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Giving Thanks for the Greatness of Canadians



Written by Annie Warner Donnelly, Oct. 4, 2025

Hello Everyone. Let's think about this: There's locked in each person the potential for greatness - to become devoted to a goal or an ideal, to become skilled, influential - and it is within these aspects of greatness that we can define Canadians.

Greatness is found in the hands of Canadians who nurture everything that will feed the people living in our nation and other nations too. It is found in the hands of parents who cradle their children and in the hands of children who cradle their parents.

Greatness is found in the hands of the those who mirror our world to us. Their creativity results in a variety of artistic expressions - images, music, words, concrete examples of our century's innovations - preserved to help future generations discover their heritage.

Greatness is found in our architects who plan the multi-faceted buildings in which we live, work, and play, and in those who implement those plans. It is found in our researchers, our scientists and our

entrepreneurs whose strategic thinking creates something that adds to the quality and enjoyment of our lives.

Greatness is found in the hands of our health care professionals; our educators; our spiritual leaders; our police and security officers; our firefighters; our pilots; the men and women of our Armed Forces; our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Greatness is found in our unsung heroes - the vast network of workers who keep our systems running; our machines repaired; our environment clean; our stores supplied with the products we need; our banking structure safe. There are many others we can mention.

Greatness is found in you. The future of our country is in your hands and mine. What we do today impacts our future and the future of those with whom we interact. If we are honest, we will treat others honestly. How we care for ourselves is how we will care for others. If we hold anger and unforgiveness in our hearts, that anger and

unforgiveness will spill over into the lives of those around us. Releasing our words and actions into our society sends ripples through the lives of others just like the stone ripples the water when released into it. Will the ripples we create help or harm others?

The Canadian pace is one of steady progress toward a goal. Greatness is found in each person who tries a little harder, a little longer. Every one of us can help to unify Canada to meet common goals; to safeguard our traditions; to maintain a society in which each one is free to contribute and to chart a desired destiny; to conserve the vast resources Canada offers to its people and to the people of the world.

Yes, Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful, but perhaps it is also a time to consider how, as individuals, we can add to the greatness around us by releasing the greatness - devotion to a goal or an ideal, becoming skilled, influential - in us. May God help us as we see what we can do. Amen



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Letter to the Editor,
I took the opportunity to visit a Springwater Council Meeting October 1 in Midhurst.
A few things on the agenda were of note. Congratulations and thank you to Swoop Fiber who through their Community outreach program are installing, free internet service at the Elmvale Community Arena. They are assuming all costs. This will be well received i am sure.
Also congratulations to Councilor Garwood for introducing a Elect Respect Pledge that originated with the Township of Southgate. The basic premise is for elected officials to treat colleagues as well as taxpayers with respectful debate and should expect the same in return. The motion asked members to sign the online pledge. The motion was adopted by Council but I don't believe fully supported. For some reason DM Cabral and Councilor Fisher didn't appear to vote in favour. Now I was sitting at the back of the Chamber and if I am incorrect I would ask both gentlemen to contact me. You would have to wonder why they don't support this endeavour.
DM Cabral read a list of Municipalities that are in opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Province. I think the list represents about 25-30% of Municipalities of the Province. He indicated he thought this is significant. I say lucky them, they did not require Strong Mayor Powers as badly as Springwater Township.
Robert McClung, Phelpston

Springwater Library soft-launched their plans to close the Minesing branch this week at an event ironically sold as an opportunity to discuss the "shared commitment to making a positive impact in our community". Despite the library's best efforts to keep the event a secret, a community effort brought out 80+ people to support the library.
This potential closure comes after the Library was given additional money in the 2025 Township budget specifically to expand the hours of operation. Using that money, the Midhurst and Elmvale branches are each open an additional 3 hours per week this year over past years. These 6 hours would cover half of the total hours the

Minesing branch is open each week. Library board monthly meeting minutes have not been posted online since April, making it impossible to see what discussions have been had on this topic but the library board's efforts in Minesing can best be summed up with a quote from The Simpsons: "We've tried nothing and we're all out of ideas".
Also of note, this potential closure comes while the basement of the Minesing Hall has been shut down for repairs for well over a year with absolutely no progress made towards re-opening. Minesing residents are getting fed up with being ignored by the current Council and staff of the Township.
Mike Priest, Minesing

The Springwater Public Library hosted an open house at its Minesing location on September 23 to gather community feedback on the usage of that branch.
We know how important public engagement and consultation is and promoted this broadly through the library's website and through information shared at each library branch. Additionally, the library Board reached out directly to the Minesing CRA for their assistance with promoting the event and they not only did that, but generously provided refreshments.
The library was thrilled with the community turnout with an estimated 80 people in attendance, including all Board members to answer questions. Community members were shown a number of display boards which included the history of the branch and the significant drop in usage over the past number of years. In fact, the data, which was based on usage shows a 70 per cent drop. Through conversations we learned that the majority of people do not actually check books out from this branch, instead, they order materials from other branches and pick them up in Minesing. Some community members remarked how small the space is and asked about room for expansion. As this is a Township owned facility, that is not a feasible option.
Understanding how important the library is, discussions on the collection, hours of operation and the programs provided at the location were plentiful and we certainly appreciate all that feedback.
This was not a new topic of discussion as a feasibility study done in 2014 already showed a declining number of patrons, which has continued, despite Minesing continuing to grow.
We want to stress that no foregone conclusion has been made regarding the branch. It was imperative we hear from members of the community as to how they use the branch, how often, and for what.
All attendees were offered the chance to share their thoughts upon exit and for those who could not attend, a contact email address was provided to ensure a fulsome gathering of feedback.

Library Board meeting agendas and minutes can be found on our website under the About US - Library Board and Administration tab or here: <https://springwaterlibrary.ca/about-us/library-board-and-administration/>. They are updated following every Board meeting and have been kept up-to-date.
The library CEO is currently compiling all the data, which will be posted on line and shared with the Board for review.
We want to ensure residents of Minesing voices were heard and then we can consider the best, and next, steps forward.
Finally, we want to thank everyone who attended the open house, as well as the Minesing CRA for their support. Access to library materials and programs remains one of our top priorities and we look forward to sharing our findings.
The Springwater Township Public Library Board

THE SCOOP By Linda Belcourt, Editor

They are called "the homeless." Some prefer "the unhoused." Whatever the label, these are real people — not statistics, not shadows under bridges, not problems to be ignored. Most are not on the streets because of laziness, addiction, or poor choices. Many are working. They simply can't afford a home. In a country as wealthy as ours, that truth should make us all uncomfortable. When society looks away or hides behind stereotypes, we become part of the problem. The stigma blinds us to compassion and delays the action that's desperately needed.
Homelessness is not just a city issue, and it's certainly not someone else's responsibility. It's ours. Every community - including ours - must face the growing crisis head-on. In 2022, Simcoe County counted 722 unhoused people. Southern Georgian Bay represented 6% (27 people), while Barrie accounted for half. By 2024, that number had exploded to 1,080 — with nearly a third living in encampments. Barrie now makes up 47% of the county's homeless population; South Georgian Bay, 9%. The trend is alarming, and the silence around it even more so. North Simcoe Springwater News intends to look deeper — beyond the statistics — to ask what's really driving this. Is it local policy? A regional housing failure? Or a system that no longer protects those one paycheck away from losing everything? Next fall's numbers will tell part of the story. What we choose to do about it will tell the rest.

Thank you for another incredible season at the Elmvale Farmers' Market!

By Matt Garwood, Oct. 5, 2025
As the 2025 season comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this year such a tremendous success. This summer was especially meaningful as the Elmvale Farmers' Market proudly celebrated its 15th anniversary.
Over the past 15 years, the Market has grown into much more than a place to buy fresh, locally grown produce. It has become a vibrant gathering space, a weekly tradition where neighbours connect, local artisans and musicians showcase their talents, and community groups come together to share their work and passion. It's a celebration of everything that makes Elmvale special.
Through conversations with vendors, visitors, and local business owners, it's clear that the Market plays a vital role in supporting local economic growth.
This past season saw remarkable growth, more vendors, more visitors, and more energy than ever before. We're deeply grateful to all the vendors, volunteers, visitors, and the Elmvale BIA for their continued support and dedication.
We're already looking ahead with excitement to the 2026 season.

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Oct. 6, 2025 - First-time visitors comment on the beauty of our farm: a small oasis surrounded by trees. Little do they know, it wasn't always like this: 50 years ago, except for the old Silver Maple adjacent to the flowing artesian well, there was almost no tree cover, and the banks of the river were exposed and badly eroded. Since then, more than 25,000 trees have been planted, more than 50 species, with seven being Species at Risk: Black Ash, Blue Ash, Butternut, Cherry Birch, Common Hop Tree, Cucumber Magnolia, and Kentucky Coffee Tree. The Red Oaks planted in 1976 while we were still in high school, are 27 m tall; the windbreak surrounding the property (13,800 Norway Spruce planted by the OMNR in 1990), up to 17 m; Black Walnut planted at the same time, 18 m; most impressive are the Sycamores which are growing at a rate of 90 cm per year. The amount of atmospheric carbon dioxide removed by the windbreak alone has probably offset my carbon footprint for the next

300 years.

The sloughs, little marsh, and seasonal swamp found here, plus the open water wetland we constructed with the help of Ducks Unlimited, provide habitat for amphibians (at least six species of frogs) and reptiles (at least three species of turtles, including the Blandings Turtle and Snapping Turtle, both Species at Risk). Planting trees along our section of the Wye River has created a beautiful, healthy riparian zone. The obvious indicator of the success of our restoration efforts is the number of bird species identified to date (mainly with the help of the Merlin phone app from Cornell University): 145 species, including 15 Species at Risk (Barn Swallow, Bobolink, Canada Warbler, Chimney Swift, Common Nighthawk, Eastern Wood Pewee, Evening Grosbeak, Golden-winged Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow, Least Bittern, Lesser Yellowlegs, Meadowlark, Red-headed Woodpecker, Short-eared Owl, Wood Thrush).

If we include two of the 51 fish species known to occur in the Wye River (Grass Pickerel and Northern Brook Lamprey), then the farm provides habitat for 27 species at risk.

On top of all of this, the farm is home to the Elmvalle Groundwater Observatory, a dedicated facility for scientific research. The water is several thousand years old and so pure that it must be sampled within laminar flow, clean air cabinets, to prevent contamination by ambient air.

The farm is an illustration of the potential we all have to benefit the environment, and how we benefit from Nature. It has become a refuge not only for a great diversity of plants and animals, but also for the friends and family that helped to create it. If you would like to learn more, I invite you to my presentation, hosted by the Elmvalle Foundation (www.elmvale.org) on **TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2025, starting at 7:00 PM**, at the Community Hall, 33 Queen St., W., in Elmvalle, Ontario.

If you are unable to join in person, here is the link to join via Zoom (link is also on www.springwaternews.ca)

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Welcome to our farm!

By William Shotyk, Ph.D., Dr. rer. nat. habil., FRSC; Bocock Chair for Agriculture and the Environment, University of Alberta; President, Elmvalle Foundation



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Fall Fair to hockey games: Elmvale arena getting ‘significant’ internet boost



By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com. Oct 3, 2025

Long considered the Bermuda Triangle of the internet, Elmvale Community Arena is on its way to becoming a high-powered hub for all things wired.

