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The Sweet Story of Maple Syrup in North Simcoe



By Kari Belcourt, North Simcoe Springwater News

As our days grow warmer—only to cool again when the sun slips behind the horizon—the sap from old maple trees begins to flow. This marks the first step in producing one of our region’s most treasured gifts: maple syrup.

Maple syrup has a long and rich history in North Simcoe. Early European settlers learned the practice from Indigenous peoples, who were the first to harvest and process maple sap. In 1634, Jesuit missionary Paul Le Jeune documented how local Indigenous communities “extracted a certain liquid that runs from the trees towards the end of the winter,” noting that in times of food scarcity, even the bark was used for sustenance.

Traditional Indigenous methods included collecting sap in earthenware vessels or heating

stones in a fire and placing them into the sap to boil it down. With the arrival of European traders and the introduction of metal tools, processing evolved to include iron kettles—methods that would later influence early settler techniques.

Over time, maple syrup production saw significant innovation. By the era of the American Civil War, producers began using large, flat metal pans, allowing for faster evaporation than traditional kettles. The first evaporator was patented in 1858, and by 1872, improved designs with multiple pans and a firebox dramatically reduced boiling time. Around 1900, flued pans increased surface area even further, improving efficiency.

The 20th century brought even more advancements. Plastic tubing systems—perfected in the 1970s—allowed sap to flow directly from trees to sugar shacks. Vacuum pumps, preheaters, and reverse

osmosis systems further revolutionized production by reducing boiling time and increasing output. Despite these technological strides, the heart of maple syrup production remains deeply rooted in tradition.

Today, maple syrup continues to thrive across North Simcoe, celebrated not only as a product but as a cultural experience.

In Midland, both Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre and Sainte-Marie among the Hurons will host the 35th annual Sweetwater Harvest Festival on March 28 and 29. This two-day celebration highlights the rich heritage of maple syrup production in the heart of Georgian Bay.

Visitors can begin their journey at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, where history comes alive through storytelling, demonstrations, and artisan

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Fresh Maple Taffy enjoyed by visitors of the Sweetwater Harvest Festival

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markets. Guests are invited to step back in time and experience "sweetwater" as it was understood and used by both the French settlers and the Wendat people.

At the Wye Marsh, the experience shifts to nature. Guests can explore the sugar bush, tour the sugar shack to see sap transformed into syrup, and enjoy live entertainment, wildlife, and maple-inspired foods. With 3,000 acres of forest and wetlands awakening during the spring thaw, it's an immersive celebration for all ages.

Meanwhile, in Elmvale, the beloved Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival will celebrate its 61st year on Saturday, April 25. What began in 1965 as a small community initiative has grown into one of the region's most anticipated annual events.

Founded by local schoolteacher Doug Rose and supported by community groups and volunteers, the festival has evolved from a modest gathering into a major attraction drawing 30,000-40,000 visitors each year. From pancake breakfasts and sugar bush tours to log sawing competitions, live entertainment, and over 200 vendors, the festival continues to offer something for everyone.

Over the decades, the festival has remained a testament to community spirit—raising over \$20,000 for local initiatives, supporting organizations, and bringing people together year after year. Beloved traditions like the variety show, festival dance, and the appearance of the mysterious mascot "Miss Amber Maple" continue to delight attendees. A trip to the Lalonde's Sugar Bush from the festival gives insight into how they produce maple syrup and have been for over 100 years locally. Enjoy their famous maple cotton candy and candies—a staple to children



Lalonde's Maple Syrup a local maple syrup produced in Elmvale

attending the event. Another favourite is viewing the traditional annual firefighters pancake eating contest on the main stage.

From historic roots to modern celebrations, maple syrup is more than just a seasonal treat in North Simcoe—it is a symbol of resilience, innovation, and community.

From local businesses to cherished events, there are countless ways to support and explore our communities. It's easy to see how the sweet history of maple syrup continues to bring us together.

While festivals celebrate the season, it's the dedicated local producers across our region who keep the tradition of maple syrup alive year after year.

In Elmvale, family-run operations like Lalonde's Sugar Bush have become a staple of the community. Generations of syrup makers continue to welcome visitors each spring, offering tours, demonstrations, and fresh maple syrup straight from the source. These sugar bushes are more than businesses—they are gathering places where families create lasting memories.

In Midland, local producers such as Windlee Farms are helping carry on this proud tradition. Known for their quality maple products and commitment to local agriculture, operations like Windlee Farms highlight the importance of supporting homegrown producers while keeping the craft alive for future generations.

Across Tiny Township, small-scale and hobby producers play an equally important role. Tapping trees on private properties and forested land, many continue traditions passed down through generations. Whether using modern tubing systems or traditional bucket methods, their passion ensures the craft continues to thrive locally.

These producers not only supply high-quality maple products, but also contribute to the local economy and agricultural heritage of North Simcoe. Many

sell directly from their properties or at local markets, offering residents and visitors the chance to support local while enjoying one of Canada's most iconic flavours.

From large sugar bushes to backyard taps, maple syrup production remains a deeply rooted part of life in Elmvale, Midland, and Tiny—connecting past and present through a shared seasonal ritual.

In North Simcoe, maple syrup is more than a seasonal treat—it's a reflection of community spirit. Through local producers, volunteers, and the many organizations supported each year, the impact of this tradition reaches far beyond the sugar bush. It's a reminder that when we come together, even the simplest traditions can create something truly meaningful.

From sap to syrup, festivals to fundraising, maple season in North Simcoe is a tradition that continues to unite communities—proving that something as simple as a tree can bring people together in the sweetest way.

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Giving Back: Sweet Support for Local Causes

Beyond the pancakes, performances, and sweet treats, the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival continues to make a meaningful impact by supporting local organizations and community initiatives. This year, festival proceeds were proudly presented to a number of deserving groups. Representatives from the Maple Syrup Committee—including Greg Davidson, Dan Clement, Irene Burgler, Matt Garwood, and Denise McLean—joined recipients to celebrate the contributions.

Funding was presented to the Elmvale Ball Park Committee, supporting ongoing improvements to a space that brings families and athletes together. Local schools and youth programs also benefited, including Our Lady of Lourdes, HCES Music, and EDHS Music, helping to enrich student learning and creativity. Cultural and community groups such as Wendat initiatives received support, along with recreational organizations like the Elmvale Skating Club. Inclusive sport programs were also recognized, including Ice Owls Blind Hockey, highlighting the festival's commitment to accessibility and opportunity for all.

Youth-focused initiatives remain a priority, with contributions going toward the EDHS Youth Exchange program, helping students broaden their horizons through travel and cultural experiences.

In addition, the festival extended its support to several valued community groups and events, including the Friends of the Springwater Library, the Elmvale and District Lionesses' Sleigh Ride in the Village, the Elmvale Youth Group, and

the Flos Agricultural Society Bike Draw. Through these contributions, the festival continues to demonstrate that its impact goes far beyond a single day—helping to strengthen community connections and support local initiatives year-round.



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Charity Tournaments

- Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament
 - June 11, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. at the Orr Lake Golf Club
- Charity Pickleball Tournament
 - August 27-30, 2026, at Parkside Park in Balm Beach

Join us to play, sponsor or donate. All proceeds will be distributed to charities and non-profits in North Simcoe. Learn more at tiny.ca/CharityTournaments.

Summer Camps

- Day Camp Resident Registration: Monday, March 30, 2026, at 12 p.m. (noon)
 - Day Camp Non-Resident Registration: Tuesday April 7, 2026, at 12 p.m. (noon)
- Register at tiny.ca/PlayPortal.

Spring/Summer Program Registration

- Resident Registration: Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 12 p.m. (noon)
 - Non-Resident Registration: Monday, April 13, 2026, at 12 p.m. (noon)
- Register at tiny.ca/PlayPortal.



Council Meeting Schedule

April 1 2:00 PM	April 22 2:00 PM	May 13 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 tiny.ca/Events.

2026 Municipal Elections



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

Voter List

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



Update and Check Your School Support

Make sure you check your school support by June 1, 2026. This will ensure that the correct School Board Trustee candidates will be available for you during the election period. Visit mpac.ca/SchoolSupport.

Visit the source for all information about the Township of Tiny Municipal Elections at tiny.ca/Elections.

Shoreline By-law – Site Alterations

Site alterations are prohibited, including the erection of any structure, fence, or sign through the duration of this by-law. This includes, but is not limited to, boat-houses, retaining walls, patios, landscaping, decks, fences, walls, or shoreline alteration that are in proximity to the 178-metre contour elevation of the Georgian Bay Shoreline. Before starting your construction project, visit tiny.ca/InterimControl or contact Planning at interimcontrol@tiny.ca or 705-526-4204.

