







# **NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT**



#### Restored power, lower gas prices give locals reasons to smile

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Apr 01, 2025

Despite a colder day outside, smiles could be had in Midland as residents lined up for cheaper gas and as hydro crews steadily restored power to the area.

The town of Midland released a statement on Tuesday declaring the end to the current significant weather event issued Friday regarding ice storms that plunged roughly 400,000 Ontarians without power, including north Simcoe where power was still being restored as of the time of publication.

Hydro crews had been working diligently on getting electricity to remaining areas, including one crew found in the concession roads near Midland. "I've never seen anything like it," said the ground member of the two-man crew, as the partner in the work bucket overhead nodded. They had apparently been working 16-hour shifts. "This road will take another two hours, maybe three."

When asked if there was a way that residents could assist the efforts, the bucket worker yelled down: "No, it's just a matter of plugging away." Power slowly restored in Midland with traffic lights coming on in several areas, and power restored to the downtown core on Tuesday morning.

Several outlying businesses were operating, some in excess. At midnight on Tuesday, the federal government lifted the consumer carbon charge, resulting in large lineups at the pumps due to a nearly 20-cent drop per litre in prices.

At the William Street Esso gas station, fuel prices were 128.9 for self-serve and 166.9 for diesel. One customer said he had only waited ten minutes in the lineup; it was a traffic jam backup that snarled both lanes on either side with vehicles waiting.

A pedestrian attempting to weave through the bumpers and cross the street offhandedly said: "What a \*\*\*\*-show."

Midland Today chatted with Midland resident Ricky, who declined to give his last name, at the pump and asked what the importance was in queueing for the fill. "My wife made me come and get it; she puts it in," Ricky said with a laugh. "I was out this morning for the banks, and the banks were all closed. She said, 'Why don't you go get gas then?"

The town of Midland issued an additional statement on Tuesday to remind residents about charging stations and warming and relief centres in town. Town hall at 575 Dominion Avenue remained open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., while the North Simcoe Sports and

Recreation Centre at 527 Len Self Blvd was open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Coun. Bill Meridis chatted with several residents at the sports facility who were clustered around wall plugs. "The community has been very excellent in coming together; I can't be more proud of this community," said Meridis. "We had a full house yesterday, with some of the Sikh community coming in and providing food which is very generous. A lot of businesses have stepped up, grocery stores and so forth, to help out the community."

While speaking with MidlandToday, smartphones would occasionally ring to inform residents that power in their homes had been restored.

Meridis added thanks to the town's emergency responses, and to electricity crews from Hydro One and NT Power for their efforts. "I want to especially thank Mayor Bill Gordon for doing a great job on communicating to our residents with updates throughout the outage."

A special weather alert was issued by Environment Canada for Wednesday morning through early Thursday morning that could see freezing rain with ice accretion of 2 to 5 mm on some surfaces, and potential heavy rains which could amount to 40 mm.













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By Jarlette Health Services, April 7, 2025

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help make life easier and more fulfilling.

Bayfield House is designed with choice and independence in mind. Residents have the freedom to engage in our dynamic Lodge life while also enjoying the vibrant community beyond our doors. For those who still drive, we offer convenient parking, giving you the flexibility to come and go as you wish. For others, particularly during winter months or special community events, our Lodge van provides hasslefree transportation to wherever you need to go.

Our weekly housekeeping services also ensure that you're free from daily chores, giving you more time to focus on what you love. Whether that's socializing with friends, staying active in one of our fitness classes, enjoying a movie in our on-site theatre room, engaging in friendly competition in our billiards

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What truly sets Bayfield House apart is the personalized care we offer to each resident. We understand that retirement is not a one-size-fits-all experience, and we're here to meet you exactly where you are. Whether you need a little extra help with daily tasks or just want the peace of mind that comes with knowing support is available when needed, we're here for you.

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#### **Be Prepared**

Prepare a 72-hour emergency kit. Your kit should cover food, water, and medications. Ensure it's stocked and ready. Be proactive. Not reactive.



#### Learn

Learn about ongoing ice storm cleanup efforts, including roadside cutting operations, tree and brush cleanup at Township parks and trails.

www.springwater.ca/SWE

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## Friends of the Springwater Public Library donate \$5000



By Judy Waher, April 7, 2025 Photo above: Judy Waher (Treausurer), Jodie Delgado (CEO Springwater Public Library), and Donna Kenwell (President).

# Local Farm Community Donates \$1,000 to Support Student Breakfast program in Elmvale

By Matt Ververs, March 25, 2025

Earlier this year, the local farm community generously donated \$1,000 to the Mindful Morning Program at Huronia Centennial Elementary School located in Elmvale. The donation, presented by Matt Ververs of Pioneer Seeds Canada to Tracy Toner, the program lead. These funds will help provide nutritious food options for students, including breakfast, fresh fruit, and baked goods. This ensures no child goes hungry during the school day, fostering a supportive and healthy learning environment.

The program continues to make a positive impact on students' well-being, thanks to the ongoing support from community partners like Pioneer Seeds Canada.





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#### **Goddo Came to MCC in Midland**

**OPINION PIECE** 

April 8, 2025 - By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Oh Carole .... We Were Pretty Bad Boys .... Too Much Carousing ... Sweet Thing ... all songs that Greg Godovitz sings. Greg the legendary founder and singer/bassist of Goddo was at the MCC in Midland.

Goddo is a Canadian rock band formed in Scarborough, Ontario in 1975. Goddo had mixed major label success from the mid-1970s to the early 1980s. After reforming in 1989, they revived their career with several new studio and 'best of' packages. Goddo signed to Bullseye Records of Canada.

It all started with my college room mate, Trish, that was raised in the same neighbourhood as Greg Godovitz and she insisted we go see this new band. I first met Greg and the rest of the original Goddo band in the early 80's. I was a fan right away. Gino Scarpell (my young heart melted) on guitar and Doug Inglis on drums. I have seen Goddo so many times that I can't count. Last Friday was amazing. They still have it.

The performance on Friday April 4th, 2025 at the Midland Culture Centre was great and all his loyal fans had a wonderful time and a sense of our spend youth came to the surface. Goddo fans are die hard loyal. So to the fans .... we can 'Work It Out' during 'Tough Times'.

See events section of this paper for more MCC events.



Francis and Cathy Horgan of Elmvale Palace Tavern and Palace Security with Greg Godovitz of Goddo. Greg remembers Francis and his team from security details in the past.



Francis and Cathy Horgan of Elmvale Palace Tavern and Palace Security with North Simcoe Springwater News, Brian Belcourt, reporter and Linda Belcourt, Editor.

# **Centre Flos W.I. Annual Meeting**

By Pat Leonard, April 5, 2025

A dedicated group of ladies enjoyed a potluck luncheon on April 1st, at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church. Following our regular meeting, the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers for 2025-2026 took place. Reports from the R.O.S.E. Committee (Reaching Ontario & Sharing Education -aiming to increase awareness and expand the skill sets of WI Members and others in their communities to become more knowledgeable on social, health, domestic and environmental matters) reviewed a list of our past years' speakers: History and tour of the Oro Black church, Simcoe Waste Mang't, history and effects of Hurricane Hazel, Mike Osborne's ( Huronia West O.P.P.) presentation on scams & how to prevent becoming a victim, and Stephanie Saunders from Waypoint about taking care of our mental health. Next month, we will have a presentation about Guide Dogs & how they enhance the lives of their owners. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to any of the ladies pictured above.

Our Branch hosts 3 monthly coffee parties at Heritage Park (Jun-Aug inclusive) and the proceeds from our 2024 events were directed to the Reynolds Family for costs incurred during their daughter's cancer treatments. Thank-you to all who helped support us. During 2024-2025 the Branch purchased a hanging basket for the town beautification project, sponsored Jr class prize money at the Elmvale Fair, donated to the GBGH MRI fund, and collected food & cash for the Elmvale Food Bank.

We welcome 2 new members to our Branch and are looking forward to our speakers & activities for 2025-2026.

#### U.S. Softwood Lumber Duties Will Increase Cost of Housing for Americans

April 05, 2025, By Ministry of Natural Resources TORONTO — Today, Kevin Holland, Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products, and Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, issued the following statement in response to the latest U.S. decision on softwood lumber duties.

"Ontario is deeply disappointed that the United States intends to drastically raise duty rates on Canadian softwood lumber exports later this year. These unjustified and punitive measures will raise construction costs and further strain housing affordability for American families.

Ontario's softwood lumber producers deliver highquality and sustainably harvested building materials that support jobs, communities, and economic growth on both sides of the border. The continued application – and now, escalation – of these duties is harmful to Ontario's forest sector and to American consumers alike.

Ontario's forest sector is a vital part of the economy and supports regional prosperity, generating close to \$23 billion in revenue in 2022 and supporting more than 137,000 jobs. Continued trade barriers risk undermining this success.

We remain firm that these duties should be lifted

Ontario continues to support the Canadian forest industry and free trade between our two countries."



#### **SENIOR TINY TIMES**

March 28, 2025

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 two of Tiny's three Seniors Clubs— Bayshore Seniors Club and Le Club de l'Âge d'Or de Lafontaine. Stay tuned for the April 24th edition to learn more about Georgian Shores Seniors club.

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!

#### **Bayshore Seniors Club**

By Lorri Watson, President and Club Manager

BOND, SHARE, SOCIALIZE, CONNECT. Four words that shaped our past, embodies our present and echoes the original commitment to our future: as envisioned by our 10 founding members.

January 1, 2025, wasn't just New Year's Day, but the beginning of our 50th Anniversary Year!

50 years ago, Bay Shore's vision was to open our doors to the community, give them a place to gather

for recreational activities and events and make new friendships in Tiny South Woodland Beach and surrounding areas in every way possible.

Today Bay Shore Seniors are thriving! We have been completely Membership Owned and Operated since 1975.

We offer over 20 activities weekly, run by dedicated and friendly volunteers. Activities offered include indoor pickleball, darts, shuffleboard, access art, wood carving with master carvers, book club, bid euchre, cribbage, choir and billiards. Our Lifestyles Activity had belly dancers teach some techniques.

We also have a full kitchen and bar facilities used for our numerous special events.

Our 50th anniversary celebrations will continue monthly throughout the year, culminating next December with a party to fill our Time Capsule and seal our legacy.

Do you want to become part of an active vibrant Seniors community? Drop by and become part of our future

Contact 705-361-1331, Email: bayshoreseniors@gmail.com, www.bayshoreseniors.ca

#### Le Club de l'Age d'Or de Lafontaine

Angelina Peters, Club President

Our organisation is the only French Club in the Township of Tiny. Although we have existed since November 1972, we were incorporated in 2001 as a not-for-profit organisation.

The Club offers many activities for all. It includes card playing, exercise sessions, art classes, sewing, embroidery, quilting, story telling, musical presentations, singing sessions and of course meals for special occasions. This year, we included soap making and card making with dried flowers. Many activities are intergenerational as the school students often participate with us. We own a unit in Le Villageois and our residents also participate in our activities. We also rent our unit for special occasions.

Although we are a French Club, we accept any other language as long as they do not mind if sometimes, we speak French. Many of our seniors also do a lot of volunteer work in the community. Our seniors are active and therefore have a better quality of life. You can become a member of Le Club de l'Âge d'Or de Lafontaine for \$10.00 annually.

For more information please contact Angelina Peters at angelinapeters 493@gmail.com or (705) 543-9140.

The information in this article is provided as a public service by the Township of Tiny Senior's Advisory Committee. We invite and welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can make Senior Tiny Times a valuable information resource for our Seniors.

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# Hospitals, school boards, municipal staff top local Sunshine List

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Mar 28, 2025 The province released the 2024 Sunshine List on Friday, which details public-sector employees whose salaries exceeded \$100,000.

This year, 377,676 public servants were listed, up from 300,570 the year prior.

For the town of Midland, CAO Rhonda Bunn was listed at the top (\$219,290), followed by retired CAO David Denault (\$203,312) on the list which included 39 employees.

Firefighters also topped the local list including: captain firefighter Douglas Ward (\$177,784); fire prevention officer Cale McLean (\$170,406); and first class firefighter Tim Brummelhuis (\$167,358).

The Sunshine List includes government employees, as well as those that work for Crown agencies, municipalities, hospitals, boards of public health, school boards, universities and colleges, Ontario Power Generation and "other public-sector employers who receive a significant level of funding from the provincial government."

In Penetanguishene, 12 employees were identified including: CAO Jeff Lees (\$194,381); director of finance / treasurer Carrie Robillard (\$145,557); public works director Bryan Murray (\$143,520); and emergency services director/fire chief Richard Renaud (\$141,076).

