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Should Canada Day Holiday be on a Weekend?

By Brian Belcourt, North Simcoe Springwater News, July 1, 2025

As this years Canada Day fell on a Tuesday, people have decisions to make on when to hold their Canada Day celebrations. Should I hold my celebrations on Canada Day as some people may have to work the day after or on the weekend when there is more time for people to prepare for their celebrations? When Canada Day falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, there is no long weekend for some people to celebrate unless they take time off work.

Under the federal holidays act, Canada Day is celebrated on July 1 of each year unless that day falls on a Sunday in which case July 2 is the statutory holiday. Canada Day formerly know as Dominion Day is a celebration of Canada independence which occurred on July 1, 1867. The name, "Canada Day" was officially adopted in 1982,

following the passage of the Canada Act, which repatriated the Canadian Constitution. Across the country most communities host organized celebrations, such as parades, music, barbecues and fireworks. In our nations capital of Ottawa free concerts and cultural displays are held on the front lawn of the Parliament hill to celebrate the anniversary of Canada's birthday.

If Canada day was held on a weekend to accommodate individuals' holiday schedules, would it have the same meaning? If you were to move your personal birthday from Thursday to Friday to be on a weekend, would it be the same importance as your biological birth date?

Canada Day serves as a reminder of the county's journey towards unity and independence, and it is an opportunity for Canadians to celebrate their national identity.



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Renea Truax, a passionate crossing guard in Elmvale, takes her job very serious with a wonderful witty humour. She cares so much for the children and caregivers that she gave the children a free ice cream to celebrate the start of summer break. They were very grateful for her kindness.

Cole Andersen displayed excellent manners as he thanked Renea Truax for the ice cream cone. His mother, Michelle, taught him well. Photo and story by Linda Belcourt, editor, June 27, 2025



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Annexation talks trigger mayor-councillor clash in Springwater

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: Barrie Today.com, Jun 19, 2025

SPRINGWATER — Springwater Township council meetings seem to be coming precariously close to being The Jerry Springer Show of municipal politics, with council members appearing to relish the opportunity to hurl vindictive, accusatory comments at will.

At its last meeting, two weeks ago, the township's clerk was accused of conspiring with the mayor to withhold information from the township's official meeting agenda.

Two meetings ago, on May 21, Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin and Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall seemed unprepared for the swarming they had received from township councillors following Nuttall's presentation of an early draft proposal of an agreement that would resolve Barrie's boundary expansion plans into Springwater.

The latest tete-a-tete was triggered by an eightsentence report from the township's agricultural advisory board on its view of annexation of Springwater land by the City of Barrie, or rather, council's representative on the board, which is Coun. Phil Fisher.

When the agricultural advisory board's report was presented to Springwater council for information, Fisher was the first to speak to it, since he sits on the board.

He shared the committee's objection to annexation, delivering its final decision as it was written in the report

"The agricultural advisory committee submits to council that the committee is firmly opposed to

the annexation of agricultural lands to the City of Barrie," he said, quoting from the report.

All would have been fine in the township had he stopped there.

But he didn't.

"It says here that the committee met with Mayor Coughlin to discuss the Barrie boundary proposal and if that's exactly what happened from the onset, I would have been happy," he said, setting up the knock-out blow. "But I was displeased.

"I was displeased, frankly, with you Mayor Coughlin. You led the conversation by asking the committee, landowners and farmers in this municipality, what they thought their taxation should be should this annexation happen," Fisher said.

He said he found the question leading and accused Coughlin of sidestepping the real issue — if the committee thought the boundary proposal should go through.

Fisher said he stewed over it for a week.

"It's been over a week since then and typically I cool down from a situation like that, but I think you acted with a level of contempt for the farmers and the agricultural...," he began to say before being cut off by Coughlin on a point of order.

"I will ask you to afford me the same level of respect that you offer to our staff and this chamber and the positions that we hold," she said sternly to Fisher.

"To suggest that I have a level of contempt for our agricultural committee is out of order," she added.

Unfazed and unapologetic, Fisher held his line.

"I said that I believed you acted with a level of contempt," he began.

"Again, Coun. Fisher, I'm going to ask you to uphold the code of conduct," Coughlin said.

Fisher ignored her charge again.

"I don't think I did anything wrong," he countered. "I believe you acted in that manner. I'll continue."

Fisher then accused her of sidestepping the question in order to hoodwink them.

"I believe you sidestepped the question in order to get them to go along with this and allow them to seemingly, seemingly, allow you to negotiate on their behalf when they were not giving you that right,"

"I don't believe you acted well in that meeting. I believe it was misleading," Fisher added.

Offended by the comment, Coughlin explained how she came to be a part of the committee meeting. She said she went through the township's clerk to the committee's chair to seek permission to have the Barrie's boundary expansion discussion added to the committee's agenda.

Coughlin said she knew the committee was opposed to Barrie's boundary expansion plans, but she needed their input in case it did happen.

"Should it happen, how do I best negotiate, how do we as a council ensure that there's an opportunity to put in writing, in the principles of the agreement and eventually, the contract, that there's something in there that ensures generational farmers can continue to farm?" she said. "How can we help do that?"

The mayor said she asked the committee members to bring examples they've found through previous boundary adjustments, amalgamations or annexations across Ontario of what they would consider best practices so they can be incorporated into any agreement that may be made in the future with the City of Barrie.

"That was the intent," she said. "There was no contempt and to suggest I had contempt or that I was being misleading, I was not.

"You suggesting that at this table will not be tolerated," Coughlin added.

"Mayor Coughlin, you can be offended by what I said if you like. I know what I saw and I don't mind reporting it back to council." Fisher countered. "You can paint yourself as being benevolent being there, but I know what I saw and I'm glad I was there to draw attention to it."

"It's not benevolence," she snapped. "It's actually my job and you are assigned to the committee, so both us were there doing our job."

Council voted in favour of receiving the report for information.

A Call Worth Heeding

Senator Cardozo Stands Up for Canadian News Media

By News Media Canada, June 28, 2025

Senator Andrew Cardozo has issued a timely and important appeal to the federal government: direct more advertising dollars to Canadian news outlets. His call, made as Canadian journalism continues to weather a storm of financial upheaval and layoffs, is not just commendable — it's crucial. Over the past decade, Canada has seen a sharp decline in local journalism. Entire communities have lost their local papers. Investigative teams have been gutted. Newsrooms have closed. At the same time, federal advertising spending has shifted increasingly toward foreign tech

giants like Meta and Google — platforms that now benefit from Canadian taxpayer dollars while actively undermining the very media ecosystem they rely on for content.

Senator Cardozo's suggestion is both simple and smart: reinvest public money into Canadian journalism by placing federal ads where they will support local and national news organizations. This would not only sustain jobs but also ensure Canadians continue to have access to trusted, independent reporting. Advertising is a lifeline for media. The federal government, which spends millions each year on public awareness campaigns, has the power to steer a portion of that funding back

into Canadian hands. Doing so would be an act of patriotism — and of pragmatism. This is not a partisan issue. It's about defending democracy. A well-informed public relies on healthy news media. When our newsrooms falter, misinformation thrives. When we lose local coverage, we lose oversight of municipal governments, school boards, and regional issues that shape our daily lives. Senator Cardozo's voice is one of reason and foresight in a media landscape that often feels on the brink. Ottawa should listen — and act. If Canadian news matters, it's time for Canadian dollars to support it. Let's keep our stories, our scrutiny, and our sovereignty alive.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

By Linda Belcourt

By Linda Belcourt, Editor, June 29, 2025

The final bell rings, echoing down quiet hallways and signaling what every student has been waiting for—school's out. It's more than a seasonal break; it's a rite of passage, a collective exhale after months of homework, tests, and early morning alarms.

For students, summer represents freedom and possibility. It's a time when routines unravel and days stretch longer, offering room for discovery, downtime, and sometimes sheer boredom—the kind that leads to creative adventures or unexpected new skills. Whether it's neighborhood bike rides, sleepaway camps, part-time jobs, or family road trips, summer has a way of writing its own curriculum.

What does summer mean to you? Sun-drenched relaxation or a chance to tackle new goals?

Hillsdale Gets Prepared

By Catherine Manson, June 17, 2025

Were you prepared for the March 2025 Ice Storm? Did you have an Emergency Kit? What was missing from your Emergency Preparedness Kit? Are you now prepared for the next Emergency? How would you respond to a Wildfire in our community?

The Hillsdale Community Recreation Association was pleased to receive a Community Grant from the FireSmart Canada Wildfire Preparedness Day project. On Saturday June 14, the Hillsdale CRA hosted a Community BBQ and Information Fair. The goal of the Fire Smart Neighbourhood Recognition Program is designed to "empower residents to make our neighbourhoods resilient to wildland fire."

To achieve this purpose our BBQ provided information for our community responsibility towards wildfire prevention within Hillsdale, Springwater and Simcoe Forests and how to prepare our homes and property to prevent wildfires. Our second message was to educate new and current residents to respond appropriately in case of a fire or other emergency. Our third goal was to bring neighbours together to work effectively, ask questions and Have Fun! Scavenger Hunt provided one of the fun elements to meet a Firefighter, write a thank you note to a first responder, meet a Simcoe Forester, play games, hear a story, eat a burger, support our local Elmvale EuroHockey 2026 2027 team with battery collections. We also thank our local Co-operatives Insurance office for providing information concerning property insurance.

FireSmart Canada is also offering a Photo Contest (#WildfirePrepDay) for the period of May 3 to October 31, 2025, to show how you are preparing your property. More detailed information on the FireSmart Canada webpage.

We thank Springwater Firefighters and Pumper 41 and their donation of a 72 Hour Emergency Backpack. Our winner was Ray N of Hillsdale. The winners of our Scavenger Hunt Kool 107.5

Shower Radios were sisters Lena and Trinity. A big thank you to Murry Truax and his team from the Elmvale District Lion's Club for our BBQ.

For further information follow us on Facebook – Hillsdale Community Group.

Co-Chair, Catherine Manson, Hillsdale Community Recreation Association.













Midland Town Council announces exciting development opportunity at Midland Bay Landing

(June 27, 2025, Midland, ON) - The Town of Midland is thrilled to officially announce the release of a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for the transformative development of the Midland Bay Landing site. This exceptional opportunity covers a 40-acre deepwater waterfront parcel located along Georgian Bay, right next to the revitalized downtown area of Midland.

"We're hoping to see a fresh, innovative approach to planning this site—one that guarantees public access along the entire waterfront and includes outdoor park or recreation space," said Mayor Bill Gordon. "At the same time, we want to give developers the freedom to explore a wide range of design ideas, that will differ from past submissions. The Town will continue to engage the community throughout the project. Our open, start-to-finish approach ensures everyone has visibility, can participate meaningfully, and together we'll make the best choice."

"We are looking for a development partner who shares our vision for a revitalized, inclusive, and vibrant waterfront community," said Chief Administrative Officer Rhonda Bunn. "The Town has invested more than \$14 million in infrastructure upgrades along King Street, connecting Midland Harbour to our lively downtown core. These improvements have created a strong foundation for the future success of the Midland Bay Landing redevelopment."

The RFEI outlines the Town's vision for transforming the Midland Bay Landing site from its former industrial use to a mixed-use, pedestrianoriented neighborhood. This includes accessible public areas, waterfront access, commercial spaces, and residential units.

The project aims to embody the charm of

Midland while embracing modern development strategies that prioritize sustainability and community engagement. The Midland Bay Landing redevelopment is expected to significantly enhance the local economy, tourism industry, and quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

For further information about the RFEI process and project details, please visit the Midland Bay Landing project page at midland.ca/MBL.

Information for developers:

Optional Site Visit: July 2, 2025

Submission Deadline: August 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Interested developers are encouraged to respond to this exciting opportunity and share their innovative concepts through the RFEI process. The Town's objective is to shortlist up to five qualified proposals by the end of Q3 2025, followed by the development of detailed design visions.

County nearly complete collection of record brush amounts following ice storm

By County of Simcoe

Midhurst/June 20, 2025 - Since the severe ice storm at the end of March, the County of Simcoe has been working diligently to manage and clean up storm-related debris. Here's a summary of the efforts and progress made:

Brush totals

- Total material received: Over 20,000 tonnes (context - annual average brush tonnage in regular years amounts to 4,400 tonnes.)
- Over the past three months, the intake is more than four times the typical annual amount.
- More than 24 different crews were procured to support cleanup across Simcoe County Response measures

The County's Solid Waste Management

Department implemented several key strategies in the aftermath of the storm to assist residents. Firstly, the County began accepting storm-related brush free of charge at all County waste facilities, while also establishing temporary brush drop-off sites in the hardest hit regions as well as extending operating hours. Secondly, the County relaxed rules for curbside collection allowing residents to leave brush of all sizes and unbundled.

