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If you build it, they will come.

Submitted by Matt Garwood, May 5, 2025

That certainly holds true for the annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival. Our event takes place rain or shine, and we haven't seen a lot of the latter in the past few years. Regardless, the people arrive by the thousands, to enjoy all that we have to offer. This year's festival weather was almost predictable. The vendors braved the wind and rain, some having to hold on to not only their canopies, but also their wares. The folks inside the arena were fortunate to be out of the elements and it gave the visitors a place to warm up, browse and, hopefully, find something to purchase. Our Lioness Lions Club served delicious meals upstairs.

The outside booths were also kept busy as people passed by between the Community Hall and the Arena grounds. Our pancake house was full almost right from opening at 8 a.m. and continued to bustle until mid-afternoon. The fantastic music had toes tapping and even some folks dancing in the aisles.

Our main stage events drew a small, hardy crowd, who enjoyed the musical entertainment, dignitaries' welcome, log-sawing and pancake-eating contests. The young ones in our crowd had fun on the tube slide, climbing wall and bouncy castle, although we closed them down slightly early due to the damp weather.

All in all, it was another successful festival, which would not be possible without the loyalty and dedication of those involved. From the businesses who provide advertising sponsorship, to the ones who cover operating costs, the dozens of amazing volunteers who show up every year to pitch in and keep things running smoothly, and our faithful vendors, who come from near and far to help the festival thrive. Our committee has grown in the past few months with a number of young, energetic

and creative new members, who helped make this year even more exciting with online contests and the Scavenger Hunt which highlighted some of our local businesses. We have a newly elected president, Greg Davidson, and the future looks bright, even if the weather doesn't always do the same.

Much appreciation goes to Springwater Township for all your support.

Please join us next year on Saturday, April 25th, 2026, for our 58th Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival.



Photo above: MPP Doug Downey, Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke, MP Doug Shipley, Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, Counc. Matt Garwood, Counc. Daniel Alexander, Counc. Anita Moore, Penetanguishene Mayor Doug Rawson, Penetanguishene Deputy Mayor Dan La Rose, SCDSB Trustee Liz Grummett, Tiny Mayor David Evans


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May 1, 2025 marks an exciting new chapter for Township of Springwater!



Township of Springwater “Strong” Mayor Jennifer Coughlin shown with Premier Doug Ford
(photo courtesy of facebook)

By Linda Belcourt, Editor, May 6, 2025
Township of Springwater is one of the 169 municipalities across Ontario that received Strong Mayors. This new authority will allow the township to work more effectively with Premier Ford and advance key Provincial priorities for the benefit of Springwater.

This significant expansion reflects Ontario’s commitment to streamline local governance and help ensure municipalities have the tools they need to reduce obstacles that can stand in the way of new housing and infrastructure development. The powers would allow heads of council of single- and lower-tier municipalities with councils of six members or more to support shared provincial-municipal priorities, such as encouraging the approval of new housing and constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including roads and transit.
Strong mayor powers and duties include:

- Choosing to appoint the municipality’s chief administrative officer.
- Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments.
- Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council.
- Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and

- a separate head of council veto and council override process.
- Proposing certain municipal by-laws if the mayor is of the opinion that the proposed by-law could potentially advance a provincial priority identified in regulation. Council can pass these by-laws if more than one-third of all council members vote in favour.
- Vetoing certain by-laws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority.
- Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority.

EDITOR’S NOTES
By Linda Belcourt

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As of April 29, 2025 Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) have agreed to resume negotiations. With the support of the mediator, the parties are scheduled to meet, but as of May 6, 2025, no update has been announced. We will continue to refill news stands on an ongoing basis throughout the strike.
We will see what happens on May 22, 2025. Let’s all hope it gets settled quickly.

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MZO use for new Midland development spurs positive, cautionary reactions

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, May 2, 2025

Attendees voiced both positive support and some strong words of caution during a public meeting regarding Midland's possible use of an MZO.

Cited as "another tool in the toolbox" by Mayor Bill Gordon, the provincial land-use and development approval MZO (Minister's Zoning Order) was granted for municipalities to hasten development through zoning matters.

Midland council had an opportunity in March to approve use of an MZO for approximately 420 proposed units within a mixed-use subdivision development at 565 Balm Beach Road, but unanimously chose hosting a non-statutory public meeting to allow the public to be a part of the process before making the formal approval.

During this week's meeting, Jamie Robinson of MHBC Planning explained that the MZO request was made to get around red tape surrounding OPA 7's (Simcoe County's Official Plan Amendment). He said that if council were to grant MZO approval, there would still be various studies and that council would still have the opportunity to grant or deny the proposed development as per due process.

The first member of the public to speak was planner Greg Barker of Innovative Planning Solutions, who expressed support for the MZO usage and added that an adjacent property on Balm Beach Road would also be looking for a similar application to Midland council in the near future.

Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North CEO Kimberley Woodcock also spoke at the podium in support. Project developer Delbrook Group had earlier offered to donate lands toward affordable housing to the not-for-profit organization.

However, some locals shared reservations over the implications of development in the corridor between County Road 93 and Marshall Road.

Town staff and council members responded to concerns from Midland resident Judy Thomas by saying a lack of available family doctors could be alleviated by providing them housing and the issue of overcrowded schools would be a matter for school boards to explore. As well, they noted that

wildlife in the area would be part of a study.

Thomas also mentioned a previous petition made in decades past, which asked for a speed reduction along Balm Beach Road (it changes from 60 km/h to 80 km/h near the Salvation Army) to a continuous 60 kilometres per hour, adding that it had been defeated back then.

Tiny Township resident Dave Hobson raised caution to safety requirements in the area, speaking from perspective as a member of the police.

Citing experience, Hobson advised the town, its staff, and the planners attending the meeting to explore street lights, intersection lights, potentially a roundabout, as well as consideration for a speed reduction.

Regarding use of the MZO, Gordon stated during the public meeting: "If there were ever a reason to believe that it's the right thing to do in Midland, you look at this example."

"And I'm hoping the takeaway for other developers who will see this, and perhaps factor in more Habitat lots into their builds to participate in that public-private partnership – which I believe is the future of trying to solve the housing crisis," Gordon added.

Midland's committee of the whole approved to support the MZO request, with potential ratification at an upcoming regular meeting of council. The matter would then be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for further approval.

Delbrook CEO Mehdi Shafiei told MidlandToday that the concerns were critical for

the developers as well, and assured that they would be addressed through detailed analysis and studies with consultants as well as through collaboration with the town planning department.

"The support was great," said Shafiei. "That shows that people know that they need housing, and the shortage of housing in Ontario is all over the news so that's understandable."

Woodcock told MidlandToday that the benefits to housing reach far beyond simple lodging.

"We need supply in the first place, but to have a development that's committed to multiple areas of the housing continuum – which includes inclusivity and affordability – it's a very responsible way of developing," said Woodcock. "The concerns are understandable but also addressable."

When asked about the potential for other developers to donate lands similar to Delbrook's offer, Woodcock replied: "Habitat for Humanity is excited by any and every opportunity to create affordable housing and serve people in the community who need help accessing affordable and secure housing."

The MZO non-statutory public meeting presentation by MHBC Planning is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

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Springwater taking ‘wait-and-see’ approach with storm cleanup

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, April 23, 2025

As of last week, Springwater had spent more than \$150,000 cleaning up the damage caused by the recent ice storm.

At a special council meeting Tuesday night, the township allocated another \$100,000 to the cleanup efforts, an amount it may or may not need to pony up, depending on the success of the County of Simcoe’s brush and debris pickup program.

“In my community today, the county was there and they were picking up both large and small brush branches,” said Ward 3 Coun. Brad Thompson, who represents the Anten Mills area. “I did get a notice from them today that they were in my area and that they were doing this and that they’d be coming back next week to get the larger stuff.

“I interpreted it in all likelihood that we aren’t going to need to do any of this brush pickup,” he added.

“That is correct, it’s a wait-and-see approach,” responded Trevor Harvey, the township’s director of public works and infrastructure. “There may be an opportunity that we don’t have to engage in a lot of this.”

According to Doug Herron, Springwater’s interim chief administrative officer, the township is taking the same approach to the cleanup as neighbouring Oro-Medonte, which was also heavily hit by the storm, which began March 30.

“My understanding is that their response has been similar to ours,” Herron told council. “They’re basically allowing the county to do the work they need and then they’re engaging their staff to do further work with contractors.”

In his ice-storm recovery report to council, Harvey suggested the cleanup might take longer, but since the situation is “fluid” or rapidly changing, his initial estimates have been superseded by new information.

“Last Thursday, when we got an update, I had no idea when the county was initially coming,” Harvey said. “And now, obviously, they’re engaged. They’ve notified us that they’re in the township.

“My anticipation would be that we would do it right after the county, per se. I don’t anticipate wanting to do this months from now,” he added.

According to Harvey, the county has been quite active in the township this week, picking up smaller brush and with plans to maintain that activity next

week when they circle back for larger limbs.

If there are larger pieces that the county doesn’t pick up, the township would take them at a later date, Harvey said.

He said he’s taking a measured approach to ensure township staff and county staff aren’t “tripping over each other.” He suggested the township could work with the county to identify the harder hit areas of the municipality.

“I think if we work collaboratively, those timelines may shrink and you may see action sooner than we think,” Harvey said.

Deputy Mayor George Cabral supported the strategy, saying the last thing he wants to see is the township duplicating the county’s efforts and spending money on something that’s already being done.

“Continuing to do an assessment on where the county is and what they’re doing and then strategically deploying our resources as they’re needed for a specific area, especially if we’re in a position where we can actually work with the county to direct them to the hardest-hit areas, works for me,” he said.

Cabral recommended the township’s pickup, if needed, be done the same way the township’s Christmas tree pickup is done – a one-and-done opportunity.

“I think we let the public know that this is taking place and if you miss it, you miss it,” he said. “If we’re in the position to let them know the areas in advance and we tell them that this is the day or this is the week that it’s happening, that should work.

“We really cannot afford to keep going back and picking stuff up,” Cabral added.

Council directed staff to continue to monitor the situation, collaborate with the county on cleanup efforts and implement the proposed plan.

Next week, or the week after, staff will reassess the situation and will, at that time, make a decision as to when the township will notify residents to have all debris and waste ready to be picked up.



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This strategic acquisition represents a key step in the continued growth of our grain elevator system. It enhances our ability to serve growers in the region and reinforces our commitment to providing trusted, local solutions backed by the strength of our co-operative network.

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Midland, ON – April 23, 2025 — CHIGAMIK Community Health Centre (CHIGAMIK) is pleased to launch a new suite of free, expert-led, on-demand wellness programs designed to support individuals, families, and healthcare providers across the region.

Created with accessibility and community empowerment in mind, CHIGAMIK's online courses cover a wide range of health and wellness topics—from mindfulness and nutrition to culturally safe pregnancy care. These flexible programs are available anytime, anywhere, making it easier than ever for people to engage in their

own health and wellbeing.

"We're so pleased to launch this great initiative for our community," says Suzanne Marchand, Executive Director of CHIGAMIK Community Health Centre. "These ondemand courses reflect our commitment to inclusive, culturally safe care and education."

Whether you're caring for others or focusing on your own wellness, these courses offer practical, accessible support to help people take charge of their health—on their own schedule and at no cost."

