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Springwater commits to spending \$30,000 on search for new CAO

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Apr 17, 2025

With strong mayor powers expected to be in place on May 1, Springwater Coun. Brad Thompson questioned the township's immediate need to spend almost \$30,000 to hire a headhunter to find the next chief administrative officer (CAO).

"As part of the strong mayor powers, it gives our mayor the authority to choose the CAO herself, and if that is what she chooses to do, awarding this RFP (request for proposals) would be a waste of taxpayer money," Thompson said during Wednesday night's council meeting. "So, I would recommend we defer this to the May 21 meeting, and between then and now, we see how this plays out."

On April 9, the minister of municipal affairs and housing announced the province was proposing to expand strong mayor powers to the heads of 169 municipal councils, including Springwater and Oro-Medonte townships, effective May 1.

Included in the strong mayor powers is the ability for a mayor to appoint the municipality's CAO.

At a special meeting on Feb. 5, weeks before the minister made his announcement on the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers, Springwater council voted unanimously to direct staff to find a recruitment firm to conduct a search for the CAO position, following the departure of the township's former CAO, Jeff Schmidt, who accepted a position with the City of Barrie in December of last year.

According to a report written by Erin DeVreede, the township's manager of people,

talent, payroll and benefits, five firms responded to the township's RFP, with staff recommending the RFP be awarded to executive search firm Feldman Daxon Partners Inc. in the amount of \$29,510.40, including the non-recoverable HST portion.

According to DeVreede's report, Feldman Daxon will be responsible for recruiting, selecting, vetting and evaluating candidates. The process will include initial planning, job posting and advertising, evaluation of candidates, facilitating interviews, and assisting with final candidate selection activities.

Coun. Matt Garwood supported Thompson's motion to defer.

He said that even if strong mayor powers are not rolled out as expected, taking an additional couple of weeks to make a final decision wouldn't cause the township any hardship.

He noted the report from the DeVreede indicated it would take roughly 12 weeks to complete the recruitment process.

"We will not be hiring a CAO tomorrow if we go this route," he said. "This is going to be a long process, no matter what, and I will go back to the same comments that I said back when I agreed with this initial report, which was we need to take our time, we need to do this right."

"We need to have somebody in that seat for many years."

"I'm OK to defer for a few weeks, understanding that a few weeks is not going to change the end result," he added.

Deputy Mayor George Cabral and councillors Danielle Alexander, Anita Moore and Phil Fisher were not in favour of deferring the motion. They wanted to move forward with awarding the RFP.

"I'm not in agreement with deferring this," Alexander said, adding she was surprised by Thompson's motion. "This is something (we) unanimously decided was the best option for our township to have."

"I still think it's the right route to go, so I won't be deferring it."

Cabral agreed with Alexander.

"I thought there was a sense of urgency to move this forward," Cabral said. "As Coun. Alexander pointed out, we unanimously voted to follow this course and move through this process."

"If strong mayor powers play into it, then, hopefully, the best candidate from the pool will be the one that's selected anyway," he added.

Fisher urged council to "stay the course."

He said council committed to a direction and it should see it through.

"I think, if unanimously we felt it was the best decision weeks ago, it really shouldn't be any different now," he said. "It made sense before when we voted on it together."

"I still think it makes sense."

While Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin agreed the unanimous decision to move forward on Feb. 5 was the best decision at the time, she said the landscape has changed.

"Before I call the vote, I'm going to ask if council would defer it," Coughlin said. "I don't want to waste this money."

In a recorded vote, council rejected Thompson's motion to defer, with Cabral, Alexander, Moore and Fisher voting against.

The vote to hire the headhunter was carried, with Cabral, Alexander, Moore and Fisher voting in favour, and Coughlin, Thompson and Garwood voting against.



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EDITOR'S NOTES

By Linda Belcourt



Nature shows off first colours of spring. North Simcoe Springwater News assistant, Shadow, takes a break during a day of nice weather. She found a bush to walk in without 'widow makers' over the trail. No easy task this spring. Be cautious in the woods and keep your dogs from going under hanging branches.

There are many cogs in the wheel of publishing a newspaper. The gears grind silently to the readers but very loud to the people behind the scenes. I am in the process of recreating every single ad to a higher quality demanded by my new printer (same as Globe and Mail and Toronto Star as is my designer previously from both newspapers). This is no easy task but will be done.

History is in the making as black and white pages are a thing of the past. We no longer print specific black and white ads.

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(North Simcoe Springwater News)

Elmvale Ball Park Lighting Project Making Excellent Progress

By Adrianna MCGinnis, April 19, 2025 -

The Elmvale Ball Park Committee is excited to share that our fundraising campaign to install new overhead lighting at the ballpark, located behind the arena at 14 George Street, has exceeded expectations. The current lighting system, installed in 2002, has served the community well for 23 years. However, it is now due for an upgrade, as the outdated fixtures present a safety concern for all users of the ballpark.

We are pleased to report that, to date, we have successfully raised \$100,000. This incredible progress would not have been possible without the generous support of local businesses, community groups, and individuals. Donor recognition will be announced in the coming months.

The project is scheduled to be completed in May 2025. The Elmvale Ball Park Committee is excited to have awarded the installation contract to a local company, Fleming Electric from Elmvale. With their expertise, we are confident that the new lighting system will be installed efficiently and safely.

A sincere thank you to the Township of Springwater for their generous contribution of \$38,000, including a portion from the Springwater Hydro Reserve Fund. We also extend our gratitude to the other donors whose support has been instrumental in advancing this initiative.

This project highlights the exceptional collaboration within our community, fostering the continued growth and expansion of recreational opportunities for both youth and adults in Elmvale and the surrounding areas,

all set within the Flos Agricultural Society fairgrounds.

Jeff Lees, a member of the Elmvale Ball Park Committee, expressed his gratitude: "We are deeply thankful for the overwhelming support from our community. The new lighting will enhance the experience for both players and spectators, allowing for longer play and improved visibility during evening games."

Andrew Priest, also a committee member, added: "This project stands as a testament to our community's unwavering commitment to enhancing local facilities. We are excited to witness the positive impact it will have on the ballpark and the overall well-being of our vibrant, active, and engaged community."

Along with the lighting upgrades, additional improvements will be made to the diamond to ensure its long-term sustainability for future generations.

Save the Date!

We invite the community to join us on Saturday June 21, 2025, for a "Light the Ball Park" event to celebrate the amazing community collaboration and successful completion of the Elmvale Ball Park Lighting Project. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy the newly upgraded facility. More details will be shared closer to the date.

For more information, please contact Carey Coram, Secretary of the Elmvale Ball Park Committee, at carey.coram@gmail.com.

- Elmvale Ball Park Committee

2025 Barrie Airshow will include CF-18 Tac Demo

By City of Barrie, April 14, 2026

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie, Canadian Forces Base Borden, County of Simcoe, Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, and the Downtown Barrie BIA are proud to announce a CF-18 Tactical Demonstration will be part of the growing list of performers of the 2025 Barrie Airshow presented by Pratt Homes.

A staple on the Canadian airshow scene since 1983, CF-18 demonstrations showcase the high level of skill, professionalism and teamwork inherent in the members of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), inspiring future aviators and highlighting the capabilities of Canada's frontline fighter.

Due to unexpected training delays, the Snowbirds

have had to cancel their appearance at the 2025 Barrie Airshow. However, the 2025 Barrie Airshow will still go ahead on the weekend of June 6, 7 and 8 with an incredible lineup of performers, programing and activations.

"The 2025 Barrie Airshow weekend will go on with many awe-inspiring aerobatics by some of Canada's elite stunt flying performers, including the heart-stopping thunder of a CF-18 roaring over Kempenfelt Bay," said Mayor Alex Nuttall. "While we will miss the Snowbirds this year, we're still looking forward to a great weekend at Barrie's waterfront."

The 2025 Barrie Airshow Weekend kicks off Friday, June 6, with a Drone Show presented by Pratt Homes and Commissionaires, followed by

back-to-back airshows on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8. The event is free and includes something for everyone.

The 2024 Barrie Airshow event drew nearly 140,000 spectators who filled the waterfront parks and gathered in nearby buildings and on rooftops. The event contributed over \$11M to Barrie's local economy.

In the coming weeks, the City will be announcing more exciting performers that will be added to this year's airshow lineup.

Organizations interested in becoming sponsors of the 2025 Barrie Airshow can email events@barrie.ca for more information.

For more information, visit barrie.ca/Airshow

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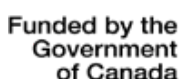
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Large numbers turn up for Midland Bay Landing open houses

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Apr 16, 2025

Nothing quite draws out a crowd of Midland residents like Midland Bay Landing, and the first of two open houses was indication that there remained great interest in the waterfront project.

The first two-hour session was held Tuesday starting at 2 p.m. in the Bill Thompson Room of the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, and immediately attracted more than 50 people.

"I'm pleasantly surprised that, just walking in, there's this much community support – as (consultants KPMG LLP) have said – especially for a community this size to have this many people," said town CAO Rhonda Bunn. "It's not far past 2 p.m.; this is incredible."

Available for residents were many stations around the room. A large television greeted entrants to aerial shots showing the scope of the landscape across all seasons, while examples of other developments across the globe were provided on boards.

Familiar faces lined the room, full of council members, town staff members, developers and concerned residents.

Former Midland Mayor Stewart Strathearn was in attendance, found near the example boards.

"It's a reaffirmation of a process that went on in 2013," said Strathearn on community turnout

for the Midland Bay Landing project. "A lot of strong interest, a lot of people with differing views that, once you go through the process, you should see it coalesce into something that I think would be spectacular."

A few residents were caught off guard, however. Expecting a more formal presentation instead of the looser open-house style, Midland residents Jim and Jan Anderson were interested in the information provided as they satiated their curiosity.

"It's been a long time and there hasn't been a whole lot happening," said Jim.

Added Jan: "We hope it will maintain access for the whole town, in maybe a wide sidewalk that you can walk around – and not be putting condos up that cuts it off from everybody enjoying the waterfront."

A table was set up with large aerial photographs, where residents were encouraged to place large icon representations of items they'd like to see on the property in the places they envisioned. Community and growth executive director Steve Farquharson was stationed at the table, logging each resident entry by photographing their contribution.

"We had a good response to the survey when we first launched it," said Farquharson. "This was the intent of the process, to try and engage the public, and we're really excited and happy with the turn-out that we got."

Residents Spencer Brown and Judy Payne also expressed interest in the development, having

filled out the survey. Brown shared he was hoping something would happen soon.

"I also think we want to see a beautiful space, but we also recognize we need some economic development," offered Payne. "So it has to be two-prong: it has to be for the residents to enjoy, and we have to start building up our economy."

Not only could residents share comments on the project, but there were many activity boards stationed which KPMG attendees handed red and green sticker sets to residents, encouraging those to be placed accordingly on what residents did and didn't want for the development.

Said resident Lorna Murray: "We want to keep that one section on the east end open to the public – as a matter of fact it has to remain to the public. No meters, no nothing."

The sentiment was echoed by Coun. Bill Meridis, just one of several town councillors in attendance. Meridis was continually mixing with various residents, discussing the matter at length with each.

"The perception is that everybody I'm talking to, so far, is concerned about the east end – the biggest factor or issue from the previous plan," said Meridis. "They want that east end left alone and green-spaced... and it's what I campaigned on." He stated he had assured residents their voices were heard, adding he was anxious to see the results of the open house.

Information on the Midland Bay Landing project, including timelines and survey, can be found on the town website.



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- Music in the Park (every Sunday) - first day July 6, 2025

August

- Midland Tall Ships - August 15 - 17, 2025
- Music in the Park (every Sunday) - final day August 24, 2025

September

- Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament - September 12, 2025
- Midland Mural Festival - September 27, 2025

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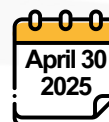
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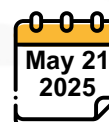
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Midland is creating a Parking Study for parking in the downtown and waterfront areas, share your feedback:

- Complete the online survey - coming soon
- 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

Stay involved by visiting Engage Midland at midland.ca/Engage.

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Thank You Message from Mayor David Evans



On behalf of the Township of Tiny, I would like to sincerely thank the entire community for coming together to help one another during and following the recent ice storm.

Although many of our residents were without power for several days, we saw an incredible display of kindness in the face of adversity. I'd like to highlight some specific community members to show our gratitude:

Thank you to the staff and volunteers for working long hours to provide two warming centres available to all of our residents.

Thank you to Tiny's roads and parks crews for your quick action cleaning up fallen trees and debris, managing road closures and flooding, and requests from various agencies.

Thank you to our water team for maintaining all 16 of our drinking water systems, the generators to run all of them, and the rest of our facilities during the widespread power outages.

Thank you to our Firefighters for maintaining exceptional service while responding to an extremely high number of calls.

Thank you to Pizzaville Midland for donating several pizzas to the township's warming centres for those in need.

Thank you to both the Georgian Shores Seniors Club and the Bayshore Seniors Club for quickly activating drop-in centres for our community.

And again, thank you to our residents for coming together and bonding as neighbours. You all truly make this community such a great place to call home.

Thank you,
Mayor David Evans

Emergency Preparedness Week



During this Emergency Preparedness Week, make sure that you and your family "plan for every season". Visit our new www.tiny.ca/prepare resource centre for tips on how to be prepared for emergencies.

Rescheduled Public Planning Meeting - Tiny's Dynamic Beaches and Shoreline

May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. (rescheduled)
Township of Tiny Council Chambers, 130 Balm Beach Road West

For more info: www.tiny.ca/DynamicBeaches

Procedure By-law Amendment

Council of the Township of Tiny will consider an amendment to Procedure By-law 24-017 at its regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The purpose of the amendment is to modify the scheduled deputation procedure and replace the open deputation period with a public comment period.

Council Meeting Schedule

May 14 2:00 PM	June 4 2:00 PM	June 25 2:00 PM	
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Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar at www.tiny.ca/events.

