meat was hanging! We could now channel our inner Rocky and start boxing with the meat just like in the movie.

Day one as a butcher was quite a success. Tune in next time to hear about day two where we learned all about fat. Pigs have a lot of it in case you were unaware. The kids got a first-hand account of how meat gets to our table and our learning brains were full of anatomical animal knowledge. If you don't have animals of your own maybe you could take your kids on a field trip to a butcher and see how things are done. Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the heavy ones.

Jason Weening learns about farming things with his 10 kids and one wife. Check out his new book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them" on Amazon.

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- Attend the Open House - April 15, 2025 at the NSSRC
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- Attend the Open House - April 29, 2025 at the NSSRC
 - 2-4 p.m. or from 6-8 p.m.
- Connect with our staff - email parkingreview@midland.ca

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Springwater, Oro-Medonte split on how to navigate Barrie boundary talks

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, March 20, 2025

When it comes to dealing with the City of Barrie and its boundary expansion plans, Springwater Township says it will stay the course.

Through a letter from Oro-Medonte Township, Springwater council was asked to pass a motion similar to the one Oro-Medonte passed last month that would expedite the boundary discussion process and find a conclusion within a six-month timeframe.

At Wednesday night's council meeting, Springwater council declined to go that far, opting to receive the letter for information only.

"I thought it was a very thought-out motion, very detailed," said Springwater Coun. Danielle Alexander. "It's an attempt to add structure to a process which, unfortunately, I don't think has a lot of structure, in that any structure we seem to set up, Barrie goes its own way with."

"It's a lot to unpack, and I'm not suggesting we do anything other than receive it tonight, but I do think there's a lot of food for thought on how we move forward," she added.

Signed by Oro-Medonte Mayor Randy Greenlaw, the letter advised Springwater Township that Oro-Medonte council unanimously passed a motion tabled by Deputy Mayor Peter Lavoie at the Feb. 25

council meeting that requested support for an "expedited approach for the purpose of achieving agreement."

The letter included the motion Oro-Medonte passed and guidelines the township drafted to describe the process it considers to be best.

"Oro-Medonte council is of the view that the proposed revised approach will provide a more productive and efficient path forward, ensuring the City of Barrie's boundary adjustment request will be determined and closed within a six-month timeframe, or sooner," Greenlaw wrote in the letter.

As part of the process, Oro-Medonte is proposing: all parties be present at all sessions; the sessions be livestreamed; all sessions have an agenda; all sessions are open to the public; and that members of the public have the opportunity to observe the meetings and provide deputations or presentations.

Alexander said she was in full support of the process being transparent and open.

She said public consultation, open meetings and full transparency to all residents of Springwater, Oro-Medonte and Barrie is vitally important to the process.

"It's so everyone knows exactly what's going on," Alexander said.

Springwater Coun. Phil Fisher echoed Alexander's opinions. He also commended

Oro-Medonte council's efforts and encouraged Springwater council to accept the letter for information only.

"They've laid out the frustration we all feel," Fisher said. "The requests seem to keep changing. First it was employment land and then, when it was convenient, it became housing."

While Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin expressed similar frustrations with the process, she wanted to ensure the township was on solid ground with whatever next steps it decides to take.

She sought clarity from Doug Herron, the township's chief administrative officer.

"The terms of reference we currently have in play provides that the township would act in confidence in those discussions," Herron told council. "The motion that is before us, as presented from the council of Oro-Medonte, is suggesting we take a completely 180-degree reversal and open it up to the public."

Coun. Brad Thompson was the only one on council who opposed the Oro-Medonte request.

"I don't see a lot of value in joining with Oro-Medonte in their concerns," he said. "I see our issues as similar but different. After a year-and-a-half in, I don't see any progress. We should be dealing directly with the City of Barrie."

"I'm still of the opinion that we should go this on our own."

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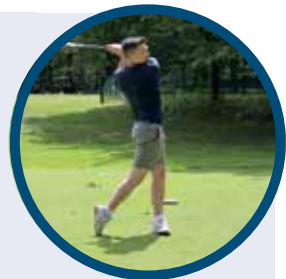
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No exceptions will be granted unless exempt under the Highway Traffic Act (i.e. heating fuel).

Public Planning Meeting - Tiny's Dynamic Beaches and Shoreline

March 31, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Township of Tiny Council Chambers, 130 Balm Beach Road West

The meeting will provide an opportunity to consult with the public on an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and a Dynamic Beach Management By-law regarding the management of the shoreline areas in the township, including dynamic beaches.

Note: A decision will NOT be made at the meeting. After reviewing the comments received, township staff will make a recommendation at a future Council meeting.

For more info: www.tiny.ca/DynamicBeaches.

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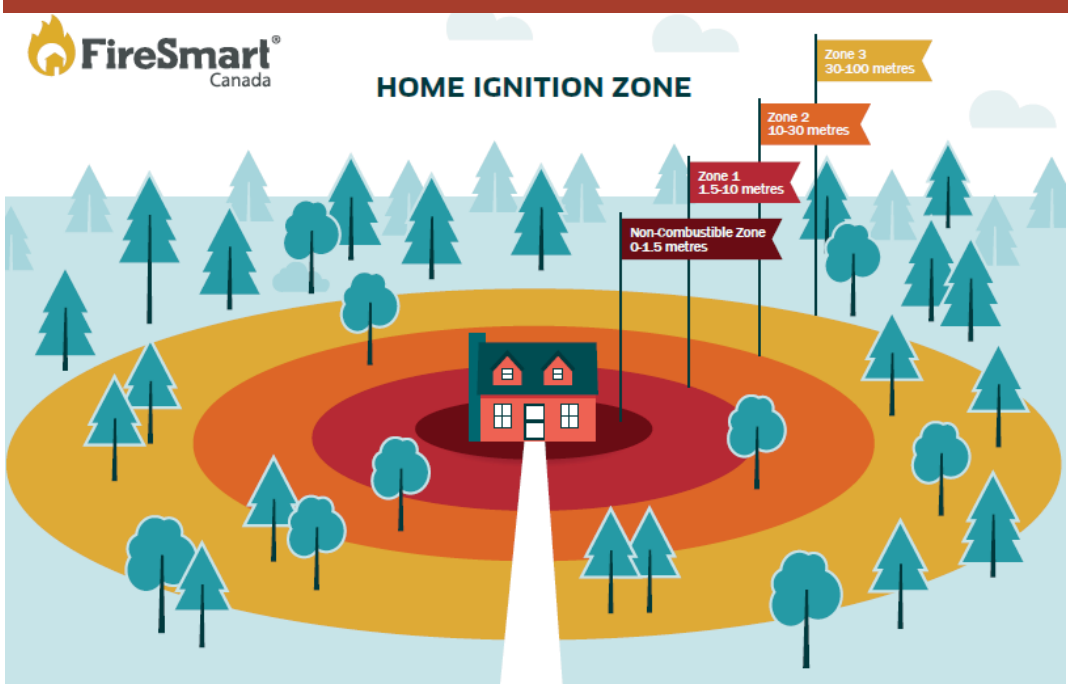
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**Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 5000
ZB-2025-003 – Additional Residential Unit (ARU) By-law Update
April 16, 2025 | 6:30 p.m. | Township Administration Centre**

Take notice the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater will hold a hybrid public meeting (in person at the Township Administration Centre and virtually via Zoom) on April 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P 13 as amended.

Subject Lands

Entire geographic area of the Township of Springwater.

No key map has been included in this notice as the proposed amendment applies to the entire municipality.

Purpose and Effect

The purpose and effect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to update the Additional Residential Unit (ARU) By-law to maintain compliance as per changes to the Planning Act and regulations.

Meeting Details

Interested stakeholders/residents can listen to the meeting through Zoom online or by dialling 1-647-558-0588 and inputting the **meeting ID: 830 0998 9176** when prompted or attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers at the Township's Administration Centre located at 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON. The Council meeting will also be live streamed on the Township's YouTube channel at: <https://www.springwater.ca/live>

To Participate and/or Make Comment

Interested stakeholders/residents that would like to comment/participate in the hybrid Council meeting **virtually** on Zoom will be required to pre-register with the Township prior to Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM, by emailing publicmeetings@springwater.ca or calling 705-728-4784 x 2019. Please also review the attached "Frequently Asked Questions, Protocol for Public Participation in Virtual Public Meetings" document.

Interested stakeholders/residents that would like to comment/participate in the hybrid Council meeting in person are asked to please pre-register with the Township prior to Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM, by emailing publicmeetings@springwater.ca or calling 705-728-4784 x 2019.

Written and oral submissions will form part of the public meeting record, including the name and address of the commenters, as information collected under the Planning Act. The minutes, written submissions and a recording of the meeting will be posted on the Township's website.

Any person may make a submission in support of, in opposition to, or ask a question regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Written submissions are recommended and can be made to the Planning Department by email, regular post or the drop box located at the Administration Building. Please ensure all written submissions include your name, address, and the application number.

And take notice that a specified person or body as identified in the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal with respect to any decision made by Council by filling with the Planning Department of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater with a complete notice of appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal and accompanied by the fee required by the Tribunal.

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

Additional information related to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will become available on the Township of Springwater's website as part of the Agenda which is posted five days prior to the public meeting date. Please see link below for Agenda: <https://springwater.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/242207/>. Any questions regarding the application or requests for additional information can be directed to Planning Department 705-728-4784 ext. 2019 or publicmeetings@springwater.ca.

Dated at the Township of Springwater on March 27, 2025.

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GBGH Officially Opens New MRI!

Submitted by GBGH

March 21, 2025 – Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) officially opened the highly anticipated Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) addition, marking a transformative milestone in healthcare services for the communities the hospital serves. Thanks to the generosity and dedication of the community, the Foundation achieved its \$4-million fundraising goal in less than two years, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to enhancing local healthcare.

“Our government is making record investments in health care to connect more people to the care they need, closer to home,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By investing in Georgian Bay General Hospital’s first-ever MRI machine, our government is taking another step to make it easier and faster families in the region to access key diagnostic services in their community, for years to come.”

“I am incredibly proud to celebrate the grand opening of the MRI expansion at Georgian Bay General Hospital, a milestone that marks a significant advancement in healthcare for our community,” said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. “Working closely with the Ministry of Health, this expansion enhances this hospital’s capacity to provide timely, high-quality diagnostic services, ensuring that residents receive the care they need without leaving our region. It is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together to prioritize the health and well-being of our community.”

The new MRI addition will help reduce wait times – both locally and across the region – as GBGH’s local patients will no longer need to be placed on MRI waitlists at facilities in Barrie or Orillia.

Matthew Lawson, president and CEO of GBGH, shared his appreciation for the community’s role in bringing the MRI to life, stating, “Today is a celebration of what is possible

when a community comes together. The opening of our MRI is a significant achievement that will have a lasting impact on patient care. With this addition, we are eliminating barriers to essential diagnostic imaging and ensuring that residents can access timely and critical healthcare services without having to travel far from home.”