If you have witnessed a violation and wish to file a complaint, please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Department at 705-526-4204.

2026 Property Taxes

Register for e-billing and pre-authorized payments!

Installation Due Dates

- March 31
- September 29
- June 30

Have questions? Contact us at taxdepartment@tiny.ca or 705-526-4204.

Learn more at tiny.ca/Taxes.

2026 Education Bursary

Applications for Tiny's 2026 Education Bursary Program are now open! There are five bursaries valued at \$1,000 each available to students entering their first year of post-secondary education for degree, diploma, certificate, and vocational programs. Open to children of Tiny residents and property owners. Apply online at tiny.ca/Bursary.

Tiny Fire Reminders

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Updates to the Ontario Fire Code have increased 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 tiny.ca/FirePrevention.

No Ice is Safe Ice

As the temperatures change and lake and other bodies of water conditions become more unstable, it is important to stay off the ice. By venturing out onto unsafe ice, you put yourself and emergency responders in danger.

Seasonal Reminders and Notices

Reduced Load Restrictions (Half-Loads)	Reduced load restrictions (half-loads) are in effect until April 30, 2026 (unless extended due to weather conditions). No vehicle or trailer can weigh more than five (5) tonnes per axle, no exceptions. Learn more at tiny.ca/Roads .
Capital Projects (Construction)	2026 capital projects including road, water, and park improvements can be viewed at tiny.ca/CapitalProjects .
Spring Road Maintenance	Spring road maintenance is underway. Staff are working to repair roadways from the winter season including potholes and flood management. Please be patient as crews work through the community. Learn more about road maintenance at tiny.ca/Roads .
Snow Disposal	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. Learn more about snow operations at tiny.ca/Snow .
Municipal Water Flushing	Municipal water flushing begins on April 20, 2026. Crews will be making their way through the municipality. View the schedule and more information at tiny.ca/DrinkingWater .
Jackson Beach Boat Ramp Dock Repairs	Jackson Beach boat ramp dock repairs will be taking place in April. Please note crews will be making repairs and also performing some winter sand maintenance.
Street Sweeping	Street sweeping will be scheduled in the spring when weather permits (after all snow events).

The Guesthouse Shelter is celebrating more than 20 years of community service.

The Guesthouse Shelter has been offering sanctuary to our less fortunate citizens for more than 20 years.

We began as an Out of the Cold Program providing winter relief to men and women living on the streets of North Simcoe. We have since grown with the needs of our communities offering year-round shelter at our permanent location at 522 Elizabeth St., in downtown Midland. The Guesthouse has recently been renovated with exterior doors that are both weather resistant and secure. The interior has been freshly painted, and we have a working elevator which makes the shelter completely accessible. A significant investment in the interior of the building allows us to do this.

Our mission is to provide food and shelter in a safe environment for those in need. Our guests receive a bed, 3 meals a day and fresh clothing when needed. They also have access to showers and laundry facilities.

Our vision is to ensure that no one will be left

homeless in North Simcoe. While staying at the Shelter guests are expected to be involved in a variety of programs geared to support them on their journey towards independence. Every guest will have a program geared to their individual needs.

There are more than 100 individuals struggling with homelessness in Springwater, Tay, Tiny, Penetanguishene and Midland.

The Guesthouse is licensed to provide 21 adult individuals with a warm safe place to sleep. During this past winter with the support of Simcoe County, we also provided a warming center using our dining room to make space for another 8 guests on any given night. While we could not provide beds for these individuals, they did receive a hot meal and warm dry winter clothing.

As we strive to continue being part of the solution to homelessness in Simcoe County, we ask for your continuing support.

We are currently developing a plan to upgrade the exterior of our building. There is no government

funding for this initiative. We have learned over the years that appearances speak volumes about homelessness. And nowhere is that more apparent than in the appearance of the Shelter. As it has gone approximately 60 years without significant attention, we are going to have the exterior of our building painted this spring.

This upgrade will be aesthetically pleasing and fit in well with our downtown neighbourhood.

The cost of this upgrade is \$18,020.59 and we are asking our community members to donate to this beautification of The Guesthouse Shelter.

150 generous citizens donating \$120.00 each will ensure this much needed improvement takes place this spring. All donors will receive receipts and recognition on our website if requested.

To donate to The Guesthouse Shelter, please contact Rosemary Sykes at rosemary@tghs.ca or call 705-527-4111. You can also make a donation at canadahelps.org.



Out of the COLD Success

St. John's United Church sponsored the local Out of the Cold Walk in March. A large group of walkers braved the Cold winds to walk 2 or 5 K walks. Pledges and cash totalled over \$7000. for this worthwhile cause. The money raised is principally donated to support The Guest House in Midland, which serves the surrounding area including Elmvale. Congratulations to all the Walkers, Volunteers and Sponsors on another very successful CNOY WALK



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Hey Dads!

Hey Dads! Are you a mechanic or have you given much of your hard-earned income to mechanics? Maybe you're somewhere in the middle. I'm not a mechanic but I've got three sons and I'm really hoping one of them picks up the trade. But judging from the grunts, groans, and grumbles I get whenever we try to work on a vehicle I'm not sure mechanics grow on our family tree. Our troop gets around in a 15-year-old 15-passenger van and once in awhile it needs some TLC. The weather's warming up so today was a day to do some of those things.

Job number one: change two headlights. A buddy texted me the other day when he saw me driving in town: "You've got a headlight out." I don't know if he just assumed the giant rusty van was our family or not. He was right. He later told me it was the handsome dad at the wheel whom he recognized. Aw, shucks. I bought a new headlight and thought it would be a quick pop out, pop in kind of a job. Nope. Can't get to that headlight without tools. Vehicle designers please take note. A headlight should simply be changed sans tools por favor.

While checking which bulb needed to be changed I noticed that I also had a hi-beam light that was out. Back to Canadian Tire for another bulb. Headlights must be high-value, high-stolen items because they literally keep them under lock and key. What is the world coming to?

A couple of my mechanics-in-training joined me out on the driveway so mechanic school could begin. Lesson 1: changing low-beam AND hi-beam headlights. Further exploration revealed that the hi-beam bulb could be replaced without tools. Boom. One done, one to go. I sent one of my apprentices to the shop to grab a few sizes of ratchets to unbolt the necessary components to reach broken bulb number two. He's a handy kid and had it all apart pretty quick. Bulb number two installed. Parts bolted back on.

We started making a list of other jobs to be done on the big, beautiful van. We attempted to do a couple of those jobs but they got bigger than we could handle. Here is where I realized that perhaps I do have an up-and-coming mechanic. Many years ago I bought

the Haynes Repair Manual for just such occasions as this. As he started unbolting and disassembling more things, I casually asked, "Want me to go grab the manual a sec?" Like a wizened 12-year-old mechanic his answer was, "I don't think we need that." Spoken like a true car guy. Well done, son. You'll advance far beyond your father in mechanical aptitude.

My lovely wife reminded me that some guys pay a lot of money to do challenging father-son activities together. And here we were in our very own driveway doing challenging father-son activities...FOR FREE! Maybe there's something you can repair in your driveway, dad. Grab a few helpers and see if you can fix it. Time flies! Make every moment count! And you probably don't even need the manual.

Jason Weening tries to avoid working on vans with his 10 kids and one patient wife. Read about their other adventures in his book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them", available on Amazon.

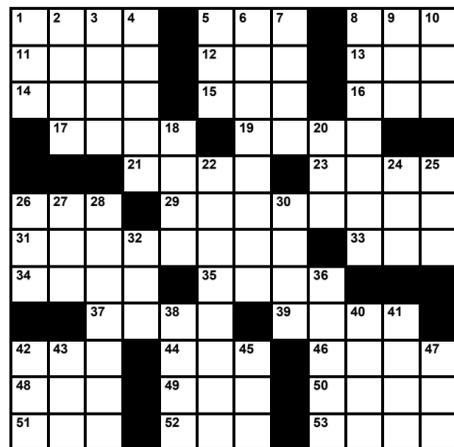
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- 46 Not mint
- 48 Astonishment
- 49 Obey, with "the line"
- 50 Spick-and-span
- 51 Maroon

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- 2 Time span
- 3 Skinny
- 4 Banana treat
- 5 Formal decision
- 6 Film executive
- 7 Important transfusion datum
- 8 Prime
- 9 "Who ___ we kidding?"
- 10 Cave dweller
- 18 Holier ___ thou
- 20 Where many a joke is set
- 22 Incident
- 24 Devoured
- 25 Request desperately
- 26 Taking a vacation day
- 27 Service station freebie, sometimes
- 28 In a tangle
- 30 Puts into service
- 32 Back in time
- 36 Intense
- 38 Significance
- 40 Huge land mass
- 41 Wines with steaks, usually
- 42 Jaguar or Sonata, e.g.
- 43 "To what do I ___ the pleasure?"
- 45 Showed the way
- 47 Tie-___ (sixties shirt style)

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VIEWS FROM THE COTTAGE IT'S A GAS...NOT!