Recreation and Special Events

Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament

- Thursday, June 5, 2025
- 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Registration is now open, sponsorship opportunities available.



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- May 1 - 7, 2025
- Celebrate National Youth Week with us! We have several exciting activities planned all week long.

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Seasonal Reminders

Half Load Restrictions

- Half Load Restrictions are in effect until at least April 30th. No commercial vehicle or trailer can operate on Tiny roads that weighs more than 5 tonnes per axle.

Municipal Water Flushing

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By Greg Barker, reprint with correct photo from March 10, 2025

The Midhurst Community Recreation Association, in December, formally recognized the year 2025 as the 200th anniversary of the founding of Midhurst.

There had been indigenous settlements in the Midhurst area well before 1825. The Huron (or Wendat) people, for some time, occupied what is today North Simcoe. Archaeological remains of several Huron villages have been found in and near Midhurst. These villages, however, were not permanent. The Hurons typically occupied a site for about ten to 15 years before moving on to a new location.

In the mid-1600s, the Iroquois (from south of Lake Ontario) invaded the Huron territory. Hurons who weren't either killed or abducted by the Iroquois, fled far away. Nobody is then known to have again settled in Midhurst until the 1800s.

Vespra township (roughly the south half of today's Springwater) was largely surveyed in 1820. The surveyors identified a promising mill site on Willow Creek.

In April 1825, the government of Upper Canada issued to George Oliver, Thomas Mair and John Mair a "location ticket" for Lot 12 in Concession 4 of Vespra. This Lot, which included the mill site, comprised 200 acres in

the midst of a vast forest.

The location ticket allowed the three men to settle on Lot 12 and to eventually receive title to the property upon satisfying various conditions. The most significant condition was that they build a grist mill (for grinding grain into flour) and operate it for at least seven years. In an era of smaller and simpler government, this was a technique to incentivize individuals to provide needed infrastructure.

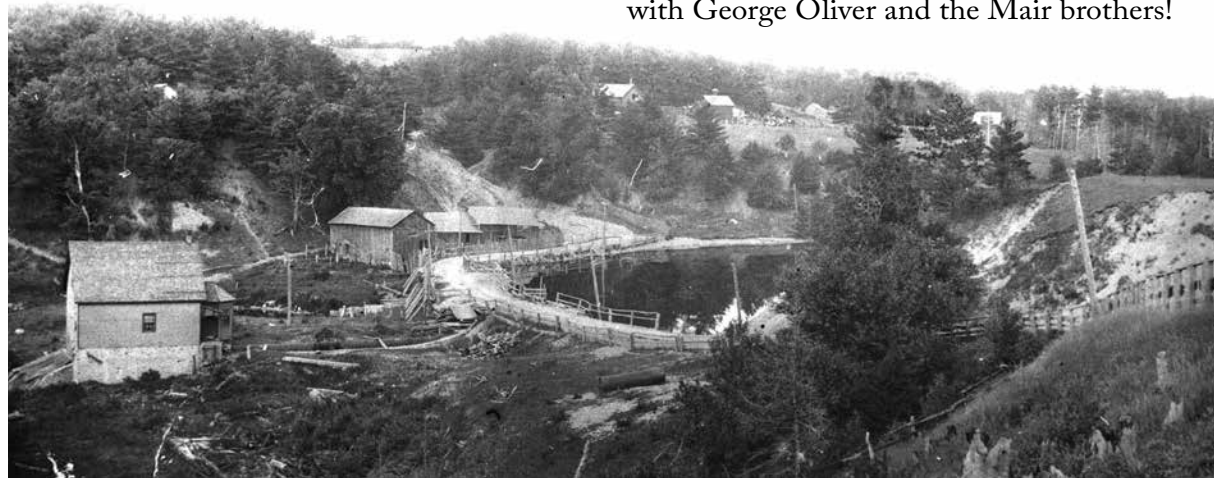
Oliver and the Mair brothers began in 1825 by building a sawmill on Willow Creek. This provided lumber for building the grist mill and other structures such as dwellings and sheds. The grist mill in turn – the first one north of Holland Landing – was reportedly up and running by about 1827.

In the following years, Oliver's Mills, as the bustling place was known, attracted other people and enterprises. These included more mills, a whisky distillery, a soap factory, a

wheelwright, a blacksmith, a general store, the township hall, churches, and a school. A post office opened in 1862 under the name of Midhurst (after a town in Sussex, England), and soon the whole community was known by that name. Midhurst even became, in 1888, the site of the region's first electricity-generating plant.

Midhurst has continued to evolve. By the late-1800s, as water-powered mills became increasingly obsolete, many of Midhurst's industrial and commercial operations were disappearing. Midhurst then became a small service centre and social hub for the surrounding farmlands. For several decades starting in the early-1920s, it was also an important tree nursery centre, supporting Ontario's reforestation programs. For about the past six decades or so, it has more and more developed into a suburban residential district.

Today, Midhurst remains a proud and thriving community – and it all started 200 years ago with George Oliver and the Mair brothers!

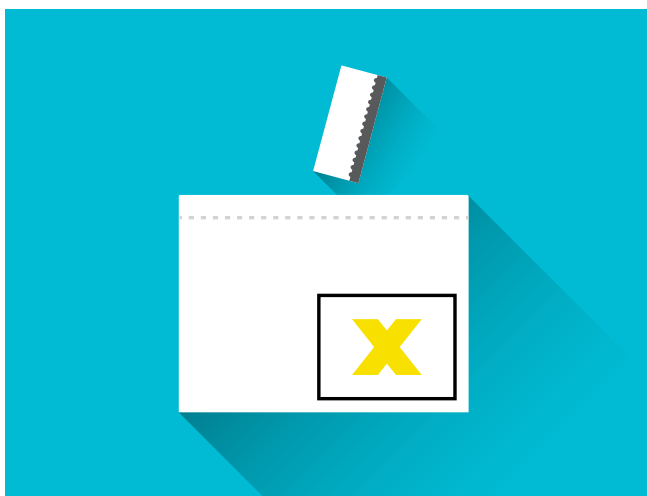


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Craighurst W I April Meeting

By Sheila Craig, April 16, 2025

We met Tuesday to close out the old year and ring in the new - kinda like a famous Eve where Auld Lang Syne is rendered. But no, gentle readers, no corks popped at the CWI. First we held the business meeting. Minutes, treasurer, correspondence. Business arising involved noting that Oro-Medonte Township has postponed budget presentations because of the catastrophe called "Ice Storm". Then the meeting fell apart as members either relived their own trials or their neighbours'. To drive the township's byways is like visiting a battlefield. We encourage everyone hit by the ice storm to stay positive and call the local tree service! Then the meeting got back on track.

We have a power of catering next month, so egg salad sandwiches here we come. Workers lined up, bakers raised their hands, backs straightened, chests were thrown out - I will stop. But readers you

get the war-time vibe? Next we declared the year over. All offices vacant.

No wait - here is the slate of new officers to put into those offices. "Oh great" cried the members, "Let's get on with it". The new executive was installed, they promised to do their duties, and the membership cheered.

Then we had a nice cuppa tea and went home. More next month with an Historical Speaker David Town, talking about the famous Oro-Medonte leader and chief Yellowhead.



Township of Tiny's 2025 education bursary applications now open

Date: April 9, 2025, Township of Tiny (Tiny, Ontario) Each year, the Township of Tiny Education Bursary Program assists students who are entering their post-secondary studies, including courses and training programs of a technical and vocational nature.

There are five bursaries available in the amount of \$1,000 each. Students who reside in the Township of Tiny are eligible to apply. Approved applicants

are not based upon scholastic standing, but rather on their volunteer work and successful admission status to a post-secondary institution leading to a recognized degree, diploma, or certificate.

Applications must be submitted online no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 23, 2025, at www.tiny.ca/bursary. Applications received after the due date will not be eligible.

Bursary applications are anonymously vetted by a selection committee and scored based on set criteria, consisting of the following four categories: volunteer experience, essay response, post-secondary education acceptance and program, and completeness/comprehension of the application.

"I'm excited to share that we're accepting applications for Tiny's 2025 education bursary program," said Mayor David Evans. "By supporting our youth, we're making an investment in the wellness of our community and encouraging these young, bright individuals to pursue a meaningful career in a field of their choice as the application is open to a variety of post-secondary education paths. We have five bursaries available, and I encourage all of our eligible students to apply."

The Township of Tiny wishes to make this process easy for applicants. For additional clarification or assistance with an application, please contact the township or visit www.tiny.ca/bursary.



Thank you, Ontario.

The recent ice storm was a generational storm that devastated parts of central and eastern Ontario—uprooting trees, collapsing lines, and toppling thousands of poles.

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Investments - May 30, 10:30am-11:30am

Equity Lending - June 13, 10:30am-11:30am

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In this session participants will trace their own silhouettes and fill them with drawings, symbols and quotes that represent what makes them feel strong and happy. Registration at the library.

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By OLG, April 17, 2025
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Seasonal Allergies

With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover

The start of allergy season is upon us (also known as hay fever or allergic rhinitis). One plant can release a billion grains of pollen into the air. Allergies are caused when the body overreacts to certain substances like pollen (allergens) which signal the immune system to release histamine and other chemicals.

Symptoms of allergies can include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, nasal & palate itching, coughing and red, itchy, watery eyes. The best way to prevent allergies is to avoid the allergen. If this is not possible, starting therapies as soon as symptoms present and continuing until the allergen is gone are best. To reduce and manage allergy symptoms there are a number of oral medications (such as antihistamines), nasal sprays and eye drops available over-the-counter and on prescription. Allergic Rhinitis is a condition that pharmacists can assess and prescribe for through the minor ailments program. Same day appointments are available.

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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.

Take and Make Monthly Crafts

Every month the library will have a new FREE craft kit for you to take home and make! Each month be sure to stop by early as these kits are only available while supplies last. Thursday May 1 craft is a Nature colours scavenger hunt. Thursday June 5 craft is a foam smore.

Superhero PA Day Program

Dress up as your favourite superhero and join us at the library for this "super" fun program! Kids will get to participate in superhero themed activities, make superhero themed crafts, and go through an obstacle course to save the day! Friday May 2, 1pm-3pm at Elmvale and Midhurst Branches. Cost: \$2 per participant. Registration required.

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Make a refreshing and moisturizing lemon sugar body scrub for yourself or as a gift for someone special. Please note this program is happening at two of our library branches on: Thursday May 8, 5:30pm at Midhurst Branch or Tuesday May 13, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: \$10. Registration required.

Staff Training

Please note all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed on Monday May 12 due to staff training. We will reopen to regular branch hours on Tuesday May 13.

Drop-in Craft: Felt Bookmark

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Bearbells

by
Leslie Noonan

April 18/25

I went searching for a new hiking spot, which turned out to be more difficult than I had anticipated. Trails both local as well as north and east of us, all the way past Bobcaygeon, are closed due to the trees downed from the ice storm. Those trails will have to wait, so for now my daughter and I headed south. Initially we were planning on hiking Hockley Valley, but sometimes the best laid plans go awry.

The weather was certainly not cooperating. Heavy rain kept the windshield wipers busy, and we knew that we were going to get soaked, but we were determined to continue on. We pulled into the designated parking area, but were at a loss to where the trail began. The lot was surrounded by farmer's fields, and the eyes of curious brown and black cows watched us nearby. What should have been an informative map left us more perplexed, sending us walking down the road still trying to find the trail. After ten minutes we turned around and returned to the car. OK, no problem, that uninformative map indicated another parking area, so off we go, through the still heavy rain, to find it. Down one dirt track and up back country lanes, and a fruitless half hour drive had our GPS insisting the parking area was in the front yard of a very expansive home. I don't think so, and the "no trespassing" sign confirmed that this was a bust.

Neither my daughter nor I was willing to drive an hour and a half with nothing to show for it, so as I headed back north my daughter looked up other areas nearby. A short drive and we pulled in behind a pickup truck parked at the entrance to the Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Half my car was beyond the "no parking" sign, but who would be out monitoring anything in this rain. Ahem, we will get back to that. Off we headed down an easy trail surrounded by forests and rock walls. The relentless rain gave way to a light drizzle until even that stopped and the sun poked out of the grey clouds. There are several routes to take, including the section of Bruce Trail that runs through the park. The maps here are actually informative and easy to follow, unlike the one at Hockley valley, and we made a bee line for the viewing platform. Mono Cliffs are a part of the Niagara Escarpment, and view from the platform is stunning, looking out and over the valley below. Vultures soared high on thermals and down below a small pond hosted a number of ducks.

Most of the trails are rated easy, but there are more challenging sections that take you down the cliff face. Luckily there are stairs and switchbacks to make it easier, and all the stairs and boardwalks are very well maintained. We were never alone on any section of the trail, as families and people with dogs were ever present. Not something I normally like, but I found that there was so much to look at and the trails were wide enough that it never felt crowded. There was even an occasional fisherman, pole slung over his shoulder, heading down to the numerous man-made ponds. Happy from the day's hike, we returned to our car, only to see the flashing lights of the bi-law enforcer idling next to my car. Oh boy.

Luckily it turned out that he agreed with me, that most of my car was on the right side of the sign, so I squeaked by with no ticket. Actually, he was very friendly and chatted about the main entrance being so busy today, and that the ice storm damage was a mere kilometer from where we were, making me wonder where I would be able to hike next. Perhaps even further south.