In fact, by around this time next week, it should be ready to go, just in time for the Elmvale Fall Fair, allowing participants, visitors and vendors the ability to post and respond to texts and videos quickly and effortlessly — just like at home.

“We’re here to propose a significant and modern upgrade for the Elmvale arena,” Alexia Agouridis, chief marketing officer for SwoopFiber told council Wednesday night as she began her presentation. “We want to provide state-of-the-art wireless connectivity.

“The entire project, from start to finish, is fully funded by SwoopFiber with absolutely no cost to the township,” she added.

According to Agouridis, the company will provide high-speed internet access for all spectators, visitors and businesses using the arena and the area surrounding it. It would be accessible through a simple, branded landing page on their device.

Additionally, the system would allow local hockey teams the ability to stream their games in high definition.

“This isn’t just about basic internet, it’s about enabling two powerful and high-value services,” Agouridis said. “In today’s world, connectivity is an expectation.

“This system will allow everyone who comes to the arena the ability to share their experience on social media in real time,” she added.

Her pitch appeared to hit all the right notes and connected with township councillors, most of whom say they have had less-than-wonderful internet experiences in the George Street arena.

“I’ve spent years of my life in that arena,” said

Coun. Danielle Alexander. “It has horrible, if any, cellphone service, so this is definitely a welcome addition.”

Coun. Phil Fisher concurred. As the parent of a hockey player, he said he sometimes finds himself at work and not at the game. With this technology, he said he can follow the game in real-time.

“I would endorse it, there’s no downside,” he said.

Agouridis said the company needs a day to complete the installation and is working toward doing the work next Tuesday. She said the company assumes all liability and responsibility for the program, and would need little more than an outlet from the township.

“The township’s role is straightforward — provide scheduled access for the installation and sustained power source for the equipment,” she said.

Agouridis said the installation will adhere to all Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) rules and regulations and would ensure all privacy laws are followed.

This is the first project the company, which is based in Elmvale, will work on in partnership with the township.

“In the future, we hope to come and discuss more opportunities to bring public Wi-Fi to things like parks and other facilities,” Agouridis said.

Township council unanimously supported the request.

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Celebrating the Spirit of Youth



Again congratulations to the following youth: Elmvale Fall Fairs Ambassador: Eliza Graham, 1st Runner up: Lucy Grummett. Elmvale Fall Fairs Junior Ambassador: Max Stones, 1st Runner up: Payton Rowland, 2nd Runner up: Lexxy Edmonds. We look forward to an amazing year and can't see what you do.

By Rowan King, Oct. 6, 2025

Elmvale - Well we've been impressed once again by the talents of our local youth. This past Sunday (Oct 5th) we held the annual Ambassador Program. I am pleased to announce that the 57th Elmvale Fall Fair Ambassador is Eliza Graham and the 17th Elmvale Fall Fair Junior Ambassador is Max Stones.

As we say each year the judges really had their work cut out for them - between interviews, posters (Jr.'s), impromptu questions (Sr.'s) and speeches each youth presented themselves with individuality, compassion and a true passion for this community.

I do want to take this time to thank our judges: Matt Garwood, 1st vice president of the Flos Agricultural Society, Jennifer Roberson, local principal, and Dr. Christina Bodea, local business owner and dentist. The program really isn't possible without these amazing individuals who are given the toughest job. Thank you.

We also want to acknowledge the ambassadors who passed on their title this year: Alex and Everson, you did a fantastic job representing us over the past year and we look forward to seeing where life takes you. I'm sure we will be seeing you both around the fair for many years to come. Likely helping out in some way or another. We see and feel your passion for this small town. Thank you.

Please if you see any of these youth around the fair this coming weekend, stop and say hi, and congratulate them on participating in this long standing tradition.

OP-ED: Click, Vote, Gone — The Perils of Digital Democracy By Elizabeth Marshall, Oct. 5, 2025

Most municipalities are starting to gear up for the 2026 election. This might be something to think about, particularly if they are all consumed with the "convenience" of e-voting/online voting and/or phone/mail in (alternative) voting.

From the report "Cyber Risks in Ontario Online Elections" by James D. Brunet, Western University: "Types of Threats to Online Voting

When compared to in-person, hand-counted, paper ballots which are chiefly verified through procedural measures, online voting presents new risks in existing categories of election threats. These threats fall into several categories:

- Ballot secrecy threats, where a person could determine how another person voted in an election.
- Coercion threats, where a voter is illegally pressured or incentivized to cast a particular vote.
- Count-related threats, where votes are counted incorrectly, or an incorrect count is reported.
- Ballot-stuffing threats, where invalid votes are cast and counted.
- Ballot-altering threats, where a voter's choice is changed without their authorization.
- Authentication threats, where unauthorized individuals can cast votes on behalf of others.
- Availability threats, where access to the voting service is disrupted for voters.
- Privacy threats, where personal information about voters is accessed without authorization.
- Legitimacy threats, where the public does not have confidence in the election result." [1]

You read correct. Your vote can be changed without your knowledge or consent. The paper also explains that there is only a 25-83% accuracy rate, meaning your vote might not be counted or it was deleted.

The paper goes on to explain: "There is a broad list of potential attackers for municipal elections in Canada. Potential attackers could be politically motivated and desire a particular election outcome. Attackers could include partisan individuals/groups, people with a financial interest in municipal policy, or even state actors. ... Potential attackers may also be financially motivated (e.g. a ransomware group targeting municipal infrastructure), or personally motivated (e.g. a disgruntled employee seeking to cause disruption). In some cases, cybersecurity incidents may occur without an attacker (e.g. via human error or negligence). For example, unanticipated demand on an online voting system could cause an availability threat, or a political candidate could cause a privacy threat by leaving a USB flash drive containing voter data on a bus seat."

So, question, are you really voting for the candidate you want or are you merely being made to "feel good" by this form of voting. What does government tell us - it must be scientifically proven...now it is. "...a paper ballot cast at a polling station provides the firmest guarantees..." [2] "Ballot secrecy is a fundamental principle of democratic elections, ... a requirement in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

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Mayor calls councillor 'rude' over 'inquisition' of Midland fire chief

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Sep 25, 2025

The story behind flared emotions at last night's Midland council meeting can be boiled down to a simple technology glitch over an inexplicably delayed email through no fault of anyone.

That didn't stop accusations and harsh words from being tossed, centring around Coun. Bill Meridis' quest to get detailed information out of Fire Chief Richard Renaud regarding overtime costs.

During the committee of the whole portion, the high-level report on fire department responses and associated costs – which would have otherwise been received as information in the regular meeting portion – was pulled by Meridis for discussion. The report provided an overview of alarm incidents from January through August, with specifics available on fire department responses for just July and August.

Meridis stated that he had contacted Renaud days prior to ask for clarification on some figures.

To accommodate Meridis' request, Renaud stated he had two additional fire department members working overtime until midnight for two days to manually back-check through annual data, as the current fire department FirePro data entry software had become antiquated for two years and was prone to crashing.

Meridis challenged Renaud, asserting that since payroll would be calculated for who was on duty for any given task, that the granular details of overtime costs were available and should have been included for council's benefit.

Renaud responded that he had sent two emails with the data Meridis requested, not just to him but to all council members; but as confirmed by other councillors, Meridis stated they hadn't received it which was the source of his increasing frustration. Meridis continued to check his email while conversation continued.

Mayor Bill Gordon allowed the initial grilling by Meridis on Renaud to last roughly 20 minutes before interjecting. "I didn't interrupt your line of questioning," said Gordon, "but this is really like an inquisition. This is something we would do at a budget, if you were questioning a line on a budget justification, rather than just a 'receive for information', 'here's some stats on the fire service'."

Meridis countered that he shouldn't be the only council member asking deep questions for taxpayer benefit, and said he was "offended" that Gordon would assume he "had an ulterior motive". He also accused Renaud of looking at him in a frustrated way, and said he was "paying it forward" in reciprocation.

"Why is it just, at this point in 2025, that a councillor is asking for these detailed reports? That's what I find very concerning," said Meridis. "That sitting in this chair being accountable for every dime that this corporation, this town spends, lies within us in three months time. What am I doing



Midland councillor Bill Meridis (right) exchanged words with Mayor Bill Gordon (left) during a heightened discussion regarding fire department overtime costs during the recent committee of the whole meeting. Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

wrong? The line of questioning is from the report.

"For me asking these questions – you may think they're absurd, I'm diving deep, I'm looking for something, I'm looking for some provocative information... is ridiculous. I don't know where you (Gordon) come off insinuating that, and it infuriates me; I'm just asking the question for my constituents and myself. Frankly, you should be asking the same things," Meridis said.

Other members of council had asked questions and thanked Renaud for his involvement. Coun. Sheldon East offered an apology to Renaud. Gordon concluded the section as the report was received for information, but reiterated the "feel of interrogation" comment as he did.

"Why would you say that?" said Meridis to Gordon. "I didn't interrogate him." A brief recess was taken, with Gordon calling Meridis "rude" and Meridis uttering an expletive before exiting the council chambers.

At 8:15 p.m., an hour into the heightened conversation, Coun. Jamie-Lee Ball affirmed she had just received the detailed email sent by Renaud with accompanying spreadsheets, adding that it had been timestamped as sent by Renaud at 11 a.m. that morning.

Renaud spoke to MidlandToday during the break, stating he understood Meridis' frustration at not receiving the email but grasping what council wanted for future reports. Meridis returned and spoke with Renaud through the break, apologizing, and parting with a friendly laugh between both.

Following the meeting, MidlandToday spoke to Meridis who said he wasn't as prepared as he

should have been and "typically am."

"I should have probably dropped the whole thing and revisited it; that could be inexperience in my seat. But the report came to me, and I'm asking the questions that I feel I need answers to and possibly for anybody who is watching."

Some context is required for a full understanding of the events that led to the heated exchange. Since being elected for his first term on council, Meridis has stuck to his pledge in being a watchdog for taxpayer dollars, often being a contentious and outspoken councillor to dial back excess spending and keep the tax rate low for Midland ratepayers.

That adherence to a managerial style of representation had led to frequent and lengthy dives into the minutia of staff reports regarding town costs, including Meridis having called previous staff reports 'misleading' on occasion for not providing a level of detail he had requested.

Since 2023, Midland has been sharing the top fire services position with Penetanguishene. Last week, the towns announced that agreement would be coming to an end.

The fire department responses and associated costs report, including overtime breakdown, is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

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Tiny to explore 'exciting' special events through grant application

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Sep 29, 2025

Big events are on the horizon for Tiny Township, whether a successful grant application is approved or not.

At the recent regular meeting of council, Mayor Dave Evans teased residents with a glimpse of special events for the municipality by saying he would make an announcement at the next meeting of council.

The comments followed a question for Evans to chime in on a committee of the whole decision earlier in the month regarding the potential renaming of charity golf and pickleball events, as Evans had not been present for that discussion.

Instead, Evans deflected by hinting at what the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament working committee had discussed the day prior. "And not just pickleball, but there's a number of things that our parks and recreation director and special events (Josh Pallas) are working on, and I think you will be very excited once you see it at the next meeting."