By Melanie Martyn, March 25, 2026
Some might remember a 1966 issue of MAD magazine that featured the song 'It's a Gas', vocalized by, of course, their fictitious mascot Alfred E Neuman (the E stood for Enigma if you were ever wondering). My oldest brother John had just returned home from the Smoke Shop convenience store (Rexdale) with this latest edition and all 4 siblings ran upstairs to his room to check out the back cover. He carefully removed the cardboard backed, 5 1/2" record and placed it on his battered portable record player. It was a groovy little diddy with 60's style soft rock instrumental, punctuated by a series of burps and long belches. We practically rolled on the floor, laughing ourselves silly and trying to imitate the chorus! I know he kept that little record in his 'cool things' drawer for many years until we moved up north. Things like that tend to get purged, but the memories remain.

It is nice to remember the good old days when the cost of gas was only thirty-two cents a gallon! Hmmm, that would be 8 cents a litre. Of course I wasn't driving at the time, and it would be years before I would sit behind the wheel of any vehicle, but I never heard my dad complain. I have been driving for many, many years now and as a Realtor, I drive a lot! This week I nearly drove off the road as I passed by a local gas station and saw \$1.76 a litre for regular gas, omg! That was bad enough but my car runs on diesel fuel. Try recent prices up to \$2.14 a litre with potential to go even higher! Oh,

the humanity!
It wasn't long ago the pricing of those fuel choices were in reverse. Diesel fuel required less refining and enjoyed a lower tax burden. Gone are those days as there is a higher demand globally for diesel, and new environmental policies require a cleaner, low-sulphur product. The recent uptick in prices correlate to war in the Middle East, global supply constraints, our weakened Canadian dollar and also the annual switch to the more expensive summer-grade fuels. Not much we can do about the situation, but prayers come to mind and a little tax relief would be nice.

Maybe the 'powers that be' found out I was opting for a diesel fueled vehicle last year? At any rate, I am now thinking it might be time to buy that E-bike and get these legs in shape after a winter of couch-surfing. I could just peddle my ten speed around town, but hey, I am realistic and I know my limits. The electric 'push' may just be the ticket to lower my gas consumption and strengthen my resolve to find ways to weather the coming economic hardships.

E-Bikes are generally defined as "power-assisted bicycles" (PABs) that feature both functional pedals and an electric motor (most use lithium batteries). They generally cost between \$1,500 and \$5,000 CAD, depending on quality and upgrades. So far, you do not need a licence or insurance in Ontario but must follow the rules of the road and wear a helmet. Depending on the model, you can get up to 32 kilometres an hour and that battery

can boost you to travel as far as 120 kms (further if your bike features dual batteries) but it all depends on the speed, terrain and of course, your own body weight. Fat Tire E-Bikes are even used now in winter! However, with our last multiple blasts of the white stuff, I did not see too many on the road.

Live in a condo? Consider the Folding E-Bike as it does not take up as much room in your locker and you can throw it in the back of the car! Now if we could just get a little break on the hydro cost to charge them up, it would be a perfect world! For now, it is a MAD world and Alfred E Neuman may be right, 'It's a Gas'!



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Message from MP Doug Shipley

Spring is in the air. We finally welcomed the first day of spring –



with a mix of snow and rain. While it does not bring an immediate change to our weather it does serve as a great reminder that warm and sunny days are coming our way. I know we are all hoping that these warm and sunny days will get here sooner rather than later given the amount of snow we had this year.

I was reviewing my calendar and looking at some upcoming events and I could not help but notice that April 1st, aka April Fools' Day, falls mid-week. It could be fun if we cross paths with pranksters at work and while we are out and about. Thinking about April Fools' Day led me to a bit of research on the origins. I read that there is speculation that April Fools' Day is tied to the first day of spring when Mother Nature 'fools' people with changing and unpredictable weather. And we all know that weather in April is unpredictable.

Easter is happening early this year on the first weekend in April, so we should get busy decorating eggs and picking-up chocolate. Speaking of

decorating eggs, the Simcoe County Museum is hosting an Easter Egg-venture on April 4th from 1-4 pm. Enjoy an outdoor Easter trail, a fun craft, and a prize at the end. Admission is – Adult (21-64) \$8, Senior (65+) and Youth (12-20) \$6, Child (4-11) \$4, and preschoolers and Museum Members are free. It will be fun for the whole family.

Let us keep wearing layers for the next while as we wait for the warmer spring weather to arrive. And maybe keep some rain boots nearby.

As always, my constituency office is available to assist you with any matters related to the federal government. Please contact my office at Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca or 705-728-2596 for assistance.

Sincerely,
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Antoine Lahaie (WSP Servicing), and Adam Fischer and Daryll Abbs (Watson & Associates).

Council also addressed several municipal matters, including awarding the contract for the replacement of the Elmvale Community Hall-Springwater Health Services Centre roof, discussions surrounding the future of Spruce Grove Park, and other routine township business.

The meeting served as a welcome break from the heightened tensions of recent weeks, with council members appearing cordial and focused on working in the best interests of Springwater residents.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings continue to be held in a hybrid format, allowing community members to participate either in person at council chambers or remotely online.

Community Update from Ward 1 Councillor Matt Garwood

Hello Springwater residents. I'm pleased to share updates on recent decisions and developments that are 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 Nomination: Update

Over the past few weeks, our community came together in an incredible way for our Kraft Hockeyville nomination, and we couldn't be more proud.

While Elmvale was not selected as Ontario's recipient this year, the effort and spirit behind our nomination were nothing short of remarkable. Across the province, more than 500 arenas participated in the Hockeyville program, and Elmvale stood tall among them. Considering the short window we had to organize and rally the community, the response we received was truly something special. We also extend our

congratulations to the Ontario provincial recipient, Blackstock. Small-town arenas like ours are the heart of our communities and all are deserving of investment and support.

And when we talk about success, we measure it by something even more meaningful than the final result: the pride, participation, and community spirit that Elmvale showed throughout this entire process.

To everyone who submitted a story, posted a photo, wrote a rally note, shared our posts, or encouraged someone else to participate, thank you. You helped show the entire country what Elmvale is all about.

This may be the end of this year's Hockeyville journey, but one thing is certain... we'll be back next year.

And if this nomination proved anything, it's that when Elmvale comes together, amazing things happen.

MESSAGE FROM MPP DUNLOP

April 2026

Happy Spring Simcoe North! At this time of year I am reminded of the renewal and optimism that this season brings. Spring is a special time in our communities, families return to enjoying the outdoors, local businesses gear up for visitors both local and from out of town, and farmers prepare for another year of dedicated work in the fields.

After returning to Queen's Park last month, I am happy to share the following updates from the province that will benefit communities across our region. One of the most significant investments is in essential water and wastewater infrastructure. Through the province's Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, up to \$78.4 million is being allocated to water system upgrades in Simcoe North, including projects in Orillia, Ramara, Tay Township, Penetanguishene, and Tiny Township. These upgrades will modernize aging systems, prevent issues such as sewage backups, and support responsible growth in our communities.

Our government is also assisting municipalities in recovering from the severe ice storm that affected the region in 2025. Through Ontario's Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program, over \$9 million in provincial funding is being provided to help cover emergency response costs, debris cleanup, and infrastructure repairs. This support ensures municipalities have the resources needed to rebuild and strengthen local infrastructure.

In addition, the province recently announced

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Ontario Welcomes Over \$5.5 Million Manufacturing Investment in Midland

Triumph PrimeFab's expansion will support over 40 good-paying jobs in Midland

MIDLAND — The Ontario government is welcoming an investment of \$5,158,000 by Triumph PrimeFab, to establish advanced manufacturing operations in Midland and launch the production of two new prefabricated construction products for the Ontario housing market. With this investment, Triumph will expand its manufacturing capabilities in Midland to help meet growing domestic demand for housing solutions, while creating 36 new good-paying jobs and protecting five existing positions in Simcoe County.

The investment was announced today by Jill Dunlop, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe North.