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- 8 Lucrative
- 11 Dine
- 12 One of the three bears
- 13 Time long past
- 14 Suitable
- 15 Unwelcome visitor
- 17 Takes in
- 19 Kick back
- 20 Runs into
- 22 Asian capital
- 24 Kind of soup
- 27 Exclamation of disbelief
- 30 Nonetheless
- 31 Reveal information
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- 34 Bit of gossip
- 35 Go sour
- 38 Think
- 40 Monopoly avenue
- 43 Cream or T
- 46 It sometimes needs a massage
- 47 Has
- 48 "... ___ iron bars a cage"
- 49 Scenery
- 50 Teaspoonful, maybe
- 51 LAX approximation

Down

- 1 Poseidon was its god in ancient Greece
- 2 Milk soaked bread
- 3 Tackle
- 4 Roasting rod
- 5 Balance parts
- 6 Decide
- 7 Driveway surface
- 8 Wash out
- 9 Durations of life
- 10 Civil wrong
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- 29 Bottom line
- 32 Fib
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- 38 Room coolers
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- 41 Agree to quietly
- 42 Deuce
- 44 Bunk
- 45 Pitcher's performance gauge





Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

April 21, 2025 - Pickled eggs may seem like a throwback to your grandmother's kitchen or the corner deli, but these perfect protein powerhouses are making a comeback - and for good reason! Whether you enjoy them as a snack, salad topper, or protein boost on the go, pickled eggs are easy to prepare, affordable and offer plenty of health benefits. That said, they are best enjoyed in moderation and eliminate or reduce the salt content in this recipe if you are restricting your sodium intake.

DID YOU KNOW?

Prior to the days of refrigeration, pickling in vinegar was used as a preservation method. Unlike the traditional fermentation process, pickled eggs are simply preserved in vinegar and stored in the fridge. While they are a healthy option, they do not have the same probiotic benefits as yogurt or kefir. For safety's sake, please handle eggs with care. Always store pickled eggs in the refrigerator for up to 1 month and use clean utensils when serving. Home-pickled eggs that sit out too long can pose a health risk.

INGREDIENTS

12 hard-boiled eggs, peeled cooled
2 cups (500 mL) white vinegar
1 cup (250 mL) water
¼ cup (63 mL) granulated sugar
1 bay leaf
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
1 Tablespoon (15 ml) pickling spice or the following blend:

1-2 teaspoons (10 ml) salt, optional
2-3 fresh garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1 teaspoon (5 ml) dried dill weed
3 sprigs fresh dill
1 teaspoon (5 ml) mustard seeds
1 teaspoon (5 ml) black peppercorns

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine the vinegar, water, sugar, and bay leaf in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring until the sugar has dissolved.

In a clean jar, layer the eggs with the pickling spice or the homemade spice blend.

Pour hot brine over the eggs.

Add the onions slices to the jar.

Cool to room temperature and then, refrigerate.

Wait 4-7 days for full flavour development. Store in the refrigerator for up to 1 month.

VARIATIONS

Beet Pickled Eggs: Add a cooked, peeled and sliced red beet to the pickling liquid for magenta-coloured pickled eggs.

Spicy Pickled Eggs: Add 1 or 2 sliced jalapeño peppers (remove seeds for a milder flavour) or 2 teaspoons (10 ml) red pepper flakes.

Curried Pickled Eggs: Replace the pickling spice or homemade spice blend with 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) curry powder, 1 teaspoon (5 ml) turmeric and 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced.

ENJOY!

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Hey Dads!

By Jaon Weening, April 21, 2025

It's been a while since we last visited Costco. How about you? To be honest, I wasn't there long on our last visit. I had some work to do in town so I thought my patient wife would enjoy casually perusing through the giant boxes of diapers and \$1.50 hot dogs with 30% of our children - the three youngest aged one, four, and six. The plan seemed well thought-out and quite workable for all involved parties. What we failed to take into account is that on most Costco trips we usually have four or five bigger, older and responsible brothers and sisters to help watch the wee ones.

An hour and a half later I returned to begin searching for my wife and three offspring while gobbling up free samples of fruit bars along the way. She didn't have her phone with her so I'd have to locate her using only my finely-honed wife-locating skills. My strategy for finding them was simple. They weren't going to be looking at appliances, mattresses or tools so I could eliminate that quarter of the store. I wagered she wouldn't take them through the dishes or clothing sections so that eliminated another 15% of the store. Most likely they were done with the dry goods and were in the freezer, bakery, produce or toy section. To reach those sections, my most efficient path passed through the toys. My search began there.

It must have been some sort of record because in only a few moments I spotted my beautiful wife standing next to a giant swing set assembled on a shelf and a kayak suspended from the ceiling. In front of her I was shocked to see a cart full of groceries but empty of children. Where were they? Had she asked a kindly stranger to watch them? Had she set them loose to roam the neck-high aisles of bulk candy and chocolate?

With my dad senses on high alert I approached her, all the while scanning left and right for the younglings. Then beneath the large swing set I noticed a half-empty shelf of large boxes. And who did I find sitting in this fortress of cardboard and steel shelving? My children happily hiding in their fort enjoying a jubilant game of hide and seek with their mother.

"I wondered where all the kids were," I told her. "I'm so glad you're here!" she told me. I detected a hint of exasperation but was clueless as to the cause. "A lady told me that I was really brave to come here with three little ones," she continued. How hard could it be? I thought. Wisely, I refrained from saying that part out loud.

"Are there more groceries to get?" I asked her. "No. I'm done shopping." We happily headed to the cheery check-out lines. There was more fun to come with small kids and big ice cream but that will have to wait for another time. Dad, I recommend setting up a Costco date night with your wife or even taking some kids with you for an extra fun experience! Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the drippy ice-cream ones! Jason Weening buys groceries with his 10 kids and one wife and has more stories about it in his new book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them". Now on Amazon!

Genealogy Workshops



Free Genealogy workshops in celebration of May is Museum Month led by the Simcoe County Genealogical Society. Registration required.

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Beginner Course -
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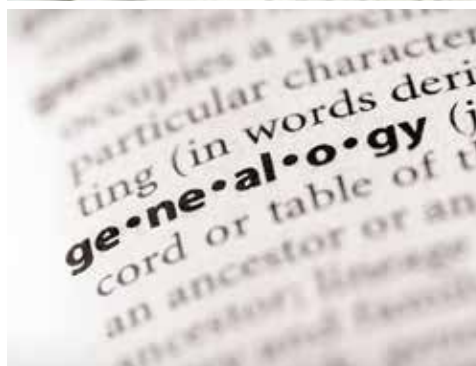
Intermediate Course -
Tuesday, May 13th, 2pm - 4pm

Advanced Course -
Tuesday, May 20th, 2pm - 4pm

Save your Family History -
Tuesday, May 27th, 2pm - 4pm

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Visitors in for a sweet time at Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Apr 19, 2025

For a large number of maple syrup fans living in and around Elmvale, it was the sweetest news they've received all year.

Aside from a few broken sap lines and some downed tree limbs, Tim Lalonde's maple syrup farm just south of the village survived the recent ice storm relatively unscathed and was cranking up production to ensure there was a more-than-ample supply of the amber nectar on hand for the 57th annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival, which takes over the community's downtown core on April 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I spent about eight hours fixing broken lines and stuff but everything is back up and working fine," Lalonde said Monday as he took a visitor on a tour of his sugar shack on Flos Rd. 8 East, about 15 minutes north of Barrie.

"It was quite the mess out there but most of the trees survived so we're okay."

For almost six decades, Lalonde has been a staunch supporter and one of the festival's main attractions - the bus tours to his sugar shack are always a must-do activity.

A short ride from Elmvale's downtown, Lalonde's sugar shack looks pretty much the same today as it did 50 years ago.

A simple, unadorned wooden structure with a tin roof, the sugar shack is predictably utilitarian - it serves its function and little else.

Inside, space is at a premium.

The large steel cooker in the middle of the shack does yeoman duty - it cooks the raw sap and provides more than enough heat to keep the space warm and comfortable.

Standing at one end of the cooker, William Patterson feeds massive wood planks into the fire, one after another, maintaining a constant temperature.

Based on the time of the year that the sap flowed, the final syrup will fall into one of the four main grading categories - golden, amber, dark and very dark.

Golden syrup comes from sap harvesting at the very beginning of the sugaring-off season. It's light with a sweet, delicate flavour and is a recommended topping for yogurt and ice cream. Amber syrup has a richer taste and is a fine addition to vinaigrettes. Dark syrup has a more pronounced, caramelized flavour and is often used in cooking, baking and sauces. Very dark syrup comes from the sap that's harvested at the end of the sugaring-off season. Its flavour, more pronounced than of the other varieties, is rich and distinctive, an ideal addition to sauces and glazes.

"Syrup starts off as golden and it goes from there, right down to the very darkest," Lalonde said. "There's quite a difference in taste between the two ends of the spectrum."

He recommends folks sample all four grades while they're enjoying a pancake breakfast at the Community Hall, while listening to the sweet sounds of one of the bands that will be on hand throughout the day or while strolling through the vendor areas that will be set up in the arena, on its grounds and on Maria Street.

With more than 200 vendors on site for the day, Lalonde said finding samples should be relatively easy.

"There'll be 25 or so syrup producers there so you'll have a good selection," he said.

According to the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival website, organizers are expecting upward of 30,000 people to visit the one-day festival, with



all proceeds raised used to support local causes and initiatives, including schools, children's music programs, the library, girl guides, scouts, the arena and community hall projects.

To satiate the expected throngs, Saturday begins with a pancake breakfast in the Community Hall with live entertainment beginning on the Main Stage at 10 a.m. with performances by local talent, followed by a performance by the Elmvale District High School All-stars at 11 and the opening ceremonies at noon.

A log-sawing contest and pancake-eating contests are scheduled for the afternoon, with local talent providing musical interludes at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30.

Throughout the day, festival vendors will be offering a wide variety of goods, from handmade jewelry and homemade preserves to baking and bath products and hand-made clothing.

Funding for Local Charities

By Scott Warnock, HCF
Midland, ON, April 14, 2025

Jingle, jingle, jingle. That's the sound of the purse strings being loosened for a new round of funding from the Huronia Community Foundation (HCF). Applications are now being accepted from local registered charities to request funding from HCF's Smart and Caring Grants.

Who's eligible? Registered charitable organizations serving Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny Township, Tay Township, Georgian Bay Township and Beausoleil First Nation can apply for funds under this program created and supported by HCF's Board of Directors and community-minded donors.

In 2024, 31 charities and organizations received financial support through a Smart and Caring Grant. Successful projects covered Community Services, Arts and Culture, Health and Mental Health, Seniors, Sports and Recreation and Youth and Education.

You'll find the application online at HCF's website: <https://www.huroniacommunityfoundation.com/charity-centre/smart-and-caring/> or for more information, contact HCF at: info@huroniacf.com

Generous citizens and companies are the benefactors who fund the HCF. Working with 205 other members of Community Foundations of Canada, HCF then builds financial legacies through endowments, using them to make our local community a better place to live, work and play.

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HCES HAWK TALK

Article Written by Grade 4 Huronia Centennial Elementary School Students, Emma Cole and Charlotte Laurin

April 21, 2025

Welcome to our Huronia Centennial Elementary School's "Hawk Talk!" We have been very busy at our school with staff and students involved in many activities. As part of our eco initiatives at our school, we participated in The Great Big Crunch! This involved every student and staff member in our school taking a bite of an apple at the same time. What a big CRUNCH sound we heard! This helped our students learn about healthy eating and how we can support our farmers by buying locally. Both our Eco Team and Leadership Team have been working hard to organize our Earth Day celebration on April 22nd. We will be spending time outdoors doing nature craft activities, fort building with sticks, nature games and scavenger hunts.

We have had a lot of sports happening in our school with students in Grades 3-6 demonstrating their quickness and strength in our wrestling program. Our school has had a wrestling team for

18 years. There are 24 wrestlers on the team and the team has been practicing preparing for an upcoming tournament. Coach O said he loves being able to give back to the sport he loves and giving the kids a skill that they can carry on for the rest of their lives.

The Junior Girls Basketball team are having a fun season and have had some close games with 2 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. Coach Isaac congratulates the hard work her team has shown this season and said the best thing about coaching is watching the girls improve.

The Junior Boys Basketball team have had some steady practices of shooting, lay-ups and passing and are getting ready for their upcoming tournament. Their record so far has been 3 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie game. Coach Cook said the best part of his job is teaching the students new skills.

Our school has a wonderful program called Mindful Morning. Parent Volunteers and staff members run this twice a week. Students arrive at school and come right in to enjoy some healthy snacks like apples, oranges, bagels, muffins, cereal and granola bars. We even have Waffle Fridays sometimes! None of the food is wasted because food scraps go to feed Mrs. Dermott's pigs and Ms. Dumais' chickens.

We also had a dance-a-thon in March with Professor Jamz. We want to thank our School Council for organizing such a fun event. All grades had their time in the gym dancing with glow sticks



to some of their favourite tunes! Our School Council even had special yummy treats for all students after the dance.

Our HCES musicians are hard at work preparing for a number of performances in the coming weeks. This includes the Maple Syrup Festival concert at EDHS on Friday, April 24th, Music Monday on May 5th in our own gym, and the Midland Music Festival.

Thanks for reading our first article. We are so lucky to live in a community that is so supportive of our school! Stay tuned for the next one!

ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

April 20, 2025 - Despite the overcast skies and the cooler temperature, Easter Saturday was an overwhelmingly successful morning in Anten Mills. After overnight rain, thunder and lightning the weather improved and the annual fun Rabbit Run and Easter Eggstravaganza both went off without a hitch.

Over 100 runners registered for the run. Three different courses were laid out. The first was a .5 kilometre run for those under 4 years who followed the path around the park. The second and third courses were 1.5 kilometres and 3.0 kilometres in length and ran through the village. Many did the shorter 1.5 course but those hardy souls who challenged the 3.0 pushed their way up the slope on Luella and made great times getting back to the finish line. For many this was the first run of the year and it was great to see families running together.

Once the race was completed it was time for the Easter Eggstravaganza. With parents in tow, the little one's searched for their eggs. After they filled up their basket it was off to collect their goodie bag. Older children had to work a little harder to collect their reward. For some it was a search for their number egg, others it was a scavenger hunt and for others it was to complete their passport. All participating received a goodie bag filled with chocolate and other items courtesy of the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association.

There was colouring fun in the hall and of course photos with the Easter Bunny.