The on-demand course offerings include:

- Mindful Connections – A six-session course, offered in English and French, focused on applying mindfulness to different areas of life, including emotions, relationships, and purpose.
- Nourish: Nutrition Essentials for Healthy Living – A practical course, offered in English and

French, designed to help participants understand key nutrition principles and make informed food choices.

- Indigenous Culturally Appropriate Pregnancy Care (CAPC) Training – A sixweek professional development course for those supporting Indigenous families in pregnancy and postpartum care. (Please note: this course includes a registration fee.)

Julien Laramée, psychotherapist at CHIGAMIK and facilitator of the Mindful Connections course, says the demand for accessible mental health resources is growing: "People are increasingly seeking ways to manage stress and find balance."

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Town of Midland celebrates over 20 years of the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre by seeking partnership for naming rights

By Town of Midland, May 1, 2025

The Town of Midland is proud to celebrate over 20 years of operation of the beloved North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre and is thrilled to announce a fresh new chapter. As part of this milestone, the Town is inviting opportunities for a business, organization or individual partner with a passion for Midland to submit proposals to obtain the naming rights for this vital shared space.

“For over two decades the NSSRC has been more than just a building – it’s a hub for sports, fitness, leisure, and events – fostering incredible community spirit and lasting memories for families and organizations in the North Simcoe area and beyond,” said Midland Mayor Bill Gordon. “This call for interest for the naming rights is the first opportunity of its kind for the Town, and we look forward to creating a valuable and mutually beneficial branding partnership with an outstanding supporter.”

The 118,000 square foot multi-purpose facility serves over 300,000 visitors annually, acting as a welcoming place to host weddings, receptions, sporting events, fundraisers, craft shows, meetings, and more. It is home to two NHL-sized ice surfaces that host special events and floor sports in the summer, a double gymnasium, a large community room for gatherings of up to 560 people, five additional meeting rooms of varying sizes, and other public amenities such as a sports store, a concession area and a shooting pad facility.

This unique naming rights opportunity provides a chance for proponents to leave a legacy in Midland while gaining high visibility and association as part of this important public venue and offers a vital role in investing in the growth and success of the community.

Interested organizations or individuals are encouraged to visit midland.ca/NamingRights to learn more and to submit their official proposal. Opportunities are open until June 12, 2025.

Historic Top Hat Ceremony in Midland's Harbour

By Town of Midland, April 22, 2025

On April 21, 2025, Mayor Bill Gordon and Harbour Master Rick congratulated Captain Captain Louri Makarenko of the Canadian Steamship M.V. Frontenac for being the first commercial vessel of the season to grace our shores!

The Top Hat Ceremony is a 100+ years old tradition started by James Playfair, which added some friendly competition amongst commercial vessels. The ceremony celebrates the first ship to arrive in the harbour each year, with the captain being “crowned” with Mr. Playfair’s own silk top hat.

This tradition carries on as the arrival of the first commercial vessel is a moment that deserves recognition and celebration. The vintage silk top hat used in this annual ceremony is from Mr. Playfair’s personal collection.

Congratulations to the Captain, the ship’s crew, the shipping company, and all those who have made this moment possible.



Midland seniors to soon pay transit fares as neighbours keep riding free

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, April 28, 2025

Seniors transit rates will remain free in Penetanguishene for 2025, despite Midland senior fares increasing to \$1.75 as of May 1.

However, many transit rates will be increasing in both towns of the Midland-Penetanguishene transit service shortly.

Midland council made the decision to increase rates during discussion of its fees and charges bylaw in March, springing the increased senior rates without consultation to Penetanguishene beforehand.

At the recent regular meeting of Penetanguishene council, members spoke to the rash decision by Midland and its impact to Penetanguishene seniors.

Said Deputy Mayor Dan La Rose to staff: “When you sit on that (transit) committee, is there any chance that you could give them an idea to quit doing what they’re doing?”

“They don’t bother to communicate that (fee change) to us in advance. It would just be nice for the communications to go out the same; when they’ve changed theirs, now they’re asking us to do it again. Could you ask them in the future that we collaborate that together before this comes to this point?”

Public works director Bryan Murray acknowledged that the Midland council decision had surprised the staff of both towns. CAO Jeff

Lees noted that the two-town agreement didn’t specify a notice period for such individual changes.

Mayor Doug Rawson asked his fellow council that with the 2025 budget already finalized, the town should decline increasing Penetanguishene fares; his suggestion was defeated and the motion was approved.

Effective May 1, the Penetanguishene fare structure will be:

- * Senior Citizens (65+, Penetanguishene residents only) - Free
- * Adult Fare - \$3.25 cash, or 20 tickets for \$47.25
- * Student Fare - \$2.75 cash, or 20 tickets for \$42.00
- * Children Fare (6 years or younger) - Free
- * Reloadable Smart Card (effective September 23, 2019) - \$4.00
- * Penetanguishene Seniors Card Replacement - \$20.00

MidlandToday asked Gordon to comment on the Midland fare increase for seniors; his response noted the balance for council to find between operating costs and affordability.

“Our costs to run the system are significantly higher than Penetanguishene’s and result in over \$600,000 of budgetary shortfall that must be borne by our ratepayers,” replied Gordon through email. “I wish we could afford to keep many of our services free but that is not the financial reality that we live in these days. Free only means that everyone else is paying, including the very seniors impacted by the \$1.75, in that their taxes will

increase to offset the losses incurred by offering a ‘free’ bus trip.”

Rawson also explained to MidlandToday: “Transit services are essential for strengthening and connecting our communities, and we are proud of the transit services we provide. This initiative was initially approved by Penetanguishene council and has since been built into our annual budget, (and) reflects our commitment to making transit accessible for all residents, including seniors.”

Recently, the annual Gas Tax Program funding from the Ontario government was received for the joint transit operation, with over \$185,000 for Midland and approximately \$93,000 for Penetanguishene.

Said Rawson: “The funding represents an important investment in local public transit and making a positive impact in our community. Though the funding is not relied on, the funding received annually through the Gas Tax Program helps offset overall transit operating costs in our community.”

Information on the proposed fare increase report can be located on the agenda page of the Town of Penetanguishene website.

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

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By Nancy Lockhart

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I hear you asking, Where do I go to get these wondrous plants. Join us on Saturday May 24th at the Heritage Park, Hwy 92 in Elmvale from 9-1, rain or shine. What's a little rain for us gardener's. It's a Cash only plant sale.

Our next meeting we will be talking about ticks. Get important information to protect yourself and dog, while taking those nice long walks in the woods. And working in your garden. May 28 at the Elmvale Legion at 7:00.

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

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

Be prepared in an emergency! – Presentation

When: Tuesday, May 27 at 10:00

This presentation is in conjunction with the Penetanguishene Fire Department and Simcoe County Emergency Management. There is also a chance of a prize. Registration is required at the library.

Guided Visit to Awenda Park

Cost: \$5.00 When: Thursday, May 15, 10:00-2:00

Guided tour with Tim Tully, Chief Park Naturalist. Register at the Penetanguishene Public Library.

Paint your emotions

Thursday May 22, 1-2:15pm

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

Pressreader Tutorial

Monday, May 26th at 10:00

Learn about how to get free magazines and newspapers from around the world with your library card. Registration is required.

Library Meetings 2025

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May Board Meetings: Monday May 26th at 6:00pm

Policy and Planning Committee: Thursday May 22nd at 10:00am

Facility Committee: Monday May 12th at 11:00am

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When: Friday, May 30th at 10:30

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DIY Lemon Sugar Body Scrub

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

Staff Training

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

Drop-in Craft: Felt Bookmark

“Rainy days should be spent at home with a cup of tea and a good book.” - Author Bill Watterson. Drop by the library starting Thursday May 15 to make your very own teacup bookmark! This drop-in program is free and available while supplies last.

DIY Sublimation Socks

Using Canva and our sublimation printer make a custom pair of socks. Please note, socks are one size. Tuesday May 20, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$5 per pair of socks. Registration required.

Cricut Sublimation Earrings

Twins/Teens ages 9+ are welcome to design and create your very own earrings with our new sublimation printer! Thursday May 22, 5pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$2 per pair of earrings. Registration required.

Thursday Murder Club at the Library

Inspired by Richard Osman's mystery book series, join Springwater Public Library for an afternoon series of critical thinking and cold cases (not a real case) as we attempt to determine who murdered our victim. Beverages and snacks provided. Thursdays May 22 and 29, 2pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Summer Makeup

Vanessa Vitali of Studio V Beauty will be here for a demonstration of simple, glam makeup and hair styles perfect for Prom, a wedding day or date night! Come and learn some tips and tricks! This program is perfect for teens and adults. Thursday May 29, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Bee & Butterfly Hotel

Join us at the library and make a colourful house for our garden pollinators. Friday May 30, 3:30pm at Elmvale and Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$6. Registration required.

Get Ready for Kindergarten

Register your child for our Get Ready for Kindergarten program (one parent/caregiver must attend but multiple parents and guardians are welcome!). This weekly program in June takes place on Mondays at Elmvale Branch, 10:30am-11:30am. The topics covered each week are as follows: Monday June 2: Basic First Steps for Parents/child(ren), Monday June 9: Recognising/Spelling/Writing their name, Monday June 16: Numbers, Monday June 23: Packing Lunches and Backpacks. Registration is required for the weeks you would like to attend.

Summer Reading Program Registration

This program is perfect for children ages 3-13. Every week we will have new activities that will be sure to get even the youngest readers excited! This summer we will be travelling around the world to bring you the best programs in Springwater! Registration begins Monday June 2 on the Read Squared app.



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Sharing Circle: Adults with ADHD

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30-7:30pm

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Visit us online at midlandlibrary.com or call (705) 526-4216 to register.

Thursday Murder Club for Older Adults

Thursdays, May 22 – June 19, except June 12

Join MPL for an afternoon of mystery and intrigue, inspired by the world of Richard Osman’s cozy mystery series! Test your critical thinking skills as we work together to solve a cold case* and see if you have what it takes to crack the case.

Beverages & snacks provided.

*Note: These aren’t real cold cases – the puzzles are from the Unsolved Case Files: Cold Case Murder Mystery Game.

Visit us at midlandlibrary.com or call (705) 526-4216 to register.

Unlikely Genealogical Sources with Local Historian Bonnie Reynolds

Tuesday, June 3, 2-3pm

Local historian Bonnie Reynolds will share her insights, tips, and advice for genealogists looking to go beyond the numbers and census records to uncover valuable genealogical information from a variety of sources.

Visit us at midlandlibrary.com or call (705) 526-4216 to register.

Youth Coffeehouse & Open Mic

Wednesday, June 4, 5:30-7pm

Ages 12-25

Join MPL and host Sydney Riley for a night of creativity, caffeine, and community! Whether you’re a poet, singer, musician, or just love a cozy space to chill, grab a cup of coffee, enjoy amazing performances, and celebrate the talent in our community.

Open to all young artists!

Register to perform at the door, or online at midlandlibrary.com.

Community Pride: A Celebration of Poetry, Paint, and People

Wednesday, June 11, 6-7:30pm

This inclusive event invites participants to come together and immerse themselves in the vibrant world of poetry and art. Attendees will have the opportunity to listen to powerful poetry readings, reflect on the themes of the evening, and create their own artwork in response to the poetry. We’ll have light refreshments. Drop-in. No registration required to attend.