In May, the County launched a brush pickup request system where residents could submit requests via an online portal, phone or email. Over 1,200 service requests were received from all corners of the County through these channels.

Update on timing and next steps

Chipper crews collecting larger brush

items and curbside residential collection crews have visited as many locations as possible, including those that made requests, and have completed their service.

- Residents can still drop off storm-related brush debris at waste facilities for free until the end of June; after which regular fees will be reintroduced for residential drop off.
- Regular leaf and yard waste collection will resume on the week of July 6. It's important to note that proper bundling is required. For more details, download the Simcoe County Collects app or please visit our website.

Thank you to all residents for their understanding and patience as we sorted through the impacts of the ice storm.



Sale of Land by Public Tender

The Corporation of the Town of Midland

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 10, 2025, at the Town of Midland Municipal Office, 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland Ontario

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This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www. OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.midland.ca or vou may contact Jennifer Gaerttner. Tax and Revenue Clerk. The Corporation of the Town of Midland, 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland, ON L4R 1R2, Telephone 705-526-4275, Ext., 2226. Email: taxsale@midland.ca

Township mayors divided on value of reducing county council's size

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: Barrie Today.com, Jun 20, 2025

When it comes to reducing the size of Simcoe County council, not everyone agrees.

Springwater Township prefers a smaller council, while Essa Township is fine with the status quo.

One of the reasons Springwater is for a smaller council is cost.

According to Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, who is also deputy warden on county council, when county council meets it costs county taxpayers a bundle.

"When you do the math and the per diem, every time county council sits it's over \$10,000," she said when the topic of changing the composition of county council came up at the township's council meeting Wednesday. "I do feel that we can provide the same effective and efficient representation to our residents with half the amount.

"This is something that I have heard from our residents that they are in support of and I'm looking forward to this council being in full support of this," Coughlin added.

The folks in Essa Township had a different view. Essa council voted unanimously to oppose the reduction of county council composition for a number of reasons, according to Essa Mayor Sandie Macdonald.

Chief among Essa council's concerns was the impact a minority of municipalities could have on decision making

According to Macdonald, if county council is reduced to 17 members, the weighted vote could possibly allow six municipalities the power for all decisions to go their way.

Under the weighted voting system, each municipality's vote is adjusted based on its population. This means a larger municipality will have more voting power than a smaller one within the council. The weighted vote system is triggered upon a recorded vote and is applied to the total number of votes allocated to each municipality based on its number of electors.

Macdonald also noted that reducing the size of county council would result in fewer voices being heard, less cumulative knowledge at the county council table and an increase in councillor workload.

"Keeping county council at 32 members allows for more diversity of opinion and a healthy representation," she said. "We also have 32 members that are put out on different committees.

"Those same amount of committees would be drawn from 16 members," Macdonald added.

She said Essa maintained the status quo on this issue because council had many unanswered questions.

"To make an educated decision you need all of the facts, which were not provided before this vote," she

Lower-tier municipalities must deliver their decision to the county by June 30.

At its April 22 meeting, county council passed a bylaw to change the composition of council from

32 members, including mayors and deputy mayors of each of the county's 16 lower-tier municipalities, to 17 members, comprised of mayors only of the 16 lower-tier municipalities and a head of council.

Currently, the warden is appointed from among members of county council and serves both on county council and their lower-tier council.

The bylaw will establish a head of council who serves exclusively on county council for a four-year term. The position will be appointed by county council from among eligible electors who put their name forward.

The bylaw also includes required updates to the existing weighted vote system, which allocates the existing number of votes for each municipality to the one representative.

By passing the bylaw, county council fulfilled the first step in the "triple-majority" process that is outlined in the Municipal Act, 2001.

However, the bylaw to change the composition of an upper-tier council is not valid until it achieves triple majority:

- a majority of votes on county council in favour
- a majority of lower-tier councils passing resolutions consenting to the bylaw
- lower-tier councils consenting to the bylaw represent a majority of all electors in the uppertier municipality.

At Springwater's council meeting, Deputy Mayor George Cabral wondered if the township had received any comments from residents.

According to the township's clerk, Jennifer Marshall, none were received. She suggested the lack of correspondence may have been due to residents providing comments directly to the county when it hosted a public meeting on the proposed change.

Evans cleared on three 'egregious' harassment integrity complaints

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, un 27, 2025

Within the communications section of the recent Tiny Township council meeting were two dispositions for three code of conduct complaints against Mayor Dave Evans

All three accusations were deemed by the integrity commissioner to not breach the municipal code of conduct, and Evans had words to say during the meeting.

"I'm not a social media person as you might know," said Evans. "(There) have been a topic of a lot of – as usual – misinformation, slander; a lot of really, really malicious and really bad comments about conduct, in terms of my behaviour and what happened in those incidents."

The three accusations against Evans occurred over council meetings in November and February, which the integrity commissioner Principles Integrity tied to opponents of the Stop the Build campaign regarding construction of the Tiny Township administration centre that's scheduled for completion in 2027.

"The statements themselves go to exonerate me of any wrongdoing," said Evans, "any malicious... or anything that is going on in terms of what's going on in social media that I hear from other people."

Evans' stated his comments weren't only for himself, but also for public awareness as "just as another example of the abuse and the lack of respect, and the reasons that we came up with the citizens code of conduct. And not just for us who put ourselves out there... But staff, too. That's why I felt it was incumbent for me to bring this forward. Not for any personal reason, but to make this aware – that this is going on, and it's constantly going on in our community."

Tiny council adopted a citizen code of conduct earlier this month, with Evans and other council and staff members telling MidlandToday how they had been the subject of harassment including cyberbullying by a handful of the township's 13,000 residents.

Evans added: "This is by no means all the complaints that I have, and none have ever been proven in the wrong, but these are the three of the two of the most egregious that I've been made aware of."

During the comments section, Coun. Kelly Helowka

also shared similarities for Evans' statement.

"In congruence with what you're saying, I, too, have had two complaints filed that have both been unfounded," said Helowka. "And it's just starting to become very cumbersome, not only on my family and your family, Your Worship, but all members of council (and) their families.

"And not to mention the cost to the taxpayer when all of these frivolous complaints are put forward."

Within the disposition summaries, Evans was

cleared by the integrity commissioner on accusations of municipal code of conduct for intimidation, bullying, and township workplace violence and harassment policies.

The three summary of disposition for code of conduct complaints from Principles Integrity can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

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

2025 Bursary Winners

The Flos Agricultural Society, organizer of the Elmvale Fall Fair, is thrilled to announce the winners of two \$250 bursaries: Mitchell Hales & Luke Jones. These were presented at their respective Graduation ceremonies

Criteria for the application was as follows: The applicants must be continuing their education and have demonstrated volunteerism relating to the Flos Agricultural Society, aka Elmvale Fall Fair. They were required to complete a short questionnaire, related to their contribution to the Society,

The application was then reviewed by the Bursary Committee, prior to selecting the winning recipients. Their involvement with the Elmvale Fair has been an important part of our success and we value their input. These Youth continue to make our Community a better place. They will be our future!

We wish them much success in their future education, and hope that some of the community skills that were developed, while volunteering, will serve them well.







Senior of the Year Award

By Jennifer Gray, Volunteer Writer, July 3, 2025

In keeping with their World Health Organization designation as an Age Friendly Community, the Township of Tiny is committed to empowering the lives of their senior adults.

On June 12th, the Township held their 8th annual Senior Symposium at the Township of Tiny Community Centre. This popular, free event originated in 2017 in response to recommendations from Tiny's Senior Advisory Committee and Local Aging Plan. One of the key findings and subsequent commitments made was to share timely information to seniors on relevant programs and services.

As part of the day's events at the Symposium, the Township presented the Senior of the Year Award, also known as the "Heart of Tiny award" to a deserving community member. The purpose of the award is to recognize an outstanding senior who during or after the age of 65 contributed to the enrichment of the social, cultural or civic life of the Township of Tiny. Seniors who qualify must have contributed in at least one of the following fields: arts, literature, community service, sports and recreation, volunteering, education, environment, fitness and/or humanitarian activities.

This year, the award was presented to local resident Mona Desroches. Mona has long been a tireless and generous volunteer in the community, continuing her service even more actively following her retirement from registered nursing in 2018. She is actively involved with Hospice Huronia, where she generously provides delicious baking every week. She is particularly known for her pies (notably coconut cream) and elaborate cakes. Mona is also a choir master at St. Patrick's Church in Perkinsfield where she provides music and leads the francophone choir. In addition, she is a volunteer gardener for Tiny, keeping the École primaire Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens garden plot flourishing. She is also a bingo volunteer for Hospice Huronia and École secondaire Le Caron. Every July, you can find Mona at Tiny's Community Barbecue under the food tent handing out burgers and hot dogs.

Caring and local community involvement came early to Mona. Born and raised in the village of Perkinsfield in a family of seven children, she attended the local elementary and secondary francophone schools. Upon graduation in 1980 she applied and was accepted into Barrie's Georgian College registered nursing program. Most of her career was spent at Penetanguishene General Hospital as a labour and delivery nurse. After the closure of the hospital Mona moved to Huronia District Hospital, now known as Georgian Bay General Hospital. Her final move was to hospice care at Hospice Simcoe from where she retired. Despite a demanding career, Mona managed to raise three beautiful children and support her husband on their family farm. During those years, she was an active member of the Parents Councils and Parents School Associations. Mona rarely missed a school concert, music competition or annual Christmas turkey dinner.

When she retired, Mona realized that her passion lay in end-of-life care. She thus continued as a volunteer to devote her time and energy to supporting hospice healthcare. In addition, she offers personal respite care to family friends and caregivers.

When not giving back to the community, Mona spends time with her family including her eight beautiful grandchildren. She enjoys watching them at a ball game, gymnastics competition, or playing with them at the beach. The Township of Tiny is proud to give the Senior of the Year award to someone as giving and tireless as Mona Desroches.

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

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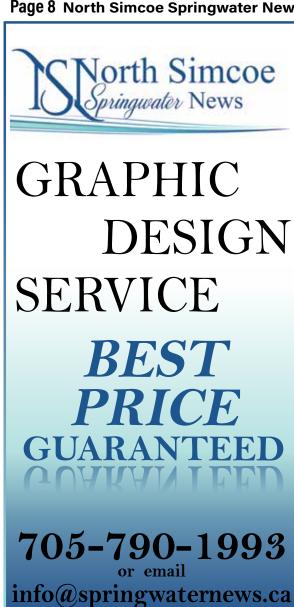
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Fun with Food

Thursday, July 17, 2:00-3:00

Create a person or animal with vegetables. Free. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 10- June 17: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 17: registration open to everyone.

Pickleball at McGuire Park

Tuesday, July 22, 10:00-11:00.

Join us at McGuire Park to play pickleball. Free. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 6 participants is required to run a program. June 16- June 21: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 23: registration open to everyone.

Lawn Games

Tuesday August 5, 2:00-3:00

Kids will play a variety of lawn games at the library. Free. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 16- June 21: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 23: registration open to everyone.

Go Karting and Mini Putt

Friday August 8, 10:30-12, Cost \$5.00

Fee includes 5 laps and 18-hole miniature golf. Fee does not include drinks or snacks. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 16- June 21: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 23: registration open to everyone.

Make a Glue Suncatcher

Monday August 11, 11:00

Make a suncatcher with glue, watercolours/ food colouring, and beads. Free. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 16- June 21: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 23: registration open to everyone.

Backpack Charms

Tuesday August 19, 2:00

Create a groovy charm for your backpack. Cost: \$2.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 16- June 21: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 23: registration open to everyone.

Make a Firefly Lantern

Wednesday August 27, 11:00

Make and decorate a lantern. Cost: \$2.00. Ages: 4-14. Registration is in person only. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program. June 16- June 21: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After June 23: registration open to everyone.



Summer Reading Program Registration

This program is perfect for children ages 3-13. This summer we will be travelling around the world to bring you the best programs in Springwater! You can register online on the Read Squared app to log your reading and win prizes. In branch program registration is NOW OPEN (see details below) and includes making jewelry, design your own hat, obstacle courses and much more! Go to our website and register today!