Tiny Township listed 11 employees including: CAO Robert Lamb (\$197,303; deputy CAO and corporate services director Haley Leblond (\$154,796); and public works director Tim Leitch (\$151,733).

Tay Township hosted nine employees on the list, including: CAO and deputy clerk Andrea Fay (\$173,156 with taxable benefits of \$835); protective and development services general manager Shawn Aymer (\$159,181); and operational services general manager Shawn Berriault (\$146,926).

Listings for 13 Beausoleil First Nation public sector employees included: paramedic chief Anthony Filice (\$138,531); 10 paramedics; a paramedic superintendent; and a community paramedicine superintendent.

As for school boards, the Simcoe County District School Board features 3,048 names on the list with recently retired director of education John Dance topping the list at \$290,000 in 2024.

Joining Dance near the top of the school board's pay sheet were high school teacher Karen Littlewood (\$259,000) and associate director Dawn Stephens \$234,000, who took over from Vance in December

as education director.

They were followed on the list by seven board superintendents led by Corry Van Nispen at \$211,000.

Over at the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, 1,230 employees made the list led by now retired director of education Frances Bagley, who was paid \$316,000 in 2024.

Following Bagley are an array of board head office staff including superintendents Scot Gorecki (\$240,000), Mirella Rossi (\$239,000) and Robert Lonnie Bolton (\$237,000) along with human resources executive Tammy Martin (\$236,000).

At the Conseil scolaire Viamonde, director of education Michel Laverdière was the top salary earner of 734 employees on the list, taking home \$256,000 last year.

Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir had 932 employees on the list led by director of education Nicole Mollot who was paid \$257,000 in 2024.

The Protestant Separate School Board, which has its lone school in Penetanguishene, had 25 employees on the list led by Burkevale principal Julia Mclaren (\$158,000) and vice principal Wilson Cowan (\$139,000).

Georgian College president and chief executive officer Kevin Weaver had a salary of \$334,430 last year, up from the \$300,810 he made in 2023. Vice-president Suzanne Addison-Toor earned \$249,783 while David Bell, Georgian's associate vice-president of advancement and alumni relations, earned \$249,812. Yael Katz, vice-president of academic, earned \$249,783, while Anna-Liisa Longmore, dean of liberal arts and academic quality, made \$217,691.

For the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat, 18 employees were listed including: president and CEO Margaret Froh (\$228,731); chief operating officer Joanne Meyer (\$198,539); and chief strategy officer Jennifer St. Germain (\$174,966).

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care featured 349 employees on the list, risen from 309 individuals last year. The Penetanguishene-based hospital included: Dr. Achal Mishra (\$440,346); Dr. Andrea Waddell (\$431,309); Dr. Ginette Poulin (\$427,715); Dr. Anurita Singh (\$421,364) and Dr. Plabon Ismail (\$415,600).

The Waypoint list also featured numerous program and department managers, pharmacists, registered nurses, psychiatrists and physicians. CEO and president Dr. Nadiya Sunderji (\$397,994) and vice president, medical affairs, and chief of staff Dr.

Kevin Young (\$395,891) were also on the list.

Georgian Bay General Hospital noted 124 employees within the list, a slight decrease from 129 in 2023. Those at the top of the list included: president and CEO Matthew Lawson (\$324,146); vice president performance, support services and CFO Marcia Chapman (220,364); as well as numerous nurses, pharmacists, program managers and nurse practitioners.

Listed with Huronia Historical Parks are general manager Will Baird (\$180,433), and Discovery Harbour operations manager Tamaris Yakimishyn (\$122,596).

Eight employees of Chigamik Community Health Centre made the list including: Dr. Kevin Byron (\$299,962); Dr. Kyle Lee (\$180,292), and executive director Suzanne Marchand (\$136,461).

Meanwhile, Dr. Charles Gardner, the medical officer of health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (\$324,794) topped 63 names on the list for 2024. Associate medical officers of health Dr. Colin Lee (\$248,112) and Dr. Lisa Simon (\$231,718) were also listed.

Two members of the North Simcoe Muskoka Hospice Palliative Care Network were on the list: executive director Whitney Vowels (\$131,595 with benefits of \$967); and clinical nurse manager Rachel Lapensee (\$111,880 with benefits of \$1,056).

There are 5,825 OPP employees on the list, ranging from front-line officers to those working in supervisory and management positions throughout Ontario, top names include: physician Andrew Reed (\$397,276); and OPP commissioner Thomas Carrique (\$365,187).

Topping the list this year were three Ontario Power Generation officials, including President and CEO Kenneth Hartwick with a \$2-million annual salary, Chief Operations Officer Nicolle Butcher at \$978,380 and Chief Nuclear Officer Steve Gregoris at \$919,310.

Rounding out the top five were Metrolinx president and CEO Phil Verster with \$883,990 and University Health Network President and CEO Kevin Smith with \$883,097.

Since 1996, public sector organizations (including municipalities) have been required to disclose the salaries, names, and positions of employees paid \$100,000 or more in a calendar year; inflation calculations place that 1996 value at roughly \$180,250 in 2024 dollars.

-with files from Andrew Philips and Nikki Cole

# ORILLIA SHOCKS ALLISTON ELIMINATING THE HORNETS IN 5 GAMES

Submitted by Jamie Robillard, April 6, 2025

The Orillia Terrier shocked the Alliston Hornets, taking their best of seven Carruthers Division Championship series in five games when they eliminated the Hornets in overtime by a 5-4 score on Friday March 28th.

Dylan Palomaki scored the winning goal just 26 seconds into the extra period to seal the deal for the Terriers. Palomaki, who leads the Orillia offence in scoring 12 goals and 18 assists for 30 points during the playoffs sent the Alliston crowd home disappointed in the result. This is a surprising upset in a series that the Hornets were huge favourites but that is why they play the games. Orillia netminder, Reid Thomas had a strong series in goal.

Orillia now advances to the Ontario Hockey Association's Provincial Junior Hockey League quarter finals and will face the Hanover Barons of the Pollock Division. Orillia took game one on March 21st winning 3-0 then in game two the Hornets bounced back for a 3-2 victory to even the series at one game apiece. Game three saw the Terriers double the score on Allison 4-2 on March 24th followed in game four with a narrow 4-3 win over the Hornets on March 26th. That set up game five where they came out on top by the 5-4 overtime score.

Notes: In the PJHL quarter finals the Terriers took game one by a score of 5-3 over the Barons on April 4th before Hanover tied the series at one game each with a win 4-0 shut out over the

Terriers on April 5th.

In the other quarter final rounds, the Grimsby Peach Kings and New Hamburg Firebirds at tied at one game each after two contests, the Napanee Raiders lead the Clarington Eagles one game to none and the Essex 73's also lead one game to none over the Petrolia Flyers.

In very sobering news Dave Gillespie the President, General Manager and Head Coach of the Midland Flyers has passed away. Dave was instrumental in pushing the Flyers franchise forward and will greatly missed by his family, the hockey club, the rival teams in the league and the community. Condolences are pouring in from teams around the PJHL including the Penetang Kings.

#### TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S CURLING LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



By Russ Madore, April 6, 2025

The Elmvale Pharmasave Tuesday Night Men's league has completed it's winter schedule. The league champions are Team MacDonlad. Left to right,

Bill Claasse, Wayne Young, Murray MacDonald and Ian Sutherland. The league would like to thank Elmvale Pharmasave for their continued support for the league.

# Midland restoring iconic murals with investment from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture RED Grant

By Town of Midland

(March 26, 2025 – Midland, ON) The Town of Midland is pleased to announce further restoration of its historic downtown murals, thanks to a \$19,260 investment from the Ontario government through the Rural Economic Development program.

Additionally, Council approved \$25,000 toward the mural restoration project as part of the 2024 budget and the Town hosted its inaugural Midland Mural Festival in September 2024 where the public helped create two brand new murals to be installed in the downtown.

The Town of Midland has been known as a mural community since the 1990s and at one time boasted more than 30 murals. Over time some of those murals have either deteriorated, faded or no longer exist due to changes to buildings. A few of the murals were previously restored and with this combined funding, at least 12 existing murals will be rejuvenated under this restoration project. This investment renews the Town's ability to promote these iconic murals as a tourism attraction with the goal to benefit the downtown businesses and restaurants from increased visitation.

To date, the following mural restoration has been completed - the Girl Guides, James Playfair Shipyard, Midland Post Office, the Playfair Preston Company Interior and Exterior and the Brébeuf Lighthouse. Additional murals are planned to be restored this spring and summer.

For more information about the must-see murals in Midland, visit midland.ca/art.



# News & Events Penetanguishene Library 24 Simcoe Street 705-549-7164

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#### Technology Session – Kanopy

Want to become more familiar with an app that if free to use and gives you access to free movies? Sign up for our tech session on how to use Kanopy.

When: Monday April 28th, 10am-11am

#### Storytime

Enjoy a story, children's songs, and a craft. Free. Ages: 0-6. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run this program. Registrations open to everyone. Spot is non-transferable.

When: Friday, April 25 at 10:30

#### Travel to Cuba

Linda will talk about their trip to Cuba and share their experience, places to see, how to prepare the trip.

When: Tuesday, April 29, 2:00-3:00pm

#### Banking and Finance Info Sessions with Meridian Bank

Sign up for one session or sign up for all.

A minimum of 5 people are required to run the session.

Dates and Sessions for May:

May 2nd, 10:30am-11:30am Online banking, frauds, scams

May 16th 10:30am-11:30am Retirement Planning May 30th 10:30am-11:30am Investments

Free for library members. \$2.00 for non-members, per session. Non-refundable, non-transferable

#### Mother's Day Craft

May 9 2025 4:00 pm

Free Activity for Ages 3-10

April 21-25 Registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members.

After April 25th registration open to everyone. Registration is to be done in person.

A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Parents/guardians must stay in the building for the duration of the program.

#### Guided visit to Awenda Park

Thursday, May 15 -10:00-2:00

Guided tour with Tim Tully, Chief Park Naturalist. \$5.00 fee. Bring your own lunch. Registration is to be done in person.

#### **Paint Your Emotions**

This workshop is offered in partnership with Colibri. 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. The session allows time to reflect and create something that truly reflects their personality and strengths.

When: Thursday May 22, 1:00-2:15pm, Free but registration in person required.

April 22- 29: Registration open to Penetanguishene tax paying members.

After April 30: Registration open to everyone.



Elmvale Branch: 705 322-1482 Midhurst Branch: 705 737-5650

Minesing Branch: 705 722-6440

#### www.springwaterlibrary.on.ca

#### Volunteer Income Tax Program

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

#### Magic Card Club

Ages 9-13 join us for fun filled mornings learning how to play magic cards and build a deck. Saturdays in April, May, and June, 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. No registration required for this drop-in program.

#### Paper Roll Birds

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

#### **Holiday Closure**

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

#### Midland restoring iconic murals with investment from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture RED Grant

By Town of Midland

(March 26, 2025 – Midland, ON) The Town of Midland is pleased to announce further restoration of its historic downtown murals, thanks to a \$19,260 investment from the Ontario government through the Rural Economic Development program.

Additionally, Council approved \$25,000 toward the mural restoration project as part of the 2024 budget and the Town hosted its inaugural Midland Mural Festival in September 2024 where the public helped create two brand new murals to be installed in the downtown.

The Town of Midland has been known as a

#### Tween/Teen DIY Water Bottle Decal

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

#### **Sublimation Socks**

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

#### 80's Murder Mystery Night

Ages 18+ are invited to join us for a night of fun at our totally tubular 1980s themed murder mystery night. Rich businessman Whit Wiley is found washed up and lifeless in the fountain of his newly opened mall! Find out who did it through thrilling and hilarious murder mystery madness in this immersive crime solving game night! The killer could be YOU! Friday April 25, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$5. Registration required.

#### LinkedIn Learning, Niche Academy and More!

Did you know the library has a variety of online learning resources available to you with your library card membership? Have you heard of LinkedIn Learning which is an employee and professional development resource, or Niche Academy which has a variety of tutorials and how to guides for navigating online E-books to searching novelist – a reader's advisory "if you liked this author you might like" database, and many more! Visit our website and start learning today!

mural community since the 1990s and at one time boasted more than 30 murals. Over time some of those murals have either deteriorated, faded or no longer exist due to changes to buildings. A few of the murals were previously restored and with this combined funding, at least 12 existing murals will be rejuvenated under this restoration project. This investment renews the Town's ability to promote these iconic murals as a tourism attraction with the goal to benefit the downtown businesses and restaurants from increased visitation.