Interested in sharing your voice as a reader at the event?

Whether you’re a seasoned poet or new to sharing your work, all are welcome to participate. Visit midlandlibrary.com for our open call for poets of all backgrounds and experiences to contribute to an evening of celebration, community, and artistic expression.

Adult Summer Reading Program

June 26 – Sept. 1

No registration required.

Why should kids have all the fun? Collect your ballot at check out or via our website and tell us about your reading experience for your chance to win 1 of 3 gift certificates to local Midland businesses.

Be sure to check out the MPL Summer Reading Guide for great reading recommendations for all ages.

Teen Summer Reading Program

June 26 – Sept. 1

Ages 12-18

No registration required.

Collect your ballot at check out or on our website and tell us about your reading experience for your chance to win our grand prize!

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Jimi Hendrix
17 The turkey trot, e.g.
19 Perched
21 Winged predator
24 Foot impression
27 Babe
30 Juicy fruit
31 Money accumulation
32 Interstate speed limit, often
34 Durations of life
35 “Beowulf,” e.g.
36 Doggie Doc.
38 Cultural values of a group
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5 Yours and mine
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10 Slippery fish
18 Pizza topper
20 Appearance
22 Sage
23 Hoard
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Jo Knows Nutrition
by Joanne Nijhuis

Nothing says easy, elegant and nutritious like salmon and asparagus en papillote - a method of cooking fish and vegetables inside a parchment paper pouch that steams the ingredients in their own flavourful juices. It is as easy as it is nourishing and perfect for weeknight dinners or impressing weekend guests.

DID YOU KNOW?

Salmon is a wonderful source of heart and brain protective omega-3 fatty acids and high-quality protein. Health Canada recommends that adults consume fish at least twice per week as part of a healthy diet. Asparagus is packed with nutrients and is a very good source of insoluble fibre, folate and vitamins A, C, E and K. Asparagus also contains the soluble fiber inulin which promotes gut and heart health.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 salmon fillets
- 1 ½ cups (375 ml) asparagus, trimmed and halved

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- ½ cup (125 ml) cremini mushrooms, sliced, optional
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 2 small garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) dried oregano
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons (30 mL) low-sodium vegetable broth or water
- 1 teaspoon (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) finely chopped Kalamata olives, optional
- 2 sheets parchment paper (12 x 15 in / 30 x 38 cm)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. Divide asparagus and mushrooms on the center of the parchment sheets.
3. Place the salmon fillets on top.
4. Season with the lemon zest, garlic, oregano, salt, and pepper.
5. Whisk the olive oil, broth or water, Dijon mustard, lemon juice and chopped olives (optional).



- Spoon evenly over each portion.
6. Fold the parchment into pouches and seal tightly.
 7. Bake 18–20 minutes. Let rest 2 minutes before opening.
- 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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Karla Trewin Appointed as New Director of Care at Hospice Huronia

Penetanguishene, ON – Hospice Huronia is pleased to announce the appointment of Karla Trewin, a Master's prepared Registered Nurse with 20 years of acute medicine experience, as its new Director of Care, effective Thursday April 24, 2025.



Hospice Huronia operates Tomkins House, a six-bed hospice home that also offers community grief and bereavement programs, as well as hospice volunteer visiting services. Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals and families facing life-threatening illness or loss, Hospice Huronia's mission is to provide comfort, care, and compassion to those they serve.

Karla brings a wealth of experience in patient safety, compassionate care, and professional development to her new role. Her specialty areas include clinical teaching, mentorship, and critical incident planning and management. Throughout her career, Karla has demonstrated a passion for supporting both patients and healthcare teams, with a leadership paradigm focused on minimizing obstacles to exceptional patient care.

"In Palliative care, the person determines what is valuable and important to them based on their unique life experience", says Trewin. "The role of our team is to provide safety, dignity, support, and strategies to achieve the person's goals. I am excited to join Hospice Huronia and contribute to its mission of providing compassionate care to our community."

"We are thrilled to welcome Karla to Hospice Huronia," says Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director. "Her extensive experience and commitment to patient-centered care align perfectly with our values. We believe her leadership will be invaluable in continuing to provide exceptional support to individuals and families in our community."

By Graham Simmonds Trillium Chair, April 22, 2025

ELMVALE, ON: On Tuesday, local MPP Doug Downey met with members of the Elmvale Legion to see the results of the \$150,000 Capital grant that it received in 2023 from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Funds from the grant were used to renovate the Legion's 90-year-old building which is a key gathering space for both Legion and community members for a variety of local activities and meetings.

"Investing in the Elmvale Legion is an investment in our community," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie-Sprignwater-Oro-Medonte. "Ensuring that the Legion is able to address critical upgrades will ensure that this remains a gathering place for veterans and their family and friends for years to come."

Funds from the OTF grant were used to help with the capital upgrades to the building, ranging from installing new exterior security cameras, redoing its driveways and parking lot, as well as purchasing and installing a new furnace and air

conditioner, both a glasswasher and dishwasher, ice machine and a much-needed electrical panel. The Elmvale Legion is used by not only members but also by a variety of community organizations for meetings, celebrations and fundraisers who all benefit from the renovations and upgrades.

The Elmvale Legion is committed to preserving this space and ensuring it remains accessible for many community activities over the course of the year and beyond. If you wish to enquire about using the Legion for a community meeting or hosting an event, please call the Legion at 705-322-1042.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$105M into 732 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.



Left to right Samantha Loney, Ontario Trillium volunteer, Graham Simmonds Branch Trillium Chair, Doug Downey MPP, Doug Brown Legion House Chair, and Carol Simmonds past first vice.

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Ontario Taking Action to Strengthen Local Governance

Province re-introducing legislation to create a standardized municipal code of conduct
By Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, May 01, 2025
TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government is protecting communities by re-introducing legislation that would, if

passed, strengthen municipal governance and accountability.
Ontario is proposing changes through the Municipal Accountability Act, 2025 that would enable the creation of a new, standardized municipal code of conduct, an integrity commissioner inquiry process that would be consistent throughout the province and mandatory code of conduct training for members of council and certain local boards.
“Strong local governance begins with accountability,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “People across Ontario trust their members of council to uphold high standards for how they conduct themselves and address the decisions before them. We have worked closely with Ontario’s Integrity Commissioner to provide municipal leaders with new tools and resources to deliver good government.”
If passed, the changes would include a penalty of removing and disqualifying a member from office if they are in serious violation of the code. Removal and disqualification could only occur upon the recommendation of the municipal integrity commissioner, a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario and a unanimous vote of council.

“Municipal councils in Ontario have asked for legislation that holds elected officials to a higher standard of accountability,” said Robin Jones, AMO President and Mayor of Westport. “If passed, this bill would deliver on ensuring that as members of council, we are living up to the trust that residents put in us. We commend Minister Flack for getting to this point.”
Quick Facts
• The proposed changes in the Municipal Accountability Act, 2025 would amend the Municipal Act, 2001 and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.
• Decisions about what is included in the standardized code of conduct will be made after consultations with the municipal sector. It could include rules for ethical behaviour with respect to, for example, harassment and discrimination and training requirements for members of council and certain local boards.
• Working with the municipal sector, Ontario plans to develop the necessary regulations to support the new framework to come into effect for the new term of councils in 2026.

Penetanguishene council preparing to finalize 2025 tax rates

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, April 25, 2025
As Penetanguishene council looked to wrap up its 2025 taxes for residents, discussion of the projected multi-use recreation centre was touched upon.
The conversation occurred during the recent committee of the whole meeting as a finance and corporate services report for the 2025 tax rates, levies, and budget estimates was introduced.
Estimates were made late last year as staff waited for final numbers on the provincial education tax rates and county tax rates; council approved a municipal tax rate increase of 4.5 per cent and an estimated blended tax rate of 3.9 per cent.
However, an estimate on actual new assessment growth arrived at \$19,300 lower than what the town had budgeted, which would have meant an increase for taxpayers if not balanced through the tax stabilization reserve to return those values to council approved rates.
Additionally, figures regarding an alleviation by the province toward municipal billing with the Ontario Provincial Police were addressed in the report, citing a nearly \$210,000 reduction from the 2025 budgeted amount (\$2.18 million to \$1.97 million).

The report provided staff options on the assessment growth offset and the policing bill influx.
Mayor Doug Rawson made a suggestion, emphasizing it wouldn’t be for that night’s budget approval.
“I think as a group and as a community, we need to start turning our attention towards a future multi-use recreation centre. We have aspirations; we’ve said in ten years we want to do something,” said Rawson. “We’ve got to get to a point where we have opportunities like this and we say: ‘let’s put the \$200,000 into a future community build project’.
“I think we’ve got to start turning our mind to that because we’re going to get sticker shock and that price is only going to go up every day,” Rawson added.
Coun. George Vadeboncoeur replied that Rawson’s suggestion “was music to my ears” and along his own line of thinking. However, Vadeboncoeur pitched that the transfer of the policing offset would be better suited in the policing reserve as per the staff recommendation, as a precaution against a possible future increase.
“Once we get where these reserves are in a healthy amount,” said Vadeboncoeur, “I think we need to start turning our attention to that recreation facility reserve. I think there’s, as I recall, about \$918,000 in there right now in

that reserve, and we’ve got a long way to go to build it.”
Filling the multi-use recreation centre reserve also rang a bell with Coun. Suzanne Marchand, who agreed with the others.
Said Marchand: “These were one-time offsets with policing, and we know that they’re not going to go down. I agree that once we have that piece – our vision and goal of a new rec centre – it would be nice to start putting money towards it as well.”
The committee of the whole approved the staff recommendations toward the final tax rates. The matter is anticipated to be addressed with possible ratification at an upcoming regular meeting of council.
Information on the 2025 tax rates, levies and budget estimates report can be located on the agenda page of the Town of Penetanguishene website.
Meetings of Penetanguishene council are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and can be watched live on Rogers TV cable 53, or on the Rogers TV website.
Archives of council meetings are located on the Town of Penetanguishene YouTube channel.



Bearbells

by
Leslie Noonan

April 25, 2025 - The sandy beach stretched out on either side, littered with windrows of white shells. The water was clear and still, mirroring the grey clouds hanging low in the sky. Sea gulls swooped and soared, mournful cries loud in the silence. Instead of palm trees, pines and cedars clung to the sandy soil and the air was a less than balmy eight degrees. While I had gone south to avoid the damaged trails from the ice storm, it was less tropical than I would have liked, though the natural beauty here has its own wonder.

Sandbanks Provincial Park is found in picturesque Prince Edward County on Lake Ontario. The Park opened today for the season, despite the website insisting it is closed. Perhaps that is why the park was unusually devoid of tourists, providing ample opportunities to explore. There are three beaches stretching across the park, which are considered some of the best in Canada, though fans of Wasaga Beach would probably like to argue otherwise. On this cool day the beach was empty except for zebra mussel shells, green sea glass and....a spine. Small, measuring about a foot and a half, but most definitely

the spine of a mammal. A spine that my collector daughter was interested in taking home. No, no, nope. Instead she would have to be content with the green sea glass.