The event was held at GBGH with many GBGH team members, community partners, and donors in attendance to celebrate this significant achievement. More than 1,800 individuals, businesses and organizations invested in the project through the GBGH Foundation, including a \$550,000 match gift from FDC Foundation.

Nicole Kraftscik, CEO of the GBGH Foundation, highlighted the impact of community support, stating, “This project would not have been possible without the dedication and passionate support from our community. Our collective \$4-million investment is empowering our hospital to provide excellent care and is a powerful testament that local healthcare matters. We are incredibly grateful to every person who partnered with us to bring MRI technology to GBGH.”

The GBGH MRI is among one of the first of the 49 new MRI machines the Ontario government is adding across the province, to become operational. This new MRI will allow for more than 4,000 scans to be performed each year, greatly reducing wait times and ensuring that patients who previously had to travel outside the region can now receive timely diagnostic imaging closer to home.

With the MRI now fully operational, GBGH is officially accepting referrals, and the MRI team is eager to begin delivering high-quality diagnostic imaging. This cutting-edge technology will provide faster diagnoses, reduce wait times, and enhance patient care for thousands of residents across the communities GBGH serves.



Photo cutline: (Left to right): Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, GBGH MRI Technologists Liane Netherton, Melissa Rawlek, Jennette Cole, Luc Pharand, Erin Kominek, GBGH Manager of Diagnostic Imaging, Dr. Nick Loughheed, GBGH Chief of Diagnostic Imaging, Dr. Vikram Ralhan, GBGH Chief of Staff, Bernie Uhlich, Chair, GBGH Board of Directors, Karen Redpath, GBGH Director, Clinical Services, Nicole Kraftscik, GBGH Foundation President and CEO, Matthew Lawson, GBGH President and CEO, and Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response and MPP Simcoe North cut the ribbon for the new GBGH MRI.



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Book Club

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 Our April meeting will be held April 3rd at 4:00 at the Penetanguishene Public Library.

No Sew Pillow

Make a cute little pillow without sewing. \$3 for members. \$5 for non-members. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Open to all ages. Parents/guardians must stay in the building for the duration of the program.
 When : Tuesday, April 8 at 4:00

Easter Egg Hunt

For Ages: 0-12. Register in person with your valid library card. Parents/guardians must stay in the building for the duration of the program.
 When : Saturday, April 12 from 10:30-11:30am

Technology Session – Kanopy

Want to become more familiar with an app that is free to use and gives you access to free movies? Sign up for our tech session on how to use Kanopy.
 When: Monday April 28th, 10am-11am

Storytime

Enjoy a story, children's songs, and a craft. Free. Ages: 0-6. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run this program. March 17 to March 22: registration open to Penetanguishene tax paying members. After March 24: registrations open to everyone. Spot is non-transferable.
 When : Friday, April 25 at 10:30

Travel to Cuba

Linda will talk about their trip to Cuba and share their experience, places to see, how to prepare the trip.
 When : Tuesday, April 29, 2:00-3:00pm

March 20, 2025

Smile Campaign for Mothers

If you enjoy giving back, we need YOU! For the month of March we are compiling gift bags for the Elmvale Foodbank for Mother's Day! Items needed: nail polish, notebooks, fun socks, hair brush, chocolate and bath products. Thank you! This program is made possible through partnerships with Steelers Restaurant, Vespra Lions Club and Elements Salon and Spa.

Volunteer Income Tax Program

In person, phone appointments and drop off processing of taxes are available for those within the tax brackets of: \$35,000 for one person, \$45,000 for two people, up to \$50,000 for a family of four. In person appointments are available in March and April at the Elmvale Branch, please call us to book your in person or phone appointment at (705) 322-1482. If you are using the drop off method of tax processing (starts Monday February 24), please ensure your documents are in a sealed envelope labelled with your address, phone number and email address. This program operates in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency. In person 30-minute appointments are available in March and April.

Magic Card Club

Ages 9-13 join us for fun filled mornings learning how to play magic cards and build a deck. Saturdays in March, 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Take and Make Craft

Every month the library will have a new FREE craft kit for you to take home and make! Thursday April 3 is a mushroom craft. Available while supplies last.

DIY Promotion Materials

Have a small business, hobby or do charity work? Sign up to utilize our button maker and sticker paper, to create your own promotional material. Thursday April 3 at Elmvale Branch or Thursday April 10 at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$1 per large button, \$1 for

two small buttons, \$2 per sticker page. Registration required.

Paper Roll Bird Drop-In Craft

The library will be offering a fun drop-in craft making a paper roll bird at both Elmvale and Midhurst Branches. Thursday April 17 starting at 10am. Available while supplies last.

Holiday Closure

All branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed on Good Friday, Friday April 18. Elmvale and Midhurst branches will be open Saturday April 19 and then branches will be closed Easter Monday April 21.

Tween/Teen DIY Water Bottle Decal

Have an old water bottle? Spruce it up at the library using our Cricut machine. Create your own personalized decal! Tuesday April 22, 5pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost FREE. Registration required.

Sublimation Socks

Using Canva and our sublimation printer make a custom pair of socks! Please note, socks are one size only and will fit most teen and adults. Thursday April 24, 6pm at Elmvale Branch or Tuesday May 20, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$5 per pair of socks. Registration required.

80's Murder Mystery Night

Ages 18+ are invited to 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 April 25, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$5. Registration required.

Creative Adults: Garden Pot Transformation

Transform a clay garden pot into a work of beauty by using a variety of creative mediums. All materials provided. Tuesday April 29, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: \$10.



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Lucky winner of the combined December & January GBGH 50/50 Draw

Feb. 26, 2025 - Waubaushene resident Fred Vella was the lucky winner of the combined December & January GBGH 50/50 draw on January 30th, taking home the grand prize of \$19,615.
 Fred, just 3 months shy of his 90th birthday, shared

that the staff at GBGH have always treated him with kindness and patience, inspiring him to purchase lottery tickets and support his local hospital.
 Tickets for the current combined February & March GBGH 50/50 can be purchased at <https://gbgh5050.ca/>.





FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
 Municipal Act, 2001
 Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 24, 2025, at the Township of Tiny Municipal Office, 130 Balm Beach Rd. W., Tiny Ontario.

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

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 43 68 000 004 21100 0000; 7 GLEN GROVE CRES., TINY; PIN 58392-0356 (LT); LT 157 PL 793 TINY; PT LT 144 PL 793 TINY AS IN RO493656; T/W RO493656; TINY; File No. 23-04
 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$151,000
Minimum tender amount: \$16,561.00

CANCELLED- 2. Roll No. 43 68 000 014 09100 0000; 341 THUNDER BEACH RD., TINY; PIN 58423-0758 (LT); PT LT 3 PL 839 AS IN RO1471016; TINY; File No. 23-11
 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$212,000
Minimum tender amount: \$18,214.46

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

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

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:
www.OntarioTaxSales.ca
 or if no internet access available, contact:

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- 4 Falter
- 8 Some forensic evidence
- 11 Tricked
- 12 Impel
- 13 Strike smartly
- 14 The night before Christmas, say
- 15 Detailed account
- 16 Make a selection
- 17 Sumptuous repast
- 19 Cold, sort of
- 21 Youngsters
- 24 Seasoned
- 27 Stone fruit
- 30 Bangkok native
- 31 Jetty
- 32 Painter's board
- 34 Nuisance
- 35 Memorable spans of time
- 36 Milk
- 38 Wading bird
- 42 Pinpoint
- 44 Well-qualified
- 47 "Sister Act" sister
- 48 Shoe front
- 49 Derriere
- 50 Couple
- 51 Cut out
- 52 Flight segments
- 53 "A Chorus Line" number

Down

- 1 One who takes orders
- 2 To ___ and to hold
- 3 Theory
- 4 Plain and simple
- 5 Division of history
- 6 Grade A item
- 7 Table part
- 8 Water shortage
- 9 Rest period
- 10 Germane
- 18 Gets around
- 20 Rage
- 22 Info
- 23 Military award
- 25 Enjoy a smorgasbord
- 26 Cube that's tossed
- 27 Phone download
- 28 Baked dessert
- 29 Picked up where one left off
- 33 Amplified light sources
- 37 Rank
- 39 Knowing about
- 40 Place of archaeological interest
- 41 Word with high or deep
- 42 Packed away
- 43 A charged bit of matter
- 45 Hairy-bodied insect
- 46 Internet gamer's complaint

'Super thing': Boisterous crowd cheers MRI grand opening at GBGH

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, March 21, 2025
 Georgian Bay General Hospital celebrated the grand opening of its new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment on Friday morning, announced as the first of 49 such machines for hospitals across the province.

"A brain aneurysm, for example, can be detected with an MRI in the smallest of millimetres," said GBGH president and CEO Matthew Lawson to MidlandToday.

"What that means is that we can detect things much faster in terms of individuals. And then with what we've proposed and what the Ministry is funding us, essentially we will have enough hours to operate."

Thanks were extended throughout the newly-

constructed building, which GBGH board of directors Bernie Uhlich noted was just a dirt pile nine months ago. The hospital expansion of the MRI equipment, building concrete, and other materials were paid through a \$4 million campaign from donations by more than 1,800 individuals, businesses and organizations over the past two years.

"Our residents no longer have to travel to Orillia or Barrie for MRI services; they can do it in our community right here, close to home," said Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop, minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Roughly 100 attendees consisting of staff, dignitaries, donors, volunteers and members of the public applauded loudly throughout the various speeches prior to being led to the MRI unit.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones said: "The province of Ontario, through your tax dollars, fund the operation of these MRIs but at the end of the day, it's community support and community engagement and donors that actually make it happen."

"This is the first MRI opening of the 49 that we have announced," Jones added to a swell of cheers.

Georgian Bay Township Mayor Peter Koetsier called the achievement "terrific" for residents. "It increases our capacity and shortens our drive; it's fantastic."

Mayor Ted Walker of Tay Township echoed the comments. "It's close, and (reduces) patient transfers that have to be taken with a staff complement being assigned. It's a super thing to have in the area."



Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

March 22, 2025

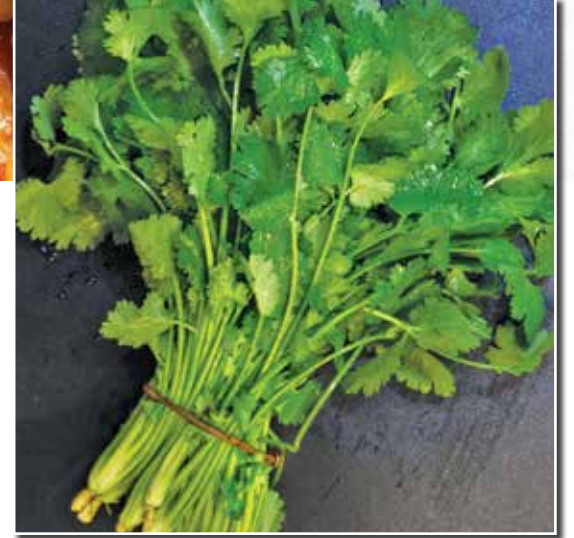
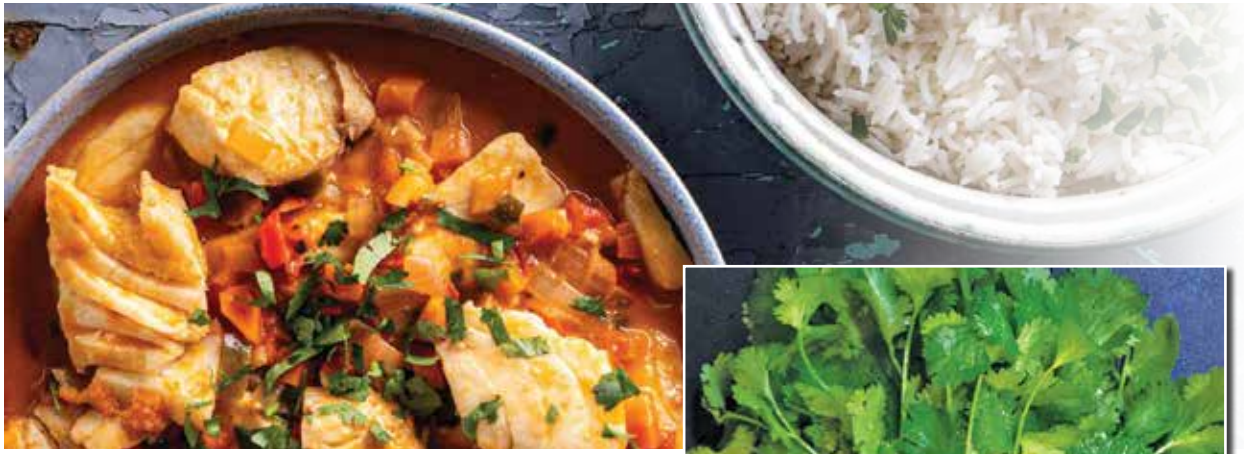
Looking to add a little spice to your dinner routine? This Moroccan inspired fish recipe is the perfect way to do just that! Featuring a mouth-watering blend of spices and fresh cilantro, this dish is healthy, aromatic and bursting with flavour. Simple to prepare and rich in lean protein, inflammation-fighting antioxidants and heart-healthy fats. It's a meal that will nourish your body while making your taste buds dance.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 fillets of white fish or salmon
- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced or ¾ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) smoked paprika
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground turmeric
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) salt
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) black pepper
- 1 can (398 ml / 14 oz) diced tomatoes

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- 1 can (540 ml/19 oz) chickpeas, optional
- 1 cup (250 ml) broth, vegetable or chicken
- ½ cup - ¾ cup (125 ml-188 ml) fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 cups (500 ml) cooked rice, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat olive oil in a large pot. Add onion and garlic and sauté until soft.
2. Stir in the coriander, cumin, paprika, turmeric, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Cook for 1-2 minutes.
3. Add the fish fillets and cook until browned on both sides.
4. Pour in the tomatoes, chickpeas, if using and the broth. Bring to a boil and then, simmer for 20-30 minutes.
5. Stir in the fresh cilantro.
6. Serve with steamed rice, if desired.

ENJOY!

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demos/classes and individual counselling. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Cilantro - with its bold and citrusy flavour - is an herb that has been used in cooking and natural medicine for thousands of years. Believed to have originated in the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern regions, cilantro has been found in ancient Egyptian tombs and in historical documents from China, India and Greece. Today, this vibrant and vitamin-packed powerhouse is a staple in cuisines worldwide.

'Nationally' unique Midland Bay Landing project kicks off anew

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, March 20, 2025

Midland Bay Landing is on the cusp of a restart, and a 'kickoff' presentation at the recent Midland council meeting had several on the raised dias excited for community engagement.

During the committee of the whole meeting, consultants KPMG LLP shared a slideshow with buzzwords, targets and community engagements, pitching what could become of the 1.1-kilometre Georgian Bay waterfront brownfield site that had been a subject of contention throughout recent years.

Shawn Oakley, director of KPMG real estate advisory services, told council and attendees that the 40-acre waterfront development opportunity was "unique, not only within Simcoe, but within Ontario and probably nationally."

The presentation was Phase 1 of what was described by Mayor Bill Gordon last year as "an RFP for the RFP"; before the town would put the property out for a request for proposal, an earlier request for proposal would utilize KPMG to help focus, market, and attract large-scale developers to the project with a Phase 2 starting goal of April 2026.

Oakley spoke to several draft items including site context, the procurement process work plan, a public engagement strategy, vision statement, and guiding

development principles.

Regarding building density at the site, Oakley noted that while town-homes could use up available greenspace, developers were keen to use higher buildings to provide more ground amenities for residents.

"There's a trade-off," said Oakley. "If you're looking to get the same amount of housing units, a lot of communities now are focusing on going higher and providing a lot more greenspace that the public can use and enjoy."

Announced during the meeting was that public engagement sessions would be taking place in two open houses at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre on April 15, from 2 to 4 p.m., and from 6 to 8 p.m. Also, a survey would be available on the Engaging Midland page of the town website, along with all other projects by the municipality.

Several on council expressed excitement over getting the public involved in discussions, with Gordon pointing to the publicly available documents on the website.

Following the meeting, Gordon spoke to MidlandToday on how the KPMG kickoff had differed from the previous vision by the Midland Bay Landing Development Corporation, who had halted in 2023 through numerous reasons including transparency and community representation.

"In many ways, it's the same concept. We don't want to have something that's single-use down there," said Gordon. "We want to have something amazing."

"The reset is an opportunity to go back to market with fresh community input - which some of it may be the same old community input; fair enough," Gordon said. "The developing community will dream stuff up for it, and whoever we ultimately award it to will be done in collaboration with the community. The community will see the designs and they'll help us pick. Then we'll change the Official Plan to match whatever we pick."

"It's really a fundamental reset on the way we're doing the business, not on what the end goal is." Gordon added: "The old plan and the new plan, I think, are going to look very different; but how we're getting there is really the big change - that's the rethink."

The KPMG project kickoff report for Midland Bay Landing, including slideshow, is 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.

seeking medical care.

People who do get sick usually recover without treatment, but measles can be more severe for infants, pregnant women, and those with compromised immune systems. Possible complications include middle ear infections, pneumonia, diarrhea, or encephalitis (swelling of the brain) and occasionally death in the very young.

The health unit is advising individuals and families to ensure they are up to date with their measles vaccines

For more information about measles, please visit smdhu.org/measles or call 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Measles case confirmed in Simcoe Muskoka

March 19, 2025 - The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has received confirmation that an unvaccinated resident of Simcoe Muskoka has tested positive for measles.

The health unit advises anyone who believes they may have been exposed to the measles virus to do the following:

- Monitor for signs and symptoms of measles which begin 7 to 21 days after exposure.
- Even individuals who are up to date with the measles vaccine should watch for symptoms of measles for 21 days after exposure. Symptoms of measles include:

- o Fever, runny nose, cough
- o Drowsiness, and red eyes
- o Small white spots appear on the inside of the mouth and throat but are not always present.
- o Three to seven days after symptoms start, a red, blotchy rash typically appears on the face and then spreads down the body.
- o One can be infectious 4 days prior and 4 days after onset of rash.
- If you develop symptoms:
 - o Isolate immediately by staying home (do not go to school or work) and avoid contact with others.
 - o Call before going to going to a clinic or hospital, so they can prepare for your arrival to prevent the virus from spreading to others.
 - o Wear a well-fitting, high-quality face mask when

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Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence in Retirement Living at Waterside Retirement Lodge

March 25, 2025, By Waterside Retirement Lodge

As Waterside Retirement Lodge celebrates 15 years of exceptional retirement living, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared with so many individuals, families, and organizations within our community (some of who may be reading right now). Our mission has always been clear: to create a welcoming, vibrant environment where residents can live life to the fullest—proving that retirement living is not about stepping away from life but embracing it with confidence and joy.

We are deeply grateful for the strong partnerships we've built over the years with local organizations, such as our seniors clubs, The Stayner and Elmvale Curling Clubs, The Cloggers, realtors, pastors, volunteers, entertainers, and Embers (to name a few). These partnerships have helped create a dynamic, engaging environment for our residents. Whether through lively social events or community-based activities, these connections have made Waterside a true home.

We also treasure the countless memories that have

filled our Lodge with warmth and joy. From our highly-anticipated Halloween haunt to the countless celebrations full of laughter and heartfelt moments, the experiences shared with friends, family, and our wonderful team have made our community even more special.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue our mission and embrace new opportunities to connect with even more members of our community. This year, we are proud to introduce our Short Stay Program, offering temporary accommodations for those recovering from surgery, in need of respite care, or simply curious about life at Waterside. Designed for a typical duration of one month, this program is the perfect way to experience Lodge life before making a full commitment.

Our Short Stay Program includes:

- Fully Furnished Suites: Comfortable, well-equipped spaces with everything you need.
- Phone, Cable & Internet Included: Stay connected with phone, cable TV, and high-speed internet.
- Physiotherapy Services Available: On-site

physiotherapy to support your recovery or mobility needs.

- Homestyle Meals: Nutritious, delicious meals prepared daily to meet your dietary preferences.

We understand that the decision to move to a retirement community is significant, but our Short Stay Program is a stress-free way to experience life at Waterside Retirement Lodge, with all the comforts of home and the peace of mind that comes with professional support... not to mention over a decade of excellence in seniors' care! If you think our Short Stay Program could be for you, we welcome you to connect with us via telephone at (705) 429-8626 or by emailing Sales Coordinator Alisa at athoma@jarlette.com to learn more.

As we commemorate this special milestone and look forward to a future of opportunity, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been a part of our journey. We are truly grateful for the trust, support, and connections we have built and are excited to continue to serve you for many more years.

Craighurst W I March Meeting

We met at our usual venue March 18. The meeting started with the Opening Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was to guess the number of gummy bears in a jar - Kay, our VP, won. Then one member allowed that you can catch racoons with gummies. "Oh" cried some members. "Which colour does a racoon go for?" "What do you do with a captured racoon?" The President brought down the virtual gavel and order was restored. Minutes and treasurer report passed uncontested. Correspondence followed, namely some kind letters of thanks for our Christmas gifts. Business ensued with another sidewalk report, the member giving results of speaking with Ontario Hydro about the damage they did. As well all members are

encouraged to go look at Oro-Medonte Township's 2025 budget, and see exactly how much will be spent to design and fix the walk.

<https://www.oro-medonte.ca/>

March 28 Virtual on-line site opens for Public Comment

April 1 Community open house on Budget - Moonstone Firehall

April 3 Community Open House - Administration Building

April 9 Deadline for Community Comments and on virtual site.