To date, the following mural restoration has been completed - the Girl Guides, James Playfair Shipyard, Midland Post Office, the Playfair Preston Company Interior and Exterior and the Brébeuf Lighthouse. Additional murals are planned to be restored this spring and summer.

For more information about the must-see murals in Midland, visit midland.ca/art.

#### **Wyevale Community Report**

Submitted by Karen Moreau, April 3, 2025

Wyevale: Registration is open for Softball. If you wish to register, go to the web site for further information.

Tiny Lyons Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt: Good Friday, April 18th @ Wyevale Park. Registration is from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bring your own basket and donates for the Food Bank.

Bible Study:: Every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the church basement. We are studying the book of Revelations.

Youth Group: Students from Grade 2 to 8 are welcome from 7 to 9 p.m. A donation of a tonnie to cover snack costs would be welcomed. Contact Pat at 705-543-9043 for more information.

Wyevale U.C.W. Welcome to all women who are interested in joining the U.C.W. are invited to join us for our 1st is April 10th Thursday evening in the basement of the Church at 7:00 p.m. Our goal is to meet the second Thursday evening of the month with special guests from the local area. Please join us..

Safe the Dates: Thursday April 17th – 6 p.m. Potluck Seder Supper at the Church. More details to follow Good Friday, April 18th @ 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service @ Wyevale Church

Easter Sunday service @ 10: a.m.

Saturday May 3rd Spaghetti Dinner - - tickets will be at the store soon

Contact me at moreau1949@rogers.com for any submissions.



# Bearbells

Leslie Noonan

March 30/25

The weak beams of the cars' headlights barely pierce the absolute darkness, pressing down with a feeling of deep oppression. The wipers kept time with the turn of the tires along the black roads, as a thick fog twined its way like a living being through the nearest trees. The road was littered with trees and branches, threatening to make it impassable. Slowly the vehicle inched forward, crunching over frozen branches and downed hydro wires, and with the constant sound of trees splitting and crashing reverberating through the night. More than one frozen limb landed on the car with a smash of ice and wood. Onward through an apocalyptic landscape, white knuckled hands on the wheel and grim determination in the soul.

After what seemed like a lifetime, the car pulled onto the final road to reach its destination. The destruction here was absolute, with fir and pine trees piled across the lanes like fallen sentries guarding the lair of some fairy tale ogre. The smell of pine pitch scented the cold air. With a groan of frustration from the driver, the car continued to inch forward, creeping from one side of the road to the other, branches scrapping along the doors. The fog was now thick and dense, obscuring anything further ahead than a few feet. Fallen trees materialized out of this fog, threatening to ensnare the car within their twisted branches. There, a flicker of light, gone as fast as it was seen. A will-o-the-wisp in the night beckoning travelers closer. Another flicker, and then a steady glow through the freezing rain. Safety at last.

Everyone will be talking about this ice storm for a long time, with stories of challenges, of courage and of resiliency. Resiliency is a common term in mental

health, as those with high resilience are better able to adapt to challenging situations and emerge stronger for the experience. Those people who are resilient generally have a group of qualities that provide this resiliency, including a positive outlook, strong social supports, self-compassion and strong coping skills. They also have good problem solving skills and are flexible when challenges arise. Even more important, resiliency and the coping skills that come with it are learnable skills. Children who are encouraged to engage in healthy risk taking in a supportive environment where they can learn from mistakes build problem solving skills. Children also model the behaviors of the adults around them, so parents need to model resilient behaviors, including emotional regulation. Those resilient abilities were certainly needed over the last week, as trees caused damage, basements flooded and the power still remains out for some folks. This too shall pass.

As for hiking, that is a dangerous endeavor right now. Trails are virtually impossible to navigate and widow makers swing dangerously from broken limbs. Even walking paths that are paved are a cause for concern, indeed being in your own backyard requires increased caution. The George Langman sanctuary near Bass Lake has workers struggling to clear debris from the swan pens and trails are completely covered in fallen trees. It will be months before the damage is cleared away. There will be no hiking local trails for the next while, but this is where resiliency kicks in, and opportunities for hiking further off beckon enticingly. Adventure awaits, though hopefully without the power outages and falling trees.

#### **Barrie Tim Hortons' Commits to Expanding** Care for Moms and Newborns at RVH

April 7, 2025 By RVH

Millions of cookies. Millions of smiles. And now, \$1 million to help deliver the best possible start in life for babies born at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH).

Tim Hortons restaurant owners in Barrie have committed \$1 million from their annual Smile Cookie campaign to support the expansion of RVH's Maternal Child Program—an area of the health centre that is critically undersized.

More than 2,000 babies are born at RVH every year, but the space where they take their first breaths hasn't kept pace with the needs of a growing community. That's about to change.

"The current space limits our ability to provide the highest standard of care to our birthing families," says Audra Jesso, Manager of the Birthing Unit and Obstetrics at RVH. "With Tim Hortons' gift, we can create a space that better reflects the compassion and excellence of our care teams."

The expansion will bring brighter, larger spaces that keep families close and care teams connected. There will be special-ized rooms with technology for high-risk situations. Clinics just for new parents and young children will be introduced. And there will be dedicated space to support the mental health of new parents.

Tim Hortons has been a long-time supporter of RVH's Birthing Unit, raising more than \$500,000 since 2019. This latest commitment makes a strong statement about the role of local businesses in shaping the future of healthcare in Simcoe Muskoka.

"Tim Hortons restaurant owners have shown us what's possible when local businesses rally behind their community," says Mary-Anne Frith, Vice

Chair of RVH Foundation's Board and Chair of the Keep Life Wild campaign. "Their generosity will help create a space for babies and families that's more healing, more family-focused, and ready for the

"We care deeply about the communities we serve and the opportunity to make an incredible impact right here at home in Simcoe Muskoka," says Johnny Mizzoni, Tim Hortons restaurant owner, on behalf of all Barrie Tim Hortons restaurant owners. "We invite everyone in the community to join us in our restaurants to support RVH through Smile Cookie week. Together, we can help shape the future of our mmunity."

Tim Hortons' \$1-million commitment is more than a donation—it's a lasting commitment to the health of mothers and new-borns, their loved ones, and care teams. It's an investment in world-class care close to home, and in the future of our community.



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# Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

April 5, 2025

Let's talk about a snack that loves you back. These oat-based cookies are a perfect example of how you can enjoy something sweet while nourishing your body. Made with whole-food ingredients and free from refined sugars, maple almond oat cookies are rich in fibre and healthy fats—ideal for sustained energy and a happy gut. They are a dietitian-approved option for the whole family.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The World Health Organization advises consuming sweeteners, including maple syrup, in moderation. However, pure maple syrup stands out as a natural sweetener that is rich in beneficial compounds. Loaded with vitamins, minerals and powerful antioxidants like polyphenols, pure maple syrup is a perfect sugar substitute for baking, salad dressings, marinades, waffles and pancakes. To reap these benefits, be sure to choose 100% pure maple syrup rather than pancake syrups that are loaded with high-fructose corn syrup and artificial flavours.

The almond meal, made from ground almonds, amps up the protein, fibre, healthy fats, and essential vitamins and minerals in this recipe, making this healthy cookie a great choice for fueling while hiking and cycling.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 ½ cups (375 ml) rolled oats
- 1 cup (250 ml) almond meal, store-bought or homemade
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground nutmeg, optional
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) salt
- ½ cup (83 ml) maple syrup
- ¼ cup (63 ml) mashed banana

# MAPLE ALMOND OAT COOKIES NATURALLY SWEETENED AND FIBRE-RICH



- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract
- ½ cup (125 ml) chopped dates or raisins

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
- 2. If making homemade almond meal, put 1 cup (250 ml) of unsalted, whole almonds in a blender or food processor and grind until the almonds are a fine texture.
- 3. In a bowl, mix the oats, almond meal, cinnamon, nutmeg (if using), baking soda, and salt
- 4. In another bowl, combine the maple syrup, banana, and vanilla.
- 5. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients and fold in the chopped dates or raisins.
- 6. Scoop the dough onto a parchment-lined baking sheet. Flatten each scoop with a fork.
- 7. Bake for 12-14 minutes or until lightly golden.
- 8. Allow to cool before serving.

#### **ENJOY!**

Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her



love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers cooking demos/classes and individual counselling. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows. nutrition@outlook.com

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#### April marks final draw in local 50/50

By GBGH Foundation, March 31, 2025

Midland, ON – On April 1, 2025, the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation will launch the final draw of the GBGH 50/50 Lottery. The GBGH Foundation launched the monthly lottery in June 2023 to support the hospital's most urgent priorities.

The decision to end the lottery has been made after reviewing the financial impact of the program, and recognizing that individuals can have a much greater impact on the hospital through other fundraising activities.

"The GBGH 50/50 Lottery has been a lot of fun for everyone involved, including our staff team," shares Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation. "But, we've realized that the costs to operate the lottery greatly reduce the impact of every ticket purchase. After early bird prizes, fees and administration, only 25% of each ticket purchase is available to invest in our hospital."

Although the local 50/50 draw is ending, those wishing to purchase lottery tickets in support of GBGH can still do so through the Ontario-wide Split the Pot Lottery. Ticket purchasers have the option to direct the proceeds from their tickets to the participating hospital of their choice or split between all participating hospitals.

The GBGH Foundation is also putting a special focus on their Monthly Giving program, where individuals make an affordable gift every month, which collectively adds up to big impact each year. To learn more about



making a difference at GBGH with a monthly gift, visit: https://gbghf.ca/monthly-giving/.

The final GBGH 50/50 draw will take place on Thursday, May 1, 2025 with a minimum jackpot of \$10,000, and four \$1,000 early bird prizes. Tickets can be purchased starting on April 1, 2025 at https://gbgh5050.ca/.

Cutline: On April 1, 2025, the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation will launch the final draw of the GBGH 50/50 Lottery. Nicole Kraftscik, CEO of the GBGH Foundation holds a postcard with details of the final jackpot draw, taking place on May 1, 2025.



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# **Hey Dads!**

April 7, 2025

If you'll recall from last time, we had just begun to dabble in the art of meat management through pig processing. Remember, we are the rookiest rookies when it comes to figuring this stuff out so we had some friends over to show us the ropes. By the end of day one we had two partially processed pigs hung up in the shop to sit overnight and cool. Cold meat is easier to process because it's not all jiggly and flopping all over the tables. I guess that's why you always see it hanging in freezers in the movies.

The kids were pretty excited to see the large assortment of knives and blades our friend laid out on the table. Bright eyes gleamed in wonder at the display of recently sharpened cutting utensils. I wondered if the day would lead to another visit to the emergency room for stitches with one of the kids. The closest we came to that was when one of

the boys dropped his knife on his knee. He was alarmed but well-protected by his impenetrable track pants.

The parents explained a few rules of knife safety and what the difference between meat and fat was. Kids aged six and up then selected their weapons, um, tools and began to trim the fat from the hanging carcasses. Pig fat has a variety of uses so we didn't want one morsel to go to waste. At the start of the day a little piece of my heart broke each time I saw a child accidentally drop a speck of fat or meat on the shop floor. Waste not, want not! We had spent months and months growing that meat and loving it and feeding it and nurturing it to maximum fatness! None must ever fall on the floor!!

After eight hours of slopping my hands around in meat I didn't care so much about the bits anymore. Just get the job done kids!

We were surprised how clean the job was at this point. Most of the messy work had been completed on day one and day two seemed a lot like cutting up

meat on your kitchen counter. Because that's what it was. Being the generous dad that I am, I offered the kids a bite or two of fresh pork but, surprisingly, they all politely declined.

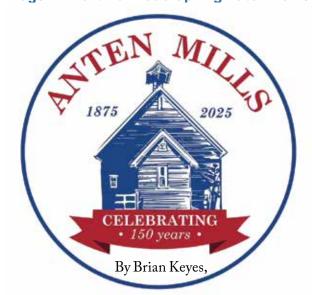
I thought by the end of the day we'd be sitting around the kitchen table eating bacon. But I learned this is not how it works. One does not simply cut the bacon off the pig. The bacon needs curing and processing and super slim slicing and some other stuff that I don't have a clue about. For now, we've got it sitting in the freezer until we make time for the next steps.

Dad, maybe there's something new you want to try with your kids? It doesn't have to be processing pigs! It could be fixing up an old car, filming and editing a video, building a picnic table for the backyard. Grab your kids and give it a shot! Time flies, make every moment count! Especially the learning ones!

