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Celebrating Family, Community and Connection

Family Day was celebrated across our communities since our last publication — a day set aside to reflect on what family means to each of us and to spend time together creating lasting memories. Throughout the region, local organizations stepped up to offer meaningful opportunities for families to gather, play and connect.

In Midland, the Huronia Museum welcomed families for a day of free games, refreshments and activities, creating a space where generations could enjoy time together. The Simcoe County Museum also hosted a special Family Day event, bringing families from southern areas of the county together for a day of fun and shared experiences.

Closer to home, one of the highlights was in Elmvale, where the ECRA partnered with the Elmvale Harvesters to host a free public skating event. Children were given the exciting opportunity to skate alongside the players they admire — collecting signatures, sharing laughs and building memories that will stay with them long after the ice melts. Whether learning new skills, racing friends across the rink or simply enjoying time with loved ones, the event reminded us how powerful simple community moments can be.

Another standout event was the Penetanguishene Winterama, which offered everything from polar dips and cardboard toboggan races to log-sawing challenges and free children's activities. The weekend was filled with energy, laughter and plenty of opportunities for families to come together outdoors and celebrate the season.

Family Day looks different for everyone. Some spent it out at community events, others enjoyed quieter

moments at home — but the meaning remains the same. It is a day dedicated to appreciating the people we love, however we define family, and to recognizing the importance of connection in our lives.

Events like these are a reminder that strong communities help build strong families. They give us spaces to gather, to laugh, and to create the memories that shape our shared story — one Family Day at a time.




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HISTORY OF ELMVALE SKATING RINKS

By Kari Belcourt *North Simcoe Springwater News*
For generations, the Elmvalle arena has been more than just a building — it has been a place where memories are made.

It is where children first stepped onto the ice, wobbling on skates while parents watched proudly from the stands. It is the smell of french fries and the sound of skates cutting across the ice during a Saturday night hockey game. It is laughter at community dances, friendships formed in the stands, and countless moments shared by families year after year.

For many, the arena holds memories of first goals scored, first falls laughed off, and first victories celebrated together. It has been a gathering place in winter and summer alike — a space where the community comes together to cheer, celebrate, and connect.

More than concrete and steel, the arena is part of Elmvalle's identity. It is home to generations of stories, traditions, and shared experiences — a place that continues to bring people together, just as it has for decades.

The history of skating in Elmvalle is really a story of community — of people who came together time and again to build, rebuild, and preserve a place where memories are made.

The village's first rink, owned by Mr. Tweed, was lost in the fire of 1895. But the love for skating remained strong. Just one year later, in 1896, Alex Stewart built a new rink on the west side of Maria Street between Peter and George Streets. Measuring 50 by 175 feet, the rink opened on Christmas Day with admission set at 10¢, quickly becoming a popular gathering place.

Over time, the rink grew into the heart of winter life in the village. A "player organ" installed in the balcony filled the building with music that could be heard out on the street. In summer, a temporary floor transformed the space into a large hall, allowing it to serve the community year-round. Later, gasoline lamps made night skating possible, adding to the excitement and popularity of the rink.

For roughly 35 years, the facility served Elmvalle and surrounding areas. Eventually, age and damp ground weakened the structure, and discussions began about building a replacement. For nearly two decades, local councils and service clubs worked toward a solution.

That vision came to life in 1951 when the Elmvalle and District Lions' Club, working closely with Flos and Elmvalle Councils, helped lead the construction of the Memorial Rink — built in honour of local soldiers who served in both World Wars. The project was a true community effort. Land was donated, volunteers prepared trees for milling, Copeland Mills provided lumber at no cost, and local fundraising helped complete the dream.

The arena continued to evolve. Artificial ice was installed in 1963, extending the skating season and increasing its role as a community hub. Renovations

through the early 1970s added improvements that allowed the building to be used year-round, including summer roller skating and upgraded seating.

Then, on April 13, 1975, disaster struck when a fire broke out in the tractor room and spread to the roof, damaging about one-third of the building. A hockey game was underway at the time, but players and spectators were safely evacuated. The fire destroyed equipment and caused extensive damage.

Once again, Elmvalle responded the way it always had — by pulling together. That summer, the arena was rebuilt and improved with steel roofing, fireproof doors, concrete seating, and safer storage areas. The refurbished rink reopened on November 7, 1975, with a community celebration, and continued to grow as an important centre for sports, events, and local gatherings.

Today, the rink stands as more than a building. It represents generations of volunteers, families, and supporters who believed in creating a place where the community could come together.

Carrying the Legacy Forward

Now, another chapter is being written.

The Kraft Hockey Challenge is an opportunity for today's community to do what previous generations did so well — step forward and help protect an important piece of Elmvalle's heritage. Repairs and improvements are needed, and community support will make the difference.

Whether through participation, sponsorship, donations, or simply sharing the message, every contribution helps ensure that future generations can continue to skate, play, and gather in the same rink that so many have cherished before them.

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NORTH SIMCOE COUNTY'S RICH HISTORY OF CURLING



By: *Brian Belcourt*
North Simcoe Springwater News

Like much of Ontario, curling in North Simcoe began on natural ice — frozen ponds, lakes, and outdoor surfaces. People of Scottish descent brought the sport to Canada in the 19th century, and it quickly became a popular winter pastime in rural communities around North Simcoe.

Over the decades, curling in North Simcoe became more than just a sport. Bonspiels (curling tournaments), youth programs, and competitive leagues brought communities together through the winter.

The Elmvalle Curling Club was founded in 1870, making it one of the oldest curling clubs in Ontario. It began on natural ice, where residents played outdoors during the winter. In the 1950s, the club moved a few hundred metres to its current location at 14 George Street and installed artificial (man-made) ice sheets, greatly extending the playing season and improving ice conditions for league play. Historically — and still today — Elmvalle's curling club has been about community and camaraderie as much as competition. While some members compete in regional and provincial events, the club emphasizes fun and social connection across age groups. One of the club's notable competitive achievements came in 1996, when the Elmvalle Curling Club's senior ladies team (skip Dorrie Fiegehen, with Marlene Tinney, Lorna Quesnelle, and Ev McFadden) won the Ontario Diamond Senior Ladies Curling Championship — a provincial title in their category. The club is also home to 1987 World Curling Champion Tim Belcourt.

In 1885, the first curling rink in Midland was constructed by D.L. White at the corner of Dominion and Gloucester Streets. Prior to that, curlers had been using a skating rink at the corner of Dominion and Second Street.

Plans for a dedicated curling facility in Midland began in 1919, when 200 people met with the town council and the Agricultural Society to organize a club and build a rink on the Midland Fairgrounds. The building was designed by architect Wilfred F. Smith and constructed by J.C. McMullen, with the Cummings brothers (Will and Isaac — lifelong club members) doing much of the work.

Midland's curling enthusiasts played on natural ice initially; the first season (1919–20) had 22 teams competing under a 12-end format. In 1933, the club

made a significant technological leap when artificial ice was piped in from the nearby Arena Gardens — at the time making Midland one of the only towns between Toronto and Winnipeg with artificial ice for curling and skating.

This refrigeration upgrade included 13 miles of underground cooling pipes and allowed much more reliable ice for league play and events. The club's bonspiels became cornerstone social and competitive events, with large participation in mid-century bonspiels such as the 30,000 Island Bonspiel (formerly the Big Mixed Bonspiel). In 1976, Russ Howard — who would go on to become one of Canada's most celebrated curlers — skipped a team to win the Colts Curling Championship while curling out of Midland, showcasing the club's competitive strength. Although the original 1919-built clubhouse still exists and continues to host curling today, the club has also worked with local community organizations to keep facilities active and meet modern needs.

Curling in Penetanguishene was first officially recorded in 1903, when the club registered with the Ontario Curling Association — though local curling likely existed much earlier on natural ice during cold winters. Early curling was informal at first, with anecdotal evidence of multiple outdoor rinks in the community before organized facilities existed. One of the first major wins recorded with the Ontario Curling Association came in 1928, when a Penetanguishene team won the Ontario Junior Tankard. In the late 1950s, the historic Penetanguishene Ontario Hospital curling building — one of the community's main arenas — was condemned and closed, ending organized curling at that site. Curlers then had no dedicated home, motivating local members to plan for a new facility.

In 1971, plans began in earnest to build a new curling club in Penetanguishene. After discussions on size and funding, a six-sheet curling club was chosen as the goal. With strong community fundraising and volunteer labour, construction began on the site where the club now stands, in what is today a park area along the waterfront. By January 1973, the facility was completed enough to begin curling.

The Penetanguishene Curling Club has been



Mr. CH Russell, FW Heels, BH Nicholls, SJ Brodour

home to some of Canada's best competitive curlers, especially members of the Howard family. Team Howard (with Russ Howard as skip and Glenn Howard as third) won the Ontario Tankard multiple times while representing Penetanguishene, advancing to the Labatt Brier and securing national and world titles in the 1980s and early 1990s. The club has also hosted high-level competitions, notably serving as the venue for the 2015 Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts — Ontario's provincial women's curling championship — drawing spectators and competitors from across the province. Today, Penetang fields leagues for all ages and skill levels, youth "Little Rocks" programs, social events, learn-to-curl opportunities, and more — keeping curling vibrant in the community.

North Simcoe is not just historic — it has also been competitive on the provincial and international stage, especially through the famous Howard family. Russ Howard and Glenn Howard, two of Canada's most celebrated curlers, developed their skills at the Midland and Penetanguishene clubs. Curling in North Simcoe County has a rich and enduring history, from outdoor pond games in the mid-1800s to organized club competition by the early 1900s. Major clubs in Elmvalle, Midland, and Penetanguishene helped cultivate local sport, strengthen community ties, and achieve national competitive success. The region has played an important role in developing some of Canada's top curling champions.

These curling clubs also play a major social role in their communities, hosting bonspiels such as Boxing Day in Elmvalle, Pea Soup in Penetanguishene, and the Great Canadian Ladies Spiel in Midland. As I head to the Montana Brier in St. John's, Newfoundland, it is encouraging to see local curling thriving in North Simcoe County. Historical information sourced from the Elmvalle, Penetanguishene, Huronia Museum and Midland curling club websites.

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- Rescheduled to March 7, 2026 from 11am to 2pm
 - Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession Rd 8 E)
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- Learn more at www.tiny.ca/WinterCarnaval.