One member came with several W I items she wanted to give away, herself moving to Wasaga Beach. Several lucky people came home richer than when they arrived. We will very much miss Carol, and she declares she will attend our daytime meetings, even though she now lives far far away. The Programme for the evening was to be a movie, The BeeKeeper. However there were

technical catastrophes with the sound . Not daunted the W I kept up

a constant chatter, supplied sound effects, filled in the speech of the actors. We gave it our best shot. We did not drone on and on. Some even waxed poetic. But finally we gave up and called it a night. Thanks to Brenda for all the work she did on the movie, projector, set up, popcorn.



The Coughlins - In the Heart of Anten Mills



By Brian Keyes, March 23, 2025 - In the 1840s during the potato famine in Tulamore Ireland, Patrick Coughlin and his Irish Catholic family moved to the 2nd Concession of Flos (Rainbow Valley Road). There, they raised a large family including son Michael (Mick) who was born in 1851. The progressive Mick bought his first farm on Lot 10 Concession 1 Old Flos Township along what is currently the east side of Coughlin Rd. In the 1890s he married Mary Jane Stone and built the majestic home which still stands on the farm today. Mick built a brick henhouse and timber barn. Together they raised another large family of 10 children to help with the farm work. Coincidentally the NSR railway had just been built and the Hendrie train station was built just up the road adjacent to the farm. Mick seized a business opportunity by buying local grain, storing & shipping it to market via the train at Hendrie. To demonstrate his progressive ways Michael Coughlin had the first automobile in Anten Mills (a model T Ford). Mick was a school trustee at SS# 11/14 and school secretary for 35 years. Many times skating parties from SS #11/14 would be

held on Coughlin's pond at the corner of Coughlin Rd and Horseshoe Valley Rd in the heart of Anten Mills. There is a story that the older school children (boys?) put one of Mick's wagons on the top of the schoolhouse at Halloween.

Mick's son Frank continued the operation of the family farm. Frank married Helen Moran. Helen was born at the corner of Hwy 27/Horseshoe Valley Rd (currently Peter Kapteyn's farm). Mick's brother William Coughlin farmed on Rainbow Valley Rd at the intersection of Coughlin Rd (currently Azores Stables). Frank's family was struck with a barn fire in Dec 1953. A new barn (the current structure) was rebuilt in 1954. The stable has poured concrete walls. The upper loft portion features a hip roof that was moved from another area, possibly North York. The loft has a remarkable support structure without trusses, posts or beams. The barn is adorned with a cupola and horse wind-vane making it a spectacular architectural building. A barn dance was held after

the barn was raised to celebrate. It currently houses the Double Door Art Gallery. Frank & William were also school trustees at SS# 11/14. Frank was elected to Flos Township council and as the Reeve in the 1960s. Community service and elected office runs deep in the Coughlin family as our current Mayor, Jennifer Coughlin who lives in the Coughlin farmhouse with husband Mark and family continues the tradition. Frank chaired the 1968 school reunion at SS #11/14. Frank owned the farm across the road on the west side of Coughlin Rd where a current new subdivision is planned. With all the local contribution of the Coughlin family to the community, it is no wonder the Township of Springwater named the road, Coughlin Rd.

This summer, stop by the Double Door Art Gallery to see the art but also have a coffee or ice cream and view the impressive buildings in the heart of Anten Mills.



ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

March 23, 2025 - It's been an interesting couple of weeks since the last edition of this column. Spring or Vernal Equinox arrived, Robins have returned, temperatures touched the 20 degree mark, much of the snow has melted and we have lawns and the moles / voles have torn up many yards in the village. It's going to be a few more weeks of fluctuating temperatures and weather which we can handle as we know great things are coming our way.

It is with immense excitement that the committee working on the Anten Mills 150 celebration presents the official Anten Mills 1875 - 2025, 150 logo. The committee received a few submissions and these were sent to a graphic designer for refinement, Lisa MacIntyre or as she will be remembered from growing up in the village on Ghibb St. as Lisa Quinnett. Lisa submitted several renditions which the committee voted on a number of times. The last submission was the overall choice and going forward will be used as we celebrate our 150 years as a community. Thank you Lisa for your contribution and to the committee for your input.

The 150 committee meets on a regular monthly basis and is working hard to have a celebration that is meaningful for the community. Presently it will be an afternoon event starting around 2PM and if all goes to plan, ending around 8PM with fireworks. There will be displays, presentations, kids and adult activities along with food and live music. The date

is Saturday, September 13 and the committee asks that if you have contact with family or friends who have moved away that you let them know and ask that they plan on attending.

If you have been in the community centre you know that on the front wall there is a sign in board from the last school reunion. It was estimated that approximately 400 people attended that. It is hoped that this celebration will exceed those numbers. It is also envisioned that a celebration wall can be created from the event. The goal is to get people who either live or have lived in the community to register their name and the location that they resided in and years. It should be interesting to see when completed.

If you have someone in your family who is into videography or photography and they would consider volunteering for the event the committee would like to hear from them. This is certainly an important event that must be captured in time. You can contact the organizers by email at antenmills150@gmail.com.

With the snow going the community signboard along Wilson is now available for messages. Thanks to Roslyn for keeping it going for the past several years. You can send your request to antenmillssign@gmail.com.

The annual Rabbit Run and Easter Egg hunt have now been confirmed for Saturday, April 19. The

fun run travels through the village and the Easter Egg hunt happens at the community centre. Pre Registration is required for both and will be posted on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page in the near future.

Along with this event there will be a collection for the Elmvalle and District Food Bank. Our Easter collection assists the food bank and you are encouraged to start collecting now in order to be able to provide generously on the day.

There has been information circulating about bears. The bears have come out of hibernation and are now desperately looking for food. Bear sightings have been reported along Nursery Road. The MNR suggests that you consider putting bird feeders away for the spring and summer. They also suggest that lids be kept tight on garbage containers and that dog food be stored indoors. It is also recommends that your BBQ be cleaned of any grease residue. If you have an unwanted bear encounter you can contact the toll free Bear Wise number at 1 866 514 2327. The line is answered 24 / 7 from until November 30.

That's it for this week. Brian has done a story on the Coughlin family and their contribution to the community which is quite interesting so please check it out.

Until next time. THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.

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Bearbells

by
Leslie Noonan

March 17/25

Happy Saint Patrick's Day! I went in search of some of that lovely green but found only brown and dull colors. At this time of the year hiking is a mess. The trails are wet and muddy but also snow covered and icy. I have a hard time choosing footwear, as I need snowshoes, hip waders, sneakers, rain boots and even a pair of crampons to manage the trails. With this intermittent weather I turn to my old favorites, trails that keep me out of the mud but still provide a great hike. Tiny marshes is one of my favorite areas at this time of the year. The cold wind cuts through your clothing as it sweeps off the frozen marsh, dropping the temperature by at least 5-7 degrees. This cold wind had me avoiding the berm and instead heading east through the scant forest and alongside the deep and ice-free canal.

I am always amazed by the wildlife found in this conservation area. Just stepping onto the trail had me unintentionally disrupting a pair of Canadian geese, who had me giving a nod to their tenacity and loud vocalizations when their area is threatened with invasion. Amen!! I continued along the trail, amazed by the sheer number of bird calls found in this small forest. Piliated and hairy woodpeckers flew overhead to land on their favorite dead trees. Small wrens and sparrows sit in bushes to call out their high-pitched songs. Out in the marsh a wood duck let loose with his mating call that sounds more like the croak of a frog. Out in the field's crows' wheel and careen, letting out loud caws at my intrusion. There just a head of me in the flooded canal a small black figure swims with sinuous ease through the murky water, eventually disappearing under the overhang of the bank. My first time seeing a mink. These small weasels love the waterways, and their dark brown fur is ideal for disguising themselves from birds of prey.

I normally follow a five km trail around the swamp and out on the berm. With the flooding, I instead made my way to one of the many sluice gates within the conservation area. Normally I would head north at this convergence of trails, but with the high waters I thought I would be smart and head back via the duck hunters' trails. Bliss, as I headed back west on a dry trail that was so easy to traverse, until I hit the first shallow stream created by the mild weather. No problem, as I use my poles to keep my feet mostly dry. The trail then turns south and here is where I start to curse. This part of the trail is flanked by bush, keeping the trail out of that warm and thawing sun. I find myself cursing loudly as I struggle through brittle

snow, often dropping through snow up to my thighs and causing me to yell as my gimpy left leg painfully gives out, over and over again. I stay to the right of the trail, which is in the shade, hoping that the rotting snow will hold me up better. Up ahead, giant drifts cross the trail from breaks in the bush from the fields. Sigh, this will not be good. Once I clamber past these spots I hit more open water areas and have given up on the idea of dry feet. By now I am regretting my decision to use this "easy" trail and am cursing every step.

I eventually make it out to the dirt road and let out a sigh of relief. Even on this easy terrain my knee is yelling at me. I will pay for today's detour with a few days limp. As I made my way down that dirt road, with the warm sun on my shoulders, I decided that a few days pain was more than worth it. I looked up at the telephone lines, and to my astonishment a kingfisher sits on the lines as it surveys the flooded fields around him. An amazing site, as this field is used every spring by migrating birds. Geese, swans, ducks and even cranes and herons land in this field by the thousands. No need to even leave your car, as the birds are just a ditch away. Spring is truly here.




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QUEST ART SCHOOL + GALLERY

Quest Art School + Gallery Launches "Gallery Gatherings" for Community Members 55+

March 23, 2025, Submitted by Quest Art School
Quest Art School + Gallery is thrilled to introduce "Gallery Gatherings," a new initiative designed to connect local creatives aged 55 and older. This welcoming program offers seniors an opportunity to explore their artistic passions, meet like-minded individuals, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of the Quest Art Upper Gallery. With no experience required, "Gallery Gatherings" provides a space for everyone to connect, create, and be inspired.

Launching on April 1st, "Gallery Gatherings" has been made possible by a generous New Horizons Grant from the Government of Canada. This funding supports community-based initiatives that encourage

volunteerism, foster intergenerational connections, and promote social inclusion for seniors. In this spirit, Quest is proud to provide a platform where older adults can come together, share their artistic interests, and build lasting connections.

With the first set of "Gallery Gatherings" planned between April and May, each session will be led by an esteemed local artists or industry professionals, including the likes of Jean Miller, Susan Dalrymple, Marilyn Green, and Sharon MacKinnon, just to name a few! Boasting an accessible price point (\$10 for Quest Members and \$15 for Non-Members), participants will have the chance to learn new artistic techniques and receive expert mentorship in

a warm, supportive environment. The program will also feature light snacks and refreshments, further enhancing the social experience.

In tandem with this new initiative, Quest is also excited to announce its upcoming Open House, which will take place on Saturday, April 5th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This event will give community members of all ages the chance to visit Quest, explore the space, learn about the full range of programming, and participate in hands-on art activities. The Open House will also provide the perfect setting to learn more about "Gallery Gatherings" and sign up for upcoming events!