The next agenda item involved a request by Pallas to access \$25,000 for a grant application to the Rural Economic Development Program, Community Development Stream as a matching

donation for a potential \$50,000 development, if successful, toward a special events strategy for Tiny Township.

"Working with those (business, community, and third-party) groups, I get to hear the challenges first hand that they're going through, and some of the successes as well," said Pallas.

"I think it's important that from a feasibility perspective, if we wish to include more special events for the township, that we start looking at how we recruit third-party events; whether that be cycling tours, craft beer festivals – there's all sorts of things we can look at."

Within the report, a 30 per cent increase to local business participation was targeted by 2027; the Farm Crawl / Taste of Tiny event was cited as just one example with a target of at least 18 participating farms and attraction of 250 attendees minimum. The strategy would look to bring in new third-party events for tourism, hospitality and seasonal employment opportunities, while establishing key performance indicators.

The request for \$25,000 was to access an economic development reserve which had been established during last year's budget deliberations, when Tiny pulled support from the four-municipality Economic Development

Corporation of North Simcoe (since rebranded as Route 93) to use for their own purposes.

Said CAO Robert Lamb: "This (Rural Economic Development) program was put out by the province of Ontario, and it's a wonderful program actually for municipalities just like ours, to be able to try to put in place new strategies that we've never had before."

"My understanding is that we should probably hear sometime in the first quarter of next year if we were successful," said Lamb, "so then if we weren't, council would still have time before we ratified the final budget to look at that \$25,000 in reserve – whether there's something else they wished for us to do with it."

To conclude the discussion, Evans shared he was in favour of the request and added that it would tie into the unknown announcement he would introduce at the next meeting. The \$25,000 request was approved by council shortly after.

The Rural Economic Development application report 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.

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Heritage committee chair René Hackstetter unveiled the first of 77 historic Dollartown signs at a well-attended event on Wednesday, signifying the importance of one of Midland's oldest communities. Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Sep 24, 2025

The Dollartown heritage of Midland was formally recognized during an unveiling of signs, which will be put at intersections throughout the east corner of the town.

Although a Tay Township community back in the late 1800s until annexation by Midland in 1913, the population of roughly 800 Dollartown residents (as per 1904) lived and worked in the area generally confined within Yonge and Russell Streets to the water's edge. The area is named after Scottish-born Dollar brothers Robert, John and James who started a lumber yard and mill circa 1875.

In 2015, the town's heritage committee recommended intersection signs be put throughout the area to recognize its importance and history, with town council approving 77 signs in late 2024.

Heritage committee chair René Hackstetter thanked members of the committee as well as many families who attended the unveiling of the first intersection sign at Bay Street and Aberdeen Blvd. during a ceremony on Wednesday; family names included Dunn, Contois, Paradis, Cruise and Edwards.

"This was a big win, and beyond all our modest expectations," said Hackstetter on the town's approval for the signage. "Marking a location sets the village's context in an historical light, and asserts its importance to those who lived there, as well as its present inhabitants."

Hackstetter noted with assistance from the Huronia Museum, informative QR codes would link interested parties to a town-hosted website where further details on Dollartown's history

could be found.

Historic intersections signs to be installed around the Yonge St., Russell St., and waterfront boundary. Derek Howard/MidlandToday

Dollartown resident George Dunn was represented at the ceremony by his wife Adrienne. "He loved Dollartown," she said. "He was always very proud that he came from here. (These signs) are a big part of the history of the town."

Also in attendance were Larry and Diane Chapman, proudly sporting Dollartown shirts; the pair had previously been featured speaking about Dollartown in a 'Do You Remember When?' episode from the north Simcoe based Culture Alliance.

"My brother-in-law Albert (Cruise); he wrote this song called 'Dollartown,'" Larry told MidlandToday. "All the lyrics are the history of us growing up down here in this area. It wasn't the wealthiest area, but this is where we grew up and the friendship around here was just unreal back then."

Mayor Bill Gordon said the signs are a physical, permanent way of honouring history.

He added: "It's a tangible, passive way to honour the history of a founding part of our community."

Historic photos of Dollartown are included in the hosted video on YouTube. The lyrics, written by Albert Cruise, begin as such:

When I was young in Dollartown
We had grain elevators and a railroad yard
We had a coal dock and a shipyard
We had friends that were true
who were most of the people we knew
We had a lot of room to run
Dollartown was number one.

Life4Kids Canada Applauds Midland Rotary Club's Global Impact

By Fred Hacker, Oct. 1, 2025

MIDLAND, ON — Life4Kids Canada, a Midland-based international charity, has extended heartfelt thanks to the Midland Rotary Club for its unwavering support of vulnerable children in Nairobi, Kenya.

Life4Kids Canada funds 75% of the operating costs for a home that shelters homeless and abandoned boys in Nairobi, with the remaining support provided by a sister organization in Norway. The charity relies heavily on donations from Central Ontario, and

among its most committed partners is the Midland Rotary Club.

The Club has not only contributed significant financial resources but has also played a key leadership role in rallying support from nine other Rotary clubs across the region. Additionally, it has successfully secured District Grants from Rotary District 7010 to further bolster the Life4Kids initiative.

Last November, a team of 11 Rotarians from Midland traveled to Nairobi to help build a library, computer lab, and fruit and vegetable garden at the Life4Kids home—tangible improvements that will enrich the lives of the 26 boys currently living there.

"These children are rescued from the streets, alleys, and dumps of Nairobi's slums," said Fred Hacker, Chair of Life4Kids Canada. "The Midland Rotary Club's ongoing support is absolutely critical to our mission."

The boys live in a nurturing family-style environment with live-in caregivers, attend local schools, and receive trauma therapy. For those who show promise and dedication, Life4Kids also offers continued education beyond the age of 18.

Shawn Nielsen, President of the Midland Rotary Club, emphasized the Club's deep connection to the project: "Our members have taken a genuine interest in the home and the boys. It's more than charity—it's a relationship."

Past President Cathy Tait reflected on her visit to the home: "It was an honour to witness firsthand the incredible care these boys receive. We were deeply moved by their resilience and the compassion of the staff."

As the Midland Rotary Club prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary next year, its legacy of community service—both local and global—continues to grow.

Quest Art School and Gallery Launches Youth Committee to Empower Local Teens

By Stephanie Rumble, Sept. 25, 2025

Midland – Quest Art School + Gallery is calling on the next generation of change makers to step forward. Local youth are invited to make their voices heard, flex their creativity, and take an active role in shaping the future of arts and culture in North Simcoe.

To do this, Quest is launching its first-ever Youth Committee, a dynamic group of young leaders (ages 13–18) who will help design and drive programs, events, and community projects that reflect the interests and passions of their peers. Working alongside Quest staff and volunteers, committee members will have the chance to transform ideas into action and create meaningful opportunities for youth engagement across the region.

"Young people bring fresh ideas, energy, and

perspective to the arts," says Executive Director Lawrence Sagar. "We've heard just how much of a need there is for youth programming in our community, and by involving local youth directly in shaping it, we're ensuring that what we offer truly resonates with them. By engaging them in this way, Quest remains a space where they will feel welcome, inspired, and connected."

Committee members will:

- Meet once a month at Quest Art School + Gallery (2 hours per month)
- Collaborate on planning fun and impactful youth-focused events and activities
- Build leadership and teamwork skills
- Connect with other creative young people who care about art and community

"This is a chance for teens to leave their mark, grow

their confidence, and gain hands-on experience in community building," says Quest Board Member and Youth Committee Lead, Kelly Lapham. "Committee members will also have unique opportunities to work alongside our team and develop valuable skills in curating, event planning, marketing, social media, and public relations. It's about empowering youth with tools and experiences that will serve them well into the future."

Youth interested in joining the Quest Art School + Gallery Youth Committee can apply online at <https://www.questart.ca/youth-committee-submission-form> or contact Stephanie at communications@questart.ca for more details. Submissions are due by Monday, October 20th, with the first committee meeting scheduled for November 2025.

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Drainage study planned after erosion, runoff complaints in Tiny

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Sep 24, 2025

A drainage study is in the cards for the Cawaja Beach area of Tiny Township, following resident concerns that man-made development and climate change have unfavourably altered the natural landscape.

Resident deputations to Tiny council were made at the recent regular meeting, with Janet Marks of the Cawaja Property Owners Association providing an overview of excess water over the past five years in the Concession 11 West area, west of County Road 6 North and draining into Georgian Bay.

“Today I am requesting that council support a drainage study on the spring runoff creek that flows between 390 Bearemi Road down to 210 Tiny Beaches Road North and onto Cawaja Beach,” said Marks. “We hope this study can be scheduled for the spring of 2026 when the water is flowing.”

Marks provided a slideshow which included photos, videos, and anecdotes from residents, along with a map highlighting a watercourse with origins of several low-lying and wet areas converging at higher elevations before streaming down through properties on Beaumont Court, Lefaive Road.

A satellite photo of a private property was included in the presentation, highlighting a corridor of removed trees. Marks expanded on the importance of forestation for absorbing water, stabilizing soil, and supporting natural drainage patterns, and noted that removal of those elements could increase surface runoff.

“While we respect property rights, we also believe it’s important to balance individual choices with the awareness of potential impacts on the surrounding community and environment,” said Marks.

Annual repairs to Bearemi Road from excess water damage were cited as another reason how a drainage study could aid the township, providing data which could lead to cost savings if a solution were implemented.

Andrew Milligan also provided a deputation where he shared his concerns regarding “(pretty

well) a 25-foot... cliff now right on our property” which he felt was a danger for his and other neighbourhood children. He suggested that following the drainage study, municipal storm water management could mitigate the issue.

“We need to address this before something catastrophic happens,” said Milligan.

During a question period of the deputations, Coun. Dave Brunelle focused on a photo of the Church in the Pines bridge, which had been closed for safety reasons due to bank erosion.

Public works director Tim Leitch explained that despite flood plain restrictions on a natural water course, “what it’s demonstrating is that natural rivers don’t always run straight; they will meander, they will change, and that’s just a reality”.

Further discussion centred around the bridge until Coun. Kelly Helowka spoke up. “This is just not the bridge though; we’ve got Mr Milligan’s property which is basically wasting away before our very eyes,” said Helowka. “We’ve got to come up with a comprehensive plan to deal with the whole works.”

Council approved a staff report on the drainage study matter.

During the later committee of the whole meeting, a public works report for clay removal on the Lefaive Road for a watermain and paving project was discussed.

Both Helowka and Mayor Dave Evans asked Leitch if the drainage study would be related, with Leitch replying it would be dealt with as a separate matter.

The drainage study presentation from the Cawaja Property Owners Association 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.

Fun in Fundraising



Greg, on left, with Patti on right delivering the cheque to the foodbank.

By Greg

The 2025 “non- pig roast” went off with a bang!! We had an amazing crowd, the best food in town and a kick-ass band...!!

Thank you to everyone who came and made this a big success.

Thank you to our merchants for donating raffle items and a list that would go on for ages...!!

A great big shout out to “The Pub Dawgs” for coming out and rocking the night out...!!