Stories in the Park

Families are invited to join us this summer outside for stories, snacks and fun in the park! We will be travelling to Homer Barrett Park Mondays 10:30am as well as different parks within Springwater so be sure to check our list below and register for one near you! Cost FREE. Ages 6 and under and their caregiver(s). Thursdays 10:30am on: July 10 at Glenhuron Park, July 17 at Anten Mills Park, July 24 at Hillsdale Community Park, July 31 at O'Neill Park, August 7 at Stone Manor Park, August 14 at Grenfell Park, August 21 at Minesing Park. Registration required.

Chalk the Block

It's time for our annual Chalk the Block week in front of the library branch locations! We've been super impressed with all the hearts, stars, flowers, happy faces and animals you've drawn on the sidewalks outside our front doors and invite you back for another year of helping us create a cheerful entrance into the buildings. Chalk will be available during our branch open hours. Monday June 30 - Saturday July 5 (all branches are closed Tuesday July 1 for Canada Day). This is an unsupervised drop-in outdoor activity and parental supervision is required.

Canada Day Closure

Please note, all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Tuesday July 1 in observance of Canada Day. We will reopen to regular branch hours on Wednesday July 2.

Make your own Canada Day hat

Draw your own Canada-themed logo or design one using Canva. Print your design onto a baseball cap that you can take home and wear throughout the summer! Cost \$5 per participant. Registration required.

Tuesday July 8 at Elmvale Branch: Ages 7+ at 10:30am or 3:30pm. Ages 3+ at 12pm or 5pm.

Thursday July 10 at Midhurst Branch: Ages 7+ at 10:30am or 3:30pm. Ages 3+ at 12pm or 5pm.

Visit Peru: Incan Jewelry and Cardboard Llama Ages 3+ can come and travel back in time to the ancient Incan empire and make some salt dough Incan jewelry. Then, visit modern-day Peru, and make your own Peruvian Llama. Cost: FREE. Registration required. Tuesday July 15 at Elmvale Branch: 10:30am or 12pm or 3:30pm or 5pm.

Thursday July 17 at Midhurst Branch: 10:30am or 5pm.

African-Style Jewelry

Ages 7+ can come with us to Africa to make beautiful African-style jewelry. Weave colourful fabric bracelets and learn to create paper beads to use for unique jewelry. Cost: FREE. Registration required. Tuesday July 22 at Elmvale Branch: 10:30am or 12pm or 3:30pm or 5pm.

Thursday July 24 at Midhurst Branch: 10:30am or 5pm.

Kathy's Retirement

Please join us to celebrate Kathy's retirement on Wednesday July 23, 5pm-7pm at the Midhurst Branch. We will have live music and refreshments for all! Be sure to mark your calendar and drop by to wish Kathy well.



By Christine March, Master Gardener, March 25,

While you are tucked into your bed, dreaming the night away, the night shift is working its magic in your garden. Who are these magicians? They are the pollinators and beneficial creatures who get to work when the lights go down.

We are all familiar with the various pollinators that visit our gardens during the day, but many of us are unaware of the pollinators and creatures that do their work in the dark.

Not all nighttime pollinators are as pretty and photogenic as the daytime crew. Let's be honest; moths, beetles and bats can't hold a candle to butterflies, hummingbirds, and dragonflies, but their contributions are no less valuable. Like their diurnal (daytime) colleagues, these nocturnal creatures also need our support to ensure their survival.

Consider the humble and, dare I say, under appreciated moth. Ontario boasts over 3300 species of moths, many of which are important pollinators. During their nighttime nectar-foraging missions, moths collect pollen on their hairy underbellies which is then disbursed throughout the garden.

Do you consider beetles a friend or a foe in your garden? How about fireflies? Fun Fact: fireflies (Lampyridae) are members of the beetle family. Ontario boasts the largest population of fireflies in Canada with most found here in Southern Ontario. Fireflies are important nighttime visitors

to our gardens. Their enchanting bioluminescence is a mating tactic used primarily by males to attract willing females. The larvae (aka "glow worms") are ferocious predators that eat slugs, snails and earthworms. While fireflies bedazzle us with their evening light show, their cousins, the soldier beetles, are quietly feasting on aphids and pollinating flowers.

When I say the word "BAT" you might immediately think of Dracula and horror movies, but I hope you will also take a moment to appreciate how important these harmless creatures are to our natural world. These apex predators help control harmful insect populations which can devastate gardens and agricultural crops. Sadly, four of the eight bat species native to Ontario are endangered. Bat populations have been decimated by habitat loss and the fungal disease White Nose Syndrome.

All pollinators are essential to human survival and most are under threat. So what can we, as home gardeners, do?

Canadian author Lorraine Johnson has written several books on ecological gardening and is a vocal advocate for all pollinators. In her writings, Lorraine highlights several actions we can take to protect beneficial insect and animal populations, one of which is to reduce ALAN.

If you're not familiar with ALAN, you're not alone. ALAN is an acronym that stands for Artificial Light At Night. These light sources can confuse insects and animals, disrupt their mating and foraging instincts,

and ultimately reduce their populations. If you have exterior lights on a fixed timer, consider switching to a motion-activated system.

Another step we can take is to plant more nightblooming plants. Night bloomers use a couple of tricks to attract pollinators. The first is fragrance which draws pollinators to their sweet nectar. The second is their light colouring which reflects moonlight and makes the flowers easier to find. Two to consider are the common Evening Primrose (oenothera biennis) and the appropriately named Moonflower (Ipomea alba).

A third idea is to install bat houses. Bats only produce one pup (baby) per year. Backyard bat houses can help support species' survival by compensating for habitat loss. The Canadian Wildlife Federation website offers many helpful tips to help you with your DIY bat house project.

CONSIDER THIS:

We can help these beneficial creatures by planting pollinator-friendly night-blooming plants, reducing artificial lighting, or installing a bat house. And we can rest easy knowing we are doing our best to help support the magic of the night garden.

This series of gardening articles is brought to you by the Simcoe County Master Gardeners, members of the Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information visit www.simcoecountymg.ca

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Ontario Permitting Alcoholic Beverages on Pedal Pubs

By Ministry of the Attorney General June 27, 2025

TORONTO —The Ontario government is supporting small businesses and encouraging local tourism by allowing alcohol to be served and consumed on large quadricycles, commonly known as pedal pubs. As of July 1, this change would apply to pedal pubs which currently operate in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Toronto, Ottawa and Windsor, with space for 12 or more people travelling between restaurants and bars. This change will also provide more opportunities for customers to explore products created by local Ontario breweries, wineries, cideries and other producers. In the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty, the government is continuing to pursue opportunities to help grow Ontario's \$32 billion provincial tourism industry, which supports 325,000 jobs across the province.

"Pedal pubs offer a fun and memorable way to explore Ontario's communities, and we're making sure that experience is responsible," said Attorney General Doug Downey. "Beginning this summer, Ontario is supporting a unique opportunity that will not only stimulate tourism and bring communities together, but also protect local jobs, our economy and small businesses across the province."

Pedal pubs are allowed to operate in a community only once the local municipality passes a by-law to permit their operations. In addition to existing provincial requirements, municipalities may set specific local rules governing the operation of pedal pubs on their roadways, such as designated riding routes and hours of operation to support community safety and ensure pedal pubs do not cause disruption or contribute to traffic issues.

A licence from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) will be required to sell and serve alcohol on pedal pubs. The province works alongside the AGCO to maintain existing rigorous standards for licensing, regulation and social responsibility.

This change will be enabled by an amendment to a regulation under the Liquor Licence and Control Act. This initiative builds on Ontario's work to modernize the alcohol marketplace responsibly and safely.



Let's light these lights

in Tribute Celebration

By Linda Belcourt and Tanya King, June 29, 2025 On June 21, 2025, residents of Elmvale and surrounding areas gathered to celebrate a milestone event that combined community spirit, remembrance, and a love for the game of baseball. The evening marked the official lighting of brandnew field lights at the local ball diamond — a longheld dream made reality through the combined efforts of individuals, families, businesses, and service groups.

According to event organizers, the project was made possible through extensive fundraising and community support. A highlight of the evening was a tribute led by Tom McGinnis, who

Community Lights Up Elmvale Ball Diamond As part of the ceremony, the team took a moment to honour several families and individuals who had made significant contributions to the community and to the sport. Donations made in their memory helped fund the new lighting, providing a lasting legacy in their names.

> Among those remembered were George Conn, Paul Craddock, Doc and Nancy Moreau, Jackie Ritchie, John Heacock, Paul Kenney, Mary-Rose Swan, Gary, Lou, and Den Turner, as well as Harold, Doug, and Jim Townes. Family representatives were invited to participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a symbolic first pitch — tossing baseballs toward home plate in tribute to their loved ones.

Attendees noted that the event underscored introduced the 1977 Elmvale Men's Fastball Team. the values that define Elmvale: generosity,

sportsmanship, and a deep-rooted sense of community. One speaker remarked that the town was "full of people who always show up" whether for sports, fundraisers, or neighbours in need — and described growing up in Elmvale as having "won the geographical lottery."

The evening also included a quiet moment of remembrance for a major project supporter who had recently passed away. Though the individual reportedly avoided public recognition, their efforts were essential to the project's success, and their memory was honoured during the ceremony.

The spotlight then shifted to Marlene Tinney, a longtime figure in Elmvale's baseball community. Tinney, a member of the 1954/55 team inducted into the Springwater Sports Hall of Fame in 2018, was invited to flip the switch and officially light the field. Organizers called her involvement "fitting," citing her enduring love for the game and commitment to the town.

Marlene announced, "Let's light these lights!"

With the lights now shining, children and adults alike were invited to run the bases and enjoy the newly illuminated field. The evening continued with a lighthearted three-pitch, two-inning exhibition game, featuring players from local leagues including the Elmvale Angels, the Elmvale Sports and Mets, and the Spitfires. Participants represented a wide range of community groups such as Minor Ball, Minor Hockey, the Curling Club, Flos Agricultural Society, and the Maple Syrup Festival — as well as local schools and emergency services.

A special thank you was extended to Christine and Larry for preparing refreshments, and to SWOOP Fibre for their generous food and drink sponsorship. The newly formed ball committee, made up of Andrew Priest, Jeff Lees, Tanya King, Dan Tinney, Carey Corum, Larry Fallon, Denise Ritchie-McLean, Matt Garwood, Doug Tinney, and Mike Townes, was praised for their leadership and dedication to the project.

As the evening wrapped up, organizers encouraged everyone to enjoy the festivities and, of course, the game — played under the glow of lights that symbolize far more than a sporting upgrade: a tribute to legacy, community, and shared love of the game.



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The combined annual tonnage with Licence #3554 not exceeding 400,000 tonnes

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Digital copies of the site plans and reports are available upon request. Please e-mail Geological Investigations at geologicalinvestigations@sympatico.ca or call 705-835-5636

Applicant Contact Information:

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Local baseball legends

Right to Left: Lou Belcourt, Tim McGinnis, Chuck Jordon, Brian Handy, Mike Townes, and Bummer (Doug) McMann.



Mayor, residents note positive shift in Midland's downtown atmosphere

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Jun 19, 2025 It's noticeable. Tourists roam and residents laugh. Panhandling and vagrancy are nearly invisible.

For years in recent memory, the once-vibrant downtown core of Midland has felt the pressures of being a hub for many societal maladies. It has been a destination for released Central North Correctional Centre prisoners, former Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care inpatients and is the home of one of Simcoe County's housing shelters.

What was once a sparse number of unknown faces asking strangers for spare change a decade ago inflated into a constant source for concern with frequent calls to the police by increasingly frustrated residents.

And yet, since the winter transitioned into the warmth of spring, nearly no such exhibitions have flared up.

At Olive Oil Co. on King Street near Dominion Avenue, Barb MacBride told MidlandToday that having only taken ownership of the global oils and balsamics business from her friend Denise Tucker since October, she hadn't been witness to the maelstrom of years prior; however, she was warned in advance.

Olive Oil is located next to the former Crows Nest building at the intersection, and immediately adjacent to an alcove which was once the entrance to the Dynasty restaurant.

For the past few years, that tucked alcove became the frequent location for riff-raff to loiter, often seen damaging the exterior while verbally harassing residents and tourists; MacBride said no damage had breached into Olive Oil.

"Quite often, we would come in and try to clean it (the alcove) up safely because of needles and other paraphernalia that would be left behind, and it was quite an eyesore, she says, adding that frequent calls were made to the OPP whenever escalations occurred, sometimes daily.