Quest Art School + Gallery looks forward to the successful launch of "Gallery Gatherings" and is eager to see how the program will positively impact both seniors and the wider community.

For more information and to sign up for upcoming sessions, visit the Quest Art School + Gallery website at <https://www.questart.ca/gallery-gatherings>.

Minesing Moments

By Lorrie Norwood

March 24, 2025 - Greetings Minesing and area Residents!

I've decided its not time to put away the winter clothes just yet and I'm dressing in layers. When I leave for work in the morning, I need all of the layers, by the time I'm coming home, I'm down to shirt sleeves. Mother Nature, we recognize you are still in charge. It's still early so we won't get too frustrated yet. It's been nice to see the robins around and hear all the spring noises when the days allow us to have the windows opened. Hopefully we will be able to keep them open for longer soon.

This winter has been a long one. I am actually surprised how quickly the snow here in Minesing disappeared though. I see our neighbours in Anten Mills still have quite a bit of snow on their lawns, so I guess we can say we are lucky. A few odd snowbanks

and areas in the shade still hold some dirty white mounds give us a reminder that it wasn't long ago that we had a winter like we haven't had in many years! This year my snowblower got a workout and I was so thankful that I had one to use.

A reminder to those with children who are interested in signing up for the Minesing Otters Baseball League, that registration closes on the 31st of March. You can visit their Facebook page under Minesing Minor Ball to get all of the details for that. It's a great program for the young people to join and meet new friends, learn a new sport and keep active! If you have question, reach out to minesingminorball@gmail.com.


With spring we tend to have more homes up for sale. We hate to see people go but wish you all the best in your new home and neighbourhood. We welcome any new residents to the area. You have chosen a

great area to live. Whether you are coming to raise your family or to retire, Minesing and Springwater Township offer so much to our residents. If you are computer savvy look up Springwater Township Community page, or Minesing Community Page. There are events to find out about, businesses, news and events coming up. Take a peek and stay up to date.

Our friends in Anten Mills are hosting their Annual Rabbit Run and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 19th at 10 a.m. if you are interested, keep an eye out on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin page on Facebook for more details! It has been a great day in the past and I am sure this year will be better than ever!

Until next time, get outside and breath in some of the wonderful fresh air, clear out those winter cobwebs!

CANADA STRONG



HOW TO BUY LOCAL

By Brian Belcourt, reporter NS Springwater News, March 24, 2025

In the last edition of the North Simcoe Springwater News, the column was about the buy Canadian Initiative. Consumers were shown resources available to aid the local Agricultural producers. Local Farmers Markets and stores were highlighted to encourage consumers to purchase local agriculture products.

It not always easy or convenient to shop locally as most farmers markets are seasonal. Local smaller retailers have many local agriculture products on their shelves, such as dairy, vegetables, fruits, local meats, eggs, honey, berries, breads and, of course, this time of year Maple Syrup. Doug Rawson from Rawson meats said everything in his store is from Ontario and much more than just Canadian.

Major grocery retailers are also increasingly supporting local agriculture products. There are more local produced products on their shelf than

before. Products are being identified as Canadian produced. The biggest problem in identifying Canadian produced is that major suppliers might be 100% Canadian or may be partially Canadian content with some United States content. It is confusing because some companies use Canadian produce but manufacture in the United States, or use United States produce and is manufactured in Canada. Another consideration is where is the head quarters in Canada or International. Is the owner of a company Canadian? Do the profits from the company remain in Canada?

Not all consumers can afford to buy fresh local products. Some helpful tips are to prioritize your needs and budget, focusing on essential items first:

- Prioritize your needs, focus on buying the most essential items to fit your budget.
- Consider Alternatives, look for cheaper brands to lower your cost.

- Seasonal Produce is often cheaper and tastier.
 - Bulk Buying will lower the cost per item.
- Don't be obligated to buy Canadian products, prioritize your needs and budget first. Just try.

Supporting local businesses, will help local producers and the local economy. The products usually are tastier, and you might be surprised that the products will fit into your budget.

When researching local farm products, there is a great resource to help consumers shop local; SIMCOE COUNTY FARM FRESH, <http://simcoecountyfarmfresh.ca>. This web site has a list of local farm producers as well as their addresses. Not all local stores that carry local produced products are listed on this web site. There are also local craft breweries as well butchers with local raised meats.

There are lots of options to support local and your body will be happy that you shopped local.

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Message from MPP Jill Dunlop

March 17, 2025 - I am deeply honoured and grateful for the trust you have placed in me by re-electing me as your Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe North, and a place I proudly call home. The February Ontario provincial election was a pivotal moment for our community, and I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your incredible support. From the downtown streets to the quieter rural corners of Simcoe North, your voices have been heard, and together, we've set the stage for another chapter of progress and growth.

Returning to Queen's Park, I am filled with enthusiasm to continue advocating for our shared values and priorities. This next term promises to be a critical one, and I am ready to work tirelessly on your behalf to ensure our community's needs are front and centre. Whether it's improving healthcare, addressing housing affordability, or creating more economic opportunities, I am committed to representing you with integrity and dedication.

As your MPP, I always strive to listen to the concerns of residents and families in our riding. My office is always open to you—whether you have questions, concerns, or ideas on how we can improve our province together. I encourage you to reach out at any time. Your input is invaluable, and I look forward to engaging with you more directly throughout this term.

My office, and experienced staff are happy to help with a wide range of provincial services from anniversary, birthday & special event scrolls and marriage, birth and death certificates to ODSP and OHIP, we are here to assist you.

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Federal Election on Fast Track

Submitted by Elections Canada, Gatineau, Sunday, March 23, 2025

The 45th federal general election will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Elections Canada offices will open soon in each of the 343 federal electoral districts (ridings). Electors can visit an office to register and vote early by special ballot or to get information about voting or becoming a candidate.

Canadian citizens who are at least 18 years old on election day are eligible to vote if they:

- Are registered. Most Canadians who are eligible to vote are already registered in the National Register of Electors. To check if they are registered or to register to vote, electors should use the Online Voter Registration Service at elections.ca, call us at 1-800-463-6868 or contact their local Elections Canada office. They can also register in person at their assigned polling place when they go to vote.

Show proof of their identity and address. There are many different pieces of ID that can be used to prove identity and address. The full list is available online.

There are several ways to vote. Electors can:

- Vote on election day (Monday, April 28) at their assigned polling station
- Vote on advance polling days (Friday, April 18; Saturday, April 19; Sunday, April 20; and Monday, April 21) at their assigned polling station
- Vote early at any Elections Canada office across the country (until Tuesday, April 22, 6 p.m.)
- Vote by mail: Electors must apply by Tuesday, April 22, 6 p.m. and return their special ballot by mail (deadlines apply) or in person at their local Elections Canada office before polls close on election day.
- Electors planning to return their special ballot by mail should plan ahead and make sure there is enough time to receive a voting kit and return their completed ballot to Elections Canada by the deadline indicated in their kit.

There are other ways for electors to vote, such as at a Vote on Campus office or at their long-term care facility. They can check elections.ca for the full list of voting options.

Electors do not need to wait for their voter information card to find out where to vote. They can go to elections.ca at any time and enter their postal code to see the location of the Elections Canada office in their riding and, once they are identified, their assigned polling stations.

Elections Canada is hiring election workers to fill various paid positions in this general election. Anyone interested in making an impact in their community can apply online at elections.ca or contact their local Elections Canada office for more information.

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Give Today - Build Our Tomorrows

March 15, 2025 - The Huronia Community Foundation was registered on March 2nd 2000, becoming the 99th Community Foundation in Canada.

More than 80 people attended the March 12th event at the Midland Public Library, to celebrate 25 years of Huronia Community Foundation supporting local charities across North Simcoe.

“HCF has gone from ONE person’s idea 25 years ago, to an organization that supports 67 local charities who are making a difference in all sectors of our community. Imagine what could be achieved by HCF in the next 25 years?” said President Susan Lalonde Rankin.

The audience heard from Garry Morehouse, the first Executive Director of HCF, who shared the personal reflections from Ruth Gammell (wife of John Gammell, HCF’s first President) on the beginnings of the Foundation.

20 local charities attended and shared the impact of a recent grant from the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund. This year recipients shared in \$102,500 provided by the M Wayne and J Coleman

Family Fund. This year’s grants supported projects addressing food security, healthy living activities, educational and literacy training opportunities, creativity in arts and culture, promotion of mental health and environmental leadership.

Paul Eichhorn, HCF Board Member and Chair of the Foundation’s COMMS Committee unveiled the Foundation’s new Logo and tagline to the audience.

“As we are reaching a significant milestone in our organization’s history, we felt it was an appropriate time to reflect our identity with a new logo and tagline. Both

represent not only where the organization is today but where we are heading in the future.”

The event concluded with remarks from local dignitaries and words of thanks from Executive Director Scott Warnock.

Since 2000, the Huronia Community Foundation has provided over 3.5 million dollars in support of local charities across North Simcoe.

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A PERFECT SEASON! ELMVALE LEGION U9MD COYOTES GO 20-0!

March 19, 2025 - By Jon Popple, Head Coach
A Perfect Season!!

The Elmvale Minor Hockey Association Legion Branch 262 U9MD Coyotes went undefeated with a 20-0 record during the 2024/2025 Georgian Bay Triangle Hockey League season!

The U9MD team was selected in September following competitive tryouts and the team quickly began work for the season. The coaching staff could immediately see this team had some amazing chemistry, talent and strong work ethic that would serve them greatly over the course of the hockey season. Following two months of practice and some exhibition games the team was ready for the season to start!

The team went an impressive 14-0 during the half ice season playing against U9 MD teams from 10 other local communities in the Georgian Bay Triangle Hockey League. During these games, Elmvale outscored its competition 149 to 51 to finish plus 98 in goal differential for the first half of the season. This was also backstopped by strong goaltending play from Gunner Ververs, Douglas Price and Scott

Haines.

Following the completion of the half ice season the Elmvale squad was placed into the top division (Pool A) for the full ice portion of the season along with teams from Collingwood, South Grey, Oro and Wasaga Beach.

With games switching from half to full ice and that would now feature off sides, icings and penalties, the Coyotes knew they would be in for a new challenge against the other best teams from the region. The team immediately faced some tough competition from the South Grey Spartans and Oro Thunder who forced the team to battle back from multiple goal deficits to win 6-5 and 3-2 respectively. The team's parents were forced to the edge of their seats in these big come from behind wins early in the full ice season. The team followed up these character building wins with strong play and solid wins in their next four games against Wasaga Beach (2), Collingwood and a re-match against Oro.

The team followed up their undefeated 14-0 record with a 6-0 record during the full ice portion of the year beating all teams to finish 1st in the Georgian

Bay Triangle Hockey League U9MD Pool A.

This season provided fans with solid defensive play from the team's defense core of Scott Haines, Reef Tschop McLaren, Austin Perreault, Charlie Hamelin and Scott Popple.