Jason Weening learns about farmy stuff with his 10 kids and one wife. Read more in his new book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them" now on Amazon.







#### **Lawrence Scott and Lawrence Avenue**

By Brian Keyes, March 6, 2025

Entrepreneur, a person who organizes and operates a business or businesses, taking on greater than normal financial risks in order to do so (Oxford Dictionary). Lawrence Scott was born in 1894 and grew up at the family farm on Rainbow Valley Road. During the 1920s, Lawrence was already a livestock drover (businessman) buying and selling cattle, horses, pigs etc. In 1928 he bought the Anten Mills General Store and hired Johnny Peacher, an immigrant from England to help manage that new business. Lawrence's next business venture was with in 1929 (stay tuned for Luella's story next time). Lawrence utilized the railway to ship the livestock to market from Hendrie Station but later bought one of the first livestock trucks to haul animals directly to market in Toronto. Scott also utilized the train to deliver goods to his store such as daily bread from a Barrie bakery.

By 1950 Lawrence bought the Pinery (land between Wilson Dr./the railway and Horseshoe Valley/ Ghibb Ave) from Postmaster Leo McLaughlin for a reported \$1000. Scott who farmed a bit pastured his cattle here as he even had a couple cows that produced fresh milk for sale in the store. After houses were built along Horseshoe Valley Rd and Wilson Drive it was time for Lawrence to develop the Pinery. He sold his first lot in 1952 at #14 Lawrence Avenue (the first street built) for \$50 taking a horse as payment which he later sold for \$40. The house at #14 Lawrence Ave would eventually become the home of Percy and Stella Muir. They were a "Power Couple" in Anten Mills making prodigious contributions to our community. Scott continued his development with Pineview Crescent, Luella Ave and John St (Peacher Street). Murray Van Rassell bought his lot on Luella Blvd from Lawrence with a handshake. Scott sold the rest of the land for the Wagner subdivision. He donated two lots that form the south half of the current community park.

By 1970 houses were popping up on Lawrence Avenue. Claire and Norma Norwood who now live on Pineview Crescent, moved to the village in April 1970 across from the park. The Norwoods tell us that there were about 12 new houses on Lawrence Avenue

a new partner, Luella Wilson whom he married at that time and the street ended at the junction with Pineview. By 1980 when I arrived in town, Lawrence Ave had been extended to John St (Peacher St.). During the late 1980s Lawrence Ave was completed to the intersection with Ghibb Ave.

> Lawrence Scott was a true entrepreneur considering all his business interests. He was also busy with activities which included the hub of the community, the General Store. He served on the last group of school trustees at SS #11/14. He was the 'go to guy' with his livestock truck when someone needed things moved at the school/church or elsewhere. Lawrence was proud of the evolution of his real estate venture which took Anten Mills from a few houses to over 160 in his time. He would often drive slowly along the streets to watch the new homes being built and like at the store, he always had time for a short visit with anyone. Lawrence Scott was a great visionary for the village as we know it today. The name Lawrence Avenue is a tribute to the contribution Lawrence Scott made in Anten MIlls.



#### ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

April 6, 2025

How does one describe what occurred on the weekend of March 29 and the days that followed. To me that single word is awe. That word encompasses everything that unfolded. From the dictionary, awe is a noun meaning a feeling of profound respect, wonder and sometimes fear. The beauty that the ice created on the trees and shrubs. The shear destruction that it caused. The manner in which our community came together by offering assistance and providing assistance along with the generosity of opening their homes to obtain water, shower or even staying over. To many if they think about it was awe.

Fortunately while our community did receive extensive ice damage, there were no injuries or loss of life reported. Certainly the disruption that occurred was nothing that most of us have never been part of in our life and hopefully we will never again be subject to it. We must remember that we live in an area that is susceptible to severe weather be it snow, rain or even tornadoes. This weather event has taught us that we need to be prepared. The din of the generators ended this past Saturday afternoon when the last of the power was restored in the village after 7 long days. Many homes now have generators that didn't before along with the ease to use hydro hookup. It becomes our responsibility to heed weather warnings and ensure that we have adequate supplies on hand. The Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page has always been and continues to be a valuable source of information. The administrators did their best to keep it updated with the information the community required during the week following and many relied on it.

Much will be written and lessons learned about this event. Anten Mills has always been a caring community and it was demonstrated once again.

Thanks does need to be given to the hydro workers who came from all over to restore our power. The group that finished up the work here were from New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador. It is appreciated that they left their homes and families to look after

our needs. A big shoutout goes to our Springwater volunteer firefighters. They left their families around 2 PM on that Saturday afternoon and didn't return to their homes for 24 hours. Running from emergency to emergency they served their community with pride and dedication. From all of us, THANK YOU.

The community will be hopping next weekend as our Anten Mills Community Recreation Association Easter weekend events take place. First on the list is the annual Rabbit Run. Runners will be taking over the streets starting at the community centre at 10 AM. Three different run lengths will be available and past events have seen over 100 participants. The intersections will be controlled by volunteers and should those living on the affected streets need to travel out around the time they are asked to use caution and give way to the runners. A map showing the streets involved will be posted on the Facebook page. There is a Toonie fee for runners who will receive a token of their success at the end. Pre registration is required and a flyer with details is posted on the Anten Mills Facebook page.

When the race is over it's time for the Easter Egg hunt. There will be hunting for eggs, scavenger hunt, photos with the Easter bunny along with crafts and other activities. Goodie bags will be provided for the first 120 participants and again pre registration is required and information is on Facebook. There is no fee to participate however all participants are requested to help us help the Elmvale and District Food Bank. It has been a while since the Christmas food drives and their shelves are dwindling. If you can please give generously and the needs of the food bank will be posted on Facebook. Both events will occur rain, shine or hopefully not, snow.

The Anten Mills Celebrates 150 committee is preparing for a community celebration that is for the entire family. The committee is looking for volunteers who can assist on September 13 and the days before and after. Part of the displays will be memorabilia from the last 150 years. If you have an interest in assisting or items that can be loaned for the displays you can



reach the committee by email, antenmills150@gmail. com and they will be happy to hear from you.

Every year in April volunteers are recognized for their support. This year Volunteer Appreciation Week runs from Sunday, April 20. Anten Mills celebrated 50 years of a community association that gives to the community in 2022. Whether it's helping get the rink ready, giving time at Easter, Halloween, Christmas or other events it is the volunteers from the village who make it happen. We are fortunate to be part of a community that supports our community. On behalf of the Anten Mills CRA, thank you to those who volunteer and make our community strong and the community that it is.

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





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#### City seeking local art for traffic cabinet wraps

March 26, 2025 - By City of Barrie

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie is calling on local artists to submit original artwork for its annual traffic cabinet wrapping program. This initiative aims to beautify the city by wrapping five or more traffic cabinets with unique, community-inspired designs in 2025.

Wrapping utility and traffic cabinets with art is part of the City's Graffiti Abatement Program which uses a combination of removal, enforcement, educational initiatives, and beautification to reduce graffiti in Barrie. Since its inception, over 20 cabinets have been wrapped with public art and historical imagery. These wraps are protected by a special coating that protects it from paint and the elements, extending the life of the artwork for up to 10 years.

The artist-designed traffic cabinets are displayed in

key locations throughout Barrie, featuring original artwork that adds vibrancy to the city, fosters civic pride, and showcases the talent of local artists.

The theme for this year's artwork is 'Colours of our Community.' Local artists are invited to submit a proposed design in the form of a sketch or draft, showing their style, intended composition, and colour palette. Imagery must be family-friendly and community-friendly, and artists should consider the four sides of the traffic cabinet. New for 2025, the City will support the digitization of analogue artwork (selected artists will be responsible for transporting their art object to the local vendor).

Submitted proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. For full details on submission eligibility and requirements, and to apply online, visit barrie.ca/GraffitiAbatementArtwork.



# Camp Quest: A Summer of Creativity, Imagination, and Fun for Kids Ages 5-12

Submitted by Quest Art, April 6, 2025

If you're looking for a creative, inspiring, and handson summer experience to keep your child engaged while school is out, look no further than Camp Quest: Summer 2025 at Quest Art School + Gallery! Designed for children ages 5 to 12, this exciting camp series offers a vibrant mix of single-day and week-long programs that spark imagination, nurture artistic growth, and encourage new friendships—all in a welcoming and professional art studio setting in the heart of Midland.

With a thoughtfully crafted lineup of themes and projects, Camp Quest is more than just summer childcare—it's an immersive creative journey that builds confidence and brings art to life. And with spaces already filling quickly, now's the time to secure your spot!

One-Day Play Dates: Short, Sweet & Super Fun

Camp Quest kicks off with three Play Date dropin day camps on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, perfect for families easing into summer or looking for a quick, creative burst. Running from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, these high-energy art days are only \$45 per day and promise an exciting blend of hands-on projects and playful exploration.

Week-Long Camps: A New Adventure Every Week From July 7th through August 29th, Quest offers eight different week-long camps, each packed with original themes and engaging projects. Whether your child is a budding sculptor, a future puppeteer, or an art-loving adventurer, there's a camp for every interest and personality.

Campers can dive into mixed media and 3D art during Art Adventure Week (July 7th–11th), explore the mysteries of water during Water Week (July 14th–18th), or take center stage with original puppets and performances during On With The Show! (July 21st–25th) and its follow-up, The Return (August 11th–15th).

Other weeks include Creative Sparks (July 28th–August 1st), where kids can let their imaginations soar through painting, drawing, and sculpture; Art Explorers: World Travelers (August 4th–8th), which

brings global cultures to life through creative projects; and Nature Week (August 18th–22nd), encouraging kids to connect with their surroundings and express the beauty of the natural world. The summer wraps up with Quest Is The GOAT! (August 25th–29th), where campers will push their creative limits and celebrate their artistic greatness.

Each week runs Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and includes a Friday gallery showcase or performance so friends and family can see the magic in action. Pricing is \$191.25 for Quest members and \$225.00 for non-members.

Spaces Are Limited—Register Today!

Each camp—both daily and weekly—is capped at just 25 participants, ensuring personalized instruction and lots of individual attention. These spots are filling up quickly, so early registration is strongly encouraged to avoid disappointment.

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# **Emergency Declared by County Warden**

Midhurst/April 2, 2025 – Today, April 2, 2025, County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke declared an emergency as a result of the impacts of the recent ice storm affecting our region. Declaring an emergency assists the County and municipalities in accessing additional resources to support our residents and communities with the goal of assisting hydro in clearing critical transportation routes. The County also activated its Emergency Operations Centre to support enhanced flow of information with partners.

This regional State of Emergency has been declared due to impacts on many of the communities we serve including:

- Prolonged power outages affecting municipalities and residents in the County from the recent ice storm
- Ongoing impacts to critical transportation infrastructure affecting emergency response due to downed power lines
- Continued disruption to water supply
- Continued disruption of telecommunications









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- Anticipation of upcoming severe weather events that can exacerbate the points listed above
- Long-term clean-up of brush and debris

During this State of Emergency, the Emergency Authority is the County of Simcoe's Emergency Management department.

"Declaring a State of Emergency was not a decision that we chose lightly at the County, but it was something that had to be done as we face prolonged impacts in some communities," said Warden Basil Clarke. "We are in contact with the province and our area MPPs to further request that additional Hydro One resources and arborist services are quickly deployed to our region to support with power, access

for emergency services, and communication needs. We are also identifying strategies to support with long-term clearing of debris and brush, which may take weeks or months to accomplish. We're doing everything we can to support our residents and communities, and we ask those impacted to remain patient and safe during this difficult time."

For updates on this emergency follow these channels: County of Simcoe website at simcoe.ca, @simcoecounty on Twitter, @CountyofSimcoe on Facebook, in addition to local radio stations and media websites. Residents can also find information on social, health and government services at 211.

Regional supports and updates are being posted on www.simcoe.ca/icestorm

# County temporarily extends opening days of waste drop-off facilities and adds new locations

By the Office of the Warden and CAO for the County of Simcoe.

April 3, 2025

Midhurst/April 3, 2025 – To support residents, the County of Simcoe is opening several waste drop-off facilities on extra days for brush only. All facilities will maintain their regular hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and will be open on their usual days. New brush drop-off locations will also be temporarily opened to support areas that experienced significant damage.

Important: On the additional opening days, only brush (any size, but no root balls) will be accepted free of charge.