The proceeds from our bash was \$1725. And we are over the moon to present this cheque to our favourite group... the Elmvale Food Bank...!! You have a tough job to do and we have in the past and will certainly in the future... support you...!!

Thank you for your support for the auction items:

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Upcoming Installation of Commemorative Veteran's Crosswalk in Elmvale

By Township of Springwater, Oct. 3, 2025
The Township of Springwater is pleased to announce the installation of a Commemorative Veteran's Crosswalk at the intersection of Queen Street West and Maria Street in Elmvale. This project is scheduled to begin the week of October 6, 2025, and adheres to the Royal Canadian Legion's design standards to honour and commemorate the contributions of Canadian veterans.

The crosswalk will feature a design that includes bilingual stenciled messages, two large red maple leaf symbols, and a ladder-style crosswalk configuration. This design is carefully selected to embody national themes of remembrance and to

serve as a visible and respectful tribute to veterans. The Commemorative Crosswalk project is part of the Township's yearly road painting plan. Please note that this work is contingent on favourable weather conditions. Additionally, there will be no impact on traffic during this project.

An official unveiling ceremony will take place once the crosswalk is completed. Additional details about this event will be provided closer to completion.

This project represents a meaningful opportunity to visibly honour the service and sacrifice of Canadian veterans through a dignified public installation.

Highway 12 bridge maintenance costs questioned by Midland councillors

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Oct 02, 2025

An MTO bridge trail use report at the recent Midland council meeting provided insight to responsibilities, upkeep and agreements for the bridge crossing Highway 12 near the Martyrs' Shrine, including the role played by the Georgian Bay Snowriders.

Once part of the CN Railway line, the bridge was converted into a multi-use trail for year-round use by Midland and area residents.

Responsibility for the bridge "didn't come to light until Hydro One took an off-road unit across it and broke some decking," explained infrastructure management and town engineer executive director Mitch Sobil at the committee of the whole portion of the meeting.

According to the infrastructure report, Midland never entered into an agreement with the MTO to use the bridge. A negotiation attempt was made by the MTO in 2006 but failed, and another attempt happened in 2024.

The original draft agreement noted Midland as the responsible party for removal of the bridge should the MTO deem that a necessity, which town staff suspected (as per the report) to be the reason for halted 2006 negotiations. For the 2024 negotiation, town staff were able to successfully convince the MTO to take ownership should the bridge ever be removed.

Noted in the report were responsibilities by both parties: the MTO would remain sole owner of the bridge for inspections, repair and external maintenance; Midland would be responsible for interior maintenance and upkeep, trail signage, seasonal inspections, and authority to open and close gates and bollards between winters and summers.

Due to the town requirements to upkeep the bridge and interior repairs, the report stated that the largest risk would be from snowmobile usage.

With council approval of the MTO bridge trail use agreement, the town would look to negotiate a long-term agreement with the Georgian Bay Snowriders to ensure collaborative protections.

"Judging from the pics that I see in this report, the maintenance costs of \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year in my opinion may be under budgeted," Coun. Bill Meridis suggested to Sobil.

"Snowmobiles are the highest liability; they're the hardest on the decking and things like that," said Sobil. He added that if the Snowriders would agree to a future four-year term, it "puts us back into alignment with other municipalities around us, and then we can group negotiate from there on out."

When Coun. Howie Major praised Sobil on "the best \$2,000 the staff spent this year" for repairs, Sobil clarified that those repairs from the town would be "quick and dirty" with an analogy that "we're not doing body work on classic cars here... we're going to cover up some graffiti."

Coun. Jamie-Lee Ball suggested that an initiative to integrate community-made graffiti artists could also become a tourism benefit while addressing unwanted graffiti on the bridge.

The committee of the whole approved entering into the MTO agreement, ensuring continued use of the trail for the foreseeable future.

The MTO bridge trail use agreement report, including photos and bridge schematics, is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

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

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ANTEN MILLS

by Dennis Gannon

Oct. 5, 2025 - We have been blessed by the incredible summer-like weather that we have experienced over the past several weeks. The weather leading up to our Anten Mills Celebrating 150 Years was very summer-like and then since the Craft and Food Fair the stretch has continued. It will certainly come to an end and conditions turn to more fall like but for now let's all enjoy what we can of late summer weather.

Saturday, September 27 saw many attendees at the annual Craft and Food Fair. A variety of products were available and shoppers were able to snag some items perhaps for Thanksgiving or early Christmas presents. The crew serving the 2 Tonnie Pancake Breakfast were busy throughout the morning and then at lunch time it was time for the Chilli Cookoff. A selection of chilli recipes prepared by local enthusiasts were available and votes were taken to determine which one was the best. There were three judges and the public as well offered their opinions. The winners were Justin Elzner who took first place and Cassandra Wilson and Alden Fotherby who tied for second. Alden also took the People's Choice award. Combined the pancake breakfast and chilli cookoff raised just under \$700 which went to the Elmvale and District Food Bank. Congratulations to all who volunteered and made it a wonderful day in our community.

With Thanksgiving this weekend, thoughts will be turning to the spooky season of Halloween. Community volunteers are busy making it another memorable time for the village. First off is the Witches Walk and Live Band on Friday, October 24. This is an adult event that starts off with the Witches Walk through the village starting at 6:45. Those who like to dress up are encouraged to wear their best witch's clothes and join in the walk. If not getting dressed up is your preference that isn't an issue. Come as you are and either join the walk or just come and join in the fun as the band Bombshell performs. The band will be playing from 7 until 10:30. There is no admission fee for

this event however cash donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the band. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be available for purchase that evening. If history repeats itself, it will be a fun evening.

Then on Sunday, October 26 it will be the kids turn. Starting at 11 and running until 1 there will be crafts, a scavenger hunt, pumpkin carving, a photo booth and much more. Pizza slices will also be available for purchase. The team is making this a fun day for the younger ones to get dressed up and have some early Halloween vibes. Of course there will be a trick or treat bag at the conclusion and in order for there to be sufficient supplies, you are asked to preregister and details for this and the Friday night event are on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page. As in the past there is no charge for the kids event on Sunday and all participants are requested to bring a generous donation as we continue our community support for the Elmvale and District Food Bank.

For those wondering we will return to Standard Time on Sunday, November 2 at 2AM. That's the day when we roll our clocks back and get one more hour of sleep until Daylight Saving Time returns on Sunday, March 8.

The Knotty Knitters continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 until 3:30 at the community centre. This is open to all regardless of your knitting or crocheting experience. In fact you don't require any experience to attend. If you are interested in learning there are experienced knitters who are willing to assist. Or if you want a couple of hours of just social time then this is the place to get it. The group supports women and girls who are clients of the food bank by donating items that are required by them and that is your entrance fee. Go see what they are about and no doubt you will return.

There are two other events that you should mark on your calendar. The first is that there will be a Remembrance Day Service at Springwater Provincial Park on Tuesday, November 11 commencing at 10:45. The second is the annual Anten Mills Tree Lighting and Santa Claus parade.



This will occur on the weekend of December 13. More details will be posted closer to the date but it's not too early to think about entering the parade.

A requirement of the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association is that an annual general meeting be held. With the 150 celebration being a major event for the year, the meeting was delayed from the spring until now. The events the CRA holds throughout the year cannot be done without the support and participation of community members. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30PM in the community centre. Please consider attending and lending your time and talents to continue the CRA as they move into their 55th year of community service.

This weekend is Thanksgiving. It is a time when families gather together and celebrate our accomplishments and wellbeing for the year. We are all so grateful and fortunate to live in a small community that is very giving. We need only to remember our late winter ice storm and how we rallied to help each other. Our Easter Eggstravaganza is another example of the community getting together and having fun. Then of course there was our 150 celebration. To see so many people celebrating our past and the support that the committee received to put on the day was amazing. Thank you Anten Mills for being a community that participates and gives. May this thanksgiving bring you a time to celebrate and reflect on all that we have and all that we can contribute to this wonderful community that we have. From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

That's all for this week. Remember that the Elmvale Fall Fair is this Friday and Saturday. THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE!

Celebrating Midhurst's 200th birthday



By Village of Midhurst.ca, Aug 29, 2025

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Midhurst 200 Summer Celebration last weekend! The food was great (and free!), the games were a hit, and the interest in our local history was great to see.

The Springwater-Vespra Lions Club was on hand to serve some excellent burgers and hotdogs.

Willow Creek Baptist Church provided some cold iced tea and lemonade, a refreshing addition that was much appreciated during the warm weather.

Please visit villageofmidhurst.ca/midhurst200 to learn more about this historic milestone and how to celebrate through the rest of the year.

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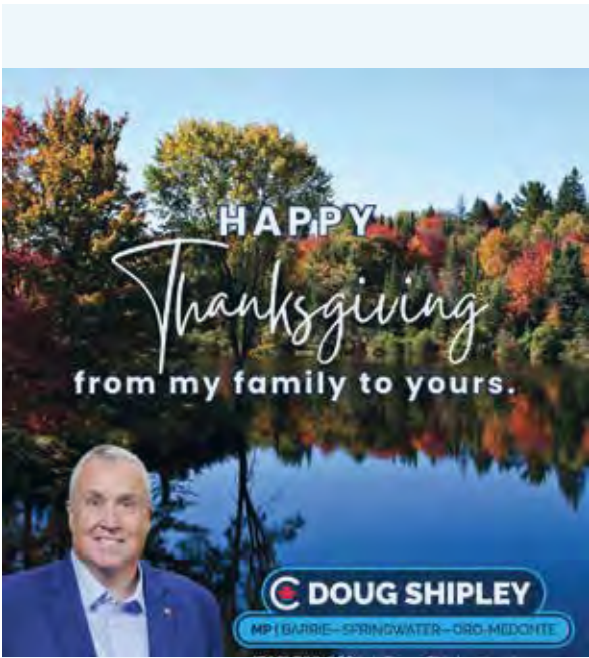
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You are invited to view and provide comments on the proposed amendments to the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan Assessment Reports.

The proposed amendments are in response to updated wellhead protection areas as part of the Midhurst drinking water system within the Township of Springwater.

Visit nvca.on.ca/source-protection/ for more information. Comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted in writing by **November 13, 2025**.



Oct. 4, 2025 - Thanksgiving is traditionally an autumn celebration to show appreciation for the season’s harvest. These days, it’s a time to gather with friends and family, a time to be grateful for the people in our lives, our loved ones, and to count our blessings. It also usually means that fall has well and truly arrived and that I should be raking leaves. Let’s welcome the fall season by enjoying the changing colour of the trees, cozy sweaters, and local produce. I encourage you to stop at a local roadside stand to pick out a few pumpkins, some fresh apples, and seasonal veggies to support our local farms. We are surrounded by farmland and there are many producers to choose from within a short distance.

This time of year, we see many fall fairs and gatherings. In September, I was happy to help celebrate Anten Mills’ 150th anniversary, where current and past community members joined in the celebration. It was my pleasure to also participate in the parade at the Oro World’s Fair and to chat with locals about life and what’s

happening in the community and the country. Coming this weekend is the Elmvale Fall Fair. I’m looking forward to the excitement and the energy of the school parade, meeting constituents, and enjoying a butter tart.