This defensive play was combined with the hardworking and offensive skill of the teams forwards Wyatt Coughlin, Draper Temolder, Chase Culbert, Landon Phillips, Noah Antiquera, Douglas Price and Gunner Ververs. During the full ice season the team outscored its opponents 34-14 to lead the league with a plus 20 goal differential. The team's offence was supported by strong goalie play from the tandem of Douglas Price and Gunner Ververs who had a combined 2.3 goals against average for this portion of the season.

This season also featured special play from the team and leagues leading goal scorer and point's leader Wyatt Coughlin who recorded 19 goals and 5 assists during the full ice season (6 games) to lead the league with 24 points.

Thank you to our sponsor the Elmvale Legion Branch 262!

ELMVALE LEGION U9MD COYOTES 2025 GEORGIAN BAY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS! PERFECT 23-0 SEASON RECORD

Submitted by: Jon Popple, Head Coach, March 24, 2025

The Elmvale Legion U9MD Coyotes played their final games of the 2024/2025 season on March 22nd and 23rd in the Georgian Bay Triangle League yearend playoff championships in Wasaga Beach. The team finished the regular season in first place in Pool A, with an undefeated 20-0 record.

For the yearend tournament the U9MD Coyotes would face two tough teams in Pool "A" competition from the South Grey Spartans U9MD and the Collingwood Jr Blues U9MD, who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in Pool "A" regular season play.

The Elmvale squad opened up day one of the championship tournament against the Collingwood Jr Blues, the Coyotes got out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period and they didn't look back. The team was anchored by strong play between the pipes from goalie Douglas Price, which allowed them to score three more goals in the second and one in the final frame to take game one of the tournament 6-1 over Collingwood. The scoring for the Coyotes was led by Wyatt Coughlin (2), Chase Culbert, Landon Phillips, Gunner Ververs and Draper Temolder.

In game two on March 23rd, Elmvale would face their season long rivals the South Grey Spartans U9MD, these two teams had battled all season long for first place in Pool "A", with South Grey's only loss of the season coming at the hands of the Coyotes. In this game the Coyotes got out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period with goals coming from Landon Phillips, assisted by Noah Antiquera and a goal by Wyatt Coughlin, assisted by Draper Temolder. However, South Grey battle back to end the first period tied 2-2. The second period saw the game go back and forth with Elmvale's Wyatt Coughlin scoring his second of the game and Chase Culbert finding the back of the net after a pass from Reef Tschop McLaren. South Grey scored once in the second period making the score 4-3 at the end of the period. The final frame of the game saw the team's trade goals with Scott Popple scoring from the point with a hard shot after receiving a pass from Wyatt Coughlin. The final buzzer of the game sounded and the Coyotes had won with a 5-4 score.

The results of the round robin portion of the tournament were in and the Coyotes would face South Grey again in the final. The coyotes new they would face a strong test from the Spartan's during their second head to head matchup of the day. The coyotes hit the ice for the finals in the hope of capping off a perfect season and playoffs with a championship.

The final game opened up and the Spartan's jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period and a third goal in the second period to take a commanding 3-0 lead. The Coyotes didn't give up and continued to battle in the second period, when Scott Popple finally opened the scoring for Elmvale on a quick shot from the point with assists going to Chase Culbert and Landon Phillips. The second period came to a close and the score was now 3-1 for South Grey.

Elmvale turned it up quickly in the third period and less than a minute in to the frame Draper Temolder fired a shot to the back of the net bringing the team within one goal. The game went back and forth with Gunner Ververs making some huge saves to keep Elmvale in the game. Then with 4:30 remaining in the third, Landon Phillips broke free and scored to tie the game. The remaining time settled nothing and the game was headed to a 10:00 minute overtime.

The pressure of the game could be felt in the

building and fans, parents and coaches were on the edge of their seats. Both teams battled hard during the overtime and goalie Gunner Ververs once again made some huge saves to keep the game tied. The game went back and forth and with 2:22 remaining in overtime South Grey took a penalty. The Coyotes lined up for a faceoff in South Grey's end and went on the attack, Elmvale's forwards were buzzing all around the net and the puck came free to the point when Popple took a hard shot over the net and the rebound was gathered up by Wyatt Coughlin who tucked it in to the open net passed the goalie!

The final score was 4-3 for the Elmvale U9MD Coyotes and they rushed onto the ice to celebrate the championship and for capping off their perfect season, a staggering 23-0. Throughout this game and season this team never gave up and continued to fight for each and every win.



Team Members

Front Row (L to R) Draper Temolder, Charlie Hamelin, Reef Tschop McLaren, Gunner Ververs, Chase Culbert, Douglas Price, Austin Perreault **Back Row** (L to R) Jon Popple (Head Coach) Nathan Tschop McLaren (Trainer), Scott Haines (A), Scott Popple (C), Landon Phillips (A), Wyatt Coughlin (A), Kevin Temolder (Assistant Coach), **Absent** – Noah Antiquera, Marcel Perreault (Trainer), Tarra Popple (Manager)

KINGS BOW OUT TO ALLISTON IN SEMI-FINAL PLAY-OFF ROUND



**Monday March 10 - Alliston vs. Penetang
Player of the Game - Max Geere**



**Wednesday March 12 - Penetang at Alliston
Player of the Game - Lars Derstroff**



**Friday March 14 - Alliston vs. Penetang
Player of the Game - Landon Simec**

Submitted by Jamie Robillard, March 23, 2025
 The Penetang Kings season ended on Friday March 14th when they were eliminated by the Alliston Hornets in four games in their Carruthers Division semi-final round by a score of 6-2.
 The Hornets finished the four-game sweep of the Kings in Penetanguishene, getting two goals from both Cam Lamont and Jax Bellwood. For the Kings both Carter Wilson and Wyndam Brownlee netted single markers in the loss. Kings goaltender Landon Simec turned aside 36 shots and was named the Penetang player of the game. The Kings managed 22 shots on Alliston netminder, Seth Ronan.
 Earlier in the series the Kings dropped game two by a 6-1 score on home ice on Monday March 10th and a 7-2 decision in Alliston on Wednesday March 12th in game three.
 In the Monday contest Matthew Laframboise was the

only King to find the back of the net. Max Geere was named player of the game for Penetang with his strong effort throughout the game on defence. Simec turned aside 36 Alliston shots, while Penetang fired 22 shots at the Hornets netminder, Ronan.
 Game three saw Alliston take a 5-0 lead by the second period intermission before the Kings Lars Derstroff and Tanner Thayer managed to score single goals in the third period. Simec was again busy in the Penetang goal making 40 saves while Owen Butler handled 17 shots for Alliston. Derstroff was the Kings player of the game.
 This concludes a successful year for the Penetang squad winning a play-off round against Huntsville with the Provincial Junior Hockey League's youngest roster before being eliminated by a very strong Hornets club.
 Notes: In the other Carruthers Division semi-final,

the Orillia Terrier eliminated the Stayner Siskins in five games and will now face the Hornets in the league finals.
 Orillia took game one of the finals by a 3-0 score, handing Alliston their first regulation time loss of the season on Friday March 21st in Alliston.
 The Hornets bounced back in game two with a 3-2 victory over the Terrier on Saturday March 22nd in Orillia.
 The Kings are already planning for the 2025-26 season with their Prospects Camp scheduled for April 26 & 27 in Collingwood and May 3 in Wasaga Beach. They are also looking for an assistant coach. For information on both the prospect camp and coaching position go to the Kings website or contact the team's General Manager, Kyle Burns at kyle.burns0495@gmail.com
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Nick Story Searching for the Puck



Landon Simec Making the Stop

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Georgian Shores Seniors Club

The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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MONDAY

Midland Jam

Mondays 6:30-10 pm

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Midland Cultural Centre, 333 King St, Midland

Elmvale Seniors Drop In

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Elmvale Library. Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm

Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Table Tennis, 9am-11am

Yoga, 9am-10am

Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15-10:15am

Coffee Break, 10:30-12pm

Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps, 10:35-11am

Walking Club, 11 am-12pm

TUESDAY

Elmvale Legion

Tuesdays at 1 pm

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Bay Shore Seniors Club

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Indoor Pickleball 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Bid-Euchre - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am

Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 - 11:00 am

Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Badminton, 1pm-3pm

1:30 Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

WEDNESDAY

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 - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Step Class, 9 am-10am

Chair Yoga, 9:30am-10:30am

Cribbage, 10am-11am

Men's Shed, 10am-12pm

Walking Club, 11am-12pm

Creative Crafting, 1pm-3pm

THURSDAY

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Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Choir 10-11:30 am

Book Club (4th Thurs) 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Darts 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

3rd: Book Club, 1:30-3:30 pm

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.

Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others

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St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St
Midland

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Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room

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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

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am

Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am

3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm

TGIF social, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm

Drumming Alive, 9am-10am

Pickleball, 9am-11:30am

Chair Yoga, 9am-10am

Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am

Game Club, 10am-11am

Tabata, 9am-10am

Card Making, 1pm-3pm

SATURDAY

Elmvale Legion

Saturday at 5 pm

Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games

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SUNDAY

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April 7, 2025 1-3 pm

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Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

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Tiffin Conservation Area, 8195 8th Line, Utopia

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Good Friday April 18, 2025 at 10 am

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Sat. April 19, 2025 10am start

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U8 LL2 and U8 LL3 Thank Ritchie's Feeds N Needs



March 14, 2025 By Sarah McNabb

A big thank you to a long term EMHA sponsor,
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Town of Wasaga Beach Welcomes over \$45M Investment by Sunray Group

Submitted by Town of Wasaga
 March 21, 2025 - The award-winning hotelier will build a premium-brand hotel and other amenities near the Town's iconic beachfront and main tourism area — creating over 100 local jobs

Mayor Brian Smith says: "The Town and Council of Wasaga Beach are thrilled to welcome this over \$45 million investment in our community by the award-winning Sunray Group of Hotels. Sunray Group will build a premium-brand hotel and other amenities near our iconic beachfront. Sunray's investment represents over 100 local jobs, higher-value tourism and multi-day visits to our community, which will support our small businesses. It also represents a growing commercial tax base, which takes pressure off of our home-owners. Wasaga Beach is excited to partner with Sunray, as we continue to redevelop our beachfront commercial area and unlock our community's potential to become a thriving, year-round destination."

WASAGA BEACH – The Town of Wasaga Beach is welcoming an over \$45 million investment by the award-winning Sunray Group of Hotels to build a premium-brand hotel and other amenities next to the longest freshwater beach in the world.

Last week Council approved the purchase and sale agreement with Sunray Group for Town-owned land near Beach Area 1. Earlier today, the Town and Sunray Group signed on the dotted line.

Sunray Group will now move forward with plans to build a premium-brand hotel in phase one of what will be a four-phase project near the town's iconic beachfront.

In phase one, Sunray Group will invest over \$45 million to build a premium-brand hotel. They will pay full development charges for all four phases of the project. The company will also invest \$1.5 million to design and build a "Festival Square" near the beachfront, which will be used by the municipality for outdoor entertainment and special events.