Numerous hiking trails crisscross the park, from short two to three kilometer loops to the longest trail at thirteen kilometers. Feel free to just explore the beach, or head inland to the multiple woodland and forests trails. Boardwalks and occasional stairs make the routes easy to travel, though some of the older bridges have twisted with age, providing some comic relief as you attempt to walk straight and feeling like you have been imbibing some of that famous regional wine. Under deep red fallen cedars hide small red backed and blue speckled salamanders, stuporous with the cool weather. Blue birds twittered in the dense brush where trees had previous fallen and formed an open glade. Sandbanks Park juts into Lake Ontario, making it popular route for migrating birds and birdwatchers alike.

It was the odor, pungent and musky, that caused me to pause. We had left the trail for short distance to identify fungi and mushrooms, and as soon as I smelled it my own hackles went up. A look around confirmed that we were much too close to an animal den, a raised area of dirt and scuffed earth next to

the river. Bones of small animals and the feathers of birds littered the ground, and grey scat consisting of fur and bones confirmed that this was a hunter's domain. I had my daughter back up until we were back on the trail, and continued on our way with a sense of heightened alertness until we were well away from this area.

Further on a white exoskeleton caught our eye, sitting atop a ragged stump. The phone app I use to identify flora and fauna provided remarkable information. Zombies are real. This poor millipede had been infected by the zombie fungus arthropoda myriapodina that takes over the insect while instructing it to travel to a high area, where the fungus forcible ejects spores out of the carcass. Eww. Nature is remarkable and scary.

Off in the distance stretched the infamous sand dunes, some rising as high as twenty-five feet, undulating crests topped with tufts of green shore grass. These shifting dunes stretch twelve kilometers along the lake, formed by the longshore currents running at an angle to the land, and further sculpted by the winds. Sandbanks is the largest freshwater dune formation in the world, another fantastic reason to explore Canada this summer.



Closer together: Anten Mills volunteers recognized for community building

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

Standing near the doorway of the Anten Mills Community Centre, Dennis Gannon smiles warmly and welcomes the guests as they arrive.

He knows each of them by name and he knows what they've done to earn an invitation to the evening's festivities – a dinner honouring the community's volunteers.

"That's Kevin and Heather," said Gannon, pointing to the couple. "He used to be a part of the group that looked after the rink."

"That's Stephanie and Dave. Stephanie was part of the board but had to step away, but she's still involved in the pancake breakfast."

There's no stopping him.

"That's Roslyn, she changes the sign on Wilson Road, organizes the annual food and craft fair every autumn and she's working on the 150th anniversary committee, too," he said.

"Over there is Judy and Andy. They've been here for years and Judy's part of the 150th team, too."

So it goes for the next 10 or 15 minutes as the nearly 50 honoured guests, from a dozen and a half local families, file into the community centre, mixing and mingling before the evening's main course – a pasta and meatball dinner – is served up by important local politicians who are introduced by their first names only: Jenny and Doug. (Jenny is Springwater Township Mayor Jennifer Coughlin and Doug is the Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte federal Conservative candidate Doug Shipley.)

Hosted by the Anten Mills Community

Recreation Association (CRA), the dinner is a thank-you to the volunteers who have donated their time and skills for the betterment of this community of 800 or so residents, located about 15 minutes north of Barrie.

It doesn't matter if the gift was a couple of hours of shovelling snow off the outdoor rink or setting up the pylons for the annual Rabbit Run, each volunteer is made to feel special, their contribution vital to the community's success.

"We invited some people to dinner who said they didn't feel they deserved to be invited because they didn't make a huge contribution," Gannon said. "I had to remind them that even if they only spent an hour or two helping with the Easter egg hunt or the witches walk or whatever, they did do something and we appreciate that."

"It's all about developing a sense of community and they're part of that," he added.

It's the first time the Anten Mills CRA has hosted an event to acknowledge the volunteers' efforts, something Gannon believes is long overdue.

"The township acknowledges the various community recreation associations across the township," Gannon said. "This dinner acknowledges those who do all of the work."

Started in 1971, the Anten Mills CRA has endured both good times and bad.

At one point, Gannon said, the organization was close to calling it quits because it couldn't rally enough volunteers.

That's all changed in recent years, he added, noting new residents have injected fresh passion into the program.

"We're a retirement community of sorts, but a growing family community of sorts as well," Gannon said. "We've found we can blend those together and that's really working well."

He introduced a reporter to Matt Cruise.

Cruise and his family moved to Anten Mills about seven years ago from Honey Harbour to be

closer to work.

Over the past couple of winters, his young children were spending every night at the skating rink. He said he'd go over and shovel the rink, but he wasn't really involved with the startup or the regular flooding.

That changed last year.

"When I found out that nobody was going to do it – get the rink ready and commit to flooding it – I couldn't say no," Cruise said while his wife and two children enjoyed dinner and cookies. "Show me how to do it and I'll do it."

"I have no problem helping out, especially since my kids are using it every night," he added.

Since taking over the rink beat, Cruise and his family have ingrained themselves in the community and increased their social circle, becoming friends with other like-minded folks.

"I've known a few people here, but I've got to know a lot more while doing this," he said. "There are a lot of good people who come out and offer to help."

"It's a pretty neat community and I think it's pretty rare," he added.

Asked if he was happy living in Anten Mills, Cruise could barely contain his enthusiasm.

"Happy would be an understatement," he said. "I never, ever want to leave this community, thanks very much. It's perfect."





By Brian Keyes

Ghibb Avenue The Wagners

The name Ghibb Avenue is a name based on an acronym of the first letter from all the first names in Glen & Irene Wagner’s family. Glen (Dad), Heather (Daughter), Irene (Mom), Brad (Son) and Brian (son) = Ghibb!

Glen & Irene Wagner and their two boys came from Norfolk County located along Lake Erie to Anten Mills in 1965. Daughter Heather was born 2 months after they arrived in the community. Glen & Irene had come to join Glen’s brother Ron to operate Wagner Pulpwood Industries. Irene’s parents Ken & Phyllis Muth moved to Anten Mills later and lived in the white house on Wilson at the end of Ghibb (1106 Wilson). Glen & Irene built a new house in the Pinery on 6 acres they had bought

from Lawrence Scott that they accessed by a laneway from the junction of Pineview & Lawrence. The school bus-stop was at the corner of Lawrence and Pineview much as it is today! Daughter Heather Wagner-Kenney was in the first Kindergarten class at Minesing Public School that was actually held in the Anglican church in Minesing as the classroom was not ready. The Wagner home (38 Lawrence) was the place to be for local children as it featured a backyard rink and lots of snowmobiling in the winter plus trails to explore in the summer.

Glen and Ron introduced modern forestry equipment combined with the maturing Simcoe County Forests to harvest a supply of pulpwood. Harvesting trees was part of the thinning process to manage the forests. Pulpwood was transported via the local railway from Hendrie Station to be processed at a mill in Thorold Ontario. Forestry officials worked with Wagner Industries to identify the trees/forests to be harvested and seasonal employees from Quebec provided the labour force. Robert (Bob) Ritchie from Elmvale was the foreman for Wagners. The shop/yard for the business stood just north of Glen & Irene’s new house.

From 1964 through 1972 the Wagners purchased 36 acres from various landowners adjacent to the Scott subdivision. Once the land was cleared, streets were built and municipal wells were drilled with a new pump house. Streets constructed included McLaughlin and Ghibb plus extensions for Luella/Lawrence to Ghibb. Ghibb ended first at Luella and later at Lawrence. It is noteworthy that this was the first municipal water supply in the village as the Scott subdivision (Lawrence, Luella, Peacher, Pineview, Wilson, Alexander & Horseshoe were all on private wells). Ghibb Ave. was extended to Alexander in later years. Wagner Park was built next to the pump house and Glen Wagner donated the playground equipment. After the collapse of the front yard of the Corby Adams house at Lake Hendrie (Golf Course Rd)



in Sept 1981, ground excavated from the Wagner subdivision was used to backfill and support the house.

Glen was an avid gardener, Florida snowbird and private pilot with his own float plane. The float plane was used to access a cottage at Orr Lake and later a cottage on an island in Georgian Bay. He also had a hunt camp in Gogama north of Sudbury that he could fly into. Glen supported the community as the first vice-president of the Anten Mills Community Association. He was the convener for rink maintenance organizing snow removal & flooding. The 1970s community association organized costumed Hallowe’en dances and a Winter carnival/parade at the rink/community centre. A mock Grey Cup football game between married and single men was held by the community association. That evening featured a dance with a ‘Miss’ Grey Cup contest. The buxom contestants were dressed up participants of the football game.

If your new neighbour arrives in the village and asks you the origin of the name Ghibb Ave, now you know the rest of the story!



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ANTEN MILLS

by Dennis Gannon

A question certainly on many minds is when will we finally have Spring and some consistent nice weather? This past several weeks has been a yo-yo, cool, wet, cool, hot, wild winds and cool again. Hopefully May will bring us more Spring-like weather with seasonal temperatures.

Last weekend with the assistance of the volunteer firefighters from Springwater Station 3 Minesing, the Christmas lights on the tree at the community centre were taken down. A thank you to the department and the firefighters who looked after getting the lights off the tree. Taking the lights off usually prolongs their life span. Unfortunately the ice storm did a number on the strings and quite a few were broken along with limbs on the tree. An inspection of the lights will need to be done in the early fall to see how many can be saved and a call out may be needed to seek financial donations to help replace the lights.

The Anten Mills Celebrates 150 had a very successful meeting recently. There was great discussion about how the afternoon will celebrate our 150th anniversary and how the community could be involved. Of course there will be an official opening ceremony and there are activities and displays taking place all around the community centre. What the committee thought would be wonderful is to showcase local talent through a variety type show in the afternoon on stage under the pavilion. Anten Mills is home to many talented people and the committee would be happy to have you demonstrate that talent. If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, are a magician or card artist please consider being part of the variety show. You can learn more by reaching out to the committee by email at antenmills150@gmail.com.

As with any large event there are costs associated with hosting it. One of the projects is the creation of a souvenir booklet. Brian Keyes has been doing significant research about our past 150 years and the booklet will contain all of his printed stories along with other interesting facts. There are rentals of equipment needed for the day and other hard and soft costs. In order to cover the costs the committee is looking for sponsors. Each sponsor will receive either a quarter, half or full page celebratory advertisement in the booklet depending on the tier of sponsorship they select. For those who might want to donate to the event but not look for advertising they can make a donation and have their name added on the donor's page. Heather is reaching out to the community members and should you wish more details feel free to reach out by email at antenmills150@gmail.com. The committee wants to make this a special day and each and every donation is greatly appreciated.

There have been a number of requests about a community wide garage sale. Karis will be setting up a contact page in the very near future. The suggested date this year is Saturday, June 14. More details will be posted on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page.

The administrators and moderators of the Facebook page have been diligent in approving posts and new members. It's important that anyone wanting to join the group reads, understands and acknowledges the rules. That goes for those being invited by members. It is interesting to see how many potential scammers are attempting to join the group. If you are looking to post or join please read the rules as the admins review each request.

For those who frequent the trails and paths in the County forest note that ATVs and dirt bikes are again permitted in the forest along their approved trails. Those who ride please remember that the forest is a shared area for hikers as well. Parents are requested to discuss the operation of those motorized vehicles with their family members particularly to avoid riding in the community parks or the rail trail where they are strictly prohibited. Recreational activities are great and we must remember to share our responsibility.