“By supporting strategic investments from regional businesses, our government is protecting Ontario's workers and creating the conditions for a strong, stable, and resilient economy that can weather any storm,” said MPP Dunlop. “Triumph PrimeFab's investment will support growth and innovation across the local manufacturing sector and create more good-paying jobs for workers

and families in Simcoe County.”

Triumph, a manufacturer of prefabricated wall systems and modular construction components, will renovate and equip its newly acquired 100,000 sq. ft. facility in Midland to produce two new products for the Ontario housing market, including prefabricated modular homes and PrimeWall, a high-performance prefabricated wall system designed to improve energy-efficient construction. The project will also support the installation of advanced automation equipment, including CNC cutting systems and fabrication robots, allowing the company to scale production and meet growing demand for faster, more cost-effective housing construction.

“PrimeFab is grateful for the support of the Ontario government as we expand our manufacturing capabilities in Midland,” said Mario Ribeiro, CEO of Triumph Group of Companies. “This investment allows us to accelerate the delivery of prefabricated building solutions while creating skilled jobs in the Midland community. Our goal is to support the growing demand for high-performance prefabricated wall systems and modular building

\$229,400 in funding through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Grow program to support non-profit organizations in Simcoe North. These investments will help local groups expand programs that strengthen community connections and provide valuable services for residents.

As we move into the nicer weather, I extend my gratitude to the residents, volunteers, and community leaders who make Simcoe North such a vibrant place to live. I also want to extend an invite to the 2026 Free Annual Seniors Day event in Orillia on May 20th at the new location, the Barnfield Point Recreation Centre. This event will feature guest speakers, service providers, and more, designed to celebrate and support our senior residents. I look forward to seeing you there as we continue to work together to build strong communities, support local jobs, and create opportunities for families across our region.

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Elmvale Minor Hockey Association's U7 LL3

By Jade Harrington
The Elmvale Minor Hockey Association's U7 LL3 White Team has spent the past few months learning, growing, and developing their love for the great game of hockey, made possible through the generous support of their sponsor, Tim Hortons.

While some of these young athletes came to the ice with previous experience, many are just beginning their hockey journey—learning the fundamentals of the game, building confidence, and forming new friendships along the way. Through a variety of fun and engaging drills, players have been working hard to improve their skating and stick-handling skills under the guidance of our fantastic parent coaches, Jodi, Matt & Taylor. Their positive, supportive, and encouraging coaching style has created an environment where players can thrive, build skills, and enjoy the game.

The U7 White team has enjoyed many shared practices with fellow EMHA U7 teams, as well as several exciting games against neighbouring communities including Oro-Medonte, Coldwater, and Wasaga Beach.

Last month, the team traveled to Angus to take part in the Essa Eagles U7 Jamboree. The players gave it their all over three hard-fought games and returned home tired, proud, and smiling from ear to ear. A sincere thank



you goes out to Berns Piping Systems Inc. for their generous sponsorship, which made participation in this memorable event possible. The EMHA U7 White Team would love to see community members at the Elmvale Arena, cheering them on each weekend. The team

would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tim Hortons for supporting these young players—not only in developing their love for hockey, but also in fostering friendships, teamwork, and life skills that will benefit them for years to come.

EMHA U7 LL4 team thanks Tim Hortons

By Shelby Desroches
Thanks to the generous sponsorship from Tim Hortons, the 2025–26 U7 LL4 hockey team has been able to take to the ice on weekends, creating an exciting and memorable year for players, families, and coaches alike.

The season began with many new skaters, but through consistent coaching and practice, the players have quickly developed their skating skills, learned basic teamwork, and gained confidence. Along the way, they have also formed new friendships that are already becoming an important part of their hockey experience.

Week after week, the players show up excited to go, whether for practice or a game, eager to show off their newly learned skills. The parents look a little less enthusiastic during early-morning away games, but a quick coffee stop at Tim Hortons fixes that!

Seeing the future of EMHA take the ice in their black, yellow, and white jerseys brings smiles to everyone in the stands. From friendly puck battles to the lively challenge of player changes on the bench, the games offer plenty of fun and laughter. The team recently

participated in their first tournament together, marking a special moment in a season that continues to build confidence, teamwork, and a love for the game.



Elmvale U7 LL1 Hockey Team

By Shannon Giffen
The EMHA U7 LL1 Blue Team continues with their very successful season, with 5 months of practices, games and tournaments under their belts. The amount of growth that this team has shown since September is inspiring, both as a team and in each player themselves. With a perfect blend of both brand new and returning players, our team has found the perfect groove of working together and leaving the ice stronger than they already were.

The beginning of the season brought some shared-ice practices and scrimmages with our fellow U7 LL teams, helping our players to develop their skills and apply what they've learned each week. The new year brought both home and away games, as well as tournaments against nearby centres including Coldwater, Midland, and Wasaga. Sharing the opportunity to be goalie, as well as a 'Player of the Game' chain being awarded to a deserving player each game, our players are motivated to try their best and cheer one another on.

There is no doubt that a large contributor to their success and growth has come from their very own coaching staff. Coaches Sid, Andrew, Frankie & Jake have encouraged and guided our team through skills, drills and plays, empowering them to play their best and have



fun while doing it.

We want to thank our sponsor, Tim Hortons, for supporting our team and providing our players with the opportunity to play their favourite game. Whether it's warm drinks in parents' hands in the stands, a pack of celebratory Timbits after a winning game, or a bagel or

sandwich between games at a tournament, Tim Hortons has been a staple in Canadian rinks for decades. There is no better Canadian pairing than Tim Hortons and hockey, and there is no future hockey without training and empowering the youth of today to pursue the sport we all love.

U9LL2 Elmvale Coyotes Celebrate Outstanding Season Built on Teamwork

The U9LL2 Elmvale Coyotes wrapped up an exceptional season marked by growth, determination, and a deep commitment to teamwork. From the very first puck drop, the young squad demonstrated discipline and a willingness to learn, steadily translating their practice ice efforts into confident game day performances. Coaches noted how each player embraced challenges and showed measurable improvement week after week, turning tough

matchups into opportunities to develop and thrive.

A defining strength of the Coyotes this season was their unwavering support for one another—whether stepping up defensively, making smart plays, or cheering teammates from the bench. The energy from families and fans filled arenas all year, reflecting pride in the team's sportsmanship and heart. The U9LL2 also extends a special thank you to Key Mortgage

Partners for their generous sponsorship and continued support. As the season closes, the Coyotes can be proud knowing they built something memorable proof that teamwork, dedication, and community support make all the difference.



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Our players were extremely dedicated

By Matt Prichard

The Elmvale Minor Hockey Association U18 B team has closed out a successful season thanks to the support of their generous sponsor, Hardship Acres Landscaping Inc.

With a roster of 18 players, the team brought endless resilience and a willingness to battle through adversity. The regular season featured challenging games against tough competitors in Simcoe County, including Parry Sound, Huntsville, Bracebridge, Shelburne, and Orillia.

“Our players were extremely dedicated and committed to showing up,” says volunteer head coach Matthew Prucha. Prucha ran the bench with the help of three other volunteer coaches, Ryan Burrington, Seth Orvis and Dylan Traves. Thanks to their guidance and commitment, many of the players established confidence in

their abilities and trust in one another.

For most players, it was their first opportunity to be part of the U18 B team. Despite turnover, they maintained their reputation as fierce competitors and did an exceptional job representing the Elmvale community. Even after numerous injuries and setbacks throughout the year, the players showed up with adaptability and a positive mindset.

“They played the season with a lot of heart and were very good to one another,” says Prucha. “We always showed up with a willingness to battle and compete even when odds were stacked against us.”

Of their four tournaments, the Andy Passero Memorial Tournament in Fort Erie was a

standout.

The players had a lot of success, going undefeated until the finals. Unfortunately, they lost to Parry Sound in a close, nail-biting game. While they didn't bring home a trophy, they played as a cohesive unit, trusting and respecting one another.

With the season wrapped, the coaches feel proud to have had the opportunity to work with these players and wish them luck in their next season.

And as the ice begins to melt and summer rolls in, contact Hardship Acres Landscaping Inc., at hardshipacres.com for all of your landscaping needs.



The Midland Flyers's Playoff Run Comes to an End



By Heather Burbidge

The Midland Flyers' playoff run came to an end this week at the hands of the Stayner Siskins, the top team in the Carruthers Division, but not without a fight that showed just how far the program has come.

For the first time since the 2016–2017 season,

the Flyers pushed their way into the second round of the PJHL Schmalz Cup playoffs, marking a significant step forward for a team that continues to build momentum both on and off the ice.