This annual event is hosted by the Anten Mills CRA and would not have happened if volunteers had not stepped up and taken the lead. There were many who made the event possible and it was great

to see the younger members of the community joining in. Our Springwater volunteer firefighters were also there to support the event and provide first aid if needed. A huge thank you to all the community volunteers who made this annual event so special.

The Easter Eggstravaganza did request that donations be brought for the Elmvale and District Food Bank. Many donated and a load of donations was delivered this past week for which the food bank was grateful for. Thank you for your donation.

Back a few months ago the Laycock family snowman was part of the column with the great photo showing how tall Dennis had built him. If you don't travel past the location on a regular basis you might wonder when the snowman became a puddle. The weather has played a major role in the story and as of Easter, the snowman is still in the front yard, much smaller at around 3 feet tall but still there. The warm weather this past week will no doubt make him, like Frosty, disappear until next winter.

The weather looks like it has finally turned into spring and gardens will need attention. At the community centre the gardens are starting to come to life with tulips and daffodils pushing out. Over the next several weeks these gardens will also need to be cleaned up and a call for assistance will be made. Watch the Anten Mills Community Facebook page for details and with many hands, the work will only take a few hours.

There is no question that Canada is a hockey country. From toddlers to adults, hockey is played throughout the year. Many youth dream of making it to the professional leagues and for some of the best that comes with being drafted by the top

junior teams in the country. The Ontario Hockey League held their draft recently and for one local family there was a call that made them proud. Brian Rathwell, the grandson of Brian and Irene Keyes was selected by the Saginaw Sting as a goalie. Brian's statistics are extremely impressive and we wish him the best as he continues his hockey development.

A local nonprofit that has been working on a project for several years has announced that they are having an official grand opening on Saturday, May 3. Matheson Creek Camp is located at 1674 Gill Road in Midhurst. It once was the local Girl Guides camp and has a variety of different facilities on site. The open house is from 1 to 4PM and all are invited.

On Saturday the Elmvale Maple Syrup festival will take place in downtown Elmvale. This is a great opportunity to support our local economy and have some family fun. Check it out as there are many activities to enjoy.

Brian's story this week is about the general store we once had. Brian has been doing great research and entertaining us with his stories about the community. Check it out and feel free to comment or if you have anything to share feel free to send an email to antenmills150@gmail.com and it will be responded to. Remember our 150th celebration is Saturday, September 13.

Monday, April 28 is our federal election day. If you haven't voted yet please make certain that you do. We live in a great country and have the best freedom in the world. We can only keep those freedoms if we exercise the right given by voting. Every vote counts so do your duty.

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

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By Brian Keyes

Luella Scott's General Store in Anten Mills

April 21, 2025 - Luella Wilson was born in 1903 to Alex and Fanny Wilson on the Golf Course Road at the farm which eventually became the Springwater golf course! Luella was a true Anten Mills girl attending church & school in the village. Luella's marriage to Lawrence Scott in 1929 brought her into the world of business as Lawrence had just purchased the General Store in Anten Mills.

The store was probably the busiest setting locally with a central location in the village. Luella & Lawrence Scott's home (currently the Mc Manee family home and more recently the Fry Guy eatery) located at the top of Hendrie Hill on Horseshoe Valley Road next to the railway doubled as the store. This house was built in 1910 by founders Anderson/Tennant. Lawrence was busy with his other business' so the 'storekeeping' fell to Luella and her trusted assistant Johnny Peacher who lived with the Scotts. Keep in mind the Scott's raised their family amongst

this busy environment.

For those who have not experienced a venue like this let me describe a general store. It would resemble a large sized living room with a wood stove in the middle for heat. The shelves filled with goods line the outside of the store and the counter is located at the back of the store with a cash register plus maybe a set of scales. It is like a modern day Wal-Mart, only a little more compact. Options range from groceries to drugs, hardware and maybe even clothing/footwear. The store sold bulk staples like sugar/flour out of barrels. The Scotts kept their store open 7 days a week from 6:30 AM to midnight on some days (like a 7/11 today). The advent of electricity in the 1930s brought ice cream and outside the gas pumps replaced hitching posts for the horse/buggies. Luella/Johnny were busiest on Saturday. It was the place to meet people and visit where the odd card game might take place. Luella also was responsible for placing orders from her suppliers to be delivered by train or truck.

Luella was also the switchboard operator for the two local telephone systems often accommodating

customers by passing messages along so they could avoid long distance charges. Even at election time the store functioned as the polling station. It is hard to believe that Luella had time for outside pursuits. She found time for school concerts, United Church Women and could be counted on when tragedy struck the community to turn up with sandwiches and beverages.

When Lawrence Scott was developing his subdivision he named the street next to Lawrence Ave as Luella Blvd to pay honour to his wife. In the early 1970s the street was developed as far as John St. (Peacher St.). After an extension to Ghibb Ave Luella was extended to Laddie Lane when the new Adam's subdivision was added in the early 2000s making it the longest street in the village. Lawrence & Luella deserved their retirement when they sold the store in 1974 after 46 years of operation. If you walk or drive along Luella Blvd this sesqui-centennial year in 2025, take time to remember Luella Scott as one of the hardest working ladies who called our village home.



The Lawrence and Luella Scott general store at Anten Mills, just before they left, 1974. The store had a closed-in front during winter months.



Annie's Journal by Annie Warner Donnelly

April 21, 2025

Hello Everyone. Recently I was asked if the Bible is my favourite book because of my faith or because it's a piece of literature. It's definitely because of the faith I developed 40 years ago.

Love for God wasn't evident, and the Bible wasn't read in my home. I was sent to church; rarely did I have a parent with me. People encouraged me to accept Jesus as my Saviour. When I was fifteen years old, I said the words but didn't understand how they could make a difference in my life.

But April 5, 1985, changed all that. That was the day my birthday was on Good Friday. Suddenly, I realized that the anniversary of my birthday was being celebrated on the same day as the anniversary of Jesus' death on the cross for me. It's like these two facts collided and, finally, I could understand what people - and the Bible - had been trying to tell me.

Why am I sharing this with you? Well, even though April 5 and Good Friday have passed, the

effects of Jesus' resurrection linger forever. Jesus took our place on that cross, dying the death that would be ours because our sins.

The Apostle John, who wrote what he knew firsthand to be true, tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16)

John also wrote, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1John 1:9)

These are the forever truths of Easter.

Let's allow God to convince us of His reason for Jesus' death and resurrection. Let's believe Him and make room for His Holy Spirit to live within us. Let's be who He created us to be. I ask these things in the precious, mighty, and everlasting name of Jesus. Amen.

Disturbance Leads to Arrest of Midland Resident

(MIDLAND, ON) - Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of a disturbance in the area of Nelson and Robert Streets, Midland at approximately 6:46 p.m. April 9, 2025.

Upon arrival an individual was located in possession of a sharp edged weapon who was also making verbal threats towards persons in the area. The suspect was arrested without injury and transported to Detachment. Awhile in custody, the accused also destroyed property belonging to the Province of Ontario in the cell area.

Charged in connection to these investigations is 35 year old Douglas KING of Midland with the following offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Uttering Threats - Cause death or Bodily Harm
- Mischief Under \$ 5,000

And Further With

- Being intoxicated in public place contrary to the Liquor Licence and Control Act

The accused was held for bail court and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice Court at a future date. By OPP, April 10, 2025

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Local Councillors Divided on Value of Strong Mayor Powers

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Apr 14, 2025

Four votes out of seven is always greater than three votes out of seven except when those three votes are delivered by a municipality with strong mayor powers.

Ontario is proposing to expand strong mayor powers to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities, including Springwater and Oro-Medonte townships on May 1 to help deliver on provincial priorities, such as building more homes, transit and other infrastructure.

As the proposal could have a significant effect on the way councils operate, BarrieToday reached out to the members of Springwater and Oro-Medonte councils to get their reaction to the proposal.

Some members who responded were in favour, others not so much.

John Bard was the only member of Oro-Medonte council to respond.

“I am not in favour of strong mayor powers,” Bard said via email. “I think these powers will take away some of the democratic checks and balances of our current system.”

He said he was a little surprised by the move because he was under the impression strong mayor powers were to be given to the largest municipalities in the province. He said he doesn't see any real advantage for strong mayor powers in Oro-Medonte.

“The challenges that I see are that provincial politics may have a more direct impact on municipalities and the composition of municipal councils,” Bard said. “I realize that there has always been some connection between the two but I am worried that mayors lose their independence and become a sort of minor league affiliate to the provincial team.

“Municipalities could lose their identities as the representation of councils, particularly as aspirations at the mayor position may change,” he added.

Springwater Coun. Danielle Alexander agreed.

She said strong mayor powers circumvent the democratic process.

“The powers given to the mayor remove the ability of elected council to properly represent their constituents,” said Alexander, who was acclaimed in the 2022 municipal election.

She said research from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario shows that there is no evidence that homes are built faster in municipalities that have strong mayor powers versus those that don't.

She said if the provincial government was committed to building homes, the focus should be on providing infrastructure assistance with partnership at both the municipal and regional levels.

“Lack of infrastructure is the key barrier municipalities face with respect to building more homes,” she said.

“Now the scope of the strong mayor powers has

increased beyond building homes into virtually any area of council,” she added.

Originally introduced for Toronto and Ottawa in 2022, the province currently has 47 municipalities with these enhanced powers, which have, according to a provincial government press release announcing the proposed increase in the number of municipalities with strong mayor powers, helped to cut red tape and accelerate the delivery of key priorities in their communities.

According to the provincial government, these enhanced powers come with increased accountability for heads of council and maintain essential checks and balances through the oversight of councillors.

Strong mayor powers and duties include:

- Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer;
- Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments;
- Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council;
- Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process;
- Proposing certain municipal by-laws if the mayor is of the opinion that the proposed by-law could potentially advance a provincial priority identified in regulation. Council can pass these by-laws if more than one-third of all council members vote in favour;
- Vetoing certain by-laws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority;
- Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority.

Matt Garwood, a Springwater councillor, said the township's mayor was elected with “a clear and overwhelming mandate” from residents but council has been hampered by division and personal politics, making it difficult to move forward with important initiatives and policy priorities.

“Healthy debate is important to a functioning democracy, but persistent obstruction can limit council's ability to deliver results,” Garwood said. “These new powers give the mayor the tools to act decisively when progress is stonewalled.

“Strong mayor powers are not a replacement for collaboration, but a safeguard against dysfunction,” he added.

“I think strong mayor powers were tailor made for Springwater,” said Coun. Brad Thompson. “Currently, we have a mayor who won the last election by a landslide but has no more say about the direction of our community than even a council member who was acclaimed.

“It only makes sense that the mayor in any

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community should have a stronger weighted vote than a council member. Strong mayor models are common in other jurisdictions around the world for just this reason.”

George Cabral, Springwater’s deputy mayor, said municipal councils have been making decisions for their residents without strong mayor powers since Confederation and it’s worked out fine.

“I believe municipal councils have worked, and continue to work, in achieving outcomes through collaboration, consensus, and through the vein of majority rule, a fundamental principle in a democratic system,” Cabral said. “In our governmental system, the elected representative is expected to act on behalf of all constituents in their respective ward.

“It’s difficult to understand how the strong mayor powers, applicable to a fair broad scope of what would otherwise be considered either operational matters or decisions once debated and voted on by council as a whole, are not eroding municipal council authority as a whole, in order to expedite and accommodate questionably achievable goals.”

He’s also concerned about the implications of having only one-third of council in support of a mayor-driven bylaw in order to pass it.

“This in itself presents the appearance that it’s not likely a good bylaw, and not in the best interests of the municipality and its residents,” Cabral said. “The same can be said for the strong mayor powers regarding bylaw vetoing ability, it replaces the democratic process with an authoritarian process in my opinion.”

Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin said the province’s announcement to extend strong mayor powers to her specifically is not an issue with township residents. She said she’s not received any negative comments about the decision.

“Governing with integrity and determination will never change,” Coughlin said. “Strong Mayors provides the ability for rapid and decisive leadership, while still requiring collaboration.

“With just under 560 days left in our term, reprioritizing and reallocating resources will ensure significant projects move forward and opportunities are embraced, not lost,” she added.

Cold storage trailer considered for Tiny admin centre project

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Apr 21, 2025
Tiny Coun. Dave Brunelle showed a keen eye toward one recommendation found in a recent township administration centre build committee report.

Within the minutes, it stated that CAO Lamb had raised an opportunity to create a construction trailer on the project site at 255 Concession 9 East, which could be used as a cold storage facility once the project was complete; it was a suggestion recommended by Unity Design Studio.

“I’m not quite sure; doesn’t the construction manager usually bring in their own trailer?” asked Brunelle.

Public works director Tim Leitch explained that the opportunity hadn’t been decided on, and it was an option for consideration.

“Typically,” said Leitch, “you have a construction trailer for the construction management team. If outdoor storage is required – and this is an ‘if’ question – is there value in paying for a construction manager trailer, plus also having to build the building?”

“Instead of spending the money on a construction trailer – which that trailer will leave at the end of the project – is there any type of value in using that money to go towards construction of a storage facility that we may need on the site?”

“It’s purely just to look at the economics and see what the best financially-feasible way to do it is. And if we can save a few dollars down the road by doing it this way, then it was a good opportunity,” Leitch added; however, he was unable to supply an estimate on the cost difference on the fly.

When pressed by Brunelle what items would be included in a cold storage, Leitch cited municipal equipment such as bicycles, “or recreational type items that we have that you don’t want to use

valuable, heated, lit square-footage that would require cold storage or less environmentally-impacted item storage.”

Brunelle also asked when the first meeting of the Tiny Township administration centre ad hoc committee would be established, and if it would be open to the public. Leitch responded that the first meeting would be tentatively scheduled for early June, and Lamb affirmed that the ad hoc meetings were meetings of council.

The administrative centre committee minutes can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

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



Photo courtesy of Mike Knell, Progress at Tiny Administrative Building

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Penetanguishene council pitched tiny affordable housing...in Tiny

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Apr 21, 2025

A glimpse of the future for affordable housing in north Simcoe was spotted at the recent Penetanguishene committee of the whole meeting.