This past Sunday was the Hospice Simcoe Hike for Hospice. Congratulations go out to Marjan Deller for her outstanding fundraising as she collected over \$25 thousand dollars in donations. Two other residents made great contributions through their fundraising and the community salutes Rachel and Joan who were in the top ten individual fundraisers. A thanks goes out to all who contributed to this wonderful charity.

Brian's story this week is on the Wagner family and their contribution to the community. Check it out and learn more about Ghibb St.

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Thank you to all the wonderful mothers and grandmothers in our community for all that you have done in raising your families. We collectively celebrate you and appreciate all you do. Happy Mother's Day.

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



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Day Trips: (Price includes meal, admission ticket & HST)

Wed., May 14 - La Vida Loca with the TSO Pops at Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto

Includes: table service lunch followed by orchestra level seating for the 2:00p.m. performance. **Cost:** \$238.00

Tues., June 3 & Mon., August 18 - Niagara Fallsview Casino

Includes: a 4-hour (11:45a.m. to 3:45p.m.) stay at the Casino & \$35.00 in slot play (no meals) **Cost:** \$77.00

Wed., June 18 - Disco! Bee Gees & Beyond with the TSO Pops at Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto

Dance in your seat to disco beats and relive the magic of an unforgettable era in this high-energy concert.

Includes: table service lunch followed by orchestra level seating for the 2:00p.m. performance. **Cost:** \$238.00

Fri., July 11 - No Fences, the Ultimate Tribute to Garth Brooks Starring Dusty Miller and Band – direct from Indiana at the Walters Music Venue

Includes: buffet lunch at "Quehl's Restaurant" in Tavistock, followed by the entertainment program at the Walters Music Venue near Bright, Ontario. **Cost:** \$184.00

Tues., July 22 – Blue Jays vs New York Yankees -7:07p.m. game

Includes: tickets in section 232 & parking at the Rogers Centre. (No Meals) **Cost:** \$186.00



Wed., July 30 – Steel Magnolias at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope

Includes: lunch at "The Rainside Restaurant" followed by the 2:00p.m. performance, orchestra level seating. **Cost:** \$184.00

Wed., August 6 – Little Canada & Ripley's Aquarium Combining 2 of Toronto's most popular attractions

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COLOUR: FROM

By Anna Sauve, Master Gardener, March 25, 2025

These perennial selections are reliable, more disease resistant, have good shape and form, and require little work in terms of pruning and trimming. They are all plants of size and substance to form the framework of your garden, and with a wide choice of cultivars, any colour scheme is possible.

Tall Bearded Iris - May to June

This early bloomer makes a great accent plant, adding vertical interest. Iris requires full sun, and well-drained soil. When planting, rhizomes should be just below the soil surface. The growing point is at one end of the rhizome, so planting a group in a circular fashion creates a good-sized clump quickly. Once flowering ends, cut flower stems back, leave the leaves to manufacture food for the plant throughout the summer, then cut back to a few inches before winter.

Peonies -June

The Queen of the Garden, this large plant adds structure, is cold hardy, very long-lived - peonies will flower for generations - and relatively disease and pest-resistant. Peonies require full sun, fertile, well-drained soil and benefit from a layer of compost in spring. Installing plant supports

early in the season will prevent the large blooms from flopping over during rain or a windy day. New, single-flowering cultivars, such as Bowl of Beauty, come in eye-catching double colours with stunning large, fluffy flowers. Peony foliage turns a gorgeous red late in the season, and is cut back in late fall.

Daylilies – July to August

Daylilies are mid-summer flowering show-stoppers, amazingly low-maintenance, almost entirely disease and pest-free, drought resistant and not fussy about soil. They grow quickly, are long-lived and deer resistant. Daylilies establish quickly and thrive in places too wet or too dry for most other perennials. With thousands of varieties to choose from,



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Daisies – July to August

Daisies are a classic flower everyone loves. Best in full sun, average to sandy soil with good spacing, daisies are strong, extremely cold-hardy plants, low-maintenance, and will tolerate short periods of drought. Shasta daisy, a staple at the back of a garden, grows three to four feet. Other cultivars provide colour and size, including dwarf varieties for the front of your garden. The highly visible blossoms attract insect

pollinators to the garden, and make excellent cutting flowers.

Tall Garden Phlox - August to September

Phlox, which thrive in full sun or partial shade, bloom for several weeks. These sturdy, upright plants should be planted in fertile, well-drained soil with regular weekly watering at soil level to prevent powdery mildew. The narrow foliage and vertical habit mix well with broadleaf plants or plants with a mounding growth habit. Available in a fantastic range of colours and eye-catching bi-colours, flower clusters attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Remove spent blooms to encourage continued flowering. Cut the plants back in the fall to a few inches.

CONSIDER THIS:

These perennials not only add gorgeous colour to your garden, they are easily divided, rewarding you with more plants to create a lush garden or share with friends.

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Midland volunteer firefighters fêted with 20-year service awards



By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, May 5, 2025

Two of Midland’s finest received awards from the Governor General at last night’s council meeting for their 20-year service as volunteer firefighters.

The Governor General of Canada's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal was presented to volunteer firefighters Bill Edwards and Drew Hutchings in a council chamber filled with friends, family, dignitaries, and many members of the town’s fire service.

According to emergency services manager and fire chief Richard Renaud, the awards recognize Canadian fire service members who have completed 20 years of service; 10 of which have been in the performance of duties involving potential risks.

“It was a little nerve-wracking,” Edwards told MidlandToday after receiving the award, “but I enjoyed it.”

Said Hutchings: “I was overwhelmed and very happy to see so many friends and family here.”

Renaud provided a brief background of the men prior to the ceremony, informing attendees that both Edwards and Hutchings had begun their volunteer services in the same group back in 2004. Both men entered the trades, with Hutchings employed at Elcan before retiring a short time ago, and Edwards continuing his career at TRW Automotive through today.

Representing Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop were her parents, Garfield and Jane. Mid-introduction from Renaud, four of the many firefighters in the room dashed out the chambers doors, sirens blaring shortly after.

The Dunlops remained quiet in attendance as Simcoe North MP Adam Chambers took to the podium to provide words of thanks from the federal government.

“We just went through a pretty difficult time with the power outage,” said Chambers, “and I think everyone saw the kind of work that our first responders and firefighters do for us.

“It’s these individuals who – while all of us were trying to figure out how we were going to

manage our own lives – they were out helping other people; and I want to not just commend them for their service, but thank them and thank their family members for being without family when they often were needed.

“It’s an absolute honour for me to be here with you this evening, and I want to congratulate both Bill and Drew on behalf of the Governor General for their long service, and wish them all the best as they continue and find many things to fill their time,” Chambers added.

Mayor Bill Gordon also praised the recipients following the meeting. He told MidlandToday that he understood the sacrifices made by those in emergency service roles, as he too had spent six years as a volunteer firefighter for Tiny Township.

“You can’t overstate the importance of the fire service, but to make it through 20 years? Especially in a volunteer capacity? It’s a challenge; I really enjoyed it, but 20 years makes my six years look like a rookie,” said Gordon.

Gordon also thanked all volunteer firefighters for their contributions, and appreciated the recognition at the event by the higher tiers of government.

“It’s nice to see that our local provincial and federal reps came out to the community.

“It’s not just another award handed out,” said Gordon. “Hitting 20 years of service in the fire service – and receiving this particular award, much like the new King Charles III Coronation Medal that was just awarded to (Midland Fire fire prevention officer) Cale McLean – these are really big deals.”

MidlandToday asked the recipients: if given the chance, would they do another 20 years?

“One hundred per cent,” Edwards firmly stated. “Definitely,” said Hutchings.

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.

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SUSPICIOUS PERSONS INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF LOCAL MAN

(SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP, ON, April 23, 2025) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged one individual with multiple serious offences in Springwater Township following suspicious person investigation.

On April 16 and 17, 2025, Huronia West OPP officers responded to a suspicious person call from several residents in Hillsdale, Ontario, after a man was observed leaving notes at a park on Davenport Drive and the surrounding areas. Officers commenced an investigation and identified several locations with similar evidence.

The Huronia West OPP Crime Unit, with the support of the OPP Child Sexual Exploitation Unit (CSEU), and OPP Repeat Offender and Parole Enforcement (ROPE) Unit commenced a multi-day investigation leading to the identity of a local man.

On April 23, 2025, as a result of the investigation, police arrested and charged Mitchell KOOPMANS, 34, of Hillsdale, with the following offences:

- Make Sexually Explicit Material available to a Person Under 16 yrs of age - two counts
- Luring a Person Under 16 years of age by means of Telecommunication - two counts
- Invitation to Sexual Touching under 16 years of age
- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon

The accused remains in custody and will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie on April 24, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The Huronia West OPP would like to advise the community that there is no threat to public safety and believe that this individual acted alone.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800- 222-8477 or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, you will remain anonymous, and will not have to testify in court.

Vehicle Parked in The Middle of Highway 12 Nets OPP Investigation

(MIDLAND, ON) - A report to the OPP Communication Centre by a community member of a vehicle parked in the intersection of Highway 12 and Triple Bay Road, Tay Township early Sunday morning resulted in a prompt response from officers of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Upon arrival at approximately 2:36 a.m. May 4, 2025, officers safely secured the scene before trying to awake the lone driver and upon arousal the officers entered into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Andrew CHAMPAIGNE 61 years of Tay Township has been charged criminally with the following driving offences.

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused was released from custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on the May 15, 2025, and was also served a 90 day drivers licence suspension. The involved vehicle was towed and subject to a 7 day vehicle impound in accordance to the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines.

Celebrate Summer at Longest Freshwater Beach in the World!

By Town of Wasaga Beach

April 30, 2024 – We will, we will ROCK YOU! The Town of Wasaga Beach has announced its summer 2025 live music lineup, including over 30 spectacular concerts, outdoor live performances and fireworks shows to celebrate summer and welcome visitors to the longest freshwater beach in the world.

From classic rock to reggae, jazz and the blues – Wasaga Beach has something for everyone this summer.

The fun begins at the Stonebridge Gazebo on June 6 with the launch of Summer Sets.

On June 27 local rock heroes, The Carpet Frogs, and award-winning Elton John tribute artist, Elton Rohn will rock the Wasaga Stars Arena.

Iconic beachfront performances include a pre-Canada Day celebration on June 28, featuring Reggaddiction, and the world's #1 Queen tribute band, Queen Flash, will headline the Town's annual Memories of Summer concert under the stars near Beach Area 1 on August 30.

Here's the full lineup:

Kick-off to Summer featuring Elton Rohn, and The Carpet Frogs. June 27 at the Wasaga Stars Arena. Tickets available now at wbse.ca.

Summer Sets – Stonebridge Gazebo

- June 6: Kitty and the Boys
- June 13: Huronia Hot Strings
- June 20: Too Nice
- June 27: Whisky River
- July 4: The Sandra Good Band
- July 11: Déjà vu
- July 18: Jess Bowman
- July 25: Sydney Riley
- August 1: Beaver Valley Concert Band
- August 8: Mirage
- August 15: Motes and Oates
- August 22: Queen M
- August 29: Freez'Careeb

Beach Area 1 – Main Stage

- June 28: Canada Day concert featuring Reggaddiction.