The series opened with a hard-fought 5–1 loss in Game 1, a contest defined by its intensity and physical edge. Every inch of ice was contested, and while the scoreboard didn't favour Midland, the tone of the series was set early. The Flyers answered back in Game 2 with a much stronger showing, again falling 5–1 but demonstrating better structure, composure, and pushback against a highly skilled Stayner lineup.

Game 3 proved to be the turning point. In a tighter, more disciplined matchup, the Flyers battled hard but came up short in a 6–4 decision. The offence came alive, generating sustained pressure and showing they could compete stride-for-stride with one of the league's elite teams. It

was a statement game, even in defeat.

Facing elimination in Game 4, the Flyers ran into a determined Siskins squad that closed out the series with a 7–0 win. Despite the final score, the result doesn't erase the progress Midland made throughout the season and into the playoffs.

From development to execution, this year's Flyers group took a meaningful step forward. Reaching the second round in one of the PJHL's most competitive divisions speaks volumes about the team's growth, resilience, and commitment.

While the season has officially wrapped, the outlook is anything but quiet. The Flyers are already turning their attention to next year, with a clear mindset: come back bigger, better, stronger, and faster.

If this season was a statement, next season may be something even louder.



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Bearbells By Leslie Noonan

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For twenty-five years I have driven highway 93 through Midland, shopping at the stores, getting gas and running errands, and there between the entrances to a strip mall and the Super store, a small gravel road leads towards the woods. Follow that bumpy road a short distance to the Midland Ski Club, to a place that I had never been to, that is right here in my own backyard. I rented a set of skis from a friendly assistant, who was happy to point out what trails that would be best for me. Ahem, that means a mostly flat and easy trail for someone who has not been on skis in 35 years and has a high chance of falling and not being able to get back up! However, my challenges started before even getting the skis on. Two poles, two skis and two boots, and me trying to juggle the whole kit and caboodle through the doors. One ski caught on the upper door frame, while a pole wedged itself across the door and I came to an abrupt and sudden stop. Next a shoe dropped, and as I went to bend over to grab it, another pole slipped between my feet and tried to trip me up. As to that nice assistance, she politely looked anywhere but at me with a smile tugging up the corners of her mouth. Out the door I went, looking as clumsy and awkward as groundhog on a bicycle, all before I even hit the snow. Well, this should be interesting.

I spent an embarrassingly long time trying to figure out how to snap my shoes in the skis and was overly proud of myself once I figured that out. Poles in my hands and I was ready to smoothly glide away, looking like I was ready for the next Olympics. At least until I tried to move, and almost fell over, only saved by those poles. Less of an Olympic athlete, and more of a cartoon character. Cross country skiing uses a surprising number of muscles, and I could feel every one groan at this activity, from my legs, back and arms, to those abdominal muscles that have been dormant all winter and which where none too happy to be involved in this adventure. I had naively thought that skiing would be easy on my bad knee, and I am unhappy to say that I was wrong. Once I had figured out my balance, I tried one of those graceful strides and promptly yelped. Alright, even on skis I have a limp. A nice long, graceful stride with my right leg, and a little bitty step with my left. If I wasn't following a trail I would have been going in circles. I gradually figured out my movements and began to enjoy the activity through the silent forest, only the swish of my skis making any noise.

The cold wind quickly picked up as the trail left the forest and entered the open fairways of the local golf course. I was enjoying the gently rolling trail, going at my own pace while admiring the people in the

distance, wearing proper gear and speeding along the trails. Several times I almost fell, poles waving in the air as I struggled to remain on my feet. I moved over to let a nice gentleman pass me, while apologizing for my slow pace. We spent a few moments talking about skiing, the weather and other pleasantries, and this gave me the chance to unobtrusively catch my breath and rest my sore knee. We parted ways and I continued with my own slow pace. I was beginning to tire and was happy to note the trail turning back towards the trail head, until I turned a corner and was confronted by a hill that I would have no ability to get up without hiring a Sherpa. Another skier passed me, using muscles that I lack to power up that hill. Other people had used a herringbone technique, by placing their skis outward in a V pattern. I tried this, placing my weight on my poles and walking up the hill like a penguin, and promptly fell flat on my face as I lost traction. Oh boy, now how to get back up without sliding back down the hill. I admit I laid there spreadeagled on the snow, and considered removing my skis, but I am stubborn, and with much grunting and groaning I managed to stand up on my skis. I side stepped the rest of the way up that hill, tiny little step by tiny little step. There was no exaltation on reaching the summit, as what goes up must come down, and though the downward hill was small by most standards, I was not confident that I could get down it without flying off the trail into a tree.

With a silent prayer, I gently pushed off and quickly picked up speed. It might have been the small tree limb that I tried to dodge, but most likely it was my own lack of coordination that sent me sailing off the trail and into the fluffy snow. Thick snow was packed into my glasses, which briefly had me thinking that there had been an avalanche. Nope, just me in a snowbank. After assessing for any bodily damage, I gently untangled the ski that I was lying on, which also happened to be pointing the wrong way and the ski tip was now behind me. That would explain the discomfort in my right foot, as the shoe was still attached to the ski with my toes bent backwards. A few minutes of me rolling in the snow and using some naughty words, and I was finally back on my skis and pointing in the right direction. My knee was throbbing painfully, and my limp was more pronounced as I slowly finished the last of the trail and returned to the parking lot. Despite my adventures, I really enjoyed the day, and if my knee permits, I will be back for another attempt, though perhaps without the hill.



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

Will the snow melt in time for the annual Anten Mills Community Recreation Association Rabbit Run and Easter Eggstravaganza? That may be a question floating around as there is still a considerable amount of snow on the ground. If you have gone by or into the park you will see that there is approximately a metre or, for us older folks, 3 feet of snow on the ball diamond and around the playground and pavilion. Will that result in the cancellation of the events? Not a chance. The volunteer organizers, Lindsey and Becca have everything under control. The Rabbit fun Run may have more sand on the road than normal but that won't stop the race. There are other areas in the park where the Eggstravaganza events can be held so there is no concern there.

The Rabbit Run and Easter Eggstravaganza are being held on Saturday, April 4 at the Anten Mills Community Centre and Park. First up will be the Rabbit Run. There are three courses for the runners. For the little ones it is a half kilometre round. Up next is a 1.5 kilometre and a 3 kilometre loop. Preregistration is required in order that the organizers can adequately prepare for the run and details can be found on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page. A small minimum charge of \$5 is being collected for each runner which helps support this event and future events in the community. Napoleon Home Comfort is assisting with sponsor support for this event. Participants are asked to meet near the ball diamond starting at 9:30 to finalize their registration, get their runners bib and join in the runners warmup. The run starts at 10AM and travels throughout the village. A map showing the route will be posted and those who live or drive on the route are asked to pay particular attention during the time the runners are on the road.

Following the run around 10:30 it will be time for the Easter Eggstravaganza. There will be egg and scavenger hunts, crafts, activities and the opportunity to have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny. At the Easter Eggstravaganza the community supports the needs of the Elmvale and District Food Bank. Following a long winter the food bank shelves start to get bare as supplies diminish. To assist with the replenishing of supplies there will be a small change this year for this event. Each child joining in the fun is requested to make a minimum \$5 donation and bring a donation for the food bank. The first 120 children registered will receive a treat bag compliments of the Anten Mills CRA and InDrive, the Chapman's family business. Preregistration is also required for this event and details again are on the Anten Mills Community Facebook page. It will be a great day and one the community looks forward to celebrating with their families and friends. Volunteers are required for the Eggstravaganza and if you can help reach out to Lindsey through the preregistration form or the post.

Going back to the weather for a bit, does it seem like it's been a long, cold and snowy one? The answer of course is that it has been. Snow came early this year as Remembrance Day had snow. It has continued up to this week when astronomical Spring also known as Spring Equinox occurred. According to published reports, close to 400 centimetres or 157 inches or over 13 feet of snow has fallen in our region this past winter. That's one heck of a lot of snow. The long range temperature forecast has the region slightly below normal until mid April. For the next two weeks the best that we can see is a high of 10 degrees which while nice is still cool. No spring-like temperatures are expected in the next couple of weeks.

An item that will last longer because of the weather is the giant snowman that Dennis Laycock created. Located on Horseshoe Valley

Road, the snowman is over 4 meters tall and sits in the front yard and is visible as you travel along the road. How long will the snowman last? Obviously no one knows for certain but with the long range forecast it may be until mid to late April. There are a couple photos of previous and this year's creations and why not provide your guess on how long before the top hat hits the ground in the comments section of this post.