March Break Events

- Tiaras and Teacups: Princess Tea Party - March 14
 - Zoo to You - March 18
 - Indoor Laser Tag Adventure - March 19
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Nature Connect: Outdoor Adventures for Seniors

- Winter Forest Therapy Excursion - March 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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Half Load Restrictions

Reminder to drivers that half load restrictions are in effect from March 1 until April 30, 2026 (unless extended due to weather conditions).

While the reduced load restrictions are in effect, no commercial vehicle or trailer may be operated or drawn upon any road within the township where the weight per axle exceeds five (5) tonnes.

No exceptions will be granted unless exempt under the Highway Traffic Act (i.e. heating fuel).

Winter Maintenance Reminders

Snow Removal

Do not dispose of or push snow from your driveway onto roadways, across roadways, or into ditches. This can create unsafe driving conditions for all drivers, damage snow removal equipment, and lead to a fine.

Parking

No parking is allowed at any time that interferes with snow clearing. Snow in the forecast? Avoid street parking and potential tickets or your vehicle may be towed. If your car is on the road, plows cannot properly clear the snow.

Garbage, Green Bin, and Recycling

Place bins back from the roadway (up to 8ft or 2.4m) and avoid placing bins on sidewalks to ensure sidewalk plows and road plows can clear the snow without risk of damage to your bins. Remember to take bins in from the road as soon as possible. Collection can not occur if the bins are placed on top of snowbanks.

Hazards

Ensure children refrain from building tunnels or forts inside snowbanks by roadways. These are not a safe place for children to play.

For more information about snow removal in Tiny, visit www.tiny.ca/snow.

Council Meeting Schedule

March 11 2:00 PM	April 1 2:00 PM	April 22 2:00 PM	YouTube Watch the live-stream on Tiny's YouTube channel!
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Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar at www.tiny.ca/events.

2026 Municipal Elections

The next municipal elections in Ontario will be held on October 26, 2026.



Registration is open! Make sure you are on the voting list and update your information by visiting RegisterToVoteOn.ca.

To learn more, visit the source for any information about the Township of Tiny Municipal Elections at www.tiny.ca/elections.

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Ice Rinks in Tiny

We have three outdoor ice rinks in Tiny located in Wyevale, Perkinsfield, and Lafontaine. Check the status of the ice, learn about our free skate loaner program, or see skate times at www.tiny.ca/rinks.

Ontario Fire Code Changes



The Ontario Fire Code was updated, making changes to the number of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms you need in your home. All homes that have a fuel burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage, must have:

- a CO alarm adjacent to each sleeping area, and
- a CO alarm on each floor without a sleeping area.

Ensure that the CO alarm is marked with an approved Canadian safety certification such as ULC, CSA, or ETL.

Learn more about these changes at www.tiny.ca/fireprevention.

Craighurst Women's Institute February Meeting

Craighurst Women's Institute met Tuesday night after a long winter's gap. We began the meeting with our Program, a talk on the Blue Cow by Steve and Carina Jones, dairy farmers from Vasey. In case you don't know, gentle readers, the Blue Cow symbol on your milk bottle/ice cream package/cheese wrappers etc etc is the symbol used by Dairy Farmers of Ontario to assure the buyer the milk is from our Province. (the black cow says the milk is from Canada) Carina took us through a very entertaining illustrated talk. We saw Bossy in all her glory, from small calf being hand fed to mother cow in the milking "parlour". The computer has transformed much of the dairy farmers' life, as

well as improved day to day for Bossy. A great way to begin 2026.

Then we opened the meeting with the Ode and the Collect (you know, one must "collect" her thoughts before getting going) The roll call was to name your favourite dairy product. Clotted Cream got two votes. We tried to find minutes but will have to wait til next month said the Secretary. Treasurer gave her update, along with the good news that CWI has received a grant from Entente Education Canada (formerly RTO) to make a welcome package for all our new homes coming to Craighurst Crossing. Correspondence next. New business followed. The sidewalk spotters reported that once again Ontario Hydro has been digging up sections and closing it to walkers and wrecking the 100 year old masterpiece Craighurstonians use winter and summer to avoid the gravel trucks on highway 93. "For shame" cried the members.

"Where is the Sheriff of Oro-Medonte? Don't mess with us, Hydro!" Other announcements, Coins For Friendship collected, one last nibble of lunch, and the meeting ended. See you next month.



Flos Agricultural Society Attends OAAS Convention

President Tanya King, 1st Vice President Matt Garwood, Directors Jane Lees and Linda Murray, and Ambassador Eliza Graham proudly attended the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) Convention Feb 19 -21, 2026

Throughout the event, our volunteers took part in a wide range of seminars, connected with agricultural leaders from across the country, and gathered new ideas and skills to help us continue building and enhancing our hometown fair.

This annual tradition is always a meaningful one, a chance to learn, reconnect, and be inspired. We're excited to officially kick off another year of the fair and put what we've learned into action for our community!



The Elmvale Lions Club supports ECC affordable housing initiative

The Elmvale Lions are very proud to be supporting the Elmvale Community Church in bringing affordable housing to Elmvale. This three bedroom rental unit is above Sharewear at 9 Queen St. E. Larger housing units for families are very sparse in our area unless it's a rental housing unit which is very expensive and out of reach for many people.

The Lions motto "We Serve" is very aligned with the ECC's project to have an affordable rental unit for families. Their goal, if possible, is to support a local family with this rental unit. This family will be provided with "Life Skills" programs to ensure they can move on in a productive manner.

With our \$3500 donation they are still short around \$12,000 to install a kitchen. We ask our community to help support this project. If we had 120 people donate \$100 each we could complete this project.

Simcoe County and the Elmvale Community have been very generous and have brought this project very close to fruition. The Elmvale Community Church just requires a little boost to complete this worthwhile project.

Tax receipts will be available. Please contact Maggie Rose at office.ecchurch@gmail.com for further details on how you can support this project.



Tentative thumbs up for 2027 Peel Street redesign Jan 28, 2026

By Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter Midland Today
The southern end of Penetanguishene's Peel Street where it meets the five corners is scheduled for an infrastructure reconstruction over the next two years, and council recently discussed how the surface level would best accommodate residents.

Although the northern block extending to Brock Street will also receive underground water and sewer replacement and upgrades to infrastructure as part of the town's 20-year strategic plan, the Peel Street streetscape design presented to council had focused primarily on the single block between Robert Street East to Simcoe Street.

At the recent committee of the whole meeting, town planner Owen Taylor gave an overview of the proposed design which looked to address accessibility and active transportation requirements. The presentation included input received from residents, gathered during two public information sessions during March and November of 2025.

Key aspects of the proposed design included: shared lane markings called 'sharrows' which would integrate a cycling network within the road; traffic calming through reduced crossing distances of 'bump-outs' at intersections; angled parking rotated and lengthened to accommodate larger vehicles; replacement in front of All Saints Anglican Church for ramps instead of stairs at curbside; and a creation of a buffer zone for buildings to prevent sidewalk encroachment.

Council members had much to say for each of those aspects.

Sharrows were praised by Coun. Suzanne Marchand for connectivity, while Mayor Doug Rawson asked Taylor if the provincial passing of Bill 56, Building a More Competitive Economy Act which cancelled automated speed cameras and also pulled bike lanes from certain roads would apply to the Peel Street block.

"It applies only to prescribed municipalities," replied Taylor. "Penetanguishene is not one of those municipalities, and it only applies where a driving lane is being taken out in favour of a bike lane; that's not what we're doing here."

Rawson also noted resident feedback concerning the smell of garbage bins behind the buildings which front onto Main Street; Taylor responded that as the county was responsible for garbage and organics which needed proper spacing for a collection vehicle to pick up bins, it could fall upon property owners during the week to take bins and store them indoors.

"Knowing that it's very likely that the bins are going to probably remain out on the street, we should provide an area where they can be out of the way," said Taylor, who said that aspect of the design was difficult to address, and suggested that a possible landscape buffer could provide a visual obfuscation for the bins.

Questions on the turn radius of trucks and snowplows with reduced intersection distances were confirmed by Taylor that modelling software through Greenland Consulting Engineers showed adequate mobility for those larger vehicles. A suggestion by Deputy Mayor Dan La Rose to include a rollover curb at Robert Street within the street-scape design was well-received by town staff, agreeing it would aid in snow removal efforts.

Discussion for removal of stairs to be replaced with an accessible ramp at the All Saints Anglican Parish accessible parking spaces raised a question by Rawson about grading issues for that portion of the street.

"We're actually going to be eliminating those staircases from the right of way



entirely," replied public works director Bryan Murray, "so that you can walk from the angle parking spaces onto the sidewalk; and in order to do that... we're going to be installing a retaining wall that will allow us to make that grade change, and make it flat or significantly milder."

Coun. Bill Waters anecdotally recalled the previous redesign which lowered the street to a constant level, but which required buildings to install steps for access as a result.

"Some of the buildings even had car garages on the back so that you could actually drive out on the road; and now there's like a two-foot drop," Waters added. Murray assured Waters that the center-line elevation would be maintained at its current level.

The street-scape design was passed by the committee of the whole as well as direction for staff to proceed with tendering as per the town's procurement process; formal approval is anticipated at the next regular meeting of council.

Coun. George Vadeboncoeur raised awareness that the approximate \$2.6 million cost had been included in the 2026 and 2027 capital budgets, which also included the complete reconstruction of Peel Street from Robert Street East to Simcoe Street.

A future report was also anticipated to return at an upcoming council meeting, outlining a more accurate estimate of design and construction costs as per submitted tenders.

The planning and community development services report on the Peel Street street-scape design can be located on the agenda page of the Town of Penetanguishene website.

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Over 40K trees to be axed to make way for Barrie Hill Rd. subdivision

By Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter Barrie Today
Jan 24, 2026

A developer in Springwater Township is looking for permission to remove more than 40,000 trees before March to make way for a 400-home subdivision on Barrie Hill Road.

The development is by CWH (Loretto) Inc. (Condor) c/o Geranium, and is located on approximately 26.4 hectares (65.2 acres) at 3169, 3193 and 3207 Barrie Hill Rd. It was approved by township council on Dec. 17 following a public meeting on the proposal on Nov. 5. It was OK'd by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) through a minister's zoning order (MZO) on Sept. 3.

According to a report written by Jennifer Staden, the township's manager of planning services, which was originally scheduled to be presented at Wednesday's council meeting before it was cancelled, the developer is requesting permission to remove 40,237 trees to allow for initial site preparation prior to March to respect the native birds and endangered species regulations.