• August 30: Memories of Summer, featuring Queen Flash.

Trail Tunes - The award-winning Trail Tunes returns June 7, featuring The Black & Blues, Genevieve Cyr and The Trio+.

Music in the Park - Oakview Woods Gazebo

- June 24: Andrea Johnston
- July 1: The James Brown Trio
- July 8: The Sean Stanly Duo
- July 15: The Sidewalk Crusaders
- July 22: Jim & Randi
- July 29: Gayle Ackroyd
- August 5: Michel DeQuevedo
- August 12: The Mugs
- August 19: Key Legends (Dan McVeigh)
- August 26: Mariachi Fuego

Stonebridge Wasaga Beach Blues Festival. September 12-14. Get tickets here.

Summer fun for the whole family

In addition to live music, the Town of Wasaga Beach has organized a full summer of fun for the whole family.

- 5K Foam Fest returns on July 19th.
- The annual Multisport Triathlon is set to take place on August 23.

• Delicious food trucks return to Beach Area 1 in our new beachfront Fun Zone.

• Movies Under the Stars begins July 2nd, featuring Wicked. Note the location has changed to 120 Glenwood across from Town Hall. Other movies include Wild Robot, Mama Mia, Guardians of the Galaxy, Cars, Avengers End Game, Inside Out 2 and more!

For more information, visit wasagabeach.com/events

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Winners of the Monday Senior Curling League with the Harold Townes Memorial Trophy are Lead Joe Maynard, Convenor Dave Don, Skip Mike Townes, Vice Rick Turner and Second Larry McMann.



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Elmvale Curling Club Women's Afternoon League Skips to the End of the Season.

By Sue Henry April 24, 2025
The Elmvale Curling Club Women's Afternoon Leagues wrapped up their 2024-2025 season with two double session winners!



Diane also skipped her winter Thursday league team (Barb Fralick, Beth McCrae, Sylvia Priest) to victory.

Congratulations to all!
The Women's Afternoon leagues are a fun way to enjoy recreational curling for all skill levels. New curlers are always welcome!



Holly Pullen skipped her spring Thursday league team (Deb White, Heather Milligan, Shirley Richardson) to first place.



Holly Pullen skipped her spring Tuesday league team (Colleen Priest, Carol McMann, Jackie Draper-Stott),



Skip Diane Kenney prevailed in the winter Tuesday League with team members Cathy Borchuk, Heather Mephram ad Deb McMeekin.

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Elmvale Curling Club Sunday Mixed Winner



By Sue Henry, April 22, 2025

Although delayed a week due to the severe ice storm, the ECC's Sunday Mixed Curling League held its Second Session playoff on April 6th.

Team Tye McCutcheon (Vice: Case Bouius, Second: Dan Britton, Lead: Darlene Hamelin) prevailed, winning the Lou "Dad" Turner Memorial Trophy. Congratulations to all!

GBGH and RVH Team Up to Reduce Surgical Wait Times

By GBGH

May 5, 2025 – Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) have formed a strategic partnership to address the growing need for timely surgical care across Simcoe County. By welcoming RVH surgeons to practice at GBGH, the collaboration is significantly reducing long wait times and helping more patients access the procedures they need, sooner.

The partnership between GBGH and RVH was started to address the surgical backlog at RVH while utilizing the available capacity at GBGH. By working together, both organizations are committed to benefiting all patients in Simcoe County by ensuring quicker access to surgeries.

"At GBGH, we understand the critical role partnerships play in meeting the healthcare needs of our community" said Dr. Bonnie Shum, Chief of Surgery at GBGH. "We are maximizing our surgical capacity and ensuring our operating rooms (OR) are utilized to their full potential. This approach not only improves access to care but also fosters a collaborative culture that benefits patients, and both hospitals."

Between August 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025, RVH surgeons performed 145 surgeries at GBGH for patients who had been waiting extended periods for care - including 45 paediatric cases. Procedures have included vascular, plastics, orthopedics, and general surgery, demonstrating the broad scope and reach of the partnership. These efforts have already made an impact on reducing the surgical backlog and enhancing care delivery in the region.

Pam Oertel, a vascular surgery patient, learned she would need surgery in June 2024 and was scheduled at RVH that fall. When the time came, her procedure had to be postponed due to urgent cases.

"When my surgery date was postponed, I didn't know when I would be re-scheduled because the health centre's surgical program is incredibly busy," says Oertel. "I was so relieved when I received a call

this past February from GBGH to schedule my procedure with my original RVH surgeon. Within a week, I was at GBGH having my day surgery with Dr. Devrome. I was so grateful to have that option. Not only was my experience at GBGH outstanding, because of this partnership, I was able to receive my care sooner while staying close to home."

This partnership marks a significant step forward in enhancing the capacity and resilience of the region's hospitals. Both GBGH and RVH remain committed to building on this success, continuing to explore innovative solutions and strengthening cooperation to better serve the residents of Simcoe County.



Photo cutline: Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) have formed a strategic partnership to address the surgical backlog at RVH while utilizing the available capacity at GBGH. RVH vascular surgeon Dr. Andrea Devrome (left) was able to operate on patient Pam Oertel (right) at GBGH, significantly reducing the wait time until her procedure. By working together, both organizations are committed to benefiting all patients in Simcoe County by ensuring quicker access to surgeries.

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Annie's Journal
by Annie Warner Donnelly

May 5, 2025

Hello Everyone. Recently, I received a card that reads “One tree stands tall, reaches for the sun, weathers any storm ...”

Think of the seasons a tree weathers: the cold, stormy winds of winter; the strength it takes to bring new leaves and blossoms to life in the spring; the heat and drought of summer; and the loss of leaves as the tree prepares for Canada’s icicles.

We’re like that tree. Through the decades of our lives, there are seasons of heartaches; loneliness; uncertain times; heart-wrenching grief; fear caused by illness and difficult relationships; challenges we think are too great to bear, but woven through all these seasons are sparkles of joy; of discovery; of fun and fellowship; answers to questions and answers to prayers; and if we allow them, moments of the perfect peace that Jesus so consistently and lovingly offers to us.

When our identity is embedded in a Christ-centred life and when His truth is the foundation for all we think and do, we are building a life for

all the seasons we will journey through.

Days like Mother’s Day provide an opportunity to celebrate what God has helped us achieve so far; to be grateful for how He’s helping us today with the challenges of the season we’re in; to be reminded that God never leaves us or forsakes so we know that He’ll be with us tomorrow and every day after that.

His presence in our lives increases our faith in Him and deepens our belief that we can achieve what feels impossible because the Bible’s true – strong – irrevocable and everlasting – words say that nothing is impossible for God; that God is love. His plans for us are to give us a future and a hope. He makes all things work together for good for us because He loves us, and we love Him.

We’re responsible for building our lives so that in all seasons the precious of gift of peace that Jesus, our Prince of Peace, offers to us remains strong and steadfast in our hearts and minds.

May the Holy Spirit guide us always. Amen.

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Quest Art School + Gallery Launches Petite Picassos Video Series and FREE In-Person Programming For Young Creators!

Quest Art School + Gallery is excited to announce the launch of its latest initiative—the Petite Picassos Video Series! This new program brings a creative, interactive experience directly into your home, allowing young artists to explore the world of art with the guidance of skilled instructors and the comfort of familiar surroundings.

Designed for children ages 3 to 5, the first installment of the Petite Picassos Video Series is a collection of short, engaging videos ranging from two to five minutes each. These videos offer simple, hands-on art activities that children can complete using household items that families already have on hand. Whether it's the use of a salad spinner, shaving cream, food colouring or bubbles, this series encourages creativity and imagination in the most accessible way possible. This approach not only fosters artistic expression but also teaches young children to see the possibilities in the ordinary objects around them.

The first set of videos in this series is led by none other than Quest's Executive Director, Lawrence Sagar. Known for his warmth and enthusiasm, Lawrence is a fan favourite at Quest, and the creative adventures he takes his viewers on promise to inspire a new generation of young artists while making learning fun and easy!

The Petite Picassos Video Series is now available for FREE on Quest's YouTube channel, at [https://www.youtube.com/@](https://www.youtube.com/@questart)

QuestPetitePicassos.

To complement the video series and build on its success, Quest is also offering FREE in-person tots programming. This hands-on extension brings young creatives into the Quest studio for interactive, joy-filled art activities that encourage exploration and artistic expression in a supportive environment.

These in-person sessions are the perfect opportunity for children to practice their newly acquired skills while connecting with peers and instructors in real time. It's an exciting way to bring the magic of the Petite Picassos series into a live, dynamic setting!

Spring Term: May 13th – June 21st, 2025

Session Times:

- Tuesdays | 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
- Saturdays | 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- Saturdays | 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Spaces are very limited (only 10 children per class, each with one caregiver), so don't wait! Secure your spot at: [petitepicassos.ca/classes](https://www.petitepicassos.ca/classes)

Quest Art School + Gallery is deeply grateful to the Ontario Trillium Fund for their generous support in helping to bring this video series to life. Their contribution has made it possible to create a resource that will inspire young children to engage with art, no matter where they are.

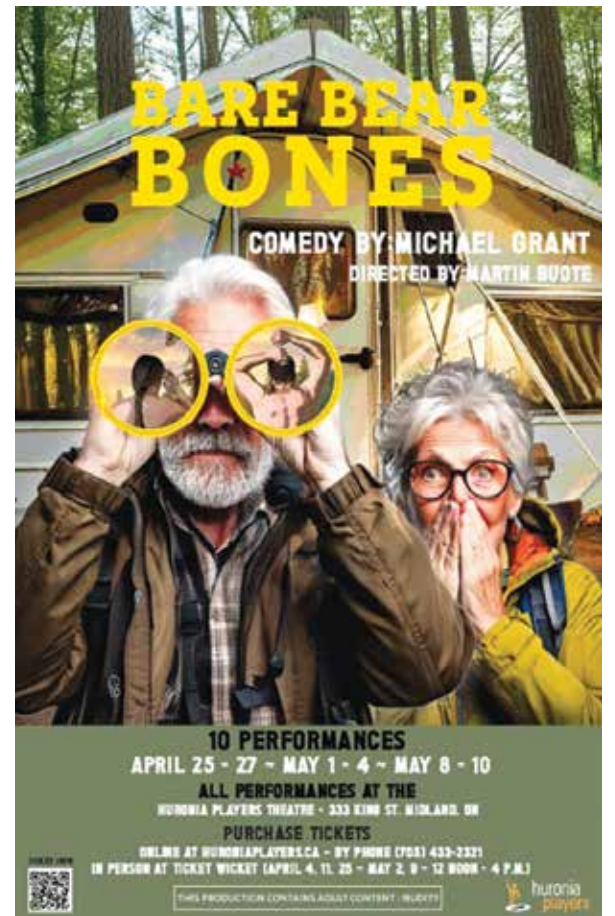
More information about Quest Art School + Gallery can be found online at <https://www.questart.ca/>, with details specific to Children's Programming, including camps, classes and more at <https://www.petitepicassos.ca/>!