Habitat for Humanity North Simcoe chair Cate Root presented a tiny home pilot project to Penetanguishene council, with a request for assistance if possible.

An interesting circumstance, however, was that the project was in Tiny Township on the municipal boundary with Penetanguishene.

With a proposed location in the Lafontaine Road and Robert Street West intersection area, Root explained that the proposal would be utilizing 360 square feet of possible space for a five-unit, one-bedroom complex with septic bed and a parking lot.

"We have been offered a piece of property in Tiny. This is the project model we're working with," said Root, adding it was "really targeting rental to low-wage earners."

The three requests made to Penetanguishene council included access to the town's unopened road allowance, access to nearby municipal water from the town's supply, and the waiver

of fees along with staff support amounting to \$5,000.

"We know that this is a very complex opportunity for us to build on this property," admitted Root. "These pieces are critical for us to go forward."

"We know it is a significant ask, but it is a way that we're finally going to get some affordable rental housing," Root noted. "We're hoping that people will be able to see that these modular homes can come in quickly, (and) can be very affordable to build as well as affordable to offer to our residents here. You have all received letters from businesses in the area about how they need this support to be able to offer employment and increase their business."

Of interest was Root stating that she had applied for a pre-consultation with Tiny Township but had yet to receive a response at the time of the Penetanguishene presentation.

Mayor Doug Rawson thanked Root for addressing council.

"Thank you for your passion and drive, and all you do to make this become a reality. I think there's so many people that don't have a voice, and you're surely championing that voice."

Later in the committee of the whole meeting, transportation and environmental services section chair Coun. George Vadeboncoeur looked for suggestions on how to handle the matter.

Deputy Mayor Dan La Rose offered it as a referral item for staff to explore. "We don't want them (Habitat for Humanity) to be caught; we don't want to be caught knowing whether it's possible or not possible."

"It's a pretty big project; I wouldn't want them to go through problems if it's something that cannot be done by us," said La Rose.

Vadeboncoeur added: "From my standpoint, I think that the first step is to deal with the Township of Tiny... and then depending on the type of response they get from the township then to engage with our staff; because I wouldn't want to see us get engaged if it's not going to move forward from the township of Tiny standpoint."

The matter was approved to be put on the

referral list to be addressed by staff at a future date.

The Habitat for Humanity North Simcoe presentation, including slides on the tiny home pilot project, can be located on the agenda page of the Town of Penetanguishene website.

Meetings of Penetanguishene council are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and can be watched live on Rogers TV cable 53 when available, or on the Rogers TV website.

Archives of council meetings are located on the Town of Penetanguishene YouTube channel.

Midland Celebrates Historic Top Hat Ceremony at the Harbour

By Town of Midland (April 16, 2025, Midland ON) On Monday, April 21, Midland's Mayor and Harbour Master will present the ceremonial Top Hat to the Captain of Canadian Steamship M.V. Frontenac at the front gate of the ADM Milling Company in Midland Harbour.

Presenting his top hat to the captain of the first ship in the Harbour every spring was started by Midland businessman James Playfair over 100 years ago. This time-honoured tradition made for friendly competition amongst commercial vessels coming to Midland Harbour following the ice breaking up each year.

The silk top hat used in this annual ceremony is a vintage hat from Mr. Playfair's personal collection. In 2024, the Town had the silk top hat professionally restored to bring it back to its original glory.

2025 Top Hat Ceremony

Date: Monday, April 21, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.**

Location: Midland Harbour, ADM Milling gate

**As the Frontenac's schedule is subject to change, an update will be issued if required on Monday morning.

Sunday Restoration Celebrates Three Years as Part of the Midland Community and Expands Services to Estate Sales and Appraisals

By Sunday Restoration

As Sunday Restoration celebrates its third anniversary in Midland, owner Jacqueline Sunday is unveiling an exciting new chapter for the beloved boutique. The store, known for its curated vintage home décor and expert lighting repair, is expanding its offerings to include whole-home contents appraisals and in-home and online estate sales—services designed to help individuals understand the value of their belongings as they navigate significant life transitions such as downsizing, estate management, and relocation.

Since its inception in 2022, Sunday Restoration has quickly become a trusted destination for vintage

enthusiasts and sustainability advocates alike. The expansion into estate services is a natural extension of Jacqueline's commitment to helping the community value their belongings and reduce waste through thoughtful rehoming and resale.

"Managing a loved one's belongings or downsizing can be overwhelming. Our goal is to make the process easier," Jacqueline says. "We specialize in uncovering hidden value and keeping items in circulation, rather than sending them to waste."

Through personalized consultations, Sunday Restoration offers professional appraisals and guides clients through the process of selling or donating belongings. Whether it's a nostalgic relic from the

'90s or a cherished family heirloom, Jacqueline's expertise ensures that each item is evaluated for both financial and sentimental value.

With spring on the horizon, it's the perfect time to explore Sunday Restoration's expanded services. Clients will receive a complimentary consultation, during which Jacqueline assesses their needs and creates a plan tailored to their unique circumstances.

For more information, visit www.sundayrestoration.com or stop by the store at 427 King St, Midland. To connect with Jacqueline directly, call (226) 208-2122.

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Communities Connecting for Children in Nature with Seven Themed Camps

Announcing a new extraordinary facility available to you for day use learning, spring, summer and fall day camps and overnight camp use!! GRAND OPENING Saturday, May 3, 2025 1 – 4 PM

By Sylvia Dufresne, April 14, 2025

We are very pleased to announce that Matheson Creek Camp is now available to you for running day camps programs and outdoor learning events this coming year and in future years from May to October, during the summer and on school breaks and PD days. We are a certified Recreational Children's Camp, and we offer exceptional opportunities for children K-12 and Young Adults at our camp that are not readily available at other facilities. The Camp is also extending a warm welcome to school groups on day trips, and in some cases, we offer facilitated nature and environmental sessions. A list of the sessions offered will soon be available, and walking tours are available anytime with a written tutorial guide.

Our property consists of 70 acres of mixed forest, with the lovely Matheson Creek flowing along our south side. We also connect on our south property line with Simcoe County Forest and our hiking trails easily connect at several points with the County Forest trails. The camp is owned and protected by Communities Connecting for Children, a Barrie Registered Charity whose members are passionate about nature, the environment, early Canadian heritage and youth.

Our camp consists of seven "Themed Campsites", a meditative space called "The Spirit Garden", and a school portable called "The Den". A map and outline of the Themed Heritage Sites will be supplied to you at the Welcome Booth on arrival.

"The Den" is provided for leaders, campers, learning group participants etc. as an Emergency Shelter with power, heat/air conditioning, land line phone, Wi-Fi, two refrigerators, one stove, two cots and first aid provisions. "The Den" can be used for lessons with co-operation among other groups on site, especially

learning by film or video. Board games and a small library are also available for use.

Each of the seven "Themed Campsites" have learning and camping resources available which are site specific to where the campers are located on the property. We are suggesting that the campsites would be ideal for day camps during the summer holidays or other

holidays. Of course, they can also be utilized by groups for day use and weekend events as well as overnight camping.

The Matheson Creek Camp site has a unique ecosystem. The site has an abundance of flora and fauna. Robert Bowles, Master Naturalist, author, artist and teacher, is an integral part of Matheson Creek Camp. He is presently compiling an inventory of bird species, plants, trees, insects and mushrooms on the site. These lists will form part of our resources and will be available for camp visitors when walking the trails and in the forest. This valuable inventory will also provide direction for events and learning opportunities at the Camp. It will also be utilized and included along the well-defined trails that provide great opportunities for outdoor learning and playing.

Why should you be excited about Matheson Creek Camp over other properties that may be available to you? Our theme is 'old-fashioned unplugged fun'. There is no hydro on six of the sites (one has solar), and no running water at the sites. We do have a well, that is tested regularly providing 100% pure potable water to drink. All sites are serviced with rental portapotties. Handwashing stations are on each site. Our vision is to keep the heritage sites 'rustic' to enhance the experience of enjoying them as closely as possible to their past.

We have taken the liberty of attaching our Rental Rates for your information. All sites are the same price, so it is first come, first served. We require proof of insurance and a waiver. You provide the facilitators/leaders and the participants/campers, the programs, the health forms and contact information. We provide the facilities and utilities, basic camping



equipment, campfire areas, wood, and emergency shelter with hydro and land phone/WIFI. We suggest that you greet your campers in the parking lot as they arrive and walk with them to the site. Similarly, for pick up, they would be at the parking lot waiting for their families. For day trips, there is plenty of space in our large parking lot for school buses to manoeuvre.

Please visit our website www.mathesoncreekcamp.com to see photos of the campsites. We also have a Facebook page, Matheson Creek Camp.

Your organization is invited to attend the official opening of Matheson Creek Camp on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, from 1pm – 4pm. Please bring along your family members as well to enjoy our site. We will have a Welcome Tent and refreshments available.

If you would like to visit the camp before you commit to booking time or an event, please call Sylvia Dufresne. We are located at 1674 Gill Road in Midhurst. Please respond with your confirmation by email to: info@communitiesconnectingforchildren.com

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2025 Waterside Retirement Lodge Senior League Championship



By Mike Townes, April 19, 2025
The 2025 Waterside Retirement Lodge Senior League Championship Team members

are second Don Camack, Vice Rick Turner, Waterside General Manager Nina Eldred, Skip Russ Madore and Lead Terry Hannah

The 2025 Waterside Retirement Lodge Consolation Championship Team members are Second Neil Maurice, Skip Allan Johnstone, Lead Brian Uprichard and Co-skip Lou Belcourt.

The 2025 Monday Senior Championship Team With the Harold Townes Memorial Trophy are Lead Joe Maynard, Convenor Dave Don, Skip Mike Townes, Vice Rick Turner and Second Larry McMann

The 2025 Monday Senior Curling League Consolation Winners are Second Joe Rossignol, Skip Rob McClung, Vice Bill Claasse and Lead Bob Corbett

SheLeads Georgian Bay Returns for 2025 - Empowering and connecting women of all ages

By Laurene Hilderley, April 15, 2025

Midland, ON – SheLeads Georgian Bay is back for 2025 and promises to be more inspiring than ever. Taking place on Saturday May 3, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Georgian Bay District Secondary School in Midland, the full-day event brings together women of all ages for a powerful day of leadership, connection, and empowerment.

Once again, the woman lawyers of Ferguson Deacon Taws LLP and HGR Graham Partners LLP have teamed up as Venue sponsor. Along with other major sponsors local realtor Team Jordan – Lorraine Jordan as Lunch sponsor and Northcott Professional Law and TD Bank Midland and Penetanguishene branches with Susan Desroches, TD Wealth Management, this generous support is helping cover the costs of the day. Registration is low-cost at only \$20 or pay what you can. To ensure the event is inclusive and accessible free tickets are also available. Lunch and refreshments throughout the day are included.

SheLeads Georgian Bay is a volunteer-led,

community-supported event with many sponsors, partners, workshop leaders and volunteers coming together to inspire, educate, and foster connection. Based on the inaugural SheLeads event in Chatham-Kent in 2023, it is a safe and welcoming space for women-identifying people to celebrate their achievements, share their stories, and support one another in their personal and professional growth.

In addition to the morning inspiring keynote with Deborah Laramey, the day features a choice of 21 hands-on workshops, a lunchtime fashion show by Honeymoon Express, creative spaces, and an end of the day break out session. The volunteer workshop leaders are tackling real issues with conversation and information sharing on topics from mental wellness and self-advocacy, fitness, nutrition, personal growth, career building and more.

“SheLeads is more than just a wellness day—it’s a movement,” says Danielle Northcott, volunteer colead who attended the first Chatham-Kent event with her daughter and wanted to bring the event to the Midland, Penetanguishene area. “It is a day with no pressure of sales, everything included for minimal or no-cost, and women connecting on whatever level they wish to.”

Last year this event was enjoyed by over 150 women. Proceeds helped establish the SheLeads Georgian Bay Scholarship Fund through the Huronia Community Foundation. In 2024 a Georgian Bay District Secondary School female student received a \$1000 scholarship and this year \$1000 will be awarded to a St. Theresa’s high school student. Next year the scholarship will go to a Le Caron student. Any revenue after expenses in 2025 will be given back to the community for women’s wellness and growth with a small amount held for future events.

For registration, volunteer and partner opportunities, or more information, visit sheleadsgeorgianbay.com, follow SheLeads Georgian Bay on Facebook and Instagram or email sheleadsmidland@gmail.com.

Photo caption

The SheLeads Georgian Bay 2025 organizing committee of (from right) Jill St. Amant, Jackie Stott, Laurene Hilderley, Leslie Hilderley, Danielle Northcott, Teresa Smith and Deanna Palazzo-Dalzell, and Alison Durtnall, Susan Cook, Nicole Stott and Nicky Marchant (unavailable for photo) welcomes you to Georgian Bay District Secondary School on Saturday May 3, 2025. Register today at sheleadsgeorgianbay.com.



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The Elmvale Coyotes U13 LL2 earn Silver!



By Alissa Shanahan, April 12, 2025

As the saying goes, “All good things must come to an end,” and what a great season it was for the U13LL2 Elmvale Coyotes, proudly sponsored by BC Roofing and Sheet Metal.

While some players entered the season as familiar faces, many were new teammates—strangers quickly turned friends through a shared passion for the game. Over the months, this close-knit group of boys built bonds both on and off the ice, forming friendships that will last far beyond the final buzzer.

The Coyotes took their talents to two tournaments in March: the Clarington Thunder Classic and the Constable Morgan Russell Memorial Tournament. The competition was stiff in Clarington, where the team finished 1-3, but they bounced back strong at the second event with an impressive 2-1 record. Of course, the memories made went far beyond the scoreboard—hotel mini stick battles, poolside hangs, card games, and late-night Dairy Queen

runs became treasured highlights of the season.