"It would sometimes spark into arguments, or just selling drugs or smoking drugs or whatever the case was," says MacBride, "but enough so that our shoppers would be unnerved and come in and be uncomfortable."

MacBride states, however, that in "the past couple of weeks, two to three weeks at least, we have not made a call to the OPP", and said that the downtown felt safer. She wasn't sure of the cause.

It was a sentiment shared by Mayor Bill Gordon during the recent town council meeting, where a report on the Downtown BIA sparked a series of comments in which he admitted surprise that five unrelated residents over the past week had approached him "to tell me that the downtown feels different; that it feels cleaner, it feels safer." He added resident praise for town parks as well.

Speaking to MidlandToday, Gordon says it felt like a resonance of factors: police patrols, "some changes in management, new initiatives from the county, council direction, ...the Hope, Housing and Health

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Barb MacBride, owner of Olive Oil Co. on King Street in downtown Midland, said that a decrease in transiency at an adjacent alcove was noticeable and conditions have improved for businesses and her customers.

Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

symposiums.

"I'm hoping it's the culmination of all these efforts over the past couple of years that are having a difference, but I guess time will tell over this summer," says Gordon.

He stressed that neither the Guesthouse shelter, located adjacent to the Midland Public Library at the corner of King Street and Elizabeth Avenue, nor its guests were the cause of all the downtown problems.

It was a shared sentiment, echoed both by library CEO Trish Hayes, who wrote to Midland Today that the library "works to provide a safe and engaging space for everyone, and upholds a commitment to inclusivity, ensuring all users are welcome at the library without consideration of socioeconomic status", and by Guesthouse CEO Rosemary Sykes.

Says Sykes: "The problems that the members of the BIA and community-at-large are concerned with are not shelter problems. The shelter is working very hard on a daily 24-hour day basis with well-trained staff to make sure our guests are cared for in the way that they're meant to be, where we also make sure our guests understand that they are citizens of this community. And as such, they have a responsibility for their behaviour both in the shelter and outside the shelter."

Sykes lists engagement roles which positively benefit the community, including patrols for clean-up and maintenance within the downtown core, docks, and parks by guests under guidance of Guesthouse staff.

Additionally, Sykes states that a smoking area located behind the Guesthouse "also became an attraction to those that were trying to deal drugs from the area of the shelter. We removed it, and so a lot of drug dealers have left; I can definitely say that has happened in the past two months or so."

The decrease in negligent activity was also verified by Corps Officer Lt. Aimee Thomas of the Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda, an outreach and family services worker who contacted MidlandToday regarding the strengthened connections between community agencies and area partners.

"We believe that there is a decrease in activity throughout the downtown core," writes Thomas, "as the Salvation Army has been present in the community to encourage those struggling with homelessness to choose alternative activities within our community, rather than congregating downtown.

"Within the last year, we have partnered with other

community agencies to integrate our knowledge of services so that we can walk alongside to support our clients/customers' goals. Through this collaborative connection, we have seen an increase in housed individuals this year."

Thomas adds that although the future of homelessness in Midland was an unpredictable challenge, the Salvation Army and other partners would strive to support community efforts for affordable housing.

And with Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival in full swing, Midland CAO Rhonda Bunn tells MidlandToday that town council and staff were "invested in collaborating with social services and local organizations that provide outreach services and compassionate assistance where it is needed most, while ensuring the needs of our residents, businesses, and visitors are valued."

For MacBride and Olive Oil, the festival was just one more showcase of the town's inherent beauty; moreso with the safer environment.

"I love it down here. It's one of the nicest downtowns," she says. "We have some amazing shops and owners, and by far such a loyal customer base that love shopping downtown. I think it's important that we keep it in a manner that people feel safe, and I think that we're getting there."

Editor's note: This story was first published on June 14. This version clarifies an aspect regarding the business.



ANTEN M by Dennis Gannon

June 29, 2025 - There were a few sweltering days last week that were welcomed by most as Summer is finally here. It was also a great end to the school year and to celebrate that occasion, the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association held its annual Ice Cream Social. Looked after by the great volunteers in the community, it was a time where the children had an opportunity to catch up with their friends as the school year came to a close. Over 30 kids came out and enjoyed an ice cream sundae topped with any type of flavour they wanted. Thanks to the crew who looked after the event and made it happen.

While the Summer season is busy with many other activities, there are a couple that the CRA is happy to announce will be back again in the community. For the past several years movie nights under the pavilion have been a great experience for all. This Summer there will be two movie nights. The first is this coming Wednesday, July 9 when A Minecraft Movie is going to be shown. The movie will begin around 7:30 and everyone is welcome. On Wednesday, August 6 it will be a wet and wild night as the Springwater Fire and Emergency Services firefighters will be on site with their Hot Summer Night water fun. This is always a great time as there is the opportunity to meet with our great volunteer firefighters, check out the fire equipment and let the kids get wet as the firefighters turn on the hoses. The movie nights are free. You need to bring your own lawn chair, drinks and snacks. Thanks to the Chapman family for looking after this again this year.

Two groups that have been active in the community have wrapped up their activities over the past couple of weeks. The Knotty Knitters made a number of valuable contributions to various organizations through their charity work this past year. A good quantity of products for women was donated to the Elmvale and District Foodbank which they were grateful to receive. The Knotty Knitters will resume their gathering after the 150 celebration in September. The Thursday night euchre also finished up. The Wilsons, Pat and Gord have indicated that they are going to step away from being the sponsors of this event going forward. The community thanks them for their invaluable contribution for the past years and wishes them the best. Until the CRA meets sometime in September, euchre on Thursday evenings will be on hold. Watch for further announcements in the future.

You may have noticed that there is a dumpster at the community centre and work trucks in the parking lot. The upgrade work approved by Council has begun with the removal of the tile floor and the disposal of the drop ceiling. The drop ceiling was a home for the cluster flies that regularly dropped on patrons in the hall. Township staff have advised that both the contractor and the pest control company have been informed that this is a priority with the work and it will take some patience and applications to rid the hall of the problem. The community centre is not available until after the 150 celebration and it should become a jewel in our community again.

The Anten Mills Celebrating 150 team got together last week and went through the day's activities. It is shaping up to be a wonderful day for new,old and former residents of the village. There will be lots to do along with making and sharing memories. The day is envisioned as a combination

family fun day and a homecoming reunion. Whether you are new to the community, be here for a long time or moved away you will want to make certain you attend. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 13 beginning at 2PM.

There is a significant amount of work that goes into making the celebration a memorable day. Over the past several columns a call has gone out for performers for a variety show, volunteers to assist before, during and after the day, photo memories of the community as well as financial support events through sponsors and donors. A few photos have been submitted and are appreciated. The performers for the variety show have been slowly coming forward and more are needed. Remember you don't need to be a professional to showcase your talents. We have a few volunteers to take on some of the tasks and we thank them for offering. More are needed so please consider offering your time. The committee has reached out seeking sponsors and donors for the day's activities. They will be recognized in a booklet that is being prepared and available that day. If you have been asked to consider sponsoring or donating please give it some serious consideration. Every donation is appreciated in assisting in defraying the costs associated with making this a successful day. If you wish to donate, volunteer or take part in the variety show, the contact is by email, antenmills 150@ gmail.com and you will be contacted very quickly.

That's it for this week. Brian's story is about a local farm that has fed the community for many years through their fruit and vegetables and contributions. Make sure you check it out. THANKS for READING, BE WELL, and STAY SAFE.







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By Brian Keyes

July 29, 2025 - Robert (Bob) and Judy (Smith) Clarke bought Lot 5/6 Concession 5 Township Vespra on Nursery Road in 1968. Bob was a native of Huntsville and Judy was from Etobicoke (Toronto). They bought the farm from Margaret Carson who was Irving Carson's widow. Bob met Judy Smith at a dance at the University of Guelph. He asked Judy to dance and she asked him to guess her name first. As Bob tells the story, Judy was a common girl's name at the time and Smith was a common surname so he guessed Judy Smith. The rest is history. Bob was a 1963 graduate following in the footsteps of his father John and followed by his son and daughter as Guelph alumni.

Judy was a library technician and Bob was a science teacher (Physics) plus he coached high school football. Bob's dad was a dairy farmer and grew cauliflower so farming was in Bob's genes. At first the Clarke's tried their hand at livestock with sheep and Angus cattle. After some failures with predators and loose cattle they switched to fruit/vegetables. They upgraded their land from a

clay/loam lake bottom with tile drainage. Their first crop of 10 acres was sweet corn which they marketed in Huntsville. They also grew 10 acres of broccoli that they sold to local stores. Bob and Judy were a busy couple as Bob would drop loads of broccoli at stores on his way to school in the morning. As this a hot seller, Bob would even come home at noon to get more loads to the stores. Still Bob found time to shift his coaching from football to volleyball where he not only coached but mentored other coaches. His son and daughter followed Bob's footsteps and coached volleyball as well

Clarkes have been a member of the Barrie Farmer's Market for 49 years attending the market for a 9 AM opening every week from mid July thru the late fall. In addition the Clarkes have operated a farm gate (roadside) market selling cauliflower, broccoli and blueberries at the farm. Many crop varieties are grown at the Clarke farm including beets, blueberries, broccoli, yellow and green beans, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, gladiolas, potatoes, squash, tomatoes, turnips and zucchini. Asked about nuisance critters that affected their crops they mentioned wild turkey in the tomatoes and cauliflower, raccoons and coyotes in the corn, bears in the blueberries and deer in the beets and cauliflower. Farm labour is a key ingredient to make sure the crops are planted, tilled and harvested on time. Clarkes have employed township residents especially the youth from Anten Mills and even found workers at the local ball diamonds.

Bob and Judy have fond memories of great times at Pinecrest Dance Hall attending dances every Saturday night. From minor hockey and figure skating, they knew Ray and Gayle Collins who operated Pinecrest Dance Hall. Judy told me she missed the Anten Mills General Store at the old

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Pinecrest location after it closed because of the great convenience it had. Bob told me he enjoyed coaching baseball (softball) in Anten Mills. Finally after living on the road for nearly 60 years the Clarkes felt that on the positive side the paving of Nursery Rd which was previously a gravel road with some nasty ruts was great versus the negative side, which is the future expansion of Industrial Parkway to Nursery.

Clarke's Fruit and Vegetable Farm located at 1571 Nursery Rd near Hendrie Rd is an Anten Mills Institution. Stop by this Summer and get your local fresh produce and soon delicious blueberries!

Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



STEAMED MUSSELS - EASY, AFFORDABLE & DELICIOUS

June 29, 2025 - Bring a touch of coastal charm to your table with one of the easiest seafood dishes you can make. Steamed mussels are a quick, nutritious and surprisingly easy dish that transforms humble shellfish into an elegant feast. With just a handful of fresh ingredients, you can impress family and friends at your next deck or dockside gathering without breaking the bank.

DID YOU KNOW?

Packed with protein, B12, iron and heart-healthy omega-3s, these tiny treasures are as delish as they are nourishing. In Canada, wild mussels are found mainly along the Atlantic coast in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador. You can also find mussels along parts of the Pacific coast including British Columbia. Farmed mussels, with their low carbon footprint, are one of the most sustainable seafood options because they do not need feed. Instead, they filter plankton naturally from the water for their food source.

GARLIC & WHITE WINE STEAMED MUSSELS INGREDIENTS

- 1 Kilogram (2.2 Pounds) fresh mussels, scrubbed and debearded
- 2 Tablespoons (30 mL) olive oil

- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots or 1 small white onion, finely chopped
- 250 mL (1 cup) dry white wine
- 2 Tablespoons (30 mL) fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges INSTRUCTIONS
- 1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Sauté the garlic and shallots or onion until translucent.
- 2. Add the mussels and white wine. Cover and steam for 5–7 minutes until the mussels open.
- 3. Discard any unopened mussels. Sprinkle with the parsley and serve with the lemon wedges.

STEAMED MUSSELS IN TOMATO & BASIL BROTH

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Kilogram (2.2 Pounds) fresh mussels, scrubbed and debearded
- 2 Tablespoons (30 mL) olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots or 1 small white onion, diced
- 398 ml (14 oz) can diced tomatoes
- 125 mL (½ cup) vegetable or fish broth
- 1 teaspoon (5 mL) dried oregano
- 2 Tablespoons (30 mL) fresh basil, chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. In a large pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Sauté the garlic and shallots or onion until translucent.
- 2. Stir in the tomatoes, broth, oregano and mussels. Cover and steam for 5-7 minutes until the mussels open
- 3. Discard any unopened mussels. Stir in the fresh basil before serving.