"A tree-clearing agreement with the municipality is required and the developer must post securities for site maintenance, mitigation, erosion control measures and signage," Staden wrote in her report.

"The agreement will only allow for tree clearing (no grubbing) within authorized areas, with no servicing or access road construction being completed at this stage, thereby minimizing concerns about site alteration prior to execution of a subdivision agreement," she added.

Site alteration and the installation of infrastructure will require a subdivision agreement and the submission of additional securities.

According to Staden's report, the request to clear trees was submitted on Dec. 10 and included a cover letter, a request for tree removal, an arborist's report with tree inventory and preservation plan and a cost estimate for clearing the trees.

As part of the draft plan approval process, the applicant had to submit an environmental impact study (EIS), which recommended vegetation removal should occur between September to March to respect breeding birds and Endangered Species Act regulations for bats.

The EIS confirmed there were no butternut trees among the trees identified for removal, nor were there any other endangered plant species.

The tree-clearing agreement is currently being reviewed to the satisfaction of both the township's engineer and its solicitor.

Based on the information submitted to date, township staff considers the request to be appropriate.

"Following draft plan approval by township council on Dec. 17, 2025, the tree-clearing agreement will ensure the developer clears trees in accordance with engineering, subdivision and tree preservation plans," Staden wrote. "Therefore, it is appropriate for council to authorize the



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office by telephone or email to discuss your specific situation. Then we can let you know what steps we might be able to take to assist you.

When contacting my office, you will often reach one of my knowledgeable team members as I am juggling responsibilities both here in Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte and in Ottawa. If you would like to reach me directly to share your concerns around policy, legislation, or government service the fastest way to connect with me is by sending an email to Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca

With the various demands on my time every day I may not be able to respond immediately. I do review all emails and if I think that you will be best served by a direct conversation with a member of my team then I will ask them to follow up. Otherwise, you will receive a response from me.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Community Update from Ward 1 Councillor Matt Garwood, Township of Springwater

Hello Springwater residents. I'm pleased to share updates on recent decisions and developments shaping our community. My goal with these columns is to inform, not to offer opinions, so you can stay connected with what's happening in Springwater.

Kraft Hockeyville 2026

Our beloved Elmvale Community Arena has been nominated for Kraft Hockeyville 2026, and this is our moment to rally together, celebrate, and show all of Canada what our rink means to this incredible community. For generations, the Elmvale Arena has been more than just ice and boards. When you walk into a small-town

Ontario arena on a crisp winter night, there's a feeling, a shared heartbeat that connects us all. From early morning practices to championship cheers, this place has been where our stories are written and our memories made.

The Elmvale Arena stands as the proud heart of our community, a place where tradition, teamwork, and hometown spirit come alive. It's home to two of our most cherished celebrations: the Elmvale Fall Fair and the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival. These events capture the essence of Springwater and bring neighbours together, year after year.

It's also the home ice for the Elmvale Minor Hockey Association, the Elmvale Harvesters, the Elmvale Skating Club, and so many other local groups that embody the pride and energy that make Elmvale truly special. Now, we need your voices, stories, photos, and memories to help bring this title home. Share what the Elmvale Arena means to you, the moments, the people, and the pride that make it the beating heart of our town.

Here's how you can help. Visit our Hockeyville page (<https://hockeyville.kraftheinz.com/home>), submit your stories, post your photos, and make a difference!

Together, let's show the country that Elmvale isn't just a town that loves hockey, it's a

community built by it. For the kids lacing up today, the families cheering in the stands, and the generations yet to come, this rink is Elmvale, and it's ready for its next chapter.

Let's bring Kraft Hockeyville home!
Submitted by: Councillor Matt Garwood



Message from MPP Jill Dunlop

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I'm delighted to connect with you again to share some of the most recent provincial announcements and initiatives that will make a difference right here at home. This past month has seen meaningful progress on key issues, and I'm proud to highlight what our government is delivering for our region.

One of the most significant recent announcements came as part of a major investment in critical water and wastewater infrastructure across Ontario. The Province of Ontario is investing an additional \$700 million to help municipalities and First Nations communities upgrade aging systems, protect public health, and support future growth. In Simcoe North, this means up to \$78.4 million in funding for vital projects, including upgrades to Orillia's Fittons Road West Sewage Pumping Station and investments in Ramara, Tay Township, Penetanguishene, and Tiny Township. These improvements will not only ensure reliable services for families today, but also help unlock new housing opportunities and support local jobs. In addition, I'm pleased that Orillia's Mobile

Crisis Response Team is receiving provincial support of \$240,000 to help keep our community safe and ensure that residents experiencing crisis receive the care they deserve. This funding reflects our government's ongoing commitment to community safety and mental health supports.

Across the riding, we're also seeing continued progress through grants and programs that support local organizations, nonprofits, and infrastructure, making Simcoe North an even stronger place to live, work, and raise a family.

As we move into a new season, I encourage everyone to stay connected and engaged with our wonderful communities. These investments and supports are only possible because of the partnerships we share with municipalities, local leaders, and residents like you.

Thank you for your continued involvement and care for Simcoe North. I wish you a joyous spring filled with good health, community spirit, and opportunities to gather with family and friends.



MPP Jill Dunlop Announces Ontario Investing to Improve Accessibility for Seniors in Simcoe North

PENETANGUISHENE — The Ontario government is investing up to \$57,935.15 through washroom upgrades to create more inclusive and accessible space in Simcoe North. As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, the funding will help build stronger, more resilient communities by supporting over 40 projects that increase accessibility and create more opportunities for seniors and people with disabilities to participate in their community.

"The Royal Canadian Legion in Penetanguishene is a cornerstone of our community, and I am proud to support this important investment that will make their facility more accessible for everyone," said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. "These washroom upgrades will ensure that veterans, seniors, families, and visitors can comfortably participate in the many programs and events hosted at the Legion. Improving accessibility strengthens the Legion's ability to continue serving as a welcoming gathering place for remembrance, connection, and community life. This funding helps ensure the Legion remains a vibrant, inclusive space for generations to come."

"The awarding of this grant plays a fundamental role in enabling Branch 68 of the Royal Canadian

Legion to achieve our objective of Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone," said Pat White, M.M.M., CD, President, RCL Branch 68, Penetanguishene. "These expanded services will allow Branch 68 to enhance existing programs, providing improved quality of life for our Veterans as well as individuals with Disabilities contributing to community improvements."

Through the EASE Grant, municipalities, non-profit organizations and Indigenous communities can receive up to \$60,000 for projects that focus on improving accessibility, including upgrading

building entryways, adding ramps and elevators, leveling sidewalks and parking areas. The grants also support adding accessible washrooms and signage, removing barriers and making community spaces more inclusive.

"We are creating communities where everyone can participate fully," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "Through the EASE Grant, our government is supporting innovative and impactful projects that will help create a more inclusive province. I am excited about how washroom upgrades in Penetanguishene will help empower more Ontarians."

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Elmvale Coyotes U13 LL1 Show True Team Spirit This Season

Written by Amy Smith.

The Elmvale Coyotes U13 LL1, proudly sponsored by Solly's Family Dentistry, have shown tremendous growth, determination, and teamwork throughout a hard-fought hockey season.

Over the past several months, the Coyotes have battled through tough competition, continually coming together and supporting one another both on and off the ice. Their dedication and positive attitude have been a defining feature of their season.

In January, the team travelled to Brantford to participate in the Walter Gretzky House League Tournament. Competing against strong teams from across the region, the Coyotes demonstrated resilience, sportsmanship, and the kind of teamwork that makes their community proud.

The Elmvale Coyotes roster includes Oliver Atthill, Jackson Dare, Jack Bennett, Augie Berrang-Young, Jace Strong, Lane Archambault, Jace Nelson, Wes Carney, Norah Lucoe, James Schrobback, Audrey Forigo, Jaideen Burke, Finn Muirhead, Katy Denis, and Colby Dobson, with Maverick Smith standing strong between the pipes in goal.

As the season winds down, the Coyotes are eagerly looking ahead to their year-end tournament on February 27. With the hard

work and unity they've shown all season, this group of young athletes is ready to finish strong. The Elmvale community is proud of the

Coyotes and the heart they bring to the game every time they hit the ice.



Elmvale Coyotes Keep Rolling With Back-to-Back Wins in Round Robin Play



Written by Barb Belanger
ELMVALE — The U15 Local League Elmvale Coyotes are proving that their season of hard work and steady growth has prepared them for the spotlight. Now two games into the Round Robin, the Coyotes have stormed out to a perfect start, opening with a 5-2 victory over the Essa Eagles and following it up with a determined 4-2 win over the Coldwater Wildcats.

These back-to-back wins reflect everything this team has built over the past months: resilience, chemistry, and a commitment to leaving everything on the ice.

Their regular season was shaped by a trio of demanding tournaments in Sudbury, Parry Sound, and right at home in Elmvale. Each event pushed the Coyotes to elevate their game, sharpen their skills, and grow as a unit. Whether facing tough opponents or grinding through close battles, the team consistently showed up ready to compete.

As a developing squad, the Coyotes have embraced the identity of a team that brings full

effort to every rink they step into. They skate with purpose, support one another, and play with the kind of heart that every rink deserves.

Behind their progress stands a dedicated coaching staff whose leadership has been instrumental. Dave, Jeremy, Ethan, Chris, and Barrett have poured countless hours into guiding this group, helping each player grow not only as an athlete but as a teammate and young leader. Their commitment to the Coyotes is invaluable and deeply appreciated.

With two Round Robin wins already in their pocket, the Elmvale Coyotes are skating with confidence and belief. Their season has shown that they're a team on the rise, and they're not done yet.

A special thank you goes out to our sponsor, Fence Right, whose support truly goes above and beyond, on and off the ice. Their commitment to our Elmvale U15 LL team helps make everything we do possible, and we're proud to have them in our corner.

Kings Split Four Games to Remain in Fourth Place



Submitted by Jamie Robillard

The Penetang Kings played four games between January 30th and February 6th winning only two and treading water to remain in fourth place in the Provincial Junior Hockey League Carruthers Division.