There are a couple of opportunities for our local youth looking for some summer employment. The OPP Huronia West Detachment has a posting for Youth in Policing Initiative. This is a paid 8 week opportunity for youth between 15 and 18. Details are available from the OPP Central Region Facebook page or check with the detachment in Wasaga Beach.

For those who enjoy a fast paced atmosphere with lots of customer service and like ice cream, then The Ice Cream Hut may be the place for you. They are seeking people with a can do attitude and are available for the entire season. You can check out more details and how to apply by going to their facebook page.

That's all for this week. Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all at the events next Saturday. Until the next time, THANKS FOR READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE!



Smile Campaign

We are collecting donations to make Mother's Day gift bags for the Elmvale and District Food Bank. This annual Smile Campaign is a great opportunity to support Moms in Springwater! We are currently looking for donations of: Bath bombs/Shower fizzers, Comfy socks, Lip balm, Sheet face masks, Nail polish, Sweet treats (chocolate or candy). All items need to be dropped off at the library on/before Thursday April 2, 2026. Thank you for your amazing support!

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Book Club

1st Thursday of every month 4:00-5:00pm.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt - Sat, March 28 - 10:30-11:30am.

\$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. Ages: 0- 12 years old. February 23rd- 28th, registration open for Penetanguishene taxpayers with a valid library card. After Feb 28th registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable. Please check the website/social media for cancellations due to inclement weather.

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- Thursday April 23, 10:30am-1pm
- Monday April 27, 2pm-5pm

Elmvale Easter Egg Hunt

The Elmvale Co-operative Nursery is hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt and Springwater Library will be there! Visit Danielle on Sunday March 29, 10am-12pm, Bishop's Park (50 Amelia Street).

Easter Holiday Hours

Please note, all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Good Friday April 3 and Easter Monday April 5. Elmvale and Midhurst branch locations will be open during regular hours on Saturday April 4 from 10am-4pm. We wish you a happy Easter weekend!

AI Literacy

Not sure what AI is? Come learn: What AI is, what AI can and cannot do, how to use AI tools effectively, how to protect confidential information, how to stay safe and recognize AI scams. Thursday April 9, 6:30pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

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, we will be making a DIY book bag and plant hanger from T-shirts. Friday April 10, 11am-12noon at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Drop-In Craft

The Library will be offering a fun drop-in craft at both its Elmvale and Midhurst Branches. Participants can make a paper roll race car! This program will be available as long as supplies last. Starting Thursday April 16, 10am.

Death Café
Join Tracy from the North Simcoe Muskoka Hospice Palliative Care Network for an uplifting and interactive afternoon of conversation. Death Cafes provide discussions about death in an open environment without a set agenda. Light refreshments will be provided. Friday April 17, 1:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

PA Day Program: Simcoe County Waste Education Workshop
This PA Day our special guest is the Simcoe County Waste Department! They will be teaching us all about the environment and how we can make sustainable choices to help our earth. This workshop will be interactive and includes a take home craft for all participants. Friday April 24, 11am at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Hunger Games Trivia Tweens/Teens
Do you volunteer as a tribute? Have a grudge against the capitol? Join us for a fun trivia night based on all three of the Hunger Games original trilogy. Friday April 24, 5:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$5 per team (up to 5 people per team). Registration required (please register once per team).

Learn to play American Mahjong - Every Tuesday in April, 10:30am-12:30pm. \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. All sessions must be attended. February 23rd-28th, registration open for Penetanguishene taxpayers with a valid library card. After Feb 28th registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 4 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable. Please check the website/social media for cancellations due to inclement weather.

Spring Wreath - Friday, April 17, 10:30-11:30am. Participants are encouraged to bring flowers of their choice to exchange with the group. \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. Non-transferable, non-refundable. March 16- March 21, registration open for Penetanguishene taxpayers with a valid library card. After March 21 registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program.

Diamond Painting - Thu, April 23, 2:00-4:00pm. \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members.



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Jo Knows Nutrition
by Joanne Nijhuis



There is something deeply comforting about a warm bowl of soup, no matter the season. For many of us, soup is more than just a meal - it's a way to slow down, nourish ourselves and connect with simple ingredients. This zucchini soup celebrates the ease of

home cooking, highlighting one of the healthiest, versatile and often, overlooked vegetables grown seasonally in Canada. By all means, double or triple this recipe as it stores well, reheats beautifully and can easily become part of your regular meal rotation. Sometimes, the simplest recipes are the ones we return to again and again.

Did You Know?

Zucchini belongs to the squash family, known as the Cucurbitaceae, which also includes cucumbers, melons, and pumpkins and it traces its origins to Central and South America before becoming a staple in Italian and Spanish cuisine. This versatile vegetable is rich in vitamin C, vitamin A, potassium, and antioxidants like lutein, which support immune health, vision, and heart function. Zucchini has a high-water content and are also a gentle source of dietary fibre, making it beneficial for digestion and gut health. Interestingly, zucchini is technically a fruit because it develops from the flower and both the zucchini and its blossoms are edible—a tradition that is growing in popularity at local Ontario farmers' markets during the summer months.

INGREDIENTS (4 Servings)

- 2 Tablespoon (15 ml) olive oil or coconut oil
- 2 shallots or 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) fresh ginger or ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) dried
- ¼ - ½ teaspoon (1.25-2.5 ml) red chili flakes
- 4-5 medium zucchinis, thinly sliced or cut into ribbons
- 1 can (400 ml) coconut milk
- 2 cups (500 ml) vegetable broth
- ½ cup (125 ml) fresh cilantro, chopped
- Zest of 1 lime
- 3 Tablespoons (45 ml) fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) honey
- Salt & freshly ground pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat olive or coconut oil in a large pot over medium heat.

Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Annie's Journal
Written by Annie Warner Donnelly
Hello Everyone. When we read the Gospels to discover what Jesus was teaching His disciples, we find life-enhancing wisdom; His teaching is as valuable and relevant today as it was when the disciples sat at His feet listening. Everything He did, He did with His good shepherd's heart.

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SIMPLE ZUCCHINI SOUP
FRESH & NOURISHING FOR BUSY DAYS



2. Add the shallots or onion and sauté for 3-4 minutes until softened.
3. Stir in garlic, ginger and red chili flakes and cook for another 30 seconds until fragrant.
4. Add the zucchini and cook for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Pour in the coconut milk, vegetable broth, lime zest and juice and bring to a gentle simmer.
6. Cook for 10-12 minutes, until the zucchini is very tender.
7. Remove from the heat and stir in the fresh cilantro and honey.
8. If desired, blend the soup until smooth using an immersion blender.
9. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
10. Serve warm and pour into soup bowls, topped with garnishes of fresh cilantro.

ENJOY!

PER SERVING: |Calories: kcal | Carbohydrates: g | Protein: g | Fat: g |Fibre: g | Sodium: mg |

Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers cooking demos/classes—for groups or individuals - in person and online. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@outlook.com.

With Good Friday just a few days away, we are reminded of the great sacrifice Jesus made so that we can experience forgiveness and, eventually, the reality of John 3:16,17 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." In everything we are facing, He is on our side.

Jesus calls ordinary people like you and me to become His disciples - people with hearts and minds open to responding to the truth of who He is. Let's remember that we can be witnesses to all the events that occurred in the Gospels because we have the word of those who were there and their words, under the watchful eyes of God, have been

preserved for us so that we too can believe. Let's remember that Jesus prayed for those who believe in Him through His disciples' words. You can read His prayer in John 17:20-21.

Jesus is asking us to tell others about who He is and how much He loves us. He's asking us to do this in our home, in our church, in our school, in our workplace, at our part-time job, in our youth group, in our sports' team, in our community's food bank, in our women and children's shelters, in our prisons and halfway houses, and maybe even in cities and villages far away.

When Jesus asks us to do this, He stays with us to help us meet the needs of the people around us; He's always with us to help us along the way. May the reminder of His death and resurrection cement our faith in Him. Amen

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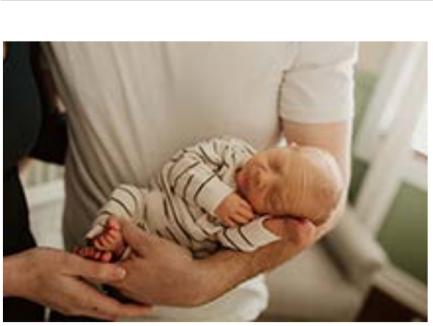
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THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the birthday wishes, cards, gifts and all those who attended Joe Srigley's surprise birthday celebration.