HURONIA PLAYERS REVIEW

by Linda Belcourt, Editor, May 5, 2025

The stage is set and nostalgic feelings arise with memories of camping. This play is unexpectedly funny! The one liners, clothes line humour and outlandish characters kept the audience in stitches. There was 'barely' a moment that the audience wasn't engaged. The actors clearly have a love of the theatre. THUMBS UP on this performance.

Comments from the audience; "They were really good", "So funny", "Lots of one liners", "I enjoyed that".



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Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Amendment to Parkland Dedication By-law 2019-066



Parkland Dedication By-law Update

Take notice the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater will hold a hybrid public meeting (in person at the Township Administration Centre and virtually via Zoom) on **June 4, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. to consider a proposed By-law Amendment under Sections 42 and 51.1 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 as amended.

Subject Lands

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

Purpose and Effect

The purpose of the proposed Parkland Dedication By-law Amendment is to update the Township's policies under Section 42 and 51.1 of the Planning Act, which grants the Township the ability to require that land be conveyed to the Township for park or other recreational purposes, as a condition of development or redevelopment of land. The effect of the proposed amendment is to bring the Parkland Dedication By-law into conformity with recent Provincial changes to the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13.

Meeting Details

Interested stakeholders/residents can listen to the meeting through Zoom online or by dialling 1-647-558-0588 and inputting the meeting ID: 883 5982 6756 when prompted or attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers at the Township's Administration Centre located at 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON. The Council meeting will also be live streamed on the Township's YouTube channel at: <https://www.springwater.ca/live>

To Participate and/or Make Comment

Interested stakeholders/residents that would like to comment/participate in the hybrid Council meeting virtually on Zoom will be required to pre-register with the Township prior to Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM, by emailing publicmeetings@springwater.ca or calling 705-728-4784 x 2019. Please also review the attached "Frequently Asked Questions, Protocol for Public Participation in Virtual Public Meetings" document.

Interested stakeholders/residents that would like to comment/participate in the hybrid Council meeting in person are asked to please pre-register with the Township prior to Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM, by emailing publicmeetings@springwater.ca or calling 705-728-4784 x 2019.

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

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

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

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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

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

Dated at the Township of Springwater on **May 8, 2025**.



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Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre

Jennifer Gray, Volunteer Writer, May 1, 2025

A cancer diagnosis is very scary. When we hear the dreaded words 'you have cancer', our worlds immediately change. No matter how mild or severe, it's life changing. There are few of us if any, who have not been touched by this disease. Nearly 1 in 2 average Canadians are diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime.

The entire experience with cancer is exhausting, alienating and emotionally draining. Initial feelings can be overwhelming and you may feel that things are suddenly out of your control. It affects every part of your life and those close to you.

Fortunately, cancer survival rates have significantly improved in recent years due to advancements in treatment, early detection and lifestyle changes. The overall cancer mortality rate has declined and more people are surviving longer.

Psychosocial oncology is a specialty in cancer care that emphasises the understanding and treatment of the social, psychological, emotional, spiritual, and functional aspects of cancer, from prevention through to bereavement. It's also proven to reduce emotional and psychological stress. It helps people complete their medical treatment and helps caregivers and family members avoid burnout. It is a whole-person approach to cancer care that addresses a range of human needs that can improve the quality of life for

those affected.

The Southern Georgian Bay region is fortunate to have the first rural cancer support centre in Ontario that provides psychosocial oncology. Located in Penetanguishene, with satellite service in Collingwood. The Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre (GBCSC) is a multi-purpose facility that offers services for adults and caregivers going through cancer treatment. GBCSC's qualified and caring staff provide programs and support to cancer patients and their caregivers. The programs are designed to educate, provide a sense of community and meet the overall needs for those living with cancer. The Centre provides a wide variety of activities and services including gentle exercise, cooking classes, knitting, art, music, wig fitting and discussion support groups.

Membership is free and open to those living with cancer as well as their families and caregivers. No medical referral is needed and joining is simple. To be eligible, a candidate must be involved in pre, current, or post-cancer treatment; or in remission and still followed by a treatment team or doctor; or a caregiver to someone involved in pre, current or post-treatment. Caregivers, include those directly involved as well as dependents and household members of the diagnosed individual. Candidates are required to complete an application to confirm



suitability.

The Centre is also very active in fundraising to generate critical donations through community and corporate initiatives. Their largest event 'Cycle for Hope' will once again be held this August. Direct donations are always welcome. For more information on how to contribute, email the GBCSC at info@gbcs.com.

If you or someone you know could benefit or would like to learn more about their services, please contact GBCSC's Member Service Co-ordinator at 705-549-6444 or fill out the application online on their website at: <https://gbcancersupportcentre.ca/become-a-member>.

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.

Website: www.tiny.ca/seniors - Phone: 705-526-4204 - Email: seniors@tiny.ca

Hey Dads!

May 5, 2025 - When we last parted ways, my patient wife and I were about to exit Costco with our three smallest kids, ages 1, 4, and 6. I had abandoned her there for an hour and a half while she and the young'uns enjoyed a leisurely stroll past sample distributors and 12-packs of socks. We were now waiting in the check-out line and I had to take a call from work (I need to work so we can continue to visit Costco). I was wandering around the food tables talking on the phone when I noticed my wife coming towards me with all of the kids but none of the groceries.

You'd think by now we would have increased her debit card's daily limit to more than \$1,000. But we have not. When you're buying for a family of 12 at Costco you can hardly get out of there without spending \$1,000. So, like an exciting field trip, we got to visit the fancy check-out corner behind the normal check-out counters where I could use my card to pay. Since I had missed lunch and spent the

last few minutes wandering around all the people carrying out hot dogs and pizza slices, I decided to get some pizza myself. And since we wanted to make our lives more difficult, we bought ice cream cones for the kids...and mom. I was smart enough to get Mabel, the four-year-old, a cup of ice cream instead of a cone. Being clever, I grabbed 80 or 90 napkins for when the ice cream cups and cones got in the van.

We were finally on our way out. The two children happily strolled along eating their cupped and coned ice cream. Baby Juniper happened to notice the ice cream cone my wife was eating right in front of her. And politely began to grab and reach for it. We don't always feed our one-year-old ice cream but when we do...we also grab 80 or 90 napkins.

We got outside into the beautiful spring weather which felt a lot like winter. Like many six-year-old boys, our son thought it would be a good idea to pass on wearing a warm coat today and just wear a zip-

up hoodie. He did his best to stay out of the wind, hidden behind the grocery cart while we walked to the van. On a positive note, his ice cream wasn't melting too fast in the snow flurries.

I had conveniently scheduled my day so I could do a video call with some clients while we drove home from Costco. We were perilously close to my meeting time when we arrived back at the van. I had to login and get ready for my call so I plopped down in the passenger seat ready to get this show on the road. I'm not sure how my patient wife got the cart unloaded into the van while juggling three kids and three ice creams and keeping them quiet while I did my call but she did! She's a trooper. Time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the drippy ice cream ones!

Jason Weening gets ice cream for his 10 kids and one patient wife on hot summer days. Read more stories in his new book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them" on Amazon.

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Bay Shore Seniors' Club
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 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
Elmvale Seniors Drop In
 Elmvale Library 10 am - 12 noon
 Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

Midland Jam
Monday, May 5
 Free Admission, Show 7:00, Doors 6:30

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

Seniors Springwater Golf Club
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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
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Coffee Party
 Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.
 Elmvale Presbyterian Church
 All Welcome, Cost: \$3

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

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

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

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 St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St
 Midland

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

FRIDAY
Bay Shore Seniors' Club
 VON Smart Exercise (FREE) 9:30 - 10:30 am
 Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm
 Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 pm
 Indoor Pickleball 10:30 - 12:00 pm/ 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Shuffleboard 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club
 Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
 Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am

3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm
 TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre
 Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm
 Drumming Alive, 9am-10am
 Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
 Chair Yoga, 9am-10am
 Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am
 Game Club, 10am-11am
 Tabata, 9am-10am
 Card Making, 1pm-3pm

SATURDAY
Elmvale Legion
 Saturday at 5 pm
 Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games
 3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00 a ticket (\$25.00 value)

SUNDAY
Bay Shore Seniors' Club
 Indoor Pickleball 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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

MONDAY to FRIDAY
S.M.A.R.T Exercise Program with V.O.N.
 Mon 9:30-10:30am
 1724 Mosley St - Hall 1A Recplex gym
 Wed & Fri 1:00 - 2:00 pm 44 River Road West
 Re/Max Room (Stars Arena)

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program
 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
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 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.

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 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

FREE EVENTS
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Special Events One Time

Discovery Harbour and Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Midland

Saturday, May 3 officially open for the 2025 summer season.

Community Open House

Tues., May 6, 2025, from 4:30- 6:30 PM

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Friday May 16, 2025 at 7 p.m.

Bring Your Voice, An Instrument and/or just join the audience. Wasaga Beach United Church, 380 Zoo Park Road, Wasaga Beach.

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Sat. May 17, 2025 from 11-1pm

Elmvale Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St. E
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MCC PRESENTS: The Sattalites

May 31 at 8:00pm

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

Lift Up Your Voices Concert

May 25, 2025 from 2-3 pm

St John's United Church, 27 Yonge St S, Elmvale
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Georgian Bay Festival

Sat. June 7, 2025 at 2 pm

Georgian Bay Park, 4230 Crossland Rd, Tiny
Eagles Tribute and Tragically Hip Tribute and more. Beer gardens, vendors, motorcycle and farmers showcase. Proceeds to food bank.

MCC PRESENTS: WOMEN OF THE 70's

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EVENTS

Compost available for purchase at County of Simcoe waste facilities from May 5 to 24

Midhurst/May 2, 2025 – County of Simcoe residents will once again have the opportunity to purchase compost at all County waste facilities from May 5 to 24, 2025 (excluding residents from the cities of Barrie and Orillia). For a full list of waste facility locations and hours, please click [here](#).

Compost is a soil amendment used in gardens to add nutrients, or as top dressing for lawns to help retain moisture and is produced in-house using leaf and yard waste material generated throughout the County of Simcoe. Learn more about how the County uses your leaf and yard waste to make compost.

Compost sales are self-service, and residents should bring their shovels to load bins, truck beds, or trailers. Cost is \$5 per carload or \$20 per truck or trailer load, while quantities last.

Mulch is also available free of charge while quantities last at County waste facilities. Mulch can be applied to soil surfaces, around trees, paths, flower beds, slopes and erosion prone areas, and as top dressing for flower and vegetable gardens. Mulch retains moisture, regulates soil temperatures, and suppresses weed growth.

About the County of Simcoe

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

Wyevale Community News

By Karen Moreau, May 4, 2025

Youth Group: May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Market that was to be held on May 17th at the Wyevale United Church has been postponed.

The Wyevale Jug City now have new owners. Paul, Lisa and family would like to thank the Community and surrounding area for your patronage for the past thirteen years. The new owners David & Danielle. They look forward to serving you and meet you as well. They have only been in the village for a few weeks and are already saying what a wonderful Community Wyevale is. Don't worry folks the ice cream will still be sold. Look forward to that in about two weeks time.

Wyevale Park is introducing Disc Golf: Equipment and tailored instruction are provided to all skill levels, making it a perfect way to try out disc golf your existing skills if you're already a seasoned player. In partnership with Sixty and Hyzer Disc Golf Club, passionate volunteer's are ready to guide you through this inclusive and enjoyable adventure.