The Kings lost a narrow 5-3 decision to the first place Stayner Siskins on Friday January 30th on home ice. Owen Clennett scored two goals for the Kings while Camron Hutchinson added a single marker. Assists for the Kings were collected by Carter Wilson, Ty Hutton, Gavin Pich, Matthew Laframboise, Cole Rumbolt and Logan Tucker. Lanon Simec turned aside 40 Stayner shots in the Penetang goal. The Kings managed 36 shots on Stayner goaltender, Aiden Jerry. Clennett was given honourable mention by the Kings coaching staff for his two-way play in the game.

On Saturday January 31st the Kings hosted the Huntsville Otters and came away with a 3-0 victory behind Owen Moreau's shutout performance. Moreau stopped all 37 shots fired his way in the contest.

Scoring for the Kings were Clennett, Laframboise and Gavin Pich into an empty Huntsville net with just over a minute remaining in the game. Assists were earned by Hutton, Pich, Trevor Hutchinson and Spencer Walker. Laframboise was named the Kings Canadoor Garage Door player of the game.

The Kings travelled to Alliston on February 4th to face the Hornets and could not mount much offence in falling by a score of 6-0. Alliston's Riley Arts recorded the shut-out making 17 saves, while Moreau had a busy night in the Penetang goal turning aside 35 of the 41 shots fired his way.

On Friday February 6th the Kings were in Midland and escaped with a 2-1 overtime win over the Flyers. In a close checking affair, the Kings led after the first period by a 1-0 score as Pich found the back of the net, but Midland's Sam Thurston tied the game early in the second period on a long shot that eluded the Kings goaltender Simec. Cameron Hutchinson scored the winning goal for Penetang just 36 seconds into overtime. Simec made 25 saves in the Kings goal while Penetang peppered Jack Pinder of the Flyers with 44 shots. Camron Hutchinson was named the Kings Canadoor Garage Door player of the game.



Owen Clennett (head shot) Honorable Mention for two goal effort January 30 vs Stayner Siskins



Matthew Laframboise Kings Canadoor Doors Player of the Game (head shot), January 31 vs Huntsville Otters



Camron Hutchinson Kings Canadoor Doors Player of the Game (head shot), Feb. 6 vs Midland Flyers

Notes: Penetang finishes the regular season this Family Day weekend with four games beginning on Friday February 13th at home against the Midland Flyers followed by another home game on Saturday February 14th vs the Huntsville Otters. They then travel to Alliston on Sunday February 15th to face the Hornets and conclude the season in Orillia vs the Terriers on Monday February 16th.

The Friday night game against the Flyers in the Annual Challenge Cup Contest for local bragging rights. It will also feature BMR Pro Elmvale and the Kings teaming up to support the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation's We See You: Inside and Out Campaign. The Kings will be donating \$5.00 from every ticket sold to the campaign. Please



Cameron Hutchinson passes vs two Stayner defenders January 30 vs Stayner Siskins



Cole Rumbolt unleashes a shot that is steered aside by Pinder in the Flyers goal Feb. 6 (002)

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Kings Wrap Up Regular Season, Now Face Midland in Playoffs



Submitted by Jamie Robillard

The Penetang Kings wrapped up their regular season with a busy Family Day Weekend playing four games in four days in the Provincial Junior Hockey League Carruthers Division action. Penetang managed to secure only three points and finished the season to fourth place and will now face their biggest rival, the Midland Flyers in the first round of the playoffs beginning Friday February 20th.

The Kings hosted the Flyers on Friday February 13th on home ice and although outshooting the Flyers could not generate much offence against Kevin Pearson's netting minding in the Midland goal. Pearson turned aside 40 of the 41 shots fired his way leading the Flyers to a 4-1 victory. Logan Tucker was the only King to find the back of the net with assists from Gavin Pich and Spencer Walker. For Midland Garrett Faye scored their first two goals followed by single makers from Seth Goble and Josh Underwood. Landon Simec made 35 saves in the Penetang net.

The win gave the Flyers the prized Challenge Cup again this season.

On Saturday February 14th the Kings had a 10-

goal outburst and got past the Huntsville Otters by a 10-1 score. Wyndam Brownlee and Ty Hutton both scored hattricks in the contest. The two three goal performances also add another \$500.00 donated by BMR Pro, Elmvale to the Georgian Bay General Hospitals Inside and Out Fundraising Campaign.

Penetang also had single goals from Blake Weicker to go along with four assists, Pich, Owen Clennett and Owen Fuller. Matthew Laframbois set up four of the Kings goals.

Owen Moreau made 38 saves to garner the win in the Penetang goal. Brownlee was named the Kings Canadoor Garage Door player of the game.

The Kings travelled to Alliston on February 15th to face the Hornets and once again could not mount much offence in falling by a score of 6-0. For the second time in less than two weeks, Alliston's Riley Arts recorded the shut-out against Penetang. Arts made 33 saves for Alliston. Simec was busy in the Penetang goal, stopping 47 of the 53 shots fired his way.

Finally on Monday February 16th the Kings were in Orillia and came out on the short end of a 5-4 overtime score to the Terriers. Orillia's Lleyton McLean scored just nine seconds into the extra frame to give the Terriers the win. Brownlee, Clennett, Ryder Thomas and Carson Thayer each scored one goal for Penetang in the loss. Assists were collected by Fuller, Aiden Pethick, Hutton, Laframboise, Pich, Thomas and Cameron Hutchinson. Moreau made 37 saves in goal for Penetang, while Wilson Mackey stopped 31 shots for Orillia.

Notes: The final standings after 42 games played show Stayner in first place with 65 points, followed closely by Alliston with 64 points. Orillia finished third with 58 points and Penetang is fourth with 53 points. Midland in 5th place with 37 points; Muskoka sits in 6th with 29 points Innisfil;

Huntsville with 26 points in 7th place and Innisfil in the cellar with just 21 points.

The Kings will now face Midland in the best of seven first round play-off match-up beginning Friday February 20th in Penetang at 8:00 pm. Game two is in Midland on Sunday February 22nd at 2:30 pm. Game three in Penetang at 8:00 pm on Wednesday February 25th followed up on Thursday February 26th in Midland at 8:00 pm with game four. Should game five be required it is scheduled on Friday February 27th in Penetang at 8:00 pm. Games six and seven if necessary are slated for Midland on Sunday March 1st at 2:30 pm and Wednesday March 4th in Penetang at 8:00 pm.

Stayner will tangle against Innisfil, Alliston vs Huntsville and Orillia vs Muskoka in the other first round play-off matchups. To capture the Schmaltz Cup as the Provincial Junior Hockey League Champions, teams from the Carruthers Division would need to win six play-off rounds.

Penetang finished the 42-game regular season 16 points clear of the Flyers, but expect a close, tough first round matchup with who comes out on top any-one's bet. Midland always plays spirited games against the Kings, and it will come down to who gets the best netminding, scores timely goals and stays disciplined in the penalty department to decide the series.

King's goaltenders, Owen Moreau and Landon Simec, finished second in the league next to Alliston in goals against average allowing just 111 goals to Alliston's 102.

The leading scorers for Penetang were Camron Hutchinson with 51 points on 22 goals and 29 assists followed by Wyndam Brownlee with 44 points (20 + 24), Cole Rumbolt and Matthew Laframboise with 35 points each and Owen Fuller with 28 points.

Strong Turnout for Elmvale Coyotes U5

Written by Ryan Scharapenko

What an incredible year it has been for the U5 Elmvale Coyotes! We saw a fantastic turnout for the EMHA U5 program this season, and the consistent attendance from our players has been truly impressive. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach this wonderful group of boys and girls and to witness their development firsthand.

The progress these kids have made is nothing short of amazing. We started our very first practice with skating assist devices out on the ice, but it didn't take long before those were left behind and the players were absolutely flying around the rink. Best of all? Not a single tear was shed! They have tackled their skating, shooting, and puck-handling drills with pure joy and excitement week after week.

While the skill-building has been great, our favorite moments have definitely been game time. Whether we are playing "What time is it Mr. Wolf?" (or "Mr. T-Rex," as some of the kids prefer to call it!) or a spirited round of Cops and Robbers, the energy is unmatched. In fact, these young players have become such true speedsters that it is now nearly impossible for the "robber" coaches to escape the "cop" players!

Of course, all that hard work builds an appetite. A huge thank you to our team sponsor, Tim Hortons—the players are always thrilled to enjoy some well-earned Timbits after practice.

Finally, a big shout-out to the parents.



Whether you were lending a hand out on the ice or putting in the commitment at home to help progress your child's skating skills, your

support has been deeply appreciated. Thank you for making this such a memorable season for the Coyotes!

Harvesters Complete First-Round Sweep, Set Sights on Round 2



The Elmvale Harvesters delivered an unforgettable Family Day Weekend for local fans, closing out Round 1 of the playoffs in dramatic fashion and punching their ticket to the second round.

On Saturday, February 14, the Harvesters welcomed the Georgian Bay Applekings to Elmvale for Game 3 in what was an early evening matchup over the Family Day long weekend. Harvesters fans filled the stands for a playoff thriller.

It was a tough start for Elmvale, who found themselves trailing 5-2 in the third period. But the Harvesters showed resilience and determination, storming back with four unanswered goals to claim a thrilling 6-5 victory. The comeback win electrified the crowd and put the team firmly in control of the series. The Will Marshall Insurance Broker Three Stars for Game 3 were Riley Pitt as first star, Ryan Young as second star, and Jacob Kelly as third star.

The following afternoon, February 15, the Harvesters travelled to Thornbury for Game 4, another afternoon showdown with the Applekings fighting to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Elmvale came out strong and secured the early lead, but Georgian Bay battled back in hopes of

extending their season. In the end, the Harvesters remained on top, earning an 8-6 victory and completing the four-game sweep. The Will Marshall Insurance Broker Three Stars for Game 4 were Jacob Kelly as first star, Jordan Fuller as second star, and Ryan Young as third star.

With the win, the Harvesters swept the series and eagerly awaited their Round 2 opponent.

Before turning their full attention to the next series, players took time to connect with the community during the Elmvale Community Recreation Association Family Day Public Skate. Harvesters players joined kids on the ice for laps, autographs, and photos. The event saw an incredible turnout and was a great reminder of the strong bond between the team and the community.

Round 2 will see the Harvesters face the Minto Eighty-Ones in what promises to be another exciting series.

Fans are reminded that any tickets purchased for the February 16 Game 5 that was not required will be valid for Game 2 on Sunday, March 1 at home. Supporters are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance to ensure entry.