I hope you make the most of this fall season by getting outdoors and enjoying all that Springwater and the surrounding areas have to offer – hiking trails, waterfronts, and parks. I hope you enjoy the season, and I hope your Thanksgiving weekend is filled with the comfort and warmth of good friends, close family, and great food.

As always, my staff and I are available to discuss any federal matters that may be of concern to you and your family. Please do not hesitate to get in touch by phone at 705-728-2596 or email at Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca.

Sincerely,
Doug Shipley
Member of Parliament
Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte



City provides update on State of Emergency actions and encampment supports

By City of Barrie - Oct 3, 2025 - On September 9, Mayor Alex Nuttall declared a State of Emergency in Barrie to address growing number of encampments across the city.

Since that time, the City of Barrie, in collaboration with the County of Simcoe, has taken coordinated action to address several encampment sites throughout the city. These efforts have focused on providing individuals with alternate shelter and supports, while ensuring public safety and restoring the impacted areas.

Encampments addressed to date include:

- Dymont’s Creek/Victoria Street: Encampment cleared before State of Emergency. Area remains closed for clean-up. South side cleanup is complete; contractor is finalizing efforts on the north side this week.
- Mulcaster Street: Encampment cleared. 39 of 44 individuals secured alternate shelter and storage for belongings.
- Sam Cancilla Park: Tent cleared. 1 individual secured alternate shelter.

- Bradford Street: 11 of 18 individuals were supported with shelter. All individuals have left the site and cleanup is underway.

“The coordinated response between the City and County of Simcoe has made meaningful progress in addressing the immediate needs of individuals living in encampments while balancing the health and safety of the broader community,” said Mayor Alex Nuttall. “We remain committed to supporting vulnerable residents with safe spaces and services, while protecting the wellbeing of the broader community.”

The City and County continue to assess all encampments across Barrie, prioritizing those with community safety concerns and public health risks. Further actions will depend on shelter availability.

According to data from the County of Simcoe’s Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS), as of September 1, 2025, there were 632 people experiencing homelessness in Barrie. The City of Barrie tracks the number of encampments throughout the city and considers one or more structures/tents on city property to be an encampment. The latest count by the City shows 26 encampments across Barrie with approximately 111 individuals living in these encampments.



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Harvesters Edge Winterhawks in Shootout Thriller



By Adrianna McGinnis - Oct. 3, 2025

History was made on Friday October 3 as the Elmvalle Harvesters played their first-ever game, boarding the bus to The Plex in Port Elgin to take on the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks. The debut didn't disappoint, with fans treated to an action-packed battle that went the distance.

From the opening puck drop, the game was a back-and-forth showdown, with both sides trading chances and goals. The Harvesters dominated large stretches of play, but the Winterhawks continued to push back, keeping the crowd on edge. After three periods of high-intensity hockey, the scoreboard read 5-5, forcing the game into overtime.

In the extra frame, Elmvalle had several golden opportunities to seal the win, but the Saugeen goaltender stood tall to keep his team alive. With overtime solving nothing, the contest moved to a dramatic shootout.

Ryan Young was the first Harvester to shoot but was denied. On Saugeen's opening attempt, Elmvalle goaltender Noah Featherstonehaugh Gowe made a big save to keep things even. Then came Jacob Kelly, who buried a beauty to give the Harvesters the edge. Another clutch stop by Featherstonehaugh Gowe set the stage for Jordan Fuller, who made no mistake, deking past the Winterhawks netminder and scoring the winner.

It was a total team effort, with regulation goals coming from Fuller, Young, Kelly (2), and Palomaki.

The Will Marshall Insurance Broker Three Stars of the Game were awarded to:

1. Jacob Kelly
2. Noah Featherstonehaugh Gowe
3. Jordan Fuller

The Harvesters left Port Elgin with a thrilling shootout victory, proving that they're ready to battle every night.

Elmvale Harvesters 2025-26 Schedule

Pre-Season Exhibition Game
Sat. Sept. 27 @ 7:00 PM
Wasaga Stars Arena vs. Creemore Coyotes

Home Games
Sat. Nov. 1 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Ripley Wolves
Sat. Nov. 8 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Georgian Bay Applekings
Sun. Nov. 23 @ 4:30 PM
vs. Minto 81's
Sat. Dec. 6 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Saugeen Winterhawks
Sat. Dec. 13 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Creemore Coyotes
Sun. Dec. 21 @ 4:00 PM
vs. Durham Thundercats
Sat. Jan. 3 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Lucknow Lancers
Sun. Jan. 11 @ 4:30 PM
vs. Minto 81's
Sat. Jan. 17 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Georgian Bay Applekings
Sat. Jan. 31 @ 8:00 PM
vs. Shelburne Muskies

Away Games
Fri. Oct. 3 @ 8:30 PM
at Saugeen Winterhawks
Fri. Oct. 17 @ 8:30 PM
at Georgian Bay Applekings
Sat. Oct. 18 @ 7:00 PM
at Ripley Wolves
Fri. Oct. 24 @ 8:30 PM
at Durham Thundercats
Sun. Nov. 9 @ 1:00 PM
at Minto 81's
Sat. Nov. 15 @ 7:30 PM
at Lucknow Lancers
Sun. Nov. 16 @ 1:30 PM
at Shelburne Muskies
Sat. Nov. 29 @ 7:30 PM
at Creemore Coyotes
Sat. Dec. 20 @ 7:30 PM
at Creemore Coyotes
Sat. Jan. 10 @ 7:00 PM
at Ripley Wolves

Kings Win 3 of 4 In Latest Action



Submitted by Jamie Robillard, Oct. 6, 2025

The Penetang Kings continued their regular season winning three of four games played between Saturday September 27th and Saturday October 4th in Provincial Junior Hockey League Play.

On September 27th Penetang travelled to Bracebridge where they got past the Muskoka Bears with a tidy 8-2 victory. Caiden Pattenden led the scoring with two goals and two assists. Owen Fuller, Brycen Kingma, Cole Rumbolt, Noah Johnston, Trevor Hutchinson and Spencer Walker all chipped in single marker for the Kings. Landon Simec stopped 33 shots in the Kings' goal. Pattenden was named the Canadoor Garage Doors Player of the Game for the Kings.

On Sunday September 28th the Kings were on the road again, this time in Innisfil where they dominated the Spartans, coming out on top with a 5-2 win. Blake Weicker scored twice while Pattenden added a goal and two assists to pace the win. Rumbolt and Owen Clennett rounded out the Penetang scoring with one goal each. Kings netminder Owen Moreau turned aside 27 shots in goal while Penetang fired 41 shots on the Innisfil net. Weicker was named the Canadoor Garage Doors Player of the Game for the Kings.

Playing their second home game of the season on Friday October 3rd, the Kings lost a hard-fought shootout decision to their rivals the Midland Flyers by a 4-3 margin. Camron Hutchinson, Rumbolt and Walker scored single markers for

Penetang. Simec made 33 saves in the Penetang goal. Overtime solved nothing and the game went to the shootout tied at three apiece where Midland shoots Patrick LaForge and Ben Armatage both scored and Midland netminder Jack Pinder turned away both Carter Wilson and Walker on their shot attempts. The Kings managed a single point in the standing in the shootout loss. Rumbolt was named the Canadoor Garage Doors Player of the Game for the Kings.

Penetang was back in Innisfil on Saturday October 4th and again bested the Spartans, this time by a score of 5-1. Camron Hutchison led the offence with one goal and three assists. Wilson scored twice while Rumbolt and Wyndam Brownlee each notched single goals for Penetang. The Kings outshot the Spartans by a margin of 52 to 23. Hutchinson was named the Canadoor Garage Doors Player of the Game for the Kings.

Penetang is now in fourth place in the Carruthers Division standings on the strength of three regulation time wins, one overtime loss and one shootout loss in six games. The Kings continue their early season road game heavy schedule on Thursday October 9th when they travel to Stayner to battle the Siskins followed on Friday October 10th when they meet the Otters in Huntsville. The Kings next home game is on Friday October 17th when they face-off against the Alliston Hornets followed on October 18th when they meet the Muskoka Bears.

Penetang Kings 2025–26 Schedule

Date	Visiting	Home	Venue	Time
Thu, Oct 9	Penetang	Stayner	Stayner Memorial Arena	8:00 pm
Fri, Oct 10	Penetang	Huntsville	Canada Summit Centre	7:30 pm
Sat, Oct 18	Muskoka	Penetang	Penetang Memorial CC	8:00 pm
Fri, Oct 24	Orillia	Penetang	Penetang Memorial CC	8:00 pm
Fri, Oct 31	Penetang	Alliston	New Tecumseth Rec Centre	7:30 pm

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Bearbells By Leslie Noonan

Sep. 24, 2025
There is a mountain range that stretches across the northern shores of Lake Huron, from Killarney to Manitoulin Island. It once reached heights greater than that of the

Rocky Mountains, but the eons have whittled them down to their current presentation, which is still impressive. Giant blocks of quartzite shine white in the sunlight, and tranquil lakes reflect back the cliffs and forests. The La Cloche Mountain Range is a hiker's paradise with remote trails, stunning vistas and undisturbed wilderness.

We started out in the south parking lot, bear bells on my poles as we heeded the warnings for active bears in the area. Our hiking goal was to finish the Arabella loop, a seven kilometer trail found in the western region of the La Cloche Range. The trail was clearly marked, travelling up a gradual incline towards the summit. A large clearing was visible just off the trail, with a bench to sit on and a sign indicating that this was a spot to honor indigenous peoples. The La Cloche Mountains were once used by Indigenous peoples to signal danger, as legends say that banging on the quartzite rocks caused a ringing as if bells, hence the French name for bells. After a brief moment of reflection, we continued on our upward journey. Not long after this, my son stopped me with a whispered "look, a deer". Just off the trail a doe warily watched us. Wanting to snap a photo, I slowly made my way to just ten feet from this beautiful creature who decided that I was no threat, head bent as she began to lick her slender legs. Slowly inching forward I was startled by sudden commotion from my left, only to see a large buck burst from the undergrowth and race towards the doe, and together the two ungulates disappeared into the forest. We continued on our way, feeling as though we had just witnessed something magical

We continued through the forest to the first turn off for the Arabella loop, but decided to venture forth to the second turn, hoping to get the strenuous climb out of the way and have an easier return trip. This trail is rated moderate to hard, for good reason. The gentle incline became much more strenuous, having us clambering up rocks and roots, feeling like the top would never come into view. Just when we thought we had topped the summit, another steep section would rise up. Eventually a sign led off from the main trail to the scenic overlook. Great, more heights, but oh so worth it. Another short steep incline up and over that quartzite rock and here we are, gazing out on a land little scarred by human endeavors. Vast forests studded with sparkling chains of lakes stretched to the horizon. We rested on the warm rocks, dazzling white in the sun and soaked up the



stunning beauty. Stunted pines and cedars clung to the rock face and way down below, a dark lake reflected back the trees and clouds. We didn't need to talk, the silence spoke for us. No sounds of cars, boats or planes, just the gentle wind in the tree tops and a crow calling from the distance. Pure bliss.