The Town and Sunray have also entered into a joint venture, profit-sharing agreement for three additional phases of development, which are expected to include

additional hotel buildings, shops, restaurants and other amenities near Beach Area 1.

The hotel brand will be announced in the coming weeks. It will include the following year-round elements:

- a high-quality restaurant
- convention facilities
- fitness, spa or pool area
- commercial shops
- wedding facilities

Construction of a premium-brand hotel on Town-owned land near the beachfront will support the revitalization of the Town's main commercial area along Beach Drive, which is the economic engine of the community. It will strengthen the town's seasonal tourism economy by enabling high-value, multi-day visits to Wasaga Beach.

It will also help to advance other economic development goals, including:

- elevating the Wasaga Beach tourism brand;
- attracting other world-class brand partnerships and experiences; and
- developing Wasaga Beach into a year-round Ontario destination.

Sunray Group will now refine site and design plans. In the meantime, demolition work on Beach Drive is moving ahead as planned. The company is required to begin hotel construction no later than September 1, 2026.

Quick facts

- Wasaga Beach is the longest freshwater beach in the world.

- Each year the Town of Wasaga Beach welcomes over 2 million visitors who enjoy the world's longest freshwater beach, live music festivals, events, restaurants, food trucks and shops along the town's iconic Beach Drive.

- The Town of Wasaga Beach has been working to attract a premium-brand hotel to Beach One and Beach Two for decades.

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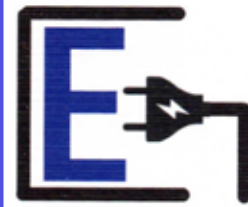
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Coughlin demands apology from Greenlaw for 'very hurtful' comment

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, March 22, 2025

Simcoe County Deputy Warden and Springwater Township Mayor Jennifer Coughlin didn't want to spend Friday afternoon sitting on her porch spilling her guts to a reporter about what happened at a county council meeting last month.

She had initiated the internal process to deal with an incident involving Oro-Medonte Mayor and county Coun. Randy Greenlaw and she was willing to let that process run its due course.

Thursday night, however, a lengthy, anonymous email that spoke to the alleged incident between Greenlaw and Coughlin was sent to most members of Simcoe County council, Ontario Premier Doug Ford and numerous regional media outlets. The email included a direct reference to the specific comment Greenlaw was alleged to have said, leading Coughlin to speak out in an exclusive interview with BarrieToday.

She said the incident happened on Feb. 25, when county council was getting ready for the flag-raising ceremony for ITSTARTS Month.

"I went back to (the council) chamber to request that the other members come to the flagpole," Coughlin said. "When I suggested to Mayor Greenlaw and (Oro-Medonte) Deputy (Mayor) Peter Lavoie that we needed to be out there, Mayor Greenlaw asked me if I was going to dance on that pole for them?"

"I told Mayor Greenlaw, 'I'm going to walk away from that,' and I left the chamber and did not participate in the photo," she added.

She said she immediately went to the office of the warden and the county's chief administrative officer, a place where said she was "safe and supported."

In a statement, Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke said he was aware of the incident, but was

not present when it happened.

"The county does not condone incidents that do not represent the values of our corporation, nor do I as warden," he said. "While the county has stringent corporate policies in place to support and protect our staff, the actions of county councillors are governed by a council code of conduct.

"When matters can't be resolved internally, code of conduct complaints are investigated by an independent integrity commissioner as part of a formal process, where appropriate outcomes would be recommended," he added.

BarrieToday reached out numerous times to both Greenlaw and Lavoie for comment. Neither responded.

Coughlin said she later called Greenlaw and asked him to make a public apology as she had a responsibility to hold him accountable for what he said, not just as deputy warden of the county but also for herself and her daughters.

"He said he would need some time to think about it," Coughlin said.

She said she met with him in person after that phone conversation and he agreed to provide a vague apology, at her suggestion.

"I told him he did not have to say who it was to or what he said but that he needed to apologize to that member and the house for his indiscretion," she said. "He made the comment on the county floor and I felt it was appropriate that he make the apology on the county floor."

Coughlin said Greenlaw was supposed to make the public apology at the March 11 county council meeting.

At that meeting, which BarrieToday attended, Greenlaw did not make a public apology.

It's been suggested he may have apologized during the closed session of that council meeting, but it can't be confirmed because councillors are forbidden from discussing closed-session topics in public.

"As I have respect for my oath of office, I cannot speak to what happened in closed," Coughlin said.

She has filed a complaint with the county's integrity commissioner and another complaint with the Ontario ombudsman.

"I have never gone to the integrity commissioner because of a comment that's been made about me," she said. "I took this comment as disrespectful. Others have seen it as harassment or sexual harassment.

"To me, to hear another colleague speak to me that way, it was disrespectful. I worked very hard to earn the position on county council as deputy warden, and it was very hurtful."

The integrity commissioner deals with the ethics or integrity of members of council, while the Ontario ombudsman deals with closed-meeting investigations to determine if what happens in closed qualifies for closed session.

While she understands the intention of the anonymous email writer — wanting to do something that was right — she also feels the email undermined the process she wanted to follow.

"This is mine and I chose a path that I felt was the right path on the high road," she said. "I have confidence in the systems that are before us, and it's really unfortunate that that anonymous email has undermined my choice and questioned my integrity."

She said the next steps are up to Greenlaw.

"I gave him the platform. I gave him the vague attempt at an apology and he didn't take it," she said.

"It's up to him now."

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The Long Road Home: Waypoint staff help patient return to Nunavut after 23 years in care

March 21, 2025, Submitted by Waypoint
 For more than two decades, Moses Tirqtaq called Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care home. Originally from Nunavut, he arrived in Central Ontario as a young man due to the lack of a facility in the North that could meet his needs. Now, after 23 years, he has finally returned home.

Moses's journey back to Nunavut was anything but simple. When he arrived at Waypoint, his condition was volatile. He resided on the Awenda B unit, which provides a secure environment with high-quality programs for males with a serious mental illness, or who may be dually diagnosed with a mental illness and a developmental disability. Ongoing care and a genuine commitment from staff led to notable improvements in the last two years.

"He'd been down here for half of his life," said Jason McLeod, a Registered Practical Nurse. "He had been doing well and had talked about wanting to go back up to where he was from."

One of the biggest challenges was ensuring appropriate care would be available once Moses left Waypoint. Around 18 months ago, Registered Social Worker Emily King initiated a conversation with an Ontario forensic nurse with experience in complex cases who had started a contract in Nunavut. Together, they launched discussions about a potential plan for Moses's return.

With this new possibility, Moses's road to reintegration began. Although his treatment remained consistent, the conversations with him changed. Staff worked to assess his readiness and ensure he still wanted to go back. As the departure date approached, they continued to support him, helping him mentally prepare for a new chapter in his life. McLeod and fellow RPN Ashley Davidson, along with Forensic Care Assistants Curtis Mason and B.J. Metzgar, were chosen to accompany him up North.

"The last day we were with him, Curtis and I were doing medication administration and checking up on him," said Davidson. "He was sad and anxious that we were leaving, so we put a plan in place to do phone calls with him. After all, he was with us for 23 years — we were his family, essentially."

Moses first stayed at the Cambridge Bay Mental Health Facility. Soon after, he moved to a transitional housing unit, where he now cooks, does laundry and takes responsibility for his medication. If he continues to improve, the next step would be a group home, either in Cambridge Bay or closer to family members in Gjoa Haven.

"This is always the goal of every patient," said McLeod. "Maybe they go to a lower-security facility or group home, but we want to have them progress to the point where they've moved on to be as independent as possible."

Throughout his years at Waypoint, Moses maintained a connection to his Inuit culture, supported by family visits and the centre's Spiritual Care department. His creative spirit left a lasting

mark — he was known for making origami animals for staff, and a mural in the Atrium Building was inspired by his creations.

"You hear people say, 'It couldn't have happened to a better guy,'" said McLeod. "And that's true in this case."

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 Photo: Curtis Mason (left), Ashley Davidson, B.J. Metzgar, Moses Tirqtaq and Jason McLeod.

About Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care
 Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care is a 315-bed academic and teaching hospital that provides specialized mental health, addiction and geriatric care. Located on the shores of Georgian Bay, we serve some of the most complex and disadvantaged individuals in Ontario and are the sole provider of high-secure forensic mental health services in the province.

Waypoint's 1,300+ staff improve lives and bring hope to people with mental illness and substance use issues. The care we deliver on site, in the community and through partnerships is informed by our innovative practices and — importantly — patient voices. We are sponsored by the Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario. Each patient's journey is unique, and we support their recovery with compassion, dignity and inclusivity.

Waypoint staff are internationally recognized for their leadership and research, which they approach with professionalism and humility. This dedication deepens understanding of mental health and addiction, and helps to build a better future for patients, their families and care partners, staff, the community and the health care system



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Legion Zone Euchre



March 20, 2025 by Linda Belcourt and Tom McGinnis

Legion Zone Euchre Champs, Rob Kenney, Marianne Jamieson, Sue Kirley and Pete Kenney of Elmvale Legion will go on to the Provincials. Good luck at the Provincials on May 3, 2025 at St. Joseph Island Br. 374.

The Elmvale Legion was well represented at the Legion Zone Euchre tournament on March 15, 2025. Second place was earned by Charmaine Graham, Brock Graham, Don Dempster and Deirdre Dempster of Elmvale Legion.

Apply now for the 2025 Community Grant Program

Submitted by Town of Midland, March 13, 2025
Applications for the 2025 Community Grant Program are open, apply now!

Are you a non-profit community group or individual that provides programming in our community? Apply for support through the Town's Community Grant Program.

Complete the application form - application deadline is Monday, April 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

What types of programs are funded?

The arts, culture, heritage, sports, environment, health, education, social and human services can benefit from the program.

How is the program funded?

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Elmvale BIA to Continue the Elmvale Farmers' Market in 2025

March 21, 2025 - By Coun. Matt Garwood

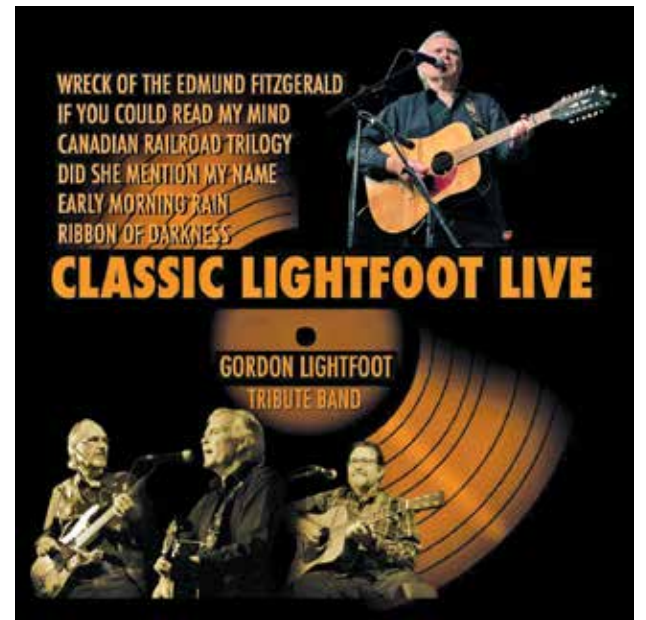
The Elmvale BIA is pleased to announce the return of the Elmvale Farmers' Market, presented by the Elmvale BIA in 2025.