#### Additional Operating Days

- Oro Facility (610 Old Barrie Road West): Open on Sunday, April 6 and Sunday, April 13.
- Mara Facility (5200 County Road 169): Open from Sunday, April 6 to Wednesday, April 10.

#### New Temporary Brush Drop-off Facilities

- Coldwater (1675 Anderson Line): Open on Friday, April 4, Saturday, April 5, and Monday, April 7 to Saturday, April 12.
- Midhurst (1904 Gill Road): Open from Monday, April 7 to Saturday, April 12.

Easter Long Weekend

The following brush-only drop-off sites open on Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21:

• North Simcoe Transfer Station (1700 Golf Link Road)



- Oro Facility (610 Old Barrie Road West)
- Mara Facility (5200 County Road 169)
- Medonte Facility (1675 Anderson Line)

The County will continue to monitor the need for additional days and may adjust/add additional days of operation. For a full list of waste drop-off facilities and their regular operating hours, please click here.

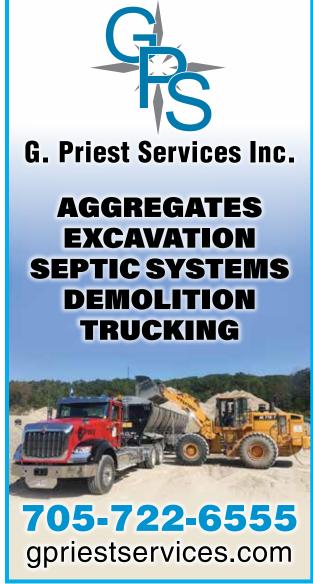
Additionally, the County announced on Thursday that it will ramp up curbside brush collection starting on Monday, April 7, starting with the hardest hit areas of the County. For the next three weeks, only brush will be accepted curbside, allowing crews to efficiently collect storm debris and process it into wood chips immediately. To read more, please click here.

The severe and ongoing effects of this storm have been felt by thousands of people across Simcoe County, including many of those that work at County facilities. The County would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding as we work together to get through this.

For up-to-date information on storm-related impacts and services, please visit simcoe.ca/icestorm or download the Simcoe County Collects App.

For resident inquiries: Service Simcoe Contact Centre 1-800-263-3199 service@simcoe.ca







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#### Ontario Taking Action to Protect Workers Amid Economic Uncertainty

Province delivering support to businesses, while making Ontario the best place in the G7 to invest, create jobs and do business

April 07, 2025, Premier's Office

TORONTO — The Ontario government is providing approximately \$11 billion in relief and support for workers and businesses as it protects the province's economy from economic uncertainty and the impact of U.S. tariffs.

"In the face of President Trump's attacks on Ontario's competitive in the G7, including by speeding up

economy, our government will do whatever it takes to protect Ontario workers and businesses. Today's measures will help give workers and businesses the support they need in the face of growing economic uncertainty," said Premier Doug Ford. "We can't control President Trump, but we're in full control of the kind of future we build for ourselves. The best way to protect Ontario is to build the most competitive economy in the G7, breaking down internal trade barriers and diversifying our trade so we can build a more resilient, prosperous and secure province."

As a first step to support workers and businesses, the province is:

- Deferring select provincially administered taxes for six months from April 1, 2025, to October 1, 2025, giving businesses and job creators approximately \$9 billion worth of cash flow they need to keep workers employed and weather the economic turmoil.
- Through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), issuing a further \$2 billion rebate for safe employers to support businesses and help keep workers on the job, in addition to the previous \$2 billion rebate distributed in March.

To protect Ontario's economy, the government will deliver on its mandate to break down internal trade barriers, make the province's economy the most competitive in the G7, including by speeding up

timelines and approvals for development, as well as diversifying trading partners and helping businesses if they need to retool and retrain workers for new customers in new markets.

"We are ready to protect Ontario's workers, businesses and families from the economic uncertainty of U.S.-imposed tariffs," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Today's measures help Ontario to weather the storm while continuing to build on our plan for ongoing prosperity."

"In the last year, the WSIB provided historic, 50-year-low premiums to over 320,000 employers and surplus rebates to over 280,000 safe employers," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Ontario is looking to provide further relief to employers through an additional distribution that will help them keep workers on the jobs, whatever comes our way from President Trump."

"In the face of economic uncertainty, Ontario stands ready with a plan that will defend the interests of our families and workers, protect our economy and jobs, and build a strong, stable future for generations to come." said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

The government is ready to do whatever is necessary to protect Ontario.

#### **LUSH CURLING BONSPIEL**



April 7, 2025, By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Winner of the 2025 LUSH curling held on April 5th, 2025 are (L-R) Carol McMann, Dave Jacobs, Mike Oetelaar and Roger Klein gebbinck. This was the 39th Annual and would have been 40th annual if not for the Covid pandemic.



#### Elmvale Co-operative Nursery School Thanks Lions



March 23, 2025, By Lion Murray Truax

The Elmvale Lions welcomed a very important guest to their recent meeting. Myla Alwaleedy presented a beautiful thank-you card to the Elmvale Lions Club members for their recent donation to ECNS. Proud mother Megan Tinney (ECNS secretary) and proud "poppa" Lion Peter Tinney help with that task. Lion President Vern Beacock was proud to accept the card on behalf of the Lions members.





# Integrity report notes 3 complaints resolved in Midland over 21 months

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Apr 01, 2025

A relatively clean report card was given to the town of Midland during a recent report from its integrity commissioner, noting that just three complaints were received and resolved between June 2023 and February 2025.

The verbal presentation was provided by integrity commissioner Jeffrey Abrams, co-principal of Principles Integrity, during the recent committee of the whole meeting. As each term of council received instruction of ethical policy, Abrams said that Midland council had participated in a refresher training session in early March but noted: "there wasn't any need for policy development education".

"We've provided seven pieces of advice upon request to members, which was helpful," said Abrams, "and in fact, on three occasions we received complaints but none of them were concerning and none of them resulted in any report to council.

"That's, generally speaking, a healthy amount of engagement. It's appropriate that we be engaged from time to time, and we're quite pleased with the level over the term in question," Abrams added.

During an overview on the role of the integrity commissioner for a municipality, Abrams stated that the most important function would be to provide advice for members on any questions they may have regarding their own ethical responsibilities.

Upon receiving a complaint, the integrity commission would participate in education, training, attempts for course correction, and occasionally a formal investigation if needed.

"There was not the need for us to do that in this last term," Abrams praised. "We do all of that because it helps to increase the level of trust, respect, and engagement that councils received from their

constituents.

With the Midland-focused items concluded, Abrams addressed larger issues which had been seen around the province. Frequent disclosures of confidential information; issues of disparagement within councils and extending to municipal staff and members the public; staying within one's lane and not managing staff; and recognition of conflicts of interest were noted.

Mayor Bill Gordon spoke kindly of Principles Integrity and their services over three terms of council, acknowledging that he had been a focus of their attention in his early political years but calling them "very fair, very measured, and very reasonable" in their duties.

"It's also good to see that there's a member of the community that have availed themself of the process," Gordon noted.

"Even if it's unfounded in your investigation," Gordon added, "if there's a belief by any member of the community or groups that we're not meeting our obligations for either the code of conduct or the municipal conflict of interest act, then this... the system works and they can approach you, file all the pertinent facts. You do a robust investigation, and if it's found to be with merit then there's a next step – which we haven't seen this term, which is lovely.

"If it turns out to not be meritful or it can be resolved through informal matters, that's done too," said Gordon.

MidlandToday asked the town office for details on the three complaints, but was told the information couldn't be disclosed.

Wrote town clerk Sherri Edgar: "Any inquiries to the Integrity Commissioner are strictly confidential and are not reported to the public. If a complaint is received and the IC had made the decision that the Code of Conduct has been breached, the IC will prepare a recommendation report which is placed on the council agenda to be presented to council. It is only at that time that the complaint would be discussed, and it would be in the public realm."

Information on how residents can contact the integrity commissioner or access the town's code of conduct are available on the Midland website.

The integrity commissioner periodic report is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

Council meetings are held every third Wednesday, and can be viewed on Rogers TV cable channel 53 when available, or through the livestream on the Rogers TV website. Archives of council meetings are available through Rogers TV and on the Town of Midland's YouTube channel.

#### **Moonlight Messages**

By Chris Health

Moonlight messages beaming down upon those who choose to listen. Reflecting from the sun. Images too powerful to be seen unless filtered down through the darkness of night. To those who want to hear and see more than all those who remain asleep. Only to be a sun gazer a goal only to be appreciated upon arriving at their final destination. Moon light messages whispers through a dimly lit halo of mystery. Hearing the songs from the ancients who sang to these gods' eons ago. Nothing has change to these cycles a relentless march forward to time. Natural rhythms, most have forgotten the power within the silence of moon messages.

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#### **Elmvale Lions Give to the** Community



March 26, 2025, By Lion Murray Truax

EDHS students appreciate the ongoing support from The Elmvale and District Lions! Since 2016, our local Lions have given unwavering support for this program. This April, our students will be travelling to O'Chiese First Nation in the Alberta Foothills. EDHS students will be hosting our guests at the end of May. This year is special to us as we mark the participation of over 100 Elmvale youth since 2016. Thank you Lions from teacher Greg Davidson.

#### **6th Hospice Bed** at Tomkins House

March 23, 2025, By Lions Murray Truax

Hospice Huronia was recently given permission to open a 6th hospice bed at Tomkins House, providing much-needed additional support for individuals in the North Simcoe area, at the end-of-life. Since opening its doors in April 2020, Tomkins House has operated with five hospice beds, and in the last few years these 5 beds have been occupied over 90% of the time. The addition of this 6th bed is a significant step in meeting the growing needs of the community. The room had already been roughed in as a patient space, complete with a murphy bed and smart TV. However, additional funding was required to complete the furnishings and ensure the room meets the same high standards as the other five. Thanks to the generosity of the Elmvale & District Lions Club, who donated \$1,000, the room is now one step closer to completion. Their donation will go toward essential built-in features, including a dresser with a small refrigerator, a bedside table, and a built-in

"This additional patient room will make a real

difference for families in our region," said Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director of Hospice Huronia. "We are incredibly grateful to the Elmvale & District Lions Club for their generous contribution, and we continue to welcome support from the community to fully finish this room to the same level of comfort and care as our existing rooms."

The Elmvale & District Lions are strong supporters of Hospice Huronia, financially and with their Lions service. They will be at this year's "Hike for Hospice" on May 25th in Little Lake Park, Midland, grilling up peameal bacon for Hike participants. Learn about Hospice Huronia's Tomkins House, their Hike for Hospice and much more at: www.hospicehuronia.ca



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# Coughlin receives apology from Greenlaw for pole dance comment

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Mar 25, 2025 It wasn't the apology she was looking for, but Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, who also serves as Simcoe County's deputy warden, says she will live with it.

Originally seeking an apology on the county council floor from Randy Greenlaw, fellow county councillor and Oro-Medonte mayor, for a comment that was said on the county council floor, Coughlin reluctantly allowed that she got what she asked for — even if it wasn't in the forum of choice.

"Mayor Greenlaw's choice not to apologize on the county floor, but rather take it to the media, was his decision," Coughlin said following Tuesday's county council meeting. "At the end of the day, he made a public apology, and that's what I asked for"

Greenlaw was mum on the incident after Tuesday's county council meeting.

"I can't talk about it," he told BarrieToday as he exited the county administration building in Midhurst.

However, in a statement that was part of an interview with CTV News Barrie on Monday night, Greenlaw admitted he made "an off-the-cuff comment, that was not appropriate, in front of five people following adjournment of County of Simcoe council at the end of February."

He went on to say he has "taken full responsibility and sincerely apologize to all involved."

The incident happened Feb. 25, when county council was getting ready for the flag-raising ceremony to usher in ITSTARTS Month.

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

"I told Mayor Greenlaw, 'I'm going to walk away

from that,' and I left the chamber and did not participate in the photo," she added.

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

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

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

Coughlin said Greenlaw was expected to make the public apology at the March 11 county council meeting. At that meeting, which BarrieToday attended, Greenlaw did not make a public apology. Shortly after that meeting, Coughlin filed two complaints — one with the county's integrity commissioner and the other with the Ontario ombudsman. The integrity commissioner deals with the ethics or integrity of members of council, while the ombudsman deals with closed-meeting investigations to determine if what happens there qualifies for closed session.

"I filed both complaints right after the council meeting where he was supposed to apologize publicly and didn't," Coughlin said Tuesday.

She added she had no intention of cancelling or interfering in those investigations.