We headed on our way, the trail leading down between ridgelines covered in green ferns and soft moss. Pines and cedars gave way to oak trees, small acorns underfoot and those pesky red squirrels chattering from fallen trees. The mounds of rock give way to marsh land which opens up to reveal the lake we had seen from on high. A short side trail and a spit of land juts into the murky water with a bench placed in the best spot to enjoy the scenery. We could just see the peak we had been on, sunlight reflecting the bright light. Down here the light was softer, filtered through the trees. Dragonflies flitted from spot to spot, only landing briefly before zooming off. Of course we had to sit and breathe deeply, inhaling all that nature to recharge our souls.

The trail continued around the lake, small rocks becoming boulders which then become rock faces rearing up around us. Another steep incline and we are on top of another ridge, maples and oaks just turning orange and yellow. We considered continuing to the Heaven's gate trail, which is even farther up the mountain, but with the sun sinking towards the horizon we thought it prudent to return to our cabin in the wilderness. That night we marveled at the stars spilled across the sky, the Milky Way bright in the darkness unbroken by electric lights. Late that night, I roused my son to listen to the haunting sound of wolves howling in the field behind us as we snuggled down in our blankets, sleepy from our adventures.



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By Cathy Krar, Master Gardener, Mar. 25, 2025

Your mother may have told you to stop thinking about sex, but if we don't pay attention to plant sex we are putting our very existence at risk.

Plant sex is necessary for fertilization, seed and fruit production. The survival of plants is critical for healthy ecosystems because flowering plants sequester carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. Climate change has put a huge stress onto our ecosystem and a wide diversity of plants can help manage these stresses. And finally, no plant sex, no plant food to feed our growing population. Are you convinced that plant sex is worth our attention?

But just what do we mean by 'plant sex'? Well, we are talking about pollination. The act of moving the little living pieces of yellow pollen dust from the male anther in the flower to the female stigma of the same, or another, flower.

Plants can't move, so they need assistance to pollinate. Sometimes the wind can move the pollen from one plant to another. This is typical for many crop plants such as wheat, rice, corn and oats. But a large majority of plants rely on insects, birds and animals (bats), for successful pollination, and we need to ensure the survival of these helpers.

You will remember from high school biology that flowers produce nectar, a food source for birds and insects. A bee lands on a flower in search of nectar for her offspring. As the bee pushes into the flower to get to the sweet nectar, the bee brushes up against the anthers that produce the pollen of the plant and this pollen adheres to the legs and underside of the bee. The bee then proceeds on to another nectar dive in another flower, and this time the pollen brushes off onto the female stigma of this plant thereby achieving fertilization. Plant reproduction, and life itself, is dependent on that dust particle of pollen moving from one part of the flower to another.

Pollinator populations are trending downwards with the majority of those being flies, beetles,



butterflies, wasps and bees. These helpers need our help to ensure that plant sex is happening.

CONSIDER THIS:

Get involved in pollinator activities in your community. Why not plant a pollinator garden with a variety of native plants, a water source, habitat for shelter and reproduction? How about increasing the survival rate of pollinators by avoiding the use of pesticides in your own garden and reducing your outdoor lighting? Protect and preserve the pollinators and you are protecting the earth.

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

**EDGE Meeting***By Nancy Lockhart Sep. 30, 2025*

Our September meeting was all about houseplants. Mel Lesperance from Springwater Garden Centre is a houseplant diva. Her house is full of plants. Houseplants help to reduce stress, improve air quality, a connection to nature and are pretty to look at. And it keeps you busy until garden season begins again. Basically the same requirements for plants in your garden are

the same for your houseplants. Lighting, watering needs, size of space.

Rotate your plants toward the light source, give your plants a shower. Stick your finger into the soil to see if it needs a drink. Fertilize them, more in the spring/summer. Re-pot when roots are coming out the drain holes or if the soil is not suitable for the plants needs when you buy them.

Mark your calendars for our October meeting: Sharp and Shine, Fall Clean Up with Kevin VanAndel. October 22 at the Elmvalle Legion 7:00 p.m. See you there.



Jo Knows Nutrition
by Joanne Nijhuis



There's a certain magic to apple cake: simple ingredients transformed into something cozy and inviting for fall. This healthier Dutch version is delicious while making smart swaps that add nutritional benefits. Whole wheat flour lends fibre, chia eggs and dairy-free milk options provide

flexibility, and the apples take centre stage to deliver natural sweetness. It's the perfect bake to share with family or bring to a fall foodie gathering.

Did You Know?

Apples are one of the most popular fruits worldwide, and for good reason. A single medium apple provides about 4 grams of fibre, helping regulate digestion and support heart health. They're also a source of vitamin C, essential for immune function, and potassium, which contributes to healthy blood pressure. Beyond vitamins and minerals, apples are rich in antioxidant compounds that protect cells from damage and reduce inflammation. Whether eaten fresh or baked into a recipe, apples are a wholesome way to add both flavour and nutrition to your day.

INGREDIENTS (10 Servings)

- ½ cup (125 ml) all-purpose white flour
- ½ cup (125 ml) whole wheat flour
- 5 Tablespoons (75 ml) white sugar or 4 Tablespoons (60 ml) pure maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) baking powder



- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) salt
 - 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) unsalted butter or coconut oil, melted
 - 2 large eggs or 2 chia eggs*
 - ¼ cup (63 ml) milk or unsweetened non-dairy milk
 - ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) vanilla extract
 - 5 cups (1250 ml) peeled, sliced apples of choice
 - 1 ½ teaspoons (7.5 ml) ground cinnamon
- *2 Chia Egg = 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) chia seeds mixed with 6 Tablespoons (90 ml) water. Let sit 10 minutes to gel.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F (190 C). Grease and lightly flour an 8-inch (20 cm) round cake pan.
2. Place peeled, cored and sliced apples in a bowl. Toss them with the cinnamon and 3 Tablespoons (45 ml) of sugar or 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) of maple syrup.
3. In a mixing bowl for the batter, combine 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) of the sugar or maple syrup

with the flour, baking powder, salt, melted butter or coconut oil, eggs or chia eggs, milk of choice, and vanilla extract until well combined.

4. Spoon the batter evenly into the prepared cake pan.

5. Arrange the apple slices on top of the batter.

6. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.

7. Cool 10 minutes before serving.

PER SERVING: | Calories: 137 kcal |
Carbohydrates: 24 g | Protein: 3 g | Fat: 4 g |
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ENJOY!

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First Nations' voices lead healing through dance, prayer and storytelling in Midland

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Sep 30, 2025

A 2025 commemoration for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was held at the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre in Midland Tuesday with roughly 100 attendees listening to Sixties Scoop survivors' stories.

Ernie Sandy of Beausoleil First Nation spoke at length on what the elements of truth and reconciliation were in the context of the day.

"I have enjoyed teaching for the past 40 years," said Sandy, "but it gives me great strength that I had the words, the knowledge, I've lived with racism, with bigotry – and through that, that's how I rose to walk tall. 'If it is to be, it's up to me.' This is what truth and reconciliation is all about.

"The truth is what happened; the stealing of thousands upon thousands of our children... from our families," said Sandy. "The residential schools – it shouldn't be called 'schools', it should be called 'institutions of genocide'... to beat the culture, language and identity out of us.

"The word 'reconciliation' is when they say: 'We're sorry what they did to you, sorry for taking the children'," Sandy noted. "It's not about pointing fingers. Reconciliation is to say: 'Okay, where do we go from here?'"

In 2015, 94 Calls to Action were recommended in the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to advance reconciliation; a recent report from non-profit group Indigenous Watchdog cited that by September 2025, only 14 of those had been completed with 42 in progress, 22 stalled, and 16 not yet started.

On the incomplete Calls to Action, Simcoe North

MP Adam Chambers told MidlandToday: "We all have to work together on looking at the rest of the recommendations and where we can together move forward on a path. The recommendations were set out for a journey and I think we're on that."

Penetanguishene Mayor Doug Rawson said that on a personal note, he's not sure everything on the list will ever be completed.

"This is about building relationships, trust, and it's not like we can say they're done today. I think we have to be intentional about our purpose and meaningful with our intent. A need for pause and reflection with all communities."

Songs were played throughout the commemoration through the musical talents of the Smoke Trail Singers Drum Group, Equinox Drum Group, and the Zhawaani-Noodin Group, with attendees sometimes asked to join in on the dance.

Parry Sound resident Matt Rutledge (adopted name; original name Harvey Halvorson from Lac Seul First Nation) provided his story as a Sixties Scoop survivor. Rutledge passed around a 1970's clipping of a Toronto Telegram article profiling the "Today's Child" adoption advocacy column, when he was put into the Mennonite Children's Home in Red Lake, Ontario.

"I was taken from my mom and my family, uprooted," said Rutledge, "and that was the plan." He told how he had provided roughly ten years of outreach for displaced children during his years in the Greater Toronto Area. "Being adopted, we had a roof over our head and clothing, but one thing was missing – my mom, roots, culture, language.

"My adopted parents thought they were doing a good thing. They're learning too. It was a dark

history."

Rutledge told MidlandToday: "I went through hard times in my youth and early adulthood when the goal of the Canadian government was to assimilate. I'm a survivor, but I'm still here. Chi miigwetch."

Rutledge dressed in full regalia to represent the Horse Nation and its dances for attendees, many who hadn't experienced its style. He told the crowd that it was when he was living in Ottawa where he was introduced to his first pow wow, which was where his healing began.

"It's fairly new in this territory; we've always had horses," said Rutledge. "It's a part of my teaching and learning too, that the Creator gave us gifts of different animals. I'm honoured to be able to dance and be part of that Horse. It is medicine and healing."

Nearly every attendee acknowledged Orange Shirt Day, honouring and remembering children within the residential school system. The gesture was to commemorate Phyllis Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation on her first day of school in 1973, where she arrived dressed in a new orange shirt which was taken from her.

Nahanni Born, director for the Huronia Museum, was in attendance.

Added Huronia Museum executive director Nahanni Born: "We tell an important First Nations story in north Simcoe, and as beautiful as that story is it's important to remember some of the more tragic times, and the things we have to thank through those survivors; we have to be thankful for the stories we get to tell today."

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In partnership with the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre: Struggling with conflict? How we handle conflict can really affect our relationships and our well-being. The good news is that becoming more aware of five conflict styles can help us become less reactive and more creative when we are in difficult conversations. Developing an understanding of these five conflict styles can be a good first step in improving our communication when in conflict. Join us for this 90 minutes interactive session to learn some practical conflict strategies. Tuesday October 21, 6pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: FREE. Register at (705) 422-1888 ext 143.

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Programs at the Penetanguishene Public Library

Book Club - First Thursday of each month, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

The book club is resuming this fall. We meet once a month at the library to discuss a pre-selected book. November's book is 'Our Missing Hearts' by Celeste Ng. If you have any questions about the book club, please contact the library. A minimum of 5 participants is needed to run the program.

Nancy Duval Author Talk - Monday October 20th, 3:00PM

Local author Nancy Duval is back to discuss her book 'Whispers from beyond: a spiritual journey of healing, happiness, and mediumship'.

In honour of Public Library Week, this event is open to all members of the public.