In post-season play, the Coyotes truly hit their stride. They topped Group B in round-robin action with a strong 5-1-2 record, notching wins over teams from Grand Valley, Collingwood, Penetang, and even their fellow Elmvale squad. Their performance earned them a spot in the championship series against Collingwood. Despite a determined effort, the Coyotes fell to the Blues in two hard-fought games.

The success of this season wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of an outstanding bench staff. The players extend heartfelt thanks to Head Coach Chris Jacobs, Assistant Coaches Evan Bates and Daniel Holden, Trainer Jeff Willett, and Manager Jennifer Gilchrist. Their time, guidance, and support made this season one to remember.

As the ice melts and the gear gets packed away, one thing is certain: the Elmvale Coyotes' season was filled with effort, excitement, and endless memories.

Orillia Terriers Eliminated by Hanover Barons in 5 Games

Submitted by Jamie Robillard, April 19, 2025

The Pollock Division Champion Hanover Barons got past the Carruthers Division Champs the Orillia Terriers in five games to capture the Provincial Junior Hockey League's Northern Conference Crown and advance to the PJHL Schmalz Cup semi-finals with a 2-1 win over Orillia on Friday April 11.

Orillia won the first game of the series on April 4th by a 5 to 3 score then dropped the next four games. In game two Hanover shut out the Terriers 4-0 on April 5th, followed up with a 7-4 win over Orillia on April 7th in game three and a 6-0 whitewash in game four on April 9th setting the stage of the game five series clinching win. Penetanguishene resident Finn Price had a strong play-off run for the Terriers, scoring eight goals and seven assists in 19 games.

In two other quarter-final series the Essex 73's swept the Petrolia Flyers in four games to win the Western Conference while the Napanee Raiders also got past the Clarington Eagles in four games to win the Eastern Conference title. The most hotly contested quarter-final match up saw the New Hamburg Firebirds squeeze out four games

to three series win over the Grimsby Peach Kings to win the Southern Conference Championship.

The New Hamburg line-up features Midland resident Cameron Weishar on defence. Weishar, who played his first three years of Junior hockey with Orillia during high school, is now attending university in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Notes: The Penetang Kings have announced the departure of General Manager Kyle Burns, who has left the team to move up the Junior hockey management hierarchy to the Collingwood Blues and become the assistant general manager with the Ontario Junior Hockey League club.

The Kings would like to thank Kyle for all his efforts on behalf of the team over the past three seasons in which he helped engineer a massive improvement in the team's fortunes. The Kings wish Kyle all the best in his future hockey endeavors.

Following the announcement of Burns moving on the Kings have appointed Scott Simon as their new General Manager. Simon will be going into his third season with the team will also retain this Head Coaches role with the club.

Fred Fox in Midland and His Message, "FINISH IT."

By Janis Foley, Canadian Martyrs School, April 10, 2025

On Wednesday afternoon Canadian Martyrs School had a special visitor. Fred Fox, Terry's brother came and gave a presentation to our students as part of his gratitude tour. The students were in awe the moment he entered the gym. We greeted Fred with a drumming ceremony and concluded the assembly with the students singing the Terry Fox song.

Every year for the past 22 years, Canadian Martyrs school has participated in the Terry Fox Run in September. This year we raised \$2649 and in the 22 years we have raised \$25 604. Which is why Fred Fox's visit was so important to the students and Staff at Canadian Martyrs.

It was 45 years ago that Terry began his marathon of hope. Fred's inspiring stories helped the students understand how and why the marathon of hope came to be.



Fred Fox Responses to North Simcoe Springwater News

The Ontario Terry Fox Foundation office picked Canadian Martyrs and other schools to visit in The Midland and Penetanguishene area for the 2 days that I was there. It was an opportunity to say thank you, and to acknowledge the amazing difference schools like Canadian Martyrs make in continuing what Terry started, 45 years ago on April 12, 1980 in St John's, NL. The money that schools raise is impacting cancer research and the lives of those with a cancer diagnosis.

My best memories of Terry are when Terry & I were the same age as the students in the schools I visited. The things we did as kids together will always be with me. But of course, I will always remember running with Terry down University Ave, towards Toronto City Hall and a month later in August 1980, spending 4 days with Terry in a very different setting of

that in Toronto, near Wawa, ON.

The Terry Fox Run across Canada is Sunday September 14th. The TF Run held in your area is at Perkinsfield Park. This is the link to their Runsite page: <https://run.terryfox.ca/96498> You can search for other info about The Terry Fox Foundation & Terry Fox Run from the home page of the TFF website.

Over 4000 schools in Ontario (9300 in Canada) have their own TF Runs during the months of September & October.

In 2025, our 45th anniversary, our fundraising campaign is titled "Finish It". This is not referencing to finish running those miles/kilometers from Thunder Bay to Vancouver Island in BC (no one will ever do this) but finishing Terry's goal of eradicating the suffering that cancer causes, to end cancer.

Usually, every year we have a new/different TF Run t-shirt, this year we have an expanded collection of "Finish It" merchandise that supporters can purchase with proceeds going to cancer research.

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Hospice Simcoe Hike

By Hospice, May 4, 2025

Hospice Simcoe does a yearly hike to fundraise for approximately 50% of the operating budget. \$1.5 million is needed annually to run the house and offer programs to help families through the final journey and afterwards at no cost. The government contributes only a small amount.

Hospice Simcoe residence has 10 private rooms for those who are at the end of life and live in Simcoe County. They provide 24 hour nursing, including pain management, social, psychological, spiritual and practical support. This is for client and family members in a place that feels like home. There is no cost to the families.

Hospice Simcoe also provides community support by having visiting services, living well program, caregiver support program, advance care planning, grief and bereavement program and memorial services.

I have volunteered for 24+ years and have seen how Hospice Simcoe assists families in need during this journey. I go into the community to help caregivers by giving them time out while I stay with their loved one.

I also facilitate the Living Well Program which is available to people living with or dying from an advanced illness. This enables them to connect with others in a group setting. All participants seem to say the same thing, "It was really difficult to come at first but now I don't want to miss any."

I would like to share the story of Jennifer. Jennifer truly was such an inspiration to me as she was full of hope and determination. The legacy of Jennifer must live on. Jennifer was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and metastasized to lungs, lymphatic system and spine May 2022. Her options were very limited and she chose to have no treatment and live life to the fullest with the time she had. Jennifer started Living Well group September 2022. Jennifer was so positive through her journey and had so much courage. Jennifer always spoke highly of group and how it was helping her and her husband Russell with their journey. She mentioned how scared she was about coming the first time, told her husband not to go far because if she didn't like group she would fake being sick and call him to come get her. That call never happened and she continued coming for 2 1/2 years. Jennifer felt sharing in group was so beneficial because often family and friends do not want to hear what we talk about. We also have speakers come in to talk about subjects such as nutrition, funerals and pain management. Jennifer was amazing, never complained and she put everything together for when she died so it would be easier on Russell. At the end she chose MAiD (medical assistance in dying) and told everyone in group 2 weeks before. When a client dies we light a candle and play a song in memory of them. Jennifer's song was We're Here For A Good Time Not A Long Time. Jennifer asked me to come and have a glass of wine with her, Russell and her Mom before she passed. I did and I was only there 5 minutes when her song played on the radio. We both looked at each other and cried. It was a difficult farewell. I was blessed to have had Jennifer in my life even though it was a short time. Jennifer and Russell supported me for the hike and came out to watch me do the hike the last 2 years. I was shocked that she made the effort to stand and watch even though she was in pain and uncomfortable. She gave me permission to use her story and said she would be honoured to be in this letter.

Rest in Peace, Jennifer December 9, 1971 – November 13, 2024

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The Hillsdale Tree

A Lament for the Community of Hillsdale

On the edge of town near where the children played,
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 With branches like arms, it embraced the sky,
 Whispering secrets to those passing by.
 Though seasons of laughter, of sorrow, of cheer,
 A guardian of dreams, now lost, and disappeared.

The guardian sat in silence as the saws came near,
 The echoes of the memories, the laughter and the cheer.

Roots deep in the soil, where stories begun,
 Each ring of its heart counting years, one by one.

Now a stump marks the ground where its presence had bloomed,
 A void in the skyline, a community fumed.

What are we willing to trade, but a few,
 If only you knew what killing that tree would do.

A ripple effect and feelings of loss,
 Losing the tree, at society's cost.
 Echoes of memories, laughter and cheer,
 What an incredible loss for the community this year

By **Kassandra Wilkey**



Photos by Harmony Wilcox

Farewell to Readers

I have been writing this column for some thirty years. In my home community, I have met many of you. In some cases, you came to see me in my psychology practice, and years later brought one of your children for therapy.

This column has appeared across Canada and the USA, and as far away as Great Britain and Australia. It has been a blessing to have had a wide and appreciative audience.

This writing has been my way of giving back. It has been my service to all of you, and I have never received payment.

A couple of years ago I received an Award of Excellence for Community Service from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for my writing. This was indeed an honor, but what has been most rewarding to me has been the sincere and heartfelt appreciation I have received from readers.

I know some of you have shared this journey along with me for almost as long as I have been writing. Knowing you were reading, and your positive

feedback, has truly been the inspiration that has kept me writing as long as I have.

Mostly my writing has been about integrity, having compassion and kindness for others, being accepting and non-judgmental. It has also focused on really listening to others, not always having to be right, and not venting anger or criticism to others. There are other ways to ask for what you need.

It has also expressed the importance of self-care, and knowing no one has to put up with being yelled at or put down. We all deserve to be treated with respect as do others.

I have also written about how many client issues stem from childhood experiences where they were not treated well. Adults should get help to process and heal, then let it go and focus on present life. The past does not have to define us.

As parents, know that things you say and do to children will leave an indelible mark that can impact the course of their lives positively or negatively.

Focus on finding solutions rather than thinking

in terms of discipline. Discipline is the practice of training people to obey rules and using punishment to correct disobedience. There was a time when that was the norm in parenting.

Hopefully we can work together with children to create workable solutions. Saying that: "We have a problem so let's sit down and see how we can do things differently." is how we would like a boss or supervisor to approach us.

Children are the future in our rapidly changing world. Let's send them into the world knowing they are loved unconditionally. Let's ensure they learn from us how to solve issues without conflict, and should support and be kind to others.

Thank you readers. Indeed, I will miss sharing with you.

By **Gwen Randall-Young Psychological Services Ltd.** | 439 Village Drive | Sherwood Park, AB T8A 4K1 CA, April 18, 2025

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Barrie Transit Goes Electric

By City of Barrie, April 15, 2025

Two new electric buses added to Barrie Transit's fleet

Barrie, ON – Mayor Alex Nuttall revealed the City's first fully electric Barrie Transit bus today. Residents can expect to see two electric buses servicing Barrie Transit routes starting this summer.

"I'm pleased to introduce Barrie Transit's first electric bus, marking a significant step forward in our commitment to sustainability and innovation," said Mayor Nuttall. "Thanks to the Zero Emission Transit Fund, we will have two new e-buses operating in Barrie. These buses will not only reduce our carbon footprint, but they will also enhance the quality of life for our residents by providing a quieter and cleaner way to get people around Barrie."

The electric bus is a battery-electric, zero-emission bus, and is one of the most advanced models on the market. It's made by a Canadian company, New Flyer, and features the following:

- A 520kWh battery, that is a world-class energy storage system, and engineered for safe, robust, and reliable use in transit.
- Battery chargers for the e-bus were designed and installed by PowerON, an Ontario Power Generation company.
- The bus range is up to approximately 408 km.
- Accessibility features include an automatic securement station, which allows the user to secure their wheelchair or scooter easily with the touch of a button.

In November 2022, funding for the electric bus project was announced through Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada's Zero

Emission Transit Fund (\$1.65M). Along with City funding of \$1.7M, this investment allowed Barrie to purchase two battery electric buses and the necessary charging infrastructure to support them.

Learn more about Barrie Transit at barrie.ca/transit.

Background

In June 2021, City Council adopted a motion that endorsed electric buses. Piloting e-buses is the next step toward supporting Council's initiative to reduce the City's carbon emissions to net-zero by the year 2050. This also supports the City's work to electrify its fleet.

Barrie's corporate fleet includes seven fully electric pickup trucks, with four more arriving later this year. In addition, the City has two electric ice resurfacers



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MPP Dunlop Announces Ontario Investing Over \$875,000.00 in Simcoe County Transit

Provincial gas tax funding will help operate and expand local public transit services

By office of MPP Dunlop, April 15, 2025

SIMCOE NORTH — The Ontario government is investing \$875,707.00 to support public transit in Midland, Penetanguishene, and Orillia, through the 2024-25 Gas Tax program. This funding can be used to expand service hours, increase routes, purchase new vehicles and improve accessibility to increase transit ridership.

“This funding is great news for people in Simcoe North,” said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. “Under the leadership of Premier Ford, we are investing in local transit to give people in Simcoe North more ways to connect with work, school and the people and places that matter most to them.”

The Ontario government is investing over \$380 million in 106 municipalities across Ontario to improve local transit through the Gas Tax program.

“As a growing community that relies in many ways, on our transit system, we are grateful to the Province for this vital gas tax funding, which helps keep public transit reliable and accessible for all Midland residents” said Mayor Bill Gordon. “Continued investment in transit strengthens our community by connecting people to jobs, services, and opportunities.”

“The Town of Midland is grateful to the Province for this vital gas tax funding, which helps keep public transit reliable and accessible for all our valued residents. As a growing community that relies for many reasons on our transit system, continued investments like this strengthens our ability to connect people to jobs, services, and opportunities

efficiently.”

“The Town of Penetanguishene is grateful for this funding,” said Mayor Douglas Rawson. “Transit is important to growing and thriving communities, helping to link service providers and residents. The Town of Penetanguishene is proud of our transit service and how it can help connect communities, through support like this funding, we can provide reduced fares for patrons like we did for our seniors last year and continue to do.”

“This continued investment from the Province supports our efforts to enhance and expand Orillia Transit to better serve our growing community,” said Mayor Don McIsaac. “Reliable public transit plays a vital role in connecting people to work, school, services, and each other. We’re grateful for this funding, which helps us deliver a more accessible and sustainable transportation system for Orillia residents.”