Round 2 Schedule:



Elmvale Harvesters Playoff Schedule

Home Games

Game 2: Sunday, March 1 - Home at 4:30 p.m. (Elmvale)
Elmvale Harvesters vs Minto 81's

Game 4: Sunday, March 8 - Home at 4:30 p.m. (Elmvale)
Elmvale Harvesters vs Minto 81's

Away Games

Game 1: Saturday, February 28 - Away at 5:00 p.m. (Minto)
Elmvale Harvesters vs Minto 81's

Game 3: Saturday, March 7 - Away (Time TBD) (Minto)
Elmvale Harvesters vs Minto 81's

Game 1: Saturday, February 28 - Away at 5:00 p.m. (Minto)

Game 2: Sunday, March 1 - Home at 4:30 p.m. (Elmvale)

Game 3: Saturday, March 7 - Away (Time TBD) (Minto)

Game 4: Sunday, March 8 - Home at 4:30 p.m. (Elmvale)

Additional games, if necessary, will be announced at a later date.

The Harvesters continue to build momentum as they chase playoff success, and with the community behind them, Round 2 is set to bring even more excitement to Elmvale.



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Bearbells By Leslie Noonan

February 13/26

While the days have been getting longer, the sun still sets in the late afternoon. I arrived at the Wye Marsh just after five pm, and the grey skies and heavy clouds blocked what little sunlight might remain. Normally the marsh is closed after four pm, but for two days in the winter there is a special guided tour of the marsh after dark. I tend to book myself adventures without knowing anyone else who might join me, but this evening I was pleasantly surprised to have two work colleagues and one of their companions join me on this little adventure. We met inside the main building, where a fire merrily crackled in the woodstove. Outside cardinals and chickadees flittered around the feeders, eager to have one last meal before darkness fell.

Our small group gathered our gear and followed the two young guides out into the cold air. A few minutes to snap our snowshoes on, and we were wending our way through the gloaming, trees dark against the white snow. The soft snow muffled our steps and often it was only the clack of our poles that made any sound. Our guides led us across a field, untouched by other tracks. Ahead of us the stark black trunks of maples and evergreens reached up to the grey skies, creating a shadowy trail through the leafless bush. We crossed small streams, still darkly flowing through a frozen landscape. The darkness deepened as we stepped into a stand of cedars, where the air was still and silent, and a hush settled over us as we traversed this small portion of trail. Ahead, faint light glowed where the cedars parted, and the trail continued through forests of poplar and birch. During the summer this area would be busy with small birds, but now the few birds that remain through the cold months have found a spot to shelter for the night. Small tracks of mice crossed the trail to disappear next to bushes, wisely hiding from the silent wings of owls in search of an evening meal.

We continued single file through the forest and across a small bridge to the wetlands. The open skies reflected the scant light, illuminating the silent marsh. The tall bullrushes are now bent and brown, suffocated under feet of snow. A small bird nest lies empty and exposed in a bush next to a frozen canal. This marsh, exploding with life in the summer, seems dormant in winter. Yet under that snow, mice and voles run through snow tunnels, chipmunks nestle close to foraged acorns, and turtles breathe through their butts. Seriously, look

it up. Life continues, the creatures anticipating those first warm rays of the sun and the drips of melting snow that are harbingers of spring. For now, winter remains in control and the chill was seeping through our warm coats. Our lovely guides assured us that we were heading towards a roaring fire and warm drinks, just up ahead in the forest.

We made our way out to the boardwalk, stopping to admire the lights of the Martyr's Shrine, beckoning through the winter's night. Our stop was brief, as that fire was too tempting to resist. A few more hundred yards and the orange glow of a fire reached out through the darkness. Staff had dug a pit in the snow, and upon glowing logs two pots released steam. The smell of chili wafted towards us, homemade by one of our guides. Another guide poured boiling water from the other pot into our cups to make hot chocolate, as our cold hands clasped around the welcoming warmth. The treats didn't stop there, as marshmallows were passed around to toast for smores, and only a few of those treats caught on fire, which honestly is the best way to eat them. This cozy stop was the perfect way to end our night. Beyond the reach of the fire's rays, the bush was dark and silent.

We gathered our gear and left that welcoming fire to return to the main building. Our trail was lined with small tealights, the soft yellow light leading through the darkness. The path here was well used, and we carried our snowshoes instead of wearing them. Big flakes of snow drifted lazily down from the night sky, and soon we were back at the brightly lit structure, thanking our wonderful guides for a beautiful evening. We were each handed a small gift bag, containing more surprises to remember our night by. I look forward to returning in the summer, for a guided canoe through the warm dusk. For now, I will go home and emulate one of those woodland creatures, but not the turtle, and hibernate in my warm abode.



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

February was a full month of different occasions and as the shortest month of the year it seemed to go by very quickly. We saw a period of very cold weather, heavy snow accumulation and early Spring-like temperatures. Meteorological Spring begins this coming Sunday on March 1. Soon we will have the weather specialist forecast for the next couple of months and hopefully it will be an optimistic outlook and we will have a period of sunshine and warm weather.

Originally Family Day was going to be quiet in the community as no activity had been planned. The ice rink volunteers decided that wasn't a good idea and determined that a family skate would be a great idea. On family day the sun shone, the temperature was mild and a number of families with their children showed up to the rink. Shiny hockey, family skating, bonfire, snacks and music made the afternoon a fun experience for everyone. Thanks to rink volunteers and their families for making a quiet day a fun one.

The rink has been in excellent condition this year thanks to the volunteers who have put in countless hours. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated by the community. Since early December the rink has been well kept and opened with the exception of a short period of time in early January. Seasonal temperatures will now be near the 0 C range and it won't be long before the sun's warmth will melt away the ice. While you still can get out to the rink and have some fun with the kids.

Euchre has returned to the community centre on Thursday nights. Early reports indicate that the number of players is growing and where else can you have an evening of fun for \$2. If you are interested in joining, the evening begins at 7 PM. Bring your Tonnie and snacks and beverages if you want.

Our community runs on the volunteers who

sponsor and lead the amazing events held in our community. The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association greatly appreciates the support provided. It is important that a review of previous events and future activities is conducted. The CRA is going to have a meeting on Wednesday, March 4 beginning at 7:30 PM at the community centre. With the annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Rabbit Run just a few weeks away this meeting is important to ensure that there is sufficient support and interest. The meeting is also an opportunity for the community to learn about other activities and events held and if there is interest in others. Could it be pickleball, cornhole, book club, walking group or monthly coffee meet? The CRA is always open to listen to suggestions so if you are interested please attend as all are welcome.

This is a municipal election year. Elections this year will be on Monday, October 26. The Township of Springwater is hosting an Open House on March 25 from 7 to 9PM at the municipal office. This is a great opportunity to meet with all the members of Council and see what has and is occurring within the municipality. Senior staff will also be in attendance. If you're not sure if you are on the voters list you will be able to find out there. This is an excellent opportunity to interact with staff and Councillors in an informal forum.

Are you ready for more daylight? Of course most of us are. Daylight Saving Time returns on Sunday, March 8 at 2AM. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour when you retire on Saturday night. It is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and remember they only have a life expectancy of 10 years and they should be changed if they are expired.

That's all for this week, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.



March Break Registration is NOW OPEN!

Don't miss out on our amazing all ages March Break programs this year! We've got activities for family, children and teens! Check our website for details and registration. Space is limited so be sure to save your spot! Monday March 16: Community Scavenger Hunt, Magic Wand craft. Tuesday March 17: Make a Mug. Wednesday March 18: Tween/Teen Mystery Board. Thursday March 19: DIY Button Making. Friday March 20: Sword Demonstration, DIY Pet Bandanas.

Freedom to Read: Read-In at the Library

Celebrate Freedom to Read Week! Come read a banned or challenged book and promote Intellectual Freedom. All ages welcome! Thursday February 26, 10am-6:30pm at all branch locations (Minesing branch opens at 1pm). Cost: Free. No registration required for this drop-in program.

Volunteer Income Tax Program

In person, phone appointments and drop off processing of taxes are available for those within the tax brackets of: \$35,000 for one person, \$45,000 for two people, up to \$50,000 for a family of four.

If you are using the drop off method of tax processing (starts Monday February 23), please ensure your documents are in a sealed envelope labelled with your address, phone number and email address. This program operates in

collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency. In person 30 minute appointments are available in March and April at the Elmvalle Branch, please call us to book your in person or phone appointment at (705) 322-1482.

- Thursday March 5, 10:30am-1pm
- Monday March 9, 2pm-5pm
- Saturday March 14, 10:30am-3:30pm
- Thursday March 26, 10:30am-1pm
- Saturday March 28, 10:30am-3:30pm
- Monday March 30, 2pm-5pm
- Thursday April 9, 10:30am-1pm
- Saturday April 11, 10:30am-3:30pm
- Monday April 13, 2pm-5pm
- Saturday April 18, 10:30am-3:30pm
- Thursday April 23, 10:30am-1pm
- Monday April 27, 2pm-5pm

Senior Social Coffee and Crafting

Drop by the library for a fun time of crafting and socializing! One morning a month we will have a simple craft activity set up in the branch along with light refreshments. This is an excellent opportunity for seniors in the community to connect for a fun morning of creativity! This month, design and create your own sublimation Cricut coaster. Friday March 13, 11am-12noon at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Penetanguishene Library

24 Simcoe Street 705-549-7164

www.penetanguishene.library.on.ca

Book Club

1st Thursday of every month 4:00-5:00p.m. Join fellow readers for a relaxed discussion of selected titles in a friendly, welcoming environment. Register in person at the Library or complete our online registration form.

International Women's Day - Friday, March 6, 10:00-1:00pm

Location: Penetanguishene Public Library
Speakers: GBNWA, Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre, Chigamik, BGC North Simcoe, We are the Villagers

Prizes and take away bags. \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members. Jan 28-Jan 31: registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After Jan 31: registration is open to everyone. A Cold Continental Breakfast Buffet served at 10:30am.

March Break Programs

Jet Off to Space! - Monday March 16th, 11:00am - 12:00pm
Light Up the Library! - Tuesday March 17th, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Candy Sushi - Wednesday March 18th, 11:00am - 12:00pm
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Hey Dads!

By Jason Weening
Hey Dads! How's the middle of winter working out for you? Are some of those warm days teasing you about spring? It's not over yet. We had some warm days around here, above freezing for almost a week! When the warm days stick around that long, what do the kids want to take out of the garage? Their bikes!