"Both investigations are moving forward and it will be up to the integrity commissioner and the ombudsman to decide where they'll go," Coughlin added.

The County of Simcoe has also filed for an investigation with the integrity commissioner.

"I can confirm that on March 12, 2025, I filed for an investigation with the integrity commissioner, as it did not appear that an internal resolution was forthcoming at that time," Warden Basil Clarke stated in an email to BarrieToday on Tuesday afternoon. "It is our understanding that the status of the review is now fully up to the commissioner."

# County ramps up brush collection to support residents following the ice storm

Midhurst/April 3, 2025, By County of Simcoe – In response to the recent ice storm, the County of Simcoe is deploying brush collection services starting on Monday, April 7, 2025, prioritizing the most impacted areas of the region, particularly Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn, which are in a continued declared emergency. The County, along with its waste collection contractor Miller Waste, has secured additional trucks and labour to collect brush exclusively for the next three weeks, and potentially longer. Normally, Miller Waste operates 6-8 trucks for spring yard waste collection, but starting April 14, there will be 10-11 trucks collecting daily.

As collection ramps up, we will do everything we can to deploy crews to areas where they will be most effective and will service other impacted communities as quickly as possible. We anticipate that it will take time to reach all areas of the County.

Additionally, to support the cleanup process, County of Simcoe waste drop-off sites will be accepting brush debris, free of charge, until April 28. For more information on waste drop-off locations and hours, please click here. The County is working to extend operating days at some waste drop-off facilities and are looking to provide other temporary locations for brush drop-off. Updates will be communicated as soon as details are confirmed.

For the next three weeks, only brush will be accepted curbside, not bagged leaf and yard waste or bagged brush. This allows crews to efficiently collect storm debris and process it into wood chips immediately. Regular waste collection will also continue during this time. Please leave your carts at the curb until they are collected.

Residents must prepare brush for curbside collection by bundling and securing it with natural twine, ensuring bundles are no larger than 2 meters in length and 30 cm in diameter, with individual branches not exceeding 7 cm in diameter. Logs are

Midhurst/April 3, 2025, By County of Simcoe not accepted, and bundles should weigh no more - In response to the recent ice storm, the County than 20 kilograms.

We understand the collection preparation is time consuming, but proper preparation is needed to facilitate manual collection and ensure crew safety. These measures will also allow crews to work much faster and service more homes and areas. The County thanks residents in advance for their patience, cooperation and assistance.

The County will continue to communicate with residents through social media and the Simcoe County Collects App. Additional resources will be available starting April 14, with 10 or more trucks beginning in the most impacted areas of Zone 2 (those homes receiving garbage collection). Areas not heavily impacted may not receive collection between April 14-25. An extra collection day is scheduled for Saturday April 19th, with potential additional Saturday collections.

The County's Solid Waste Management By-law staff are working to actively educate residents on how to properly dispose of brush and measuring collection efforts. County staff will reassess in late April to determine if brush only collection will continue beyond April 28th.

Collection Dates	Areas	Materials Accepted
April 7-11	Oro-Medonte, Ramara, Severn	Brush Only
April 14-19	Zone 2 (Priority Areas)	Brush Only
April 21-25	Zone 1 (Priority Areas)	Brush Only
April 28-May 2 May 5-9	Zone 2 Zone 1	Decision Pending Decision Pending

\*Collection may also occur on Saturdays to assist impacted areas.



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NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING - OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT & SHORELINE BY-LAW FOR SHORELINE AREAS IN PROXIMITY TO GEORGIAN BAY

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Statutory Public Meeting that was scheduled for March 31st, 2025 to consult with the public on municipally initiated Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments regarding the management of shoreline areas in the township, including dynamic beaches, was cancelled due to inclement weather. Pursuant to Sections 16, 21, 22 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, the Township of Tiny has re-scheduled the **Statutory Public Meeting** to be held on **May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m** in the Council Chambers, 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario.

An opportunity will also be provided for the public to provide comments on a draft shoreline by-law which is a by-law that is proposed under the Municipal Act and is proposed to apply to shoreline areas in proximity to Georgian Bay.

Please note that any requests for the March 31st virtual zoom meeting link will be carried forward to the May 6th meeting and no further action is required. Zoom links will be sent via email the day of the public meeting. If you do not wish to make a virtual deputation and would like to view the public meeting virtually, the meeting will be livestreamed on the township's youtube channel as a convenience.

**THE PURPOSE** of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments is to manage buildings, structures and uses in proximity to Georgian Bay and the 178 metre G.S.C. elevation to limit potential impacts to human health and safety and the natural environment in accordance with the policies of the Provincial Planning Statement.

**THE EFFECT** of the amendments is to include in the township planning documents the policies and regulations that regulate development and site alteration in proximity to Georgian Bay and the 178 metre G.S.C. elevation.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 22(6.4) and 34(12) of the Planning Act, the application file is part of the public record and is available to the public for review. A copy of the drafts for review in advance of the meeting are available on the township website **Interim Control By-law** | **Township of Tiny.** 

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the Planning Act, with respect to the proposed amendments, any person may attend the meeting and make representation or present submissions respecting this matter. Written submissions regarding the amendments can be made to Cathryne Mullowney, Planning Administrative Coordinator via email at cmullowney@tiny.ca or by mail or municipal office drop box at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario, L0L 2J0.

If you are unable to make a written submission and wish to make an oral statement during the meeting, please visit tiny.ca/deputations for instructions on how to make a deputation. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision, please forward requests (with forwarding addresses) to Cathryne Mullowney, Planning Administrative Coordinator via email at **cmullowney@tiny.ca** or by mail or municipal office drop box at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario, L0L 2J0. **Please note that if you have already requested to be notified of Council's decision or provided comments on this matter no further action is required as a result of this notice.** 

Written and oral submissions concerning this application will become part of the public record. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of The Township of Tiny to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Tiny before the by-law is passed, or the Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Tiny before the by-law is passed, or the Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

A decision on this proposal will not be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments received, township staff will make a recommendation at a future Council meeting.

Dated at the Township of Tiny this 10th day of April, 2025

# County of Simcoe Paramedics welcome support from allied reinforcements

By County of Simcoe

Midhurst/April 4, 2025 – County of Simcoe Paramedic Services team members have been working around the clock to respond and serve the needs of our communities since the severe weather event last weekend.

Paramedic crews and ambulances from York and Halton Regions, and the City of Toronto have graciously offered to assist in urban areas of the region (primarily Barrie, Orillia and south Simcoe County) today and throughout the weekend. This additional support will provide immediate relief to County of Simcoe Paramedic Services (CSPS) and further support call demand to ensure the safety and well-being of residents across Simcoe County.

Patients and residents in these areas should be aware that these crews are sanctioned to support County of Simcoe Paramedics in this time of need.

The incredible paramedics and CSPS team members serving Simcoe County have been working significant overtime and upstaffing since last weekend to ensure the safety or our residents and maintain high levels of response throughout the County. Many of these paramedics have been working significant hours despite also suffering from the effects of the storm, returning to their own homes without power and/or experiencing personal property damage.

Given the anticipated prolonged power outages in some communities, which was confirmed mid-week by Hydro One, the County's State of Emergency declaration further supports access to these and other response resources.

Through the ice storm response, paramedics have been providing stable call response, in addition to:

- Supporting through Community Paramedicine with home and wellness checks for some of our most vulnerable patients prioritizing areas without power and communication.
- Staffing and visiting many of the Emergency Warming and Respite Centres to conduct wellness checks and onsite paramedicine support.

The County of Simcoe thanks our partners at York, Halton and Peel for their unwavering support, as well as our residents for their continued patience and words of encouragement.

About the State of Emergency in Simcoe County Earlier this week, Warden Basil Clarke declared a State of Emergency as a result of the impacts of the recent ice storm affecting our region. Declaring an emergency assists the County and municipalities in accessing additional resources to support our residents and communities with the goal of assisting hydro in clearing critical transportation routes. The County also activated its Emergency Operations Centre to support enhanced flow of information with partners.

During this State of Emergency, the Emergency Authority is the County of Simcoe's Emergency Management department.

For updates on this emergency follow these channels: County of Simcoe website at simcoe.ca, @simcoecounty on Twitter, @CountyofSimcoe on Facebook, in addition to local radio stations and media websites. Residents can also find information on social, health and government services at 211.

Regional supports and updates are being posted online at simcoe.ca/icestorm.

# The Town of Penetanguishene is doing a final call for the Youth Endowment Fund for 2025!

By Town of Penetanguishene, March 26, 2025 - Applicants must be under the age of 30 and engaged in activities that promote Penetanguishene through participation in athletic, artistic, educational, or cultural pursuits. Those who are willing to share their knowledge or skills with the community through volunteer work are encouraged to apply.

Interested individuals or groups under the age of 30 can apply by completing the Youth Endowment

Fund Application Form outlining the:

- Name of group or individual with a qualifying Penetanguishene address or school
- Activity (athletic, artistic, educational, cultural) and how it promotes the Town of Penetanguishene
- How the group or individual will share the skill or knowledge with others in the community

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on March 28th, 2025, either via email or in person. The Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee,

a Committee of Council, will review and score all applications based on predetermined criteria. The successful recipient will be announced during National Youth Week, held annually in the first week of May.

To submit an application, please fill out the form attached to the website, and direct it to Angele Proulx. 705-549-7453 x231 or aproulx@penetanguishene.ca

# THE OLD POST OFFICE CORNER

By Gary E. French©, April 6, 2025

The north east corner of Elmvale is the south half of lot 5, concession 9. It was a Canada Company lot. First leased by Andrew Graham in 1843, that lease was cancelled and John Ritchie leased it with the usual option to purchase in 1854. "Old John" Ritchie completed the purchase in 1861 and transferred the west 80 acres to his son Thomas that same year. Thomas Ritchie began his farm and married Agnes Kerr in 1863. Their house was at 80 Queen St East (the present house is newer but rests on the old foundation). Agnes was later commemorated by having one of the streets developed on the property named Kerr Street and another Agnes Street. Sadly, the Ken Knox council changed the name of Agnes Street to A.C. McAuley Street - a silly removal of the name of an Elmvale pioneer and scarcely an adequate recognition of the community service of Alec McAuley to have the shortest street in town named for him.

Settlement on the Elm Flats began in the late 1840s and within a few years the settlers wanted to have basic services provided locally - school, churches and post office. They had previously had to travel to Hillsdale, Waverley and Craighurst. The family of James Harvey had been the first to settle (south half lot 1, concession 9) in 1848 and James's son William attended to most of the clerical duties in the community. He became the first postmaster when the post office was created in 1859. At first the post office was located on the Harvey farm but by 1864 it had been moved to the corner of what is now Queen and Yonge streets, the north east of the "Four Corners" as the village had been called. While William Harvey was postmaster, the office was operated after it was moved to Elmvale by his sister, Ann (Nancy) Maguire. She had married James Maguire and lived in Toronto but he died in 1863 and the widow brought her family back to Elmvale and the house on the corner was built for her in 1863. Mrs. Maguire operated the post office there, under her brother's name, for about 27 years until the office was transferred to A.T. Cooper and relocated to Cooper's store on the south side of Queen Street.

Ann Maguire sold the post office property to george Stephenson in 1893. One of Ann Maguire's children was James Harvey Maguire. In 1896 he purchased George Stephenson's seed business and moved it to a building he had constructed opposite the Ellis's Hotel (this was just after the 1895 fire had destroyed a great part of the commercial section). He built an addition in 1898. Possibly he used the money his mother had received for the sale of the post office building. The building he built, on the corner of Queen and Maria

Streets, was long used as a seed and feed store and most recently by the Christies, Fergusons and the Stan Ritchie family and is currently a restaurant.

George Stephenson was part of an extended family in Elmvale. John H. Smith and Oliver St. John Smith were his brothers in law. The Stephenson had the old post office demolished in the fall of 1899. When the outside cladding was removed and the logs of the old structure were exposed, they had a photograph taken. In 1900 they had the present structure, long known as the Four Corner Tea Room, built. Stephenson had been trained as a blacksmith and had followed that career in his younger days, but not in Elmvale. He had been farming the old Paterson farm, east of the village (the Reg Bertram farm) but gave up that operation in 1899. In their new building the Stephensons operated a business and Mrs. Stephenson a millinery shop. When George Stephenson died in 1907 the building was sold to Edward Montgomery.