Penetanguishene Public Library Open House - Wednesday October 22, 10:00-1:00

Learn about programs, databases, sponsors, seasonal materials, park passes, equipment, library apps, and community partners. Crafts, prizes, and refreshments throughout the day.

Legacy Cleaning - Thursday October 23, 10:30 – 11:30

Learn about decluttering while preserving your most precious memories. \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members. Non-transferable and non-refundable. September 8th - September 15th registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After September 15th registration open to everyone. Minimum of 5 participants required to run the program.

Day of the Dead Craft - Friday October 24th 10:30-11:30

The Day of the Dead – Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday to honor those who have passed away. This celebration has become very popular in Canada in the past few years.

Registration is open for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After September 18th Registration is open to everyone with a valid library card.

The program includes painting a skull, learning about tradition, and making a bookmark.

Ages 4 and up \$2.00 for members, \$3.00 for non-members. Nontransferable, non-refundable. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program.

Swift Party - Friday, October 24th, 2:00-3:00

Join us for a fantastic Swift party. Make a bracelet, a bookmark, sing and have some fun! Ages: 4-14, \$2 for members, \$3 for non-members. Nontransferable, non-refundable. September 11-September 18: Registration open to taxpaying members with a valid library card. After September 18: Registration for everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Parents/guardians must stay in the building for the duration of the program.

Guided Tour to the Wye Marsh - Tues, Oct 28, 10:00-12:00

Hike, explore, learn! \$4.00 for members, \$9.00 for non-members, non-refundable, non-transferable. Sep 29- Oct 6. Registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. Oct 7- Oct 20. Registration is open to everyone.

Senior's Info Series

In collaboration with many organizations, we are proud to present a series of presentations about seniors' issues and concerns on Thursdays this November. Spaces are limited. These presentations are open to the public. A library card is not required. A minimum of 5 people is required to run a program. We hope you can sign up for the following;

- Oct 30, 10:30-11:30 - Importance of exercising. Speaker: North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Services Program.

- Nov 6, 10:30-11:30 - Human connection. Speaker: Genwell.

- Nov 13, 10:30-11:30 - The future is old. Speaker: Mature Minds.

- Nov 20, 10:30-11:30 - Home modifications and mobility aids. Speaker: Superior Home Health Care.

- Nov 27, 10:30-11:30 - Stay sharp: Keeping your mind active as you age. Speaker: North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Services Program.

Diamond Painting Bookmark - Friday, Nov 7, 2:00-3:00

Make a bookmark with "diamonds". \$2.00 for members, \$3.00 for non-members. Oct 1- Oct 8, Registration open for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After Oct 8th Registration is open to everyone. Nontransferable, non-refundable.

Wicked Craft - Friday November 14, 2025, 10:30am - 11:30am, Ages: 4-14

Make a Glinda wand at the library! \$2 for members \$3 for non-members. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. October 6th - October 14th: Registration open to taxpaying members with a valid library card. After October 14th: Registration is open for everyone. Parents/guardians must stay in the building for the duration of the program.

Learn to Play Mahjong - Every Monday in November, 10:30-12:30,

\$2.00 for members \$3.00 for non-members. Nontransferable, non-refundable. Oct 6- Oct 14, registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After Oct 14 registration is open to everyone. All sessions must be attended.



Notice of Passing of a By-Law to Re-divide the Ward Boundaries within the Township of Springwater

TAKE NOTICE that on **Wednesday, October 1, 2025**, the Council of the Township of Springwater passed By-law 2025-079 pursuant to Section 222 of the Municipal Act, 2001, with respect to the re-division of the five (5) wards in the municipality.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 222 (4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, the Minister or any other person or agency may make an appeal in respect of the By-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing a notice of appeal with the municipality setting out the objections to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objections. A notice of appeal must be filed within 45 days after the By-law to redivide the wards was passed.

The last day for filing an appeal is **Saturday, November 15, 2025**.

Appeals may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the Clerk via the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) e-file portal. Public users can access the portal at the following link:

<https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service/> by selecting Springwater (Municipality of) as the Approval Authority. If the e-file portal is down, please file the appeal with the Clerk's Office in-person at The Corporation of the Township of Springwater, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON, L9X 1A8, or electronically to clerks@springwater.ca.

The prescribed fee for filing a consent appeal with the OLT is \$1,100. Payment can be made online through e-file or a certified cheque/money order, including the Appeal ID number(s), can be submitted to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

Dated this 6th day of October 2025.

To view new ward boundary mapping visit, www.springwater.ca/WBR

Clerk's Department
Township of Springwater, Administration Centre
2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON L9X 1A8
Tel: (705) 728-4784 x 2304
E-mail: clerks@springwater.ca
Website: www.springwater.ca/WBR

Community
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Ongoing

SENIOR CLUBS

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

Bay Shore Seniors’ Club
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S.,
Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@
bayshoreseniors.ca

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

MONDAY
Elmvale Seniors Drop In
Elmvale Community Church
10 am - 12 noon
Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

Midland Jam
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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Bingo - Starts July 30th
Adults Start at 7:30
Bay Shore Seniors Club

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Table Tennis, 9am-11am
Yoga, 9am-10am
Line Dancing Advanced, 9:15am-
10:30
Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15-10:15am
Coffee Break, 10:00-12pm
Chair Pilates, 10:30am-11:30am
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps,
10:30am-11am
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Line Dancing Basic, 11am-12pm
Hand and Foot Card Game, 1pm-
3pm
Writers Workshop, 1pm-3pm

TUESDAY
Elmvale Legion
Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm
to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30
pm

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Bay Shore Mini Putt
May 20 - Aug 26th 9:30 - 11:00 am
Skull Island Wasaga Beach

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
Pickleball, 9am-12pm (starting
October 14)
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am
Quilting, 9am-12pm
Photography Club, 10am-12pm first
Tuesday of every month
Darts Club, 10am-12pm
Zumba Toning, 10:30-11:30
Badminton, 1pm-3pm
Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

WEDNESDAY
Elmvale District Garden
Enthusiasts
4th Wednesday from March to
November
7:00 pm Elmvale Legion, 7 John St.

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m

Georgian Shores Seniors Club
Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Chair/Floor Yoga, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Zumba Gold, 11:30 – 12:30 pm
Games Afternoon, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
2nd Camera Club, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Table Tennis, 9am-11am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am (starting
October 15)
Step Class, 9 am-10am
Line Dancing Advanced, 9:15am-
10:30am
Chair Yoga, 9:15am-10:15am
Men’s Shed, 10am-12pm
Cribbage, 10am-12pm
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps,
10:30am-11am
Line Dancing Basic, 11am-12pm
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Creative Crafting, 1pm-3pm
Bid Euchre, 1pm-3pm
Woodcarving, 1pm-3pm

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club
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snowshoe, go camping or enjoy
nature outings led by qualified hike
leaders. Hikes meet at Food Basics
Midland at 1 p.m For information
contact Kris 705-435-8593.

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach
Weekly hikes Wednesday at 9:30
am from various locations, year
round. Both levels of hikes offered,
intermediate and easy. Snowshoeing
in winter. Please contact Lorraine
at 416-606-5081 or lorvanvlymen@
gmail.com for information.

THURSDAY
Jam Night Elmvale Palace
Thursdays at 9 am-1am
13 Queen St. W, Elmvale , 705-322-
1741

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Zumba, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Corn Hole, 10am-11am
Tai Chi, 10:15am-11am
Chair Pilates, 10:30am-11:30am
Writers Circle, 1pm-3pm
Uke and Guitar Jam, 1pm-3pm
Card Games, 1pm-3pm

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semi-retirement.
Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St.
Mary Grise 705-526-6349
marygrise0@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY
Bay Shore Seniors’ Club
Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm
Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 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
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am
Tabata, 9am-10am
Chair Zumba, 11:10am-12pm
Card Making, 1pm-3pm
Musicians Jam Circle, 1pm-3pm

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Saturday at 5 pm
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For information contact Kris 705-
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Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach
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Thur. 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge,
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FREE EVENTS PAGE Please submit your event on this link:
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Special Events
One Time

Elmvale Fall Fair Highlights
Thu. Oct 9: Midway Opens
Fri. Oct. 10: Parade Starts at HCES at 11 am
Northern Jewel Cloggers at 7 pm
Graham Scott Fleming at 8 pm
Sat. Oct. 11: Heavy Horse Show at 10am
Parade Canadian Made at 11am
Truck and Tractor Pull at 1 pm
School Draw at 4:20 and Lions Club Truck
Draw at 4:25 pm

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Midhurst United Church 91 Doran Road
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Trunk or Treat
Oct. 26, 2025 12 to 2pm
St. John's United Church, Elmvale
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Homes for the Holidays& Makers Market
Nov. 9, 2025 from 10-4pm
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Hey Dads!

Oct. 3, 2025 - Did you ever sell anything from the end of your driveway when you were a kid? Do your kids sell stuff at the end of your driveway now that you're an adult? Maybe lemonade or chocolate chip cookies or old toys? I was talking to a parent the other day who told me that they were house-cleaning and had a load of old toys to go to the thrift store...or the garbage can. One of their boys asked if he could try sell the old toys before they were donated. The deal was that if he sold a toy then the rest of the pile would stay in the garage and he could keep selling. Well, this young entrepreneur started selling and that pile of old toys in the garage is getting smaller and smaller with every passing day.

We don't have any old toys to sell around our place but we do have a garden with dozens of zucchini, hundreds of cucumbers, and thousands of beans. Four of our younger kids aged 4-9 told me they wanted to set up a stand to try sell some of our produce. We don't really live in a high-traffic area. We are 20 minutes out of town and five miles down at the end of a dirt road. Not exactly a commuter hub. There is an intersection of two dirt roads about a mile away. It has a yield sign, a stop sign, and a couple cow fields around it. We're talking major traffic...or something like that.

I thought this would be a good opportunity for some life lessons. (My wife asked me the other day if every event has to be some sort of life lesson. What do you think?) The kids picked some fresh produce, loaded up some folding camp chairs, and grabbed an old table from the shop. We were off down the road for an afternoon of raking in the dough. It was afternoon. 2:00pm in the afternoon to be exact. They were raring to go so out we went. Mid-afternoon is not really rush-hour traffic but we had a few pickup trucks drive by. Every time a cloud of dust appeared in the distance there were kids standing on camp chairs exclaiming, "A car's coming! A car's coming!"

A few of those trucks did stop. Some were just friendly neighbours stopping for a chat. But there were others that actually stopped with mitt-fulls of cash. One of those shoppers looked suspiciously like their older brother, Sterling, on the dirt bike he just bought. But he said his name was John so it must have been a case of mistaken identity. I did think the dark sunglasses and drawn-on moustache was suspicious but he was spending money so I wasn't going to ask any questions.

The kids were excited about making a few dollars. They even started planning the next days' sales strategy. Memories were made. Money was made. Lessons were learned. Is there a money-making idea your kids are thinking about? Why not let them give it a shot? Time flies. Make every moment count! Especially the profitable ones.

Jason Weening eats a lot of cucumbers with his 10 kids and one wife. Read more of their adventures in his book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them" on Amazon.