I recently took advantage of one of those warm days and went for a walk down our gravel road. My 7-year-old son, Arrow, wanted to come along but he didn't want to walk. He wanted to ride his bike. That was fine with me as there was lots of gravel to ride on. But there was also some smooth, slick spots where vehicle tires had packed down the snow turning it into ice. And on which part of the road do you think Arrow wanted to ride his bike? Of course, on the icy tire tracks.

"Sure, you can ride there if you want, but you might fall. Why not ride on the gravel?" I asked him. By the time I finished the sentence he was too far away to hear me. And I watched, shaking my head, as his front tire slid out from underneath him. "You okay?" I called.

"Ya, I'm fine!" he shouted as he climbed on again and sped straight back onto the ice tracks. This was not a long walk we were on. Our mission was to bring some banana treats to the cows down the road. Cows like bananas, by the way. Peel and all. It was probably a mile out and a mile back home. Before we reached the lucky cows he had fallen again. Again I suggested the better option may be to ride on the gravel and again my wise wisdom went unheeded. We reached our destination and fed the bulky bovines bananas.

Believe it or not, as we headed back home Arrow took another spill. He remained uninjured and sure that he was making good life choices only this time his chain came off. I helped him put it back on and you can guess what I suggested as he hopped back on his bike. I suspect you could also guess what fatherly advice was rejected as he pedaled off into the distance. And as history repeats itself, I'm sure you can play the part of the prophet predicting the pedaler's path as he picked up speed. If you've been counting, that would be fall number four. The final crash count was five as we completed our mission and walked up our driveway. Believe it or not, no tears were shed by father or son on this adventure and all parties arrived home without injury or trauma.

Is there a parenting lesson in this? You can decide that for yourself. Why not go for a walk with your kids as the weather starts to warm. You're the parent so you can decide if the kids bring bikes or do not bring bikes. Biker beware! Time flies, dad. Make every moment count. Even the unheeded-fatherly-advice ones.

Jason Weening often walks with his 10 kids and one patient wife. It's free family fun! You can get his book on Amazon, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them."

Jo Knows Nutrition

by Joanne Nijhuis



There's something comforting about a sheet pan dinner - minimal cleanup, maximum flavour and everything together into caramelized perfection.

When the pillowy gnocchi crisp up alongside the sliced onions, savoury prosciutto and earthy Brussels sprouts, you get a dish that feels both rustic and refined. Fresh or frozen sprouts work equally well, making this an easy year-round family favourite. This is healthy cooking at its best! Did You Know?

Small but mighty, Brussels sprouts are tiny nutrition powerhouses. Just one cup of sprouts provides all of your vitamin C daily needs and is packed with antioxidants, vitamin K, folate and fibre. As members of the Brassica family which includes broccoli, cabbage and kale, Brussels sprouts were cultivated in Belgium as early as the 13th century. By the 16th century, they were



Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Hello Everyone. What does hope mean to you? Do you feel it most when you're not feeling blue? Has snow made it so cold that it's hard to keep warm?

Is it colder now than the year you were born? Do you still have hope

that spring will soon come? Do you especially wish that winter's soon done? Hope's in the flutter of each tiny butterfly When the sun's summer rays are high in the sky. But Hope's not about weather that comes from above. It's found forever in God's perfect love! We hope that our Saviour will come to us soon. To relieve all the suffering and thoughts of world gloom. We hope that His comfort will be fully enough When life is uncertain, and our times are tough, When we come to Jesus when He says "Come",

We can rest in His arms; our worry is done.

The Bible says that the Creator of the ends of the earth neither faints nor is weary; that His understanding is unsearchable; that He gives power to the weak and to those who have no might, He increases strength. The Bible says that those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength; they will run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Let's ask Him to renew our strength so that together we can bring peace into our homes; so that together we can feed the hungry and help the homeless find homes. Together, let's share the source of our hope with others.

My prayer is that hope will dwell indelibly in all our hearts; that the joy of God's plan of salvation will sustain us and comfort us and strengthen us; that we will find peace in togetherness; that new and deeper friendships will develop during these unsettling times; and that we will discover new things about God, things that reveal more about His character, about His everlasting love for us. May your heart and mind and soul and strength be filled with God's hope and may your joy be complete. These things I ask in Jesus' precious and mighty name. Amen

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INGREDIENTS (4 Servings)

- 1 package (1 lb; 454 g) shelf-stable gnocchi
- 3 ½ cups (875 ml; 454 g) fresh (trimmed) or frozen Brussels sprouts
- 1 large red or white onion, sliced
- 6-8 slices prosciutto or Black Forest ham
- 3 Tablespoons (45 ml) olive oil
- 1 lemon, zest and juice
- ¼ cup (63 ml) freshly grated parmesan
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) salt or to taste
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat the oven to 425 F (220 C).

2. Cut the fresh or frozen Brussels sprouts in half.

3. Toss the sprouts, gnocchi, and onion with the olive oil on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper.

4. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

5. Roast in the oven for 20-30 minutes until the sprouts are fork tender.

6. Add the sliced prosciutto or ham during the last 10 minutes of roasting.

7. Remove the sheet pan from the oven and toss with the lemon juice and zest and the parmesan cheese.

8. Serve warm.

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February 28 (Open to Springwater Residents)
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Starting Thursday May 7 at 6:30 pm Call Doug Tinney 705-322-3239 for more information or email: elmvalessoccer@gmail.com. The soccer play time is at 6:30 pm

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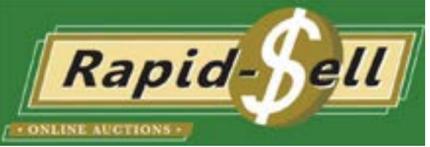
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Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

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

MONDAY

Elmvale Seniors Drop In

Elmvale 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-3:30pm
Writers Workshop, 1pm-3pm

TUESDAY

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7 John Street Elmvale

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Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 - 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

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

Steelers Music Bingo

5:30-6:30 pm
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WEDNESDAY

Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Pickleball 12:45 pm
Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Table Tennis, 9am-11am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Tai Chi, 9am-10am
Step Class, 9am-10am
Line Dancing Advancing, 9:15am-10:30am
Chair Yoga, 9:15am-10:15am
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

Meets Wednesdays to hike, 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.

Ganaraska Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach

Weekly hikes Wednesday at 9:30 am from various locations, year round. Both levels of hikes offered,

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Georgian Shores Aquarium Club

2nd Wed Sept-June
North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre in Multipurpose Room
Monthly meetings
Guest speakers, DIY aquarium related projects

THURSDAY

Jam Night Elmvale Palace

Thursdays at 9 am-1am
13 Queen St. W, Elmvale

Euchre - 7 pm
Elmvale Legion

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Zumba, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-1:30pm
Men's Shed, 10am-12pm
Cardio Drums Alive, 10:15am-11:15am
Chair Pilates, 10:30am-11:30am
Writers Circle, 1pm-3pm
Uke and Guitar Jam, 1pm-3pm

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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
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Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others

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St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St Midland

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group

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Dec. 4 Pot Luck at Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church, 208 Mosley St. Jan meeting on Jan. 8
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

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO

Karaoke 8:30 pm Every Friday
13 Queen St W, Elmvale

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am
3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm
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
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Elmvale Legion

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Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club

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Special Events One Time

Elmvale Co-operative Nursery School's 11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt FUNdraiser

Start: Mar. 29, 2026 10:00
End: Mar. 29, 2026 12:00
Location: Bishop Park (50 Amelia St., Elmvale)
Description:

Tickets are \$10 each! Available from ECNS families or from ecnsvp@gmail.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Grenfel United Church
3457 Grenfel Road
Sat. March 21 2026
9 - 11 am
Adults \$10.00
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Start: Feb. 21, 2026 12:30
End: Feb. 21, 2026 14:00
Location: Midland Library, 320 King Street, Midland, Ontario
Description:

Come and learn how Toastmasters can aid to help you become a confident speaker

Ganaraska Hiking, Barrie Club

Start: Feb. 25, 2026 10:00
End: May. 27, 2026 10:00
Location: Various locations
Description:

Guided forest hikes every Wednesday as detailed in the GHTA website calendar.

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EVENTS

Curling and "Cocktails" at ECC

Elmvale's women curlers hosted a "cocktail party" at the annual "Not the Scotties" Bonspiel on January 10th. Eight teams competed in the two draw, points event for cash prizes. Curlers from Midland, Stayner, Coldwater, York and Elmvale celebrated the "On the Rocks" theme with creative team wear! Thanks to Bryan Wilson, Ice Hoss Curling, and Paul Stevenson, Tim Hortons, for their generous support of the event.

Elmvale's Team Stevenson aka "The B 52's" (Fran Stevenson, Sue Henry, Heather Mephram, Dianne Cox) came out on top in the 1st draw, while Elmvale/York Team Campbell aka "The Ski Jumps" (Trish Campbell, Sandy Blais, Karen Hoare, Deb Hilliard) prevailed in the 2nd draw. Cheers to all the curlers, volunteers and supporters who made this spiel a success!



40th Annual LUSH Curling Bonspiel



On January 17th friends gathered for the 40th Annual LUSH curling Bonspiel at the Elmvale Curling Club. LUSH is a group created in the 1980s by a group of friends shortly after high school. The Lost Channel Unemployed Seagull Hunters was created after a trip to a Lost Channel hunt camp where little hunting but lots of cards were enjoyed. The bonspiel was created shortly after to continue the fun and games. A day meant to celebrate and enjoy laughs with friends, a few drinks and some pizza while playing a game of curling. 8 teams gathered for 3 -4 end games. Team Agar came out with the final win and trophy. The LUSH Bonspiel fell on the 63rd birthday of Linda Belcourt, our previous editor. Thank you for your kind words, dedications and fun during this day.

Thane S., Kim Agar, Shelby Armstrong, John Degroot

Thank you to our incredible business community and stakeholders who joined us on February 19 at Thompson Fireplaces and Living Spaces for the Elmvale BIA Annual General Meeting & Open House. The energy in the room reflected the strength, pride, and commitment that define our local businesses.

The Elmvale BIA represents businesses across Elmvale and throughout the Township of Springwater, and it was inspiring to see so many people come together to connect, reflect on the past year, and look ahead.