The Montgomerys had lived in Cookstown but when his father William Montgomery died in 1894, Edward moved to Elmvale to take over the shoemaking business his father had operated on the north side of Queen Street, opposite A.T. Cooper's store and post office and next door to the old bank. In 1906 they opened the village's first ice cream parlour in the Elliot block, at first making the ice



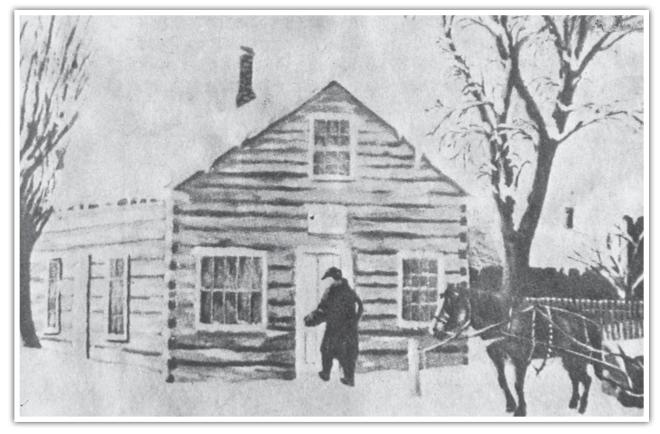
The present building, on the old post office lot, in the 1940s. In the foreground is Dr. Corcoran with his Lorch snowplane, made in Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

cream the old way in a small container in a pail of ice, turned by a hand crank (later replaced by an electric motor). This ice cream business was moved to their newly purchased building at the corner of Queen and Yonge.

Mr. Montgomery died in 1923 and the store property on the corner of Queen and Yonge was sold the following year to Charles "Bert" Dutcher. It later passed to James Beardsall (1932), to Herb Fleming (1946) and to the Park family (1980).

The overhanging porch roof at the front of the building was always a distinctive and prominent feature of this building. Located in a prominent location in the village. This type of front port was not rare when it was built and they were useful at a time when the streets were not paved and the sidewalks, if there were any, were wooden. Few survive - there is one, now enclosed, at "The Leading House" 3 Queen St East and another at 34 Queen St West, but the structure on the old Tea Room is the best and unusual in that it was never supported by porch posts. Sadly it was damaged this winter by a very unusual snow accumulation.

There was and is nothing defective about the design, which obviously stood for 125 years, but it was not adequate for such a year. The structure is now endangered. It could easily and certainly should be restored, as the Park family wish, but the municipal council of Springwater generally shows little interest in Elmvale and no interest at all in cultural heritage and the council is likely to insist that the porch be demolished. There is a heritage policy in the township but it is ignored by the council and the township staff (the policy was put in place by the OMB - the township council did not ant a policy). There is a heritage committee but it is essentially dormant. The appearance of the village's main street has been steadily degraded over the last forty years, to a large degree as a result of the council ignoring it. This one part of one building does not constitute the village's heritage but is a significant part of it. The deterioration of the main street has not happened overnight but over a period of years by incremental and steady poor decision making. Is there no end to it? Does the municipal council care so little?



Elmvale's first post office building, on the corner of Queen and Yonge, built in 1863 and demolished in 1899. This is from a painting but the original painting has not been found. A photograph was taken just before demolition, but it also has not been found.

#### 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 Elmvale BINGO Every Tuesday night

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club Billiards/Pool 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Indoor Pickleball** 1:00 - 2:30 pm **Bid-Euchre** – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Georgian Shores Seniors Club Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 – 11:00 am Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre Badminton, 1pm-3pm 1:30 Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

#### WEDNESDAY

Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts 4th Wednesday from March to November 7:00 pm Elmvale 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 Elmvale Palace Thursdays at 9 am-1am 13 Queen St. W, Elmvale, 705-322-1741

Probus Club of Simcoe North Meetings monthly 2nd Thurs. 10 a.m For women & men in retirement or semi-retirement. Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St.

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

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 Ārena)

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

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

#### Special Events - One Time

Midhurst Pharmasave Easter Egg Hunt Good Friday April 18, 2025 at 10 am

Lion's Park, Midhurst (corner of Doran & Vernar) FREE EVENT

Rabbit Run and Easter Egg Hunt Sat. April 19, 2025 10am start More Details to follow.

Magic Show and Lunch

Apr. 23, 2025 11-2 pm, Members Free Guests \$15 Askennonia Senior Centre for AGM

E.D.G.E. April Meeting Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. Protecting Life that Sustains Us

Kathy Patnode from Xerces Society Elmvale Legion, upstairs Please Lug A Mug

**Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival** 

Sat. April 26

Elmvale library branch book sale 10-3:30 pm

MCC PRESENTS: Piano Heist April 26 at 7:30pm

Nico Rhodes and Patrick Courtin are on a mission to revive the piano's allure - blending classical raptures, boogie woogie, romantic ballads, 80s synth battles and more!

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 Accessible, Cost: \$8.00 per person

Website:w ww.gbqg.ca Fleurish Clothing Swap Fundraiser

April 26, 2025 9am-11am 1148 Snow Valley Rd, Unit 2, Minesing Purchase a bag of gently-used clothing for \$20, support our Fresh Start program!

**Spring Fashion Show** April 29, 2025 1-3pm, Members \$15 Guests \$20 Askennonia Senior Centre

**MCC PRESENTS: Fugitives** May 1 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

Elmvale Legion 7 John St

April 2: Dance - DJ Rob 8-11pm April 16: Trivia Night 7 pm April 19: Bill Graham Tournament

April 26: Maple Syrup Festival, live band Cariboo Country

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#### HALL RENTAL

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Call Francis 705-322-1741

to check availability

#### Elmvale BIA to Continue the Elmvale Farmers' Market

By Coun. Matt Garwood, March 21, 2025

The Elmvale BIA is pleased to announce the return of the Elmvale Farmers' Market. "The Elmvale Farmers' Market is proud to celebrate its 15th anniversary in 2025, marking a significant milestone in the heart of our community. Through countless conversations with local business owners, it's clear that the Farmers' Market plays a key role in attracting visitors to our downtown core and driving economic growth within Elmvale. The Elmvale BIA laid a strong foundation in 2024, and there's even more to look forward to this summer—don't miss out on an exciting season ahead! I commend the Elmvale BIA for their continued dedication to supporting and nurturing our thriving Farmers' Market." – BIA Board Member, Councillor Matt Garwood

"We're thrilled to welcome the return of the Farmers' Market in 2025! This year, we're moving to a brand-new time: Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Be sure to stop by the Elmvale Farmers' Market this summer and support our incredible local Elmvale businesses while you shop!" – BIA President, Crystal Graveson

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

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

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#### NOTICE



# SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY

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

1. Roll No. 43 68 000 004 21100 0000; 7 GLEN GROVE CRES., TINY; PIN 58392-0356 (LT); File No. 23-04; **Minimum Tender Amount:** \$16,561.00

2. Roll No. 43 68 000 014 09100 0000; 341 THUNDER BEACH RD., TINY; PIN 58423-0758 (LT); File No. 23-11; Minimum Tender Amount: \$18,214.46 CANCELLED

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at <u>www.OntarioTaxSales.ca</u> or <u>www.</u> tiny.ca or you may contact Ashley Brodeur, Deputy Treasurer, The Corporation of the Township of Tiny, 130 Balm Beach Rd. W., Tiny ON LOL 2J0, Phone: 705-526-4204, Email: abrodeur@tiny.ca

#### **AUCTION NOTICES**



#### **Upcoming Auctions**

- Guenter & Ute Lotzmann Estate Auction Kitchener (April 20 24)
- The Estate of Barbara Rogers Ancaster (April 20 24)
- April Multi Consignor Auction Guelph (April 27- May 1)
- Hegedus Downsizing Auction Burlington (April 27-May 1)
- Estate of Melville Mawdsley Auction Oro Medonte (April 27- May 1)
- 917 Truck + Trailer Inc. (April)
- Mopar Icons Auction: '50 Imperial & '82 Cordoba Guelph (May 4)

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#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you!
A special thank you to my families for the wonderful 90th birthday celebration they hosted for me. also to the Ladies of the Presbyterian church for the lovely lunch. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends. Aprreciation for the carda and well wishes. Thank you Myrtle Jamieson

#### **EVENT**



# E.D.G.E. April Meeting

Protecting Life that Sustains Us
Kathy Patnode from Xerces Society
Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.
Elmvale Legion, upstairs
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Annie's **Journal** by Annie Warner Donnelly

Annie's Journal Written by Annie Warner Donnelly

Hello Everyone. Question: Was Jesus resurrected from the dead and if so, does it make a difference in the way we face life, challenges, failure and death?

In 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, the Apostle Paul wrote, "... I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also ..."

Paul's account is confirmed by the historian Flavius Josephus who was born in A.D. 37 and died sometime after A.D. 100. Josephus wrote, "Now, there was about this time, Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call Him a man, for He was a doer of wonderful works, - a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to Him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles.

He was the Christ; and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned Him (Jesus) to the cross, those who loved Him at the first did not forsake Him, for He appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning Him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from Him, are not extinct at this day."

The Resurrection, and the events following it, made it possible for the Apostle Paul to remind young Timothy (2 Timothy 1:7) - and all of us - that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind."

Now, that can make a difference in the way we deal with every aspect of our lives, right? Amen.

#### **New Path and the MacLaren Art Centre** Partner to Support Art Activity and Exhibition for Children's Mental Health Week

-6:00 pm

By Elyse Martin, IOOF Seniors Homes Inc. Barrie, ON April 1, 2025 - New Path Youth and Family Services (New Path) and the MacLaren Art Centre (MacLaren) are thrilled to announce the commUNITY art project - a series of free, hands-on workshops designed to bring families and youth together through creative ex-pression. Led by regional artist Katherine Fievet, these workshops explore themes of community, hope, growth and transformation, with the colour green as the central theme. The resulting artwork will be showcased at the MacLaren beginning in May, to align with Children's Mental Health Week, to highlight the power of art in fostering connection and wellbeing.

"At New Path, we are always eager to collaborate with our community to support mental wellness and ensure that families and youth are aware of the free and accredited mental health services available to them," says Jim Harris, CEO of New Path. "The commUNI-TY art project provides a wonderful opportunity for families and youth to engage in an activity that fosters mental wellness, and we encourage everyone who can attend to

join us in this meaningful experience."

Art workshop registration is now open for families and youth on the MacLaren website.

Family Workshops: Sunday, April 13 or Sunday, April 20 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Register here: www.maclarenart.com/product/ community-special-family-sunday-workshops/ Youth Workshop: Tuesday, April 15 from 4:00

Register here: www.maclarenart.com/product/ community-special-youth-workshop/

The commUNITY art opening reception will take place on May 3rd, from 1:00 -3:00 pm with the artwork being displayed at the MacLaren's PIE Education Centre from May 3 - June 1,

"The MacLaren is excited to collaborate with New Path to host this series of free work-shops for all ages—where participants can create unique artwork that expresses per-sonal narratives of growth, hope and transformation," says Christina Mancuso, Educa-tion Officer at MacLaren Art



Photo Caption: The Rotary Club of Barrie presented a \$3,000 donation to the IOOF Seniors Homes to purchase sensory equipment for long-term care residents experiencing cognitive disorders.

Rotary Club of Barrie members Doug Jure and Chris Gariepy, Community Service Committee Chair joined by Garry Hopkins, CEO, Gaja Damas, Cara Chimienti, and Elyse Martin from the IOOF Seniors Homes.

#### Health unit announces additional measles exposure sites in Simcoe Muskoka

By SMDHU, April 3, 2025

District Health Unit (SMDHU) has identified days after exposure. Symptoms of measles include: additional exposure sites related to the confirmed measles case (unvaccinated resident, who recently traveled internationally) reported on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Individuals who were present at the following exposure sites on Thursday, March 27, 2025, may have been exposed to measles.

- CIBC (23 Mapleview Dr. W., Barrie) 2:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Walmart (35 Mapleview Dr. W., Barrie) 2:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Fika Cannabis (33 Mapleview Dr.W., Unit C007, Barrie) – 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Rexall Pharmacy (567 Essa Road, Barrie) 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The health unit advises anyone who believes they may have been exposed to the measles virus to go to smdhu.org/measles for more detailed information on what to do next. The information there will include the following:

• Monitor for signs and symptoms of measles which begin 7 to 21 days after exposure.