Joe, Marie Srigley and family.

NOTICES



With love and joy, Brett Scott and Marie Belcourt welcome their son, Noah Charles Scott, born February 9, 2026. Noah is lovingly welcomed by his proud grandparents, Murray and Lisa Scott, and Brian Belcourt, with his late grandmother Linda remembered always.

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SENIOR CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

Bid Euchre
Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Georgian Shores Seniors Club
Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Seniors in Motion Fitness, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 – 12:30 pm
Bid Euchre, 1 – 3:30 pm

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
Table Shuffleboard
Tuesdays at 1 pm Cost \$2
Elmvale Legion
7 John Street Elmvale

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm
13 Queen St W, Elmvale

Penetanguishene Legion
Lunch and/or Regular Euchre
luncheons 11:30am arrival. It fills

up. Lunch served 12 pm.
Euchre
Tuesdays, 1 pm - 4 pm
\$4, Drop-in, Legion #68, 2 Poyntz Street, Penetanguishene

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
Steelers Restaurant, 23 Queen Street West, Elmvale

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Pool/Billiards - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Crafts - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Bid Euchre - 6:30 - 9:30 pm

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
LifeStyles - 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Access Art - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball - 4:00 pm - 5:30 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
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Line Dancing Basic, 11am-12pm
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.

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

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

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.

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Book Club (last Thursday of the Month) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Darts - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Cribbage - 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of each month 12:30-2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY
Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
Karaoke 8:30 pm Every Friday
13 Queen St W, Elmvale

Bay Shore Seniors' Club
VON SMART Exercises - 9:30 am - 10:30 am - FREE
Pool/Billiards - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Wood Carving - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Shuffleboard - 1:00 am - 3:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball - 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am
Tabata, 9am-10am
Chair Zumba, 11:10am-12pm
Card Making, 1pm-3pm
Musicians Jam Circle, 1pm-3pm

WEEKENDS
Elmvale Legion
Saturday at 5 pm
Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games
3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00 a ticket (\$25.00 value), 7 John Street Elmvale

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club
Meets **Sat and Sun**, snowshoe, go camping or enjoy nature outings led by qualified hike leaders. Check the hike schedule on https://ganaraska-hiking-trail.org/?page_id=13455.
For information contact Kris 705-435-8593.

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach
Weekly Sunday hikes at 1:30 pm in the Wasaga Beach Prov Park from Ansley Drive. Please contact Lorraine at 416-606-5081 or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com for information.

MONDAY to FRIDAY
North Simcoe Bridge and Games Club
Brooklea Golf and Country Club
Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge,
Tues 6:45pm: Social Bridge,
Wed., 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge,
Thur. 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge,
Fri. 12pm: Bid Euchre. Contact northsimcoebridge@gmail.com.

FREE EVENTS PAGE
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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
St. James on the Lines 190th Anniversary
Sunday April 12th 10am
come and be welcomed by costumed Interpreters from Discovery Harbor and the Penetanguishene Museum. Following the service stay and wander through the historic cemetery where you will find the graves of veterans, children and boys from the Reformatory.
For further information check The Parish of Penetanguishene Webpage www.anglicanparish.ca

In Grandmothers Hands Annual Pasta Dinner
Apr. 10, 2026 17:30
St Paul's United Church, 308 King Street, Midland, Ontario
By Donation. All proceeds go to Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the SLF
Spring Guided Tours at Discovery Harbour
Apr. 03, 2026 10:30-Apr. 26, 2026 17:00
Discovery Harbour
Guided Tours from April 3 - 26 on Fridays to Sundays at 11am, 1pm, 2pm, and 4pm
Spring Guided Tours at Nancy Island Historic Site
Apr. 03, 2026 10:30-Apr. 26, 2026 17:00
Nancy Island Historic Site
Guided Tours on Fridays - Sundays from April 3 - 26 at 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 4pm

Soup Luncheon
Unity United Church
4967 Vasey Road at Line 4 N Oro Medonte
Thursday April 16 from 11:30am - 1pm
Dine in or take out \$10.00
Soup, tea biscuit, bread and crackers & dessert \$5.00 for an extra bowl of soup
In support of Hospice Huronia
All welcome. Tell your friends
Sweetwater Harvest Festival
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March 28 & 29th
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EVENTS

Bowl for Kids Sake is back for 2026, let's make it bigger then ever!

Midland, ON – Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe is excited for the return of Bowl for Kids Sake, taking place from April 10th and 11th in Midland, Penetanguishene, and Springwater, sponsored by Charles Morden Construction. This fun filled community event will be hosted at Bayshore Lanes, Knight Haven Lanes, and Springwater Lanes, bringing the community together to support local youth in need.

How to Get Involved:
Gather a team of 4-6 bowlers and register through our website. Registration is a minimum \$300.00/team but fundraising above that is highly encouraged! With a fundraising goal of \$50,000, every dollar raised will go toward supporting mentorship programs for youth in Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny, Tay, Springwater, and Christian Island. Join us for a great time including costumes, prizes, Air Canada Raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, and fun, all while raising money for youth across North Simcoe!

This event is open to EVERYONE! All skills and abilities are encouraged to join the fun!
Event Details:
Bayshore Lanes – Midland
• Friday April 10th 4:00-6:00pm – Realtor Challenge!
• Saturday April 11th 4:30-6:30pm
• Saturday April 11th 7:00-9:00pm
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United Church HOEDOWN



St. John's United Church hosted a cowboy party, March 8th. Congregation members ate Ranch Cooking, and took part in Music, Games and even Line Dancing. A rollicking good time was enjoyed by all! Many thanks to the Outreach Committee for organizing this super luncheon treat.

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The Knights of Columbus Penetanguishene are helping strengthen mental health care in our communities through a generous \$1,000 donation to Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care. Waypoint supports the mental health and wellbeing of people of all ages across our region—from children and youth to seniors—through hospital care, community programs, and partnerships that help people access the support they need close to home. Community leadership like this plays an important role in building healthier communities and ensuring that individuals and families have access to care when they need it most. The Knights' continued dedication to giving back reflects a strong commitment to the wellbeing of their neighbours and the strength of our communities

Tom Smith Chevrolet Buick GMC Supports Wendat Community Programs

On Saturday March 7, 2026, Tom Smith Chevrolet Midland held a hockey tournament to support Men's Mental Health. The event raised \$1,783.00. Wendat will use the funds for program costs for the Men's Group. "Wendat Community Programs is very grateful to be chosen as the recipient of the funds raised," says Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director of Wendat Community Programs.

The Men's Health and Leisure Group has been meeting since June 2017. All meetings incorporate an activity that is enjoyable as well as a health topic that related to the activity. Adventures have included exploring the Big Chute, barbequing in Wasaga Beach, going for a nature walk at Tiny Marsh, hiking the bridge trail in Penetanguishene, and visiting the Simcoe Museum. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. The meeting is relaxed and informal, and members are encouraged to participate based on their comfort level. The hope is that the members can be introduced to some fun experiences that will create bonds and help them make healthy choices. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joel Robitaille, Team Lead - Case Management at 705 526-1305 ext. 1226.



Craighurst Women's Institute

Tuesday March 17 The Craighurst Women's Institute met. (I know we all use the article "The" for "The King", or maybe "The Glenlivet", but also I use it for



The W.I. A certain cachet, eh Gentle Readers?

The meeting started as always, minutes read (yes we found the minutes), Treasurer's report, correspondence, and reports from the Sunshine Chair. We congratulated our member Kairy Loucks, who won Masters Indoor Track and Field Pentathlon event, breaking her Canadian Record! She says she has her eye on pole vault next. You go girl! The WI Centennial Quilters reported on their bee at Edgar Hall, and begged more members to come to the next one or it will take another hundred years to get it finished. We formed a committee to write up our welcome brochure, aimed at the 400 new residences coming to Craighurst. (No not The 400, that could fit into Mrs. Astor's Ballroom) (although the term does have a certain "je ne sais quoi").

After all that we went on to the program, Movie Night. We watched The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Highlight was Dame Maggie Smith ridiculing the custom of being served a tea bag and lukewarm water and having to make her own cuppa. Hilarious. We all enjoyed the film and of course the tea afterwards, that we know how to make. See you next month.



Friday, Mar 20, 2026
Jackson McMillan, Director of Marketing
PENETANGUISHENE – At the King's Wharf Theatre, audiences are drawn into the stories on stage—but behind the scenes, an important role is played by community members who open their homes to visiting artists.