The breakdown of funding for Simcoe North is as follows:

- Town of Midland - \$ 185,647.00
- Town of Penetanguishene - \$93,413.00
- City of Orillia - \$ 596,647.00

“No matter where you live, workers and families deserve access to fast, reliable and affordable public transit that connects them to good jobs and housing,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. “Our government will continue to work with municipalities in every corner of our province to improve their transit systems so they can provide the services Ontarians depend on for decades to come.”

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Ontario launches the 2025-2026 Francophone Community Grants Program

Investment will support projects that promote the development of Francophone communities

By Ministry of Francophone Affairs, April 10, 2025

TORONTO — The Ontario government is continuing to support its vibrant Francophone community with the launch of the 2025-2026 edition of the Francophone Community Grants Program (FCGP).

Since 2017, the FCGP has been enhancing the cultural and economic vitality of the Francophone community by funding initiatives that improve frontline services and promote the French language and culture.

Community organizations and businesses have until May 26 to submit their proposal under one of two streams: Community and Culture or Economic Development. These projects should aim to strengthen the capacity of organizations and businesses to provide products and services to Francophones in the province, promote the recruitment and training of bilingual Francophone staff, or offer opportunities to celebrate and foster understanding of Ontario's Francophonie.

"Ontario's Francophonie is at the heart of our provincial identity and prosperity," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs. "The FCGP offers Francophone community organizations and businesses the opportunity to continue developing promising projects in key sectors which will strengthen the economic vitality of our French-speaking communities for years to come."

The Francophone Community Grants Program is part of the government's commitment to supporting Francophones communities across the province by strengthening their economic, social, and cultural vitality.

Realizing Springwater's transportation master plan could cost \$45M

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Apr 21, 2025

Three million dollars a year for 15 years.

That's what a consultant says it will cost Springwater Township to implement a recommended transportation master plan that will provide the most efficient and safest way to move people and products from one place to another by the year 2041.

"What we're presenting are new costs to the program over the next 15 to 20 years," Alvaro Almuina of R.J. Burnside, a civil and environmental engineering consulting firm, told Springwater council last Wednesday during a special session. "These are not something that need to be implemented tomorrow. They're high-level costs that will be refined again as we go from 50,000 feet to corridor level. "They'll be more detailed," he added.

According to Almuina's presentation, the township is looking at spending almost \$45 million over the next 15 years — \$15.5 million investment in roads, a \$27.2 million spend in active transportation and about \$120,000 in transit spending.

Broken out based on timing, the township will need about \$6.4 million in short-term funding, almost \$15 million in medium-term funding and \$21.5 million in long-term funding to realize everything that was included in the plan.

"As we look at the different components of the master plan, we have costs associated to road improvements, to active transportation and to transit," Almuina said. "The road improvement costs in the short term (\$92,000) pertain primarily to the studies of a number of intersections throughout the community to ensure that they're operating as efficiently and safely as possible.

"The longer-term road costs (\$15.5 million) pertain primarily to the extension of Carson Road from Highway 26 to St. Vincent Street," he added.

The active transportation costs (\$27.2 million) included a mix of facilities — paved shoulders, extended paved shoulder and separate bike lanes within the Midhurst area.

"It's a big number because it's a big municipality with many kilometres of roadway," Almuina said.

He said the \$120,000 earmarked for transit is an estimate that was developed to undertake a pilot project for on-demand transit, which differs from conventional transit in that there is no fixed route or schedule, and buses are dispatched on a request-basis.

According to the presentation, this means more flexibility for riders as service is requested at their convenience.

Riders schedule a ride using an app, by phone or a website, and the bus will pick up and drop off at pre-set locations throughout the community/service area.

The pilot program would require a partnership between the township and the County of Simcoe to use the LINX transit service.

Almuina said the consultants presented the big picture because it will allow township staff to look at different projects as they come up and deal with them in a piecemeal fashion.

"These are the types of costs we're looking at," he said. "It gives us an order of magnitude to work with and to consider over the years as the system matures and as the municipality grows over the next 15 years."

Almuina noted that the work is not just for current residents.

"The municipality will be doubling its population and so a lot of this work is not just for the existing community," he said. "This is work that's required to accommodate that growth and, obviously, to help out the existing community and maintain their current level of service."

Springwater launched the transportation master plan study in the spring of 2023 with a number of goals:

Support growth to 2041 and capitalize on related opportunities.
Develop a sustainable transportation system to facilitate regional linkages and travel to and from the various communities within the township.

Support the safe and efficient movement of goods.

Develop a 'future-ready' transportation plan that expands the multi-modality of the transportation system including driving, transit, walking, cycling and other emerging mobility options.

Build a safe and inclusive transportation system that supports age friendly communities and promotes healthy living.

Following two public information sessions, held in December 2023 and June 2024, a draft of the presentation was provided to council in April of this year.

Council voted to receive the report at Wednesday's meeting.

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Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Proposed Development Charges

May 21, 2025 | 6:30 p.m. | Township Administration Centre

On **Wednesday, May 21, 2025** the Council of the Township of Springwater will hold a public meeting, pursuant to section 12 of the *Development Charges Act*, 1997, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the Township's proposed development charges (D.C.) by-law and underlying background study.

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

In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study is available on the Township's website: www.springwater.ca. Copies of the proposed D.C. by-law and the background study are also available upon request.

Interested persons may express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, prior to May 20, 2025.

Dated at the Township of Springwater on April 24, 2025. Jennifer Marshall, Clerk, Township of Springwater, 2231 Nursery Road Minesing, ON L9X 1A8, (705) 728-4784 x 2042 Fax (705) 728-2759, e-mail: clerks@springwater.ca.

Bill Graham Memorial Euchre Tournament



By Tim McGinnis and Linda Belcourt, Editor, April 19, 2025
Elmvale Legion hosted the Bill Graham Memorial Euchre Tournament on Saturday April 19th, 2025. There were 34 teams of 68 people that filled the upstairs hall. Attendees explained the hall is very loud and the laughter was a testament to the fun everyone had. This was the third annual event that gives tribute to an honored man that everyone respected. The Elmvale Legion was the recipient of the funds. Photo above: (middle) Eddie Valendars, from the legion with the winners, Marianne (left) and Dan (right) Charlesbois. Congratulations.

Elmvale Sales Barn Perseverance will Prevail

By Linda Belcourt, Editor, April 21, 2025

The good ole sales barn faces struggle once again. Three years ago, there was a fire at the main barn and snack bar area. This harsh winter did more damage from the weight of the heavy snow. In early March, the roof caved. It will need to be taken down as both fronts on the barn are damaged. There is extensive damage to the snack bar, vendor section and electrical room. Engineers are performing an inspection to assess the full damage.

Ashley Bates is the current owner and is the third generation to run this unique shopping destination. 1989 Ashley's grandparents, Frank and Beulah Bates purchased the property. Ashley's father, Frank Bates Jr, took over operations from his parents and ran it for more than forty years. He then turned the lead over to Ashley, his daughter. Despite the many setbacks Ashley remains positive. She spoke with conviction, "Perseverance will prevail". The barn will be ready, and they are providing vendor permits now. This is one determined family nestled in a determined community ready to help support this great tradition.

The Bates family cares about its vendors and shoppers. When the Roxadus Rock Concert was planned but did not happen. Many people were frauded and the vendors were victims. The Bates invited all the vendors to sell their wares at the Sales Barn for Free.

Many locals have had some involvement with the iconic Elmvale Sales Barn and Event Centre at 1568 County Road 92 between Elmvale and Wasaga Beach. Linda Belcourt, Editor of North Simcoe Springwater News, had her first job at the snack bar learning work ethic from the Collings family of Anten Mills. Linda's father, Morley Marchant, worked with Archer Cardwell running the cattle for the auction. Ashley hired Linda's daughter at the BBQ snack bar keeping the tradition that small towns create. When Morley Marchant worked there were around 900 vendors. It was a meeting place for farmers that would buy and sell cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and ducks. Now there are 100 vendors that are focused on different products.

Traditionally, the market operates every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday Ashley Bates describes the market, "[It is an] incredible experience with many cultures and

different people from all around". There are many vendors that have been with the sales barn for more than 25 years. The good range

from fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, breads, clothing, collectables, and antiques. So come out and support the market this summer.



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ORGANIZATIONS AND MARKETING:
CHARLIEN LOVE
7056238701



Community Events Ongoing

SENIOR CLUBS

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Rec. Centre, 527 Len Self Blvd, Midland
P: (705) 526-7609

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

MONDAY

Midland Jam

Mondays 6:30-10 pm

Free, 1st come, first 15 minute play
Midland Cultural Centre, 333 King St, Midland

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

Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvalle BINGO

Every Tuesday night

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.
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

Seniors Springwater Golf Club

every Tuesday at 8:00 am, May 13 to September
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WEDNESDAY

Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts

4th Wednesday from March to November
7:00 pm Elmvalle Legion, 7 John St.

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

Jam Night Elmvalle Palace

Thursdays at 9 am-1am
13 Queen St. W, Elmvalle , 705-322-1741

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Mary Grise 705-526-6349 marygrise0@gmail.com

Coffee Party

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

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Choir 10-11:30 am
Book Club (4th Thurs) 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Darts 2:00 - 4:00 pm
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
1st: Movie and Lunch, 12 noon - 3:30 pm
2nd & 4th: Tiny Stitchers, 9:00 - 3:00 pm
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

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

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group

1st Thursday of each month 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room
All persons living with Parkinson's Disease and their care partners are welcome. For more info. contact Dwight (705) 795-6952 or Phil at Bender.philip@gmail.com

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
3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00 a ticket (\$25.00 value)

SUNDAY

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Indoor Pickleball 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Good Vibes

First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.
An open-mic music event. For winter months, relocated to Hackney Horse Bed & Breakfast, 3276 Penetanguishene Rd. near Craighurst. \$5 donation, tea, coffee & baking at a small extra cost.

MONDAY to FRIDAY

S.M.A.R.T Exercise Program with V.O.N.

Mon 9:30-10:30am
1724 Mosley St - Hall 1A Recplex gym
Wed & Fri 1:00 - 2:00 pm 44 River Road West
Re/Max Room (Stars Arena)

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program

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

North Simcoe Bridge and Games Club

Brooklea Golf and Country Club
Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge, Tues 6:45pm: Social Bridge, Wed., 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge, Thur. 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge, Fri. 12pm: Bid Euchre. Contact Gail Chapman @ 705-361-9222 or northsimcoebridge@gmail.com.

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach

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



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Special Events One Time

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Sat. April 26, Maple Syrup Festival, live band
Cariboo Country, 7 John St

Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival

Sat. April 26, 2025

Elmvale library branch book sale 10-3:30 pm

Chili Luncheon

Sat. April 26, 2025, 11-2pm

Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St. E, Elmvale
Adults \$10, Children 4-12 \$5, 3 and under free.
Elevator access on east side.

Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner

April 26, 2025 4-6pm, \$35 call 705.722.7208

United Church 91 Doran Road, Midhurst

Georgian Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show

April 26 to April 27 10am - 4pm

Penetanguishene Arena, 61 Maria St. Wheelchair
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Website: www.gbqg.ca

Fleurish Clothing Swap Fundraiser

April 26, 2025 9am-11am

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Spring Fashion Show

April 29, 2025 1-3pm, Members \$15 Guests \$20

Askennonia Senior Centre

MCC PRESENTS: Fugitives

May 1, 2025 at 8:00pm

The Fugitives, a Vancouver-based folk group
led by Adrian Glynn and Brendan McLeod, are
bringing their dynamic sound and harmonies to
the MCC. midlandculturalcentre.com

CLH Foundation's Red Carpet Concert

Sat. May 3, 2025

King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene.
Featuring Raine Maida & Chantal Kreviazuk
Contact clhfoundation.ca. Cost: \$125

Bravado! Earth, Wind and Choir

May 3, 2025 from 2-4pm

Georgian Theatre, Musical journey forces of
nature

Workshop - Simcoe County Arts & Crafts

May 5, 2025 1- 3 pm

St Paul's Ang. Church, 5 Noraline Av., Midhurst
Bead Embroidery Pendant, Beginner Friendly
Register at 705-727-7389, Guests \$15

MCC PRESENTS: The Sattalites

May 31 at 8:00pm

Toronto reggae group The Sattalites evolved from
a music school into a celebrated band, winning
two JUNO Awards, recording six albums, and
performing across North America and Jamaica.

MCC PRESENTS: WOMEN OF THE 70's

Linda Ronstadt, Carole King & Karen Carpenter
June 7 at 9:30pm

Wendy, an International Gold Medal Vocalist,
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female superstar singers with her sultry, clear
voice reminiscent of Linda Ronstadt, the velvety
and playful stylings of Karen Carpenter, and the
heartfelt music of Carole King.

EVENTS

ELMVALE FOOD BANK

By Sue Kerslake, April 21, 2025

From April 29 to May 5, 2025, 100 percent
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Elmvale Tim Hortons will be donated to our
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If you would like a bulk order form please Email
the food bank at elmvalefoodbankinfo@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for turtle nest protection at Tiny Marsh

From MTM Conservation Association, Turtle
Project, April 15, 2025

We are looking for volunteers to help us to
protect turtle nests during the month of June
which is the time when turtles are laying eggs.

There are two species at the marsh: the Snapping
Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) and the Midland
Painted Turtle (*Chrysemys picta*). The Snapping
Turtle hunt was finally ended in Ontario in
2017. The Painted Turtle was declared of Special
Concern under the Federal Species at Risk act
in 2021. Provincially, both species are of special
concern.

Habitat loss and human action are the main
threats for all turtle species. Turtles are at high
risk during the mating season in May and
nesting in June, when they may get hit while
crossing the roadways to find suitable sites.

Snapping turtles mature sexually at about 16
years. The loss of one adult female can cut the
population in half over 20 years.