- Even individuals who are up to date with the measles SIMCOE MUSKOKA - The Simcoe Muskoka vaccine should watch for symptoms of measles for 21
  - o Fever, runny nose, cough
  - o Drowsiness, and red eyes
  - o Small white spots appear on the inside of the mouth and throat but are not always present.
  - o Three to seven days after symptoms start, a red, blotchy rash typically appears on the face and then spreads down the body.
  - o One can be infectious 4 days prior and 4 days after onset of rash.
  - Confirm that you and your family members have two doses of measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV); those born before 1970 would likely have had measles illness as a child and are presumed to be immune and protected. Those not protected against measles with these measures should contact their health care provider regarding vaccination.
  - If you develop symptoms within 7 to 21 days after exposure:
  - o Isolate immediately by staying home (do not go to school or work) and avoid contact with others, and call us at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext 8649 for further advice.

- o If you require urgent or emergency care, please call ahead before visiting a clinic or hospital. This allows staff to prepare for your arrival and helps prevent the spread of infection.
- o Wear a well-fitting, high-quality face mask when seeking medical care.

Measles is a highly contagious viral infection that spreads very easily through airborne transmission. The measles virus can live in the air or on surfaces for up to two hours.

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

The health unit is advising individuals and families to ensure they are up to date with their measles vaccines and to remain watchful for symptoms even if vaccinated against measles.

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

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We are looking for both full time and summer students to fill service technician positions

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Experience installing and servicing irrigation systems is an asset but not required, paid training for the right individual.

Candidates must have a valid G or G2 license with clean drivers abstract and be able to get themselves to and from the job site or the shop.

#### **SERIOUS APPLICANTS**

Please email your resume to info@ lakelandsirrigation.ca or call 705-739-9000.



### Spring into action. Donate blood and save lives.

Spring is the season of new beginnings, and your blood donation could be a patient's new beginning.

#### **Donate blood**

Elmvale Community Centre 35 Queen Street, Elmvale Saturday, April 12 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m

Join Canada's Lifeline. Book now at blood.ca For group bookings, contact: courtney.thompson@blood.ca





#### **FVFNTS**

#### Volunteers needed to plant natives at Tiny Marsh from MTM Conservation



By Kate Harris, April 6, 2025

It will be all hands on deck at Tiny Marsh in early May, in the continuing battle against the invasive Garlic Mustard weed. For 2025, 700 native plants have been ordered into the fray.

Project coordinator Kate Harries explains that experience has shown that pulling the invasive weed is not enough.

"That's because the ground below is filled with seeds from previous years, even though we have made every effort to weed plants out before they set seed. The seed remains viable in the soil for at least a decade, perhaps more, and will germinate. However, if native plants are taking up the space, they prevent the garlic mustard from germinating."

Examples of good plants that are vigorous spreaders and your best allies in fighting invasives: Common Blue Violet (Viola sororia), Large-leaved Aster (Eurybia macrophylla), Canada Anemone (Anemone canadensis), Virginia Waterleaf (Hydrophyllum virginianum), Heartleaf Foamflower (Tiarella cordifolia) and Wild Ginger (Asarum canadense).

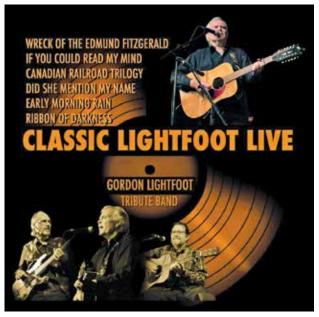
The "pull and plant" strategy will require extra volunteers, so please, come and help! Bring garden gloves and a trowel, wear closed footwear and long pants.

The planting is scheduled for Friday May 4, 3-5 pm and Saturday May 5, 10-12 noon, weather permitting. Meet at the Nature Centre parking lot, 500 Tiny Flos Townline. Check the Tiny Marsh page at mtmcomservation.org for possible changes, or email kateharries41 (at) gmail.com to be on the list for updates and notifications.

Thanks to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters for supporting this initiative.







#### 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 Eyers) on board as the bass guitarist and Lightfoot's record producer(Bob Doidge) as Music Director. Bob Doidge produced Lightfoot's last 5 albums at his Grant Avenue Studio in Hamilton, Ontario.

Clearly, connection to Lightfoot runs deep in this band.

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

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







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- Taxation on death
- · Joint ownership issues and the restraints on preparing a will
- Mental capacity issues
- Saving money through an Eligible Funeral Arrangement
- Ensuring your wishes are understood and carried out

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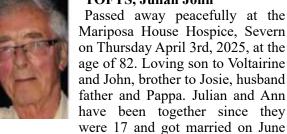


Richard M. Moran Lawyer, HGR Graham Partners LLP

To register, please call Sue at 705-326-3595 or email smorris@carsonfuneralhomes.com A complimentary lunch will be included.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### TOFTS, Julian John



1st, 1963. Julian and Ann have 3 children, David (Brenda), Nicola (Jamie), and Kirsten. Loving Pappa to Spencer and Avery, Rachel (Caleb) and Mitchel

Julian was born in Wales and was a litigation manager in England. The family emigrated to Canada, and he worked in Coldwater as a clerk/ treasurer and then to Vespra in the same job and then worked as CAO of Springwater Township until retirement. In his free time Julian loved to listen to music, garden, spend time with the family pets, read, and do puzzles. In keeping with Julian's wishes cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

As an expression of sympathy memorial donations memorial donations may be made to Mariposa House Hospice through the Simcoe Funeral Home, 38 James Street E., Orillia (705) 327 0221. Messages of condolence are welcomed at www.simcoefuneralhome.ca

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#### RICHARDSON, Gordon Andrew

Passed away peacefully at Hospice Georgian Triangle in Collingwood on Friday, March 28, 2025. Gordon Richardson of Stayner, formerly of Phelpston in his 90th year. Dear brother of Leonard (late Lois) Richardson

and the late Alan Richardson. Pre-deceased by his parents William and Meta Richardson. Gordon will be missed and fondly remembered by his cousins and friends.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 pm on Tuesday, April 1. Funeral service in the chapel on Wednesday, April 2 at 1:30 pm.

Spring interment Elmvale Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the OSPCA or the charity of your choice.

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



#### **Jamming Seniors**



By Helmut Paddags

April 2, 2025 - Over 60 members of Georgian Shores Seniors Club and visitors crowded into The Place in Balm Beach on a Friday afternoon to hear an impromptu concert by musicians who had never played before a live audience. The music included rock, folk, blues and other genres performed with

acoustic guitars, accompanied by various vocalists. The jammers are a group of amateurs with no name but their music was a hit in the packed hall. Negotiations are underway for a repeat performance. Please check the website, georgianshoresseniorsclub. com for upcoming events.

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#### **OBITUARIES**



#### MOREAU, Jerome "Doc" June 9, 1943 -March 26, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we share the news that Jerome "Doc" Moreau of Wyevale has passed away peacefully on March 26, 2025, at Royal Victoria Hospital surrounded by

his loved ones. He was in his 82nd year.

Doc was a dedicated and loving husband to his wife Nancy who we lost recently, whom he shared 42 amazing years of marriage with. He was a proud father to sons Jeff (Brooke) and Jody (Beth). A loving Pere to his grandchildren William, Henry, Amelia, Olivia, Alison and Eric.

Doc was a soft spoken, very kind, warm and loving person who with a contagious smile. He was a passionate farmer, an extremely hard-working man who put countless hours in working on the multi-generational family farm. There would be many days where Doc would be up and gone to the farm before sunrise and back home long after the sun went down.

Doc also enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, such as watching the local CTV evening news, playing sudoku, reading the local paper or farm magazines. And, he rarely missed a Toronto Maple Leaf game; he might nod off during the middle, but he always knew the score. Doc was a cheerleader for all his grandchildren in their chosen endeavors. He rarely missed an opportunity to spend time with his grandchildren.

Doc will be missed by his late parents, Ferdinand and Angelina; as well as his brothers and sisters, the late Lawrence (Karen), the late Angelle, Russell (Nancy), Herb (the late Linda), Isabel, Yvonne.

Doc is predeceased by his in-laws, Ron and June, brothers-in-laws, Wayne, Allan and David. He will remain in the hearts of his nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbours and many friends.

Doc was dedicated employee of Wyevale Concrete, where he worked for 38 years. Doc sustained a workplace accident resulting in the loss of his right arm. After overcoming his injury, he went back to work and farming as if nothing had changed. This did not slow him down; He did more with one arm than most did with two.

The life of this gentle soul will be celebrated on Saturday, March 29th, 10 am St. Patrick's Church, Perkinsfield.

Eulogies will be said at the reception at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmvale.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 28th from 2-4pm & 7-9pm at Lynn- Stone Funeral Home.

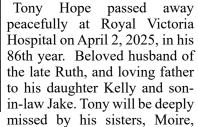
If you wish to offer a memorial donation, know that Doc would appreciate donations to any of the following:

- -Elmvale & District Food Bank
- -Elmvale Minor Hockey
- -A local charity of your choosing

Cheques can be mailed, if not received by Lynn-Stone Funeral Home.

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

#### HOPE, Anthony (Tony) Tony Hope passed



Edie, Eileen, and Margaret, and remembered with love alongside his late sister Rosie. He is also mourned by his brothers Michael and Martin, and in memory of his late brothers Geoffrey and Patrick. Cherished uncle to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He will also be fondly remembered by the Beaton family and a wide circle of wonderful friends.

Tony was a proud Past Master of Coronation Masonic Lodge #466 in Elmvale and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic North Georgian District. His distinguished career as a stonemason took him to many countries, and he later retired as a Building Inspector for the City of Barrie and served as Deputy Mayor of Springwater.

Rest in Peace, Tony.

In accordance with Tony's wishes, there will be no formal service. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

#### Senior Volunteers Open Their Doors



By Helmut Paddags

April 2, 2025 - Volunteers opened Georgian Shores Seniors Club in Balm Beach as soon as it was light to welcome members of the community with warmth, coffee and tea. Some neighbours saw that the lights were on and in they came. The message that the club was open went out by Facebook and was broadcast by local radio stations which brought in more visitors. About noon mayor David Evans came in to congratulate the volunteers on their prompt actions and expressed his gratitude on behalf of Tiny Township.



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**Seniors Community** 

# OUTREACH

# **Helping Seniors Age Well at Home**

Information, Services, Programs and Events for Seniors

# **Stay Active - Stay Connected!**



The Georgian Bay Cancer Society Centre in partnership with Taylored Pickleball Academy is hosting its 3rd annual fun pickleball tournament weekend on June 14 & 15, 2025. Tiffin Park—539 William Street, Midland For information, please call (705) 549-6444



Joys of Singing Choir 9 weeks April 2nd to May 28th 11am to 12pm

\$120 per person
A new weekly singing class
for those who sing just for the
sheer joy of it.

Register at **Askennonia Senior Centre** located at 527 Len Self Blvd in Midland.

FOOD REACH



#### Transportation to the grocery store or food bank

To assist with the expense of grocery shopping, Community Reach North Simcoe is now providing rides to and from the store or food bank through their TLC (Transportation Linking Communities) program and available to any resident of North Simcoe (Midland, Penetanguishene, Tay and Tiny). The suggested fee for a return ride is \$10, however, no one will ever be turned away! Please complete a Community Reach application form on the website: www.communityreach.ca or call (705) 528-6999



**TUE APRIL 29, 2025** 

MEMBERS \$15 | NON-MEMBER \$20 DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 FOR A 1:30 SHOW ALL WELCOME! CASH BAR & REFRESHMENTS

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Featuring the latest arrivals from A Passion For Fashion, Boho Hut, OMG Men's & Women's Fashions and Shoes to Boot.

Askennonia Senior Centre—Spring Fashion Show Tuesday, April 29th 202

Tickets available at Askennonia Senior Centre—ask for Melanie.



#### Spousal Loss Program

Bi-Weekly Tuesdays from 4pm to 6pm

Hospice Huronia is starting a new group program.

Join them for dinner and conversation at

Hospice Huronia to socialize and find support after the loss of the spouse. **Registration required.** 

Please call (705) 549-1034 to register and learn more.



# Community PEACH



Would you like to join a team of amazing volunteers making a difference in our North Simcoe community? Community Reach is looking for Volunteer Drivers. This is a rewarding opportunity to improve the quality of life for residents experiencing barriers to transportation. Our drivers take clients to medical appointments, shopping, and social engagements within North Simcoe and to out-of-area medical appointments. Our volunteers tell us when they are available and where they are comfortable driving. Drivers are compensated for mileage.

Give us a call or send us an email to learn more about volunteering with Community Reach: (705) 528-6999 or admin@communityreach.ca

To find out more about Community Reach, check out our website at www.communityreach.ca.

Funding for this project is provided by the Ministry of Employment and Social Services to help seniors age well at home.

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