THAI-STYLE STEAMED MUSSELS INGREDIENTS

• 1 Kilogram (2.2 Pounds) fresh mussels, scrubbed and debearded

- 1 Tablespoon (15 mL) coconut or olive oil
- 1 Tablespoon (15 mL) fresh ginger, minced
- 1 stalk lemongrass, cut into 1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces
- 1 red chili, sliced or 1 teaspoon (5 ml) red chili flakes, optional
- 250 mL (1 cup) light coconut milk
- 1 Tablespoon (15 mL) fish sauce
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 Tablespoons (30 mL) fresh cilantro, chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. In a large pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Sauté the ginger, lemongrass, and chili or chili flakes for 2–3 minutes.
- 2. Stir in the coconut milk and fish sauce and bring to a gentle simmer. Add the mussels.
- 3. Cover and steam for 5–7 minutes until opened.
- 4. Discard any unopened mussels. Add the lime juice and cilantro before serving.

ENJOY!

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Province Taking Next Steps to Build Ontario Place

Project will result in 5,000 new jobs, more than 50 acres of free public space and a new revenuegenerating parking structure

By Province of Ontario, June 24, 2025

TORONTO — The Ontario government has unveiled the final designs for the new Ontario Place public space, marking a major milestone in the transformation of Toronto's waterfront that will create 5,000 jobs in the construction and tourism sectors and boost economic growth across Toronto and the region. The province also announced a new, publicly owned parking structure at Ontario Place, which will generate revenue for the province and help the public conveniently access Ontario Place's many attractions, including public beaches, trails and parks, the state-of-the-art Ontario Science Centre, Live Nation's revitalized year-round amphitheatre and Therme Canada's family-friendly waterpark and wellness destination.

"We're rebuilding Ontario Place into a world-class destination for families and tourists, with convenient connections for visitors coming by car, GO train or the Ontario Line's nearby Exhibition Station," said Premier Doug Ford. "The investments we're making will help keep 5,000 workers on the job, despite the economic uncertainty caused by President Trump's tariffs, and will help protect and grow Toronto and Ontario's tourism sector for decades to come."

The reimagined Ontario Place will offer more than 50 acres of free public trails, expanded green space, playgrounds, interactive fountains, new beaches, event spaces and an updated marina, all designed to create a world-class waterfront destination that will attract up to six million visitors every year.

"For too long, Ontario Place was neglected and

without a vision, falling into disrepair," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "Now, 54 years after welcoming its first visitors, our government is returning this iconic park to the people of Ontario. During these unprecedented times, it is more important than ever that we protect Ontario by investing in places of identity and culture and help keep workers on the job, no matter what."

Highlights from the final designs for Ontario Place include:

- A new entrance that will serve as a gathering and transit hub, connecting visitors to the new Exhibition Station on the Ontario Line, lakeside walking, cycle paths and onsite parking.
- A reimagined Brigantine Cove featuring an urban beach, boardwalks and children's playgrounds, including a multi-level interactive treehouse and turtle-shaped play structures.
- New canoe and kayak launch sites and natural stone lookout points throughout the park will provide sunset views across Lake Ontario.

- The Ontario Place marina will become a vibrant hub, with open-air pavilions, boardwalks and spaces for future programming and amenities.
- A new forum space at the park's centre will provide ample space for outdoor markets and festivals and showcase a one-acre splash fountain, with a core shaped like Ontario's iconic trillium.
- An up to 3,400 square foot Indigenous Cultural Pavilion on the East Island, offering a dedicated space for community gatherings, workshops and other learning programs.

"Ontario Place was once an iconic tourist attraction and a cornerstone of our province's cultural and recreational landscape," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming.

The new public park at Ontario Place will preserve key heritage and recreational features of the site while connecting to all the new attractions and features, all while offering free public access to the waterfront for residents and tourists alike to explore year-round.











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Twenty years after conception, Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout officially opens

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Jun 25, 2025 Originally conceived by a group known as the Huronia Lookout Committee two decades ago, the Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout took its first official breath Wednesday afternoon under a beautiful blue sky and a scorching sun.

With more than 100 onlookers gathered to celebrate the opening of the lookout, built on top of former Vespra Landfill No. 14 on George

Johnston Road, just south of Snow Valley Road, the site features a huge observation area, hundreds of native plantings, signs explaining the history and importance of the site and the icon — a life-size bronze sculpture of two figures: one, an Indigenous scout, and the other, a canoecarrying European, and their luggage.

The sculpture, created by Hillsdale artist Marlene Hilton Moore, was based on the history of the region, Hilton Moore said during her





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opening address. The name, she added, was a gift from the Elders of the Chippewa Tri-Council.

"After two years of updates and careful consideration, (Elder) Bill Jamison returned with their gift to us — Wiidookdaadiwin, translated from Ojibwa, meaning working tougher and helping one another," she said. "This name, in its most profound meaning, becomes the name not just of the icon but also of the site and the group of volunteers determined to bring the site to life."

Now called the Friends of Wiidookdaadiwin (FOW), the volunteers spent 20 years on the project, working to realize the vision Harold Parker had for the region when he was involved in a group called the Friends of Minesing Wetlands (FMW).

The site, which Parker had known from childhood, offers some amazing views of Simcoe County's most prized features: Minesing Wetlands, Georgian Bay, ski hills, and trails.

According to Lynn Brennan, who was the chair of the FMW at the time, Parker was an unstoppable force.

"Harold was the one that had a lot of gumption to go ahead with it and he kept pushing it forward," she said prior to the official opening ceremonies. "We got a committee together with Simcoe County, and then the First Nations were a big part of it and we just kept moving forward." According to the Wiidookdaadiwin website, the

project received full approval from the Ministry

of the Environment in the fall of 2017. While site development was underway, the icon was installed at the Simcoe County Museum in June 2014.

When the site development and landscaping were completed, the icon was transported from the Simcoe County Museum and installed on the Wiidookdaadiwin site.

In October 2021, the FOW, with support from the county, hosted a small event recognizing several recent project milestones, including the completion of construction at the lookout.

The opening of the lookout was originally scheduled for spring of last year. (The facility had a soft opening last fall.)

Now that it's open, FOW chair Tony Guergis has his sights set on the future.

"This area could be a real hub of cultural importance," he said in his closing remarks.

He said the FOW has received requests for information from a variety of organizations, including camera groups, star gazers, bird watchers and even yoga classes.

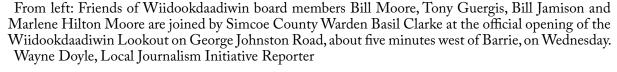
"We have a fall meeting proposed where we're going to meet as a board and talk about the vision of the next steps and where we go from here," he said.

He welcomes ideas and thoughts from the public.

"We're going to talk about what could be," he









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Community-driven success powers hospital growth

By GBGH, June 26, 2025 – The Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation has made the largest disbursement in its history, transferring an incredible \$8,024,213 to GBGH. This unprecedented gift, made possible by the generosity of thousands of donors, will support a wide range of capital projects that will transform care across the hospital.

The funds will be invested in critical initiatives including the MRI project, renovations of patient rooms, along with equipment and technology upgrades throughout the hospital. Specific investments include automated laboratory equipment, replacement of patient beds, and the acquisition of state-of-the-art surgical tools and technology.

"This is a transformational moment for our hospital and our community," says Matthew Lawson, President & CEO of GBGH. "The impact of this investment will be felt in every corner of our hospital — from diagnostics to surgery to the comfort of our patient rooms. We are deeply grateful to the GBGH Foundation and to every donor who made this possible."

The disbursement reflects the collective power of community generosity, with contributions from individuals, families, businesses, and service groups across the region.

"This moment is a celebration of what we can achieve together," says Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation. "More than 1,900 individuals, businesses and organizations made this donation possible – from bake sales to visionary investments – and these funds are being put to work to enhance health care for every patient who walks through the doors at GBGH. We are deeply moved by the generosity and trust that our community has placed in us."

The transfer was celebrated at the Foundation's Impact Market on Wednesday, June 25, where more than 120 guests had the opportunity to see and hear from members of the GBGH team about the specific impact of new equipment

and technology. Donors got to interact with the hospital's new patient simulator, see the power of high-definition surgical cameras, and hear stories of how MRI technology is impacting patients in our community.



Donors of the GBGH Foundation gathered for the Foundation's Impact Market on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. More than 120 guests had the opportunity to see and hear from members of the GBGH team about the specific impact of new equipment and technology.

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Annie's Journal by Annie Warner Donnelly

June 29, 2025

Hello Everyone. We were created to love one another. Is that something you believe? Earlier in my life, there were many instances when I felt that I was facing a harsh world alone. Raised in a home that didn't value a curious child, that didn't holy conversation, the unswerving integrity, the understand the value of God's wisdom and the comfort of His love, left a yearning inside me. Harsh, unkind words accompanied my days. I found no love in them. Might that have happened to you or to someone you know?

If we say that we are Christians, then we are who Jesus called "the light of the world". In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus went on to say, "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Over a hundred years ago, American writer, Ellen G. White wrote, "True character is not shaped from without, and put on; it radiates from within ... our profession of faith may proclaim the theory of religion, but it is our practical piety that holds forth the word of truth. The consistent life, the

active, benevolent (unselfish) spirit, the Godly example – these are the mediums through which light is conveyed." (Desire of Ages, page 307)

Personal piety can be described as our practical application of God's love expressed in joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control and our ability to forgive and be forgiven.

Who needs that from us today? Whose life can we brighten by the light that comes through our smiles, our kind words, our genuine interest in

If we're going through a hard time just now, who do we know that has that ability to brighten our world just by being present in our lives?

Jesus does. He stands at our door and knocks. We only need to invite Him in. Amen

City unveils new giant Canadian Flag as a symbol of national pride leading into Canada Day

June 26, 2025 - By City of Barrie - (Barrie, ON) to our economy and sovereignty. - The City of Barrie proudly raised a towering Canadian flag at the Barrie-Simcoe Emergency Services Campus this morning. The 35-foot by 70foot flag is being flown at the top of a 150-foottall flagpole. Local developer Skyline provided financial support for the project.

The new flag is one of the largest in the region and is visible from great distances. Installed just days before Canada Day, the unveiling ceremony brought together Mayor Alex Nuttall, members of City Council, representatives from Skyline, emergency services and Canadian Armed Forces personnel, and City staff. The decision to install the flag came in response to the recent US threats

"This flag isn't just a new landmark, it's a symbol of the pride we feel for our city, our province, and our country," said Mayor Nuttall. "We are grateful to Skyline for stepping forward and making this possible at no cost to taxpayers. This Canada Day, our patriotic pride will be highlighted for both residents and folks just passing through on their way to the cottage. As conversations about national identity have taken place beyond our borders, this flag is a reminder of who we are, and the values that bring us together."

"Skyline is proud to stand alongside the City of Barrie for the unveiling of this new landmark that will serve as a powerful symbol of Canadian

strength and unity for all who see it," said Jason Castellan, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Skyline. "Unveiling the flag just ahead of Canada Day—a day that resonates deeply with Skyline, with Barrie, and with communities across the country—makes this moment especially meaningful. We're honoured to have contributed to bringing this project to life."

The flagpole stands prominently at the Barrie-Simcoe Emergency Services Campus on Fairview Road, a site chosen for its visibility from Highway 400. It can be seen from various locations throughout the city.



Craighurst Women's Institute met Tuesday for annual dinner out.

By Sheila Craig, June 19, 2025 - Eight members came, and had a jolly time. We discussed the Village, in particular how the Park cleanup is going after the ice storm (slowly) and the major gas line works in preparation for Craighurst Crossing's 400 homes. (slowly) Did you know, gentle reader, you have to dig up beside the highway several times, and move mountains of dirt? The old pioneers resting in the Pres. Cemetery are getting a good view, as the diggers snuggle up to the graveyard

fence. And the coyotes (Craighurst branch) have been holding meetings at midnight to debate whether to cross the railroad track or not. It takes a lot of gabbing/howling/singing to get things right. (Township Councils take heed)

We organized our planning meeting for the year to come. We raised a toast to members absent and wished them well. And thus ended another good time at The Craighurst Women's Institute.