Caging turtle nests will protect the nests from
predators – with raccoons, skunk and mink
being the main culprits. We have found raccoons
waiting close by a turtle as she lays – ready to
excavate the eggs as soon as she leaves.

This is where we come into action. We go out
either in the morning or evening and mark the
position of any nesting turtle with a tent peg
or a flag. We need to know the exact area to be
able to place a cage. We have to be careful not to
frighten the animal.

When the turtle is done and has covered the
nest it is usually impossible to determine the
exact location of the nest. After marking the
position we continue, looking for more turtles
and cleaning the predated nests, counting them
and the eggs. The egg shells are discarded in the
water.

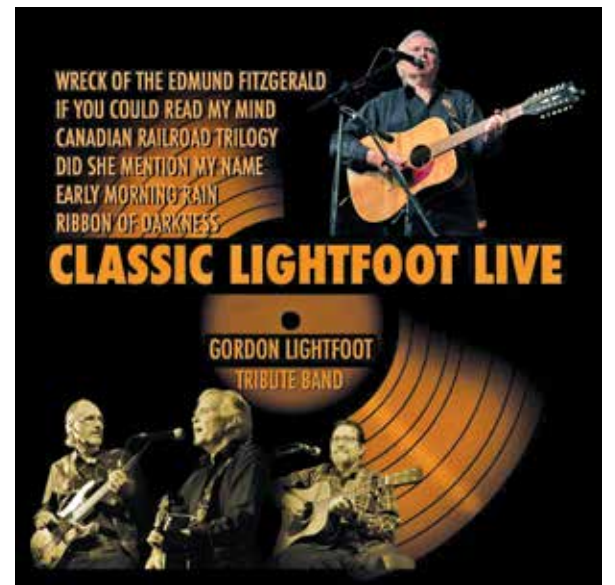
Generally, we walk the Trotter dyke, and the
Carolina dyke up to the old outlook. On our way
back we do the cleanup and caging. If the turtle
is done and has returned to the water, we place
a cage and put a flag. But if she has not finished,
we have to wait for her which can be lengthy.
A snapper can take as long as three hours to
excavate, lay and cover up.

If a caged nest has been predated, we will
remove that cage and store it for reuse.

You need gloves and a hammer. Count about 3
hours per outing.

If you are interested to help, please let us know.
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For more info, contact turtle nest protection
coordinator Ingrid Egner at info@mtmconservation.org.



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. "Its 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 Eysers) 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
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The Classic Lightfoot Live show, featuring
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AUCTION NOTICES



Upcoming Auctions

- The Estate of Barbara Rogers - Ancaster (April 20 - 24)
- Guenter & Ute Lotzmann Estate Auction -Kitchener (April 20-24)
- April Multi Consignor Auction - Guelph (April 27- May 1)
- Hegedus Downsizing Auction - Burlington (May)
- The Estate of Dorothy Welch (May)
- 917 Truck + Trailer Inc. (May)
- Mopar Icons Auction: '50 Imperial & '82 Cordoba (May)

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I'd like to thank this opportunity to thank the following people/organizations for helping me during a challenging time:

- Dr. Derek Ney and his team at the RVH Cancer Centre & Georgian Bay General Hospital for their excellent care.
- Springwater Fire and Emergency Services for their ongoing support.
- Elmvale Presbyterian Church and Reverend Tom Mason for their kindness.
- Kim Birley, my employer & friend.
- Bob Coe, my neighbour, for clearing my driveway during a winter of heavy snowfall.
- My extended and immediate family - my caretakers.
- Friends and community members for their concern and well-wishes.

Russ Stroud

The family of the late Mary Ellen Marley extends our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and support received during this time of loss. Your donations, cards and kind words were very much appreciated. We would also like to thank the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Father Jim and Our Lady of Lourdes CWL for all of their help and guidance
The Marley Family

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SENIOR TINY TIMES

Celebrating Tiny's Seniors Clubs: Stay Active, Stay Connected – Part 2

The Township of Tiny is home to three vibrant Seniors Clubs that provide local older adults with opportunities for social engagement, active living, and personal enrichment. These clubs play a vital role in fostering a strong sense of community by offering a welcoming space where members can connect, participate in programs, and enjoy special events throughout the year.

In this feature, we're highlighting Georgian Shores Seniors Club. You can read about Tiny's other two seniors clubs in the April 10th edition.

Whether you're looking to meet new people, stay active, or explore new interests, these clubs offer something for everyone. Discover how you can take part in their exciting programs and become part of a thriving community!

Georgian Shores Seniors Club: 51 years of Friendship, Fun, and Community

By Kim Maticiw, Membership Director
For over five decades, the Georgian Shores Seniors Club has been a vibrant hub of activity, laughter, and connection for ages 50 plus. Established 51 years ago, this cherished community gem has been more than just a gathering place—it's been a second home to countless seniors who have walked through its doors.

A Rich History of Togetherness

Since its founding, the Club has remained dedicated to enriching the lives of local seniors. What started as a small initiative to bring people together has grown into a thriving community centre, offering 20 diverse programs and hosting 20 annual social events that keep members engaged, active, and connected.

The Heart of the Club: Its Volunteers

The real magic of the Georgian Shores Seniors Club lies in its volunteers. These dedicated individuals not only maintain the building and its beautiful grounds but also work tirelessly to manage and run all the programs and events. Their passion and commitment ensure that every member feels welcome and that every event is a success. Whether they're organizing fitness classes, social games, or lively dance nights, their efforts create an environment where seniors can thrive.

A Calendar Packed with Fun

With a wide variety of activities, there's something for everyone at the Club. Members can enjoy fitness programs, educational seminars, card games, and movie entertainment, all designed to promote wellness and social connection. And when it comes to social events, the Club doesn't disappoint. Seasonal celebrations, themed dances, and community dinners keep the calendar full and spirits high.

Looking Ahead: The Next 51 Years

As the Georgian Shores Seniors Club moves into the future, it remains committed to its core values of friendship, inclusivity, and lifelong learning. With the continued support of its members and volunteers, this beloved club will keep bringing people together for decades to come.

So, if you're looking for a place filled with warm smiles, exciting activities, and lifelong friendships, look no further than the Georgian Shores Seniors Club—where every day is an opportunity to celebrate life!

Website: www.georgianshoresseniorsclub.ca

Tel: (705) 526-5074

Or contact the office manager, Vickie Scott at gssseniors2016@gmail.com

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OBITUARIES



DESCHENES, Shirley Marie

Passed away at the Orillia Soldier's Memorial Hospital on Friday, April 18, 2025. Shirley Deschenes (nee Cliff) of Tiny in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Edward Deschenes.

Dear mother of Daniel (Susan) and Luke. Proud and loving grandmother of Emily and Nicole.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 1-2 pm on Thursday, April 24, 2025. A funeral service will take place in the chapel at 2 pm.

Interment Elmvale Cemetery.

If desired, memorial donations in Shirley's memory may be made to the Kidney Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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

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OBITUARIES



BERTRAM, David George

Passed away peacefully on Friday, April 18, 2025, at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, surrounded by the love of his family at his side.

Dave was in his 88th year. Loving husband of 54 years, and best friend of Lynda (nee Duggan) and loved father of Patti (Marty) Joslin, predeceased by his sons Glenn and Michael Bertram. Proud grandfather of Paige Joslin. Dave is also survived by his sisters Joy (Ed) Reynolds and Ann (the late Ken) McDougall, as well as, his brothers Don (the late Mary and Thelma) and Jack (the late Nancy) Bertram.

Dave will also be remembered by his sister's in-law Shelley (Terry) Edgar and Joanne (the late John) Duggan. Predeceased by his sisters Grace (the late Harold) Adams and Ruth (the late Nelson) King, as well as, his brother Paul (Lois) Bertram. Dave will be remembered by his many nieces, nephews and friends. Special thank you to Shannon for her many acts of kindness shown throughout the years.

Dave grew up on the family farm in Elmvale, Ontario before moving out West in the mid 1950's to work on the pipelines. In the early 1960's he later returned to Elmvale purchasing the Bertram family farm. In the mid 1970's, he and his wife later became the owners/operators of Bertram Fuels Ltd. for over 25 years. During this time he enjoyed the interaction with his many customers.

Following Dave's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private graveside service will be held at Lakeview Cemetery, Midland. If desired, memorial donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Hudson Regional Cancer Centre at RVH or a charity of your choice. Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family through adamsfuneralhome.ca.

OBITUARIES



ARCHER, Peter Webster

Peter Webster Archer, age 72 of Elmvale, passed away peacefully April 11, 2025 at Tomkins House Hospice in Penetanguishene.

Peter was the loving son of the late Robert "Web" Archer and the late Ione Archer (Sinclair), and was predeceased by his brother Ben Archer and sister-in-law Charlotte Archer (McNair).

He was a loving uncle to Adrienne (Will) of Guelph and Natalie of Gravenhurst and great-uncle to Lucas and Anna Cooke, and Claire and Amy van der Valk.

Peter enjoyed life to the fullest and gave his all to his architectural projects, cooking of elaborate meals, gardening, and discussion of all things "family genealogy", throughout his lifetime.

His interest in Field Spaniels with his first dog "Ebby", sparked an enthusiasm and a love for this breed which he shared with all that knew him. He received so much joy from this breed and the people that have been a part of his life ever since.

May all his friends, new and old, remember him with love.

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OBITUARIES



GALASKI: Michael "Mike" William
November 11, 1977 – March 14, 2025

It is with great heartbreak that we announce the passing of Michael "Mike" William Galaski, age 47, of Midland. Mike passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of March 14, 2025.

Mike is survived by his mother, Janet; his brother, Graham (Tasha); and his sister, Kirsten (B.J.). He will also be remembered as Uncle Mikey to Kassie, Freh, and Ethan. Mike's godparents, Aunt Maryanne and Uncle Ron, also mourn his passing, as do his aunts and uncles: Bill, Debbie, and Pat. He is also remembered by his cousin Laurel and Aunt Sharon. He was predeceased by his father, Joseph, and his grandparents, Joe and Grace Galaski and Herman and Myrtle Snyders. Mike will be dearly missed by his many cousins, extended family, and friends.

Mike was born in Midland, Ontario, in 1977, and made the area his home for the remainder of his life. He developed a love for hockey, fishing, art, music and animals. Mike will be remembered by his friends and family for his interesting sense of humor and his desire to make everyone laugh.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to Rick Henderson and his mother for their kindness and support toward Mike, Deacon Tim Dunlop for his visits to Mike in the hospital, Father Roselle, and the parish of St. Margaret's Catholic Church for their spiritual support. Special thanks go to Skye, Damion, and Paul, his cherished friends. We are also appreciative of all those who cared for Mike over the years, including Harold and Pauline (owners of Best Lifestyles) and their staff, Dr. Veall and his team, his OSMH social worker, Tabatha, and the teams at GBGH, OSMH, and RVH. The family is deeply thankful for the dedication and care provided by the social workers and staff at Waypoint and Wendat. A special thank you to Laird and staff at the Coldwater Funeral Home.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Margaret's Catholic Church (Hugel Avenue, Midland) at 2:00 p.m. on Friday May 16, 2025. Interment will follow immediately at St. Margaret's Cemetery (Yonge Street, Midland). Family and friends are invited back to St. Margaret's Church for a luncheon in the basement.

Mike's family is extremely grateful for the outpouring of support and love shown by friends, family, and the community during this difficult time. It is a testament to how deeply Mike was loved and cherished.

Friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.coldwaterfuneralhome.com



GARD, William Norman
William, "Bill" Gard, age 86, gently passed away on April 7th, 2025. Bill was the loving life partner of the late Valerie Eileen Davies, of Orr Lake, Ontario. Bill was the loving son of the

parents of the late Norman Charles and the late Jessie Gard (nee, Phoenix).

Bill was a loved brother to: Sandra Soanes (Alexander Soanes), Albert Gard, (Martha MacDonald), Gordon Gard, (Fran Gard).

Bill was a loved and respected uncle to: Deborah Murray (Steve Murray), Janice LeFaive (Duane Wright), David Soanes (Craig Ewing), Susan Vergados, Grant Gard (Anna Gard).

Bill was the great uncle to: Michael Murray (Amy Persia), Glenn, Stewart (Eve Willier), Nicole LeFaive (Bill Tubman), Eric Lafaive (Emily Lefaive) Jonathan Vergados, Alexandria Vergados, and Haylee Vergados. Bill was a step-father to John Davies, Robert Davies (Sharlene Davies), Ann Laurin (Norman Laurin), Eileen Davies.

Bill was a loved Step-Papa and Grandpa to: Tabatha Davies, Patrick Davies, Sarah Davies, Meagan Davies, Jackie Ulker, (Darin Ulker) Emma Davies, Audry Davies.

He was a favorite with his great Step grandchildren who called him Grandpa Bill: William Davies, Emilia Rivera, Madeline Rivera, Ezra Rivera, Ella Ulker, and Hannah Ulker.

Bill was a close step uncle to: Jim Elliott (Eileen EJ Elliott), Kathleen Elliott-Del Genio (David Del Genio), Douglas Elliott (Jennifer Elliott) Sharon Foley (Shawn Foley).

And a great uncle to: Joey Elliott, Tommy Elliott (Sarah Elliott), Elizabeth, Joseph Del Genio, Justin Elliott (Audrey Elliott), Ethan Elliott (Arina Nazersmith), Kelsey Elliott, and a great great Uncle to: Rori Elliott, Charlie Elliott, Oliver and Levi Elliott, Georgia and Spencer, Paton Elliott, Darcie Elliott, Noah Nazersmith.

Bill loved his yearly fishing trip with his buddies, and life friends: John & Steve Lynn, Garnet Desjardins, Ernie Quesnelle, and Terry Diver. Bill spent eleven months planning his fishing trip and one month packing.

Thank you Bill, for loving our mom, Valerie, for being an important person in many people's lives, for your friendship, and sharing your love and passion for nature, outdoors, carpentry, fishing, and all sports. Rest in peace, we love you and we will miss you, say hello to mom!

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