Thank you to everyone who attended, shared ideas, and continues to invest in our community. The future of the Elmvale BIA is bright, and this is just the beginning - Councillor Matt Garwood



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BACKYARD ASTRONOMY



Late Night Lunar Eclipse

By Gary Boyle - The Backyard Astronomer

Throughout the weeks and months, we see the sun by day and the moon by night. But a few times each year, they line up along with Earth to produce spectacular solar and lunar eclipses. We do not see an eclipse each month because of the Moon's slight tilt in its orbit around the Earth. Sometimes the bright full moon appears above Earth's shadow projected in space, while in other months it is located below the shadow. When the alignment is just right, the Moon slips into this cone of darkness.

This celestial dance will play out in the early morning of March 3. The eclipse will be seen in

its entirety from the Pacific and Mountain time zones, whereas farther east, the moon will set before the entire show is over. A lunar eclipse is completely safe to observe and enjoy as the full Worm Moon slowly turns a darker orange as sunlight bends through our atmosphere, like a red sunset. This is in stark contrast to the Feb 17 annular solar eclipse, where special eclipse glasses were needed. Fear not, only the penguins would have seen it over Antarctica.

While the eclipse is underway and on any clear night for that matter, check out the brilliant planet Jupiter high in the sky and sets around 4 am. Then there is Orion the Hunter and other brighter winter constellations.

Today's cell phone apps will help guide you through the starry shapes.

The path of totality for the next solar eclipse occurs on August 12 stretching from Greenland down through Spain best view during ocean cruises. The sun will be covered for a few minutes depending on where you are. On the night of August 27 into the morning of the 28, North America will witness a partial lunar eclipse. During mid-eclipse 96% of the moon will be immersed in the Earth's shadow.

Eastern:

Eclipse begins: 4:50 am

Mid eclipse: 6:33 am

Moonset: 6:39 am

VIEWS FROM THE COTTAGE

By Melanie Martyn

Already, it is March of 2026! It has been a while since my fingers graced the keyboard, but today I felt the urge to chat. To anyone who cares to listen, here are a few thoughts.

It seems like yesterday we were dreading Y2K. And here we are, 26 years later. No one could have imagined the events of the last 5 plus years and the ongoing flux this globe seems to be experiencing. Some days I just want to close the door, read a good book, or maybe just focus on my navel. It has been so, so neglected and I guess, out of sight-out of mind? Where did those extra rolls come from?!

Life is sooo precious. It can take a turn at any moment. Are we ever really prepared? For change? A new baby and mouth to feed. Job loss or layoff. Sudden illness. A death in the family you were not quite prepared for. The ever-rushing river of life pauses for no man (can I say that now...of course, referring to all genders or non...oh I am so confused).

I have to take a moment here to express my deep shock and sincere condolences with respect to the loss of a particularly beautiful soul, Linda Belcourt. To say she will be truly, truly missed, falls so short of the emotions I felt upon hearing the news of her passing in late December 2025. Linda, journey on, your light remains with us forever...God bless!

Being a senior myself, I wanted to chat about the realities of the senior population as a whole and share some stats/information you might find interesting and timely. Canadian seniors are predicted to double in numbers to approximately 10.9 million by the year 2036 according to Stats Canada. This would roughly add up to being 23-25% of the population. We are a large and vibrant audience with an

immense amount of logic and experience to impart. Just from day-to-day observations, I think a huge portion of this populace is still working way past the age of 65. Hey, I myself am working on "Freedom 85", LOL, and most of you will 'get' the reference, I am sure.

Often, the primary retirement 'funding source' for retirees is their home and principal residence, if fortunate enough to own one that was purchased way before the crazy buying sprees of 2021 and 2022! Noting this is one of the last 'capital gains free' asset to hold, it is incredibly important to know this real estate value and all the options open to you. You want to make your 'last move,' your 'best move.'

The supply of senior-oriented housing is simply not keeping up with population growth. With seniors living longer, more will opt to remain in their homes. This can include multi-generational living which helps the young people save for the future as they often will utilize the lower level, in-law apartment. The expense sharing also aids seniors needing the financial assistance when incomes are fixed. Often, the parents may move downstairs and let the growing family utilize the upstairs, which offer more bedrooms. Who doesn't want to be close to the grand kids?!

If on your own, you may be living in a nice, single level home (with minimal maintenance), close to all amenities including health care, shopping, senior style recreation etc., and there is no need to move at all. Again, is income sufficient to satisfy all the overheads? If not, is there an opportunity to convert the basement into a separate income producing apartment? The costs involved in conversion and the need to meet existing by-law requirements may be prohibitive but you will not know until you

investigate. Staying put is great, until you can't.

It is always better to preplan your next and possible last move, with all the pertinent information needed in order to make a knowledgeable decision with no regrets. You need to assess your equity position and if deciding to divest yourself of this asset, where do you go? Condominium living affords more free time, less maintenance, and provides many security features. Many 'snowbirds' fly south for the winter and it is much easier to lock the door to a condo and have peace of mind while you avoid the snow and cold for five plus months. Bring on the sun!!

Adult lifestyle communities are popular and provide a good fit for many as they offer amenities and events that create a network of new friends. Leasehold mobile style home parks also are becoming more viable with lower overheads but still offering home ownership. This keeps your principal residence equity intact and even allows for potential increase (we expect but also cannot predict these days).

Soon enough, we all will be looking to assisted living and other community care options, but like you, I am not rushing and I say, "stay active, stay fit and stay strong!"

My advice; Have your house in order, literally. Know the value of your largest asset. Take care of deferred maintenance now, while you have the finances and energy to do so. Remember 'possessions own you,' not the other way around. Keep the cherished items and rid your home of clutter and any 'past' that no longer benefits your spirit. Truly, it is the best way to lose unwanted extra weight that I know! Here's to a wonderful year and the promise of a rejuvenating spring fever!

Tiny Courts Pickleball Working Group for Larger Pitch than Served

By Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter Midland Today

As people age, they sometimes swap out their tennis racquet for one of the pickleball variety. For others, who haven't played racquet sports before, pickleball seems like an easy game to learn, something that's undoubtedly contributed to its rapid growth as a popular activity.

With that in mind, one Tiny Township meeting envisioned other municipal meetings to be further inspired by the pastime in an unexpected way.

Two recreation department reports graced a recent committee of the whole meeting agenda, both based upon a November decision of council to establish a working group for a community-led township pickleball club.

With potential options for pickleball facilities to be provided in underserved areas as Lafontaine, Wyevale and Woodland Beach, public feedback was opened for a Tiny Township pickleball strategic plan review until late December.

Recreation and special events director Josh Pallas provided the results of the first report at the meeting.

"There has been a vast amount of community feedback and opportunity to review from the public for this," said Pallas. "Many of the key recommendations surround: more places to play; better coordination and communication; a phased township support and governance model; and continued affordability and inclusivity."

Pallas added that the dozen respondents

reinforced the strategy rather than choosing to halt or reverse the initiative. The committee approved for an amended strategy to be brought to the next regular council meeting for formal ratification.

The second report recommended a pickleball working group be established, to review operations and implementation of a pickleball club, consisting of four-to-six community members and one park and recreation committee member; notably, the three-year term group would be advisory-only.

"In this report, I outline how it relates to the pickleball strategy, the volunteer position that we would like to post to recruit individuals for this, and the terms of reference for this non-reporting working group of council," Pallas said.

When asked by council members if there would be any cost for the volunteer-run working group to operate, Pallas confirmed the only cost would be for the recreation committee member, as no member of council would sit on the working group.

Mayor Dave Evans expressed large support for the introduction of a working group to the machinations of the municipality.

"I think this is an incredible advancement – not just in pickleball, but in terms of the working group concept," he said.

"Traditionally we use committees of council. People are appointed by council, they act on council's behalf, provide recommendations and have a quasi-official function in terms of reporting to council and to the public."

Evans weighed that whereas a council or committee would function in a policy aspect,

a volunteer-based working group of dedicated individuals who already had their end goal in mind would be directly focused on that goal without the hassle of red tape.

"I wish we had more working groups to get more stuff done in the community – not to say we (council and committee) don't do stuff," Evans added, "but this is actual implementation. This is the fun stuff where you get to go out and actually create this."

The staff recommendation to form a volunteer recruitment process for the pickleball working group was approved, with formal ratification anticipated for a future regular meeting of council.

Following the meeting, Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins told Midland Today that the working group proposal was a "win-win" in terms of proactive community engagement, as well as low-cost implementation from the general tax base to serve niche interests for the greater good of the township.

"What a great way for people to add to the community that they live and thrive in," said Miskimins. "And about something that they're passionate about – like, anybody that talks about pickleball... I mean, you just see their eyes light up. They are the most passionate players."

"They're the ones that should be instituting this, not a bunch of gray-haired politicians –," Miskimins said, before halting his comment with a laugh and glance toward a younger member of council.

The pickleball reports for a working group and strategy updates, including community feedback, can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

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Sat., March 28 - Blue Jays vs The Athletics - 3:07p.m. game
Includes: tickets in sections 133 & 134, motor coach transportation to the game & bus parking at the Rogers Centre. (No Meals) **Cost:** \$220.00

Wed., April 8 - Blue Jays vs Los Angeles Dodgers - 3:07p.m. game
Includes: tickets in section 134, motor coach transportation to the game and bus parking at the Rogers Centre. (No Meals) **Cost:** \$255.00

Wed., April 22 - The Music of Rod Stewart & Neil Diamond at The Gathering Place by the Grand, Brantford
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Cost: \$161.00

Wed., May 20 - Funny Girl at Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake
Includes: early buffet luncheon at "Queens Landing Restaurant", 1:00p.m. performance, orchestra seating and free time on the Main Street following the show. **Cost:** \$245.00

Tues., June 9 - Rhinestone Cowgirls - The Legendary Ladies of Country Music at Walters Music Venue
Includes: buffet lunch at "Queh's Restaurant" in Tavistock, followed by the entertainment program at the Walters Music Venue near Bright, Ontario. **Cost:** \$192.00