Outgoing President Lion Vern Beacock gets High Honour



By Linda Belcourt, Editor, June 28, 2025

Lion Chief Vern Beacock gets a special award from his fellow Lions at the final meeting of the year. The Elmvale Lions, wifes and Lioness Lions all enjoyed a fun night with a BBQ on June 24, 2025. Lion Jim Elliott says, "In spite of the family's health challenges, he continued with his presidential lion's duties and he has brought in more members than anyone in a short time." Vern has bought in seven new members in the last two years. Congratulations Lion Vern. Roar, Roar, Roar!

A Celebration of Female Empowerment On Stage in July!

Flower power meets girl power in Beehive, a musical celebration of the most powerful and iconic female voices of the 1960s.

By Drayton Theatre, June 29. 2025

Told from the perspective of six women who come of age in this enigmatic decade, Beehive takes audiences on a nostalgic journey through timeless hits of the era such as "My Boyfriend's

Back," "Son of a Preacher Man," "It's My Party," "Where the Boys Are," and "You Don't Own Me." From Leslie Gore to Janis Joplin, the Shirelles to the Supremes, and Aretha Franklin to Tina Turner, this toe-tapping

production features 40 classic chart-toppers that will put a song in your heart and leave you dancing in the aisles.

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Ontario Helping Seniors Stay Healthy and Independent in Simcoe North

By Jill Dunlop, MPP, June 27, 2025

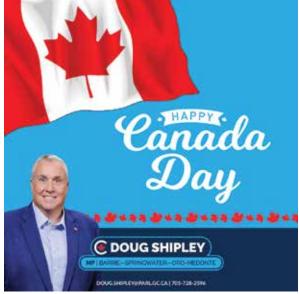
Simcoe North/Nord SIMCOE NORTH — The Ontario government is investing \$112,668.00 in 7 projects across Simcoe North. Funding is part of the Seniors Community Grant Program (SCGP), which is designed to help seniors increase independence, reduce social isolation and create positive connections. The SCGP is being delivered alongside a suite of supports as Ontario marks Seniors Month.

"I am proud to announce that our government is investing in seven community projects right here in Simcoe North through the Seniors Community Grant Program," said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. "These initiatives will help seniors stay active, socially connected, engaged in their communities, which is vital for their health and well-being. By supporting local organizations, we're creating opportunities for seniors to thrive and contribute their valuable experience and knowledge."

The government is investing \$7 million in the SCGP this year to protect seniors and older adults by supporting over 330 community projects that help them to stay fit, active, healthy and socially connected. SCGP recipients can receive up to \$25,000 to support local programs, services and events to provide seniors with opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement. This year's investment includes an additional \$1 million, specifically for programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for senior veterans.

Funding for the 7 Seniors Community Grant (SCG) are being distributed as follows:

Coldwater and District Curling Club \$20,225.00,Town of Penetanguishene \$11,050.00, Orillia Lawn Bowling Club \$9,048.00, Chippewas of Rama First Nation \$18,100.00, Township of Tiny \$22,105.00, The Township of Ramara \$7,140.00 and City of Orillia \$25,000.00.



Dear Neighbours,

As the first Parliamentary session of Canada's 45th Parliament ends, I would like to express that it has been my privilege to be trusted to discuss your views with my colleagues and to act as the voice of Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte on Parliament Hill.

This session, Conservatives made real progress in putting forward measures that will bring down the cost-of-living and holding the Liberal government to account for the promises made to Canadians. My Conservative colleagues and I are willing to work with the government when it is in the best interest of the nation. We will continue to demand that the Liberal government address Canada's high taxes, unaffordable housing costs, and skyrocketing crime rates.

I was honoured to be appointed as the Associate Shadow Minister for Combatting Crime. I am pleased to accept this new role and look forward to continuing my work on matters related to public safety and bail reform. Additionally, I will continue to work alongside my Conservative colleagues to fight for a Canada that is affordable, self-reliant, and united.

Over the summer, I look forward to spending more time in the community, meeting with constituents and celebrating milestone events like anniversaries, birthdays, and new business openings.

As always, my constituency office is available to assist you with any matters related to the federal government. Please contact my office at Doug. Shipley@parl.gc.ca or 705-728-2596 for assistance. Sincerely, Doug Shipley, Member of Parliament Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, June

North Simcoe Ontario Health Team Launches New Website to Better

by North Simcoe OHT, June 17, 2025 Serve Community and Partners

Midland, ON (June 17, 2025) - The North Simcoe Ontario Health Team (OHT) has launched a new website at www.nsoht.ca, designed to make it easier for residents, patients, caregivers, and health and social service partners to find information, learn about local programs, and stay informed about ongoing initiatives that support more connected and coordinated care in the region.

The redesigned website offers a centralized, userfriendly platform to access details about the North Simcoe OHT programs and services, opportunities to get involved, and updates on collaborative work taking place across North Simcoe.

"We created this new website to better reflect the needs of our community and our partner organizations," said Tracy Coffin, Director of the North Simcoe Ontario Health Team. "Our goal was to make it easier for people to find clear, relevant information and to showcase how we're working together to improve health and social care across the region."

The new site was developed in partnership with the North Simcoe OHT's Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) to ensure it reflects the lived experiences and voices of those who use the health system. The website is easy to navigate, written in plain language, and will continue to evolve with new features and content over time.

Visitors will find:

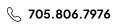
- Information about North Simcoe OHT programs
- Updates on current initiatives and priorities
- · Opportunities for community and provider
- · Resources for patients, families, caregivers, and health care providers
- · Information on how to get involved or join the North Simcoe OHT

The new website reflects the North Simcoe OHT's ongoing commitment to improving access to care, enhancing collaboration among health and social service providers, and putting people at the centre of the health system.

To explore the website and learn more about the work of the North Simcoe Ontario













Bearbells Leslie Noonan

June 17, 2025

Here we are, journeying north with Willie Nelson singing in my head, "On the road again". Luckily the radio has other music to offer for our long trip. This will be a loop route, leading us north to Sudbury and then onto Espanola and down to Manitoulin. After a few days exploring the island we will then head back via the Chi-Cheemaun Ferry.

Manitoulin is the world's largest freshwater island, which is home to Lake Manitou, the world's largest freshwater lake on an island, and also Treasure Island, which is the largest island in a lake on an island in a lake in the world. Whew. If that is not enough reason to visit Manitoulin, then the pristine land, unique ecosystems and vast undeveloped wilderness certainly is. Unlike our local Muskokas, which have become commercialized and heavily populated with tourists, Manitoulin still feels wild. This is a place where you drive with the windows down, the cool lake winds blowing, and a covote running in front of your car with a fat rabbit in his mouth. Not much farther down the road, strutting along a fence, is a pair of large brown Sandhill cranes with vibrant red heads. We frequently spotted small deer, browsing in the nearby fields, unconcerned with our approach beyond a twitch of their white tails. We passed through thick green forests,

rugged highlands of the Niagara Escarpment, and low lying areas of thin soil and lichen covered rocks. Fields of small pink and yellow flowers waved in the breeze while puffy white clouds scudded across the bright blue sky.

We arrived at our rustic Air B&B in the late afternoon. Rustic in that there was no electricity and the compostable toilet was across the field. Just the way I like it. Once we unpacked we decided to head to the local Bridal Veil Falls for a short evening hike. One of the top destinations in Manitoulin for tourists, the falls are in the town of Kagawong, and are just a short distance from the highway. Officially the trail closes by 5:30 pm, but can still be accessed after this time, which was lucky for us as the crowds were mostly gone by the time we arrived. There is a metal observation deck with a great view of the falls, and once down the staircase you are at the thirty-six foot falls, cascading over the limestone escarpment. Children, and some adults, were swimming in the cool waters, while in November these waters are filled with migrating salmon. Everyone we passed only made a quick stop for pictures before returning to their cars, but we continued on to explore the multiple short trails that follow the narrow river as it tumbles and gurgles over rocks. Bright green ferns and soft mosses cover fallen logs, and a broad wall of limestone rears up on the one side, soft water trickling down to form shallow rivulets that cross the dirt path. We headed back to the car as the sun began its slow descent, bathing us in cool shadows. Tomorrow the real hiking begins, with a rugged trip up the Cup and Saucer and another cliff to terrify me!

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by Meghan Lillie, June 25, 2025

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Ontario Reducing Wait Times for MRIs, CT Scans and **Endoscopies**

Province investing \$155 million for 57 community surgical and diagnostic centres to connect 1.2 million people to publicly funded procedures

By Premier's Office, June 27, 2025

RICHMOND HILL — The Ontario government is investing \$155 million over two years to add 57 new community surgical and diagnostic centres licensed to deliver MRI and CT scans, and gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy services across the province. The expansion will help 1.2 million people access publicly funded procedures faster and is part of the government's plan to invest in and protect Ontario's health-care system.

"The 57 new centres we are rolling out across Ontario will make a huge difference for people in the province, helping them get the care they need, when they need it," said Premier Doug Ford. "It's all part of our plan to protect and improve our health-care services, all while ensuring people always receive the care they need with their OHIP

Following a Call for Applications, licences will be issued starting this summer for:

- MRI and CT Scan Services: 35 newly licenced centres will deliver MRI and CT scans, connecting up to 828,000 more people over two years to vital diagnostic imaging - more than four times the province's original goal. This expansion of services will reduce wait times and ensure patients receive scans within the medically recommended timeframe in regions where the centres will operate.
- GI Endoscopy Services: 22 newly licenced centres will deliver GI endoscopy procedures, adding up to 420,000 procedures over two years, more than three times the province's original goal. This expansion will ensure that every patient in the province in need of a GI endoscopy procedure receives it within the medically recommended

The announcement was made at the Schroeder Ambulatory Centre in Richmond Hill. The Centre is receiving \$14 million to provide MRI and CT scans, as well as GI Endoscopy procedures to over 115,000 patients over two years, significantly reducing wait times in the region. The other recipients will be announced in the coming weeks.

"When it comes to wait times for surgeries and procedures, the status quo is not acceptable. That's why our government is taking bold, decisive action to protect Ontario's health-care system by boosting access to vital surgeries and diagnostic imaging so that families can conveniently access the care they need sooner," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "By licensing 57 new community surgical and diagnostic centres across Ontario, we are reducing wait times and ensuring more people can receive timely care in their community, for years to come."

As the government significantly expands the number of surgeries and procedures being done through community surgical and diagnostic centres, it is ensuring these centres are integrated and linked with the broader public-health system. This includes requiring new facilities to provide detailed staffing plans that protect the stability of staffing resources at public hospitals, report into the province's wait times information system and participate in regional central intakes, where available, to ensure people get the care they need as quickly as possible. All community surgical and diagnostic centres are under the oversight of Accreditation Canada's new quality assurance program, which provides the same strong requirements as public hospitals to improve quality standards at facilities and ensure consistent patient safety and quality care.

As part of Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the government is taking action to protect Ontario by reducing surgical and diagnostic backlogs to make it easier and faster for more people to connect to publicly funded surgeries and procedures, when and where they

Community Events Ongoing

SENIOR CLUBS

Askennonia Seniors Centre

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

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

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

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

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

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

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Bay Shore Seniors Club

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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

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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

<u>Askennonia Seniors Centre</u>

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

Coffee Party - Centre Flos W.I.

Last Thursday of the month, 9:30 am - 11 a.m. Heritage Park. Proceeds to Community projects. Everyone Welcome -- free-will donation

<u>Jam Night Elmvale Palace</u>

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Probus Club of Simcoe North

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Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St.

Mary Grise 705-526-6349 marygrise0@gmail.

Coffee Party

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

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

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

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

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

Let's Do Lunch \$5:

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

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

Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others

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

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group

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

FRIDAY

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

VON Smart Exercise (FREE) 9:30 - 10:30 am Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Indoor Pickleball 10:30 - 12:00 pm/ 3:30 - 5:00

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

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<u>Ministry of Transportation Presentation</u> July 17, 2025 1-3 pm

Askennonia Senior Centre 527 Len Self Blvd Come learn about the license renewal process for drivers 80+! Sign up at Askenno

Act Natural, Darling & MCC Presents: Don't Tell Mother - a comedy by Monk Ferris July 18 - August 2 at 8 - 10:30 pm, 2 - 4:30 pm Join us for a hilarious evening with Don't Tell Mother—a fast-paced comedy full of chaos and heart—all in support of four incredible local organizations.

Kickin' Up Our Heels: A Kitchen Party Fundraiser at the MCC!