"The Elmvale Farmers' Market is proud to celebrate its 15th anniversary in 2025, marking a significant milestone in the heart of our community. This vibrant Market not only brings fresh, locally grown produce closer to home but also serves as a lively gathering space for artisans, musicians, and community groups. Through countless conversations with local business owners, it's clear that the Farmers' Market plays a key role in attracting visitors to our downtown core and driving economic growth within Elmvale. The Elmvale BIA laid a strong foundation in 2024, and there's even more to look forward to this summer—don't miss out on an exciting season ahead! I commend the Elmvale BIA for their continued dedication to supporting and nurturing our thriving Farmers' Market." – BIA Board Member, Councillor Matt Garwood

"We're thrilled to welcome the return of the Farmers' Market in 2025! This year, we're moving to a brand-new time: Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We believe this change will provide more families and visitors with the chance to enjoy and experience all that our community has to offer. Be sure to stop by the Elmvale Farmers' Market this summer and support our incredible local Elmvale businesses while you shop!" – BIA President, Crystal Graveson

In 2025 the Elmvale Farmers' Market, presented by the Elmvale BIA, will operate on Thursday evenings, from June 12 to September 18, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM, located at the Elmvale Community Hall municipal parking lot.

Vendor information and applications will be available as of March 24, 2025. Visit www.ElmvaleBIA.ca for more information.



CLASSIC LIGHTFOOT LIVE

comes to Simcoe County SPRING 2025

John Stinson, and the Classic Lightfoot Live - GORDON LIGHTFOOT Tribute show is returning to the Orillia Opera House Saturday May 3 and the Midland Cultural Centre Sunday June 8th, 2025. Originally from Toronto, Stinson has been performing for more than 30 years. While raising his family in Aurora he became neighbours with Lightfoot's original lead guitarists, Red Shea and Terry Clements.

"Spending time with Red Shea and Terry Clements brought me even closer to understanding the details and nuances of Lightfoot's music," Stinson says. "It's important in these times for Canadians to support our country, our artists and our musicians." "To me, Lightfoot's music really does reflect what it means to be Canadian. His lyrics tell stories: his stories, our stories, Canadian stories. They reach out and touch audiences in deep emotional ways."

Stinson has been recreating Lightfoot's music in a full theatre show since 2011. Thousands of patrons across Ontario have filled theatres and commented.

"Others can tell, even if they don't know how or why John's renditions come off as being so faithful. I've been told before, and many did that night, they can't believe how well John sings Gord's tunes." John Swartz, SunOnlineMedia.ca, Nov 2023.

All the band members are born and raised in Canada. And they all have close relationships with Lightfoot. You can't get much more real than having Lightfoot's nephew(Steve Eyers) on board as the bass guitarist and Lightfoot's record producer(Bob Doidge) as Music Director. Bob Doidge produced Lightfoot's last 5 albums at his Grant Avenue Studio in Hamilton, Ontario.

Clearly, connection to Lightfoot runs deep in this band.

The Classic Lightfoot Live show, featuring highlights from Lightfoot's 20 studio albums, will be sure to have Lightfoot lovers tapping their toes. They can expect to hear some little-known tracks along with the much-loved ones such as Rainy Day People, If You Could Read My Mind, and The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald.

Find out more at www.classiclightfootlive.com. Orillia Opera House www.orilliaoperahouse.ca , 705-326-8011. Midland Cultural Centre. www.midlandculturalcentre.com 705-527-4420

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TEAM TOWNES	7-3-0	34.5
TEAM HUTH	6-4-0	33.25
TEAM MADORE	5-3-2	32.25
TEAM MARSHALL	3-5-2	27.5
TEAM JOHNSTONE/BELCOURT	3-4-3	27.0
TEAM DON	4-6-0	26.5
TEAM McCLUNG	4-5-1	25.5
TEAM SCOTT	3-6-1	25.0
TEAM ALLEN	1-7-2	24.5

The above is our final standings for the winter schedule. Two rounds of playoffs have been completed.

In the Championship round, Teams Murphy, Townes, Madore and Allen have advanced to the "Final Four".

In the Consolation round, Teams Kenney, Huth, Marshall, Johnstone, Don, McClung and Scott remain in the hunt.



OBITUARIES



MARLEY, Mary Ellen

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Mary Ellen Marley in her 93rd year at the Georgian Manor Long Term Care home in Penetanguishene.

Mary Ellen was born to Frank and Bertille Marley (nee Hall) on October 13, 1932 in

Phelpston, ON. She was the second oldest of 14 children and is survived by sisters - Marg (the late Dave Thomas), Angela and Phil, brothers - Joe (the late Deloris), Jim (the late Colleen) and Paul (Cathy) and sisters-in-law Liz (Scott Inglis) and Heather. Predeceased by her sister, Bunny Snider (the late Ken) and six brothers Ed, Mike (the late Goldie), Peter (Liz), Leo, Bill and Pat (Heather). She will be missed by many nieces and nephews.

In 1951, Mary Ellen received her Secondary School Graduation Diploma from the Ontario School for the Blind in Brantford, ON. From there her career of over 40 years was spent with Mutual Life (now Sun Life) in Kitchener, retiring in 1994 from the Disability Claims Department.

Mary Ellen walked everywhere in Kitchener and was a great navigator on what streets to take and what landmarks to look out for. Her sense of humour was always present and she was genuinely interested in people. She drew you in by her trademark response "really" whether you were just talking to her or telling her a story. Mary Ellen loved animals, especially dogs and horses.

Unfortunately, in late 2020 Mary Ellen suffered a mild stroke and later two broken hips. Ever resilient, she physically recovered but developed dementia as a result. In March, 2021 she moved to the Midland area to be closer to family.

The family would like to thank Georgian Manor Long Term Care Home, particularly all staff on the Tamarack Unit. She was always appreciative of those who cared for her and we cannot thank you enough.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9pm on Friday, April 4, 2025. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Phelpston on Saturday April 5 at 11:30 am. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Phelpston.

Memorial donations in Mary Ellen's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Hospice Huronia or a charity of your choice.

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HORNE, Charles Francis "Charlie"

Passed away peacefully on March 19th, 2025, at the age of 84, surrounded by the love of his family at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in Orillia.

Charlie was the devoted husband and best friend of Phyllis (nee Campbell), with whom he shared many beautiful years. He leaves behind his cherished brother, Don (Grace, predeceased) and dear sister Laurene. Predeceased by siblings: Bill (Anne), Jean Ann Stachow (Jerry), and Garnet (Carmel). A loved brother-in-law to Robert (Carolyn), Jim (Sheila), and Dave (Jim, predeceased). Charlie was also a treasured uncle to many nieces and nephews, each of whom held a special place in his heart. Charlie's roots were in his farming background, where he took great pride in hard work and a love for the land. He was always ready for a country road adventure, enjoying the simple pleasures that life offered, whether it was a scenic drive or a good old game of euchre.

Visitation will be held at Mundell Funeral Home, 79 West St. N., Orillia, on Thursday, March 27th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Memorial Service to honor Charlie's life will take place in the chapel, on Friday morning, March 28th, at 11:00 a.m. In memory of Charlie, memorial donations to Forest Home United Church, Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Orillia, or Mariposa House Hospice would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be shared at www.mundellfuneralhome.com.



MCLEAN, Nora Margaret (nee Kelly)

Nora, of Midland, Ontario, passed away unexpectedly on March 13, 2025 at the age of 83, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie.

Born in Antigonish on May 17, 1941, Nora was the daughter of the late Leo Daniel Kelly and the late Mary "Molly" Catherine MacDonald. Loved dearly, she is survived by daughters Lee-Ann and Tammy (Chad), grandsons David Clough and McLean Watson, granddaughters Cydney and Zee Watson and her step-grandchildren Matthew, Kris, Star, Melissa and Jordan.

She is predeceased by her husband Laverne. She will be sadly missed as the Oldest Sister to Leo (Bev), Pheobe (late Duane), late Jean (Gerard), John Edward (Trudy), cousins, nieces and nephews and lots of friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Victoria Harbour Legion, 134 William St, Victoria Harbour, ON, on the 6th of April, 2025 from 1-4.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Victoria Harbour Food Bank or Midland Salvation Army Food Bank.

Memorial condolences may be shared at www.leclaircremationcentre.com



Annie's Journal
by Annie Warner Donnelly

March 24, 2025

Hello Everyone. Is there something in our lives today that feels too big, something that distracts us from the peace that Jesus offers to us when He says, "Come to Me because My yoke is easy and My burden is light"; something that makes us feel like there is no hope, that maybe it's time to give up? This is the exact moment to remember that God is the strength of our hearts (Psalm 73:26). It is the exact moment to remember that God loves us; that He never leaves us nor forsakes us. We can count on Him to keep His promises!

In Romans 8:37 we read: "... in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him (God) who loves us."

Heather Harphan Kopp wrote a prayer based on Romans 8:38-39 that she calls a "Prayer for Power". This is what she wrote:

"Dear God, help me to always remember and lay hold of the victory that can be – that is! – mine in Christ Jesus. Too often I live like someone defeated, someone who is powerless to change. Like a soldier who forgets his sword, I neglect Your Word, leave Your love at the door. It doesn't have to be this way – and it won't be anymore!

For I am convinced – yes, absolutely and irrevocably convinced! – that neither death nor life, (not cancer, accidents, difficult relationships, or disappointments); neither angels nor demons, (not cults, spiritual oppression, or evil in the media); neither the present nor the future, (not any crisis looming now or any tragedy yet to come); nor any powers, (not political, financial, military, cultural, or even culinary!); neither height nor depth (not great success or crushing defeat); nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus my Lord. Amen"

In Jeremiah 31:3 we read, "... I (God) have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore, with loving kindness I have drawn you." If you are feeling drawn to Him today, say yes. His love truly is available for the asking in all situations. Amen

BROWN, Carol Jane
(Nov 20, 1960 - Feb 27, 2025)

Carol Jane Brown died on February 27, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, humour, and compassion. A passionate fan of hockey and baseball, she was also a dedicated volunteer, a kidney transplant survivor, and a generous contributor to causes like the Kidney Foundation and Meals on Wheels. Carol was known for her love of animals, particularly her pets, and had a fulfilling career at CIBC. She is survived by her mother Jane, brother Richard, sister Diane, and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life will be held in the Spring, and donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation in her honor. Carol's warmth and generosity will be deeply missed.

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Time: 9:30am to 11:30am
Location: **Wyebridge Community Centre**
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