Wed., June 10 - "& Juliet" the Smash Hit Musical at the Royal Alex Theatre, Toronto - There's Life after Romeo
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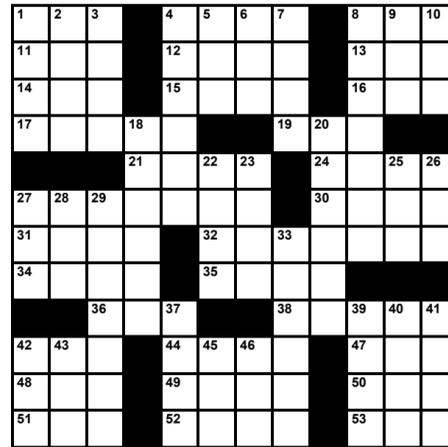
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1 _____ to the bone
4 Things some designers design
8 Beech's kin
11 "____ you kidding?"
12 Founded on fact
13 Operation
14 Surface for Gretzky
15 Foam at the mouth
16 "____ will be done"
17 Low dice roll
19 Assent
21 Pink-slip
24 Winter wear
27 Mail carrier
30 Naught
31 Two-dimensional extent
32 Turned on, with "up"
34 Uncluttered
35 Good student's reward
36 United
38 Special topic
42 Nail holder
44 "Winning ____ everything"
47 Test
48 Be shy
49 Sometimes it's on the other foot
50 Length of life
51 In advanced years
52 Group of buffalo
53 Aye

Down

1 Goes with switch for a scam
2 St. Louis' Gateway, e.g.
3 Does and bucks
4 Creek
5 Silent ____ (time before the talkies)
6 Boat
7 Exposed
8 Taking place in the open air
9 Proof of a fire
10 Hotelier's handout
18 Manor site
20 Proprietors
22 Baseball headwear
23 Bow
25 ____-horse town
26 Induced
27 Check for gold
28 Magnesium source
29 Kelp, e.g.
33 Bided one's time
37 Gossip, slangily
39 Host's request
40 Drive
41 Examines closely
42 Excessively
43 Wide-faced bird
45 "Every Little Thing ____ Does Is Magic"
46 ____ easter



John Robert Hill
November 9, 1948 - February 16, 2026

Loving husband to Linda. Proud father of Robert and George. Cherished grandfather to Darcy John Robert and Sadie Mary Anne. Son of Mervin Hill and Helen (Miller). Siblings David, Joan, Mary, Ruth, Harold, Grace and Harvie.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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



AGAR, Kinnard Ross

Passed away peacefully in Elmvale on Monday, February 16, 2026. Kinnard Agar, a resident of Elmvale for over 66 years, in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Gladys Gilbert. Dear father of Stephen (Anne), Kim, and Paul (Tina). Proud grandfather of Melanie, Emily (Chad), Jamie, and Jordan. Cherished great-grandfather of Eloise.

In keeping with Kinnard's wishes, there will not be a funeral service at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Elmvale and District Food Bank.

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BUNN, Marie

It is with great sadness that we share that Marie Bunn passed away on Saturday February 7, 2026 in her 92nd year at Sara Vista Long Term Care Home in Elmvale Ontario.

Marie will join her husbands Joseph Guilfoyle (predeceased 1991) and Beverly Bunn (predeceased 2021).

She was the beloved mother of Sharon Damery (Roland), Stephen Guilfoyle (Judith), Catherine Bartlett (Gord), Michael Guilfoyle (Ann) and Lisa Critchley (Todd).

Ever loving Grandmother of Erin (David), Jess (Tim), Charles, James, Mitchell and Justine (Jeff), Chris, Bryan and Andrew. She was great grandmother to Marshall, Harley, Matthew, Rhea-Mai, Livia, Malachi, Eleanor, Lorelei and Wrenley.

She was married to Beverly for 26 years and shared life with his children Darren (Arlene), Cory and Darcy and grandchildren Jessie and Cassidy.

She is survived by her sister June Melson (Douglas predeceased) and sister in law Helen King (Bernard predeceased) and by numerous nieces, great nieces, nephews and great nephews.

Marie was a long time employee of Bell Canada in Barrie. Prior to retirement she moved to Phelpston and then to Elmvale where she was deeply committed to these communities. She was a long time volunteer to many local organizations and groups giving countless hours, knitting many beautiful items and baking goodies to support various charitable endeavours. She truly enjoyed being of service to her community and church. She was a 60 year

plus member of the Catholic. Women's league, an accomplishment that she was proud of. Her church and her faith brought her great comfort throughout her life.

Marie was a very sociable woman who loved spending time with family and friends, hosting dinner parties, card games and get togethers.

Family was very important to Marie and she was always interested in what was going on in the lives of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family.

Her family would like to thank all of her neighbours from 19A Yonge St. In Elmvale for always checking in with her. Your kindness and consideration is truly appreciated by her family. Marie resided at Sara Vista LTC in Elmvale prior to her passing. Marie was a volunteer at this facility for a number of years providing friendship and comfort to the residents. While living there she was treated with compassion, kindness and understanding. We are grateful for the care and the love she received.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 7-9 pm on Thursday, February 12, 2026. Funeral Mass on Friday, February 13, 2026 at 11 am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Elmvale

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Patrick's Church in Phelpston or to the local charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

"When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them but to live with the love they left behind" Rest in peace Mom as you join Joseph and Beverly. Our love always.

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WEBB, JEAN (nee ORD)
Passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Jean Webb (nee Ord) of Tiny in her 101st year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Webb. Dear mother of Betty Roesler (late Ernie), Elda Jean Williams (Terry), and the late David Webb (Elaine). Loving grandmother of Heidi (Greg), Eric (Crystal), Krista (Mark), Dan (Anna), John (Jenny), Jena (Andrea), Natalie, and Grace. Great-grandmother of Faith (Graham), Sarah, Elizabeth, Grayson, Theo, Chianna, Raymond, Misty, and Frankie. Great great grandmother of Alex, Mia, and LaRayna. Sister of the late Margaret Graham, Bessie Webb, Elda Wilder, Bill and John Ord.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 1 -2 pm on Saturday, February 21, 2026. A funeral service will be held in the chapel at 2 pm, followed by a reception.

Memorial donations in Jean's memory may be made to Tomkins House Hospice.

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MORRIS, Norman Dudley
April 20, 1934 - February 17, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Norman Dudley Morris of Orr Lake announces his passing on February 17, 2026. Norman, known by many as Norm, passed away with family by his side in his 92nd year.

He was predeceased by his loving wife Elsie Morris, sister Mildred (Ronald) Bentley, and brother Vernon (Patricia) Morris.

He is lovingly remembered by his daughter Sandy Daykin, son Wayne (Helen) Morris, and daughter Brenda McGill. He will be dearly missed as "Grampy" by his grandchildren Shane (Lisa) Morris, Holly Morris, Jenny (Alex) Mestre, Robyn (Jon) Daykin, Jonathan (Shannon) Daykin, and Joel Hudell. His eight great-grandchildren will grow up learning about his legacy and how he was a pillar of his family. Norm will also be remembered by his nephew Barry (Mary Louise) Bentley, his niece Pam (Paul) Peca, their children, other close family, and his neighbours.

Norm had a very full, happy life. He fondly remembered the days starting out on his family dairy farm outside of Cookstown. From there, he moved to Toronto, working hard to give his family a great life. Norm and Elsie turned the family cottage on Orr Lake into their retirement home, which became the gathering place for their family for many years. Norm will be remembered for always putting his family first.

A celebration of life for Norm will be held at a later date.

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Donald James "Poppa" Warner
May 4, 1933 – February 14, 2026

Predeceased by his mother, Edna and father, Leslie Donald "Poppa" Warner lived a life defined by courage, laughter, and deep devotion to his family.

Beloved husband, lifelong companion, friend, and love of his life to Josephine, for 71 years on September 18, 2025

He is survived by his brother, "Bud" Thompson. He is a proud father to June (Dave), Susie (Jimmy), and Donny (Bridgette), and family friend Marilyn. Grandfather to Cindy (Bernie), Holly, Sherri, Tom (Katie), and Austin (Jackie) for which he is proud of all their accomplishments.

His face lit up at the mention of his great-grandchildren, Robert, Ronan and Quinn.

A Veteran of the Korean War serving with the P.P.L.I. Donald served his country with honour before dedicating 31 years protecting his community as a Firefighter with the Toronto Fire Services.

He ran toward danger for a living—but at home, he was known more for running a good joke than running a tight ship.

He loved camping, being outdoors, and most of all, being surrounded by his family. If there was a campfire, a lawn chair, and people he loved nearby, he was exactly where he wanted to be.

"Poppa" had a quick wit, a playful sense of humour, and a way of making even ordinary moments memorable.

Popp's strength was steady, his love was constant, and his laughter was unforgettable. He leaves behind a family who will forever hear his voice in their stories, see his influence in their values, and smile when they remember they way he could lighten any room.

His was a life well loved—brave, funny, loyal and full of heart.

Don and Jo lived in Toronto, retired in Elmvale and eventually settled in Barrie.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 12 -2 pm on Monday, February 23. Funeral Service in the chapel at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice Simcoe would be much appreciated.

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Ruby Anna Johnston
Nov 14, 1936 – Feb 7, 2026

It is with deep sorrow and profound love that we announce the peaceful passing of Ruby Anna Johnston on February 7, 2026, at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Ontario.

Ruby, in her 90th year was the loving wife of Lawrence Johnston for over 68 years. She was the dearly loved mother of Laurie Hickling and her husband Niel, Dave Johnston and his wife Marci, and Lisa Beausoleil and her husband Roland. She was a very special Nana to her grandchildren: Nathan, Chris (Gosia), Amanda (Joey), Brandon, Brody (Ruby), Ryan (Lisa), Camille (Dave), Hillary (Dale) and a beloved great-grandmother to Austin, Kaia and Calvin. Ruby will be missed by her siblings, Edna Silverman (late Eddie) and Bruce Edwards (Norma). She was predeceased by her sisters, Emmaline Edwards and Ruth Curry (late Eric). She will be lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and also by her sisters-in-law Glenna Reynolds, Judy Green, Lois Johnston, Laura Johnston and by many other extended family members and friends. Ruby was born on November 14, 1936, to Manley and Mary Edwards in Vasey, Ontario where she was raised on the family farm with her three sisters and one brother. She often shared fond memories of those days with her friends and family. They were such cherished times for her. After attending Business College in Midland, Ruby was offered an office job in Toronto where she worked until leaving to marry her very devoted husband Lawrence in 1957. They settled in Barrie in 1958 where they raised their three children and reveled in the lives of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As per Ruby's wishes cremation has taken place and there will be a private family gathering to celebrate her life. Arrangements entrusted to the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley St., Barrie. If desired, donations in Ruby's name may be made to Parkinson Canada, RVH or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences and memories may be shared via www.steckleygooderham.com

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