Disc Golf for Family : Required Age 6+

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 A.M. May 11, June 8, and August 10.

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Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 P.M. May 11, June 8, and August 10.

North Simcoe Springwater News Found in Roatan

Mike And Cheryl Cleaver from
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McHappy Day is Back May 8

By RVH, May 5, 2025 - Barrie McDonald's restaurants are rallying the community to support Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's (RVH) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Ronald McDonald House Toronto this McHappy Day—Thursday, May 8.
 A portion of proceeds from every menu item sold on McHappy Day will go directly to RVH, helping to build a state-of-the-art NICU

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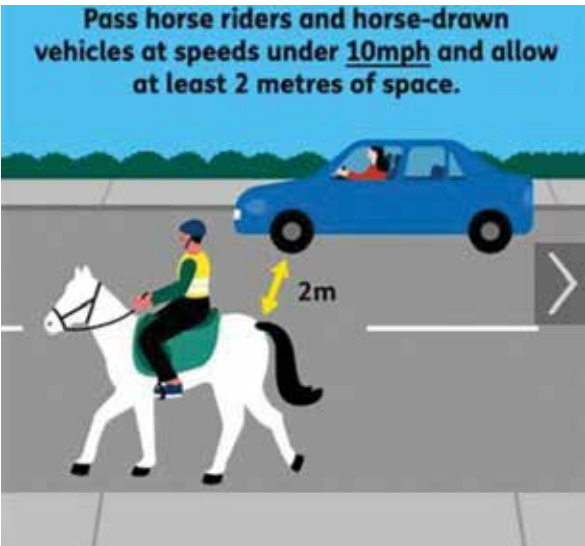
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- The Estate of Dorothy Welch - Guelph (May 11 - 15)
- 917 Truck + Trailer Inc. Retirement Closing Auction - St. George (May 18 - 22)
- May Blooms Multi Consignor Auction - Guelph (May 25 - 29)
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By SMDHU, May 5, 2025

SIMCOE MUSKOKA – Each year, Emergency Preparedness Week is observed across Canada during the first week of May (4 to 10, 2025). The recent ice storm that resulted in extended power outages and flooding throughout Simcoe Muskoka are reminders that emergencies can affect everyone and can have long lasting effects.

From emergencies such as severe storms, flooding, and power outages to localized incidents like a watermain break, emergencies can happen anytime. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit encourages you to be aware of the potential risks in your community and to take steps to prepare so you know what to do before, during and after any emergency.

Preparedness goes a long way to help people cope better during and after both minor emergencies or major disasters. It can also help you reduce the impact on your family and property. By being aware of potential hazards and following a few steps, you can become better prepared to face a variety of emergencies ranging from natural disasters to infrastructure crises such as an explosion.

Be Prepared – Before an Emergency

- Know the risks specific to your community and region to help you be ready for different types of emergency situations. You can find information on your local municipality's website to help you further understand the risks in your local area.
- Make a plan so that you and your family know what to do if an emergency occurs. This should include identifying a safe place for the members of your household to meet, emergency contact information for trusted neighbours and friends, and designating routes to evacuate your home and neighborhood.
- Prepare an emergency kit that includes an emergency food and water kit with some basic supplies that can get you by without power or tap water for a minimum of 72 hours. Your kit can include a flashlight, radio and extra batteries, a printed list of emergency and municipal numbers, bottled water, canned and packaged foods that won't spoil, and prescription medications. Your kit should be easy to carry and be easily accessible and don't forget to make a kit for your pets.

During and After an Emergency

- Depending on the type of emergency, your food/water supplies and immediate living space/environment may be negatively impacted, making them potentially unsafe. It is important to stay up to date on news/information and recommendations from local authorities and agencies.
- An emergency can have both short-term and long-term effects on individuals and their families, causing stress and trauma. Being aware of the available services in your community can help you during and after an emergency.

Additional information to help you and your family prepare for all types of emergencies, including a full list of items you should have in your emergency kit, is available at smdhu.org/BePrepared and getprepared.ca.

OBITUARIES



**MORGAN, Merle
Dianne**

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Merle Dianne (Aunt Deedi) Morgan on Sunday April 27th, 2025 at Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House with her dear friend Sandi Lesque and furry friend Nicky by her side. Daughter of the late Merle and Jack Morgan. Beloved sister to John Donald (Mary Jane). Predeceased by brothers Ian and Robert. Loving aunt to Sarah (Michael) and Priscilla (Ryan) and great aunt to Heather and Hailey. She will be dearly missed by her cousins, Rosalie Morgan (and family), Margaret Ruth Misener, Noreen Smethurst, Oleen Smethurst; by her friends, Susan Brenciaglia, Martha MacGray, and Barry Jones; and by her extended family. Deedi spent her working life in the childcare industry. Dianne was also a past president and board member of the Toronto Ostomy Association. Special thanks to Dr. Laura MacRae, Bayshore nurse Lisa, and all nursing staff who attended to Diannes's needs while she was at Bayfield House and Tomkins House.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Penetanguishene Funeral Home. Internment to take place at a later date at Parklawn Cemetery (2845 Bloor St. W. Etobicoke). Please check the Penetanguishene Funeral Home website for any updates.

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OBITUARIES



JONES, Margaret Donne

Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Thursday, April 24, 2025. Donne Jones of Elmvale in her 90th year. Sister of the late Rilla (Murray) Waples, Diane (Jim) Bewick, Patsy (Ron) Graham, and David (survived by Myrna) Jones. Lifelong best friend of the late Patricia Knowles. Donne will be dearly missed by her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

Donne worked at Co-Operators Insurance for many years, but enjoyed a long retirement that was almost as long as her career. She resided in Barrie for many years then moved to Elmvale to be closer to family. In Elmvale she was very active in the Presbyterian Church, in exercise classes, visiting with friends and connecting with family. She had a quiet strength and independence, was a thoughtful and patient caregiver to her siblings, and was always ready to have a fun time with those around her. We will miss the sparkle in her eye, smile on her face and quick wit.


A visitation will be held at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church from 12:30 pm – 2 pm on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. A memorial service will take place at 2 pm.

Donne loved colour and never wore black, so please wear something colourful on the day.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Elmvale Presbyterian Church.

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

OBITUARIES



ANDERSON, David Alexander

April 7 1948 – April 20 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of David Alexander Anderson at the age of 77 on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, in Barrie.

Beloved husband of 51 years to Cheryl (nee Campbell). Loving father to Valerie Randall (Colin) and Heather Anderson Smit (Hobbe). Cherished “Papa” to Jack, Veronica and Ryan Randall, and to Noelle and Davin Smit.

Survived by siblings Gary, Judy Butler and Kathy (Ray). Predeceased by siblings Bob, Janet and Bill. He will be missed by his family members and friends.

David was an industrious man who worked hard for over 40 years at Car Quest/McKerlie Millen in Barrie. A nature enthusiast and animal lover, he enjoyed time outdoors and quiet moments with loved ones or alone.

After a long, hard won recovery from West Nile Virus (2013) David succumbed to complications from lung cancer and COPD.

At David’s request there will be no funeral service.

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OBITUARIES

**JOHNSON, Peter**

Looking forward to hosting a special day with his family at home in Midhurst, Peter lay down for a rest on Easter Sunday, and passed away peacefully in his sleep.

Beloved husband of Sue for 53 years, loving father to Laurie (Neil) and Lynn (Todd), and proud Papa to Ella, Ben, Tom, and Kate. Peter also leaves behind his brother Roger (Leah) of Belleville, as well as Scott (Nancy), Craig (Ji-Yoon), Stacey (Andrew), and many, many dear friends too numerous to name. He was predeceased by his parents, Alexander and Constance Johnson, his sister Judith, and his parents-in-law David and Jean Greer, who, along with Sue's brothers Don and Rob, always had a home with Peter and Sue.

Peter enjoyed a long career as a telecommunications manager, primarily with Bell Canada, where he oversaw the country's long-distance phone networks and built lifelong friendships along the way. Peter was a car guy, a member of the Georgian Bay British Car Club, and always had at least one automotive project on the go in his shop, and another rebuilt MG or Austin Healey for him and Sue to drive around to visit friends.

To know Peter was to be his friend, and to be his friend meant having an endless source of advice, laughter, tools, opinions, ribbing, and whiskey. His garage was the central hub for so many, with a steady stream of friends always coming and going. Peter could fix anything, had the right tool for every job, and thrived on helping others — always with the added bonus of a good chat and visit. As one of his many dear friends put it: "He was more than a friend: he was the glue, the energy, the spirit of our circle."

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Peter's life will be held at the Barrie Country Club on Wednesday, May 14th, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., with tributes beginning at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Heart and Stroke foundation would be appreciated.

**NOBLE, Gladys Annie**

Gladys Annie Noble passed away peacefully on Friday, April 18, 2025, at the IOOF Seniors Home in Barrie, Ontario, at the age of 95 years old. Gladys was born on

October 4th, 1929 to the late David and Annie Aikins in Allandale, Ontario.

Gladys was a loving mother to her children; David Noble (Beverly), Bruce Noble (Janet), and Stan Noble Jr (predeceased) (Joanne). Gladys was a caring grandmother to; Jacquelyn and Jeffrey, Bryan and Steven (predeceased), and Kim and Greg.

Gladys will be sadly missed by her family, friends and by the staff of the IOOF Seniors Facility.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Adams Funeral Home (445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie, ON. L4M 6T5) on Sunday, May 4th from 1:00-4:00pm.

Donations can be donated to a charity of your choice.

**Captain John Meredith "Jack" Taylor**

August 10, 1932 – April 12, 2025

Passed away on April 12, 2025 at the Villa Care Centre, Midland, Ontario in his 93rd year. Beloved

husband of Lynne (nee Crippin). Dear father of Lynda Cracknell (Roger), Christopher Taylor (Linda) and Shelley Taylor (predeceased). Fondly remembered by eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and the Crippin family.

Cremation has taken place. A private graveside service will take place at a later date at St. James-on-the-lines Cemetery in Penetanguishene, Ontario.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Society in memory of Jack.

Memorial condolences may be made to
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Agriculture and Home Economic Scholarship

By Myrna Jones, April 28, 2025

The Stewart L. Page Scholarships in Agriculture and Home Economics, primary by people and organizations of North Simcoe, are offered annually in recognition of the guidance given by the development of agriculture and rural life by Stewart L. Page, Agriculture Representative for North Simcoe during the years 1925 to 1967.

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Applications are available from the School Guidance Departments and or by contacting Myrna Jones at myrna.jones48@gmail.com

BRETT, Sandra Joy (nee Deschamp)

Passed away peacefully at Georgian Bay General Hospital on Friday, April 18, 2025 at the age of 84 years. Beloved wife of the late Leon Dextor Brett. Loving mother of Lonnie (Nancy) and Greg (Grace). Cherished grandmother of Jacob, Jamie, Jada, Dustin and Lacey and great-grandmother of 8. Lovingly remembered by her extended family and friends. A Celebration of life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Memorial condolences may be shared at www.leclaircremationcentre.com

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Oakwood Community Centre
290 Park Street, Victoria Harbour
Tuesday 10 June 2025
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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Tay Township Seniors Advisory Committee Presents
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Tuesday, June 10th 2025—1pm to 2:30pm
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