FOOD BANK WISH LIST

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Midhurst pipeline project gets clogged up again



Midhurst residents have gotten used to traffic control signs since the force-main project started in early 2024. Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Oct 02, 2025

It's true — the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.

Take, for example, the installation of five kilometres of force main in Midhurst, a project that was originally intended to take 35 weeks to complete when it was announced last year.

On a snowy night in early January 2024, Midhurst residents attended an open house/information session at the Midhurst United Church, hosted by the Rose Corporation, one of the developers in the Midhurst Landowners Group, that laid out the plans of how the pressurized pipeline that is designed to move sewage from one location to another when gravity alone can't do the job would be installed.

At the time, a spokesperson from the project's management company, Crozier Consulting Engineers, advised that 35 weeks was the target, "but given the state of the construction industry these days, they expected it might take a little longer."

A little has turned into a lot.

According to a recent media release issued by Springwater Township, the project will resume this fall along Finlay Mill Road.

"This work is separate from the ongoing external road reconstruction project, which is also active in the same area," the township release stated. "To reduce disruption, both contractors are co-ordinating their traffic-control measures so the projects can proceed in parallel and be completed as efficiently as possible."

The township's release didn't elaborate on the cause of the delays.

BarrieToday reached out to the township multiple times for more information, but has not received a response.

Earlier this year, in mid-May, the force-main project was shut down due to what township officials called "technical challenges."

"The issues contributing to the delays are related to technical challenges," Trevor Harvey, the township's director of public works, said at the time. "Specifically, the construction process is facing difficulties due to the presence of cobbles

and boulders in the planned path for drilling, which complicates the construction methods.

"Additionally, there are pending approvals needed from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO), which extends the progress of the timeline," Harvey added.

He said the combination of these factors is what is causing the project delays.

Originally designed to be completed in stages, stage one — Finlay Mill Road between Wattie and Doran roads — was supposed to take 12 weeks.

Stage two targeted Doran Road between Finlay Mill Road and Gill Road, and was scheduled to be completed in six weeks.

Stage three was scheduled for 17 weeks and was to cover Finlay Mill Road between County Road 27 and Wattie Road.

According to the township, the contractor will be working along Finlay Mill Road from just north of Spence Avenue south to Highway 26 (Bayfield Street).

The traffic-control plan will include:

- Single lane closure of Finlay Mill Road from Highway 26 to Wattie Road
- Northbound access from Highway 26 will remain available via a single lane
- Southbound access to Highway 26 from Finlay Mill Road will remain prohibited
- Detours for southbound traffic: via Doran Road to Highway 27, or via Wattie Road to St. Vincent Street
- Cowdray Park Lane access to Finlay Mill Road will remain open for northbound travel, with no left turns permitted
- Spence Avenue and McGinnis Court access will remain open for northbound travel, with no right turns permitted
- Road closure of Finlay Mill Road between Belmont Crescent and Doran Road will remain in effect for the road reconstruction contractor.

The township says future notices will be issued to advise when construction is complete and traffic restrictions are lifted.

(Update: At the township council's meeting Wednesday night, township officials said the construction should be complete in November.)

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Douglas Jones – October 15th 2024

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JOHNSTON, Lock
February 19, 1932 – September 12, 2025
Daniel Lockhart Johnston (Lock), age 93, passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie on Sept 12, 2025, after a

brief illness.
Born on February 19, 1932, in Walkerville, Ontario and raised in Hamilton, Lock lived in Vancouver, Toronto, and Hillsdale most recently. A career in television and film included work for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and then freelance sound editing until retiring in 1998. Lock was a member of Northwest Barrie United Church most recently, although a long-time member of Bloor St. United Church in Toronto. A staunch leftie, he supported the NDP since its founding, and the CCF prior.
Survivors include his children Mike, Vancouver, Wendy (Richard) Edmonton, Daniel (Ann) Barrie. Also remembered fondly by grandchildren Nathen, Luke and Mikylla (BC); Emily, Heather and Sarah (Barrie); Emma and Amy (BC) as well as great-grandchildren Madyson, Haylee, Connor, Barret and Maverick (BC). Lock was predeceased by Anne, his beloved wife of 57 years, in 2011.

The family would like to thank Drs. Shah and Turner at RVH, and the nurses of 3E who were uniformly kind, compassionate and so skilled in their work. Thanks also to Rev. Phil and the CareRing team of Northwest Barrie United Church for their ongoing support of Lock and his family.
A memorial service will be held on November 9 at 3 pm at Northwest Barrie United Church, 464 Ferndale Drive N. Private interment at Barrie Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions are welcome at the Stephen Lewis Foundation or Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation.
Funeral arrangements entrusted to Peaceful Transition Inc.



LIVINGSTONE, Donald Bell
Passed away peacefully at the Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood on September 27, 2025. Don Livingstone of Elmvale in his 83rd year.

Beloved husband of Joyce Livingstone (nee McElwain) . Dear father of Shawn. Pre-deceased by his brother Archibald Livingstone. Brother-in-law of Frances Watchhorn (late Bruce), Joan McElwain, Ray McElwain (Sandra), Larry McElwain, Sharon Smith (late Douglas) and the late Doreen (Leonard) Handy. Don will be missed by his many nieces and nephews.
A visitation was held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 7 pm -9 pm on Tuesday, September 30 and 11 am – 1 pm on Wednesday, October 1. A funeral service was held at 2:30 pm at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, October 1.
Interment Elmvale Cemetery.
Memorial donations in Don's memory may be made to the Knox-Flos Presbyterian Church or the Canadian Cancer Society.

*Expressions of sympathy may be sent to
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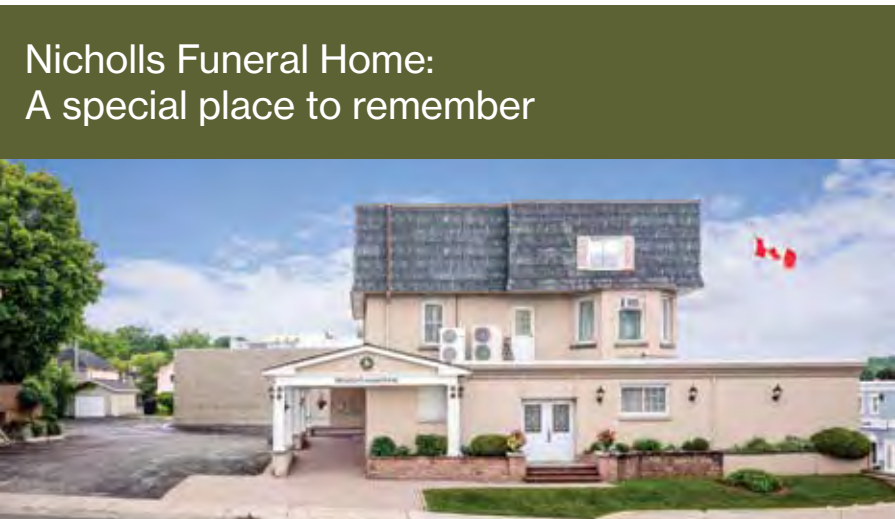
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COUTTS, Ronald Murry

Ronald Murry Coutts slipped away quietly late September 24, 2025, under the exceptional care of Dr. J Lai, staff and volunteers at Hospice Simcoe.

Born December 30, 1936, Ron was predeceased by his beloved wife Helen Elizabeth Kell in 2015. They were a great team. Ron and Helen worked and travelled together and always enjoyed life to its fullest. They were both highly involved in Midhurst United Church (MUC), organizations within their larger community and the agricultural sector. Ron remained fully engaged with the church (MUC) and Midhurst Lions Club until his passing.

Ron’s children, Janice (Roger) McCuaig, and Gord Coutts (Diane Martin), have a lifetime of memories to carry them forward.

Ron’s grandchildren will miss the jokes, pranks and twinkle in his eyes whenever they were in his company. Lovingly remembered by Alex (Leslie) McCuaig, Britt (John) Roters, Kelcey (Conner) Montag, Rachel Coutts (Nic Chevrette), Natalie Coutts (Nick Brake), and Brad Coutts.

A proud GG to his great grandchildren Logan and Adeline McCuaig, Elliot and Audrey Roters, and Paisley and Denver Montag.

The seventh and youngest child of the late George and Gertie (Carruthers) Coutts of Midhurst, he is survived by his sister Mavis Hughes (late Doug) and predeceased by the remainder of his siblings and their spouses, Marie and Phil Shelswell, Beryl and Ross Hubbert, Myrtle and John Davy, Walter and Doris Coutts, and Lois and George Lumree.

Ronald/Ron/Ronnie/GOF will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Ron received extraordinary care at Hudson Regional Cancer Centre (Dr. R. El-Maraghi, Dr C. Stevens and their staff), from Family Doctors, Dr J. Bailey, Dr. D Evans and staff, the Heart Function Clinic (Nicole Paulin NP, and Dr K. Chen) and Home and Community Care’s Robyn and Billy Jo.

A special thank you to Veaa, Champ and Hope for their care and support of Dad over the last several months.

A visitation took place at Adams Funeral Home (445 St. Vincent St., Barrie) on Thursday, October 2, 2025 from 2-4 pm and 7-9pm. The funeral Service was held at Midhurst United Church (91 Doran Rd., Midhurst) on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 11am with a visitation prior, starting at 10am. Following the service an interment took place at Midhurst Union Cemetery with a reception to follow at Midhurst United Church.

Instead of flowers (not really Ron’s thing) please consider making a donation to Midhurst United Church, Hospice Simcoe, Hudson Regional Cancer Centre or Midhurst Lions Club.

Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family through adamsfuneralhome.ca



ADAMS, Morgan “Mugs”

Morgan “Mugs” Adams of Elmvale passed away suddenly on October 1st 2025, at the young age of 36. Morgan “Mugs” was the beloved husband of Alannah and dear

father to Otto and baby boy expected in February 2026. Morgan “Mugs” was the loved and cherished son of Kelly Barbour (Jacques), Wade Adams (Apryl, Grayden) and Best Brother of Breanne Adams. Grandson of Kerry (Donna) Barbour, Sandra (George) Konyk, Patricia (Late George) Adams, Morgan will also be dearly missed by his aunts and uncles. Morgan “Mugs” was a treasured son in law of Tom (Carolyn) Mulhall and Debra Nelson (John). He was a valued and adored brother in law of Hailey Mulhall (Phil, Charlie), Nolan, Aiden, Cameron and Jack. We sadly mourn the day we lost our Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Son in Law, Best Friend, and overall, Legend. Morgan was a polite, generous, quick witted, clever and humorous soul who everyone loved to be around. He brought brightness to every room he entered. His handsome smile, and positive outlook will forever be etched permanently in our hearts.

Morgan’s legacy will live on through his sons Otto and his future baby boy. These boys will miss growing up with a very engaged and devoted Father who was so very proud of them and considered Otto to be his best bud! “You’re my Boy Blue”. Please help Morgan’s legacy live on with supporting Alannah, Otto and baby boy in the years to come. It takes a village to raise a child and this community always shows up.

In lieu of flowers please forward your love in the form of a donation to: loveformugs@outlook.com
A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm on Tuesday, October 7, 2025. A private family service will be held. A Celebration of Life for Mugs, will be announced at a later date.

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