July 19 at 7:00 pm Get ready to kick up your heels at the MCC's Kitchen Party Fundraiser—a high-energy night of music, dance, and community featuring Red Hot Stove Pipe, Marc Mantha, live raffles, and nonstop summer celebration in support of local arts and culture!

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MCC Presents: Rap is Poetry! July 26 at 3:00pm

Experience Rap is Poetry!—a dynamic, family-friendly event blending spoken word, hip-hop, dance, and beatboxing, presented by Ty the Poetess and the Midland Cultural Centre.

Georgian Bay Garden Tour July 26, 2025 from 9:00-4 pm

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Tiny to wait on report for Habitat for Humanity project feasibility

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: Midland Today.ca, Jun 10, 2025

The prospect of an affordable housing pilot project at the boundary of Penetanguishene will have to wait until a staff report provides further details, as decided in the recent Tiny Township committee of the whole meeting.

Last month, deputations were made by Cate Root of Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North to the councils of Penetanguishene first and Tiny later, regarding an offer within 2 acres of a 10-acre parcel of land on the boundary of the two municipalities, which could host a tiny home pilot project.

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

Penetanguishene opted to wait for Tiny's response, which was discussed at the recent meeting.

All members of Tiny Township council expressed support for the project, but stated that a staff report would provide more information on the matter. Coun. Steffen Walma said that the township planning department could fill in gaps, while Kelly Helowka called it a great idea but urged a requirement for all information.

In Root's deputation, a request was made to expedite the project through use of a Minister's

Zoning Order, pitched as a possible means to have the affordable housing project completed within three months.

Mayor Dave Evans acknowledged the urgency of the request. "During our Simcoe County meetings, the question came up and I asked what the amount of time to get a project to go from beginning to end; and was quoted... I believe 39 months."

Evans also shared concerns that financial costs needed to be taken into consideration.

"It'll be unique," Evans told MidlandToday following the meeting. "There are a lot of moving parts. Penetang has been very – I think the report (presentation) said they'll be open and go along with what we do. Well, that's a pretty broad brush.

"We don't know – and I'm not blaming Penetang, but at the same time the Habitat for Humanity report preliminary numbers are already \$43,000 plus another \$60,000. That was my comment: it's becoming a budgetary item very quickly. At the same time, it's incumbent on us to be fair to them; they've got this opportunity.

"Personally, I think it will come down to a financial decision, and that's something that we're going to have to evaluate," said Evans.

The request from Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North, including slideshow presentation and estimated costs, can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

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

Hey Dads!

June 30, 2025 - Have you ever been doing a little DIY electrical work and got a little zap? If so, I understand.

If you've been following along with my stories over the last year you may recall we have a couple calves that are about a year old now. One of my rancher friends warned me that if you've got a "jumper" you've got to get rid of him. You might describe one of our calves, Wenceslas (Wencey for short), as a "jumper". Or you might describe him as a "through-er". He's never seen a fence that he didn't like to either jump over or plow through. Fence around his pasture? Jumps. Fence around the garden? Through. Electric fence? Time will tell

After chasing the calves down the road on their last escape my friendly neighbour suggested we try some electric fence. A few days later Wencey plowed through his regular fence again, snapping a 4-inch fence post like a toothpick on his way out. Electric fence time. Honestly, I was a bit intimidated by this project. It sounded pretty fancy and hi-tech and I'm no electrician. So I went to my favourite teacher, Professor YouTube, and enrolled at the school of electric fence. After watching a few real farmers install some fencing I realized it wasn't as complex as I first thought.

When I asked the kids, "Who wants to go to town?" many hands went up. I selected a few volunteers and we were off. Six-year-old Arrow came in the store with me and the nice lady there knew all about electric fence. She said it's so easy and they use it to keep their small herd of cows contained. Good news for me! This not-farmer was feeling quite confident about his project now.

Back home, we brought our rolls of wire, fence posts, and a pile of tools to the back of the property. In a couple hours we had it up and ready to test. The kids were pretty energized about trying it out. I've never heard the phrase, "I dare you to touch it," so many times in one afternoon. They realized that if they jumped in the air and touched the fence they wouldn't get a zap. There were kids all over the

place jumping and grabbing that fence. At some point they realized that if you hold your brother and touch the fence he gets zapped instead of you. Much grabbing and running ensued. Holding a fresh piece of grass on the fence also results in a less-intense zap so there was some grass-zapping too. Much laughter and zapping all around. I'm happy to say that Dad made it through the whole afternoon without a single zap. I'm not touching that thing!

It's been a week of cows in the electric fence and it didn't take long for them to figure out how it works. They're happily grazing and don't go within a foot of the fence. Wencey hasn't been a jumper or a "through-er" so I hope we've solved our calfcontainment crisis. Time will tell. And time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the zappy ones!

Jason Weening carefully installs electric fence with his 10 kids and 1 electrifying wife. Read more in his new book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them", on Amazon.



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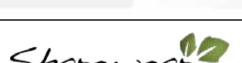
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Ontario Permitting Alcoholic Beverages on Pedal Pubs

Province expanding opportunities for small businesses and boosting local tourism

By Province of Ontario, June 27, 2025

TORONTO —The Ontario government is supporting small businesses and encouraging local tourism by allowing alcohol to be served and consumed on large quadricycles, commonly known as pedal pubs. As of July 1, this change would apply to pedal pubs which currently



operate in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Toronto, Ottawa and Windsor, with space for 12 or more people travelling between restaurants and bars. This change will also provide more opportunities for customers to explore products created by local Ontario breweries, wineries, cideries and other producers. In the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty, the government is continuing to pursue opportunities to help grow Ontario's \$32 billion provincial tourism industry, which supports 325,000 jobs across the province.

"Pedal pubs offer a fun and memorable way to explore Ontario's communities, and we're making sure that experience is responsible," said Attorney General Doug Downey. "Beginning this summer, Ontario is supporting a unique opportunity that will not only stimulate tourism and bring communities together, but also protect local jobs, our economy and small businesses across the province."

Pedal pubs are allowed to operate in a community only once the local municipality passes a by-law to permit their operations. In addition to existing provincial requirements, municipalities may set specific local rules

governing the operation of pedal pubs on their roadways, such as designated riding routes and hours of operation to support community safety and ensure pedal pubs do not cause disruption or contribute to traffic issues.

"This summer, pedal pubs are bringing friends, music and the great outdoors together for an active and unique way to enjoy the journey as much as the destination," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. "Supporting made-in-Ontario experiences like these brings people together, enriches communities and strengthens local economies, all while showcasing the best of our province."

A licence from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) will be required to sell and serve alcohol on pedal pubs. The province works alongside the AGCO to maintain existing rigorous standards for licensing, regulation and social responsibility.

This change will be enabled by an amendment to a regulation under the Liquor Licence and Control Act. This initiative builds on Ontario's work to modernize the alcohol marketplace responsibly and safely.

Driving Safely Around Horses: What Every Driver Should Know

Submitted by Louise Picot, June 17, 2025

As rural roads and suburban areas increasingly intersect with equestrian activities, it's important for drivers to understand how to safely share the road with horses and their riders. Horses are large, powerful animals—but they are also prey animals that can startle easily. A frightened horse can pose serious risks to the rider, the animal, and even drivers. Here's what every motorist should know to help keep roads safe for everyone.

Horses are unpredictable: While many are trained for road environments, unexpected noises, quick movements, or even unfamiliar vehicles can cause them to spook. This can lead to dangerous situations if the horse bolts into traffic or loses its rider.

Many accidents involving horses and vehicles are preventable with patience and awareness.

Tips for Driving Safely Around Horses

1. Slow Down

When you see a horse and rider ahead—whether on the road or a nearby shoulder—reduce your speed well in advance. Sudden engine noises or rushing past can startle a horse.

2. Pass Wide and Slow

Give as much space as possible when overtaking a horse. Ideally, you should pass at no more than 15 km/hr (10 mph) and leave at least a full car width (2 metres) between your vehicle and the horse.

3. Turn Down the Volume

Lower your radio and avoid honking your horn. Loud noises can be frightening to horses and may cause them to panic.

4. Be Patient

Wait for a safe opportunity to pass. If a horse

appears agitated, or if the rider signals for you to wait, remain stopped until they feel it is safe for you to proceed.

5. Watch for Hand Signals

Riders may use hand signals to communicate their intentions—similar to cyclists. These can indicate when they plan to turn or if they need you to slow down or stop.

6. Avoid Sudden Movements

Quick acceleration, revving the engine, or slamming on the brakes can startle a horse. Make all movements calm and gradual.

7. Stay Alert in Rural Areas

In many rural or semi-rural areas, horses may be present even if not immediately visible. Be extra cautious on narrow roads, near farms, or during local equestrian events.

In Case of an Incident

If you are involved in an accident involving a horse:

- Stop immediately and provide assistance.
- Call emergency services if anyone is injured or if the horse is loose.
- Remain calm and do not approach the horse unless advised by the rider or authorities.

Driving near horses requires a blend of common sense, courtesy, and awareness. By taking a few simple precautions, you can help protect not only the horse and rider but also yourself and your passengers. Sharing the road responsibly helps ensure that everyone—whether on hooves or wheels—can travel safely.



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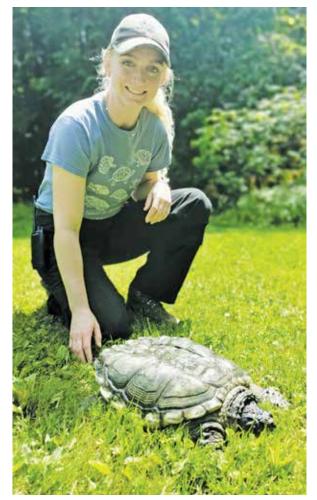
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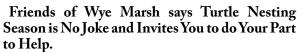
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Why did the Turtle Cross the Road?





By Eric Walter June 16, 2025

If you live, walk, drive, or ride by the water, it's likely that you've noticed small holes or disturbed patches of dirt and sand recently. You may have even noticed a turtle or two venturing to places you normally don't see them. And if you're really lucky, you may have even caught a glimpse of one of the season's most exciting Phenomena – a turtle laying its eggs. And as tempting as it may be to intervene with a turtle that you feel has ventured far from home, chances are that it is just finding the perfect place to lay its eggs before returning back to the water.

This important annual ritual is on full display across the region, and is perhaps nowhere as prominent than at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, where on any given morning during these important few weeks you may encounter close to a dozen turtles preparing their nests or quickly sliding back into the water after laying their eggs. Turtle nesting season is at its peak this time of year, and both staff and volunteers of Friends of Wye Marsh, the local non-profit which manages and maintains the wildlife area, are busy at work educating the public and protecting nests where they can.

Eric Walter, Executive Director at the Wye Marsh, says the public is encouraged to come witness the nesting process first-hand, but to do it responsibly. "The Wye Marsh is a truly unique place this time

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of year, where over the course of an hour you may see a handful of turtles in the act of building nest and laying eggs. We love having visitors here to experience this part of nature, and to do it in a way that respects each animal's need for space."

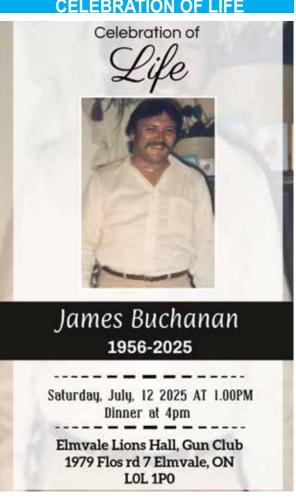
Of the hundreds of nests that are expected to appear on Wye Marsh trails over the next few weeks, only a handful will survive the 2-4 months it will take the eggs to incubate. For their part, staff and volunteers are doing their part to give each nest a fighting chance. Miriam Robitaille and Kaden Crowe, Environmental Technicians working at the Wye Marsh this summer, have helped to coordinate that effort.

"Turtles lay a high volume of eggs, but predation rate is also very high. There are a lot of predators looking for food and these eggs are a part of that food chain", they share. "We've assembled and deployed dozens of nest protectors to reduce predation and help to balance the food web."

All eight species of turtles in Ontario are designated as species at risk, with potential fines stemming from tampering with a turtle nest or impeding a turtle from its ability to lay eggs. While the Wye Marsh is likely the best place in town to witness this important part of nature, there are steps you can take to help turtles thrive the next time you see one looking out of place in the community.

According to staff the best thing you can do is as little as necessary. "If you see a turtle laying eggs in the wild, the best thing to do is give her lots of space! If a turtle is crossing a road or seems to







be somewhere you don't expect them to be, trust that they know what they are doing, and only consider guiding them across roadways if they are in immediate danger."