This practice, known as artist billeting, has been a cornerstone of the theatre since 1991. It supports both the practical needs of production and the deep sense of community that defines Drayton Entertainment.

"It has always been a powerful tool for building community engagement, artistic collaboration, and long-term sustainability," says Artistic Director David Connolly.

Each season, more than 100 artists travel from across Canada and beyond to perform in Penetanguishene, making short-term housing a significant challenge. Billeting provides a welcoming solution while allowing the theatre to focus on delivering exceptional live entertainment.

Beyond logistics, the program creates lasting connections. Hosts gain a unique, behind-the-scenes perspective, often becoming some of the theatre's most enthusiastic supporters.

"Once you've had an actor in your home, you're no longer simply attending the theatre—you're part of it," Connolly says.

For performers, the experience is just as meaningful. Actress Kristen Peace, returning this summer in Nashville Music City, says billeting makes a tangible difference.

"I love performing with Drayton Entertainment and am super excited to be back on stage," she shares. "Being away from home for long stretches is both challenging and costly, so having a place to call home in the community eliminates a huge stress and allows me to be my best self on stage."

Hosts receive an honorarium, along with perks such as tickets and invitations to special events. With a busy season ahead, the theatre is seeking furnished spaces for short-term stays.

As Drayton Entertainment continues to grow, the generosity of billet hosts remains essential—because sometimes, the success of a performance begins not in the rehearsal hall, but in someone's guest room.

For more information, contact Molly Tice at molly@draytonentertainment.com or 519-621-5511 ext. 229, or visit draytonentertainment.com/artist-housing.

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TINY SENIOR TIMES

Putting Your Ducks in a Row

Lynn Moon, Chair - Township of Tiny Senior Advisory Committee and Jennifer Gray, Volunteer Senior Column Writer

As Seniors we don't wish to discuss or talk about death - especially with our children. They don't want to hear about it at all. There are countless reasons we have to avoid contemplating what the future might bring. We don't wish to upset our families, friends, or close acquaintances. It especially disturbs all of the above when we are gathered socially, often disrupting the current atmosphere. However, what we must realize at this time is that sometimes we have no idea how to organize all of our personal details and discuss them with those people who need to know the important aspects and details of our lives once we are gone. Regardless, this hands-off topic ironically becomes increasingly important as we age and quietly witness it becoming the growing elephant in the room.

Death or incapacity is not easy to discuss, but preparing for it and having conversations in advance can help people get more comfortable with the idea. Proper planning can also greatly alleviate the burden that is placed on the survivors. It's enough to have loved ones grieve for us without having to untangle our personal affairs. Also, if we are rendered incapacitated without notice, our next of kin may be asked for immediate direction on next steps for our care.

When we are mentally capable, we can make our own living and healthcare decisions. There could, however, come a time when we cannot give instructions for managing our health and personal affairs. The best gift we can give to our loved ones is a clear and informed set of instructions for end-of-life preparations or future healthcare needs.

Recognizing how very important this topic is, The Township of Tiny's Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) will be hosting a program this Spring called Ducks in a Row. This series was introduced in the Fall of 2025 drawing strong attendance and receiving highly positive feedback. The program consists of three consecutive workshops that are intended to guide older adults in organizing their personal and health information into a structured, accessible source that provides a chosen executor or caregiver clear and concise direction on how they would like their affairs managed. Each session is 90-minutes and will cover different topics with handouts provided. These topics include the importance of detailed personal information, residential arrangements, and health information including personal values, priorities and direction regarding treatments, in case of incapacity. Legal and financial matters will be covered which will include financial planning, Power of Attorney (different types)

and personal wills. To provide guidance in preparing these worksheets there will be guest speakers to present on select topics. All sessions encourage interactive participation by the audience as well as any questions that might arise during the morning's presentations.

The workshops will be held at the Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession Road 8 East, Tiny, ON) on May 6th, 13th and 20th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The sessions are free, but attendees are asked to bring their own three-ring binder. Participants must register in advance. Registration for this program opens online at www.tiny.ca/playportal for Tiny residents on April 7th at noon, while general registration opens on April 13th at noon. For more information contact the Township of Tiny's Recreation and Special Events department by phone at 705-526-4204, email at seniors@tiny.ca, or visit www.tiny.ca/seniors/programs.

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

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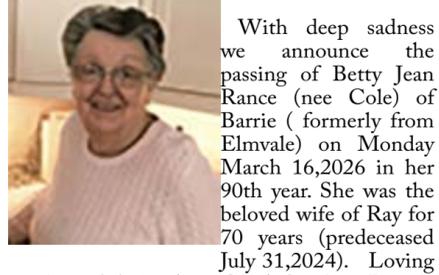
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RANCE, Betty Jean



With deep sadness we announce the passing of Betty Jean Rance (nee Cole) of Barrie (formerly from Elmvale) on Monday March 16, 2026 in her 90th year. She was the beloved wife of Ray for 70 years (predeceased July 31, 2024). Loving mother of Anita (late Glen) Sanders, Brenda (Walter) Doret, Cindy (Mike) Taylor and Scott (Lisa) Rance. Proud Grandmother to Steven, Tara, Michael, Kristin, Laura, Nicole, Elizabeth, Dolf, Matthew and Casey and Great-grandmother to Ryker, Mila, Hudson, Brooklyn, Nathan, Logan, Norah, Evie and Alister. Sister of Barry, John and the late Percy, Ross, June and Donna. Betty will be fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Betty's family was always her first priority. She taught herself to sew and was so good at it she even sewed her daughter's wedding dresses. She was always knitting something special and unique. One year she had knit eleven pound puppies which she donated to the Barrie Christmas Toy Drive. Gardening was another of her passions and her flower gardens were beautiful and admired by everyone. As a tribute to her and her husband's hard work and passion for gardening they were honoured with a prestigious award from the Barrie Horticultural Society. As a lasting reminder of Betty's love, each of her children and grandchildren were given a beautiful handmade quilt to cherish.

A memorial service will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Homes in Elmvale on Saturday March 28th, 2026 at 1 pm, reception to follow.

Memorial donations in Betty's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Cancer Society.

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

DESJARDINS, Darlene Mary



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Darlene Desjardins, at the age of 71.

Darlene was a strong and hardworking woman who took great pride in her work, spending many years as a dedicated employee at Techform. Even as her health declined, she continued working until just weeks before her passing—a true testament to her strength and determination.

She found her greatest joy in her family, especially her grandchildren, who were the center of her world. She never missed a chance to tell them that she loved them with her whole heart, often blowing them kisses – a simple gesture that meant everything and will stay with them forever.

Darlene will be reunited with her beloved husband Al and her son Chris. She is survived by her son Barry (Danielle) and their children Rhys and Myles; her daughter Paula (Robert) and their children Henlee and Theodore; and her daughter-in-law Paula. She will also be fondly remembered by her stepchildren Cathy, Bill, Connie, Sue, and Michele, and their families.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at Hospice Huronia for their compassion and care.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice Huronia would be appreciated.

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MOREAU, Prima Anne



Prima Moreau (nee Maurice) passed away peacefully at Sara Vista on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 in her 94th year. Prima was the beloved wife of the late Bernard Moreau. Dear mother of Rita Hermesen (John), Louise Copeman (the late William), Michele Moreau (Janice) and Leo Moreau (Alida). Grandmother of Lisa, John, Charles (Sabrina), Amanda, Nicole, Danielle, Sarah and Joseph. Great-grandmother of Henry, Quinn, Penelope and Charlotte.

Survived by sisters-in-law, Gisele Maurice, Anita Edgar, Rita Leddy, Diane Moreau, Rose Marie Fiaschette (Clair), brother-in-law Raymond Moreau.

Pre-deceased by parents, Roland and Maria Maurice (Ladouceur), sisters Aline (Jerome) Jessome, Jeannine, Marielle Laurin (Ligouri), Odette Dignard, Marie Paule Lafreniere (Gord) and brother Gilles Maurice. Cecilia Ritchie (Ken), Jack Edgar, Murray Leddy, Frank Moreau (Zita), Eugene Moreau (Josephine), Gilbert Moreau, and Clair Moreau.

Mom was a wonderful cook and baker. She was an avid quilter. Her family were the centre of her world and she will be deeply missed.

Thank you to the staff of the Sara Vista for your wonderful care and compassion to mom in her final months.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Friday, March 20, 2026. A funeral mass will be held at the St. Patrick's Church in Phelpston on Saturday, March 21 at 11 am.

Spring Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery Phelpston.

Memorial donations may be made to the Elmvale & District Food Bank or St. Patrick's Church Phelpston.

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