For a chance to safely and responsibly view turtles and their nests, and view other wildlife, the Wye Marsh can be visited 7 days a week from 9am-5pm, or during a special sunset paddle on Friday evenings at 7:30pm, which is followed by warm drinks and snacks around the campfire. The entire Wye Marsh Wildlife Area is managed by Friends of Wye Marsh, a local non-profit which does not receive ongoing government funding. To learn more, or donate, visit www.wyemarsh.com.



OBITUARIES

COWLEY, Catherine May September 9, 1954 – June 11, 2025



Catherine passed away peacefully at home on June 11, surrounded by those who loved her most—her husband Paul, her daughter Allana and son-in-law Jason, and her step-daughters Andrea Teskey with husband John and grandsons Henry and Leo; Joanna with partner Colin and grandchildren Zoe and Jack; Megan Tepperman with husband Mitchell and grandchildren Jackey and Julia; and Tiffany Mintah along with her husband Kanaya and grandchildren Ezra and Eloise.

Catherine has been reunited with her Mother Catherine, Father Howard, Brother Howard and her Sister Laura surrounded by the same peace and light they all brought to this world.

Catherine's legacy is not found in accolades or possessions, but in something far more enduring—her unique and unforgettable brand of love. It was a love that wrapped around you like warmth on a cold day. If you were lucky enough to be touched by it, you carried it with you forever.

She had a rare gift; Catherine saw the good in everyone. She made you feel seen, heard, and wholly accepted. Her compassion wasn't passive—it was active and intentional. She gave of herself constantly, whether as one of the most beloved drivers for Meals on Wheels—greeting each client with a warm meal and a warmer chat—or during her life-changing trips to Africa with Allana, working in orphanages where her love crossed oceans and borders.

It's impossible to forget how Catherine could light up a room. She didn't simply enter; she illuminated. Her radiance was more than her smile—though that smile could take your breath away—it was the spirit behind it. Joyful, genuine, and grounded in love.

Many favourite memories come from



family trips to the Bahamas and the Caribbean—times filled with laughter, beachside stories, and the kind of moments you cling to forever. Catherine's selfless love was at the heart of all those adventures, creating a bond and a foundation that shaped her family.

A celebration of her life will take place at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in Midland, Ontario. From 1 to 5 PM on June 29, where all can share stories, tears, laughter, and gratitude. Catherine loved beauty and colour, so the family invites everyone to wear blue or yellow—her favourite colours—to reflect the light and warmth she brought into our world.

In lieu of flowers, and in honour of Catherine's passion for community and creativity, donations can be made to Quest Art School + Gallery, a non-profit she proudly served on the board of and deeply believed in. Supporting this cause is a meaningful way to carry on the work she valued so much. https://www.questart.ca/donate

To know Catherine was to love her. To be loved by Catherine was to be changed.

Though she will be missed deeply, her spirit will carry forward—in every act of kindness, in every expression of generosity, and in every moment where we choose to see the good.

Thank you, Catherine, for loving us the way you did.

You will always be with us—in memory, in legacy, and in love.



CARSON, Paul Maurice May 1, 1935 – June 18, 2025

Passed away peacefully at his home in Barrie with family by his side on Wednesday June 18, 2025 at the age of 90. Beloved

husband of the late Shirley A. Carson (née Green, 2009). Loving father of Sheila Noordhoff and her husband Bob, Rhonda Elzner and her husband Juergen and the late Randy Carson. Proud grandfather of Bradley, Ryan, Kevin, Emily, Jennifer, Jamie and Alyssa and great grandfather of 16 and great-great grandfather of 1. Predeceased by his parents, Irving and Dorothy Carson, and by his seven brothers and sisters— Paul was the last of his generation. Fondly remembered as Uncle Paul to many nieces and nephews, he had a particularly special bond with John, Rob, and Jordan, who shared his love of farming and thus, shared a deep connection.

At Mr. Carson's request, a private family service has taken place. Cremation. Memorial donations to the Royal Victoria Hospital Cancer Centre or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be forwarded through www.steckleygooderham.com.



QUESNELLE, Marie Gabrielle (Lesperance)

Passed away peacefully at Hospice Huronia on June 17th 2025 at the age of 93 years. Beloved wife of Lionel Quesnelle. Marie is survived by her

children Theresa (Jim Trace), Clement (Gayle Quesnelle), Martin Quesnelle, Mary (Jeff Carpenter), Joseph Quesnelle, Roseanne Quesnelle, Anita (Thomas Stahl), Tina (Clayton Chapman), James Quesnelle (Sandra) and predeceased by her daughter Helen Quesnelle. Marie leaves behind 22 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Marie was born and raised in Lafontaine. After marrying Lionel, they purchased a farm in rural Midland. Raising ten children on a farm, Marie was no doubt a hard-working farm wife. Marie had a passion for vegetable gardening. She found fulfillment from planting seeds in the spring to harvesting the last of her crop from the garden in the fall. Days before her passing, she shared her knowledge on the importance of soil temperature before planting tomatoes.

May she rest in peace.

A memorial service will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Perkinsfield on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. with interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Hospice Huronia would be appreciated by the family.



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OBITUARIES



MOULDEN, Dollie Helen Pauline (nee RITCHIE)

Dollie was devoted to her family – both the Ritchie clan and her four children and their families – as well as to Elmvale Presbyterian Church and the Liberal

Party.

Most people who knew Dollie agree that she lived life on her own terms. Leaving home at 17 to board with her Aunt Min in Toronto, she became close to a circle of people that included the actor Christopher Plummer and the man she would soon marry. Mum and dad built a house on the 5th line near Georgetown, and in 1967 moved their family to Germany for four years, introducing us to Europe, including Scotland, the country from which our ancestors hail.

All her life Dollie was an avid reader, gifted cook and baker, and joyful gardener who loved the natural world in all its splendour, regularly pointing out birds and clouds and trees and flowers to pique our interest in this beautiful planet. In her final days her children were asked if Dollie was serious or fun and we answered emphatically and in unison, "Both!"

At 94, she was the last of her generation, nine siblings and her closest friends having gone before. Still living on her own – ever independent—she began a long, slow decline. In one difficult year she was ministered to by Reverend Tom Mason, her church family, and her children. In the truly extraordinary embrace of Hospice Simcoe, she completed her earthly journey and found the peace we had all been praying for. She will be missed.

Visitation at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm on Friday, June 20, 2025. Funeral Service at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church at 1 pm on Saturday, June 21, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, our family suggests donations to Elmvale Presbyterian Church and Hospice Simcoe. Peace be with you all.

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



MCKENZIE, John William

It is with great sadness that Bill has left us during his 90th year. Bill was a native of Norfolk County born to his parents, both predeceased, Bruce

Grasette McKenzie and Ethel Isobella (nee Morris). He came to Hillsdale/Elmvale area with his wife Catherine in the mid-70's. Bill was a lifelong member of Spring Lake Hunt Camp.

Husband to Catherine (nee Lesperance) 41 years married, father to Robin Marie (Brad), Penny-Lynn (Giovanni), and Kimberley Ann (Barry). Step-father to Curtis (Cheryl), Paula (Greg), and Dale. Grandfather to Jonathan, Jocelyn, Justin and Breanna. Step-grandfather to Courtney, Cory, Ciera (Phil), Calum, Jessie, Eric, Emily-Ann and Tyler.

Great-grandfather to Xavier, Sofia (Jonathan's children). Step-great grandfather to Jessie's children Owen, Ariana and Emily Ann's children Tyson, Brodie. Pre-deceased by his brothers, Robert, Harry, George, Earl and sister Grace, step-granddaughter Emily-Ann.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-3 pm on Thursday, June 19, 2025 with a reception at 3 pm at the funeral home.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the Hunters and Anglers in Bill's memory.

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Douglas Paul Drysdale October 5, 1932 ~ June 11, 2025

It is with great sadness and a deep sense of loss that we announce the peaceful passing of Douglas Paul Drysdale on June 11, 2025.

As a loving husband and father, loyal and generous friend, and accomplished forester, farmer, entrepreneur and philanthropist, Doug leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity, success and inspiration that continues to enrich the lives of all those who knew him.

Devoted husband and partner to Joan, his loving wife of 67 years who predeceased him in 2020. Beloved father to their three children, Doug, Donna (late Pat Crowley), and Diane (Dave Anderson). Doug was exceedingly proud of his grandchildren: Jack (Heather Woods) and Kathleen (Elliott Blackmore) Crowley; Serena, DJ (Tamika Marks-Grant) and Andrew Drysdale; William, Marnie and James Anderson; and his great-grandchildren Nora, Isaiah, Evelyn, Amari and Patrick. He also cherished his relationship with his sister, Ruth (Drysdale) Rohacek, and his eldest niece, Kathryn (Clifton) Henrich.

Born and raised in Toronto, Doug married Joan, his high school sweetheart, on Valentine's Day in 1953, while completing undergraduate and graduate studies in Forestry at the University of Toronto. They raised their family in Don Mills and relocated to live full time at their family home on Drysdale Tree Farms just outside of Barrie in 1980.

Doug was an innovative and highly respected forester who frequently spoke at provincial, national and international conferences. While studying at U of T, he spent his summers working for the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests (later the Ministry of Natural Resources). He joined the department full time in 1957 upon completion of his master's degree in Forest Economics. He held a variety of senior roles in forestry economics, research, and planning. He frequently advised elected officials on forestry economics and sustainable forestry practices. When he retired from the MNR in 1989, he was managing the province's Forest Research Organization and serving as General Manager of the Ontario Tree Improvement and Forest Biomass Institute in Maple, Ontario.

Doug was also a valued teacher and mentor, lecturing at both the University of Toronto and the University of Guelph while volunteering with a variety of professional associations.

Doug's passion for trees was sparked by his father, a school teacher, who in 1926 began to plant trees on a property he owned in Flos Twp. and later on their Cookstown farm. In 1945, a young teenager, Doug helped his father Reg launch a fledgeling Christmas tree operation. In 1951, while a first-year student at the U of T, Doug persuaded his father to expand the business by purchasing 117 additional acres of land near Ballantrae.

While pursuing a successful career, Doug built the business into a thriving enterprise — Drysdale Tree Farms, a pioneering Christmas-tree business that distributed trees to retailers across North America, and was one of the first in Canada to offer families a "cut-your-own" experience.

The family business grew and evolved over the years to include landscaping, a Christmas store, sleigh rides and other Christmas, Easter and Halloween activities, as well as a wedding and event venue. Doug's children all worked on the farm and contributed to its success. Today, the business is operated by his son, Doug.

Drysdale's Tree Farms has won numerous awards over the years and had their trees chosen for high-profile venues, such as the Governor General's residence in Ottawa and the Ontario Legislature.

Doug himself won many awards for his forestry work, including the Ontario Professional Foresters Associations' Honoured Professional Award, and the Canadian Institute of Forestry's Tree of Life Award in recognition of his lifetime contribution to sustainable forest management.

Throughout his life and career, family was Doug's abiding passion and top priority. Whether it was enjoying family dinners and celebrations, or improving the cut-your-own-tree experience for customers, family was always front and centre.

Despite his many career and professional accomplishments, Doug was most comfortable on his farm, dressed in well-worn work clothes and chatting amiably with families warming themselves by the fire after cutting down their Christmas tree.

"We're in the memory-making business," he often said.

Although they worked hard their whole lives, Doug and Joan were always humble and grateful for their many successes and good fortune. Both were very active in the community and believed strongly in giving back and helping others, whether it was by donating 136 acres to the York Regional Forest, or volunteering with the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, or supporting a variety of charities and causes.

The family wish to thank their many friends and relatives for the kindness and support that they have provided. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to Dr. Ann Gannon and the entire staff at Tiffin House retirement residence in Midland, Ontario.

Doug will be dearly missed by extended family and friends. Immediate family will gather for a private interment at Coulson's Hill. A celebration of life in honour of Joan and Doug will be held on Wednesday, July 9th at 2 pm at Drysdale's Tree Farm. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider a donation via cash, cheque or online at www.stjohnspresbyterian.ca. Scroll down on the homepage to 'donate now'. Then, please send an email to admin_assistant@bellnet.ca with the donation confirmation to ensure that the funds will be directed toward the perpetual care of the Coulson Hill Church and Cemetery. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Douglas Paul Drysdale, please www.paulfkentfuneralhome.ca

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